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A NEW YEAR

Each New Year we should take an inventory of ourselves in order to find out what we have accomplished or in what ways we have improved during the preceding year. We should ask ourselves a few questions besides, resolving to do better in the next year. Let us ask ourselves these questions: Have I deepened in love for Christ and others? Have I learned better to serve my fellow men? Have I lived as a better example for others to follow?

Place a copy under the glass of your table or in the mirror of your dresser of the following resolutions and ask God to help you follow them.

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;

A little less of arrogance because of all we know;

A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;

We are such trivial candles compared to stars at night!

A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;

A little more desirous the word of praise to find;

The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice.

A little bit more careful to speak with gentle voice;

A little more true eagerness to understand each other;

A little more real striving to help a shipwrecked brother;

A little more high courage to each that must be done;

These be our resolutions—and God help everyone!

—Author Unknown.

NEW YEAR PEACE!

BY NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER

The new year, like the old years,
Will come to us day by day.
It is our daily trusting
That makes glad years alway.

To take no thought for the morrow—

This is faith's truest test;
And all who obey this teaching
blessed.

By the Teacher are richly
I would be Thine TODAY. Lord
TODAY I would yield to Thee
My mind complete and my spirit.

I would serve Thee utterly.

This is the prayer I would say,
Lord,

At each day's dawning light.

Who say it and live it will lie
down

In perfect peace each night.

—Herald of Holiness

Author Unknown

Ye slumbering nations who've
slept a long night,

Without revelations or heavenly
light,

The latter day glory's beginning
to dawn,

Awake from your dreaming and
welcome the morn.

A last dispensation, let all the
world hear

In every nation, that saints may
prepare

For that revolution it shall un-
dergo,

The great restitution from evil
and woe.

The call is from heaven, and
hear it ye must.

"The first will be last, and the
last will be first,"

Go forth to the nations, and then
to the Jews,

Who soon will obey it when Gen-
tiles refuse.

The Jews will go forth and the
ten tribes shall come

From a land in the north, to in-
herit their home,

And kings shall protect them,
and queens shall sustain,

Their national rights 'til Mes-
siah's blest reign.

While Ephraim's lov'd chil-
dren, who roam in the west,

Shall gather 'round Zion, and
with her be blest;

When truth shall be given, then
peace will abound,

And the kingdom of heaven
on earth will be found.

A VISION

On Saturday October 17, 1953 while in South Dakota, (Cheyenne Reservation) we went to bed about 11:00 p.m. I had only been in bed about five minutes, not over ten minutes at the longest. — A vision came to me, I thought we were in the Community Hall (on the Reservation). I saw Bro. W. H. Cadman and Pho. Joseph Shazer standing in front of a big box they were using for a pulpit, and

were just opening the meeting, when a small Indian boy raised to his feet and walked toward them with a hymn book in his hand, and he looked to them, and called in a loud voice: sing No. 49 which is "Feeble Man A Voice Is Calling." I wanted so much to get up and go tell Bro. Cadman and Bro. Shazer but I thought I would have to dress, as I was only clad in sleeping clothes—so I just laid there and dropped off to sleep, and then I had a dream as follows: "We were still in the same building. I seemed to be cleaning it, and I went out to empty a bucket of water and I looked up and saw one of the biggest groups of Army Airplanes, going directly over the building. I could see that they were filled with soldiers and all equipment to fight war. I could see the soldiers waving their white handkerchiefs.

I went into the building not saying a word, and the meeting that was started in my vision, was now leaving out, and I saw only one Indian girl being left, and she was standing to the right of the building dressed in shining white. This girl has been baptized into the Church, and is the stepdaughter of Mr. Clyde Lowdog. This was the end of my dream."

Sister Mary Fleming, Dawson, Pa.

LOVE AND ADORE

I am longing for the love of
Jesus,

To be near me day by day;

And to hear Him whisper

I'll be with you all the way.

His name is so sweet and
dear,

Only of Him am I longing to
hear;

He who hears my prayers, and
my smallest plea,

With His love and patience, as
deep as the sea.

He's the giver of all I have and
more,

Only Him do I love and adore,
He is my friend through sorrow

and distress,
Always to Him wilt I address.

May I be faithful to the end,

For truly Jesus will I win.

By Sister Josephine Catalano.

Manteca, Calif.

P.S. I have met Sister Josephine,

a lovely young girl who spends her time in a wheel chair. The lines she has written, proves that it is possible to have a soul full of love and adoration for God even in affliction, and have a heart full of sunshine. May God still continue to bless you Josephine. Bro. Cadman.

A RADIO ADDRESS CHOK, SARNIA, ONT.

MARCH 20th, 1949,

By THURMAN S. FURNIER

Good morning radio friends:

On account of there being so many religious systems and creeds extant upon the earth, permit me to call your attention to the New Testament scriptures, which informs us how the church was originally set up by Jesus Christ and his early followers.

A belief common to all sects and churches professing Christianity is that Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of the human race, established his church upon the earth by personal ministration.

Ecclesiastical history, (that is Church history) as distinguished from secular history, deals with the experiences of the church from the time of its establishment.

The condition under which the church was founded, and the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ, and his Apostles, should be made a matter of prayerful study by all Christians. At the beginning of the Christian era, the Jews in common with most other nations, were subjects of the Roman empire.

They were allowed a considerable degree of liberty in maintaining their religious belief, practice, and national customs.

The religious systems still existing at the time of Christ's earthly ministry may be classed in a general way as Jewish and Pagan, with a lesser system—the Samaritan, which was a mixture of the other two.

The children of Israel believed in the existence of the true and living God. They looked forward to the Messiah, as a conqueror coming to crush their enemies.

All other nations, tongues, and peoples bowed to Pagan deities, and their worship was one of heathen idolatry. Paganism was a religion of form and ceremony, a belief in the existence of a multitude of gods. Morality and virtue were unknown as heathen service. The idea in pagan worship was that of pleasing the gods, hoping to pur-

chase their favor.

The Israelites, or Jews as they were collectively known possessed a superior knowledge, with a priestly organization and a system of laws, that separated them as a people. While the Jews regarded the Pagan's with contempt, they in turn were treated as fanatics.

The Jews were not a united people. They were divided on matters of religion. There was an enmity between Jews proper and the Samaritan's.

The Samaritan's were a mixed people, inhabiting a province mostly between Judea and Galilee, largely made up of Assyrian colonists who had intermarried with the Jews. While professing a belief in God, they practiced many rites of Paganism.

The Jews themselves were divided into many sects, viz: The Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes, Galileans, Herodians, etc. They were living under the law of Moses.

That the Mosaic law was given as a preparation for something greater was affirmed by the Apostle Paul in these words: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ," — Gal. 3:24.

It is evident from the Saviour's teachings that a higher law was to supersede the lower. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:"

"But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:"—

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:"

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy."

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." (Excerpts taken from St. Matt. 5th. Ch.)

These teachings, based on love caused great surprise among the people, they were so different from the spirit of retaliation, to which they had been taught under the law.

Jesus gave them to understand

the law could only be superseded by its fulfillment. Said he; "Think not THAT I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matt. 5: 17, 18.

The Master came with a greater doctrine than was then known. He instructed his disciples in these terms:

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:20.

These excellent teachings of Christ prepared the minds of those who believed his words for the introduction of the gospel in its simplicity and purity, and for the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ, as an earthly organization.

Some of the disciples who followed him had been honored by preliminary calls.

"And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers."

"And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:18 - 20.

"And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them."

"And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." Matt. 4:21, 22.

"And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him." Matt 9:9

"And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve whom also he named Apostles." Luke 6: 13.

These twelve special witnesses were sent out to preach. Their first Ministerial labors were to be to the house of Israel, and their message was: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

They were to use the power which they had received by ordination, in preaching, in healing the sick, in raising the dead, and in subduing evil spirits.

The Master said: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

They were to travel without money or provisions, relying upon a higher power to supply their needs through the agency of those to whom they would offer the message of truth; and they were warned of the possible hardships awaiting them, and of the persecution which sooner or later would befall them.

At a later date Christ called others to the work of the Ministry, and sent them out in pairs to preach the gospel. Thus we read of the Seventy. They were instructed in terms almost identical with those given the Apostles.

Their's was one of authority and power, as shown by their success; for when they returned they reported, — "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name." Luke 10:17.

We learn from the scriptures the wonderful deeds and excellent teachings of Jesus Christ, also of his betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection. After his resurrection, and before his ascension into heaven, he appeared unto Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, also to his Apostles upon several occasions.

Unto the eleven who had remained faithful, the risen Lord delivered his parting instructions, immediately before the ascension:

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Amen. Matt. 28: 18-20.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

"And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them."

"And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." St. Luke 24: 49-51.

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

"And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto

them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:"

"Whoso soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain they are retained."

A WARNING BY SISTER NASTASIA

Dear brothers and sisters everywhere! Just a word of warning, for it has been revealed to me, that if an attack is made on this nation by our enemies, it will be made on the West Coast.

I see that many are going west, both of the members of this church, and of the world. It may be that the material comforts are more abounding out there than back here, or for other reasons unknown to me. But the enemy always attacks on the "right" side. When facing the south, the West Coast is on the right side. Also the plates containing the record of the Book of Mormon, were on the East Coast, and on the west side of the hill, and the United States is divided into two parts by the Mississippi River.

Of course, destruction is coming upon this land of America, and I feel to say that the safest place to be, would be on the East Coast. This is a portion of understanding given unto me. What I wish to say to my brothers and sisters is, avoid being present in worldly gatherings, where large numbers of people are gathered together, for the enemy always attacks masses of people, and if we are found there, we will perish with the world. I do not mean to create fear in any one, but I speak as I do, that we might be found under the protection that God will give His people.

I wish also to relate a prophecy of Bro. John Mollinatto (deceased) given many years ago. He told me and I bear witness of this statement as follows: "that the foreign nations would write letters to us, inquiring and seeking salvation through us." I believe that brother Mollinatto told others of this besides telling it to me. This prophecy is beginning to be fulfilled. Amen.

Take Note Of What is Written

Matthew 28-18, 19, 20—"and Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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. And these signs shall follow them that believes; etc."

Matthew 10-16 "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

Alma 26-23 "Now do ye remember, my brethren, that we said unto our brethren in the land of Zarahelma, we go up to the land of Nephi, to preach unto our brethren, the Lamanites, and they laughed us to scorn?" Yes, they were laughed at, yet they converted thousands of souls through PREACHING the gospel.

III Nephi 28-23 "And it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the people of Nephi, and did PREACH the gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face of the land; and they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the Church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the word of Jesus." It was the preaching of the Gospel, and the obedience to it, that caused them to have heaven on earth as recorded in IV Nephi.

The Apostle in II Thessalonians 2-3 says: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; etc."

Paul is very emphatic in his statement. He saw things to come, and yet they could not come while the Gospel of Jesus Christ would prevail on the earth. People of the Restored Gospel have talked much about the time to come, when we shall sit under our own vine and fig tree, and none shall make them afraid, etc. read Micah 4. The prophet Isaiah chapt. 65 says "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; etc." Paul says in effect, that Christ will not

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EDITORIAL

The Unchangeable God

In our pamphlet titled: Religious Experiences, I read on page 15 at the close of the first paragraph as follows: "God Almighty will not reveal Himself in this age, in opposition to what He has revealed in other ages; not by any means."

This pamphlet was published in 1899, and in all these years it has been scattered throughout the world, and it has been left on record, that one of our most noble brothers, Wm. Skillen, stated that it was necessary that we have our faith in written form, that our people might know what we believe and what we do not believe.

The preaching of the gospel, the necessity thereof, is revealed in both Bible and Book of Mormon by Jesus Christ Himself. Before He ascended to His Father in heaven, He commanded His disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel to all mankind. In the restoration of the gospel as accounted in Rev. 14-6, 7, I read therein that the gospel was to be preached to all the inhabitants of the earth. I, the president of The Church of Jesus Christ, do not only believe it, but I have endeavored all these years to practice what I preach, even though I may not have accomplished much, my failures what ever they may be, does not alter the command of Jesus Christ for His servants to preach the Gospel to all the world. The servants of God in the restoration must of understood it, for they sent Elders to many foreign lands, and made converts by the thousands. They abided in what was written as they were commanded to, and when the people of God in all ages, failed to abide in what had been revealed in His word, they suffered the consequences of their disobedience, irrespective of who they were. The apostle Paul in Romans 10th chapter, declares: "For there is no difference between the Jew and

the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." The Apostle goes on to say: "And how shall they hear without a preacher?" One might well ask the question: How can creatures be saved in heaven if they don't hear the Gospel? Then Paul says, as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" I, for one give praise to God for such a man as Paul, and throughout the ages, He, the Lord has preserved such beautiful sayings for His servants to read of. I believe it is Paul who says: That it is not the will of God that any soul should perish. And Paul had so learned Christ, that he found it necessary to preach the gospel both far and near, that souls might be saved and not perish.

To show the contrasts of the teachings of men today, a few years ago, a young brother approached me about a man visiting his home and advanced the theory, that the Lord had us "hid" until some time later He would reveal us to the world. The young brother was disturbed over this kind of doctrine, and why should he not be? Paul taught as follows: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." The world today, is full of good people who want to save their souls in heaven, and Jesus taught all to let their light shine, not put it under a bushel, or I might say, not HIDE IT. There is nothing on record to show that Jesus ever taught that His followers would be hid, No, but He did teach and liken the Kingdom of Heaven to a city that was set on a hill, that "could" not be HID.

I often think on the sayings of my brethren who have passed on to their reward, and among them are the words of the deceased Bro. James Curry. In bearing his testimony, I have heard him lament because of the passing away of his fellow man and friends without obeying the gospel. His thought, which was brought out was, that we were very lax in preaching the Gospel, though our profession is, that we are the true people of God. Since the Church has delegated me and a brother to go with me to far-off Africa, many have said to me: "brother Cadman if you do not accomplish anything, you will

have answered the call. It makes me think of Pauls experience: "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." The following verse shows that he was called to Macedonia to preach the Gospel. Praise be to Him, who is an impartial God.

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come unless there is a falling away first, and most all preachers of the Restored Gospel like to dwell on that saying.

Come, let us reason together: I want to say, that these times will not come unless the servants of God live righteously and preach the gospel. Do the servants of God want others to dig the holes and plant the trees? Do you want some one else to build the houses for you? Are we going to be drones refuse to work and help fill up the hive with honey? I will answer NO. The servants of God must preach this restored gospel if they expect to reap the good things spoken of by the prophets. Do we not read in the parable of the vineyard where the servants of God did dig, did prune, and dunged, and besides, they laboured with all their might, and brought the good fruit back into the vineyard again. Is it now possible that the Lord might call others in this day, that the wedding feast be made ready? God has moved in all ages of time, His wonders to perform, And I (my type writer won't make the "I" any bigger, or I would do so). But be it understood that God is still the same, and the wonderful things spoken of by prophets, and which was enjoyed by the Nephite people as recorded in IV Nephi, cannot be realized except the Restored Gospel be preached and obeyed. I have often heard it said: that procrastination is a thief of time. The Saviour to the Jews said: "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings, and ye would not." It is the purpose of God that the Gospel be preached to the children of men. And, it will bring either justification or condemnation to those that hear.

Bro. W. H. Cadman.

November 20, 1953
Church of Jesus Christ
P. O. Box 72
Monongahela, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

Please accept our cordial acknowledgement of the receipt of the following gift, delivered to the Library in behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ by Mr. David Dichiera:

W. H. Cadman's A History of the Church of Jesus Christ (Monongahela, Pennsylvania, 1945).

This is a welcome addition to our holdings.

Very truly yours,

Charlotte E. Spence
Gift and Exchange Librarian

Case Memorial Library
Hartford, Conn.
November 21, 1953

Mr. W. H. Cadman
519 Finley Street
Monongahela, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Cadman:

Thank you for the copy of the Italian Book of Mormon which you just sent. We shall add it to our collection together with the other books and pamphlets which you sent us last year.

May I commend you for the good job which you have done on this. Few people realize what a major undertaking it is to prepare a translation, so that I fear not many will understand the magnitude of the task you have completed. It looks to me like it has been done very commendably.

My best regards,
H. A. Gleason, Jr.

Librarian

P. S. Bro. Mario Milano of Cleveland, Ohio prepared the MS for the Italian Book of Mormon, while Bro. Moraco of Detroit looked after the printing of it. Bro. WHC.

AN EXPERIENCE (OF RECENT DATE) By Sister Ford

"I dreamed that I was in a Conference, and we were waiting for the meeting to start, when some brothers in the priest-hood carried in a golden chest or a small trunk and sat it down at your feet (Bro. W. H. Cadman) and said: this is a gift sent to you, open it.

Sister Cadman agreed to help you take the things out. I noticed particularly a full set of Beautiful Luggage, and a rain coat, and

there were many things — I don't know how such a small chest could hold. While you and Sister Cadman proceeded to take all out — An Indian woman appeared in mid-air like in a mist, could only see the head and bust. She looked somewhat like Sister Maness (Indian sister) from Sarnia, Ont. She looked directly at you and said: Bro. Cadman this gift is for you for the love you have for my people, and she disappeared, I awoke."

I felt so good, I felt the Lord was pleased for your efforts in trying to keep this work up. I feel there are so few who really have this work at heart, and I feel helpless in what I would like to do. Sister Ford.

MICHAEL PASSES ON

Michael Milton age 15 died in a hunting accident on Nov. 17th about five miles from his home. When found at about 1:00 a.m. his faithful dog companion was at his side. Michael had been one of our Sunday School Schollars here in Monongahela at The Church of Jesus Christ.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his father and mother, three little brothers and one sister, and many other relatives. He was laid away to rest on Nov. 20th from the Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home. Interment in the Finleyville Cemetery. The services were largely attended, and were conducted by Elder James F. Campbell; Brother W. H. Cadman assisting. May the Lord comfort the bereaved parents.

ROBERT J. STEWART DIES IN HOSPITAL

Robert J. Stewart 76, a prominent and life-long resident of Brownsville, Pa., died on Nov. 20th in Brownsville General Hospital. Mr. Stewart was a retired merchant of the city, and had played an active part in the affairs of the city in the years that had passed by.

He leaves two daughters, two sisters and other relatives to mourn his passing, his wife having passed on some years ago.

Funeral Services were conducted in the Kisinger Funeral Home in Brownsville, in charge of Bro. W. H. Cadman, assisted by Elder Anderson, and singing by sister Sarah Mancini. Interment at Bridgeport Cemetery.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

A beautiful wedding ceremony was witnessed in the Church of Jesus Christ, on Oct. 17, 1953, when Sister Dora Ciarolla, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Victor Ciarolla, of Warren, Ohio, and Bro. Peter Castelli, son of Bro. and Sis. Domenic Castelli, of San Diego, Cal., were united in marriage, with Bro. Benjamin Ciccati officiating. Virginia Ciarolla, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Richard Castelli, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Rachel Meo, John Nacosia, Priscilla Lov-alvo, and John Fallavolitto, acted as bridesmaids and ushers. Bro. James Lovalvo sang, with David Dichiera accompanying him on the piano. Many of the saints of San Diego, and of Los Angeles, also friends, attended the lovely reception held in the afternoon. The bride and groom are making their home here. May the Lord bless them forever.

Sis. Lena Liberto

WEST COAST GATHERING

The saints of the West Coast gathered in San Diego, Cal., on Nov. 7th and 8th, for their quarterly gathering. The Church overflowed in number, and the blessings of God were abundant. A Saturday evening meeting was held and enjoyed by all. In our Sunday morning service, Sister Violet Thomas' Sunday School children presented a lovely program, in which we all felt the blessing of God. The rest of the service was taken up with our various Elder brothers speaking many beautiful words of teaching and exhortation to us. During the course of the service, we are happy to say the Lord called three more souls into His vineyard here below, who are Silverio Coppo, and his wife, Eva Ilene, of Detroit, Michigan, who were visiting here, and Brother Pasqua, of Los Angeles. They were baptized by Bro. Robert Watson, formerly of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, now residing in Los Angeles.

Bro. Silverio Coppo is the son of Bro. and Sis. Coppo, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, now making their home here. After lunch was served by the San Diego brothers and sisters, we had our afternoon service, in which many wonderful testimonies were given, and enjoyed by all. The young people of Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, and San Diego, also sang at all meetings, which singing was

surely enjoyed by all present. Our new sister Gambol, of Modesto, Cal., sang a beautiful solo, accompanied by David Dichiera of Los Angeles, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Truly we can all say it was wonderful to be gathered together in the love and fellowship of the Lord, who always blesses His children when they gather in His name. May He always keep us all under His mantle of love forever.

Sis. Lena Liberto

We of Warren, Ohio Visit California

Brother Victor Ciarolla and wife Sister Anna and Family, Brother Robert Ciarrochi and wife, Sister Millie, and his mother Sister Jennie Ciarrochi, and Sister Josephine Genaro left Warren, on September 26 to visit in California. Our trip was wonderful, in which again we give thanks to our God, for we surely know it would not have been possible to make a trip like that with our own strength. We give Him the honor and glory. It took us 4 1-2 days to get there in which we made excellent time.

Our first stop when we arrived was in San Diego at the home of Brother and Sister Castelli, and we can sure say that the greeting we received was wonderful. They were so glad to see us. We visited there for a day, but we had arranged to come back later. From there we went to San Fernando Valley to the home of Brother and Sister Alex Cavallieri and we had a lovely reception from them. We spent 4 days in San Fernando and we attended 3 meetings in which we enjoyed the blessings of God. We had an invitation from Brother and Sister Lavolvo for supper at their home and we had a wonderful time. Leonard Lavolvo showed us around to see different places which we enjoyed very much. To our surprise on a Sunday meeting in San Fernando, we met Sister Ford and our hearts just melted when we saw her. Sister Ford was visiting there also, while she also came in contact with some Indian People there. She stated that she had visited with them. Sister Ford is much interested in that tribe of people and may God bless her and give her strength when she does visit them. The last Sunday we spent in Calif., Sister Ford was going to go back again to those Indians and also take someone

along with her. We hope that it was a worth while trip as we know its Sister Ford's joy and happiness when she meets with the Indians. Before we left Sister Lydia Cavallieri's home, the Sisters there surprised us by having a picnic at the Ocean Beach. We sure had a wonderful time that day. Sister Mary Lavolvo drove the car with a load of us Sisters and we enjoyed a delicious lunch with the wonderful breeze of the Pacific Ocean. We also gathered some beautiful pebbles and stones to bring home with us. Sister Ford also was with us, for she sure loves the ocean. We spent the whole day at the ocean and then we returned to Sister Mary Lavolvo's home thanking God for a wonderful day. We then left San Fernando Valley and went to El Monte, to the home of Bro. and Sister Biscotti, and the greeting there caused us to shed tears. We had a glorious time. That evening we attended meeting in Belle. We also attended the Sunday meeting in the same place and we enjoyed the Blessings of God there. They have a very nice meeting place and a large crowd attended Church the Sunday we were there. We visited the Forest Lawn Cemetery which is beautiful. We went to see the Crucifixion with its enormous size and beautiful paintings. We also saw the Last Supper window which is beautiful. We then left El Monte and we could hardly part with Bro. and Sister Biscotti. May God bless them always, for we enjoyed our stay there so much. We left El Monte and went back to San Diego, where we attended the wedding of Sister Dora Ciarolla, the daughter of Bro. and Sister Ciarolla who were visiting together with us. Sister Dora married Bro. Peter Costelli October 17. The wedding was beautiful. Brother Bennie Ciccatti performed the ceremony. Brother James Lavolvo sang "O Promise Me"; "Because"; and "The Lords Prayer", which was beautiful and very touching. We visited at the home of Bro. & Sister Breci. Brother Breci is presiding elder of the San Diego Church. We met a number of brothers and sisters there at the meeting on Sunday. We also attended Ladies Circle there and enjoyed it very much. We said good-bye to the various Brothers and sisters at the church when meeting was dismissed, as we were to leave the next day which was Monday for home. To our surprise that Sunday Night

after we had our supper at Sister Josephine Breci's home, Brothers and Sisters started to come to their home and before we realized, there were 32 Bros. & Sisters, that came to say good-bye. How wonderful it is to have that love that comes from the throne of God. There was a wonderful feeling there that last Sunday we spent in Bro. Breci's home. We felt the presence of our Lord there. All in all we thank God for His wonders that He has performed. We also thank our dear Bros. and Sisters where we stayed while visiting there. May God Bless them. We started back Monday morning and our trip home was 6 days, we took our time due to weather conditions. We met snow in the state of Wyoming and we just got out of there in time, as a terrible snow storm came up and many hunters were trapped in those mountains and couldn't get out. When we heard the news over the radio, we sure gave our Heavenly Father thanks for helping us, we just got out of there in time. We stopped to see the Grand Canyon, which we know is not made by man. It frightens one to look at the depth of it, which can't be seen. They say, it is bottomless. We got home Saturday night, thanking God for bringing us to our homes and our loved ones safely. Our Brothers and Sisters in Warren were glad to see us and anxious to hear about our trip. We enjoyed our meeting very much with the ordinance of feet washing, our Brothers and Sisters waited for our return to have feet washing; they felt we would have a glorious time together, for which we bless God, we did have His presence among us that Sunday. We thank God for everything.

Sister Jennie Ciarrochi

BRONX, N. Y.

Dear Bro. Editor:

I am taking a brief period of relief from my daily chores this Saturday afternoon, writing you out doors sitting on a park bench, enjoying the mild weather today.

The brothers and sisters of the Bronx Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ had the privilege of meeting Bro. and Sister Miller of Detroit, Mich., a few days ago. Bro. Benyola, his wife and young child; Bro. Valentine and a few Puerto Rican brothers and sisters were present to join our fellowship together in the Lord that evening.

Bro. Lupo gave the Pulpit over to Bro. Miller and Bro. Valentine to preach the gospel. Bro. Valentine spoke in the Spanish language for the benefit of our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters. We enjoyed ourselves together very much that evening on Wednesday.

Last Saturday Bro. Ensano, his wife and members of his family visited us, including Elsie Ensano and their little daughter. We were so happy to see them! We pray the Lord they will visit us soon again.

It gave me great joy to read the letter of Rev. A. A. Dick in the October Gospel News. We hope and trust the dear Lord will bless many more who are seeking the truth in these latter days. The scripture says: "Many shall come from the East, West, North and South, and sit down at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Glory be to God, and to His Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful privilege and honor to be in The Church of Jesus Christ. May we all be accounted worthy. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all Amen.

Sister Mrs. Katherine Henshaw

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The Ladies Uplift Circle of West Elizabeth was held in the Jefferson Church Nov. 12, 1953. This marked our 21st anniversary, also the 14th anniversary of the Coal Valley Circle. Both Circles have always met together on these occasions. Brothers and Sisters from different places are invited to meet with us.

The meeting was opened with singing hymn No. 232 "Bringing in the Sheaves," followed by prayer by Bro. W. H. Cadman. Then Hymn No. 424 "O Happy Day" was sung. Sister Hannah Skillen president of our home Circle made the opening remarks. Minutes of our last anniversary meeting was read by sister Mabel Bickerton. The topic for the meeting was "John the Baptist," written by sister Mary Wilson. Each of the Sisters read a passage of scripture concerning the life of John Baptist. Hymn No. 493 "In Pleasure Sweet here we Do Meet" was sung during the topic. Several of the brothers and sisters talked on experiences, and John the Baptist. Hymn No. 305 "Shall We Gather At the River" was sung. A poem was read by Sister Irene Bickerton, title, Let Us Give Thanks. Sister Mabel Bickerton and Sister Ruth

Mountain sang Hymn No. 175 "The Peace That My Saviour Has Given."

The different Circles that were present were, Coal Valley 5 members, Glasport 4 members, Monongahela 4 members, Rock Run 4 members, West Elizabeth 8 of the members present.

Remarks from the bretheren present: Bro. Schuster from Dravosburg, gave an interesting talk on how the Circle helped bring him into the Church. Bros. Alma and W. H. Cadman both gave a brief talk concerning John the Baptist. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Bro. Melvin Mountain. The offering will be placed in the Indian Mission Fund.

Sec. Clara Stevens

My Church

My Church is the House of God, the place where I meet with His people in worship, and where God manifests Himself to us. But my Church is more than a house of worship, my Church includes the saints of God who meet there, and with whom I join in fellowship, in the mutual worship of God, and in the promoting of His cause in the earth.

My Church! My first time to attend church was when I was but three weeks old, when I was blessed. This was the way the Saviour set the example for us to follow, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

When I was 15 years old I was baptized into the Church, following another example set before us by the Saviour. My Church has blessed my whole life. In its Sunday School I was taught about God thru the study of the Bible and the Book of Mormon, and by the example of good teachers. I have had its protection, its encouragement and inspiration. I have been blessed by the hearing of the Word as preached by our bretheren.

My Church! How much I owe to it. I realize my obligation to people of all races and colors. It merits first place in my life. I owe it my faithful attendance, my support, my earnest prayers and my daily service.

My Church! I love it. I must show my appreciation of God for what he has done for me. I will give it the best of my life, and in so doing I will give my best to God.

Carol Bickerton

My Testimony

I, Sister Elizabeth Cadman Davidson, was baptized Oct. 4, 1887 when I was 15 years old. My sister, Mary C. Love and Cochran Lynch, son of Bro. & Sis. William Lynch of West Elizabeth were baptized along with me. We were baptized by our beloved Brother William Skillen, father of Sister Hannah, during our quarterly conference. Bro. Skillen passed to his reward many years ago. I never regretted the journey that we started at the river's edge in our youth, to work out our soul's salvation and by the help and grace of God, I will continue as long as life shall last. Through obeying the Gospel in my youth it has kept me from becoming entangled with the things of this world to a certain extent. This brings to my mind the scripture in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 12 Verse 1: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

I was born and raised by Godly parents who adhered strictly to the teachings of Christ spiritually and naturally, and they raised their children accordingly. I was taught to honor and revere the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. The keeping of the Sabbath was strictly enforced in our home. We children were not brought up in idleness. We were always engaged in the small things in life. We never wanted for anything which was consistent with our needs, and naturally under those conditions we grew up satisfied and contented with our surroundings. We, like most children in our day, attended Sabbath School. Not having one of our own at that time we attended the Presbyterian Sunday School in West Elizabeth for awhile until one was organized at our church. We grew up under conditions which were stepping stones in our life and they became the foundation for our future, which resulted in obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our knowledge and experiences were limited, our growth gradual, learning a little here and a little there by the Spirit which is promised to lead us and guide us and show us things to come.

I have lived under the guidance of three presidents of the Church, William Cadman, Sr. (my father), Bro. Alexander Cherry and W. H. Cadman (my brother). I have mingled much with many of the

older saints, when I was young, who have gone to their reward many years ago. I always looked up to the elder Brothers and Sisters and came to love them as they visited our home often when I was young. I remember their many testimonies of their hopes and expectations and these memories I prize highly. I can never forget their admonitions and encouraging words for the youth in the Church at that time. I always felt to listen and learn from our elders in the Gospel.

I have had many experiences which have been anchors to keep me steady on the narrow path. I know if I prove faithful it will lead me to the Tree of Life. My life has been mostly happy, nothing too hard that I was not able to bear. I have been protected from many dangers by a power far superior to my own. An old hymn comes to me now "Through many dangers, tolls and snares, I have already come. 'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home."

I took care of my father and mother until their death in 1904 and 1905, after which I felt very much alone. My brother Alma Cadman and family moved to Kansas so I went there too. For ten years I lived in Kansas, and Pennsylvania. I finally returned to Pa. during the Flu epidemic of World War I and nursed at the Elizabeth Emergency Hospital. Later, I traveled as a nurse and companion to my friend Anna Manown Scott. We traveled in Florida, Atlantic City, N. J., and located in Southern Pines, North Carolina. We lived there for 9 years when she died in May, 1928. I felt her death keenly as though I had lost a sister. I returned to Pittsburgh with her body and she was laid to rest in Round Hill Cemetery.

In December, 1928, I married Mr. Wm. H. Davidson, one of my friends in my youth. He was one of the young men in the Church at Jefferson. He passed away some years ago.

Now, I am one of the older sisters in the Church. I can look back on my life without much regret and feel I have not lived in vain. I have tried to help in sickness and distress wherever needed.

I will close my testimony with the words of one of our hymns,

"When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain, but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again."

Sis. Elizabeth Cadman Davidson

Letter From
South Dakota

Dear Brother Cadman:

We are all getting along as fine as can be expected. Thank you, and I hope that you are the same and your family. I hope that the other two Sisters and Brother that came with you are all fine. We remember you all and I wanted to write quite awhile ago, but it kept slipping my mind, but now you wrote, so I have to answer. We were glad to receive your card.

We thank God and are really thankful that we have been baptized confirmed, and received the Holy Communion. We are reading our Book of Mormon every day or every chance we get. We are praying morning and evening, and are trying hard to live right as we know, that is what God wants us all to do. We are also praying and hoping that our Indian people will wake up soon and start doing the right things. Some are beginning to understand and again some don't know what it is all about. Some that we have talked to, we tell them to believe in God and to start praying to Him, and ask for understanding, and He will answer. We know that God answers prayers, and we also found out that when He answers, it wouldn't be the way we want it, but it will be His way, and His way is always best.

The lady that had a broken wrist and couldn't even move it, has told my wife that she is beginning to move her fingers and her hand. She said her arm is getting better since your prayers for her at Mrs. Gunners. Now she is teaching her three children to pray and she herself is praying too. We were glad for her understanding and thanked God for her.

We are so thankful to God that He has sent Brothers and Sisters like you from Pennsylvania, and are interested in our people. We thank God, and we thank you Brother Cadman, and the rest of the Brothers and Sisters. May God watch over you all and bless you in your work with strength, guidance, and courage.

We are having wonderful weather right now, but we don't know how long it is going to last. We had snow already, but it all melted away. It did get cold for awhile but it did not last as it got warm again. God bless you all.
Sincerely Brother and Sister DeMarrias.

SHORT ITEMS

The Gospel News brings to me news that I can't get otherwise. The trips that you have made me happy. My hope and desire is, that the Lord may prolong your life and give you the much needed strength to go about and do His will here below—especially to give you the privilege to go among the Lamanite people, as has been your hearts desire. Bro. Angelo Capots.

In a letter of recent date from Bro. D. Giovannone of Warren, Ohio, he reports them having a wonderful day in the service of God, on the day they attended the ordinance of washing feet. May the Lord continue to bless the Warren Branch of the Church.

In a letter from Bro. Joseph Lov-alvo of 1543 Bronson Ave. Modesto, Calif. dated Oct. 24, 1953 he says: "I am enjoying wonderful liberty in preaching the gospel. God sure has been good to us here in Modesto, and has blessed us abundantly." He says: We baptized three people last week, and last night a young girl asked to be baptized.

Brother & Sister Kunkleman of Beaver Falls, Pa., and Brother and Sister Christman of Coraopolis, Pa., visited here in Monongahela on Sunday Nov. 8th. We were glad to see them in our midst.

A card from Bro. Paul D'Amico, Lockport, N. Y. says: "On Sunday Evening, Nov. 8th, I will be a guest speaker at the First Presbyterian Church in Lockport. Their young people Senior and Junior Classes, have requested me to extend them this kindness."

NOTICE: The Book of Mormon printed in the Italian language, is now off the press. It is a very nice book, and will sell at \$3.00 a copy, plus postage. Copies can be had by addressing the Librarian, James F. Campbell, 231 Vine St., Monongahela, Pa.

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PAYMENT IN FULL

Sometimes, Dear Lord, I feel so
all alone,
As tho' Thy spirit was not with
me still;
No peace of mind and heart is
mine to own,
When I've been disobedient to Thy
will.

My heart is full, and yet I cannot
cry;
My tears, as tho' imprisoned in
a well
Would overflow with a tremend-
ous sigh
If Thou would'st smile and say:
'I love you still.'

This feeling is not strange to me,
tho' rare,
'Tis like a band of steel around
my heart
That makes me moan, 'I wonder,
does He care,
And when will all His blessings
once more start?'

But deep within me is the knowl-
edge sweet,
That tho' today I languish and
I fret,
Tomorrow brings release, and at
Thy feet
I'll find contentment, when I've
paid my debt.

Catherine Poma

NEW YEARS EVE GATHERING

On New Years Eve here in Monongahela, a meeting was held in the Church in honor of brother Joseph Bittinger of near Uniontown Pa., and brother W. H. Cadman here in Monongahela who are soon to leave on a Missionary Trip to Nigeria, B. W. Africa. A very nice crowd was present for the occasion, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Brother Waltz of Roscoe, Pa., Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt, Pa., and A. B. Cadman here in Monongahela occupied the pulpit and all three gave interesting talks for the occasion, touching on many things of interest in the way of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the various peoples of the earth in these last days. Bros. Bittinger and W. H. Cadman were then called upon to express themselves to us all before starting on their long journey. Appropriate singing for the occasion

was led by brother John Majoros Jr. After the close of the meeting, a lunch was served by the Sisters of Monongahela church, and all had an opportunity to visit with one another. Some went home after the lunch, while some remained to see the old year out, and the new one ushered in with song and prayer.

There were visitors present from Vanderbilt, Roscoe, West Elizabeth, and a good attendance from here in Monongahela.

REAL FRIENDS ARE SCARCE

Once a rich man said he would divide his fortune among his friends if only he knew who they were. Years passed, and at last the man died—in a midwinter blizzard. His last request was that the funeral be held at four o'clock in the morning.

Although scores had boasted of being his intimate friends, only three men and one poor woman turned out, to stand red-eyed and sad beside his grave.

When the will was read, it directed that his estate be divided equally among those who attended his funeral.

Friends are much scarcer than we think! "The Scrap Book"

WONDERFUL ARE THE WORDS WHICH ARE WRITTEN

"And that He manifesteth Himself unto all those WHO believe in Him, by the power of the Holy Ghost; yea, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, working mighty miracles, signs, and wonders, among the children of men according to their faith." (Book of Mormon)—What a wonderful, and impartial God was He, whom the Nephite people worship.

Written For THE F.H.C. Class Who Were Having A Hymn Study

My first impressions relative to the Hymn I composed, came from an English story I read. It was a book which contained a number of stories, "called miscellany."

Among these stories was one which attracted me considerable. It was entitled: Mary Ashton. I read it with much interest. Mary Ashton was a small girl 6 or 7 years old when her mother died. Her father died when she was an

infant. She had a brother, John, a young man who had previously left home and resided somewhere in London. After her mother's death, she was taken in by people who had a large family. She was treated mean. So weeks and months passed by and Mary tried to figure out some plans to escape from this family who treated her so mean. After enduring this for considerable time, she finally made her get-away. She was sent to the store for a few groceries, but never returned.

Before going to the store, she was mindful of hiding her only shoes inside her dress. That night she had the sky for her roof as she laid herself down in a pasture field. Her mother had instilled in her young mind a little prayer found in the 16th Chapter of Genesis, verse 13. It was when Hagar, Abraham and Sarah's bond woman was in distress and the angel of the Lord appeared to her, and Hagar spoke saying: "Thou God Seest Me."

Mary Ashton was trying to make her way to London in search for her brother John. After many weeks, suffering much fatigue, such as hunger, thirst and almost nakedness, encountering people who looked upon her with contempt, she finally reached the outskirts of London. Once a band of Gypsies took Mary, but her pathetic story along with her constant prayer which her mother taught her, she was finally released with new shoes and clothes. All along her weary journey, she frequently uttered the prayer: Thou God Seest Me. After being in London a few days, she found her brother John with whom she stayed until she was a young woman. She then was fortunate to secure a position with one of the high government officials. She lived to the age of 77. So ends a brief sketch of this story which I became impressed to write hymn 391. Instead of using "Thou God Seest Me", I have rephased it by using, "My God Thou Seest Me."

ARE GOD'S COMMANDS YET IN FORCE?

It is interesting to note the various themes which the various servants of God, have dwelt upon

during their ministry in the vineyard of the Lord. And too, it is very interesting to note the harmony of which the Gospel Writers maintained, in the many subjects which they delved into. I have often wondered about the human body, the years it will survive under the hardest kind of toil. If our habits were such, that no disaffection was in any way brought into our bodies—if our diet was always just what it ought to be, if we went through life without accident or injury to our physical beings, how long might we survive in this life? I will answer, that there is no telling how long one might live here in these bodies, which came from the hand of the All-wise Creator. We do read that in the beginning of some living to be almost 1000 years old. Evidently, they lived in a day when their mortal bodies had not become so contaminated with food, that was not good for its survival, as is to day. We eat and drink anything we like today, it does not matter much what it is, just so we like it. The results are, we have defiled our fleshly bodies, and we are as a world of people, reaping what we have sown. Daniel and his Hebrew brethren refused to defile themselves with the king's meat, and they fared much better than those who did eat it. There is much for one to reflect upon in this matter—and I will add too, there is much room for serious reflection, for it is evident that the All-Wise-God saw the necessity of His children abstaining from many things in the way of that which goes into the body, when He revealed to Moses as He did, and which is written in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. Surely God's word cannot be trifled with! As a world of people, we have, and still are doing pretty much as we wish, relative to our diet and our habits—we eat, we drink, we please ourselves, and the harvest is certainly terrific, Yea, we are reaping just what we are sowing, and it cannot be otherwise, only in as much as God will have mercy upon us in our ignorance, matterless of how much we talk of His wonderful blessings towards us today. Our Bodies are flesh and not spirit, and our whole being suffers because of wilfulness in the manner of life we persist in living.

When Jesus Christ came into this world, and in His administration to the children of men, He

says: I will build my Church. His church is spoken of very much as His body, and we, His followers are spoken of as members of that body. With all the various themes of the Gospel writers, the Apostle Paul seems to be the only one (at least to any extent) that shows the parallel with the spiritual and the natural bodies. In my younger days, one would hear so much about the simple lesson that Paul gives us in the 12th chapter of First Corinthians, in paralleling the body of Christ, the Church, with the human body. And how wonderfully, and consistently he performs the task. Yea, he himself as a Minister of Christ, does not forget: that he taught his hearers that if eating meat caused his brother to offend, he would eat no flesh while the world standeth.

In this chapter (First Cor. 12 Ch.) after showing the relationship of the members of our mortal bodies to one another, all standing in need of the other in order for the proper functioning of the body, he also shows the same in the body or, the Church of Jesus Christ. In verse 26, he says: "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." It seems to me that these few words contained in this verse, sums up in a very simple way, the reasoning of Paul throughout the whole chapter, the physical body on a parallel with the spiritual, or the Church and body of Christ. If we can rejoice in the misfortune of any soul, there is certainly a disaffection in our spiritual life. If we can rejoice in evil, the love of God surely is not in our souls. As far as the written law is concerned, evil is determined by the law of Jesus Christ as it is written, and James says, that to transgress in the least point we become guilty of the whole. If we eat or drink that which is not good for our physical being, we suffer the consequences, and whatever it is, it effects the whole body. Even our small toe (a very small member indeed) if in some way it is bruised, our body suffers with it. If we eat something that causes our stomach to be out of order, our whole body is effected; evidently such is nature. God has so tempered it to be so. But with it all, we have our own free

choice or liberty, to do very much as we wish to. And if we do the wrong thing, the creator of all is certainly clear of the responsibility, for He has made it plain that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4-4.

Oftimes we hear the words quoted as found in Second Cor. 3-17 "And where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." But as to the liberty we may take, the apostle issues a warning in First Cor. 8-9 "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumbling block to them that are weak." It is a wonderful blessing to feel liberty when speaking of God's goodness to all mankind, but the Saviour cautions us to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Responsibility rests heavy upon the man that feels liberty. The green light gives the driver of a car liberty to go ahead, the red light takes that liberty from him. Oftimes we hear it said: I had no liberty in speaking on an occasion. It usually creates the feeling, that the lack of liberty is because of our surroundings—more or less casting reflections on others. When the truth may be, that the lack of liberty may be because of disaffection in his own soul, taking liberty and did something that he should not of done. He has not only suffered because of lack of liberty, but the whole audience goes home disappointed, in not having their souls fed on the bread of life, in other words, a lack of good spiritual food.

In the Book of Joshua 7th chapter is a wonderful lesson to any person who professes to be a servant of God. The man Achan had transgressed the command of God. Joshua was so overtaken with the affair, that in verse 6 it says: "And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the Ark of the Lord until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads." The Lord God permitted Israel to be punished severely because of one man's sins. In other words the whole body suffered for the wrong doing of a member, even as Paul teaches us. The punishment meted out to the transgressor and his kindred, was the severest that could be. Is God still the same?

Another wonderful lesson is

contained in chapter 15 of the First Book of Samuel. If you will read this scripture, you will find that King Saul was given a strict command by Samuel, yet he did not carry it out to the letter, he saved some of the sheep for sacrificial purposes, but he was given to understand that obedience was better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. Samuel told Saul: "The Lord has rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day." Sufficient here to show, that God requires obedience to His word. The whole House of Israel suffered much because of the wrong doing of many of its leading men.

The command of Jesus Christ to His disciples was, that they were to go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature etc. The preaching of the gospel is just as much a command as was the two instances herein referred to with King Saul in sparing the sheep, and Achan in partaking of the forbidden spoils. Jesus taught His disciples to love one another, to love their enemies, to love their neighbors, pray for them who spitefully use them. He also taught them to let their light shine, not put it under a bushel; And it is recorded very much in the Bible and Book of Mormon that they were to preach the Gospel to all people. God's word has not lost its force, matterless of the unbelief in His word, by some of His creatures. WHC.

The General Missionary Benevolent Association, met in Cleveland, Ohio, November 21, 1953, in the Euclid Central Junior High School. This meeting was previously appointed for November 14, 1953, but was cancelled because of a meeting called by the General Church on that date.

There was a nice delegation from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and Canada, who enjoyed a nice peaceful meeting.

The meetings for the coming year were appointed as follows: May Meeting — Glassport, Pennsylvania; November Meeting — Lorain, Ohio.

This coming year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the General Missionary Benevolent Association, which was organized in Roscoe, Pennsylvania in 1904. This will be celebrated by a special program at the May meeting in Glassport, Pennsylvania.

Pres: Bro. Domenic Thomas
Sec: Sis. Ruth E. Akerman

IS THE WORD OF GOD A LAMP TO YOUR FEET?

"Hath He commanded any that they should not partake of His salvation? Behold I say unto you Nay; but He hath given it free for ALL men; and He hath commanded His people (His servants, WHC) that they should PERSUADE all men to repentance." — How precious and plain is the revealed word of God.

RADIO ADDRESS

By Bro. Furnier

(Continued from last issue)

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come unto you; and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;"

"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts. 1:8-11.

These scriptures met with literal fulfillment, with the exception of Jesus Christ's return to the earth, which shall be fulfilled yet in the future.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

After our Lord's departure the Apostles entered upon the Ministry with vigor:

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Amen. Mark 16:20

These scriptures indicate the authority of the Apostles to adminis-

ter the affairs of the church after the ascension of the resurrected Christ.

That the Apostles realized that Christ had left with them authority to build up the church is proven by scripture.

They first proceeded to fill the vacancy in the quorum of twelve Apostles, occasioned by the apostasy of Judas Iscariot. Votes were cast and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles. See Acts 1:15-26

Another instance of official action is choosing seven men to take care of the temporal affairs of the church arose shortly after the ordination of Matthias. These men were set apart by prayer and by the laying on of hands by the Apostles. (See Acts 6:1-6.)

Under the administration of the Apostles, and others who labored with them, the church grew in number.

For ten or twelve years after the ascension of Christ, Jerusalem remained the headquarters of the church, but branches or separate churches were established in the outlying provinces. As such branches were organized Elders, Teachers etc. were ordained to minister in the affairs of the church.

The purpose of these several offices is explained by Paul to be:

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

"Till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:12-14.

That the commission of the Lord Jesus to the Apostles, instructing them to preach the gospel widely, was executed with promptness and zeal, is evident from the rapid growth of the Church in the early Apostolic times.

And the word of God increased and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7

Paul, writing about 64 A. D.

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EDITORIAL

To my readers: In First Corinthians 1:21 I read: "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Please take note of this language, for it is in effect as follows— the soul **MUST** believe before it can be saved, and the foolishness of preaching is necessary for the saving of the believer. And, in all God's dealings with men, He has chosen some to preach the glad tidings which will save penitent and believing souls.

By the time this reaches you, brother Bittinger and myself expect to be in Africa, preaching to people whose letters reveal that they believe in Jesus Christ, and that they want to worship God with us in The Church of Jesus Christ. I am very glad that the church which bears His name, has not turned a deaf ear to their pleas. What we shall accomplish, I am not able to say, but as for me, my past experience as a Minister in this Church for better than fifty years, has given me confidence in God in preaching His word. I believe Bro. Bittinger feels as I do, that we will not concede defeat at least, because of any failings in the past. I read in the word of God, that there is rejoicing with the angels in heaven over one that returns from his wicked ways.

Our faith in God is, that it requires the preaching of the Gospel today, in order to save the souls of men and women as it has done in all ages of time, matterless of the defeats that may have befallen men. Faithful Isaiah was made to exclaim: "Here am I; send me." We left ourselves open for you to send, and it is written of one of God's servants, that when his hands got heavy, his brethren held them up for him. I like the scripture wherein it teaches that God is still the same. Editor.

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approximately thirty years after the ascension, declared that the gospel had already been preached to every creature which is under heaven. See Col. 1:23

Eusebius Pamphilus, Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, who wrote in the early part of the fourth century, says: "Thus, then under a celestial influence and cooperation, the doctrine of the Saviour, like the rays of the sun, quickly irradiated the whole world. Presently, in accordance with divine prophecy, the sound of his inspired Evangelists and Apostles had gone throughout all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

"Through-out every city and village, like a replenished barn floor, churches were rapidly abounding and filled with members from every people."

"Those who in consequence of the delusions that had descended to them from their ancestors had been fettered by the ancient disease of idolatrous superstition, were now liberated by the power of Christ, through the teachings and Miracles of his messengers. Eusebius Ecc'l. Hist. Book 1, Ch. 3.

Thus in the course of time The Church of Jesus Christ was founded on the earth.

In its ancient simplicity and beauty it exhibited the majesty of a divine institution.

A question of the utmost importance is: Has the Church of Jesus Christ, thus authoritatively established, maintained and organized existence upon the earth from the Apostolic age to the present?

Other questions are suggested by the first.

If the church has continued as an earthly organization, where lies the proof or evidence of legitimate succession of priestly authority, and which among the multitude of contending sects or churches of the present day is the actual possessor of the Holy Priesthood originally committed to the church by Jesus Christ, its founder?

Again, have the spiritual gifts and graces by which the church was characterized and distinguished been manifest on earth through the centuries that have passed since the establishment of the church; and if so, in which of the numerous churches of these signs following the professed believers?

It is evident that there has been a falling away of the gospel, and a serious departure from the faith that was taught by Jesus Christ, and was maintained by his early followers.

Dear Friends, search the scriptures prayerfully, that you may come to the light and knowledge of the truth. May God bless you in my prayer.

TO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

By M. Heaps, South Gate, Calif.

Well it will soon be starting another year, and I have been intending to write to all of you through the medium of our Gospel News, and decided I better get started before this year is gone. I must first extend holiday greetings to all of you everywhere from our Branch of the Church in Bell, Calif.

God has surely been good to us here. We are having wonderful meetings, and have been going to the Ocean most every Sunday. I am praying we will keep on going. My son George & his wife were baptized about four weeks ago. Our youngest daughter Bertha Mae, and our oldest grandchild Bonnie Simpson were baptized several weeks ago. Also Bertha Mae's husband was baptized, and our daughter Elizabeth was renewed in the Church. Mr. Spata, the husband of Sister Mary Sapta was baptized a week ago. Bro. Wm. Adams daughter Bonnie was baptized the same day as was Bertha Mae, and so was the daughter of brother and sister Cotellesse of Detroit baptized that same Sunday. Also Sister Piccuita's father from Cleveland, Ohio. There are some lingering yet in the valley of decision, and we pray they will make a wise one. Our Son George had several wonderful experiences before he yielded, and they all are very happy and enjoying the sweet fellowship of the saints. Oh the wonders of the grace and love of God — what He can and will do for us, if we will only yield ourselves to Him. I have only two now outside the Church, and I am sure God will bring them also, and their companions.

Well besides all these wonderful blessings, we have started our new building. They are pouring the cement for the foundation today. There were 21 brothers worked all day Thanksgiving Day, and there are some working every day. With a good number on Saturday

to help with the work. It won't take too long and the Lord knows we need a larger building. Our Church is full—20 to 25 sitting in the kitchen most every Sunday. So you see God is moving, and as long as we keep humble, He will continue to move and lead His people. I take this opportunity to thank the Branches of the Church that responded to our plea for help, and to those who have not as yet, we are hoping to hear from them soon. Our brothers and sisters have done well out here, many of us have contributed to the various buildings back east before coming here, and this is the will of God—so let us all help that this work here may continue to go forward and flourish, and above all, that the beauty of our Church may be the glory of God resting in it. This is my sincere desire.

I am so very thankful for the blessings received and am looking forward to even greater days ahead. Pray for me. May God watch over you and keep you all in our prayer. Sister Margaret Heaps.

IN THIS ENLIGHTENED AGE?

A magazine called News Bulletin has reviewed events of the past five years in Colombia, South America, concerning religious work there. Protestants have been badly used. Forty-two church buildings have been destroyed by fire and dynamite, according to this source, and thirty-one other buildings used by Protestant churches have been damaged, while government officials or persons authorized by them have confiscated ten more. One hundred ten Protestant schools have been closed. Fifty-one Colombian Protestants have paid with their lives for their religious affiliation. In addition, Protestant members, farmers, and others have lost farms, homes, tools, animals, clothing, books, and such possessions to persecutors.

"Taken From the Herald of Holiness"

P. S. Any religious body of people who can resort to, or uphold such conduct on the part of professed Christian people as reported by the "News Bulletin" of having taken place in Columbia, S. America, certainly has no KINSHIP to the Church which Jesus Christ established while He was

here upon earth. To be a true follower of Christ, one must have LOVE for his fellow man, — even for his enemies should he have any. Scripture found in First Corinthians 13th Chapt. Douay Version reads thus: "Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not, deal-eth not perversely, is not puffed up. Is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil. Rejoiceth not in iniquity etc." Editor.

MYSTERIES OF GOD By Sister Anna Carlini

Dear Gospel readers: At this hour I thank God for His tender mercies, and for this wonderful privilege He has granted me in these latter days, to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. I also wish to express my gratitude unto God for this wonderful paper which is the Gospel News, and through this best printed paper, we have a privilege to express ourselves to each other of what the Lord does for us.

I want to relate an experience I had about four months ago. One hot summer day about noon, I heard a knock at our side door, and by the time I reached the door, I heard the knock at the front door. I then went to the front door and to my surprise, there were two little colored girls with a jar in their hands, and ask me for some cold water to drink. I invited them in, and gave them to drink, and also filled the jar with cold water and took it out to their father and mother who were waiting for them in the car. After they drank all the water they wanted, and were just ready to go—I felt something in my heart to invite them to come in and see our new home, which was recently built. After they came in and went through the house, I offered them more water to drink, and while we were in conversation, I was overwhelmed with the spirit of God—and the words of Jesus Christ were presented to me when He met the woman at the well. So I said to this woman, this water that you drink, you shall always be thirsty, but the water that the Lord Jesus Christ gives you, you shall never be thirsty, which is the water of Life, if you will drink it.

This woman answered and said: Blessed is this day among all the days of my life. She said: Lady would you kindly sit down and tell me more of that water of Life?

For I have never heard of such an expression before. So my dear gospel readers, I had a wonderful opportunity to sit down and relate to her my testimony. Indeed! all the while I talked to her, I felt the presence of the Lord, and without a doubt in my heart, I knew that God was in the matter. Before they left we gave each other our names and telephone numbers. Three hours later, I called her up and she told me that she had already spread the glad tidings to all her friends about the water of Life that was offered unto them. It was not very long till I was in contact with her and all her friends, which would almost be the whole block and vicinity where she lives.

Not long after that, they began to come to our Church here on the West Side of Detroit (Branch No. 2)—And let me say that the Lord surely made His presence felt the first time they came. Three of them were anointed for afflictions, and God healed them instantly. It wasn't long after that, three of the women and one man were baptized. A few weeks later, another woman asked to be baptized and last Sunday at the end of the after-noon meeting, another woman arose in the true spirit of God, and gave a noble testimony, and at the end of her testimony she asked to be baptized. May God bless sister Phillips.

My dear brothers and sisters, we thank God for His tender mercies, for it was He and His Son Jesus Christ who called these people into the fold. How good the Lord is — how He draws His children unto Him. Surely we can sing with the poet—God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. Since that day there seems to be a great stir among these people, and we see the fruits thereof, Yea, God is calling them unto His fold. Indeed it is a great privilege to be about our Fathers business. We also thank God for our dear brother Mathew Miller of Branch No. 1, who for a long time, along with his wife and other relatives visits our Branch on the last Sunday of each month. He also witnessed the four baptisms on that day, and we can surely say that Bro. Miller was one of the happiest among us. While he was preaching to us with inspiring words, the oil of gladness was flowing from vessel to vessel, and the four, one by one arose and asked to be baptized. Indeed it

was a glorious day for us. The angels of heaven rejoiced with us.

It causes me to marvel how wonderful our Elder brothers conduct the meetings in our Branch, especially our young Elder, Brother Thomas who presides over the Branch. Truly we can say the Lord guides them and gives them wisdom and understanding to lead the little sheep into the fold of God.

This new work that has been started in the West Side has brought joy into our hearts. We now have a field that is open, ready for the laborers to do their part. May God hasten the day to see more and more come into the fold and hear their Shepherd's voice, who is Jesus Christ the Saviour. We now have the opportunity to hold meetings in their homes every Tuesday evening. I ask of you all an interest in your prayers, that God may continue to bless us in this glorious work, causing many souls to come to the knowledge of the truth.

WHAT IS MAN WHOSE BREATH IS ONLY IN HIS NOSTRILS?

"Behold, doth He cry to any, saying: Depart from me? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; but He saith: Come unto Me ALL ye ends of the earth, buy milk and honey, without money and without price." —One of the Jewels as recorded in the Book of Mormon.

NEWS ITEMS

A letter received from Brother Joseph Calabrese of Loraine, Ohio on December 8th informs us that Brother and Sister Furnier are visiting in that City, and were holding a week's meetings with our folks in their church. News like that is good news and all should be attentive.

From the letters I am receiving, there seems to be much interest and enthusiasm concerning our contemplated trip to Nigeria. Glad to receive the encouraging words from Bro. Bucci of Youngstown, which came in the mail to-day, Dec. 10th.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger and Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman attended the morning meeting at our Church in West Aliquippa, Pa. There was a nice group gathered together, and we enjoyed ourselves on the occasion. After the meeting we ate dinner at the home of Bro. and Sister DeLucia, and then went on to McKees Rocks for

the afternoon meeting. A nice crowd was present, and we were glad for the privilege of meeting with our folks once more. The McKees Rocks folks had redecorated their auditorium very recently, and it was very neat indeed. At the close of this meeting we were taken to the home of Bro. and Sister Casanta for supper, and there we spent the evening before returning home.

On Dec. 11th I, brother W. H. Cadman visited the home of brother and sister Isaac Smith of Elizabeth, Pa. You all know of course that brother Smith is getting very feeble. The day before I was there he had taken a light stroke, and it caused his left arm to be helpless. Bro. Smith is nearing his 69th birth-day, and his days for going as he has done in the past, seem to be about over.

A paragraph from a letter written by an Indian Sister in South Dakota, as follows: "Some of us that have been born again are hoping that we will have a Chapel of our own to go to, where we can worship and sing praises unto God.

Some of our Indian people have said that it would be so nice to have a member from The Church of Jesus Christ live among us, and teach our people about the truth. I hope that God will make this possible for us soon." P.S. This day, Dec. 19th, happens to be my 77th birthday. As far back as I can remember, I have sat under the voices of my older brothers and sisters (who are now deceased) and listened to them talking and preaching of carrying the Restored Gospel to the Seed of Joseph, (American Indians) May I ask: Are we now ready? WHC.

The Monongahela Branch of the Church held its annual Christmas Services in the evening of Dec. 20th, and a very large audience was present. Many of our little tots, as well as the older ones had a part in the service, and a very nice evening was enjoyed by all present. One of the high-lights of our Christmas Service annually, is the singing of the wonderful hymn "Brightest And Best of the Sons of the Morning" which was sung this time by 16 of our brethren. Brother Idris Martin, superintendent of our Sabbath School was in charge of the service. We had visitors from near Uniontown, Pa., McKees Rocks, West Elizabeth, and West Newton, and many

friends from the Monongahela area.

Through a letter received from Bro. R. Biscotti, who has received a letter from Bro. Anthony Piciuto who is stationed in Korea, sending a very nice contribution for the Missionary efforts of the Church, and too, at a time when the Church is sending brethren to far-off Nigeria. May the Lord bless Bro. Anthony for there is no doubt that it is quite a sacrifice on his part, and our prayer is that the Lord will not only bless him, but that his offering will be like bread that is cast upon the waters. May it bring forth much good.

A Christmas card has been received from Bro. Earl Lynch, of Coshocton, Ohio, written in St. John, Kansas, his former home, also the home of his wife. Mrs. Lynch's health is not good, so they are planning to spend part of the winter in Arizona, and part in Southern California, and return to Ohio in the spring. May the Lord be their company.

On this day, Jan. 4th, I, along with Bro. Harry Tucker went to the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh to visit Bro. Frank King who is a patient in that institution a very sick man. We had a short visit with him, and offered up a prayer to our Heavenly Father in his behalf. On our return home, we called at the Monongahela Hospital to visit brother Tucker's brother George, who has been confined in the institution for about five weeks with a heart ailment. For a time it did not look too good for his recovery, but today, we found him much improved. George is 69 years old, while brother King is 64. Both are getting up in years. I must say, that the hospitals are very busy places these days. May the good Lord have mercy on the afflicted ones therein. WHC

Brother and Sister Charles Behanna visited with us here in Monongahela over Sunday, Jan. 3rd., being here attending the funeral of Bro. Ditmore, Sister Ditmore being a niece of Bro. Behanna's.

At this writing Jan 4, Sister Clara Tucker, the wife of Bro. Joseph, and the mother of Bro. Wm. (Billie) Tucker, is confined to her bed, a very sick woman. Sister Tucker's health has not been good for a long time. She is the daughter of our late brother and sister Schults. May the Lord bless her is our prayer.

I AM SO HAPPY

Dear Gospel News, And Readers: of The Church of Jesus Christ. I am so happy, my heart is overflowed with joy to have such a great desire to serve my Saviour. Through a testimony of Sister Carlini, a dear friend of mine, and she gave that testimony to me. After she did, I tried to forget the wonderful news, but Jesus never leaves His children alone. Not long after, about three days I had a dream about the Church of Jesus Christ, and in the dream, my little girl and I went to the Church, and when we arrived there, the door was closed, but we heard singing and it was very soft. We walked to the door quietly, and pushed it ajar, and when I did, the Church lit up in pure gold, and at the piano was Sister Anna Carlini, and she looked so beautiful, and was playing a hymn: "Just a closer walk with Thee." My little girl and I walked quietly in and sat down, and I said: O Lord this is the place for me. The next Sunday I asked to be baptized, for the Lord had touched my very heart, and I knew this was the place for me.

Sisters and Brothers, I am so glad to hold my Banner high in the name of Jesus Christ. I want all of you wherever you be to pray for me, that I may be strong in the Church of Jesus Christ, and I will remember you in prayer as God gives me strength. Your Sister in Christ, Ozie B. Mathis, Detroit, Mich.

HOW OFTEN HAVE WE READ THIS SCRIPTURE?

"And it shall come to pass in that day, (the day of the restored gospel WHC...) that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the Islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." end of quote. Isaiah 11 chapter.

P. S. To all believers in the Re-

stored Gospel, yea the time when God is moving the "second time" to recover His people, which was ushered in by the angel of God on Cumorah's Hill better than 100 years ago. May I ask, Are the true people of God awake to the times and seasons in which they live? or are they slumbering and they themselves need to be awakened? I wish to draw the attention of those who claim to be the true-people of God in these late days, yea, to the language used by that wonderful servant Abinadi in Mosiah 15:16, 17 "And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that are still publishing peace! And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace, yea from this time henceforth and forever." —The true servants of God today can only publish peace by preaching the true gospel of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ. And according to that which is written, even your feet will be beautiful on the mountains in bringing the lost sheep back home again. — I speak to him who professes to be the true servant of God, Do you need to be awakened from your slumber? Bro. W. H. Cadman.

BEATRICE WOLVIN
PASSES ON

Sister Beatrice Wolvin, daughter of Brother and Sister Joseph Piacentino died at the home of her sister Catherine Amormino, on Dec. 17, 1953.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ since 1939. She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, three children, two sisters, and one brother. She was laid away to rest on Dec. 10th. The services were conducted by Bro. Peter Capone. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones. Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN AMALONG
PASSES ON

Brother John Amalong died in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital on November 4th 1953 after a short illness. Had he lived until April 1954, he would of been 95 years old. He had made his home with Brother and Sister Paul Vancik Sr. for a number of years until shortly before his death. He had been a big strong man, but his limbs were failing him, but still

he would get out to church occasionally and bear his testimony to the Gospel of which he embraced about 44 years ago.

He was laid away to rest in the Bell eVernon Cemetery from the Toner Funeral Home in Belle Vernon on Nov. 6th. Due to the fact, that none of his kin belonged to the Church, his people took charge of the services, and the Church which he worshipped in so long, had no part therein.

FRANK DITMORE
PASSES ON

Brother Frank Ditmore of Fellsburg died in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital on Dec. 29, 1953, age 59 years. Bro. Ditmore had not been very well for sometime, and was removed to the hospital two or three weeks before he died. His life was spent mostly in this community and was very well known.

He married Jennie Evans of Webster, who survives him, along with two daughters, Mrs. James Campbell of Monongahela, and Mrs. John Ahlborn of Fellsburg, four grandchildren. Two brothers, George, and Vern of McKeesport, Pa. and two sisters, Mrs. Floyd Greeg of Butler, and Mrs. Lester Goetz, of Fontana, Calif. Also his aged father still survives.

Brother Ditmore obeyed the Gospel a few years ago, and was faithful to the covenant he made at the waters edge, when he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ. He was laid away to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery from the Rabe Funeral Home in Donora on Jan. 2nd. Services were in charge of Bro. W. H. Cadman, assisted by Bro. Kirschner. Singing and music by Bro. John Majors, and Sister Sarah Neill. May the Lord bless and comfort Sister Ditmore and her family.

MARY STAJANOVITCH
PASSES ON

Mary Stajanovitch, the daughter of Sister Stajanovitch passed from this life suddenly on December 20, 1953 after a long illness. She was born in the year of 1935. She leaves to mourn her passing, her father, mother, six brothers and four sisters.

She was laid away to rest on December 23rd. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Fred D'Amico. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

"THE UPPER ROOM"

Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (II Corinthians 4:16). Read II Corinthians 4:17 through 5:1.

A FRIEND asked John Quincy Adams how he felt on his 80th birthday. "I thank you," was the President's reply, "John Quincy Adams is well, but the house in which he lives at present is dilapidated. Time and seasons have nearly destroyed it ... I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out soon. But he himself is quite well, quite well."

God has set time limits in our bodies but He has set eternity in our souls. If we live after the flesh, we share the limitations that are inseparable from these human natures of ours. But if our true life is in God, in spiritual companionship with Christ, we are secure no matter what happens. The wear and tear of life do not defeat us because His grace builds up in strength every day. Verily He restoreth our souls. From "The Upper Room," Nashville, Tenn. Used with permission.

IS HIS WORD STILL TO BE DEPENDED ON?

"Behold, hath the Lord Commanded any that they should not partake of His goodness? Behold I say unto you, Nay; but ALL men are privileged the one like unto the other, (no partiality with God WHC) and none are forbidden." B of M.

Yea, Well did David say: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."—Yea, even his heart was so grateful to his God, who is unchangeable, so impartial, and salvation to all who would be saved. — Yea, David even calls on the Dragons to praise his God.

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

For the Jews in times past sayest—there cometh the King of the Jews to free us from our bondage. But when they beheld him, the Christ—sayest where is his bright robes? And servants and his crown Where is his throne? Behold he looks like a lowly servant

in the Kings house. I pray this cannot be he that to free Israel, where is his sword and shield and army—behold he cometh alone in a servants robe, and they saw to their own blindness, and beheld not with the eyes of their understanding, and was made blind, still seeking their King; but the good found and followed him, the Christ. Must the Jews as the inward men in the gospel of Christ be blind, also seeking with their natural eyes—saying where is this that was promised? Behold the parasites have destroyed much of our food, and many wander in strange ways.

What seek ye, dost thou look for the Lord with obedience to the restored gospel, eating of his flesh and partaking his blood—the sacrament? seeking him with works and love? For know ye not the humbleness and love that is seen upon the expression of the saints and priesthood inwardly is under the bondage life? Upon the flesh, she doth not to the natural eyes, reveal her real-self—for where beauty doth appear in the enticing expression of the flesh—there is an inward pain, and troubled spirit not seen with the natural eyes—but where humbleness and meekness doth appear, the natural countenance, thou seest the side of suffering, travelling in pain—but inwardly there is beauty—put on the eye-salve of God's knowledge that you may behold the inward beauty of Christ, and love all men in humbleness, for the greatness of God reveals itself in small ways to confound the wise—therefore, beware of the beauty that doth appear in man, it blindeth the spiritual eyes. But behold the beauty with thy hearing in words and spirit, and judge not with thine eyes, lest thou should be struck deaf, and bring wrong judgment in the House of God—for wilt thou hear with thine eyes and judge? Will ye judge not wrong through an inversion of hearing? For by his will, then, the gospel came by hearing—if thy spiritual sight came by hearing also, shalt thou not be made blind? For it has pleased God to hide all things of value from the wise in their own ways—he has framed the worlds that they cannot know his ways, for the things that do now appear, was not at the beginning of time, neither shall be

in the here-after, but that which shall be has already been before times—for the things in the beginning shall return in the future. There is nothing new, shalt thou build upon the things of the flesh that do now appear? Where is thy foundation? Build rather upon the knowledge of God, that which was and shall be and is now forever and ever. For whom you serve, the same is your master, by the same strength of your serving. How shall we eat of the flesh of this world, or the things of this world, and say— I am not a servant of the flesh, for know ye not, what thou eatest spiritually becomes a part of thy seeing also. Then say ye in your mind, it does not hurt me, for thou blindest thyself whither thou goest? where is thy first flesh and love of the spirit, that thou eatest in the Lords House in the gospel. Will thou not be struck blind in thy understanding, and lose thy hearing? God forbid, serve God and eat at His table in the restored gospel and live—not for the things of the flesh.

Pray that you may love one-another, and for God to remove thy jealousy, May His cloak of love cover you always in Christ Jesus, Amen. With love, Bro. Ishmael Humphrey.

**WORD FROM
THE SARNIA MISSION
By Sister Buffa**

Brother Editor:

Just a few lines from Sarnia, Ont., Mission. We thank God for the wonderful meetings and the visitors that come among us to hear the word of God. Bros. Buffa and Maness have been visiting the sick and trying to spread the Gospel word, and many more have promised to come.

The Sarnia Sunday School is sending ten dollars to help towards the Indian work of S. Dakota. We are praying that God will bless you always in your efforts in spreading the Gospel. The Sarnia Mission all send our regards to all of you. Sincerely.

P.S. I am glad to hear of our Indian folks in Sarnia. I will place your offering in General Indian Mission Fund, and may the Lord bless you all, Bro. WHC.

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DON'T ONLY SING, BUT STOP AND THINK

From Greenland's icy mountains,

From India's coral strand,
Where Asia's sunny fountain's
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile.
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strewn;
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high—
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of light deny?
Salvation! Oh, Salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
'Til earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

Waft, waft, ye winds, the story,
And you, ye waters roll,
'Til like a sea of glory
It spreads from pole to pole;
'Til o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

P. S. The souls of men and women who have been enlightened through obedience to the gospel of Jesus, surely cannot turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the less fortunate.

AN OLD HYMN BROUGHT TO MIND

All my life long have my steps
been attended,
Surely by One who regarded my
ways;

Tenderly watched over, sweetly
befriended,

Blessings have followed my
nights and my days.

Tears have been quenched in the
sunshine of gladness,

Anthems of sorrow been turned
into song;

Angels have guarded the gate-
ways of sadness

Summer and winter, yea, all my

life long.

He will not weary, O! Blessed
Assurance!

Infinite love will the finite out-
last;

But for my heavenly Father's
assurance,

Into the depths of despair cast,
This is my star in a midnight
of sorrows,

This is my refuge, my strength
and my song;

Earth is today, but there's
Heaven tomorrow,

And Jesus will guide me all my
life long.

Do you remember when we
sang this in Sunday School? I
thought of it when I read Sister
Elizabeth Davidsons testimony, for
this is also mine. Sister Martha
Ring, St. John, Kans.

CHILE. Two thousand miles
west of Chile is one of the
world's great mysteries—a tiny
dot of land known as Easter Is-
land. It is only about 45 square
miles in area. Its population has
never been more than 6,000.

Easter Island is famous for hun-
dreds of giant statues, carved out
of volcanic rock or the wood of a
rare tree. The statues range in
height from 16 to 65 feet. Their
faces do not resemble those of
natives now living there. No one
has ever yet been able to learn
the history of the statues or to
read the strange inscriptions
carved on some of them.

For 50 years, this mysterious is-
land has been used for sheep rais-
ing by the Easter Island Explora-
tion Company. The company had
a contract with the Chilean Gov-
ernment which was to run until
the end of 1954. But Chile has now
taken over the island. She charges
that the company was not develop-
ing its resources properly, or giving
enough care to its native people.

WHERE IS LOST ISRAEL?

Since the day the Gospel has
been restored, much has been
said as to the whereabouts of the
ten tribes of Israel. It has been
the general impression among Lat-
ter Day Saints that they were in
the north country some-where. But
due to discoveries made of this
world in modern times, the sug-
gestion that the ten tribes are in
a land yet unknown to us, is very

much doubted. Personally, my
thoughts have always been and
still are, that the ten tribes are in
a land somewhere yet unknown.
And further, that they are a body
of people still intact. We are
taught and we teach, that the
word of God cannot fail. In Jere-
miah 31-8, 9, I read as follows:
"Behold, I will bring them from
the North country, and gather
them from the coasts of the
earth, and with them the blind
and the lame, the woman with
child and her that travaileth with
child together: a great company
shall return thither. They shall
come with weeping, and with sup-
plications will I lead them: I
will cause them to walk by the
rivers of waters in a straight way,
wherein they shall not stumble:
for I am a Father to Israel, and
Ephraim is my first born." There
is no question in my mind, but
what this scripture bears upon the
work in the last days, or the days
of restoration. Let us now turn to
Jeremiah 3-12, 18. I read as fol-
lows: "Go and proclaim these
words toward the North, and say,
Return, thou backsliding Israel,
saith the Lord; and I will not
cause mine anger to fall upon you:
for I am merciful, saith the Lord,
and I will not keep anger forever.
In those days the house of Judah
shall walk with the house of Israel,
and they shall come together out
of the land of the North to the
land that I have given for an in-
heritance unto your fathers." Now
turn to Jeremiah 23-7, 8.
"Therefore, behold, the days come
saith the Lord, that they shall no
more say, The Lord liveth which
brought up the children of Israel
out of the land of Egypt; But, The
Lord liveth, which brought up and
which led the seed of the house of
Israel out of the North country,
and from all countries whither I
had driven them, and they shall
dwell in their own land."

In second Kings chapter 17 we
are shown that the king of Assyria
took away captive the ten tribes
of Israel. This was about seven
hundred years B. C. We are told
that the Nephite people came to
this land six hundred years B. C.

In III Nephi the Saviour says in
chapt. 16-1 "And verily, verily, I
say unto you that I have other
sheep, which are not of this land.
(America) neither of the land of

Jerusalem, neither in any parts of that land round about whither I have BEEN to minister." It is evident that at that time the lost tribes were somewhere intact. I have in my home a large Bible commonly called a family Bible. Between the old and new Testament, there is a number of books known as the apocrypha and there is lots of good reading therein. In the book known as second Esdras chap. 13 beginning at verse 40 and ending with verse 47, I read: "Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Shalmaneser the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river, For the Most High then showed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over, For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half; and the same region is called Arsareth. Then dwelt they there until the latter time; and now when they shall begin to come, The Highest shall stay the springs of the stream again, that they may go through: therefore sawest thou the multitude with peace." The afore going verses are so rich-like to me, that I would not entertain a thought of them being a fable, even though it is recorded in the Apocrypha. All of these matters that I have thus far drawn your attention to, were written many hundreds of years ago and such may produce a skeptical affect in ones mind. I want to now draw your attention to something of more modern date, but in doing so I concede that what may appear a fact to me, may not be so to you who may read this.

I said I would draw your attention to something of a more modern date. Yes, very modern indeed. Instead of speaking of hundreds of years, I will narrow it down now to one hundred and thirty one years ago, or in the year of 1823 when Joseph Smith made his first trip to the hill Cumorah and was about to

take the plates from their long resting place when the heavenly messenger forbade him.

In the series of letters written by Oliver Cowdery and published in the Messenger and Advocate in years of 1834-5, which I believe is very authentic, for Oliver was very closely associated with Joseph in the restoration of the gospel. As for me, I cherish highly his series of letters referred to. In the eighth letter I read the following from the mouth of the Angel to Joseph Smith, as given by Oliver Cowdery: "When they are interpreted the Lord will give the holy priesthood to some, and they shall begin to proclaim this gospel and baptize by water, and after that they shall have power to give the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. Then will persecution rage more and more; for the iniquities of men shall be revealed, and those who are not built upon the rock will seek to overthrow this church; but it will increase the more opposed, and spread farther and farther, increasing in knowledge till they shall be sanctified and receive an inheritance where the glory of God will rest upon them; and when this takes place, and all things prepared, the Ten Tribes of Israel will be revealed in the North country, whither they have been for a long season; and when this is fulfilled will be brought to pass that saying of the prophet: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." I will add: that man's wisdom has proven to be foolish in days that are past, and no doubt will be in the days to come. In my conception of English, if the words as given by Oliver Cowdery are the words of the Angel to Joseph, then the ten tribes are intact somewhere. God has always moved in ways least expected by man.

—W. H. Cadman

REV. A. A. DICK
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
P. O. BOX 43R,
UYO POST OFFICE,
NIGERIA, B. W. AFRICA

Dear Bro. Cadman,

This is an appeal to you and all the loved ones. Last month I went to Idombi on tour where we have an extension of field. I was ashamed for the fact that most of the young men and women were entirely naked. They have nothing

like clothes for themselves.

I therefore appeal to you that on your arrival to the station you will have an eye witness of this deplorable situation of the people. In view of this I should be grateful if you would cause this to be published in the Gospel News, particularly that if any one with Christian mind is in possession of used clothes should send it to us for use of these our fellow men. No matter how dilapidated, we shall be grateful.

I sincerely hope that as far as Christian love is concerned they will be good enough to send us as requested. I should like to add that I am doing a very good work here in Nigeria, and anything brought to light must be brought to your notice for assistance, if necessary.

May God bless you all, Amen.

I am, Yours sincerely,
Church of Jesus Christ,
Gen. Supt. A. A. Dick.

P. S. This letter is not dated, but post-marked apparently on Jan. 13, '54. I ask all the members of The Church of Jesus Christ—Let us be an honor to the name we bear—Do what you can for these poor people, which we hope to visit soon. I imagine that summer weight clothing only, should be sent. It is a warm country. Also whatever is sent, let the local communities bear the cost of transportation, you M. B. A's, Your Branches, or individuals where you are able. Let us all remember the words of Jesus: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto ME." Bro. Cadman

MRS. ATIM DICK
NIGERIA, B. W. AFRICA

Dear Brother Cadman,

I thank the Lord who brings us to you in one affiliation with the Church of Jesus Christ. I am glad to tell you that I am teaching in one of the Churches of Jesus Christ School and should be grateful if you could send Gospel News Monthly and 12 English Bibles to be given out to my pupils who ask for same.

I am the wife to the General Superintendent Rev. Amiete A. A. Dick. Please greet your wife for me and all others. Amen.

Yours in Christ
A. A. Dick (Mrs.)

P. S. I received this letter today (Jan. 18) from Mrs. Dick,

also one from her husband. I have felt very sorry that we have been delayed in getting off to their country, Africa. We fully expected to leave New York on Jan. 5th, but the British Office in N. Y. has thus far failed to furnish us with the necessary papers to enter Nigeria. It is a condition that we have no control over, though I do hope we get started soon. Brother Cadman.

GENERAL CIRCLE MEETING

The General Circle held their meeting on Dec. 19, 1953 at the Cadman home on Finley St. in Monongahela, Pa. It was a bright sun-shiny day, some thing unusual, for most always we have stormy winter weather at this time of the year.

Sisters were present from several local Circles, and a good time was had by all. We always enjoy our opening part of our General Meeting—All sisters join in telling of their experiences, and the goodness of God to them. Our business is always interesting, and seems we are all of one heart and mind, and that brings a blessing to us.

The question was asked if we wanted to have our General Meetings twice a year, as the Church have only two Conferences a year. But all sisters present in one voice objected to doing away with our meeting every three months. Excuses were, that we would lose the blessing we always receive, and miss the fellowship — Others said: We are told not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together. So we left it over until our next meeting, which will be on March 19, 1954 in Monongahela, Pa. We always enjoy the letters and reports received from our 22 different Circles scattered over the land, and we pray that God will be with our Sisters everywhere. Sister Cadman president of the Circle.

IS IT GOOD TO BE REMINDED?

An experience as recorded in June 1934 as follows: "I went before God with a group of Brethren and Sisters in prayer and fasting for the benefit of the Ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ. While one Sister was in the act of praying, I beheld in vision, a large book with a black covering, and on the cover of this book, written in large letters of Gold, were

these words: 'Where is the first love that I have put in your hearts?' Then the book opened and a voice bade me read, and this is what I read, 'Wo, Wo, unto the Saints who do not labor; but blessed are ye who seek diligently the Kingdom of My Father through prayer and fasting' As our Sister finished praying this vision disappeared."

January 4, 1954

Mr. W. H. Cadman, Editor
THE GOSPEL NEWS
519 Finley Street
Monongahela, Pa.

Dear Mr. Cadman:

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will observe its 80th anniversary year in 1954. Through the years we believe the efforts of Christian leaders to educate for total abstinence have redoubled. But the average citizen of today seems to accept drinking of alcoholic beverages as a normal part of American life. What can be done to arouse our church people to the decadence of spiritual values which is evidencing itself in this acceptance?

Enclosed is descriptive material concerning an anniversary project of the National WCTU in which we hope you will feel you can cooperate. Will it be possible to reprint this announcement in some form in your publication?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays
President, National WCTU

READ CAREFULLY

Isaiah 5-20, "Woe, unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

"But be ye doers of the word," and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." The Epistle of James. 1-22,23,23,25.

In the 119th Psalm, David is made to say: "Thy word is a

lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The words of Isaiah in 8-20 are as follows: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." And Jesus says 'If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!'"

My thoughts, in writing as I am doing this evening, are to touch upon a matter that I cannot recall of ever reading after another's pen, and whether I can convey my thoughts intelligently or not, I know not. However, I will make the attempt. In the first place, I believe I am safe in saying, that 'people' of the restored gospel, have dwelt upon, testified, and emphasized the necessity of the gifts and blessings of the gospel, being extant today as they were in past ages—our testimony should be in harmony with that which is written by the former day saints of God. If not, it brings in room to argue against the oneness of God. In the restoration of the Gospel, the gifts thereof have been extolled very much indeed, and there is no question in the minds of many, that many people have allowed themselves to be carried away with cravings for some gift and at the same time have neglected to carry themselves consistent with teachings of God's word.

The Apostle Paul gives us a wonderful lesson in this matter in the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. Indeed he makes it very plain, that we might have all faith, yea, make the extreme sacrifice and yet if we have not charity (the love of God) our services will all be in vain. Paul knew that Jesus had required more than the mere expression, I love you, He, Jesus taught: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." In that sense then, if no other, the word of God is a lamp to our feet. Hence, all our professions about the gifts of God are in vain if we abide not in His word.

The particular gift I wish to speak upon, or write about is the gift of dreams, for I read in effect, that there is heavenly ones, and there are also filthy or devilish ones. There is false revelation, and there is the true. There is a good spirit, yea the spirit that teaches one to do good,

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EDITORIAL

Here is a verse of scripture that I wish to draw the readers attention to. I have heard it referred to several times of late, and creating the impression, at least with me, that there is something obscure in this particular scripture. It is as follows: "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Gal. 4-4th verse.

To me this scripture is very plain and simple, and always has been. It simply shows that when God's time came, He sent forth His Son as promised. He was born under the dispensation of the Law of Moses, likewise was born of a woman. King James translation uses the word "made" which does not change the sense whatever.

I have in my possession the New Testament translated by Drs. of The Church of Scotland, and they use the word "born" instead of "made." I also have James Moffit's translation of the N.T. "but when the time had fully expired, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law." — The Revised Standard Version reads as follows, "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law." — I have also the New World Translation, by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. It reads: "But when the full limit of the time arrived, God sent forth his Son, who was produced out of a woman and who came to be under the law." Both King James and the Douay versions use the word "made" instead of "born," which simply refers to Christ being born under the law of Moses. Many of us can say, we were "made or born" under the Constitution of the United States. And being made of a woman, and made under the law, has no other significance, than being "born" under the law. I will add too, that the revision of King James Version, made in 1881, uses the word "born" instead of "made."

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which will cause one to abide by the teachings of the Master, and there is a bad spirit that will cause one to lie a little bit, a spirit that will teach one to be careful what he does when his friends are around, but do pretty much as you wish under other circumstances. Yea, there is a spirit that will even teach you not to pray, and the word of God declares, that many such spirits have gone out into the world, and they will deceive the very elect if they possible can. Yea, thy word is a lamp unto my feet, saith David.

Can we not see then, the necessity of considering, and weighing our experiences and doings, lest we find ourselves at variance with the word of God? To the law and the testimony, if we speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in us. We should remember that the word of God is as much in force today as it ever was, and there is no rule in God's word that will exempt you or me for not abiding in His Word, nay, for even if we become great, the very essence of 'greatness' makes us servants.

The various gifts of the Gospel, all play a wonderful part in the great plan of redemption as planned by the Saviour, and as members of the body, all have a duty to perform, just as much so as do the members of our physical body. The Apostle shows the need of one even as the other.

It is the Spirit that causes the members or gifts to operate, and if I understand aright, it is obedience to the word, that causes God's Spirit to dwell in our souls. Sacrifice of itself will not do it — reason will teach that. Much work without faith, nor even the reverse, Great faith without works will not produce the spirit of God in our souls. King Saul learned that at the cost of his throne.

In Jeremiah 23-25 in sense, prophets prophesied lies because of their dreams. And in verse 27 the prophets think to cause God's people to forget His name because of their dreams. Verse 28 reads as follows: "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord." Professed revelation in the way of a dream has led many a person astray under the dispensation of the restored gospel,

not only among the lowly, but of those who seemed to be great. Yea, it has caused the Lord to issue a warning as follows: "Some revelations come from God, some from man, and some from the DEVIL." And I will add; that failing to abide in that which has been written, has certainly brought it's woes in these last days. Jesus died on the cross that all men might be saved,—even as Paul says, by the foolishness of preaching. So while prophets tell their dreams, let others speak the word of God FAITHFULLY, and let the chaff go to the four winds, and the WORD prove to be a lamp to our feet, even as it was said of him, who was a man after God's own heart. W. H. Cadman

BRINGS BACK OLD MEMORIES
AT MUNCEY, ONTARIO

The old log home of Chief George Nicholas on the Muncey Reserve, where Bros. Paul Love, Alma B. Cadman, Anthony DiBattista and W. H. Cadman visited in the Fall of 1932. We were made welcome in this home, and it is where the Chief and his family, first heard the Restored Gospel preached.

We ate at their table, and slept in their beds, and although the house has since been torn down, yet the spot on which it stood will long be remembered. The Chief is standing, the babe on his wife's lap is now a married woman. Time has passed by fast.

Bro. Nicholas has spoken to me several times about having a marker placed on the old spot. It would be nice if the G.M.B.A. would arrange to have a plaque made, and then build a small boulder stone monument to set it upon the spot. Bro. W.H. Cadman

ALL ALONE

By Sadie B. Cadman

The month of March has many gloomy and dark days; It is generally the time just before we see little signs of new life, and it brings to my mind the few gloomy dark days of our Saviour.

How many times do we read where He tried to impress the fact to His disciples of the future for him, and them—but they did not understand, neither did they want to. He told them that He would be taken by wicked men and put to death, but He would rise the third day—also in Luke 18-31, 32, 33 told them what would befall Him when He would go up to Jerusalem, but they did not understand. On one occasion He called a multitude of people a wicked generation wanting a sign, but said no sign would be given only that which was given by Jonas the prophet. Luke 11-30, but they did not understand. The many times we read where He went off alone to pray and on one occasion, He prayed all night. He was in the wilderness for 40 days tempted by the devil. He was alone—He was alone in the garden, and the anguish of His soul was beyond description. His heart was heavy as He looked over the city of Jerusalem and wept for those of that generation—saying, if only they had known who He was—and what His coming unto the world meant for them. What a prayer He offered for those He loved—His disciples in St. John 17th chapt. Yet His prayer was not for them alone, but for those who would believe their words. Then in the garden, being in agony—an angel appeared unto Him and strengthened Him. His disciples were so weary, they could not watch with Him. He was alone—what sorrow must have been His at the last supper, when He knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end—John 13-1. Also in verse 21 He was troubled in spirit, when He knew one of those He loved would betray Him—but He left comforting words to those who were faithful to Him, saying: Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God believe in me. John 14th chapter—telling them where He was going and why. Also if they loved Him they would rejoice be-

cause He said He was going unto His Father.

What sorrow must have filled His heart as He was taken before the different rulers, and none of those He loved stayed by His side to comfort Him. Then as He was tried and condemned to die, all had forsaken Him. He was all alone. How dark and gloomy were the few hours at His crucifixion—When He said, Father forgive them they know not what they do. But yet He felt all alone when He called out to His Father in heaven, "My God why hast Thou forsaken me." What words of sorrow and anguish, He felt all alone. But to us, we do not need to be alone—what a blessing when we think of a chorus of one of the hymns we sing, "Never a burden that He doth not carry, Never a sorrow that He doth not share, Whether the days be sunny or dreary, Jesus is always there." Surely He has carried our burdens and known our sorrows—so we are not alone.

NOTICE

The Erie Mission is now meeting in their new building, lately purchased by them which is located at 3126 State St. Erie, Pa. As yet they have no permanent seating, just using loose chairs until they can do better. Brother John Mancini is in charge at Erie, and they have the best wishes of us all in their efforts to build a Thriving Branch of the Church in that city.

MRS. CAROLINE PAOLI
PASSES ON

Sister Caroline Paoli of Wilmington, Delaware passed on to her reward on Dec. 14th 1953. She had resided there for many years. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on Jan. 11, 1925. She leaves to mourn her passing, four children, namely Mrs. Ray Haffen, Mrs. Joseph Cordivano, Julius and Donald—two brothers, four sisters, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Girard, Ohio, Bro. A. A. Corrado officiating. She was laid away to rest in the Union Cemetery at Girard. May the Lord bless the bereaved family.

MR. FRANK KING
PASSES ON

Brother Frank King of Gratztown, near West Newton, Pa., died on February 4, 1954, in the Mercy

Hospital in Pittsburgh. He was born at West Overton, Pa., on August 6, 1889. The funeral services took place in the J. Wm. McCauley Funeral Home in West Newton on Feb. 7th, interment in the Scottdale Cemetery. Brother W. H. Cadman was in charge of the service, and was assisted by Brother Charles Ashton. Brother King obeyed the Gospel many years ago, and has now gone home to reap his reward.

To mourn his passing, are his beloved wife, two sons, two daughters, and thirteen grandchildren. Many friends gathered together to pay their respects to the bereaved family. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved loved ones.

BROTHER RAMELLA
Passes On

Brother John Ramella of Niagara Falls, N. Y. passed away on Dec. 31, 1953 in Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Funeral Chapel in Niagara Falls on Jan. 4th. Bro. Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y. officiated. Interment in Acoscia Park Cemetery, North Tonawanda, N. Y. May the Lord comfort his wife and family.

NEWS FROM DETROIT
MICHIGAN

The Lord surely has blessed our humble efforts. In the last few months, we have had nine baptisms in this Branch of the Church. (West Side). We count this a privilege that we serve a God that will visit any honest and sincere soul that appeals to Him with a broken heart. On Sunday Jan. 3rd we baptized a young man in the Thames River at Muncey, Ont., who is from our Branch of the Church. His name is Alphanso Milantoni. It was truly wonderful to see him yield.

Last Sunday, one of our young people, Marcella Marderosism also expressed a willingness to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Surely our hearts overflowed with God's blessings as she covenanted with the Lord at the river shore. While being confirmed, the gift of tongues was made manifest, and the interpretation to the effect that the power and glory of God was resting on her then and forever.

On Jan. 3rd a group of young people from Detroit went to Muncey, Ont. and had a program, and also to provide a treat for the

Indian children that came to our services. We had a very nice turnout of Indian Children, young people, and old folks. Signed by Dominic Thomas and Joseph Milantoni.

P. S. I am glad to hear of our brethren taking an interest in the Indian Children at Muncy, WNC.

AN APPRECIATION

Dear Brother Cadman,

We are all getting along fine and are hoping that all you Brothers and Sisters are doing fine where ever you are. We are praying for you all and will keep on till all your work is completed through the will of Our Almighty God. This restored Gospel is wonderful and we will never stop thanking God.

We have received a nice letter and four big boxes from the Sisters and Brothers of Lorain, Ohio. Sister Rosemary DeFoggie, has sent them and the letter was also from her. We also received a nice letter and three sacks of clothing and one box of shoes from Brother John Azzinaro. We have written to them thanking them and the rest of them. We thank you Brother Cadman that you have told these Brothers and Sisters about our conditions as they have helped us with clothes. The families that we have shared the clothes with are mostly members of our council and they all thank you all. We appreciate it very much. Their letters were so wonderful especially Brother John Azzinaro's letter that my wife cried with joy to know that we have so many true Brothers and Sisters in this country.

We are also thankful to God, that our children have not been hardly sick since they were blessed. We are so thankful that we have accepted Jesus Christ.

We are sending one dollar for one book but the other book we have it here yet and will send the other dollar in February.

We are having snow now and at times it gets pretty cold. God was good to us as we had fair weather all this time so we even thank Him for the weather.

We thank you all and appreciate all this very much. God bless you all.

Sincerely, A Brother and Sister
in Jesus Christ.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. DeMarrias
Wakpala, South Dakota
Box 28

ALONE? "NO, NEVER ALONE"

We three brothers wish to make known to the saints, whom we love, that God has not left us alone. Also He has come to our aid, and along with the poet of old, we feel to say: "He will help you when you fall, He will hear you when you call." Yes, our dear brothers and sisters, so it has been our joy. We feel to praise God for He has heard our cry. We are your brothers in Christ Jesus, Brothers Joseph Perri, August D'Orazio, and I, Tony Picciuto. We all came to Korea about the same time. Not knowing that either of us were here, I received a letter from Bro. R. Biscotti, of Cleveland, Ohio concerning my brothers. At that time we contacted each other by mail, and later by phone which was an uplift to our souls to hear one another's voice. It was our sincere desire to meet, (if God's will) to give praise to our Lord. We prayed many times to that effect, and even as the three of us knelt in spirit, though many miles apart on New Years Eve. It was written one to the other that we all did enjoy the blessings of God, which we thank him for, because He said, "I will not forget thee, providing ye prove faithful unto me."

Bro. Joseph Perri is stationed with the 21st Station Hospital in Pusan, which is located near the southern tip of Korea, about 300 miles from Seoul where I am stationed. Bro. August D'Orazio is stationed in Wonju, which is about 100 miles from Seoul, he is with the 519th MPs. You can see we are not close together. In order for us to meet, Bro. August had to send a letter from his commanding officer to Bro. Joe's outfit, stating he would accept him and provide rations and bedding during his stay. I had received this information the following day from Bro. August, stating that Bro. Joe's Commanding Officer had accepted the letter, and immediately had orders written for five days leave time. I, Bro. Tony, did not know when Bro. Joe was coming, and as I went to bed, I prayed that God would make the way clear for my brother. I was not exactly asleep, and before my eyes, appeared to me that I was in Church with the Cleveland Saints, and it seemed that I was bearing my testimony, and we all were blessed from above.

I was crying as the vision ended to the extent that my pillow was wet. I felt so good that I jumped out of bed and got dressed, to go to my little shack that I used to petition God, and make my wants known, and I did bless the name of the Lord, and thanked Him as I knelt in prayer for blessing me, His unworthy servant. The blessings of God were great with me. As I ended my prayer, I heard my name called over the Public Address System that I had a phone call. When I arrived at the orderly room, I found that Bro. Perri was trying to contact me and had been trying for an hour. Being that I was in my room and trying to sleep, I didn't hear my name called, that I had a phone call. So as I was blessed, I sang "Yes, We Trust The Day is Breaking," on my way to the Orderly Room. As I spoke to my brother Joe, he told me he was about to catch a plane at midnight to come to Seoul, and expected to be here at 2:30 a.m. I praised God for He surely did guide me so that I received my brothers call. I felt to relate this experience for God has not left us alone, regardless where we might be. Being that the weather was bad Bro. Joe wasn't able to catch the plane until the next morning. He arrived at one p.m. at my command, and we did rejoice in seeing one another. It was then that I learned that Bro. Joe had intended to catch a train to Wonju to visit Bro. August.

I didn't feel well but I wanted to go along, and in twenty minutes, I visited my Commanding Officer, and requested a jeep for a two day pass, which I received without the least bit of trouble, although I had to get some one to work my shift for me. I got it OK'ed by my Officer in charge of my section. Bro. Joe marvelled at the ease of which all preparations came out, all to our benefit. Thank God, Yes we feel to thank God for my Commanding Officer, who would not permit any man to check out a vehicle even to go into Seoul, which is only about 2 miles from my camp, unless of an extreme emergency. He only questioned me on one thing when I asked him for the vehicle to go to visit our brother in Wonju. He asked: "You will not get drunk will you?" I kindly replied, "Sir, neither Jor nor I drink!" He smiled and immediately gave his consent.

Bro. Joe and I thanked our Lord for now I too could be with my brothers, even as it was for only a short while. Bro. Joe and I left the following morning at 7:15.

The roads were rough, mountainous, and slippery. For a little ways out of Seoul, there was snow but brothers and sisters, God was our guide for we prayed before we left. He did bless us, we sang hymns on the way. It was very cold for us, we were in an open jeep. As we sang, we were so happy that we forgot our coldness. It only took about five hrs. to travel 95 miles. Of course, that seems a long time, but the roads here are not like those in the states. We arrived safely with the help of God. We were with our brother August, Saturday and Sunday, and we did feel very good as it was surely an uplift to our souls to be with one another and to praise our Maker, for a safe journey and all that He did to make our meeting possible. We felt good in talking to a young man whom is very interested in the Gospel while with Bro. August. Therefore brothers and sisters, before going any further, we brothers felt to write this article, showing that God is with His own, and blesses them according to their faith, even here in Korea, 9000 miles away from you, our brothers and sisters. We feel these people need God here and trust that some day it will be, as was spoken by prophets of old, that the "Gospel shall be preached throughout the four corners of the earth," and it shall come to pass. Brothers and Sisters, we thank God from whom all blessings flow, that we in our youth have accepted Christ as our Saviour. We, the Saints should be thankful to God for the blessed land of America for which we have so much to be thankful for.

This has been a great experience for us to see the conditions of these people in this war torn land.

On Sunday afternoon, we had the privilege once again to speak to the same man concerning the Glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and also relating our experience in coming to this blessed Gospel. As I, Bro. Tony, continued to talk, Brother Joe suddenly left our presence, for he expressed to us later that he had a desire to speak to Bro. August's Sgt. in conjunction with

him returning to Seoul with us, for Bro. August had the desire to return with us, but it was impossible because of the shortage of personnel there. It was but a few minutes later when Bro. Joe had returned and told us of the news that Bro. August's Sgt. was willing to work for him so that he could return with us, which gave us joy and consolation, for many times when we think something is impossible or can never happen. Again we thank God for he has shown us different, for all things are possible with Him. We all enjoyed ourselves as we bid our friend farewell, as he expressed that we had enlightened him on something he had never heard before. We gave him Bro. Heaps address for he is from Los Angeles, Calif., and expressed his desire to visit our church.

It was then we departed and as we journeyed along the way, we felt so good in singing praises to our Lord, that we felt to go up in the mountains like the saints of old to pray. As we thanked the Lord, we were not alone, Yes, we can never express what we experienced in meeting together in this barren land, for God's grace can not be expressed with words. We continued on our journey and did arrive in Seoul safe and sound, Praise the Lord. As we parted one, on one day, and one on another day, we did feel strengthened by our getting together through the grace of our Lord. Therefore, brothers and sisters, we wish to close saying, continue to pray for us, for we have not forgotten any of you, and we truly miss the Church very much. And we say from the depths of our hearts here in Korea, "Remain Ye faithful, our brothers and sisters, for through our faithfulness, if God's will, we will meet with you soon." We close leaving these few remarks with you all. May the God in heaven bless you and keep you all, Amen. Your brothers in Christ. Signed by Bros. Josephi Perri, August D'Orazio, and Tony Picciuto.

BICKERTON-YONKEE NUPTIALS

Miss M. Irene Bickerton, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bickerton of West Elizabeth, Pa., and Mr. Kenneth H. Yonkee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Yonkee of Beaver Falls, Pa., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus

Christ in Monongahela, at 7:15 Thursday Evening of Jan. 21st. The officiating Minister was the grandfather of the bride, Brother W. H. Cadman.

The exchange of vows took place under candlelight, music was furnished by Ralph Furlong of West Elizabeth, while Francis Brady of Monongahela was soloist. Irene came in on the arm of her father, who gave her away in marriage. Her sister, Carol B. Lovell of Dayton, Ohio was matron of honor, and Lois Rennie a cousin of the bride from West Elizabeth was bridesmaid, while little Terri Jayne Ackman, another cousin here in Monongahela was flower-girl. Best man for the bridegroom was his brother, Harold Yonkee. Ushers were Geo. Fielding of Aliquippa, Pa., and Robert Ketterer of Elwood City, Pa. About 100 guests were greeted at the reception afterwards at Sweeney's Restaurant on Rt. 51. Later the young couple left on a motor trip east for a few days, after which Pvt. Yonkee returned to New Orleans, La., to report for duty, while the bride returned to her position with the U. S. Steel Corporation at Clairton, Pa. The bride, the groom and all the men attendants are graduates of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. Best wishes to the young couple.

CADMAN-GEHLI NUPTIALS

Brother and Sister Russell Cadman of R. D. 2 Fredonia, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn to Mr. Paul Gehly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gehly of Stoneboro, Pa.

The couple were united in marriage at the brides home on January 9, 1954 at 8 p.m. Brother Travis Perry of Sharon, Pa., officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Knapp of Greenville, Pa., were the attendants, Mrs. Knapp being a cousin to the bride, while Mr. Knapp is a close friend of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for close friends and relatives of the young couple. The new Mr. and Mrs. Gehly are making their home at Smiths Ferry, Pa., where Paul is employed by his uncle Mr. Frank Dawson. We extend best wishes to the Newlyweds.

HAND WRITING ON THE WALL

When Israel was in bondage to the Babylonians, a great king Nebuchadnezzar reigned over the king-

dom of Babylon, which comprised all the people and nations of the known world and which was said to be the greatest empire the ancient world ever saw. Notwithstanding his greatness, Nebuchadnezzar was an idolatrous king, and knew not the God of Heaven until the Lord had, by many singular miracles and manifestations, opened his eyes and converted him. Then he honored and extolled the king of Heaven, and from this time forward, his reign was a glorious one.

But when his son Belshazzar, who knew all these things, came to the throne, he forgot all that his father had gone through before being converted to the Lord, was puffed up and proud and lifted himself up against the Lord of Heaven. He made a great feast to a thousand of his Lords and drank wine before them. In his impiety he had brought to the feast the sacred vessel which his father had brought out of the temple of the Lord when Jerusalem was taken and the children of Israel carried captive to Babylon. This unhallowed feast and desecration of holy things greatly displeased the Lord. The king was called to an accounting and had to give up all the grandeur of his great and mighty kingdom, because he was unworthy to keep it longer. In the same hour the Bible tells us, came forth the fingers of a man's hand and wrote upon the wall of the king's palace, his awful doom.

The king saw part of the hand that wrote and was seized with great fear and trembling. He sent for Daniel the prophet to interpret the writing which all the wise men of the kingdom, who had been called in, could not even read. When Daniel came he reminded the king of his impious conduct, and read to him what the astrologers and magicians could not understand. Daniel by the spirit of God interpreted as follows "God hast numbered thy kingdom and finished it; thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting; thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." That very night the king was slain and Darius, the Median took the kingdom.

The Lord has always worked through men to bring about His

great purposes. It was His hand that led the Jaredites and Nephites to this land. When Columbus discovered the New World, there were many navigators, who belittled the feat, and said that any other sailor could have done it. But Columbus was in the purposes of God, although unknown to himself—1st Nephi, 13-12 "And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land."

The prophet Joseph Smith was not the first who recognized the great spiritual darkness that covered the earth; but he was the first to go to the Lord to seek light by revelation from Heaven. He was the first one to perform the Lord's work in His own appointed way, and to give God all the glory and to acknowledge His hand in all things. He thus became the instrument of the Lord in restoring the Gospel with its gifts and blessings. Through him also, the Lord established His Church, and he stands at the head of the great Latter-Day Work.

Youth is the time when the foundation of character-building is begun. Then is there time to lay that foundation, strong and deep, like unto the house, described by the Saviour, that was built upon the rock and when the winds of trial and adversity came, and trust and responsibility were attained to, the foundation will remain. It is well, also to keep in mind for courage and comfort, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved and will have no fear of the handwriting on the wall. Sister Jannette Morgan. (deceased) of St. John, Kans.

NEWS ITEMS

Take Note Please—A very nice offering was mailed to my address for the Church of Jesus Christ. I want the donor, who ever you are, to know that I received it all right, and in behalf of the Church I extend our gratitude to

you, for your thoughtfulness and generosity towards the Church. And may the Lord bless you in all ways for good. (WHC)

The testimony of Alma to his son: "Yea, and from that time even until now, I have labored without ceasing, (preaching Christ, WHC) that I might bring souls unto repentance; that I might bring them to taste of the exceeding joy of which I did taste; that they might also be born of God, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Yea, and now behold, O my son, the Lord doth give me exceeding great joy in the fruit of my labors; For because of the word which he has imparted unto me, behold, many have been born of God, and have tasted as I have tasted, and have seen eye to eye as I have seen; therefore they do know of these things of which I have spoken, as I do know; and the knowledge which I have is of God." Thus saith the prophet Isaiah: "To the law and the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

On January 10th here in Monongahela, we had the following visitors: Bro. and Sister Biscotti, and Sister Di Franco of Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Mazzeo Jr. of New Brunswick, N.J., and Brother Ashton. We were very glad to have these folks visit us. Brother Biscotti and Bro. Ashton occupied the pulpit in our morning meeting, and then all departed for their home at the close of the meeting. Brother Biscotti's visit was mostly to say good-bye to Bro. Cadman before he leaves on his trip for Africa. It was a wintry morning, and they were glad to get started off towards home again. Visit us again when you can.

I am in receipt of a letter from Samuel Jackman, the son of Bro. and Sister Jackman of W. Aliquippa, Pa. His purpose in writing is to extend his gratitude to all that are responsible for sending The Gospel News to him. He appreciates the paper very much. He also tells me that he was married on Oct. 3rd, 1953 in the home of Bro. James Heaps in South Gate, Calif. May the Lord care for you Samuel, and your wife. I take from this letter that he is on the U.S.S. Bairok.

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THE TRIUMPHANT CHRIST

Creation speaks with awful voice,
Hark! 'Tis a universal groan
Re-echoes through the vast extent

Of worlds unnumbered called to mourn.

For, sickness, sorrow, pain and death

With awful tyranny have reigned,
While all eternity has shed
Her tears of sorrow o'er the slain.

But Hark! Again a voice is heard

Resounding through the solemn gloom;

A mighty conqueror has appeared,

And rose triumphant from the tomb.

Yes, Jesus Has Risen.

THE CONQUEROR

By Ruth M. Williams

Yesterday!

Betrayed, forsaken, crucified,

By friend and foe alike, denied;

Between two thieves our Saviour died!

Today!

Risen, exalted, glorified,

By angelic hosts magnified;

Adored through the whole world wide!

Tomorrow!

He comes to claim His spotless bride

Who for His coming long has cried—

To live forever at His side!

Herald of Holiness

PETER IN PRISON

"And when he had apprehended him, he put him (Peter) in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him: intending after EASTER to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him." Acts of the Apostles, 12-4.

The Easter Season

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We are nearing the Easter Day, a day set aside to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord, we stop awhile to ponder on those things that took place so many years ago.

The questions arise, Why was it so? What effect did it have on

the world? How has it affected me?

We know in the beginning that God created man in His own image and breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul. God not only made him in His own image, but He put a part of Himself into man, and I believe there is a part of God in every human being, and this brings us closer to Him than any of His other creatures. He created or made.

As we follow the scriptures and read of the fall of man through sin, and that sin brought the penalty of death on all flesh, the curse of the ground, and the multiplying of sorrows on mankind—we also see the love and mercy of God reaching out to a fallen race, all through the scriptures. But in spite of His blessings and guidance through the prophets of old, we find them unprepared to receive the Christ that had been promised unto them.

In our selfish minds we would consider such a sacrifice too great for a stiff-necked and hard-hearted class of people such as they were at that time; but you know God loved them and all that would come after them. He wanted to get them back into a place where He could commune with them and every man would have an equal opportunity to enter into that communion and fellowship with him through believing on His Son, and keeping all of His commandments. He loved us so much, that He sent the very best Heaven had. John 3-16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever would believe on Him, need not perish, but have everlasting life." For as sin and death came by one man, Adam, so truth and grace came by Jesus Christ.

Jesus took upon Himself flesh to endure the hardships and temptations relative to the flesh, that His judgement might be just, and every knee shall bow, and confess His judgement is true.

In the garden we find a battle between the flesh and the Son of God. The flesh cries to the Father; If it is possible, let this cup pass from me. But the Son adds, nevertheless, not my will, but as thou wilt.

How well He understood the

weakness of the flesh, when He found the disciples sleeping because of the weariness of their bodies. He said: could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and Pray, lest ye enter into temptation, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

No wonder the poets of all times have found it difficult to describe the grace and the love of God that has so freely been offered to mankind. Jesus knew His mission was one of great sorrow, trial, persecution and eventually the cross, but He loved us enough to go all the way, that He might Redeem us from the fall and free us from the curse, once and for all.

Much has been written about the resurrection of Christ. Great Anthems will fill the air on Easter Day, proclaiming to the world, faith in the Resurrection of Jesus. The world that is Christian, preach about it, sing about it and write about it. But few have felt the power of His Resurrection in their lives. Jesus taught His disciples that it was needful for them that He go away, for after He went to the Father, He would send them the comforter, the spirit of truth that would be in them, leading and guiding them into all truths and showing them things to come. The Holy Spirit would reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgement. Of sin because they believed not on me. Of righteousness because I go unto the Father and ye see me no more. Of judgement because the prince of this world is judged.

We who have obeyed the Restored Gospel, and believe every word Jesus taught to be vital to our salvation, I am sure that through the obedience to His word, we felt the power of His Resurrection in our lives, when we were buried with Him in baptism and risen to a new life, like unto His Resurrection. And a hope was put into our hearts of a glorious resurrection when the dead in Christ shall rise first and those who are alive shall be changed, and caught up to meet Him in the air, and there shall we ever be with the Lord.

Blessed and Holy is he who has part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no

power; But they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Christ a thousand years. Paul tells us he that hath this hope in Him purifies himself, even as He, Christ is pure.

As the disciples felt sad at heart their hopes all shattered as they watched their Lord on the night of His betrayal, the mockery of His trial and His crucifixion and burial. So is the soul in this world who is without hope. But when the news of the resurrection was told them, and He appeared unto them, their joy was full, and when the comforter was given, and the power of God made manifest, I Peter 1:8 tells us: "Whom having not seen, ye love, whom tho now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of Glory." So is the man or woman that is called in to the gospel, and who abides in the true vine.

As I get older I want to get a firmer grip, and go deeper with God. Ezekiel tells us there are waters to swim in, and the poet tells us to launch out into the deep and be lost in the fullness of God. I trust this Easter finds us all clothed with the righteousness of God, with our hearts filled with praise and thanksgiving for all He has done for us. And a prayer in our hearts for the lost in the world, for which He died, that we may see many souls born into His Kingdom and enter His rest. Jesus said: In the world ye shall have tribulation, but fear not for I have overcome the world.

So in a world of turmoil and strife, we have peace in our hearts, and an assurance in our souls that all is well. Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also. May God bless you all in my prayer. Sister in Christ, M. Heaps, South Gate, Calif.

"FORE!" "FORE!" calls the caddie as he warns others of approaching danger. Thus, the caddie who was busy all Sunday morning working his way around the course shouts "FORE!" "FORE!" to all of us who will

listen to his story.

Sunday afternoon he returned home to his wife in a tired and worried state.

"You look frightened," she said.

"Oh, there's nothing wrong with me," he replied.

"But you are worried. What is the trouble?" she pressed.

"Yes, I am worried about something I heard on the links this morning. I was caddying for some very important men, and I heard them talking about the dangers of Communism. They said if we weren't careful Communism would take over our government. I've been scared ever since."

"What is Communism?" his wife asked.

"I don't know," he said, "but the thing which scared me most was that these men seemed to be horrified at the thought that if Communism overcame our government, our churches would be closed."

How foolish these men were. Successful in business . . . and yet too stupid to see that their absence from the House of God on the Lord's Day, and their desecration of the Christian Sabbath on the Golf Links is the fastest way to close our churches. When you take your picnic, automobile ride, trip to the ball game, the movies or any other secular activity on the Lord's Day you are making your contribution toward closing our churches. **WHAT WE FEAR** communism will do by force, we are doing by our own **NEGLIGENCE**.

A Lord's Day observed as a sacred day and our churches filled with worshippers on the Sabbath is America's strongest defense against Communism.

Let us keep Communistic atheism from our shores and the doors of our churches open by remembering the command of God to **KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY**.

Lord's Day Alliance of Pennsylvania, 1505 Race St. Philadelphia.

"SIMILARITIES"

My first spiritual experience was such that while I was a good Church goer in one of the Protestant faiths, the Spirit of God overshadowed me one evening with a great power of conviction, revealing to me that I must repent and be baptized. I left the church that I was affiliated with and began to seek where God wanted me to be baptized, for by this experience

I felt that infant baptism was not acceptable to the Lord. In my quest for truth there came a time when I became greatly perplexed. This happened when I first became aware of the fact that several zealous denominations claimed to be the only ones having the Gospel or the truths of God. The rest they claimed had "other gospels." My mind however was set on one matter, as I continued my search for the truth of God, and that was that the people who were in every respect today as were the disciples of old were the true people of God. We read that Christ is "the same yesterday, today and forever." Why then should his people be different? We know also that God is an unchangeable being, for the Word of God abounds with declarations teaching this great truth. In Hebrews 6:17, Paul writes about the immutability or unchangeableness of God, and how the Lord himself by strong words endeavored to fully impress the Hebrew believers, the import of this great truth. They in that day had a hard time comprehending his unchangeableness, being that the law was done away. The truth of the matter is that the law was not actually done away, but rather that it was fulfilled in Christ. There did though come changes and additions at that time, but none of such a nature as to be contrary to former counsels and doctrines of Jehovah God. To many especially in Jewry, this does not seem so. To many others that have not accepted the Restored Gospel, many other truths are hard to understand and accept. For this purpose I have decided to write a few articles under the title of "Similarities", hoping that it might help clarify present day controversial issues.

We read that in the beginning God created man and placed him in the garden of Eden. We read further that he walked and talked with God, having this great privilege because of the fact that in nature he was like God. But the great transgression came, and the curse so that by Adam came death. By the second Adam which was Christ came life. Adam became the father of all living, in a natural sense, Christ the second Adam became the father of all living spiritually.

We read of the patriarch Abraham who at first was called

Abram, who by his deeds pleased God, receiving a promise of blessings so numerous that they would continue to flow down until the end of time. "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12: 2&3. Abram's trials and tests were not a few, and through them he came out victorious, at which time God changed his name. "As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name anymore be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee." Gen. 17: 4&5. History proves that thus far this man and his posterity which are oft called Hebrew, Jews and Israelites, did receive many great blessings from God Almighty. He also inherited the title from God's elect of "Abraham our father." This though was in a natural sense. Christ because of his divine nature became the father of all true Israelites, spiritually, "and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6. Paul writes that believers that were believers in deed were true Israelites. Therefore whoever believes in Jesus Christ even though he be not a Jew becomes an Israelite by adoption. During the time of the law there was a way made how that Gentiles could become a part of God's chosen, and after complying they became adopted sons. This process of adoption continues through Christ. Most Jews of today are unaware that God has chosen this manner to deal with his creatures. We invite the Jew to open his "Tenach" to the aforementioned verse which speaks of the Messiah, which they believe is yet to come. The verse begins "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," and further declares that he will be "The Mighty God." How clearly Christ and his coming was depicted by Isaiah, and still Jewry continues to reject this "Prince of Peace." We invite them also to read the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the book of Daniel. When they were thrown into the seven times hotter than usual furnace, they remained in it unharmed, and there appeared

with them a fourth," and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Daniel 3:25. Unmistakeably these scriptures spoke of the rejected Messiah who was born some 1954 years ago, who was Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of Israel.

The next similarity I wish to touch on is the deeds and what happened in the life of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brethren, and how they are similar to what took place in the life of our Lord and Saviour. Before I go further I would here like to add that John likened the light God's people had during the time of the law to the moon, and the light during the time of the gospel to the sun. The moon being as we are aware of the lesser light and the sun the greater. In all of these comparisons that we will discuss, those that that occurred before Christ were the lesser, and the ones since are the greater. The story of Joseph is a wonderful story, likened in many respects to the story of Jesus. Despised by his very own as was Jesus, sold for silver, tempted yet remained faithful. For his faithfulness and other favors that he done for Pharaoh, he was made Lord over all Egypt. This happened at a critical and needful time, when famine raged over all the world, Joseph's own family being in great danger of perishing. By God's help he became the saviour of Israel (In a natural sense). In his rule in Egypt his power was over all. What a striking parallel to Christ who had all power in heaven and in earth — except in the throne. I Cor. 15: 24-28. (Cont.) Martin Michalko, Coraopolis, Pa.

Rochester 9, New York

March 1, 1954

Dear Bro. Cadman:

It has been my desire to write you a few lines for a long time but due to the fact that I am unable to write in English this opportunity never was granted me.

Just recently I received a short experience which has prompted me to write to you and to relate it for prining in the Gospel News if you see fit. I have requested my son Paul to translate the experience and to type this letter for me to the Church Paper.

On Sunday Morning, February 21, 1954 while still in bed, I heard a voice which said, "Have you written anything for the Gospel

News?" I answered saying, "No." The voice then replied, "Why?" I then answered, "I have not written for the Gospel News because I cannot write in English, and even so, what is there for me to write?" The voice again replied, "Why don't you write about THE DUTIES OF THE WOMEN?"

In reading the Scriptures I find that the Apostle Paul speaks of this subject in 1st Timothy, Chapter 2, and again in Ephesians, Chapter 5. I do not know why this experience was given to me, but in reflecting upon the past years that my husband and I have spent in the Gospel, I can surely testify that I have tried to fulfill the teachings of the Word of God especially in cooperating with my husband all the time that he was away from home for the good of the Church. I never stopped or hindered him in any way, and today I rejoice along with the many who have come to the obedience of the Gospel through God's mercy and through his humble efforts.

May the Lord bless the Priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ and may we (the women) and especially the wives of our Elders make every effort to back up the work of God, and to give courage to those of our Brethren in the Ministry upon whom rests the greatest responsibility in this world: "THE SALVATION OF MEN AND WOMEN."

Your Sister In Christ,
Julia D'Amico

P.S. My husband, brother Ishmael D'Amico, is still in the same condition. In July of this year it will be five years since he has been speechless and paralyzed. May the good Lord give him and all of us the strength to endure till the end.

REMINDERS

Having occasion to peruse one of our Church Records to look up a matter, I observed the following which should be interesting to us all, and also to serve the purpose of bringing forcibly to our minds, our duties as Elders in Christ in these latter days.

In the January Conference of 1899, and under the Proposition of Spreading the Gospel, the following is recorded. A number of the

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EDITORIAL

At this season of the year we commemorate the resurrection of the Redeemer of the world, Jesus Christ. And, it is surely pleasing to our Heavenly Father that we do, that is, in as much as we remember Him in our hearts and souls, and not in commercial ways, as are carried on today. The supreme sacrifice on the cross, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the SIN of the world." (John 1-29) was made that all may be held responsible for their own sins, and not for Adams transgression in Eden. Hence, the resurrection of Christ will not profit the soul which will continue to transgress His will—and His will is made known to the inhabitants of the earth by those whom are His faithful servants. Let us all remember that God hates sin, and sin is the breaking of His law—so says His word.

One of the most urgent commands of the Saviour to His disciples was, to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Had the disciples not done so, they would have sinned and may not only lost their own souls, but the thousands of sinners in their day, would not of heard of the resurrected Christ, consequently would not of obeyed the gospel, or yielded to the will of the victorious Son of God, and would not have any hope of a resurrection in their souls. May I ask, what will the resurrection profit us today, if we abide not in His will?

The early disciples, though not having the conveniences of traveling as are today, yet they went everywhere in response to the command of their Master, preaching the Gospel in the midst of persecution, and adding to the fold converts by thousands, and in whose souls dwelt a bright hope of a resurrection by patiently suffering for righteousness sake, yea, their faithfulness conquered the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, in their weak-

ness were made strong, they were tortured not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection; May I ask, did they suffer for the resurrected Christ? Yes they did, they were stoned, they were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy;) Yea they suffered for righteousness sake: They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. Such were the lives of the primitive Saints of God. Yea, their hope in the Christ was such, that they did not only preach Christ, but the resurrecting Spirit of God in their souls caused them to die for Him when needs be.

Let us all ask ourselves the question, are we abiding in Jesus to the same extent while we commemorate this great Easter-Day? Are we keeping ourselves unspotted from this sinful world? Do we abhor the very appearance of Sin? Are we doing what we can to liberate the down trodden in sin? If NOT, how can a child of God be happy, and at the same time, not HELP others by preaching the Resurrected Christ to those who are crying out, Come over and help us; I worked for a man one time who asked his employees, myself included: DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

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brethren took part in, and Bro. Alexander Cherry urged that we have at least two brethren in the field constantly to preach the gospel. Bro. Wm. Cadman Sr. followed Brother Cherry in speaking. Brother Allen Wright was delegated to spend the next three months in the field as much as it was possible, and that he be compensated according the law of the Church. Apparently they were all in accord, for it is written, that the peace and blessing of God was present.

Under the same order of business in July Conference of 1900, a communication from the Lucyville Branch reminding the Church of what God had revealed to the Church, relative to carrying the Gospel to the Indian people, and of the revelation given—to take the Bible and Book of Mormon to them. A resolution was passed as follows. "That we do not consider ourselves safe in not mak-

ing greater efforts than we have done in the past in the spread of the Gospel—and that each Elder put forth greater efforts in the future than what has been done." And further: it was resolved, "that we do not consider our selves safe in not putting forth greater efforts in the work of carrying the gospel to the Indians."

P. S. I will say that I have been associated with this Church all my lifetime, it is nearing 60 years since I was baptized. The gospel was restored to be preached—rejected or accepted, and from what I read in the Book of Mormon, it is not SAFE to be living at ease in Zion, a woe is pronounced on such. Brother W. H.C.

OUR LIFE

We map our life out, some early in life, and others later, and some not at all—never a thought of the here-after, and are content with the things of this life.

During the short span of our life, we have hills to climb everywhere, and valleys to go through. We cannot walk through life on Mountain Peaks, there are winding roads, and dangerous paths. Psalms 23 says: Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Life is valuable to all, regardless of how we choose to live our own life; Christ gave His life for you and me, what have we to offer Him in return. We should give our whole life to the cause of Christ; we all must stand before the Bar of God, and be judged accordingly as we may have lived in this world. You can see that our life is very important, if not to others, it is to ourselves, and our families, and to God above all as to the kind of life we live. Job in 13-15 says: "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him." Trust in who? Your God and my God.

There is a hymn called "Life's Railway to Heaven," which says in part: "We must make the run successful from the cradle to the grave." Our aim is to gain a Spiritual Life, which means an Eternal Life beyond this vale of tears. Friends' Jesus never holds three strikes over you. We all make mistakes but Jesus will forgive us all of our mistakes, for instance, Peter made some mistakes, but he was sorry for them. Our

old brother Heaps use to say: "The mistakes of my life have been many, and the sins of my heart have been more." I apply them to myself, but I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. No one has to be a failure in this life, although some may look upon you as such, but don't give up. Learning is good if properly used, but we must have the love of God in our hearts.

Brother Oliver Lloyd.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Just 50 years ago, today,
The M.B.A. was started;
It's one intent ... to smooth
the way

For all the heavy hearted.

For Jesus said, so long ago,
'If by my side you tarry,
I'll take away the awful woe
That in your heart you carry.'

And so a group of stalwart saints,
Filled with the spirits glory,
Began to preach, without re-
straint,

That wonderful sweet story.

Of how a soul, all weighted
down,
With anger, sin or sorrow,
Must turn to Him, of great re-
nown

To find peace for the morrow.

And tho' the harvest thru the
years,

Has not met expectations,
We know that when the Lord ap-
pears,

He will convert all nations.

So we commemorate this day
To the unceasing labor,
Of those who hope and work and
pray,

And in the Lord, find favor.

Catherine Poma

CAMP RAEDER

Feb. 21, 1954

Brother Cadman, I am writing this letter to let you know that I feel as well as can be expected: thanks to our Lord. I hope and pray this will find you and your family all well. I am thankful for the charity and mercy of our God. He had toward me, in partaking of His grace through the Gospel in the Church of Jesus Christ. For I found peace and consolation in my heart in the days of my youth. Blessed be His high and Holy

Name, for truly I have found the knowledge of the true Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ, and His wonderful people.

In coming the first time from Italy in July 27, 1951, God's spirit did direct me to find His Church in September of the same year. I sincerely can say that when I entered it, I found a great blessing therein. God had compassion on me, and drew me with His Holy Spirit to obey His commands—and I ask to be baptized on Dec. 23, 1951. Thank God this day, that He gave me the opportunity to live and abide in the love of Jesus Christ, and He is always my comfort. I was only 18 years old when I obeyed the gospel, and my family was in Italy.

Eighteen months later, my father came from Italy and he was a member of the Evangelist Church in Italy; but when he saw the organization of this Church, and such a blessing in his heart, and witnessed the fidelity and love that was within the church, he mingled with members of the church, and asked God to give him faith and knowledge in His promises. He prayed continually and God answered his prayers and he was baptized in April 1953. I was in the Army at the time, and I surely was glad when I heard the news—I felt such a joy in my heart, that through his humility, God gave him the spirit of repentance to obey him.

Now brother Cadman, in the Army recently, I was stationed in Austria near to Italy, I had the privilege to visit my mother and sister, and the Evangelist Church where my father was a member when he was in Italy. I contacted them concerning the great Church of Jesus Christ that I had found. And how merciful God had been to my soul—in finding the true Gospel in these latter days. I mentioned the Book of Mormon, and the Minister was reading it. There was about fifty people altogether. Therefore, let us pray to our Mighty God of Israel, that through the Lord Jesus Christ, that the Holy Ghost will reveal the truth unto them. I am sure that if they put their faith in God, that He will illuminate their minds to understand the Book of Mormon. I say in sincerity of my heart, that the Spirit of God was there, and we enjoyed ourselves very much. May God bless them to fulfill His commandments.

Now, while I was visiting my

family there, I had a desire to see our brothers and sisters who live in the land of Italy—so in having a conversation with them, we truly rejoiced with them in the spirit of God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. They truly rejoiced in me visiting them, God blessed our souls—we sang a few hymns in Italian in offering praise to Him for giving us the opportunity to meet one another.

We have faithful people there, they are very poor in natural things. But they are always happy in, that they are the children of God in these latter days. Let us pray to our Heavenly Father that He will take care of His people in that part of the world, blessing them in the spirit, and with things necessary for their material comfort. Yea, that they may abide in the solid Rock, Christ Jesus and never fail. And too, through faith and humility, they may show other souls the true light of the Gospel of Christ, who gave Himself on Calvary's Cross for all the sins of the world. Praise His name that through the shedding of His blood: WE LIVE. I pray that he will draw all men unto Him—to worship Him with pure hearts.

Therefore, let us pray to God, that He may extend His hand of mercy unto us all, that we be faithful to the end of our lives, so at the determination of our lives, He will receive us in His glory with Jesus Christ for all Eternity. With best regards to you all, Bro. Michael Lasala, in Christ Jesus.

MONONGAHELA MINSTERAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS 'RETREAT'

Members of the Monongahela Ministerial Association held a retreat yesterday at Ghenne's Restaurant for the purpose of prayer, meditation, discussion and Christian fellowship. The retreat opened at 11 a.m. and concluded at 4 p.m. Being Monday the dining-room was not open for other business.

The morning session began with a period of concerted prayer directed by the president Dr. Leonard H. Hoover after which formal devotions were conducted by R. A. Unger, minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Donora. Dinner was served by the restaurant at 12 noon after which the men remained at table for the afternoon session. William P. Taylor, vice-president, presided for the afternoon session which consisted

of the presentation of the great themes of the Lenten period and attendant discussion.

The theme for the day, "A Message to Proclaim" was based on a book by James Stewart, a Scottish preacher, and entitled "A Faith to Proclaim." L. Glenn Hazel read a paper, "Proclaiming Forgiveness," Chester S. Bird, a paper, "Proclaiming the Cross," and D. Warren Campbell a paper, "Proclaiming the Resurrection." After each article there were a free discussion and exchange of ideas on the theme.

Present for the retreat were the Reverend Messrs. Hoover (Methodist), Hazel (Baptist), D. Warren Campbell (Presbyterian), Chester S. Bird (Grace Lutheran), William P. Taylor (First Christian), Moses Wright, Jr. (Bethel A.M.E.), James McMillan (Ebenezer Baptist), Henry Garland (Second Baptist), W. B. Parnell (Pigeon Creek Presbyterian), W. R. Stauffer, (His Full Gospel Mission), W. H. Cadman (Church of Jesus Christ), R. A. Unger (Donora Baptist), Harry Speakman (Edward's Chapel Methodist), Robert F. Richardson (Sunnyside Free Methodist) and Harry A. Lorber (River Hill Church of Christ). Conflicting appointments prevented several others from attending. The retreat was deeply appreciated by those who were in attendance.

(The Daily Republican)

Daniel — Chapter III, 25 Verse

He answered and said Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the son of God.

Proverbs—VIII Chapter, 22 Verse

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old.

BOOK OF MORMON

Mosiah—III Chapter, 5 Verse

Shall come down from Heaven.

Mosiah—VII Chapter, 27 Verse

Man was created after the image of God, and that God should come down among the children of man.

Mosiah—XV Chapter, 1 Verse

God himself shall come down.

III Nephi—IX Chapter, 15 Verse

I was with the Father from the beginning.

III Nephi—XIV Chapter, 9 Verse

Verily I say unto you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the

Lamanite.

Ether—III Chapter, 14 Verse

Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son.

Jesus, was with the Father from the beginning.

John —III Chapter, 13 Verse

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven.

John—III Chapter, 31 Verse

He that cometh from above is above all.

John—VI Chapter, 38 Verse

For I came down from heaven.

John—VI Chapter, 51 Verse -

I am the living bread which came down from heaven.

John—VI Chapter, 62 Verse

What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before.

John — VII Chapter 58 Verse

Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was I am.

Ephesians — X Chapter, 10 Verse

He that descended is the same also that ascended.

I Corinthians—XV Chapter, 47 Verse

The first man is of the earth, earthly: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

GENESIS — I Chapter, 26 Verse

And God said, Let us make man in our image.

GENESIS—XI Chapter, 7 Verse

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language.

GENESIS—VIII Chapter, 23 Verse

And Abraham drew near, and said Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked.

JOSHUA — V Chapter, 14 Verse

And he said Nay, but as captain of the host of the Lord.

MORTIFICATION

Think dear brothers and sisters how be it, this same evil we war against, if we lay down our cross and sword of truth will overcome us with the same strength of waring. Doth we war one day with our enemy, the next day lay down our instruments of waring? Will we not be overcome? For we being wedded to the life of our Lord do war against death, therefore death shall always desire us and remains to tempt us always — through this process of temptation, the Lord works with us that through our resistance against evil —soil is being continually created after our trials the spirit of the

Lord moves in—this is the process of mortification the apostle spoke of—That through our trials and works in giving up the things in this life, we are continually dying daily, that the will of God may reign in our members.

But now through these elements of death that are created in us, the Lord uses these elements as small empty vessels to fill with the spirit of life. How can they be filled with the spirit of the living God, if we do not seek to slay these earthly spirits of the flesh—that live in us by force through habits. For they are a part of us living by the spirits of the flesh, which is earthly. For we as the new inward man in spirit are—the outward man by our old nature, must perish through mortification. As the apostle Paul says: Who shall deliver me from this body of death, for when I seek to do good, evil is present to persuade me in mind as negative influence, not to do it. Thus Paul's recognition of evil and good in His wisdom.

When Paul sought to do good, he could not escape the reflections of the objective mind, or the negative side of things, written in the earthly elements of the flesh. Wo unto us, should we after being wedded to the life of our Lord, leave death, or this evil power entice us to lay in adultery, spending all our virtue, our life's substance of our spiritual youth. For where two unite together, they have heat.

To be mocked by our weakness, to spend an eternity in that awful hell spoken of in the Book of Mormon, locked out of His glorious Kingdom, forever burning with an awful weakness, regrets, and shame, God forbid, let us run this race fighting the good fight through our obedience to the restored gospel. Love one-another, for love conquereth all enemies.

Bro. Ishmael Humphrey

ARE YOU AT EASE IN ZION?

"For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stired up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger, and perish."

This is a quotation from the Second Book of Nephi, which is bearing on our day. Just another way of saying that the Gospel must be preached, is it not?

PRAYER ROOM FOR CONGRESS

The House of Representatives has passed a resolution calling for a special room in the Capitol to be set aside as a place of prayer and meditation for all lawmakers.

According to the resolution no denominational altars will be set up nor will formal religious services be held in the room. It will simply be a place where the legislators can come for a quiet moment of prayer and spiritual refreshment when they feel the need.

The idea is praiseworthy. The decisions our congressmen must make are weighty and it must often be difficult for them to decide what course to follow. It is understandable that they should seek for Divine guidance and should want a spot where they can find sanctuary from the turmoil of politics and partisan strife.

The idea of retiring from the busy world for a moment and seeking the comfort of a brief prayer might prove valuable to everyone. It would not be necessary to go off to a special room. It takes only a moment to murmur "God help me," or "God be with me."

These are fast-moving, confusing times. A few moments spent in prayer and meditation can amount to a renewal of spiritual energy and physical calm.

Men who turn their eyes to God find their burdens easier to bear.

We go this way but once, O heart of mine,

So why not make the journey well worth while,

Giving to those who travel on with us

A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile?

We go this way but once. Ah, never more

Can we go back along the self-same way,

To get more out of life, undo the wrongs,

Or speak love's words we knew but did not say.

We go this way but once. Then let us make

The road we travel blossomy and sweet

With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words,

Smoothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet.

Author Unknown

RENO, NEVADA
FEB. 9, 1954

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am writing to thank you, and the M.B.A. for making it possible for me and the other boys of our Church in the service to receive the Gospel News. It is a wonderful spiritual uplift to read the experiences and teachings of our brothers and sisters. Although I attend services here as often as my different shifts allow me, they just don't leave me with the same feeling as our own services do at home. As I close,

I ask you all to pray for me to live in God's way, and be a good example to my fellow Airmen. Very truly yours, Fred Olexa.

MRS. JOSEPHINE TRUPIANO

Sister Josephine Trupiano, one of our faithful sisters of Branch No. 3 of Detroit has passed on to meet her maker. She has been a member of The Church of Jesus Christ since 1939, having been baptized in June of that year. She was born on April 24, 1897, and departed this life on February 1, 1954.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Fred D'Amico. We extend our sympathy to all who knew our Sister. We all will miss her. Sincerely,

MRS. MARIA ALEXANDER —
PASSES ON

Sister Maria Alexander 85, former resident of West Aliquippa, Pa., died at the home of her son at Mt. Carmel, Pa., Feb. 5, 1954. She was born in Italy, on September 5, 1868 and was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Surviving her are two sons, two daughters, eleven grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren, and one sister.

Funeral service was held on Monday Feb. 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church at West Aliquippa, with Elder John Ross in charge, assisted by A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio. We extend sympathy to the loved ones.

THOMAS-JONES NUPTIALS

Miss Kathryn Thomas, the daughter of John A. Thomas of R. D. 1 Vanderbilt, Pa., and David Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of South Connellsville, Pa., were united in mar-

riage on Nov. 26, 1953 at the Church of Jesus Christ at Bethelboro, near Uniontown, Pa.

The ceremony was performed by Elder Oron Thomas, grandfather of the bride in a single ring service. The altar was decorated with palms and ferns, etc., and a candlelight service.

The bride was given away by her father, her maid of honor was Carolyn Hilms of South Connellsville; 'Chuck' Morris of Grindstone, Pa., served as best man. The bride was a graduate of the Dunbar Twp. High School with the Class of 1952—the groom is serving in the U. S. Army. The bride is of the fifth generation of the deceased Solomon King. A reception was held at the bride's home, with a host of friends attending. Best wishes to the young couple.

COLAGIOVANNI-SKILES
NUPTIALS

Miss Anita Margaret Colagiovanni, daughter of Mrs. Rose Colagiovanni and the late Domenick Colagiovanni, residents of this city, (Monongahela), was united in marriage with Earl A. Skiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Skiles, of Fayette City R. D. 1 on Saturday afternoon, January 16, at 5:30 o'clock.

The double-ring ceremony was performed in the home of James Campbell, an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Miss Virginia Gagliardi, cousin of the bride was maid of honor, while the best man for the groom was Francis McKevitt of Fayette City, a life-long friend of the groom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride with approximately 60 relatives and friends present. Guests were in attendance from Belle Vernon, New Eagle, Donora, Fayette City and Monongahela.

The young couple then left on a honeymoon trip, which took them into West Virginia and Ohio. They are now at their newly-furnished home at 101 Factory St. this city. The bride is a granddaughter of our late brother and sister Surrace, and a great-granddaughter of sister Mary Scrave of this city. She is also a graduate of the Monongahela High School, Class of 1949, and also attended the Douglas Business College of Charleroi. The groom is employed by the U. S. Steel at Clairton. The Gospel News extends congratulations to the young couple.

CHURCH COUNCIL ASSAILS COLOMBIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 — The National Council of Churches today condemned what it called the "unjust and distressing" treatment of Protestants in the heavily Roman Catholic country of Colombia.

The situation in the South American Country, the council said, involved "loss of life and property, false accusations and restrictions" of Protestant ministry.

The council represents 30 Protestants and Orthodox denominations with 35 million members.

NEWS LETTER

A letter from Sister Piccuito of California asking me to change their address back to Painesville, Ohio again. They went to Calif. not very long ago, but evidently returning to their old home in Ohio. Their new address is 1758 W. Jackson St.

A card has been received from Bro. Paul Love this day, Feb. 24, 1954 of Fredonia, Pa., who is recuperating at Orange City, Fla. Paul has been poorly for some time, and at this writing he does not seem to be improving any. We hope his health will soon be restored to him.

A few lines from Sister Faragasso of Miami, Fla. She says: "I am sending this money for the renewal of my Gospel News, for it is sure a blessing to receive. It keeps me in touch with our brothers and sisters of the Church, and it is a joy to see how our church-work goes on. I thank God for all good things."

A letter written in India on January 5, 1954 by a Bishop N. K. Panchal was received by me this day March 2nd. He is enquiring as to when our next annual Assembly of the church will be held. He wants to attend. I do not know how he got in touch with us. However I am sending him this day, an Air Mail letter giving him the information he asks for. Well, if the Bishop is so much interested to come all the way from far off India to visit us, we will make him welcome. In Rev. 14-6, 7 it is written: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgement is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water." — A woe is pronounced upon him that is at ease in Zion. (WHC).

On Friday, February 12, 1954, we held our regular M.B.A. Meeting. As the brothers and sisters came in, we noticed many of the members of Branch No. 3 among us. We were soon informed that the M.B.A. of Branch No. 3 had voted to surprise our M.B.A. by all of them coming over to our branch for their meeting. We were certainly all surprised and happy to meet with them. Our teachers turned their classes over to their teachers. An enjoyable time was had by all, and we hope to reciprocate some day soon. Detroit No. 1.

ITALIAN PROTESTANTS WIN COURT VICTORY

ROME (RNS)—Italy's Supreme Court ruled here that police decrees dating back to Fascist days which restrict freedom of worship were "automatically abrogated" by adoption of the new Constitution in 1948, which contains religious freedom guarantees.

The decision was hailed by Protestant leaders in Italy who had been seeking a definitive ruling to prevent local police officials in various parts of the country from invoking the old regulations to prevent non-Catholic religious gatherings. (Good News Broadcaster).

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY BIG PROBLEM SAYS FBI CHIEF BY J. EDGAR HOOVER

Washington—Juvenile delinquency is today one of America's most pressing problems.

The time has come for a national awakening to the seriousness of the danger. Too often juvenile crime is regarded as some thing minor. A 15-year-old bank robber, a 12-year-old car thief, a 10-year old burglar—these are hard for many Americans to believe. Yet day after day these youngsters are wreaking great damage to society.

Of over one million arrests reported by 232 cities over 25,000 in population last year, 7.8 per cent were of persons who had not yet reached their 18th birthday.

Moreover, this group accounted for 19.4 per cent of all arrests for robbery, 36.9 for larceny, 47.8 for burglary and 52.6 for auto theft.

This is indeed a story of misery, unhappiness and corrupted lives.

Juvenile delinquency is a reflection of the moral tone of the nation. Young people can't be expected to behave if their elders don't. A society which produces a high incidence of divorces, broken homes, illegitimate births and adult crime creates juvenile misbehavior. Remedial action can only come from a renewal of civic responsibility.

This responsibility must start in the home. There is no alternative.

Time after time, in studying juvenile offenders, I have noted the utter lack of interest of some parents in their youngsters. They have been too busy, too concerned with other activities, or simply didn't care. The children were deprived of that love, loyalty and companionship which can only come from a father and mother. All too often they were forced to seek values in life outside the home and drifted into crime.

The home must be returned to its rightful place as the center of family life.

Far too many American homes have become substitute hotels, restaurants and waiting rooms. True home life means a place of learning as well as a place of living where the fundamental lessons of moral conduct and spiritual guidance are taught and above all where a good example is set. This environment inculcates principles of good citizenship which will guide the young child for years to come.

The other institutions of society—the church, school, civic organizations, law enforcement, must help in combatting the ravages of juvenile crime.

Juvenile delinquency can be reduced if every right-minded citizen will do his share. Boys and girls are not inherently bad. They need the help of adults. This is today the challenge of our free society.

Only by saving our youth can we make our future secure.

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MOTHERS DAY

Go to your church on Sunday,
And let us sing and pray,
In honor of that dear old pal,
For that is Mothers Day.
Don't leave her grieve and worry,
When she is old and gray,
She may not be with us
On next Mothers Day.

Go to sleep my little one,
And close your little eyes—
That is the song that mother sang

In those days long gone by.
She would pick us up so tenderly,

Then lay us down to sleep,
And in her prayers
She would ask the Lord
Our tender souls to keep.
Now don't forget dear mother
On this bright day in May,
Fill her heart with gladness,
For this is Mothers Day.

By Fredrick Sievern

HOW OFTEN IN THE PAST, WE HAVE SUNG THESE LINES

Hark! the voice of Jesus calling,

"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white the harvests waiting;

Who will bear the sheaves away?"

Loud and long the Master calleth
Rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer gladly, saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,

You can help them at your door.
If you cannot give your thousands,

You can give the widow's mite;
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,

And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,

Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly, when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

P. S. We should never sing

these lines as though they read:
Here am I, but send someone else.—Isaiah did not write them that way.

WHAT A LATTER DAY SAINT GIRL SHOULD DO

By Ethel Gohun

There are many ways in which a Latter Day Saint girl may do good in the community, but her first duty is to live so that she will gain the respect and friendship of her neighbors and all those with whom she comes in contact. She should be in her place in church service and Sunday school, and other church meetings whenever it is possible, and be willing to help in any way she can. She should be honest, and careful of her conduct, so that no reproach may come upon the church through her. She should remember that her church will be judged by the actions and lives of all its members.

A Latter Day Saint girl should be willing not only to help at church, but to take her place in the social life of the community, doing anything she can for any good cause. She should show that she is for temperance, and be unafraid to stand up for that which she considers right. If her companions use bad language, or tobacco, tactfully she can let them know by her conversation and conduct that those things are not a help to any community.

Especially should she be sure that her habits and ways of living are clean. Each day she should strive to be a Christian example to her associates, and in doing this it is well to remember the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Editor's Note: This article was read by its thirteen-year-old author before a young people's meeting. It was sent to the Herald by James McLean, president of Dundal (Ontario) Branch.

CHRIST, THE HEAD OF THE HOME

If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold, (Luke 19:8). Read Luke 19:1-10.

From an orchard an eight-year-old boy had taken some apples. A

few days later he learned the meaning of love and saving power of Christ. Then he desired to go to the owner of the orchard, confess what he had done, and offer to pay for the stolen apples. His widowed mother encouraged him. She said, "I'll go with you."

With his entire savings of 25c in hand, mother and son went to the farmhouse. In answer to the boy's knock, an old lady opened the door. With fear and trembling, the lad told his story and his purpose in coming. He held out his little hand, with all his savings lying upon the palm.

This act melted the heart of the aged lady. She sobbed, "Oh, if only I had what you have!"

At this point the lad's mother stepped in and suggested that all three kneel and pray. The woman gave her heart to the Lord. In her joy, she arose and said to the boy, "Take all the apples you want. You have brought me something worth far more than anything I have ever possessed." From The Upper Room. Nashville, Tenn. by permission.

FROM AFRICA

Monongahela, Pa.
April 1, 1954

I have had several interesting letters from Mrs. Atim Dick of Nigeria, Africa, and I want to pass it on to others especially to the Sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle. Mrs. Dick is a very talented woman. She is a teacher in one of their Religious Schools and teaches the following subjects: Religion, English, Arithmetic, Knowledge, Efik Reading, Composition, Hygiene, History, Geography, Handwork and Manner, etc. She also is the National Secretary in the Executive Mission Board and they have what they call a Women's Conference which they hold monthly and their work has helped to maintain their schools and their ministers. She desired of me to send her the law and order book of the Ladies Uplift Circle, which I did. I think she received it just before this monthly assembly, for in the minutes of their meeting they have changed their name of Women Monthly Assembly to the Ladies Monthly Uplift Circle and Ladies General Conference to be held six times yearly

and their purpose is to "help our ministers since they have no pay and help the orphans and widows, and to promote our work and let it grow to all nations, to build the broken stations, to educate those children who agree with us and to teach them the truth and do the same as our sisters did in America." I am sorry I cannot write all the minutes of their meetings. But I will write a few words. I wish you all everywhere had the privilege to read the letters we have received from Africa. Strange how God has worked, but He moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. After they opened their meeting with singing and prayer, one sister gave a talk on the life of John the Baptist, then another spoke on Elijah and his experience in proving the great God, and after quite a talk her last words were found in Hebrews 1 chap.- last part of the first verse, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us," referring also to Mrs. Dick as an example of enduring patience. She has just buried her little child and she has not given up her work to her sorrow but has been given the hope that He who gave has taken back and will give again.

This meeting was held at Idombi and it must have been a distance away, for she traveled by canoe. Fifty-two churches were represented. The roll call was 52 ladies one from each of the churches. The President brought this matter forward in their meeting (quote) Sisters, This is important, you see most of us attend the meeting late because of long distance. I approved this to be done let us make an appeal to the monthly convention and the Founders Board that they should help us with six bicycles, and we will get 13 bicycles and use them to visit our churches and teach them the truth. Let this appeal also pass to the President Elder Udom. We cannot say too much but when Bros. Cadman and Bittinger will come they will witness the distance of our churches from one place to other and we cannot travel footed — see mostly they with child; and if the Love of God will be in you all to send to us this need of request we can use it too in one bicycle). They also request the Ladies Circle of America to help them by buying five bicycles for them. Now I would just say these people have adopted us as parents even before

we have adopted them. Now they are going to make it a matter of prayer and send it as an appeal to the Headquarters in Monongahela, Pa., to send one lady to come and work with them. Who will go? They also express their thankfulness and (quote) are glad and willing to worship the Lord Our God with you people in the true way and manner. Therefore, we beg all of you to stand with us and not to leave us although we are ten million of miles away but in the true Love and the Spirit of God we are here with all of you. We Sisters in Christ beg you all to help us with five bicycles so that we may be able to use it in travel to attend our meetings at any station. It may be held if it is impossible to send bicycles because of custom duty you can send us \$175.00 which is the cost of five bicycles. We believe our request will be granted. (end of quote). This is just a part of the interesting letters received. She also said if she could get permission from the government she was sending me some articles made by her students. It takes 10 days for an air mail letter to reach here and any other mail longer. Now I will try and write a few lines to the Gospel News again to let you know of the work over there. May the Lord bless and direct His Church in this work.

Sister Sadie Cadman

BY. V. J. LOVALVO
NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.

Throughout the ages of time, God has used men and women in various capacities to fulfill His designs. Some were used spiritually, such as Abraham, Samuel, Moses, etc; some were used for their natural strength, such as Samson, Moroni (the captain of the Nephite armies), some for their wisdom, as Solomon, Mosiah (on this land) and some even for their natural abilities, peculiar to their vocation in life, such as the masons, goldsmiths, carpenters, etc. who gave of their talent especially in building the Temple in the days of Solomon.

God has always blessed men who would be willing to give their best to Him, whether in a spiritual sense or of their natural abilities.

Today, in the Church, we have men of special talents whom God has blessed because they have been willing to impart of their talent without question, and have

sacrificed time, labor, and even finance to further the work of God here below.

In writing this article I wish to compliment a brother for his efforts in the Church, while he is still living, to show him that the Church has appreciated his work very much, and also that the reader of this paper might become acquainted with this brother through this article.

The brother I have in mind is Emil Carlini of Detroit, Michigan, and member of branch No. 2 in Detroit.

Brother Carlini came from Italy in 1913 at the age of 19 years, and among his many accomplishments he became an artist in the plastering trade. Little did he think that one day he would be using this talent in The Church Of Jesus Christ. But God who knows all often shapes our life as a potter does the clay.

When Brother Carlini was 36 years old; he met the Church and allowed the Church to hold meetings in his home for one year; at the end of which he was baptized.

Brother Carlini has received many wonderful blessings of God, many dreams and visions which have fortified him in the Gospel, and he has always had a willing heart to help his bretheren in all that laid in his power.

As he grew in the Church, God gave him many opportunities to do good which he readily did, however; in 1939 when Detroit Branch No. 2 was thinking of erecting a building certain misunderstandings arose which caused Brother Carlini to decide against helping the Branch to build a church. Nevertheless, the Lord gave him a dream which I quote—"I dreamed I was at Detroit Branch No. 1. The Church was full of people. Brother Furnier and others were preaching of Mary at the Tomb. I was meditating on the sermon, when a personage in white came through the air. I remember seeing Brothers Wm. Cadman, the late Robert Robert Anderson, Joseph Dulisse, and Ishmaele D'amico. The personage addressed me—"Brother Emil, you're going to die" I replied "Why?" He said "Are you sorry you are going to die? You were supposed to die twenty years ago in the first World War, when the shell exploded and many died while you were in the trench at the front." I replied "Give me another chance because I want to help build the Church at the West

Side (Detroit No. 2)." All the Apostles present said "Amen." The personage replied, "If you will help build the Church I will give you fifteen or twenty more years of life." I said, "All right" and removing my coat I turned to Brother Dulisse and said, "I'll help you build the Church." Everyone again said, "Amen." Then I awoke."

Brother Carlini then put forth all his effort to help build the West Side Church and certainly done a wonderful job.

I understand that he made a promise to God that he would help plaster any Church that would be erected anywhere if his help was requested.

Following is a dream he had before helping to build and plaster the Church at Detroit-Branch No. 4.

"In my dream I was driving on Chicago Blvd. and before coming to the Church Site my car started to go backward instead of forward. The day began to also grow darker by degrees. I thought my car was backing into a dark valley. I started to cry unto the Lord for help. After I called to God I found myself in front of the Church where I saw the Lord. I cried, 'Lord, Lord, help me' He replied, 'Look at your brothers; they are all sleeping and the work isn't going ahead' I replied, 'Lord, help me and I will help finish the building.' I awakened the brothers and started to work on the building. Then I awoke."

Branch No. 4 at Detroit is certainly a wonderful structure dedicated to the Worship of the Almighty and Brother Carlini's work will stand as a memorial for many years to come. He has also plastered the Churches at Detroit Branch No. 3, Lorain, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, San Diego, California and Los Angeles, California.

Here is his experience before going to San Diego, California.

"I dreamed I was in a big pond and I had on a white uniform. There was a large woman with me, and a little boy also, who appeared to be about four years old. He was a beautiful child. I was washing this child and playing with him. The woman said to, 'Brother Emil, go down to edge of the sea where there is a man waiting for you, Follow Him.' I went as commanded and

when I reached the man he said, 'I need help' I replied, 'The woman told me someone was waiting for me here.' The man said, 'You are the one, Follow me.' I followed this man over mountains and valleys until we came to a mountain with the letter 'S' on it. There I met Brother Lombardo of San Diego, California. He said, 'Brother Emil I've been waiting for you. Let's go down to the Church.' I said, 'Where's the Church?' He replied, 'Follow me.'

When we arrived at the Church I saw our late Bro. Patsy Di Battista working on the roof. I went on top of the roof also and Brother Patsy said, 'Brother Emil, help me finish the Church; that's what I'm here for.' He kissed me and then I awoke." It seems wonderfully strange as I write this that the day would come when Church buildings would be erected on the West Coast to the glory of God. Yet here we are through the Grace of God endeavoring to promulgate the Gospel and already have two buildings—One in San Diego and one almost finished in Los Angeles.

Brother Carlini has been blessed with health and strength and he certainly has applied this strength to the glory of God.

He had a wonderful experience before coming to Los Angeles, to help plaster the Church Building. I quote the following. (This is not a dream).

I was eating supper at my son's house and afterwards I was playing with my grandchildren and also watching Television. The program was so interesting that I didn't care to leave until the end of the program. Suddenly I heard brother James Heaps' voice telling me to go home. I heard his voice twice saying, "Go Home." Immediately I put on my coat and went home. As soon as I reached home I looked for Brother Heaps, as I really thought he would be there. But I didn't find anyone. I then warmed a little coffee when suddenly the phone rang, and when I answered it I heard Bro. Heaps' voice from Los Angeles, California. When I heard his voice I became almost speechless with excitement. He told me that they would be ready for me to plaster the Church in two weeks. I told him that in two weeks Brother Joseph Straccia and I would be there."

Brother Carlini and Straccia came as planned and did a beautiful job of plastering inside and outside of the Church Building.

I am sure that Brother Emil has saved, the various Churches he has plastered, several hundreds of dollars, plus the fact that the work has been done by one of our own members.

I wish also at this time to pay due compliment to Brother Joseph Straccia who has helped Brother Carlini plaster all but two of the aforementioned Churches.

Brother Straccia also came from Italy in 1921, and while a young man of twenty-five years old, met The Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized shortly afterwards. He is a plasterer also of no mean ability and often I have marveled at the strength and endurance of the two brothers. I heard him relate a dream which I shall write.

"I dreamed I was on a train which was engineered by Bro. Emil Carlini. After traveling many miles he stopped the train, and after asking him why he had stopped the train he said, 'I'm waiting for another train to come by and when the tracks are clear we'll continue on.' At the end of the dream I found myself in California. I got off the train and began to walk, beholding many mountains. I climbed one of the mountains and I saw an old house. I entered the house and sat down. I noticed there was no plaster on the walls. I began to meditate thinking, 'I'll put on the Rock Laths and plaster this house—and then I awoke.'"

These two Brothers have given up their vacation periods to help plaster the various Churches and have never wanted to be recompensed financially for their work. I am sure God will continue to bless them abundantly for their kindness.

It is a blessing indeed to give freely of whatever skill or talent God has endowed with; whether it is spiritually or naturally.

Whatsoever we do for the church will be rewarded of God a hundred fold, providing it is done with all the heart.

May God bless Brothers Carlini and Straccia with a long life of health and happiness and may they continue to be blessing to the Church for many, many, years to come.

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EDITORIAL

To the readers of the Gospel News relative to our contemplated trip to Nigeria, West Africa.

We made application through the British Passport Control Office in New York City for a visa to Nigeria, B. W. Africa. We received no reply until February 1, 1954, and that was, we were denied a visa to Nigeria, without any explanation whatever. We thought that very strange.

I wrote a letter to the State Dept., in Washington, and one to the American Consulate in Lagos, Nigeria, and one to the British Authorities in Nigeria, but to no avail—also made two or three phone calls to N. Y. I sent a cablegram to Rev. Dick in Nigeria. He, later informed me that the law there required a deposit to be made by them which would be returned on the day that we would leave Nigeria. Rev. Dick and his people apparently were not in a position to make the deposit. We finally sent money to Nigeria to make the deposit, with a promise that a visa would be forthcoming, and the deposit is to be returned to us on the day we leave there for home. At this present date March 26, 1954 we are waiting for a visa, and if no other complications set in, we should get started to Africa sometime in April. I understand that the "wet season" sets in sometime in July in that country.

This delay has been rather discouraging to us, and I will add, very discouraging to the folks in Africa. However, it is to be hoped that we have surmounted the difficulty, and receive a visa in order to visit Rev. Dick and his group of people, who have become interested in this church. The last word I had from Bro. Dick, he ask us not to disappoint them by postponing the trip longer. So by the time you read this, and if nothing further happens to delay us, we may be in Africa by the time this paper reaches you. He says (Mr. Dick) their 52 churches are praying for us.

Editor.

BY BRO. JOSEPH BITTINGER

The church like all successful organizations must have an able and competent executive body in order to function properly, lacking this it becomes deficient and ineffective. The church of Jesus Christ was instituted by Jesus himself, around a core of twelve Apostles, selected by Him from the various occupations of that time. They were not highly educated nor were they of the levitical priesthood, yet Jesus saw their virtues and qualifications were sufficient to make of them that higher order, which He had come to effect, for Jesus was a high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. Jesus had come to bring an end to that imperfect order, the Levitical priesthood, that which He instituted being the perfect and everlasting order. For through Him, all those who observed the Law and order, previous to His coming, would be perfected. The establishment of His church was to bring salvation to all mankind by observing all thing whatsoever He had commanded them. Thus the church being the vehicle set in motion, it is imperative that He selected men who would be able to guide its course, and exercise its great power, and be able to keep them selves under control—for this is no small matter; How easy it is for men to become exalted, and to be lifted up in pride, especially among those whom God has so abundantly blessed and prospered. All down through the ages of time, we read of men who were great and mighty, and do many great and marvelous things through the power of God. Then we read where many of these same men became disobedient, gave commands of their own rather than those of the the Lord, became exalted and corrupt, hence their degeneration and downfall. We see Judas betray and sell the Saviour for thirty pieces of Silver, then finding himself condemned, goes and hangs himself. It was he who the Saviour referred to when He said He had chosen Twelve and one is a Devil. And during His trial and crucifixion they all forsook Him. Then we find the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, Simon Peter said I go a fishing. They say unto him, we also go with thee. And no doubt after fishing all night and catching nothing they were feeling discouraged, when the morning came, and they saw a man stand-

ing on the shore, who said unto them children do you have any meat? They answered Him, no. And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find—and when they had obeyed, they were not able to draw it for the great multitude of fishes. Then they discover it is the Lord, Simon Peter who was first to say I go a fishing, now is the first to desert his brethern, he girts his fisher's coat unto himself, and casts himself into the sea that he may be first to meet the Lord, leaving the others to bring the little ship to shore and dragging the net full of great fishes. When they landed they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid there on, and bread. And Jesus said unto them come and dine, and He gave unto them bread and fish. And none of the disciples dare ask him, who art thou? Knowing it was the Lord. This is the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after he was risen from the dead. He admonishes Peter by asking him three times, calling him by name: Simon Peter, son of Jonas, Lovest thou me more than these? He said unto Him, yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He said unto him, Feed my sheep. Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me. Remember it was this same Peter that said, Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God, Jesus saith unto him, flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven. It was also to him that Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven: With the charge that whatsoever he would loose on earth should be loosed in heaven and whatsoever he would bind on earth would be bound in heaven. At the transfiguration it was Peter who said, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles: one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias. These seem to be some of the more out standing experiences of Peter previous to death of Christ. He had been destined to become a leader or spokesman of the church, what he said or done had its effect upon the other disciples to a considerable degree. Little wonder the Lord felt it to be necessary to impress upon him the great responsibility, and obligation of his duty.

On another occasion after the

resurrection when Christ appeared unto them and they were terrified and frightened, and He said unto them, why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? then he showed them His hands and feet, then said it is I myself: then He invites them to handle Him, that He might convince them that it was He Himself, and not a spirit as they had supposed, also He ate fish and honeycomb with them. Then He opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, He draws their attention to that which is written, St. Luke 24,46-47. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: He then tells them to tarry at Jerusalem, until they would receive this promise, the Holy Ghost, He then leads them out as far as Bethany, lifts up His hands and blessed them, and while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and was carried up into heaven, And they worshipped Him.

The apostles return to Jerusalem, to the upper room, where we find a number of women also present, including, Mary the mother of Jesus, they engage in prayer and supplication being in one accord, they are now confronted with problem of choosing one to take the place of Judas. They having two brethren who were faithful followers of the Lord they prayed unto the Lord. He who knows the hearts of all men, that they would choose one, and the lot fell upon Matthias: and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared upon them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. Acts, 1-4. they had now been transformed spiritually, they no longer feared men, or persecution, or even death, but rather they had become fearless, dynamic, oracles in the service of God, now they were capable of the great responsibility that had fallen so suddenly upon them, thus Peter arises in defence of what has just happened to the followers of the Lord, and tells

them that this had been spoken of by the prophet Joel. For the multitude was amazed and marvelled at what they saw and heard, for a strange thing had happened indeed. But others mocking said they are full of new wine, but Peter the fisherman had now become the fisherman of men and was now beginning to cast the net and he was casting it on the right side this time, and many that had been able to elude, and escape before, now found themselves caught and unable to escape as Peter drew the net around them, so they began to cry for mercy, saying 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. Then they that gladly received the word were baptized, and were the same day added unto them about three thousand souls.

BERKELEY, CALIF.

Dear Editor,

The Gospel News is an ideal way to keep in touch with the folks of the Church. Perhaps the readers would be interested in our short stay in California. We left Rochester in November and moved to Berkeley. It is located just across the bay from San Francisco. The city is clean and quite prosperous. The winters are mild and sunny and we are told the summers are cool.

Leaving our family and the brothers, sisters and friends in Rochester was difficult especially since we knew no one in Berkeley. But God did not leave us alone. We soon learned that two couples from church were living close by. Brother Tullio LaCivita from Detroit is stationed in San Francisco. He and his wife Santina live about 15 miles from us. Brother Joe Campagna and his family formerly of Detroit are now living in So. San Francisco.

The mission in Modesto welcomed us in their midst, but with a new baby we were not able to travel often, so every Sunday and Friday night we two or three couples got together in our homes. On Sundays we have Bible study and on Friday nights we read from Faith and Doctrine. It has been time well spent and we shall long remember these meetings. We have also been fortunate to have brothers Mark Randy and Joe Lo-

valvo come with a few members from Modesto to hold services in Berkeley. At such time we rent a room at the Y.M.C.A.

The Modesto mission is increasing its membership, and enjoying the blessings of God. Sunday we took our infant daughter there to be blessed. Brother Alma Cadman was visiting there for a few days. We had a enjoyable day and it made me think how true are the words "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian live."

Your sister in Christ,
Antoinette Marinetti

SCHOOLS ASK SURPLUS FOOD

Pittsburgh Post Gazette,
March 10, 1954

The principal of two city elementary schools yesterday appealed to the county commissioners for surplus food from the Federal Government for students who can't come to school regularly because of lack of food.

In a letter to the commission, M. F. Kerschbaumer, principal of Columbus and Daniel Webster Schools, said many students in the Northside schools come from blighted areas and are "underprivileged and needy."

"I have, in the past," Mr. Kerschbaumer said, "been able to get clothing and food materials for students in emergency need. But many of them come to school all day without food unless we supply it."

The commissioners gave Mr. Kerschbaumer's letter to County Purchasing Agent Michael Donohue, who heads the surplus food program.

Editors Note:—I was surprised to read this article from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette this day.—A city that is spending, might I say, millions of dollars—tearing down and building up, irrespective of the burden which unborn generations will, no doubt, have to bear. And according to Mr. Kerschbaumer's letter, students are staying away from school for the want of something to eat. It does not seem hardly possible, yet it appears in the Post Gazette so near to home.

From what we read in the press, and of which so much is said about it on radio and television, the Government Store-Houses are filled to overflowing, and yet people are allowed to go hungry. Is it not a shame on this great nation? Are not these conditions suggestive of what is likely at

the root of communism in this fair land of ours? Mr. Benson along with others may not be responsible for our store-house doors being closed, — But what about the United States Congress? Is our great body of legislators lacking in power to order our store-houses opened, and our own hungry be fed? I listened once to the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan (now deceased) speaking on the Chautauqua Platform. He told his audience that we had the best system of government there was on earth, but, he warned his audience, that our government is no better than what we make it.

The late Rev. Peter Marshall, and chaplain of the U. S. Senate, in the book written by his wife titled, "A Man Called Peter" is quoted as follows: "Our standard of values is out of focus. We boast that many of our national leaders came out of country schools. Yet the average country school teacher makes \$1,500 a year, while we pay Big League baseball players \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year. Again, no nation on earth has more laws, and yet more lawlessness than this nation." Rev. Marshall says: "There is something wrong with a standard of values that gives a radio comedian a million dollars and a high school teacher two thousand. The reward is greater for making people laugh than it is for making people think." May I ask: What are we coming to, store-houses filled, the doors closed, and our students going to school hungry?

DOMINIC IANTAMARINO PASSES ON

Brother Iantamarino passed to his reward on Jan. 6, 1954. He had been ill for a long time. He is survived by three sons, five daughters, and twenty seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Canton, Ohio by Bro. A. A. Corrado, assisted by Bro. Vincent Gennaro. Interment at Salem, Ohio.

GIOVANNONE-ALESSIO NUPTIALS

Brother and Sister Dominico Giovannone of R. D. 2 Warren, Ohio, announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth (Betty) Giovannone to James J. Alessio, son of Sister Carmella Alessio of Lorain, Ohio.

The candle-light ceremony was

solemnized in the Second Christian Church of Warren at 2:00 in the afternoon, before an altar decorated with white gladioli bouquets and palms. Brother Frank D. Giovannone, brother of the bride officiated at the impressive ceremony. The music was furnished by the organist, Mrs. Klingensmith; and the soloist was Brother Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Canada, who sang "The Sun-Shine of Your Smile" "O Perfect Love" and "The Wedding Prayer." Open nuptials featured the traditional wedding marches.

Betty was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Darlene Velardi, niece of the groom, from Lorain attended the bride as Maid of Honor, and bridesmaids were, Miss Constance Toto, cousin of the bride, Sister Virginia Ciarolla and Miss Marcheta Porter.

Russ Provenza of Lorain served as best man and ushers were, Dale Stevenson, also of Lorain, and Don Pandone and Frank Gianetti, cousins of the bride, William Gennaro, Jr., and Joseph Ciarolla.

About two hundred and fifty guests attended the reception in the church parlors. Out-of-town guests were from Canada, Detroit, Lorain, Cleveland, Niles and Youngstown.

The couple left for a two weeks honeymoon in Miami Beach, Florida and upon their return, they will make their home at Elyria Ave. in Lorain.

May God Bless them and extend them many years of happiness.

DREER JACKSON NUPTIALS

Sister Joyce Dreer, daughter of Bro. & Sister Philip Dreer of Warren, Ohio became the bride of Bro. Guy Jackson, son of Mrs. Lula Jackson, at a lovely wedding Sat. Feb. 27, 1954.

Bro. Philip Dreer gave his daughter in marriage and also united them in Holy Wedlock. Bro. James Curry of Glassport, Pa. assisted.

Mrs. Rosenberger acted as Matron of Honor, Miss Betty Jackson, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and the flower girl was Faith Ann Kampert, niece of the bride.

Jack Ford served as best man, and the ushers were Daniel Corrado, Jr., Howard Jackson, brother of the groom, and Joe Kampert, brother-in-law of the bride.

Mrs. Phyllis Koon was soloist

accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Wheeler at the organ.

After a short tour thru the southern states, Guy will return to Huntsville, Alabama for further training in the U. S. Army and Joyce will reside with her parents at Warren, Ohio.

A LETTER OF SOME YEARS AGO

To our readers, This letter was written to me some years ago, and I think it will be good to read again. It is as follows, and was written by one of our Lamanite Sisters.

Brother Editor:

Tonight I thought that I had better write to you, as I am all alone. Brother Nicholas is gone to the prayer meeting over at Sister Lucy Schnakes home. How are you and dear sister Cadman? I hope you are both well and happy. As for myself and Brother Nicholas, we are not feeling so good, especially myself. That is why I could not go to the prayer meeting tonight. I have a bad cold, but I hope I will be all right in a few days.

In looking at the Gospel News tonight, I saw where Bro. Edmund Seneca wrote to you, and I can say I am so proud to have a young brother like him. You know I mean among us Indian people. Yes I remember the night that he came to our place and asked to be annointed. It was a cold night — I believe it was the coldest weather we had this winter, and I saw his feet that night, and they were white with frost, but this young brother has a wonderful faith in his God. Now, I want to thank my brothers and sisters for helping us. I hope the Lord will bless them for their kindness, and for prayers too. Please tell the sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle, that I and brother Nicholas are very grateful to them. I don't know what I would of done if it was not for the Lord, cause my burden was heavy and hard to bear. But He helped me to bear my burden, and I will never forget what He done for me.

Dear brother Cadman, today as I was reading my Book of Mormon, the 15th chapter of First Nephi about the Olive Tree, and the Tree of Life; I felt a blessing as I read the 12th verse: "Behold, I say unto you, that the House of Israel was compared unto an Olive Tree, by the Spirit of

the Lord which was in our fathers, and Behold are we not broken off from the House of Israel? And are we not a Branch of the House of Israel?—13th verse: And now the thing which our father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural branches, through the fulness of the Gentiles is, that in the latter days when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea for the space of many years, and many generations after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fulness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed. 14th verse: And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the House of Israel, and that they are of the covenant people of the Lord. And they shall know and come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and also to the knowledge of the gospel of their Redeemer." — It is wonderful to know these things dear brother—(Yes Sister Nicholas, it is a wonderful thing for you Indian people to know; It is as the scripture has said, it is "Life from the Dead." May God continue to bless you and your RACE of people. Bro. Cadman).

I realize dear brother, if you did not come and bring the gospel to us, poor Indian brothers and sisters, we would still be dwindling in unbelief. I hope you will be able to read this letter, for I am no learned woman. I only went as far as grade two. I and brother Nicholas are planning to go to Conference in Detroit, and we hope to see you and Sister Cadman there, if it is the Lords will. I will bring this letter to a close. Hoping God will bless you in your efforts in taking the Gospel to the Red Man. Tell all the brothers and sisters that I hope God will bless them all. So now dear brother I'll say good night, and God be with you and Sister Cadman till we meet again. As ever Sister Nicholas in Christ Jesus.

MRS. JULIA NICHOLAS

March 24, 1947

P. S. Sister Nicholas, I say again may the Lord continue to bless you and all your people, (the Indians) we do not have anything to boast of but we do feel to praise God that our labors among you have not been in vain. Yea, God has moved in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. It is a wonderful thing that God has

left you realize from whence you came, and that you are a part of Israel, who are the chosen people of the Lord, and were once the Apple of God's eye. I feel to praise God, that in some way, the welfare of your race has been bred into my soul, Again may God bless you all.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

WARREN, OHIO

In a short letter from Sister Elizabeth Molinnato, I learn that Bro. Nickolas Iorio of Warren left home on March 19th for his native land, (Italy) on a missionary trip to his own country-men. This is the second trip he has made over there on missionary work. He has taken much in the way of used clothing with him to help the poor people in that country.

May the Lord bless Bro. Iorio, and give him much success in preaching the Gospel to the people in Italy. Our brethren who leaves homes and friends to go so far away, and denying themselves of the many luxuries they are used to, should have the prayers of us all.

FROM CANADA

In a letter from Brother C. Burgess of Windsor, Ont. dated March 23, 1954, he says they had a baptism at Grand River (Six Nations Reserve) this quarter. Her name is Loretta Garlow, a granddaughter of our late sister White of the Reservation. Brother Cliff, I am glad to hear of the success of you brothers labors on the Reservation. May the Lord continue to bless your efforts in preaching the gospel to the Indian People.

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our Conference assembled here in Monongahela City, at two p.m. Thursday, April 1st. Two meetings were held on that day, and three meetings were held on each of the following two days, which were Friday and Saturday. The sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings were open to all who wished to attend.

We had a good representation of Elders, and much business was attended too. We had delegates from California, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Canada, New Jersey and from many parts of Pennsylvania. Everybody seemed glad to meet one-another again. Bro. W. H. Cadman was still retained as president of the Church, while Bros.

Charles Ashton, and Thurman S. Furnier was re-elected as his Counsellors. Bro. V. James Lov-alvo was elected as president of the newly organized district in California. Several brethren were authorized to be ordained into the Ministry of the Church. The Church in California will elect two Counsellors in California to assist Brother Lavalvo. This move on the part of the Church will, undoubtedly, eliminate much local business coming from California to the General Conference.

In the way of Missionary work, Brother Mark Randy of Modesto, Calif. gave quite an account of their labors in that state. They have accomplished much in that part of the Vineyard, and have under construction at present a nice Church Building at Los Angeles, and are contemplating the erection of a Church in Modesto, and one at Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley. Brother W. H. Cadman gave a report of work done among the Sioux Indians in S. Dakota. A number of them have been baptized into the church. He also gave a report of the contemplated trip of Bros. Jos. Bittinger and W. H. Cadman to Nigeria, Africa. The business of Conference was concluded on Saturday Evening.

Sunday Morning Session. On this occasion we do not have our regular Sabbath School Session, but we spend about 45 minutes on the lower floor (School Room) in prayer, speaking and singing, appropriate for our young. The meeting in charge of the Sunday School Superintendent Idris Martin, singing being lead by Bro. John Majoros, and the speaking by Bro. D. Moraca of Detroit, Mich. and Bro Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio. This short service is primarily for the younger ones, but it is enjoyed by the older ones as well. At the close of this service, we gathered on the upper floor, and after about 40 minutes of song service, lead by Bro. Majoros, our preaching service started at 10:30 and it continued until after 1 p.m. The auditorium was crowded to the limit, and many still on the lower floor and were served by our loud speaker, and it was working perfectly. This was a wonderful meeting, every-body seemed to enjoy themselves. The speakers were Brothers Lovalvo, Colorado, Ashton, Furnier, Pietrangelo and possibly some others. There was lots of good singing; including

some special selections by brothers Lovalvo and Burgess. Our meeting was finally brought to a close, and most everybody started on their way home. Our regular meeting was held on Sunday night. October Conference will be held in Detroit the first Saturday in October at 9:30 a.m. Our annual Conference will be held here in Monongahela in April 1955. One thing I must not forget: Our Sisters and Brothers who made all provisions for the conference certainly did well. The sisters had a big job on their hands in feeding the crowd, and they handled it well, in fact I do not see how any others could have done better. May the Lord bless you all.

INDIANS FIGHT FOR CALICO DOLE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 5 (UP)—Chiefs of the Six Nation Indian Tribes planned a powwow to fight efforts by the Federal Government to "break" the 1794 treaty under which they got annual handouts of cotton cloth.

The Indians considered the treaty a "sacred document."

Chiefs of the Onondagas, Cayugas, Mohawks, Oneidas, Senecas and Tuscaroras will meet within the next two weeks to take formal action against a bill in Congress that would end the Government's annual calico dole to the tribes, a spokesman said.

"All reservations are opposed to it," said Livingston Crouse, spiritual advisor to the Onondagas, and secretary of the Six Nations.

He said the attempt to eliminate the token handouts of cotton cloth came "because the Federal Government wants to get rid of the Indians, wants to throw them under state authority."

"The chiefs don't want to break any treaty," Mr. Crouse said. "They view this treaty as a sacred document."

Mr. Crouse said two members of the U.S. Indian Bureau in Washington have been visiting the reservations to learn the Indians' opinion. He said they told him the Government wanted to substitute a cash settlement totaling about \$150,000 for the cloth bounty.

But, while each Indian gets sometimes as little as one-half yard

under the yearly custom, they consider the cloth a symbol of their sovereignty, he explained.

Editors Note: One cannot help admire the stand taken by these Indian people, for while they have been treated as they have been by the U. S. government, yet they have regards still, for their treaties between them and the Government.

AN EXPERIENCE

In the history kept by The Ladies Uplift Circle, the following is recorded—"I received a letter from Sister Mileco of West Aliquippa, Pa. in regards to experiences had in the Circle. She said, 'Since we started this organization we have had enjoyable times, and many wonderful experiences, but we haven't recorded them. We have also learned many wonderful and instructive lessons, and have increased in love towards one another.' She relates an experience Bro. P. Mileco had during one of the Circle meetings in the early part of the month of May 1935. These are Bro. Mileco's own words: I Bro. Philip Mileco attended one of the Ladies Uplift Circle Meetings, and I had the following experience—I heard a voice saying: 'The Ladies Uplift Circle is like the first fruits of the year.' — It is good to have some History of the past. Amen.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

A minister supplying a small country church was, one Sunday morning, surprised to find that only one farmer had come to the service.

"Shall we go ahead with the service?" he inquired of the single worshipper.

"Well, I don't know much about preaching," the farmer answered, "but if I took a load of hay to my cattle and only one was wise enough to come to eat, I certainly would feed him."

So the minister went through the whole service. And it was an unusually long one, for the sermon was even lengthier than usual.

After the service the minister asked the farmer for his comments.

"Well, like I told you," said the farmer, "I don't know much

about the preaching business. But if I took a load of hay to my cattle and only one was there, I would feed him. Yes, I would feed him, but I wouldn't give him the whole load."

From Sunday Digest

THE 50TH YEAR OF THE G.M.B.A.

The General Missionary Benevolent Association will be held in Glassport, Pennsylvania on Saturday May 5, 1954 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Building. The morning service will be a business session while the afternoon services will be a Spiritual Meeting.

The evening service will be a program commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the General Missionary Benevolent Association, and will be held in the Glassport High School at Third and Ohio Avenue.

Secretary: Sis. Ruth E. Akerman

THE MARINER'S VERSION OF THE 23RD PSALM

BY FRANCIS ROGERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
MERCHANT MARINE

"The Lord is my Pilot, I shall not drift,

He lighteth me across the dark waters;

He steereth me in the dark channels.

He keepeth my log; He guideth me by the

Star of Holiness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempests of life, I shall fear no danger;
For Thou art with me;

Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me.

Thou preparest a harbor before me in the homeland of Eternity.

Thou anointest the waves with oil;
My ship rideth calmly;

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on the voyage I take, and I will rest in the port of my God forever."

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ANOTHER OLD, AND GOOD HYMN

"Sort of Stirs Up Our Souls"

Yes! we trust the day is breaking!

Joyful times are near at hand;
God—the mighty God is speaking
By His word, in every land.

:When He chooses:

Darkness flies at His command.

While the foe becomes more daring,

While he enters like a flood,
God, the Saviour, is preparing
Means to spread His truth
abroad;

:Every language:

Soon shall tell the love of God.

Oh! 'tis pleasant, 'tis reviving
To our hearts to hear, each day,
Joyful news from far arriving,
How the gospel winds its way;
:Those enlightening:
Who in death and darkness lay.

God of Jacob, high and glorious,
Let Thy people see Thy hand,
Let the gospel be victorious
Through the world, in every land;
:Then shall idols:

Perish, Lord, at Thy command.

P.S. The gospel must be preached
to become victorious, and to meet
a brother and a friend in every
land.

PROVERBS

He that turneth away his ear
from hearing the law, even his
prayer shall be abomination.

THE LORD SPEAKS TO SOLOMON

If my people, which are called
by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven, and
will forgive their sin, and will heal
their land.

(BRO. ISHMAEL D'AMICO WRITES ME A LETTER)

Rochester, N. Y.,
March 26, 1954

Dear Bro. Cadman,

It's been some time I've been
wanting to write you and tonight
I thought I would write you these
few lines. I am feeling fairly well,
getting around the best I can with
God's help. It's now over four years
that I am afflicted, but thank God

for His love and strength that He
gives me to bear my daily cross.

Conference is approaching and it
will be another Conference that I
am not able to attend, but I will
be with you in spirit.

I trust at this time the way will
be open before you to go on Mis-
sionary work in Africa, and may
God bless you for every good work
you do for the Gospel. May God
bless you always is my prayer.

Love, Bro. Ishmael D'Amico.

P.S. Most all of you know that
Bro. D'Amico was stricken with a
stroke of paralysis. He had always
been very active in preaching the
gospel. May the Lord bless him.
Bro. Cadman

LOVEST THOU ME?

The life of Christ on Earth was
a life of love for all people of this
earth, and His life-example reached
from His birth, past death into a
resurrected life above. His life be-
ing a proven life of love, it is only
natural that He would be grieved,
if we fail to preach the teachings
which death could not dim—but
death did bring out the full luster
of the same gospel reached passed
death, into eternal life for us.

Three times Jesus asked Peter,
Lovest thou Me? And three times
Peter reassured the Lord that he
did love Him, and each time Jesus
commanded Peter to feed His
sheep. Jesus had shown him that
he must have a great love for Him
if, through the trials of life he
would continue to feed the gospel
of Christ to earth's people.

Now through the example of the
life of Christ and His disciples, we
find the perfect way to salvation,
and only through love and sacri-
fice can we ever hope to see God's
smile, and hear those welcome
words, Well done.

Does God look down on us with
an approving eye while He asks:
lovest thou me? If so, feed my
sheep. Let us take stock and see
why we do not have Missionaries
in all Nations feeding His sheep.

First: We have the pure gospel
as taught by Jesus.—Second: We
are still modeled after the Primi-
tive Church as taught by Christ
from the beginning. Third: We
have many ordained by God to take
this gospel to the Nations of the
world, and are in surplus in every

Branch and Mission of the Church.
Just this is missing—a large steady
Monthly income flowing through
the Branches and Missions, into
the General Church Treasury, and
this can be supplied by each mem-
ber freely giving a tenth of their
income into the Branches and Mis-
sions. If I have one dollar, and I
give a dime, it is enough, and if I
have \$500 dollars and give 50 dol-
lars, that is fair enough too.

I would that all others could have
this satisfying peace of mine, which
has come to me over the several
years that I have been privileged
to give my tenth toward the salva-
tion of others.

An organized Method by which
these Ambassadors of Christ can be
sent, being directed by the Church
to points all over the face of the
earth, and their families supported
by the Church through the soul-
saving sacrifice of all.—We wonder:
is He looking down on us now with
these words, Lovest Thou Me? And
because having proven by our free-
will-sacrifice, we will answer: Thou
knowest that we love Thee, Lord.

Bro. Clarence Griffith.

CIRCLE MEETING

The General Circle Meeting was
held Mar. 20, 1954 at Sister Sadie
Cadman's home on Finley St., Mo-
nongahela, Pa. The meeting was
opened with singing hymn No. 27
"The Mercies of God." Followed
with prayer by Sister Ali.

The President made the opening
remarks. The meeting was left
open for testimonies. A dream was
related by Sister Nolfi and the gift
of tongues was given. There were
many sisters present from nearby
Circles, and their reports were en-
joyed along with the reports sent
in by mail. Both Brother Wm. Cad-
man and Brother Bittinger made a
wonderful talk concerning the Gos-
pel. The hymns sung throughout
the day were beautiful.

The history of the Circle of the
past year written by the President
was read and accepted. She also
told how we started the Indian Mis-
sion Fund in Dec. 1920 with \$5.00
and we have donated up till now
\$9542.76 for the Indian Mission
work.

Greeting cards are to be sent to
the Brothers and Sisters who are
ill, also to the aged sisters who are
not able to meet with us.

The next General Circle Meeting will be held in June, in the General Church Bldg. in Monongahela, Pa.
Gen'l Sec.
Mary E. Wilson

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Dear Bro. Editor:

On Sunday, April 11, 1954, members of the Lockport Branch, chartered a bus and spent a very nice day with the Saints of Rochester. They numbered about 40 people, including many friends and a few children.

The young people presented a program concerning the Death and Resurrection of Christ, very fitting for this Easter Season. The program was enjoyed by all present.

The morning service was opened by Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport. His text was in the Gospel of St. John which speaks about Christ the Only Begotten Son of God, who came to the world that whosoever believed in Him would not perish but have ever-lasting life! He was followed by Brother Patsy Marinetti. Brother Frank Rosati spoke a few words in Italian. The Presiding Elder, Brother Ansel D'Amico closed the service with a few remarks.

The afternoon service was introduced by Brother Ansel D'Amico, reading the 13th chapter of St. John's Gospel. We also had feet washing; this was the first time that both branches have met for this purpose. There was a wonderful spirit throughout the service. Many testimonies were given regarding their thankfulness and experiences in the Church. The service came to a close by singing hymn No. 219, "Going Home."

Coffee and cake were served by the young sisters of Rochester shortly before the bus left for Lockport.

The day was concluded with a feeling of great accomplishment and satisfaction of a day well spent in the Service of God.

Sister Connie Marinetti

NEWS ITEMS

Brother Nicholas Faragasso who has been visiting in California for several weeks, on his return to New York City stopped off here in Monongahela City on April 11th, and spent the day with us in worship.

According to several cards received from brother Mark Randy, who, since Conference has been visiting in New Jersey, New York, Canada, and Michigan has been enjoying his visit with the saints. He

was to leave Detroit at mid-nite on April 13th for his home in California.

SERVICES during Easter-Season. The Monongahela Branch held special services on Thursday and Friday nights prior to Easter Sunday. Both these evenings turned out to be very stormy which cut down the attendance very much, especially the first night. The storm seemed to be much worse on the second night, yet our attendance was much larger, and a very nice evening was spent. Bro. W. H. Cadman occupied the pulpit on both evenings. Speaking and singing was all appropriate of that great event which we were commemorating—the last few days of the Saviour while He was on the earth. On Easter Sunday we had a very nice day. A record attendance at our Sabbath School. There are six of our scholars graduating from High School here this year, so our Sabbath School honored them on this Easter Day by presenting them with a very nice Bible each—a present to them, to be proud of. In our Sunday morning Service, a very nice crowd was present. Bro. Kirschner occupied the pulpit, and at the close of the meeting a Mrs. Bright came forward and asked to be baptized. (A granddaughter to the late Bro. and Sister Cowan.) By the time we gathered at the river, another convert (a Mrs. Demchak) joined in, and our Easter Day Services were crowned by two penitent souls making a covenant at the water's edge to serve God. They were both confirmed in the afternoon meeting. On Sunday evening, our young people had an Easter Service program, which was well attended. Supt. Idris Martin was in charge, and a lovely evening was had. — The Easter Day was well spent in the Monongahela Branch of the Church.

In a letter I received from Sister Eva Sanders of St. John, Kansas, she says: "We had a real nice day yesterday, (April 18th) the weather was really fine and the meeting was better. The brother and sister from Silina and a young couple who are friends of theirs were here, and the young man was baptized. Brother Robinson and family were down from Larned, so all in all we really had a wonderful day. Sister Martha Ring is very poorly."

In a letter from Bro. Ciaravino (Church Sec.) on April 28th, he informs me that our brethren baptized a young convert on the Six Nations Reservation on the Grand

River in Ontario, Canada, on April 23rd. May the Lord continue to bless the labours of our brethren.

GOOD TO READ AGAIN

Loda, Illinois, February 15, 1874
Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Plano, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

'Accept my sincere thanks for the favors that came to hand today, by mail, namely, a copy of the Book of Mormon and a copy of Parley P. Pratt's Voice of Warning, as well as your very welcome letter with your photograph enclosed; the same now occupies a place in my daughter's album and is highly appreciated.

"Next in order comes many familiar names that you enumerate as co-workers in advancing the cause of gospel truth. While reading them over I was carried back some thirty odd years, and many incidents of, or about that period were made vivid in my memory; scenes which occurred when you were quite a little boy and I was in the prime of manhood. One particular circumstance I will mention, as it appears to me to be incontrovertable evidence of the fact that your father was no false pretender, but that he was a true prophet of the living God. I was practicing my profession in Kingston, Illinois, in the year 1837, and boarded with a Benjamin S. Wilber, a member of the Latter Day Saints Church! his wife was also a member, and a most excellent little lady and very intelligent. In the fall of this year the prophet Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, Judge Elias Higbee, and Porter Rockwell came to this house on their way to the city of Washington, in accordance with a revelation given to the church at Commerce (afterwards Nauvoo) through Joseph Smith, the Prophet, to lay their grievances before the President of the United States, (Martin Van Buren) for the sufferings they had underwent in Missouri, from which state the church had been driven by mob law, after many of them had been inhumanly murdered, and others driven from the lands they had purchased from the United States Government in that state. On the arrival of this company at Mr. Wilber's place, I was told by Joseph Smith, the prophet, that if I was willing to obey the will of God, and be obedient to his com-

mandments, I must quit my practice and start the next day with them to the city of Washington.

I have many incidents, dottings and jottings taken during our journey, one which I will mention. After we got to Dayton, Ohio, we left our horses in care of a brother of the church, and proceeded by stage, part of us; and the same coach that conveyed us over the Allegheny Mountains also had on board as passengers, Senator Aaron of Missouri, and a Mr. Ingersol, a member of Congress, either from New Jersey or Pennsylvania, I forgot which, and at the top of the mountain called Cumberland Ridge, the driver left the stage and his four horses drinking at a trough in the road, while he went into the tavern to take, what is common to stage drivers, a glass of spirits. While he was gone the horses took fright and ran away with the coach and passengers. There was also in the coach a lady with a small child, who was terribly frightened. Some of the passengers leaped from the coach, but in doing so none escaped more or less injury, as the horses were running at a fearful speed, and it was down the side of a very steep mountain. The woman was about to throw out the child, and said she intended to jump herself, as she felt sure all would be dashed to pieces that remained, as there was quite a curve in the road, and on one side the mountain loomed up hundreds of feet above the horses, and the other side was deep chasm or ravine, and the road only a very narrow cut in the side of the mountain, about midway between the highest and lowest parts.

"At the time the lady was going to throw out the child, Joseph Smith, your father, caught the woman and very imperiously told her to sit down, and that not a hair of her head or anyone else on the coach should be hurt. He did this in such a confident manner that all on board seemed spellbound; and after admonishing and encouraging the passengers he pushed open one of the doors, caught the railing around the driver's seat with one hand, and with a spring and a bound he was in the seat of the driver. The lines were still coiled around the rail above, to hold them from falling while the driver was away; he loosed them, took them in his hands, and although those horses were running at their utmost speed, he, with more than herculean strength,

brought them down to a moderate canter, a trot, and a walk, and at the foot of Cumberland Ridge, to a halt, without the least accident or injury to passenger, coach or horse, and the horses appeared as quiet and easy afterwards as though they had never run away. One by one the passengers came along, some of them limping badly, others bruised, and some of them swearing about the driver and threatening to have him arrested, etc.

"At last the driver took his place and we were all going along nicely, when one of the members of Congress, after hearing the history of our ride and escape, from the lady on board, said it was a miracle, and if Joe Smith could perform such a miracle, he would then believe he was a prophet sent from God. This was Mr. Ingersol. Mr. Smith and Sidney Rigdon were both traveling incog., as, if their real names had been made public on the way, especially that of Mr. Smith, we should have been very much annoyed by the inquisitive. Little did those gentlemen think that it was Joseph Smith that was the identical man who was instrumental in the hands of God in saving that coach load of human beings from a horrible death.

"We made our first stop in Gadsby's hotel in Washington city. We stayed there during the winter of 1839 and 1840 to testify before committees and attend to all we could in the premises and in the meantime to preach and talk to the heads of the nation upon the calling and mission of Mr. Smith in this latter day. Curiosity was on tip-toe, until many believed, and some were baptized and went back to Nauvoo, or Commerce, as it was then called.

"Benjamin Winchester and Elder Barnes were preaching at that time in Philadelphia, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Higbee went there and did some preaching, leaving myself in Washington to take care of Mr. Rigdon, and also to wait upon every preacher in the city, irrespective to church organization, and particularly to declare unto them the tidings of the latter day saints, committed to this generation through Joseph Smith, Jr., and to warn them against the danger consequent upon its rejection. I commenced my duties as soon as I had any time, and called upon all the leaders of the different organizations of religion

in the city. As a general thing I was pretty well received and very kindly treated. I thought that my report would be uniformly favorable, but I had one more visit to make; that was to Geo. C. Cookman, the chief preacher and elder of the other branch of the Methodist church; and he was then chaplain of the United States Senate. On my introduction he was rigid as marble and cold as an icicle. He was proud, tonguey and arrogant in the extreme. I begged him to take time and consider the matter; not to decide hastily; but it was unwise to give a decision until both sides were fairly and fully before him. I asked him for his church, and told him that either Mr. Smith or Mr. Rigdon would be glad to illustrate the subject any time before him and his congregation. He said that my impudence could only be attributed to one of two causes, and he was constrained to believe that it was not from ignorance, but was intended as an insult; that he would neither let me have his church nor hear anything further on the subject, and should take good care to warn his brethren and sisters against listening to any such blasphemy. With this he opened his library door, conducted me to the outer hall door, and refused to give me his hand. I reported this to Mr. Rigdon, and wrote to Philadelphia to Mr. Smith the result of my labors. On the following Sunday this same George C. Cookman preached in his church, and told some strange tales; that he had had an interview with Jo Smith, that arch imposter, and that the doctrines he taught were very irreligious and inconsistent with Bible truth; that he, Smith, did not believe in the Bible, but had got a new one, dug up in Palmyra, New York; and that it was nothing but an irreligious romance, and that Smith had obtained it from the widow of one Spalding, who wrote it for his own amusement. I wrote this to Mr. Smith, and he said there must be some preaching in Washington to counteract these statements, as he was sure God had some people in that city. We first got an upper room in an engine house to speak in but half, no, not a quarter of the people could get in. We had speaking then in the open air, on Pennsylvania Avenue, near the place, and gave out that there would be further services as soon as a room could be obtained. Be-

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EDITORIAL

Please, will everybody take notice. To me, it just seems like yesterday since some of our members migrated to the State of California for various reasons. Others of course have followed them, and today we have quite a lot of members located at several different communities in the "sunny state." And, too, as I learn, they are most all very well satisfied with the move they have made, both in the spiritual side of their life, as well as in the material side. I will add too, that contentment is a wonderful blessing to mortal beings.

Those who have located in, and near to the city of San Diego have built themselves a nice Church in which to worship God. They have grown in numbers considerably, are out of debt with their church edifice and apparently are doing well. May God continue to bless them.

Those who located in, and near to the big city of Los Angeles, have done, and are doing well both in the spiritual and material side of their lives. It seems that God has blessed them in their efforts to testify to the greatness of God, and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the building up of His Kingdom. They have grown in membership, and have outgrown the small Church they purchased about three years ago, and at this date, they will soon be dedicating a new Edifice for worship, a much larger building than their present one. May the Lord still bless them in their humble efforts in preaching the Gospel of Christ, for of such is the Kingdom of God.

There are other places in California established by our brethren and sisters known to us as "Missions," and which are growing, and in the various parts of the vineyard, much fruit is being harvested. —Yea, the good fruit is coming forth through the diligence of the labors in the Vineyard of the Lord. And, might I add "that such should be."

In these Missions, I want to inform you all, that they are growing and we must not over-look their

NEEDS. In PLAIN WORDS, let us help when and where we can. For Instance! The Mission in the San Fernando Valley has grown, and is growing still. Brother Meo with the assistance of his brothers and sisters have done a good work, and with all due respect to the humble place in which God has so abundantly blessed them, the place in which they meet is a very non-inviting place to invite friends to. However, they have done so and God has prospered them, both in material and spiritual things. I have visited along with others with them, and I know wherein I speak. They do not only need, but they deserve help. They have bought a site in Van Nuys, it cost them much, they have it paid for, besides they have accumulated quite a FUND to start building a Church to the honor and glory of God, yea, a House wherein He may dwell, where others may find peace to their souls.

May I now ask you all, yes every member of this Church to place at least a "one dollar bill" in an envelope and mail it to Louis Parra-vano, 13342 Osborne St., Pacoima, Calif., for the building of a Church in the San Fernando Valley in California. And may the Lord bless you all in any sacrifice you might make is my prayer. Editor.

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fore night some people secured the use of Carusi's Salon, one of the largest and most suitable rooms in the city, outside the Capital building, and at night there were services held. A great many of the members of Congress and heads of departments were present as well as President Van Buren. We, of the committee from Illinois, all took the speakers desk. And when near the close, who should come into the hall but Joseph Smith himself. We speedily got him up on the stand, and I had the honor of introducing him to that vast audience. He had just come in the train from Philadelphia, and was tired, but he arose by the invitation of many who called for him, and on that occasion he uttered a prophecy, one of the most wonderful predictions of his life. He adverted to the statements made by this George C. Cookman, declaring them to be wilfully and wickedly false, and that if he, Cookman, did not take it back and acknowledge that he had dealt falsely of him, his people, and his own congregation,

also that he must turn and preach the truth and quit deceiving the people with fables, he should be cut off from the face of the earth, both he and his posterity. And he said this should be so plainly manifested that all should know it. At this, many gentlemen took out of their pockets their tablets and began to make notes of the prophecy; and Mr. Smith, noticing them, 'Yes,' he said, 'write it on your tablets; write it in a book; write it in your memory; for as sure as God ever spoke by my mouth, all these things shall come to pass.'

"Henry Clay, Felix Grundy, Tom Benton, John Q. Adams and many other celebrated characters were present at this time. Now instead of Cookman doing according to justice and truth, he became more virulent than ever, and laid all the obstacles in our way that he could during our stay in the city. The matter appeared to be forgotten by many, and I thought often on the subject, having taken notes, also. Soon after this there was an extraordinary excitement in the religious world, and they appointed a conference of all orthodox religions to assemble in England, at a certain time, to adopt measures of harmony between all the sects. The United States was invited and accepted a part in these proceedings to break down the partition wall that separated the various churches. George C. Cookman was elected or appointed as a delegate for the District of Columbia to represent his views on the subject, standing, as he did, at the very head of the church, and Chaplain of the United States Senate. Now, he being an Englishman by birth, and his family in suitable circumstances for a pleasure trip, at the appointed time he (Cookman) thought it would be pleasant to take his wife and family with him, which he did. Both he, his wife, and all his children went on board the steamship 'President,' and neither the ship nor a soul is left to tell what was their sad end. But the prophecy is fulfilled to the letter, and the words uttered on that occasion have never been forgotten by me, nor I presume by hundreds of others. Had Cookman gone alone, it might have been charged to chance, but why was it that his whole family were so suddenly cut off, both root and branch?

"This, sir, is one of many won-

derful evidences that Joseph Smith was as much a prophet as Jonah, who foretold the destruction of Nineveh; or Nahum, who prophesied concerning the present locomotion, for traveling; both of them took centuries and one of them thousands of years for their fulfillment; but the prophecy by Joseph Smith on George C. Cookman has literally been fulfilled in the shortest possible period; and that too in its fullness, beyond the possibility of a question from any doubt.

"I will tell you another prophecy that Joseph Smith uttered in my presence, that has proven true. This was in relation to Stephen A. Douglas. He said he was a giant in intellect, but a dwarf in stature, that he would yet run for President of the United States, but that he would never reach that station; that he would occupy a conspicuous place in the councils of the nation, and have multitudes of admiring friends; and that in his place he would introduce and carry out some of the most gigantic measures in the history of the nation. This was said when Douglas was judge in the district of Illinois, and before he ever went to Congress. Has it not been fulfilled? Did he not get Andrew Jackson's fine remitted by law, a thing, that was, by all considered impossible? Did he not introduce bills for the covering of Illinois with railroads, without one cent of expense to the general government? . . . Did he not rule in and through the state of Illinois, work and carry out its destiny for twenty consecutive years more than any and all other men together? Was he not always one of the greatest men in the Senate? . . . Did he not run for President and get defeated? . . . Did he not fulfill his destiny, and at last, on his dying bed, bequeath his children to his country, and counsel them to obey the laws and the Constitution? Did he not utter these memorable words at the commencement of the rebellion, 'That there are only two parties in all the land; the one he called Patriots and the other Traitors?' Was it not true? Did he not throw his adhesion to A. Lincoln in the time of deep trouble? . . . Yes, this prophecy has been literally fulfilled in my day, and I bear testimony to its truth, when compared with history.

"With considerations of very kind

regards. I am, sir, yours for the truth.

(Signed) ROBERT D. FOSTER.
(Copied from Zions Advocate.)

MRS. ROSE SANTILLI PASSES ON

Sister Santilli, a faithful member of Detroit Branch No. 3, departed this life on March 28, 1954. She was a member of the Church for 19 years. Her dying words were Peace, Peace, Peace.

When in attendance at the meetings, she would share her testimony with us in the life of Christ, and of the partaking of the Sacrament. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, five daughters, five sons, and sixteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Fred D'Amico, presiding Elder of Branch No. 3. There were many relatives and friends in attendance at the services. We extend our sympathy to all.

PREFACE TO AN ARTICLE

By Ishmael Humphrey

Editor:

I was originally a Methodist, being brought up by my parents in that faith. I followed it until I reached the age of sixteen; but I was gradually losing interest, and I drifted into the world of sin, and not boasting, it has been of great value to me in the restored gospel.

I remember shortly after I embraced the restored gospel, a vision concerning the works of the devil, and the works of God.

One night while in a vision, I beheld a large Bible open to the New Testament. The letters I recall were in red and black ink. A voice spoke to me, and said: behold the knowledge of the devil, and I beheld the depths thereof, and it was endless and frightening, and then the same voice said: behold the knowledge of God, and lo it was without end, and frightening to behold.

I am certainly glad and thankful for being in the restored gospel, but out of my experiences, I have written this piece which is as following:

Life's road of experience

And Lo, I sought after the things in this world, and filled my belly with sin's, and did eat thereof, and the dark cloud's of excuses did blot out the life of God in my conscience. But the more I ate, the more I could feel and and discover the illusion, a dream world that was not there.

I reeled in a world of drunken spirits, caused from the destruction of my life within. I could not return from whence I came; so I gave vent and did satisfy my desires. And Lo, I drifted upon the currents of evil, subjected without a good reason or cause.

By and by my desires began to decrease, and lo, I became a living dead-man, even nature seemed to mock me, and I found no more joy in life,—a troubled mind—a guilty conscience drifting like a leaf, tossed upon the tempest, an empty vessel—no port, no captain, sinking below the waves of despair and darkness, with all hope—the substance of life's buoyancy gone.

Then one day a saint happened my way, a messenger from God, and did sow a few words of life and hope in my clouded mind. I did cling to it like a drowning man to a straw. Yea the small ray of light did pierce the darkness of my soul, yea, it being a good seed, I did seek to water it, that it might grow and increase, and I did seek out God's People to have the seed nourished and watered with the good spirit—and it did grow and increase my joy.

And not many days hence, remorse entered my soul and I did begin to feel the burdens of sorrow for the God of my conscience which I had slain in committing sin—and I sought out the mercy of the Lord, the eternal sacrifice. Yea, my heart did cry out for Him and His mercy upon me. Yea, he did sprinkle me with the blood of His sacrifice, and I wept much. Yea, my sins did perish. I came forth from my prison of darkness and despair.—His great hurts, He suffered from the hands of evil men, yet had power to heal my soul from sin. He did exalt me upon the threshold of His love and mercy, my Lord and my God to this day thou hast begotten me. Thy faith has established my foot in righteousness, let the sun-shine of Thy countenance warm me, let the water of Thy Spirit satisfy mine thirst. Keep me Oh Lord from all evil; withhold not thy goodness from me, bind me with Thy cords of love. Yea, let the flower of my soul reveal Thy beauty in words and spirit to my fellow men in love and mercy and just judgement. Amen. Yours with Gospel Love.

A VISIT FROM INDEPENDENCE, MO.

Apostle Clarence Wheaton and his wife of the Church of Christ

visited here in Monongahela at The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 25th. Their stopping place was at the home of brother and sister W. H. Cadman. They both addressed the M.B.A. in the evening about their Missionary Work among the Indian people in Mexico, and Central America. It was interesting to listen to them tell of their experiences down in that country. They have established a mission in Yucatan, and have ordained one of the natives into the Ministry and have a growing work among them.

They stayed here for Monday Night, and showed the many slide pictures they had taken of the people, their homes, and of many of the ruins that are in that country. They used colored films. The pictures are worth anybody's while to see, and especially those who are believers in the Book of Mormon.

The architecture of pre-Colombian days on this Western Hemisphere, is simply beyond one's imagination. It is wonderful to see the ruins of a people whose history goes beyond the days of Christ—the forefathers of the American Indian race, including of course, those people who came here from the Tower of Babel at the confounding of the languages. The pictures were shown in our Sunday School room, and it took better than two hours to show them.

The next day which was Tuesday, they showed the pictures in a school building here in Monongahela where Sister Ruth Mountain teaches, and they were very well taken. The Wheatons are very busy in their Missionary work. They left here on Tuesday for the State of Rhode Island, and on returning to their home in Missouri, will make ready for another trip to Central America.

ITALY

Buccino, April 21, 1954

Dear Brother Pres. Cadman,

Just a few lines to let know that my Uncle Nick Iorio has arrived in Italy and you can imagine the joy we feel in our heart in seeing him again in our midst. We're particularly happy to see uncle with us once more because, prior to his coming, we were just like sheep wondering in a great desert without a shepherd.

Though we count only a few faithful here, we're pretty fervent and with brother Iorio with us, we're going to learn more about

the truth of Christ.

I want you to know that I am sister Giovannina Iorio's sister and I'd like to relate to you an experience which occurred to me; undoubtedly it will bring joy to as many as will hear it, or read it, in the event you print it in the Gospel News.

The experience is as follows: After we returned from the waters of baptism, and after the confirmation with the imposition of hands was performed, brother Nick Iorio began to teach us that "since we have embraced the true and unadulterated Gospel of Christ, we should not practice, by all means, idolatry any more in any shape or form; and that we should rid our homes of any objects such as relics, statuette etc., that might lead to idolatry." And as he was thus speaking I was wearing on my finger a ring which bore the image of a Saint, suddenly broke in two, as if struck by a lightning, and fell on the ground. This experience caused fear to fall upon all those who were present, for it truly confirmed to all the veracity of brother Iorio's teaching that God had said, "Have no other God but me." I feel obliged to thank God for such a great knowledge for I was a devoted Catholic and I must confess that I used to worship idols.

This is all for now. My best regards to all the brethren of America, I am

Sincerely yours,
Sister in Christ Jesus
Giovannina Iorio

LOCAL GI TO TAKE PART IN EXERCISE FLASH BURN

FORT BRAGG, N. C. — Army Pfc. Richard Scaglione, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scaglione of 117 Gregg Street, Monongahela, is now at Fort Bragg, N. C. preparing for Exercise Flash Burn, large scale training maneuvers scheduled for April and May. Richard is a radio message receiver.

His new address is: Richard Scaglione U. S. 52315146, Co. A, 27th Engr. BN (C), Exercise "Flash Burn," Fort Bragg, N. C.

Richard has been in the United States Army service for six months. He was graduated from Monongahela High School, with the Class of 1952. Prior to entering Army training he was employed by Monongahela Clay Products Company.

P.S. Richard is the son of brother and sister Louis Scaglione, and a grandson of brother and sister Rullo in Monongahela.



"LEST WE FORGET"

This group of Indian Sisters are from the Reservation at Muncey, Ontario. The three elderly Sisters in the front row, have all passed on. From left to right are Sister French, Sister Seneca and Sister Brandt, all very faithful till the end of their journey here on earth. Sister Seneca was about 98 years old, and Sister Brandt was much over the 100 mark at time of death. Sister French was well up in years. Sister Hall, in center of rear row, died a much younger woman. I was at her bedside in prayer in her humble home a few days before she died. She had no fears of death, and among her last words to me was: Brother Cadman, I am ready to go if the Lord wants to take me, or I will do what I can if He sees fit to spare me. His will be done. Their homes here on earth were very humble indeed, but there are Mansions above promised to the faithful of every nation, which includes the poor Indians as well. Brother W. H. Cadman

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, BUTLER, PA.

Dear Brother and Sister Cadman:

I received your card the other day, and I sure was glad to know that you thought of me. Although I haven't gone to Church for some time, I always think of all its members. I am getting along fine and I hope you all are too.

I have a spot on my lung that has to be taken care of. That's why I am here. So I just drop a few

lines to thank you for the card I received. God bless you all and remember me in your prayers.

I go to church every Sunday here at the Hospital. We have some good sermons, and when I get back home, I am going to see to it that I start to go to church. On our church program the other Sunday, I read a beautiful verse, and it said "When you are in church, if you must whisper—whisper a prayer." I thought that was nice. Well I'll close and again, May God bless you all.

Tony.

P.S. Tell Johnny and Mabel I said thanks for the card from them.

My Address is
Antonio Rullo
Vet. Admin. Hospital,
Ward 1
Butler, Pa.

MOTHER

Mother has passed to the Realms of the Bliss,

In the month of July, Nineteen Hundred and fifty-three.

She suffered much, but a pattern she did lay,

To fervently serve Jesus, no matter what men may say.

Mother, so unselfish and sweet and kind,

Has gone to seek Jesus and refuge find.

For on earth she did trod with a cross so heavy,

But Jesus saw fit to exchange it for a crown.

Mother, was "simple" in her speech and in her dress,

But her heart and soul radiated none less,

Than Jesus Faithful Follower And to Him, single did follow.

Mother has not "died" she is "Living."

Living with this Jesus who we all still speak of,

We want to be fervent and faithful as she,

That we too, may all live for eternity.

Violet Thomas
San Diego, Calif.

"Dedicated to the Memory of our Mother"

The family of Brother Acquilino of Lorain, Ohio.

FROM OUR LATE CONFERENCE By Bro. Ciaravino, Sec.

Some of our older brothers and sisters of the church were called upon in the Saturday afternoon

meeting to sing some of the old hymns of the church. A wonderful blessing was felt. The following brothers and sisters expressed themselves in testimony: Elizabeth Davidson, Edna Barnhart, Mary Wilson, Hanna Skillen, Delvia Lowther, Lydia Bittering, Birdie Furnier, Joseph Tucker, Charles Behanna and John K. Penn. Some of these brothers and sisters have been in the Gospel for over sixty years; Sister Davidson was the oldest of this group, being in the church for 67 years; the youngest of the group being Sister Lydia Bittering with 24 years. Sang Hymn No. 190, "How Firm a Foundation." Sister Sadie Cadman expressed herself on the Hymn saying, that when she was quite young in the church, she happened to be passing the place where she used to go to church before obeying the Gospel, and thinking of the difference between the old way of worship and the new, this Hymn was introduced in her mind giving her the impression of God's acceptance of those who obey the truth.

CUTTING INDIAN SERVICES

By Bob Considine

NEW YORK, April 1—The U. S. government continues its 178-year-old war against the American Indian. Since Custer's death there has been comparatively little blood shed, but hostilities have not ceased. We are at present waging a war of nerves against descendants of the tribesmen from whom we bought or stole the land.

Congress is now considering a series of bills which, if enacted, will remove federal trusteeship and services from 70,000 Indians in 12 states. The bills would destroy tribal governments, nullify rights assured by treaties, and make most of the 70,000 a scattered human herd dependent on public charity and subject to the tyranny of discrimination.

The 12 tribes have sent representatives to Washington, along with other Indian spokesmen, to plead against any abrupt termination of federal aid in hospital care, education, agriculture and the like. That aid has been sorely inadequate through the years, but without it not many tribes could continue to exist. Tribe spokesmen have asked for a gradual departure of the federal government from their affairs, not a clean break.

Status Outlined

"Indian Affairs," news letter of the American Indian Fund and the

Association on American Indian Affairs Inc., 48 E. Eighty Sixth St., N. Y. C., reports:

"The federal break . . . would leave Indians helpless before local discrimination and deprecation. 'Termination' is proposed, for example, for ill-educated, helpless groups of Shoshones and Paiutes in Nevada and Utah, and for the small, depressed Kickapoo tribe in Kansas, all in need of more help, not less.

"It is proposed for the Seminoles of Florida, of whom 90 per cent of the adults (451 of 501 over 18 years of age) are unable to read or write, and almost 40 per cent of whose children of school age receive no schooling. Among the Turtle Mountain Chippewas of North Dakota, who would be similarly abandoned, the annual income per family in 1950 was \$500. Clothing and housing are inadequate, and 500 families, about half those living on or near the reservation—need welfare assistance during part of each year."

Current termination legislation affects all Indians in California, the Sac and Fox, Potawatomi and Iowa Indians of Nebraska and Kansas, the Salish and Kootenai and the Flathead tribe of Montana, the Washos of Nevada, New York's six nations Iroquois and Seneca, the confederated tribes of Grand Ronde and Siletz Reservations in Oregon, the Menomini of Wisconsin, and other names that conjure memories whose roots reach deep into our culture.

Arresting Names

Some of the appeals to Congress have come from men of arresting names and bearing, like Luke Sowafrro, chief of the Cayuse tribe; Tom Joe, Chief of the Umatilla tribe; Vestana Cadue, chairman of all that is left of the Kickapoos—170 Indians; and Acting Chiefs Ennis Moon, Tom Wash, Iby Bear, Richard Bear and Liza Moon Neck of the Skull Valley band of the Shoshone tribe of Utah.

Harry J. W. Belvin, principal chief of Oklahoma's Choctaw Nation, which is not now involved with separation legislation, writes, "I think this is another of those moves by Congress to 'get the Government out of the Indian business,' another effort to shirk its responsibility to a people who owned the entire continent of North America when the white man first invaded (not discovered) this country."

Betty Mae Jumper, secretary of the Seminole tribal committee, pleads "We have no members ad-

vanced enough to take care of the administration of tribal property. Only in the past few years have our children attended school . . . Our reservation lands are not income producing . . . We have much to learn about sanitation, care of the sick, infant care, disease prevention . . . Don't take our government nurse from us."

Makes it hard to look in a mirror in the morning, doesn't it?

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

I promised some of the brothers and sisters in the church that I would write a few lines for the Gospel News every month regarding the African Call.

At this writing May 10th, the brethren are still waiting on their visa; but hope there will be something definite soon. We have received letters from the folks over there almost every week—anxiously waiting for the word, "We are coming." But while the delay cannot be helped, we just depend on the Lord. His will be done.

In a letter received from Mrs. Dick lately, she writes of receiving a picture of Bro. Cadman and I. (quote her) "My heart beat with pleasure and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ when your good picture of both of you come to my hand. No doubt you and brother Cadman are old in age, but still young in the Lord's service. I am glad since the blood of our Lord has made you strong again." end of quote.

They want to become one in every respect with the Church and any of its organizations, and are willing to abide by its laws. I asked how many members they had in their churches—and this is her answer: In the 52 Churches the attendance in some are 240, 100, 98, 50, 29, 200—we would have very good attendance in each church, but we are not in agreement with polygamist's, so we always dismiss one who is a polygamist — Rev. Dick is not in agreement with those who are not in the belief of our articles of faith.

According to her writings, there seems to be some restrictions on Missionary workers entering Nigeria since 1932—for this reason, a deposit is required. We have sent Bibles and Books of Mormon to them, also boxes of clothing. Some of the books they have received, but not the clothing. When the

brethren go, we will then learn more about conditions to write about.

Should the brethren receive their Visas soon, we will send word throughout the church to inform you of their departure. So let us still pray that the Lord's will may be done, and not ours. Sister Sadie Cadman.

"THE UPPER ROOM"

Nashville, Tenn.

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Joseph is a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall. (Genesis 49:22.) Read Genesis 37:23-25 or Matthew 8:23-27.

Many a life has been changed for the better by an interruption. One example may be found in the life of Joseph, the dreamer. Suddenly he was face to face with an interruption that would have broken the spirit of many a man. His own brothers sold him into slavery.

Joseph grasped his opportunities and put them to work. He served the alien country faithfully, and later saved his own people from a terrible famine. His crowning achievement, however, was that of winning both the respect and the love of the same brothers who years before had betrayed him. Had Joseph not accepted his interruption and not made the most of his opportunities, he would have remained a mediocre man, known only for his dreams and his coat of many colors.

Interruptions come to all. They will work for the ultimate good of those who, like Joseph, maintain their faith in the Eternal and perform their best service in whatever circumstances they meet.

MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them—all kinds of fruits:

I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers,

and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

Then I looked on all my works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. Solomon.

THE PILOT'S VERSION

OF THE 23rd PSALM

"The Lord is my pilot, I shall not fly alone.

He upholdeth me through stormy or clear skies;

He leadeth me down to safe landings.

He steadies the controls.

He guideth me through the pathways of the sky for His name's sake.

Yea, though I encounter the storms and tempests of life,

I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me.

Thy love and Thy care, they sustain me.

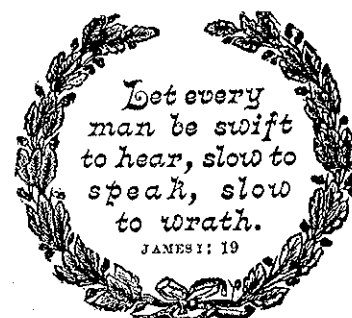
Thou preparest an airport before me in the home land of Eternity.

Thou fillest my life with Thy blessings; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall glide safely home to abide in the presence of my God forever."

Chaplain Sumner W. Johnson
Adapted from "Pilot's Psalm"

by Chaplain E. H. Jones.



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A MEMORY

Today I live in mem'ry of the long ago
And scenes of yesteryear gone by,
Revive and freshen with their afterglow—and cheer
The hope that springs eternal from the sky.

Chorus

Memory, Memory, blessed memory
That leads me back to years gone by.
In the M.B.A. He found me,
Jesus put His arms around me,
'Tis a memory that cannot die.

Today I count the years I spent in His employ
As brim with satisfied desire;
My cup of gladness doth abound with sacred joy,
Spills over at the fount of sacred fire.

My fondest hope is that in years to come we may
See blessings at the open door,
And youthful feet find promise in the rugged way,
Where faithful saints have trod the way before.
Lyrics written by Brother James Curry in honor of the M.B.A.

JUST AS THE BUD

Just as the bud depends on the sun
To give it the strength to bloom.
Just as the rose depends on the breeze
To waft away its perfume.
Just as the ship depends on the wind
When sailing across the sea . .
Just so do I, O dearest Lord
Ever depend on Thee.

Just as the stars depend on the night
To let them come out and shine.
Just as the wine depends on the grape
If it shall be sweet and fine.
Just as the young depend on the old
To care for them tenderly.
Just so do I, O dearest Lord
Ever depend on Thee.

Just as the bird depends on the tree
To shelter it from the storm.
Just as the chick depends on the hen

To cover and keep it warm.
And just as man depends on the earth
To feed him, eternally.
Just so do I, O dearest Lord
Ever depend on Thee.

Catherine Poma

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political band which has connected them with another, and so assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying the foundation of such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness.

THERE IS HOPE FOR ISRAEL

For the Prophet has said: "Therefore, thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he seeth his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel."

To our Indian friends: Take courage and live in hope, for the day of your redemption is at hand. You are the children of Jacob, and in departing from God have caused Jacob's face to wax pale. The time of your returning has come, and

your father Jacob's face will shine again. Give praise to the God of Israel.

SEISMOLOGICAL STATIONS IN PALESTINE

Many Christians believe that during the Tribulation Age an earthquake will split Mount Zion in half to signal the return of Christ (Zech. 14:1-4). They will probably be strengthened in that belief by the act of the National Physical Laboratory of the Israel Research Council recently.

Two seismological stations have been set up, one in Safed, the other in Jerusalem, right where the split is expected. The seismograph tests the intensities of earthquakes. The scientists stated significantly that "the importance of seismological stations in the Near East has been felt increasingly in recent years in view of the great number of quakes which have occurred."

A WONDERFUL GATHERING

The G.M.B.A. convened at Glassport, Pa., Saturday, May 15th at 10:00 A.M. The usual order of business was conducted during the morning session. After a few minutes of unfinished business, the afternoon session was enlivened by Brother William Cadman, who gave a detailed account of why he has thus far been unable to answer the call for help from Nigeria, Africa. The remainder of the time was given over almost exclusively to expressions of appreciation for the wealth of experience gained by various members through past years of service to the M.B.A.

Under the skillful questioning of G.M.B.A. President Brother Thomas, Sister Davidson, charter member and first president of the G.M.B.A. spoke eloquently and reminiscently of the M.B.A. of other years.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, former G.M.B.A. president of more recent years, spoke ably and learnedly of how our lives should portray the ideas of the M.B.A.

A check was made of those who had become new members during the past six-month period. Only two new members were present.

A young Lamanite woman from the Grand River Reservation testified to the value of the M.B.A. in leading her to a knowledge of the Book of Mormon.

Brother Charles Ashton in a short talk likened the M.B.A. to a stepping stone which leads to higher things. He advocated a marriage (a closer relationship) between the M.B.A. and the church. In humorous vein, Brother Ashton revealed that when Miss Mary Belle Wells became Mrs. Mary Belle Ashton, her initials automatically and dramatically became M. B. A.

Brother Al Malintoni testified to the profound effect the M.B.A. and the Church has had in altering and improving his way of life.

The Glassport local presented its program Saturday evening at the Glassport High School before an audience of approximately three hundred and fifty.

Considerable research by Sister Ruth Akerman, G.M.B.A. secretary, produced a history of the M.B.A. which was read by Theresa Carnival.

An experience by Apostle Samuel Kirchner, which led to his conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ was read by Ruth Akerman.

A poem, "Golden Anniversary," written by Sister Catherine Poma of California, was recited by Frances Intrieri.

Two articles on the subject of Democracy and the Restored Gospel, written by Donald Curry, the Glassport local president, were read by Donald and Dorothy Curry.

A panel board discussion on the subject of "Democracy and the M.B.A." was presented by a group of six young people.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of a yellow carnation by President Dominic Thomas to each of the four charter members present. The four charter members were — Sister Elizabeth Davidson, Sister Elizabeth Toye, Brother Isaac Smith, and Brother William Bailey. Brothers William Cadman, Charles Ashton, Gorie Ci-aravino, Melvin Mountain, Dominic Thomas, and Sisters Hannah Skillen and Mabel Bickerton also received yellow carnations in recognition of their years of meritorious service to the M.B.A.

The program was concluded by Sister Florence DiBattista, who sang "A Memory" the lyrics of which were written by one of the local M.B.A. members and dedicated to the charter members.

The G.M.B.A. will convene next at Lorain, Ohio, Saturday, November 13, 1954.

Secretary: Ruth E. Akerman

THE FOUNDING OF THE M.B.A.

Fifty years ago, during the closing months of the year 1904, a lusty cry was heard at the town of Lucyville, which today is known as Roscoe, Pa.

A child was born. This was no flesh and blood child. It was a child conceived in the inspired intellect of Brother Alexander Cherry. It was the birth of the M.B.A. Brother Cherry, a man of remarkable foresight and idealism, perceived, with his usual clarity of vision, that an association of the nature of today's M.B.A. was urgently needed among the saints for the purpose of learning more about God's dealing with humanity and of making such contributions as they felt able to donate to the Missionary labors of the priesthood.

The child of our story grew and so captivated the affections of the saints at Lucyville, that they took it to a conference held in the Odd Fellows Hall at Monongahela, Pa. during the early part of 1905, where it became the subject of considerable controversy. Despite the controversy, the zeal of those who had learned to love the infant association prevailed. The M.B.A. was duly organized and given the church's official stamp of approval. We regret that the records of the period were subsequently lost in a fire. We have gleaned the facts as herein stated from the discontinued church paper, "The Gospel Reflector" and from the testimonies of our charter members.

Whether by accident or design, the growing M.B.A. seems not to have received the name it bears today until the conference of October, 1905, where it was given the appropriate name of Missionary Benevolent Association.

MISSIONARY—meaning a person who is sent to spread religion by generation or successive production.

BENEVOLENT—meaning King, charitable, philanthropic, or loving mankind.

The general gatherings were held between the morning and afternoon sessions of Saturday conference, which later were changed to Friday before conference.

Some of the first officers of the association were as follows:

President—Elizabeth Cadman Davidson

Vice President—George Garret

Secretary—Wesley Bost

Financial Secretary—Richy Skillen

Treasurer—Harry Nicholson

Librarian—Lillian Dias

Chaplain—Lawrence Dias

Of these original officers, Sister Davidson and Brother George Garret are still in our midst.

For some years after it was founded the M.B.A. was regarded in some quarters as an obscure step-child of the general church, but the many spiritual satisfactions that have been gained through this inspired medium of exhortation and study have arrested more and more attention until today it is more popularly acclaimed.

The M.B.A. is chiefly for the young, though the older ones are encouraged to participate. It instills a knowledge of the scriptures in the minds of the young which they could not otherwise commonly acquire. It encourages a Godly discipline, the value of which cannot be exaggerated. The older members discovered at the very beginning that the pleasure of the Lord rested upon their gatherings. Their minds expanded wonderfully as the illuminating light of Heaven attended their study of the scriptures.

In 1929, after twenty-five years, there were but five locals. Today, in this year of the M.B.A.'s Golden Jubilee, we have the grand total of 26 locals.

Despite a stiff attitude adopted toward the M.B.A. by some branches of the church, we have seen the association overcome many prejudices, winning its way from Pennsylvania, into Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Kansas, New York, California and the Dominion of Canada.

It has accomplished a notable work in placing Books of Mormon in libraries and in financing the printing of literatures for our Indian people.

The editor of the discontinued church newspaper "The Gospel Reflector" referred to the M.B.A. as an open door for all. We quote: "With your permission, I will say that all persons should be members of the Missionary Benevolent Association because of the scriptural instruction that we receive and helping hand it holds out to the non-professor as well as the church member."

"It is our duty to assist unbelievers to believe and to teach the unlearned in the work of God, that they may come to Christ through His word. I feel very much interested in the assembly, as it is sometimes called, for it is an open door, as a stepping stone, and for the young an excellent approach to the church."

There can be no doubt that many have found the gift of eternal life by first embracing the lofty ideals, the elevating precepts of the M.B.A.

Thus the enabling works of the M.B.A. of the past persuades us to believe that it has a glorious future. Let us remember the exemplary life of Brother Cherry, the founder, whose motive in founding the M.B.A. was to advance the cause of Christ and the Restored Gospel through this medium.

Research by Ruth Akerman
Written by James Curry

**AN ADDRESS MADE
OVER THE RADIO
FROM STATION CHOK,
SARNIA, ONT. CAN.,
SUNDAY MAY 15TH, 1949,
BY THURMAN S. FURNIER**
Good morning radio friends:

Some time ago when making a radio address, on the subject; "The establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ" during the Apostolic period," I asked the following questions, and promised to answer them in some future broadcast:

Has The Church of Jesus Christ, thus authoritatively established, maintained an organized existence upon the earth from the Apostolic age to the present.

If the church has continued as an earthly organization, where lies proof or evidence of legitimate succession in priestly authority, and which among the multitude of contending sects or churches of the present day is the actual possessor of the Holy-priesthood originally committed to the church by Jesus Christ, its founder?

Again, have the spiritual gifts and graces by which the church was characterized and distinguished been manifest on earth through the centuries that have passed since the establishment of the church; and if so, in which of the numerous churches of these modern times do we find such signs following the professed believers?

Time will not permit me to give a lengthy answer to these questions but I expect to furnish enough evidence to prove that there has been a serious departure from the faith that was taught by Jesus Christ, and was maintained by his early followers.

Please be it understood that this subject is being presented without hatred or malice against any persons, or groups of religious peoples.

I know by the Spirit of God, God being my witness that many honest souls have, and are going astray. Therefore this message is given in all sincerity and in the love of God.

We declare positively the church gradually drifted into apostasy, whereby succession in the priesthood was broken, also the spiritual gifts and signs by which the early church was characterized became a thing of the past, and the church as an earthly organization operating under divine direction ceased to exist.

That men would set up their own form of worship, wrongfully claiming divine authority, and the departure from the principles of righteousness, was foretold by Jesus Christ himself, and by inspired prophets both before and after his birth.

A reasonable interpretation of history proves beyond the possibility of a doubt, the fact of this general apostasy.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the condition of the earth in spiritual darkness and unrighteousness, a time when mankind would be in a practically hopeless condition.

Isaiah 24: 5 "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

It may be interpreted that Isaiah has reference to a violation of the law of Moses. Be it remembered that the Mosaic law is nowhere called an everlasting covenant. On the other hand, the blood of Christ, the atoning sacrifice, is clearly called "the blood of the everlasting covenant." (See Heb. 13: 20).

The prophet Amos predicted there would come a time when there should be no Church of Jesus Christ found upon the earth:

Amos 8: 11, 12 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:—And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

Specifying the conditions pertaining to the growing apostasy, Christ declared to his disciples:

Matt: 24: 10 - 12 "and then shall many be offended, and shall be-

tray one another, and shall hate one another.—And many false prophets shall rise, and deceive many.—And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

The Apostle Paul charged them with this solemn warning:

Acts 20: 29, 30 "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.—Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

The same Apostle warned Timothy of the Approaching apostasy:

1st. Timothy 4: 1-3 "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter time some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils,—Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;—Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

In a second epistle to Timothy, his admonition is earnest, for the shadows of the apostasy were gathering about the Church, he writes:

2nd Timothy 4:1-4 "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;—Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.—For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;—And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

2nd Timothy 3: 1-5 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. — For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, — Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, — Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; — Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."

Paul warned the Thessalonian saints against the erroneous teachings by some, that Christ's second advent was then near:

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Editorial

I quote the following from the Book of Mormon, a book which was revealed from the bowels of the earth, and published to the world in the year of 1830. Yea a book of divine inspiration—a book abounding with much prophecy concerning this great Gentile nation of people on the land on which we live. The quotation is as follows: "And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgements of God will come upon you; yea, then is the time he will visit you with great destruction even as he has hitherto visited this land." Mosiah 29:27.

All people who profess to serve God according to that which is written, must concede that their God is a non-respecter of persons—He is not partial, but deals with all people in accord with their deeds. It is inevitable but what that which is sown, must bring forth its kind, good or bad—we shall reap what we sow. And, further, the seed must be sown before it is reaped. Hence, any reasonable minded person must conclude, that much evil seed has been sown in this fair land of America, for the Prince of Peace has made it plain, that the tree is known by its fruit, and this American people, nationally speaking, is certainly making a spectacle of themselves.

Apparently, men of honor and integrity, who are appointed and elected to office of public trust, not only betraying us to a foreign enemy such as Communist, but are stooping, even in the most petty offices and betraying the trust that honorable men deserve and which is placed in them by the citizens of this great Republic. Yes, men who were once in office, and was supposed at least to enforce the law, are now as EX-officials being indicted for corruption themselves. Yea, lawmakers are themselves lawbreakers.

If as individuals, we choose the bad and reject the good, it eventually becomes manifest, and the

same thing applies to nations and kingdoms as well.

The prophet of old was made to exclaim: "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy." Zephaniah 3:8. Had the "voice" of the nations and kingdoms chosen the good and rejected the evil, there would be no occasion for the wrath of God to fall upon them, but it will happen to them (nations and kingdoms) as it did to the Jews, they garnished the sepulchre's in honor to their prophets, and at the same time, did the evil things their prophets said they would do.

The purposes of God are as important in one age even as in another, and we as a nation of people have "chosen" rather, to believe the evils and false stories circulated by the enemy of all souls, relative to the angel that John saw flying through the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel to be preached to all the inhabitants of the earth, bringing forth the Book of Mormon in which the many prophets therein had their eyes wide open to the corruptions of our present day. One of its prophets has this to say of us: "Behold, I speak unto you as if you were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing." The next few verses exposes the corruptions of which our land is so full of today. Yea, woe be unto a people when their voices choose that which is not good. Edt.

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2nd Thess. 2: 1-4 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, — That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.— Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; — Who opposeth and exalted himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple

of God, showing himself that he is God."

Friends, you will have no trouble understanding what is referred to by the falling away," or who that man of sin is, and how literally this prophecy has been fulfilled, if you will follow the blasphemous assumptions of the apostate church down through the centuries.

John the Revelator, saw in vision the state of the church in the days when future: Rev. 12: 1, 2 "And there appeared a wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: — And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered." Rev. 12: 5 (First part) "And she brought forth a man child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron."

The woman is figurative of the church, the sun her glory, the moon the law of Moses, the crown denotes authority, the twelve stars the authoritative position of the twelve Apostles. The offspring of the woman (the church) is of the male species, it is a man child. He is of the sex whom our Lord selected to propagate the kingdom of God. It is his Priesthood, his ministry.

Rev. 12: 3 "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his head." Rev. 12:4 (last part) — "and the dragon stood before the woman (the church) TSF- which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." Rev. 12:5 (last part) — "And her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

God's priesthood, his ministry is caught away from the earth. His dwelling is with God.

Rev. 12: 6 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days."

The woman (the church) flees into the wilderness, which signifies the true church shall be in a barren and unfruitful state. No other issue is granted her. She is hidden from the eyes of man.

Later John the Revelator saw another woman (the apostate church). What a contrast between the two women (churches):

Rev. 17: 3-6 "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilder-

ness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. — And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: — And upon her head was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. — And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

The true church is symbolized by a woman chaste and pure, therefore a woman of the other character signifies a church impure and in apostasy.

The sacred duty of the true church is to bring forth spiritual children unto her Lord and husband, through the ordinance of the new birth, baptism, "born of the water and the spirit."

The impure church attempting the same thing, being void of Priesthood authority, produced illegitimate children, children born out of wedlock.

The scriptures cited are sufficient to show that wide spread apostasy from the church, and the corruption of the church itself was foreknown, and that a general apostasy was foretold.

It is now our duty to inquire as to the fulfillment of these predictions. We will give a few references: The Apostle Paul realized that the people amongst whom he laboured were losing the faith they had professed:

Gal. 1: 6-9 "I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: /— Which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. — But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. — As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than ye have received, let him be accursed."

Paul's epistles are composed of friendly pleadings against the influence of false doctrines:

2nd Timothy 1:13-15 "Hold fast the form of sound words, which

thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. — That good things which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost, which dwelleth in us. — This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phy-gel-lus and Her-mog-e-nes."

The falling away of the Christian church commenced, while there were yet inspired Apostles in their midst. The same Apostle mentions a great number who had made shipwreck of their faith; and turned aside unto vain jangling, teaching that the resurrection was already past; giving heed to fables and endless genealogies; doubting about questions and strifes of words whereof came envyings, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; he further says, that there are many unruly, and vain talkers, deceivers, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

John the Revelator had been banished to the isle of Patmos. Many of the Apostles had suffered martyrdom. The Apostasy was so wide spread that only seven branches of the church, were deserving of the instructions John was to give.

The church of Ephesus was approved for its good works, nevertheless they were reprov'd for neglect:

Rev. 2:4, 5 "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. — remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

The church at Pergamos was denounced for teaching false doctrine:

Rev. 2: 14-16 "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. — So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitines, which things I hate — Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."

The church at Thy-a-tira was denounced for teaching false doctrine:

Rev. 2:20, 21 "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezabel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. — And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not."

The church of Sardis was denounced because their works were not found perfect:

Rev. 3: 2, 3 "Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. — Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. — If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

The church of the La-od-i-ceans was denounced as lukewarm etc.:

Rev. 3:15-18 "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. — So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. — Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: — I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

These scriptures show that five out of the seven churches were rebuked for their negligence etc. Leaving only the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia whom were in the favor of God.

It is generally accepted that John the Revelator's message to the Churches of Asia was given about the year 96 A. D.

I expect to continue this subject the next opportunity that is given me by radio. May God bless you.

Thurman S. Furnier.

SIMILARITIES

The story of Israel's exodus out of Egypt, and of the passover, and of God's dealings with them in their sojourn to the promised land is very familiar to most Jews. It is rehearsed in almost every Jewish home at the Easter season, and rightly so for this was a command given to them at the

time of that memorial event. However Abraham's seed today is unaware that this great story has a complement which was effected in and by Christ in his day and time. There is great news awaiting them if they will hearken. If they will hearken they will with gladness and surprise declare even as did the Queen of Sheba when she communed with Solomon, that the half had not been told her. We of the Church of the Lord Jesus are happy to declare that we have heard the other half and it is marvelous in our ears, marvelous not only for it's (blessedness) but also because of the fact of it being a striking parallel to the first. The Exodus of the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage was an event unparalleled in history. We as believers also declare that the greatest event that has taken place in us individually is our conversion, our exodus out of sin and bondage, out of the world and it's wordly ways, out of the broad road into the straight. It remains an unforgettable event. How odd too and significant that it corresponds fully to the great exodus. Paul deals with this matter in I Cor. 10: 1-4. "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptised unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." Christian experiences prove that God is dealing with men individually in the self same manner as he did with the Children of Israel collectively.

The story of Moses is like the story of Jesus in many ways. Common to both was the threat upon their lives while they were infants, and how both were miraculously preserved by the power of God. Moses in his life possessed one of the virtues of Christ as no other man did, for we read of him that he was the meekest of men. He by God's command became leader and liberator of Israel, with much opposition even as did Christ. Power was given him to perform wonderful miracles that not only the Egyptians might know that God had sent him but even yet more that Israel might know. So also did Christ receive power and did perform many mir-

acles that not only might the Gentiles know that he was sent from God, but much more so his own. In the great work that Moses performed as I have said he received much opposition. First of all by the magicians who tried to disprove him by duplicating most of the miracles that he performed. Opposition continued as they journeyed along by new enemies, and sad to say that worst of all Moses received opposition from his own, even as did Christ. In spite of all these things he was successful in completing the task of liberating them from Egyptian bondage and leading them to the promised land, because of the help that he received from God.

We spoke of the greatness of the exodus, truly it was, and we could also add that without it the Israelites would never have seen the promised land. So also we individually will never reach the land of promise without the exodus, out of sin. There is also another factor necessary for our salvation, for Jesus not only said "that except ye be converted, ye cannot inherit the kingdom of God," but also "he that endureth to the end shall be saved." It is not he that starts in a race that is crowned but he that endures. To endure in the service of the Lord is not a simple or easy matter, but requires all of our strength. In the account of Israel's sojourn we are surprised to read that only two out of several hundred thousand journeying men endured. Only two reached the land of promise. Satan sure was busy in that day and time, and remains busy even until now. Jesus warned his followers that many would be called but only a few chosen. Failure were, and are, and will be, but blessed is he that realizes this and knows why they occur. Though failures were and are, and will be, yet we could also add that they shouldn't be, for the power of God to keep us from falling is greater than the power of Satan.

However men and women too often lean in the wrong direction, seeking an easy way out as did the Israelites, not willing to suffer a little for the cause of righteousness. Too often when we rely on our own strength and understanding we fail. There are many ways we can fail, and many ways and devices Satan has to trap us. Let us not be ignorant of these devices as Paul warns.

Loving God with all of our hearts, and with all of our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves will surely cause us to stand; to be victorious, and to reach that promised land. The Lord continues to be ready to help, he continues to have his arms outstretched. He died for all, his goodness and mercies endure, he is and will be worthy of "faithful service." When we cherish and entertain these kind of thoughts we endure, but when we murmur and look back as did the Israelites we fail even as they did. Let us therefore look up to him who reigns, who is all powerful, who delights in loyalty in those who profess. Let us never look back or turn aside, or grieve him in anyway, for as he rewarded faithful ones back there, and punished evil doers, so he does today, for as we have often said "he is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

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"THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST"

In an article, among a series of articles in the Pittsburgh Press April 12, 1954 by William A. White, Press Staff Writer, and while treating on the Baptist Church, he has this to say: "First and now the largest church of the denomination in Pittsburgh is the First Church, Bayard St. and Bellefield Ave. The Rev. L. B. Mosely is pastor. This church was founded in 1812 at Third Ave. and Grant St., where the City-County Building now stands. It had 12 members."

In heavy black-faced type is the following: "A charter member was Sydney Rigdon, a printer, who was afterwards to become famous as a founder of the Mormon church." This statement, I believe should have some further explanation, for, as it is, I think is a little misleading.

The following statement of facts as taken from the family records, as kept by his parents and by the subscribers: "He (S. Rigdon) was born on his father's farm, Piney Fork of Peter's Creek, St. Clair Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Feb. 19, 1793, where he lived till the winter of 1818 and 1819, and followed farming and received a common English education. In the fall of 1817 he professed religion, and joined the regular Baptist Church of that place, and in the winter of 1818 and 1819 he went to Beaver Co., Pa., where he studied

divinity with a Baptist preacher by the name of Clark, and was licensed to preach by the Conoquenessing Church (time not recollected) and went from there to Warren, Ohio, and was ordained a regular Baptist preacher, and returned to Pittsburgh in the winter of 1821 and '22, and took the care of the First Regular Baptist Church, and there continued to preach till the Baptist Association met in Pittsburgh, (precise time not recollected, but we think about the fall of 1824) at which time they brought some charges against him for not being sound in the faith; brought him to trial, but denied him the liberty of speaking in self-defense, and he declared a non-fellowship with them, and began to preach Campbellism. And he, and they that joined with him got the liberty of the Court House, there they held their meetings, and he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Books, followed the tanning business till the winter of 1827-'28, when he (S. Rigdon) moved somewhere into the Western Reserve, in Ohio, and there continued to preach till the Latter Day Saints came to that part of the country, and he joined them, and continues to be an Elder in that church (of Latter Day Saints, called Mormons.) In confirmation of the above statements, we hereby subscribe our names. Carvil Rigdon, Peter Boyer. Upper St., Clair Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa. January 27, 1843."

It is further written of Rigdon in the writings of Parley P. Pratt: "After traveling for some days we called on an Indian nation at or near Buffalo; and spent part of a day with them, instructing them in the knowledge of the record (Book of Mormon, W.H.C.) of their forefathers. We were kindly received, and much interest was manifested by them on hearing this news. We made a present of two copies of the Book of Mormon to certain of them who could read, and repaired to Buffalo. Thence we continued our journey, for about two hundred miles, and at length called on Mr. Rigdon, my former friend and instructor, in the Reformed Baptist Society. He received us cordially and entertained us with hospitality."

We soon presented him with a Book of Mormon, and related to him the history of the same. He was much interested, and promised a thorough perusal of the book.

We tarried in this region for some time, and devoted our time to the ministry, and visiting from house to house.

At length Mr. Rigdon and many others became convinced that they had no authority to minister in the ordinances of God; and that they had not been legally baptized or ordained. They, therefore, came forward and were baptized by us, and received the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and prayer in the name of Jesus Christ."

According to the article of the Staff Writer of the Press, the church was nicknamed "Baptists" I might add also, that the people who believed in the Book of Mormon, were nicknamed "Mormons." As far as Mr. Rigdon becoming "famous as a Founder of the Mormon Church" the Book was in print early in 1830, and the Church organized before Rigdon joined the Church. Much of the history I have quoted is taken from the Journal of History of Jan. 1910. (WHC).

ADMINISTERING CONFUSION

I listened to a Minister in one of our churches here in town recently, make a statement that Mary was not told by the angel that she would be the Mother of Christ, but the Mother of Jesus. To me when statements of that kind are made, the tendency is, to confuse the mind, rather than enlighten it.

It is true that the angel said that his name was to be Jesus, and the same angel says that Jesus will save His people from their sins. Why is it that a distinction is made between Jesus and Christ? In what way does it edify the soul? In Matthew 2-4 they demanded as to where Christ was to be born—that same Christ is also known as "Jesus Christ" and Mary was His mother. In Matthew 1-23 that she was to bring forth a son named Emmanuel, which, when interpreted means "God with us." And Mary was His mother. Why then, do men want to make distinction and create the thought that Mary was the Mother of Jesus, but not of Christ. The saying of Luke in 2-11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And Mary gave him birth, she was the mother of Christ, who is also known as Jesus Christ. In Luke 2-26 it was revealed unto Simeon that he would

not die before he had seen the Lords Christ. At this time He was but a few days old, a babe, the Christ, and Mary was His Mother. John says that truth and grace came by Jesus Christ. John 1-17. Mary was His mother, was she not? Then in Luke 24-26 the words of Jesus are: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" Mary was His mother, was she not? I have heard it said that it was only Jesus that suffered on the cross. Why do the servants of God make distinctions like this, for it is only administering confusion to the minds of seekers of the truth. It was Mary's son that was nailed to the cross, and His name was Jesus Christ. How does it come that the professed servant of God is at so much variance with the Apostle Paul on this question—in First Cor. 1-23 "But we preach Christ crucified," and in First Cor. 2-2 "For I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

May I ask again: what right has the professed servant of God to make a distinction between Jesus Christ, and Jesus? Mary was His Mother, she gave birth to Him, it was Jesus Christ who was slain on the cross, it was Him who 'rose from the grave, and in Acts. 3-20, 21 Peter speaking for the Lord, "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which was before preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things" etc. It was Jesus Christ who was born of the Virgin in Bethlehem, it was the same Jesus Christ who was nailed to the cross. It is Him that is yet to come. It was Jesus Christ who identified himself as such when He appeared to the Nephites on this land, as recorded in Third Nephi 11-10. And the Book of Mormon, and New Testament scriptures shows very plainly that the Virgin, Mary was His mother. In conclusion let me say: Let the world roam as it will, but let the "true" servants of God abide in the simplicity of His word. President Cadman.

A TRIP TO MUNCEY

I attended meeting on Sunday May 23rd, with our Indian people in Muncy, Ontario, made the trip with Bro. Brutz in their Station Wagon which they bought for that purpose—traveling to, and on the Indian Reservation.

It was a wonderful day for the trip, and the farm country which we drove through in Canada is beautiful—the herds of cattle in the green fields and the farmers making preparation for the spring crops, all the appearance of prosperity, though it did not look as though the farmers had much gratitude towards their God for blessings bestowed upon them, for they were busy in the fields with their tractors on Sunday. But let that be as it is, we had a nice day worshipping with our Indian folks. Due to repairing the Muncey church bldg. we met in one of their homes. Brother Brutz used the Station Wagon to get them to the place of meeting, and also took them to their homes after the meeting was over. I made my first trip there in 1932, and there was some present that was baptized on that occasion—they are still faithful to the covenant they made at the waters edge. May the Lord still bless them in their humble homes is my prayer.

Returning back to Detroit late that night, I was cared for at the home of brother and sister Brutz. The next day Sister Brutz with their car, took me to visit several of the saints homes in Detroit, and then took me to Branch No. 1 where I occupied the pulpit and had a very nice audience to address. All seemed to enjoy the meeting—but time is making changes—many faces which were familiar 25 and 30 years ago, are now missing, yes, many have gone to reap their reward. At the close of the meeting I was taken care of at the home of brother and sister Fred D'Amico. Bro. Fred of course had to go to his work. While at his home, Bro. Furnier came to call on me about noon, and we had the afternoon to visit with each other.

In the evening, Bro. Nickolas Pietrangelo called and took me to Branch No. 4 Church for the evening. Bro. Moraco is the Presiding Elder at this church. It was only recently that they completed and dedicated their new church. They have a good substantial building, and very nicely finished. As far as having a comfortable building is concerned, there is no excuse for them for not serving their God, for He has surely blessed their labours. There was a very nice audience present for me

to talk to, from their pulpit on the occasion. Quite a number of the saints from Windsor, Ont. were present. I was very glad for this, for of all the trips I have made out that way, I believe this was the first time I failed to visit them and their church. I hope they will pardon me for passing them up on this occasion. I enjoyed myself talking on this occasion. I drew their attention to the troubles of poor Job in the service of his God, and yet how faithful he was—the losing of all, did not deter him from being faithful to his God. He reconciled himself to the fact, that "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." Blessed be the name of the Lord. At the close of this meeting, Brother and Sister Anthony Lovalvo took me in their car to the Depot where I boarded a train at 10:40 for home. It was a short trip, but an enjoyable one. Brothers A. B. Cadman and Wm. Kunkle of Pennsylvania were present in this meeting. Sincerely Bro. WHC.

OBITUARIES

Brother Moscow Lambert, born Jan. 27, 1922, died Nov. 2, 1953, was baptized in the Church Oct. 25, 1949.

He was injured in the Factory and died of complications which set in. He leaves his wife, Sister Jean Ferrante Lambert, and four sons. Funeral Services were conducted by Bro. Reno Bologna of Detroit Branch, No. 2.

Sister Nancy Scarcella, born March 23, 1901 in Italy, died March 24, 1954.

She died of internal injuries in a car accident on returning home from a Wednesday night prayer service. She leaves her husband, Bro. Tony Scarcella and son Daniel to mourn her passing. The funeral services were held at Detroit Branch No. 2. The services were attended to by Bro. Reno Bologna, assisted by Bro. Joseph Bologna.

Mrs. Florence Olean Schultz Cowan, 48, wife of James Lloyd Cowan, Elizabeth, Pa., R.D. 2 died suddenly at Scottdale Sunday, June 6, 1954. Funeral Services were conducted in the Cox Funeral Home at Elizabeth by Rev. James Bibler of Newark, Ohio. Interment at Jefferson Memorial Park. She is survived by her

husband, two daughters and one son, mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Cowan attended church services along with her husband at The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday morning, and apparently in the best of health, and in the afternoon, passed on without any warning whatever. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the loved one.

NEWS ITEMS

Brother and Sister Cox of Salina, Kansas in renewing their subscription to the Gospel News have this to say: "We look forward to the Gospel News as it increases and strengthens our hopes in the church and its people. We pray God's blessing and guidance on your trip to Africa, and hope it will be fruitful to all concerned." They also enclosed a subscription for Bro. Hart of Salina, who was baptized at St. John, Kansas not long ago. I am glad to hear from you. WHC.

The following are a couple of paragraphs from a letter written by Bro. and Sister DeMarrajs of S. Dakota on May 18th. "We are all getting along fine, still praying every day, and trying to do the good things as we go on day by day. We are also teaching our children to pray every day, and always remember our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us all. We are hoping that God willing, we will see one of our brothers or sisters come this way this summer. The weather is nice, and the birds singing their songs. We know that God will bless us with more fruit this year."

On Sunday, May 23rd, Brother and Sister Joseph Collison of Windsor, Ont., Brother and Sister Charles Smith of the Glassport Church, and Brother and Sister Moore of McKees Rocks Church all visited the Monongahela Church. It so happened on the occasion, that Mrs. Mary Gavaghan (Brother Cowan's daughter) in the Sabbath School service asked to be baptized. At the close of the service Mrs. Shirley Hemmings (Bro. Cowan's granddaughter) and a Mrs. Milton also asked to be baptized, which was attended to in the Monongahela River, Elder James Campbell officiating.

Sister Ford of Windsor, Ont., at this date, June 10th. is visiting among the saints here in Monongahela. We are glad to have her with us.

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An Old Latter Day Hymn

Ye slumbering nations who've
slept a long night,
Without revelation or heavenly
light,

The latter day glory's beginning
to dawn,
Awake from your dreaming and
welcome the morn.

A last dispensation, let all the
world hear

In every nation, that saints may
prepare

For that revolution it shall un-
dergo,

The great restitution from evil and
woe.

The call is from heaven, and
hear it ye must,

"The first will be last, and the
last will be first,"

Go forth to the nations, and
then to the Jews,
Who soon will obey it when Gen-
tiles refuse.

The Jews will go forth and the
ten tribes will come
From a land in the north, to in-
herit their homes.

And kings shall protect them,
and queens shall sustain,
Their national rights 'til Messiah's
blest reign.

When Ephraim's lov'd children,
who roam in the west,
Shall gather 'round Zion, and with
her be blest;

When truth shall be given, then
peace will abound,
And the kingdom of heaven on
earth will be found.

By Palma Coppa
New Brunswick, N. J.

At the gate beautiful a crippled
man lie.

Asking for alms of those passing
by.

Hurt from his birth in the scrip-
ture we read,

a miracle happened, God's word
he did heed.

As Peter and John came to the
temple to pray;

they passed this lame man and to
him they did say

Look to us tho silver nor gold
have we,

But such as I have I will give into
thee.

"Rise, and walk in God's name"
Peter cried

then taking his hand he drew him
near to his side.

The feet that were hurt, and the
bones that were lame,
received new strength, through
Jesus blessed name.

And he leaping up arose, then to
walk,

as people in wonder and am-
azement did talk

of that which had happened to the
man who did wait for the Alms
and the prayers at the beautiful
gate.

Nigeria, West Africa
(By J. A. Umoh)

Dear Editor,

This is the best way I can re-
turn thanks to the Subscriber who
subscribed for the printing of the
Gospel News, we, the brethren
and sisters in the Church of Jesus
Christ thanks each and everyone
of you, and wish God's blessing
to be upon each and every one of
you amen, we received more bles-
sing by reading the Gospel News
of March and April, 1954, grate-
ful if the love of God through
Christ our Lord should be in you
to mail it to us as usual amen.

We return more thanks to the
sisters and brothers who wrote in
the Gospel News Vol. 10 No. 4, of
April, 1954, and wish God to bless
all of them.

This is to notify all sisters and
brothers of the Church of Jesus
Christ, the true church that they
should pray for safe journey for
Bro. W. H. Cadman, and Bro. J.
Bittinger, we hope to see them in
July 1954, and everything have
been worked out, the Bank of Brit-
ish West Africa Ltd., Calabar.
Nigeria have paid to Principal
Immigration Officer, the Nigeria
Police, Lagos, Nigeria the sum of
£297:7:6d, and we have added the
sum of £2:12:6d to make up the
total amount of £300, they take
out commission in the amount you
sent that is why it remains so,
their letter to Bro. Dick of which
Bro. Dick has mail to Cadman
can tell amen.

So we hope the brethren will
arrive in Nigeria in July, 1954. We
hope to see them and wish God's
blessing to be upon them amen.

Hoping to hear soon from you
thanks. We remain Yours sincere-
ly, Church of Jesus Christ, J. A.
Umoh, Financial Secretary.

Nigeria, Africa
(By A. A. Dick)
May 20, 1954

Dear Editor:

My heart beats with gladness
and thanksgiving to the Lord,
when I look to the Heaven above
and think of the long suffering the
Son of Man suffered to carry such
a heavy cross of which He bought
with His own blood to redeem all
of us from our sins and set us
free, chosen us for His own way,
and yet we are still doing bad. I
am glad for His strong Love and
also thank Him since He has
chosen me from the world,
Amen.

Having gone through the Gospel
News Vol. 9 No. 1 of January 1953.
I become other man altogether,
I also receive more blessing from
Heaven above, and my spiritual
power added more and more, first
in looking to the front page I
see — To the readers of the Gos-
pel News. Infact what happy to a
man, the man in question is the
cost, gratefully if all the sisters
and brothers in Christ should re-
member to fast and pray so that
God may show Himself more to
our people although there are
many churches in our country
most of them come from America,
and yet 1000 men and women are
not worshipping God, but Satan.

I also notice how lovely the
American people are willing to
give out for the building of the
Lord work. I note also that they
are not wearing Church of Jesus
Christ and fail to honor the name
as one Church by name Church
of God, the name is very good
since it is Spiritual name, but
the people in it do not be an
honor to the name, but wearing
it in saying I am a born Christian
in the Church of God but their
heart is black, the blood of Jesus
is not entering into their hearts.

It was on April 1954, while I
was still at Calabar, for two
months Missionaries trip, I met
one Pastor Adam of Christ Army
Church. I have spiritual speech
with him, and God did the same
thing He did to Elijah and I win
him, he ask me whether I can
admit him and his church into
the Church of Jesus Christ, I an-
swer him lovely and tell him that
you and your church members will

be baptized by our Missionary, will you agree? He answered yes. I also add that we do not believe in wives (more than one WHC.) are you? He answered no. I give him right hand of fellowship, good news we are now 53 churches waiting for brother Cadman and Bittering arrival. May the Lord blessing come upon every one of you. Amen Elder A. A. Dick.

P.S. I have written Elder Dick's letter as he has written it. In his English, he does not get all his words placed properly, but no doubt you will be able to gather his thought. W.H.C.

African News

I am sorry I didn't get a piece in the Gospel News for last month. I didn't get it in time, so I will write a few lines for the August paper. Many letters have been received, and the folks over there are anxiously waiting for the word of the brethren coming. The deposit had been received and accepted for their visa.

On June 6-54 Mr. and Mrs. Dicks little girl, 1 1-2 years old died from small pox. On June 8-54 their house burned down and nothing was saved. They have had many things to discourage them, but they seem very submissive, and have gone on with their work in the church. Mrs. Dick was very sick for sometime too—she has translated the Law and Order Book of the Ladies Circle into Efik for their understanding; that must be their language.

They have received several boxes of clothing, and Mrs. Dick and three other sisters were taking them to the different places, where they were needed—she said they were traveling by canoe across the sea, and desired our prayers.

They desired the sisters in America to send them enough money to buy five bicycles.—\$175.00. I received the money as requested and sent it to them. Thanks to all the sisters who contributed. Well this is July 9-54, and we received word today from the British Office in New York that their visas were received at their office, so the brethren may be on their way to Nigeria by the time this paper reaches you. They will need your prayers, and we at home also, that we may be able to carry on while they are away.
Sister Sadie B. Cadman.

WRECKING THE PYRAMIDS General Superintendent Vanderpool

"We Could Wreck the Pyramids" is the slogan of a wrecking company in the South. The company specializes in wrecking buildings—frame shacks or reinforced concrete skyscrapers—wrecking is their business. The word pyramids refers to massive stone structures built by proud kings of long ago. The largest of these is near Cairo Egypt. It covers 13 acres, towers 481 feet in the air, and has resisted every force for more than four thousand years. This pyramid is a symbol of permanence.

I am not certain that this company could wreck the pyramids, but I know that Satan has a wrecking crew that can wreck individual lives or even groups that have been considered enduring as the pyramids. This crew is at work all about us and one recognizes these names as they are mentioned. Faultfinding can wield a staggering blow to a sincere worker who is giving his best to build something for God. Solid, established churches have been rent and divided by some faultfinder, bent on a wrecking spree. Faultfinding is a subtle force that sometimes works under the name of frankness. Faultfinding and ugly criticism not only wreck the one to whom the criticism is directed, but will react upon the critics and leave them with a warped, twisted, ugly nature.

Unpaid budgets, dry eyes, barren altars, smug complacency, all add up to a creeping paralysis which we call ease in Zion. This evil can wreck a church as solid as the pyramids.

Worldiness is a giant that struts through the church evidencing himself by creating greater interest in pleasure programs than in soul-winning campaigns. He leaves in his wake weak, anemic preachers who mouth sweet platitudes; painted - faced, jewel - bedecked choirs; and carnal, ease-loving church members. Worldliness is a force that could jar the pyramids, singlehanded. Selfishness, pride, covetousness, and ill will form a wrecking crew that labors overtime to wreck churches and damn immortal souls.

A rugged, fearless, happy holiness preacher, and an aroused, vigilant praying church form a combination that can stop a force that could "wreck the pyramids." From the Herald of Holiness.

P. S. In reading this article of Supt. Vanderpool I thought it was good to pass along. It needs no comment on my part, but it is surely good for members of all churches to read, and not only to read, but to let it soak in. It does seem that it is a very bad fault with many church members, who don't, or won't, or can't do anything themselves—to knock the other fellow. Editor.

An address made over station CHOK, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, Sunday, July 24, 1949, by Thurman S. Furnier.

Good morning radio friends:

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity of addressing you on the subject: "The establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ during the apostolic era."

A belief common to all professing Christians is; that The Church of Jesus Christ was founded on the earth in its ancient simplicity and beauty, and exhibited the majesty of a divine institution.

That subject was followed by another; "The great apostasy, or the falling away." Scriptures were quoted pertaining to predictions that such an event would take place. Followed by quoting other scriptures pertaining to the fulfillment of the predictions, with convincing evidence that there was a serious departure from the principles taught by Jesus Christ and maintained by his early followers.

We will now consider some of the principle causes of the great apostasy from the primitive church, and leading later to the apostasy of the church its self as an earthly organization.

It is a matter of history indisputable, that from the time of its inception to its cessation, the church established by Jesus Christ was the object of bitter persecution.

Jesus said: St. Matt. 11: 12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

The persecution was two-fold; viz: Judaistic and pagan. The Jewish religious system (Judaism) was founded on the law of Moses. They were opposed to Christianity, which they regarded as a rival religion to their own.

It must be remembered that the rest of the world before and at the birth of Christ was idolatrous, believing in a host of diet-

ies, yet no recognition of a Supreme Being as a living personage.

The conflict was between systems, not nations. Christ and his Apostles, also the members of the church at its establishment and throughout the early years of its existence were largely Jews.

When we speak of the Jews opposing the church, please understand, that Judaistic Jews are meant, upholders of the law of Moses and enemies of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

While Jesus ministered in the flesh he warned the Apostles of the persecution they would meet by Judaistic instigation:

Mark 13:9 "But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them."

Before his betrayal, the Lord cited the persecution to which he had been subject, and declared his followers could not escape.

John 15:18-20 "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;"

The extreme wickedness to which the persecutors would sink, was told the disciples by Jesus:

John 16: 2,3 "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."

And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me."

These predictions had literal and speedy fulfillment:

Acts 5: 17, 18 "Then the high priest rose up and all they that were with him, (which in the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation."

And laid their hands on the Apostles, and put them in the common prison."

The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they

were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

Stephen was stoned to death because of his testimony. The elders, and the scribes caught him, and brought him to the counsel, and set up false witnesses. They accused him of saying, "this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us."

And the persecution against the church was general:

Acts 8:1 "And Saul was consenting unto his (Stephens TSF) death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles."

James, the son of Zebedee, was slain by order of Herod:

Acts 12: 1, 3 "Now about that time, Herod the king stretched forth his hands, to vex certain of the church."

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also." —

By divine and miraculous intervention, Peter was saved from a similar fate.

Jesus made known to Peter that he would be numbered with the martyrs:

John 21: 18, 19 "Verily, verily I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walked whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not."

This spake He, signifying by what death He should glorify God and when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me."

Not only did the Jews persecute those that professed Christ, but they stirred up opposition on the part of the Romans, and charged that the Christians were plotting treason against the Roman government. Since they acknowledged the authority of a certain person, named Jesus, whom Pilate had capitally punished, therefore they gave out that the Christians were enemies to the Roman emperor.

We will now deal with the persecution suffered by the early Christians at the hands of pagan nations.

Bible students generally agree that the canon of scriptures closed with the writings of John the Re-

velator about the year of 96 A. D.

As to what happened thereafter we must gain our knowledge from Ecclesiastical (church) history. History is scriptural predictions in reverse (in this case). It is an Account of predictions fulfilled. Therefore, I will hereafter refer to such Ecclesiastical historians as Eusebius Pamphelus, bishop of Ceasarea in Palestine and Rev. Joseph Milner, an English authority on church history and others, whom in turn gathered their information from earlier writers which have been accepted as genuine and reliable.

Persecution of the church by Roman authority began in the reign of Nero 64 A. D., and continued at intervals to the close of Diocletian's reign 305 A. D.

The first notable persecution was that instigated by Nero 64 a. d. Students of history know he is remembered mostly for his crimes. During his reign a section of the city of Rome was destroyed by fire. He was suspected of being responsible, fearing the people, he sought to place a blame on the Christians.

A great multitude were seized, and convicted. They died in torments. Some were nailed to crosses; others sewn up in the skins of wild beasts and exposed to the fury of dogs; others again smeared over with inflammable materials, were used as torches to illuminate the darkness of the night. This the first persecution by Roman edict ended 68 A. D. with the death of the tyrant Nero.

According to tradition the Apostles Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom at Rome, the former by crucifixion, and the latter by beheading.

We will pass over the persecutions by the emperor's Domitian, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, Maximin, and others, and come to the Diocletian persecution: He reigned from 284 A. D. to 305 A. D.

Fire broke out twice in the royal palace at Nicomedia, the act was charged against the Christians with terrible results.

(A Good Way To Preserve Some of The Articles Which Were Printed In The Gospel Reflector, For That Paper Is almost a Thing Of the past.)

W. Va. Experiences
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I will write a few lines for our
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Editorial

The following are some of the "highlights" of Divorce as given by Mr. Howard Whitman in the third article of a series twelve, which are appearing in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, June 18, 1954.

"For the last five years we have been solemnizing roughly 1,600,000 marriages every year and granting close to 400,000 divorce decrees."

"In the tri-city area of the State of Washington (Pasco, Kennewick, Richland), school authorities complained that broken homes were causing an even greater problem than new homes. During the first half of 1953 the tri-city area had 148 marriages. But during the same period we had 196 divorces," a school official reported."

"In Louisville, 30 to 40 divorces go through Jefferson County Court in an average week."

In Knoxville, Tenn. on April 28th a Judge granted a woman her 12th divorce.

The divorce rate in the United States in 1950 was six times greater than that in Canada, eight times greater than that of Mexico and three-and-a-half times that of England, and three times that of France. —Not much wonder Daniel saw the "little stone" smight the image on the feet.

The late Wm. Cadman, president of The Church of Jesus Christ, and who deceased in 1905, said: that adultery was at the root of the down-fall of most nations, and declared it would be the "down fall of the United States Government."

He also declared: that our loose divorce laws, was one form of adultery and that polygamy (plural marriage) was simply another form. May I ask: who dare deny it? Editor.

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paper by commencing with our experiences in W. Va.

Brother Ward and I went to Worthington, W. Va., on May 9, 1910 and commenced to hold meetings. Brother Caldwell having

moved there we stopped at his place. The people of this vicinity treated us with much kindness and gave us the privilege of holding meetings in their church. We soon found out that these people had no knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and we began to preach to them this Restored Gospel. We found that those people consisted of Christians, Methodists, etc. There was a number which were operated upon by the Spirit of the Lord while under the sound of the Gospel and the interest began to grow. After holding seven meetings, brother Ward went to Rockford, about three miles back of Morgantown. I remained, and with brother Caldwell held five more meetings making twelve in all. I visited a few families while I was there and received the best treatment. We went to see a woman who has consumption and we enjoyed the blessing of God there.

We placed before the people the Falling away from the Gospel with good liberty and some remarked that they had learned something which they had never thought of. The Restoration was also preached, and very little opposition had occurred as yet. The last meeting we held, I felt very much impressed with the advancement of natural science and the decline of spiritual science.

I read a portion of scripture found in 1st Kings 18 chapt. concerning Elijah, and the prophets of Baal. I spoke of the ancient heathens, and modern heathens, the power of God bearing witness. At the close of this meeting there was somewhat of an uproar occurred which only proved to us that God's Spirit had penetrated their hearts. Some were solemnly effected while others became embittered.

We believe that if this work is followed up that some good can be done at that place, and may God bless brother Caldwell in declaring to them the blessed Gospel which has given us freedom, and will give all freedom if they will accept this Gospel with a contrite heart.

It is a true saying that "experience is the best teacher," and while we do feel very weak at times, yet we have nothing to fear when we are attacked by man with all his learning.

The Gospel is able to with stand all things which do not belong to it, and God will bless any of His

children who will proceed to combat error with truth.

In the world there is a good deal accomplished by bluffing, also in religious matters, but God and His people do not work by bluff, but He draws men and women into His fold by His spirit. The majority of mankind is bluffed by the so-called greatness of man, But the fine appearance, the college learning, the long handlers of men, God only winks at. The knowledge of God is His blessings to His saints. Solomon says "who so loveth instruction, loveth knowledge, but he that hateth reproof is brutish."

Many of the so-called great men denounced the instructions of God today, while His saints rejoice being instructed and receiving knowledge from time to time by that great means which He promised, the Holy Ghost. So may God bless His people and lead us on to victory through Jesus Christ Chas. Ashton.

P. S. It is this missionary spirit which has continued with some of our Ministers, that has caused that spread of the Gospel as taught by this people (The Church of Jesus Christ) not only across the West Virginia line, but from coast to coast, and from up in Canada to our southern national boundary line. Yea, and even across the seas. I will add, that since the year of 1910, much has been accomplished by brethren who have retained in their souls a love for those outside the fold, regardless of race, color, or places near or far-off. I will add also, Woe be to the Church who bears the name of the Lamb of God, should they, the Ministers thereof forget the other fellow. I have heard it said as follows, "Show me a Church that has no Missionary Spirit, and I will show you a Church that is a dead Church." — Not time yet, I think is a terrible malady to be afflicted with. President Cadman.

LOST RACE DISCOVERED
IN NEW GUINEA

100,000 Living
In Unexplored Area

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea, June 15 (UP)—An Australian aerial survey party was reported today to have found a "lost" civilization of 100,000 persons in New Guinea in a 4,000 square-mile unexplored area.

"I believe we now have discovered the last of the big populations of New Guinea," A. A. Rob-

erts director of native affairs, said.

The find was made during a survey of mountainous country. The survey party leader was John Arthur, director of civil aviation for New Guinea.

Flew Over Region

He said he flew his light airplane over the region at heights as low as 200 feet and, while it was impossible to see much of the hitherto unknown natives, he found that they knew something about irrigation work.

Roberts said the natives lived in villages about 7000 feet above sea level, in a series of valleys stretching for about 100 miles along the Muller and Karius Mountain ranges.

Ground Party in Area

Following the initial aerial discovery, a ground party set out to explore the area early in May. It was led by patrol officer D. Clancy. He was accompanied by a geologist from the Australian Petroleum Co. and 15 native policemen.

Clancy's radio messages indicate the group now is well into the new area, and expects to return to Port Moresby by mid-July.

Roberts said the preparations then would start for an expedition to establish the first base in the new area before Christmas. The base possibly would have an air strip.

P. S. In lieu of our enlightened age, a discovery of this kind to be made is a marvelous matter. Yet in our Bible it is recorded in Genesis 11:9, that God scattered people abroad upon the face of all the earth. When Columbus discovered America, he found a people here. The Book of Mormon informs us that they are the dispersed of Israel and it also informs us of a people coming here at the time the Lord confounded the language of all the earth. I will add, that according to Holy Writ, the ten lost tribes of Israel are yet to be found somewhere. Yea, from a land in the north. Editor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF

Pettit-Liberto Nuptials

A beautiful wedding was witnessed on January 30, 1954, at 2 p.m. when Sister Marcia Ann Pettit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettit, and Thomas Mark Liberto, son of Bro. and Sister Nicholas Liberto, were united in marriage by a double-ring ceremony performed by Bro. Benjamin Ciccati, in the Church of Jesus Christ, in San Diego, Calif.

Miss Sondra Jo Pettit, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor, while the best man was Ronald Carver. The bridesmaids were Miss Angela Poma, of San Diego, and Sister Marian Catalano, of Manteca, Calif. Bro. Richard Castelli and Kenneth Freeland, both of San Diego, acted as ushers.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the East San Diego's Woman's Club building, with many friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters present.

The groom is in the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Parks Air Force Base, in northern Calif. where the young couple are now staying. May the Lord always bless them in every way.

Bro. Peter Guarano

Bro. Peter Guarano passed away on Feb. 25th, 1954, after a severe attack. He was born in Italy on Feb. 2, 1893. Bro. Felix Buccelato was in charge of the funeral service, which was held on Monday, March 1st, 1954.

Our brother was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized on April 27th, 1952. We sincerely miss our brother and pray God will be the company of his wife, our beloved sister Lena.

Amormino-Licata-Nuptials Detroit Church No. 3

Brother and Sister Thomas Amormino announce the marriage of their daughter, Rose Amormino to Angelo Licata on May 8, 1954.

The double ring ceremony took place at the Church of Jesus Christ. The officiating Minister was brother Joseph Bologna, uncle to the bride.

"Oh Promise Me," and "Because" was sung by Sadie Emolo, with Roselinda Dix at the piano. The newly-weds are making their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Castelli-Ciarolla Nuptials Warren, Ohio

Sister Virginia Ciarolla, daughter of Brother and Sister Victor Ciarolla, was a lovely bride of Brother Richard Castelli, son of Brother and Sister Dominic Castelli of San Diego, Calif. in an impressive double-ring ceremony in the Second Christian Church, Saturday June 12. Brother Jonathon Molinatto officiated.

Mrs. J. Klingensmith presided at the organ, and Miss Wanda Smith sang "At Dawning," "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

The bride's maid of honor was Marcella Marderosian of Detroit. Bride's maids were Jean Ciarolla and Margerite Ciarolla; Richard Ciarolla was best man and ushers were Joe Ciarolla, David Ciarolla, Will Gennaro, Robert Ciarrochi.

A delicious dinner was served for about 200 guests in the Church Parlor. Many friends and relatives from Calif. Penna, Cleveland, Detroit, Kent, Girard, Niles and Lorain, Ohio, attended the wedding.

The young couple left on a weeks honeymoon to Niagara Falls, and will make their home with the groom's parents in San Diego, Calif.—By Betty Gennaro.

OBITUARY

Martha Jane Ring

Martha Jane, daughter of John A. and Janette Morgan, was born October 13, 1892 in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania and died June 8, 1954 in Gleason hospital in Larned where she had been a patient two days. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was 11 years old when her parents came to St. John to make their home. She was graduated from St. John high school in 1910 and taught in the grade school here in 1911. Each day of her life was filled capable and generously. Her love and friendship included all who passed by, for she truly lived by the side of the road and was a friend to all.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ being baptized in 1907 and has been a faithful member all her life.

Martha was married November 4, 1911 to Wayne D. Ring who preceded her in death on April 26, 1953. This union was blessed with five sons and five daughters. The eldest daughter, Jeannette, died March 28, 1948.

The surviving children are: Helen (Mrs. Paul Schlabach) Refugio, Texas; Alice (Mrs. W. T. Coan) Bayside, Texas; Thomas, St. John; Wayne D. Jr., San Diego, Calif.; Loren, Kenedy, Texas; Max Alan, Brooklyn, New York; Darlene Mrs. Cleo Bartlett St. John; Barbara Mrs. Galen Atterberg Russell and Jackie Don of the home.

Other survivors include 11 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. J. H. Hammitt, St. John and a brother, D. A. Morgan, Leavenworth, several cousins and a legion of sorrowing friends.

They are not dead who live in lives of those they leave behind;

In those whom they have blest, they live a life again.

P. S. I have known Sister Martha Morgan and the Morgan Family all my life time, and felt sad in hearing of her passing on. Like her Mother, she was always strong in the faith of the Restored Gospel. From a large family only one brother and one sister survive her. May her soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

Mrs. Basch Passes On

Mrs. Nancy Basch the only surviving sister of Bro. Albert Sarver was laid away to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery on June 21st. She along with her husband, resided at Chester W. Va. Brother Sarver is the only surviving member of his family. The passing of time makes changes. WHC.

OUR MOTHER

Our Mother has gone to that great beyond
Where she'll rest from the cares of each day
She's at peace with the angels of God's great realm
Who came to take her away.
She has come at last to that blessed abode
Where there'll be no more sorrow nor tears
That blessed abode where she longed to be
At the end of these few earthly years.
If we who are left can just—once each day
Erase from some cheek one small tear
We shall ne'er lose the spirit of her great love
That she gave so abundantly here.
THE CHILDREN OF MARTHA
J. Ring

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Brothers and Sisters Everywhere,

I want to write just a few lines for we surely enjoy reading in the Gosepl News about our different brothers and sisters from various parts, feeling a great blessing in our hearts, realizing we are all one in the family and fold of Christ, our Elder Brother.

Truly we are most fortunate to be called in His beautiful Gospel, restored in these the latter days. We thank Him that we understand that the Gospel did fall away, and after a period of darkness on earth, was restored again in all its original purity and spiritual gifts. To the minds of many

people in the world today it is hard to comprehend the falling away and restoration, saying the Gospel was always here—not understanding that the power and authority was taken to heaven by God, and later restored back to earth. We are truly thankful for this knowledge and verification of this truth in our hearts through God's spirit and manifestations among His people from time to time. We may become discouraged at times, but if we hold on to the "rod of iron" that Lehi and Nephi saw, we will some day see the glorious things God has in store for those who believe in His words and cling to the truth, in the midst of all of the confusion and darkness of the world. This is our desire, above all, to cling to the truth of the restored Gospel, with the expectancy of witnessing many glorious things in the near future, for God is beginning to send His workmen into the vineyards of the world, and many shall sing praises to His name. "Faith is the Victory," dear brothers and sisters, and we pray to God constantly to increase our faith, which in turn leads us to hope, and hope in charity, which is God's love, the greatest thing of all.

We here in San Diego are endeavoring to serve God sincerely, hoping that He will use us as instruments to spread His Gospel all around us. I am happy to say we had two baptisms on Mother's Day namely sister Providence Cottone, whose husband was baptized last year, and Sister Frances Ruggirello. We sincerely hope God will be our two new sisters' company and teacher, along with all His people everywhere.

I will close for this time, dear brothers and sisters, asking you all to remember us here on the West Coast that we may always strive to serve God, and live closer to Him day by day. We, too, always remember you all everywhere, looking forward to that Great Day when we will be gathered together, never to part any more.

May God bless and keep us all under His paternal care, is our prayer.

Sis. Lena Liberto

A Letter of Joseph Smith
to His Wife
(Recorded in Journal
of History)

Richmond, Mo. Nov. 12, 1838
My dear Emma: We are prison-

ers in chains and under strong guards for Christ's sake and for no other causes; although there have been things that were unknown to us and altogether beyond our control that might seem to the mob to be a pretext for them to persecute us; but on examination I think that the authorities will discover our innocence and set us free; but if this blessing can not be obtained I have this consolation, that I am an innocent man, let what will befall me.

I received your letter, which I read over and over again; it was a sweet morsel to me. O God, grant that I may have the privilege of seeing once more my lovely family in the enjoyment of the sweets of liberty and social life; to press them to my bosom and kiss their lovely cheeks would fill my heart with unspeakable gratitude. Tell the children that I am alive, and trust I shall come and see them before long. Comfort their hearts all you can, and try to be comforted yourself all you can. There is no possible danger but we shall be set at liberty if justice can be done, and that you know as well as myself. The trial will begin today for some of us. Lawyer Reese, and we expect Doniphan, will plead our cause. We could get no others in time for the trial. They are able men and will do well, no doubt.

Brother Robinson is chained next to me, he has a true heart and a firm mind; Brother Wright is next, Brother Rigdon next, Hyrum next, Parley next, Amasa next; and thus we are bound together in chains, as well as the cords of everlasting love. We are in good spirits and rejoice that we are counted worthy to be persecuted for Christ's sake. Tell little Joseph he must be a good boy. Father loves him with a perfect love; he is the eldest—must not hurt those that are smaller than he, but care for them. Tell little Frederick father loves him with all his heart; he is a lovely boy. Julia is a lovely girl; I love her also. She is a promising child; tell her father wants her to remember him and be a good girl. Tell all the rest that I think of them and pray them all.

Brother Babbitt is waiting to carry our letters for us. Colonel Price is inspecting them; therefore my time is short. Little Alexander is on my mind continually. O, my affectionate Emma, I want you to remember that I am a

true and faithful friend to you and the children for ever. My heart is entwined around yours for ever and ever. O, may God bless you all. Amen. I am your husband, and am in bonds and tribulation, etc. Joseph Smith Jr.

To Emma Smith.

P.S. Write as often as you can, and if possible come and see me, and bring the children if possible. Act according to your own feelings and best judgement, and endeavor to be comforted, if possible, and I trust that all will turn out for the best. Yours J.S.

The history further reads: "Twice in the month of December, the jail at Liberty (Mo.) was graced by the presence of this noble lady, to visit her prisoner husband, and again in January her name appears among visitors there. Then we turn with her from this city of lost hopes and persecution. Keeping the babe warm by her own sad heart beats, she made others comfortable as possible and crossed the wintry land and frozen streams by carriage. Reaching the Mississippi she gathered her two youngest into her arms and with the hands of the two older ones clinging to her skirts, she walked across the freshly frozen waters to the freedom and shelter offered by the State of Illinois; crowded to this hard and wearisome journey by the exterminating order of Governor Boggs.

Heartbroken and sad, she found shelter in the city of Quincy, at the home of a man named Cleveland. Faithfully she waited; fearing, hoping, alternately, for tidings from the prison-bound husband. And how glad was their meeting and how blessed the freedom from Missouri's bitter oppressors."

P. S. I, Bro. W. H. Cadman will say to all faithful believers in the Book of Mormon, and of the Restored Gospel: There will be justice meted out at the Eternal Bar of God.

General Meeting of the L.U.C.

On June 19, 1954 at 10 a.m. the meeting of the General Ladies Uplift Circle was held in the Monongahela Church—It was a lovely day and many sisters also brethren from different places assembled. The morning session was mostly taken up with testimonies and experiences and good singing. Afternoon session consisted of re-

ports from 23 Circles, either by delegates or letters. These are always interesting and encouraging—Sister Ford from Windsor, Canada was present and spoke of her work among the Indian people—special prayer was offered for Mrs. Dick in Africa who requested it, as she has been a very sick woman—special song numbers were given and after our financial business, several brethren spoke, which was enjoyed by all. Seems our days are always too short. At the close of the afternoon meeting, we decided to hold an evening meeting, and while many had to go home it was well attended, and we decided that we may hold an evening meeting for all where ever we have our General Circle. Our next General Circle Meeting will be in Niles, Ohio on Sept. 18, 1954.

Mary E. Wilson Secretary.

Dear Bro. Cadman.

Just a few lines to let you know we are well, thanking God that He has been with us thus far, hoping and trusting He will be with us continually.

I like to say that I've heard from the other brothers who are serving in this land, and they are fine. Bro. Tony Picciuto had received word a short time ago concerning the son of Bro. and Sister Bartuccio, Ross Bartuccio, who is stationed north of Seoul City, Korea. Bro. Tony had the opportunity to see him and surely they said it was a great moment to meet each other after so long. We thank God for the privilege we have of meeting one another occasionally, for it strengthens us very much.

We also have been constantly communicating with Bro. Mike Lasalo who is stationed in Europe and find him to be enjoying good health. The Lord has blessed him abundantly with a strong faith in this wonderful gospel.

Now with few words, I'll close this letter. Receive the best from my brothers. I've been receiving the Gospel News and it has been an excellent source of inspiration. May God bless you all is my prayer. Sincerely Bro. August D'Orazio. P. S. I will add Bro. August has remembered the Church in his letter with an offering. In behalf of the Church I thank you August and your offering will be placed in the Missionary efforts of your brethren, and may God continue to bless you all in the service of your country. Sincere-

ly Bro. W. H. Cadman. The following is the address as sent me. Pf. August D'Orazio US 51244281 519 M.P. Box, Co. A. A. P. O. 71 c-o P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

A TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

My wife and I left East Detroit, Michigan, June 1st for Penna., after spending a few days with the Saints there; (attending service Sunday morning at Vanderbilt, Pa. and evening service at B. & S. Russell Cadman's home,) the four of us left for South Dakota, leaving their home near Greenville, Pa. June 7th. We arrived at Gettysburg, S. D. the evening of June 9th. The following day we went to the Cheyenne Agency, S. D. We learned that the Episcopal church were having a three day conference there. Some of the Indian people brought their tents and bedding with them. Free meals were given all that attended. These meetings were from Friday through Sunday to 12:00 noon. We made several efforts to have service's in the council hall there, but without success. We attended the service of the afore mentioned church one evening. That gave us the opportunity of renewing our acquaintance with many of the Indian people that attended our tent services last August, this also advertised our future meetings, which we hoped to have. We held services Sunday and Monday evenings with a small group of the Indian people. Weather conditions were against us, it rained about every day or night we were in South Dakota. The Indian peoples home's that are located on the banks of the Missouri River were troubled by water and mud, making it impossible to reach them by automobile. We were stuck in the gumbo mud once. These conditions were somewhat discouraging. We next turned our attention Northward; holding services at Mr. Le'Blanc's home at Green Grass, and at Mrs. End of Horn's home at Wakpala, S. D. Wakpala is located on the Standing Rock Reservation. These places are 88 and 95 miles respectively from Gettysburg, S. D. Bro. Jas. Meeter, Sister Le'Blanc, her daughters Sisters Lillie Mae and Darlene, Bro. Isaac Usefulheart, and Bro. and Sis. Earl F. De'Marrias were present with us. The Sunday Service was held at Mrs. Gunner's home. Our meetings were well attended, particularly at Mrs.

Gunner's home, located five miles out of Wakpala, on a sand and dirt road. Rain continued to follow us, but the meeting at Mrs. Gunner's home was very well attended, having three rooms full of people; (about 30 or more being present.) Several wagon loads and two car loads of people traveled in the rain to the service. The services at Green Grass and Wakpala were exceptionally good, the Spirit and power of God being manifest. Mr. Clyde Low Dog was present with us. He proved to be a wonderful help to both us and the Lamanite people, acting as our interpreter, he is also very influential with his people. We felt a good spirit with him, and hope he will nourish the same, that he may bring forth much fruit. It rained all day Sunday, and the sand and dirt road was full of ruts, mud holes, and very slippery. By the providence of God, we were able to reach the black top highway, and again arrived safely to our motel in Gettysburg, S. D., where a good night's rest was enjoyed by all of us. We sincerely feel that we have done our part by making an effort to preach the Gospel to the Lamanite people, and feel a spirit of justification in doing so. Of course we understand that this is not the great work that is to be done among the seed of Joseph, (the Lamanite's or Indians.) But this work must have a beginning sometime, even if it is on a small scale. This much we do know, that some of the B. & S. of South Dakota have a testimony for the Restored Gospel, which they obtained by the efforts made by our brothers preaching to them. Some have read the Book of Mormon through two and three times, and this during the past ten months. They are endeavoring to enlighten the minds of others of their race. We wish them God speed. We took our leave from Gettysburg, S. D. June 21st and arrived in Penna. June 23rd. My wife and I attended the morning and afternoon services at Roscoe, Pa. June 27th, after visiting with the following B. & S. Isaac Smith, Wm. H. Cadman, Chas. Ashton and others we returned to East Detroit, June 3th. Bros. Joseph Shazer, Ed King and others left Penna. June 27th to follow up the work in South Dakota. I

am also in receipt of a letter from Bro. Alex J. Robinson of Larned, Kansas, stating that he and another brother were expecting to arrive in South Dakota about July 3rd to join us in this work. We hope they have contacted Bro. Jos. Shazer and company. At this time my wife and I wish to take this means of contacting the B. & S. in the State of California. We sincerely regret that we did not have the opportunity of visiting with you last winter. (We spent a few days in Los Angeles, and San Diego.) We were sorely detained in Phoenix, Ariz. 54 days, caused by conditions beyond our control. We met with an accident in Kentucky on our way West, which damaged our car extensively, but thanks to God, we escaped without bodily injury. The nervous shock put us both on the sick list by the time we arrived in Phoenix, Ariz. My wife was bed fast for about two weeks. By the Grace of God, we expect to attend meetings in Detroit Branch No. 3 this coming Sunday, and on Tuesday July 6th. We have planned to leave East Detroit to visit among the several churches in Ohio, and Penna., hoping to attend the General Church gathering in New Jersey the latter part of this month.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the work among the Lamanite people, also for my wife and I as we go from place to place, endeavoring to do what we can in the services of God.

NOTE: Please do not ship any more clothing to Africa until further notice. I am pleased that you have responded to my request thus far, but the clothing that has been sent, has cost them very much in the way of "DUTY", and also for excessive weight. My intention is, that if we are permitted to go over there, we will try and make more economical arrangements for helping those poor people. Bro. WHC.

St. John, Kansas

Dear Brother Cadman:

I wanted to write a few lines for the Gospel News to let you know that Brother James Heaps of South Gate, California had been here for a visit with us and to hold a few meetings for us. He arrived on Saturday May 29th and on Sunday we had a visit from

the brothers and sisters of Wichita and we really had a wonderful time together, we had meetings four nights with a number of visitors attending. On Wednesday evening Brother Heaps had us read from the Book of Hebrews, using for his subject the word, "better," illustrating its use though out the book of Hebrews. This was very interesting and enjoyed by all present. We can truly say that everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the meetings together and we are very grateful to Brother Heaps for his kindness in coming to give us a lift when we were all needing one.

Brother Heaps left us on Thursday morning to return to his home in California, planning to stop for a visit with the brothers and sisters in Modesto.

Also we really enjoyed our visit with Sister Ruth and Bro. Melvin Mountain and son. It was the first visit for Bro. Melvin and 35 years since Sister Ruth had been here.

We feel that we have been blessed by having our visitors of the past few weeks with us and hope to see many more come this way.

Sister Eva Sanders

News Items

We had a baptism here in Monongahela on June 13th in the person of Mrs. Jane Whittaker, a granddaughter of our late brother and sister Cowan. We are glad to see our younger ones obeying the Gospel. Brother Kirschner officiated.

Brother Cadman, Please find check enclosed for my subscription to the Church paper. I want to take this opportunity to tell you I think the paper is doing a wonderful work in taking the Gospel words into many lands. May the Lord bless you and give you inspiration to keep up the good work. I am your brother in Christ, George E. Johnson.

July 9, 1954. In the mail this p.m. I received word that our visas were in New York, and requesting me to send our passports for the British Office there to pass upon. If nothing else turns up to interfere with us, we may be on our way to Nigeria sometime this month. Our visas are good for three months stay in Africa. Bro. Cadman.

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A WONDERFUL OLD HYMN

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage
take!
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall
break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble
sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter
And he will make it plain.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself. (Romans 14:7) Read Romans 14:6-13
Edward Bulwer-Lytton says, in
his poem, Lucille:
Flows seaward, how lonely so-
ever its course,
But what some land is gladden'd.
No star ever rose
And set, without influence some-
where."

How much less possible it is to
confine the influence of man who
was made in the image of God!
You may pluck out man's eyes,
destroy his tongue, or his hear-
ing, but in so doing the man him-
self is not destroyed, the person
will still find some means of ex-
pression.

It has been true of Helen Keller,
for example. She was born blind
and deaf, almost speechless. Break-
ing the bands that bound her, she
has entranced the world, traveled
on all continents, lectured in many
countries, and written many books.
Across the barriers, she has built,
with God's help, bridges of commu-
nication that have carried her in-
to the heart of the whole earth.

"All things are possible to him
that believeth," And "none of us
liveth to himself." Christ challeng-
es us to influence others in Christ-
likeness.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

(A student of Geneva College of
Beaver Falls, Pa., chose the his-
tory of "The Church of Jesus
Christ," to write an essay on, as
required by the College as a part
of his studies—a Bible course, ti-
tled "Church History")

This church was organized at
Greenock, Pa., in the year of 1862,
the present headquarters being in
Monongahela, Pa. The church is
firm in the belief that Joseph
Smith, Jr., was inspired of God,
and was used as an instrument
in His hands in the restoration of
the Gospel back to earth, but does
not accept or indorse many of the
things attributed to Joseph Smith,
Jr., in the way of doctrine and
revelation.

Joseph Smith, Jr. was born in
1805 in Vermont. After moving
to Manchester, New York, he says
there arose an unusual excitement
on the subject of religion in the
community, and his father's fam-
ily turned to the Presbyterian
faith, while he was partial to the
Methodist. Yet, being so young,
he felt that it was impossible for
him to decide which of the dif-
ferent churches was right, so he
joined none of them.

His mind was naturally stirred,
and while reading his Bible one
day, he read in James, "If any
man lack wisdom let him ask
of God." He says that no passage
of Scripture came with more pow-
er to the heart of man than this
did. After much reflection on the
matter, he went to the woods to
pray. As he did so, he had a ter-
rible struggle with the enemy of
his soul. Suddenly a light shone
down upon him brighter than the
sun, and he found himself deliv-
ered from the Enemy which had
bound him. A Personage appeared
saying, "This is my beloved Son,
Hear ye Him."

"A Brief History of the Origin
of the Church of Jesus Christ";
Charles Ashton, Alma B. Cadman,
Wm. H. Cadman; page 1

The young man's object in pray-
er was that he might be given
wisdom to decide which of the
Churches he should join. The voice
which spake told him not to join
any of their creeds for they were
an abomination in His sight.

When he related his feelings and
experiences to others, even pro-
fessing religious people excited feel-
ing against him. Yet his experience
is in accord with the testimony of
the Scripture from beginning to
end. From this time on, the Angel
of God visited him at different in-
tervals making him acquainted
with a great work that the Lord
was about to perform among the
children of men; exhorting him to
righteousness, and saying that
the Lord would use him to bring
forth His word and restore the
Gospel to earth again.

In the visions he had, he was
shown a hill that was not far from
his home, where Golden Plates
were concealed in the earth, upon
which was engraved a record of
the ancient inhabitants of this
land of America, giving their his-
tory, and telling of the dealings of
God with them, and of the Gospel
of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. In
September of 1827, the Heavenly
messenger delivered these plates
into the care of the young man,
who was gifted by the power of
God to translate them into English.
This was presented to the world
in 1829-30, as the Book of Mormon.

John, in Revelations 14:6,7, says
"I saw another Angel fly in the
midst of Heaven, having the ever-
lasting Gospel to preach to them
that dwell on the earth, and to ev-
ery nation, and kindred, and
tongue, and people." In Isaiah 29:4,
the Prophet speaks of a people
who are to be brought down and
speak out of the ground, and in the
eleventh verse he speaks of the
"words of a Book that is sealed,"
and is delivered to one "that is not
learned," etc. The Prophet Ezekiel,
in chapter 37, beginning with verse
15, speaks of the Stick of Judah
and the Stick of Ephraim, (in oth-
er words, two records) and says
they are to become one in the Hand
of God. The foregoing scriptures
are given as evidence that a rec-
ord should come forth including a
restoration of the Gospel of Jesus
Christ to earth and that the afore-
mentioned Joseph Smith, Jr., was

used as an instrument in the hand of God in fulfillment of scripture.

Oliver Cowdery was his principal scribe and along with a few other witnesses, they formed a church and effected an organization according to law, on April 6, 1830. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery had already baptized each other, and along with others, they were commissioned from on high to preach the everlasting Gospel. They made many converts and in a short time they located at Kirtland, Ohio, where they built a Temple. Trouble arose for them at this place and in a few years they emigrated to the state of Missouri, and, like the people of God in all ages, persecution seemed to be their lot. They were eventually driven out of that state, and found a haven in Illinois, which was of short duration. But through their industry, they built a city there, known as Nauvoo, and in it constructed a Temple for the worship of God. Since the day that Joseph Smith declared he had a vision, trouble seemed to follow him and his brethren in Christ. This finally culminated in the arrest of him and his brother, Hiram, and they were put in jail in Carthage, Illinois, where they were killed by a mob of men, June 27, 1844.

The foregoing tragedy naturally caused confusion within the fold, and an opportunity arose to any or all who may have had aspirations for leadership. In 1847, Brigham Young led a part of these people to what is now known as Utah. Other men rose up and led some here and some there. Others adhered to one Sidney Rigdon, whose official capacity in the Church had been first counsellor to Joseph Smith. In 1845, one William Bickerton was baptized into Rigdon's band, and was ordained into the Ministry of Christ.

During the turbulent condition of those days, Brother Bickerton eventually found himself left alone. The 65th and 66th chapters of Isaiah undoubtedly bear right on this condition of affairs. Isaiah 65-8 says, "Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it;" In other words, the Authority and blessings of the restored Gospel was still extant. In Isaiah 66-4, the Lord says, "I will choose their delusions," etc., and the verse ends thus, "But they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not." In Isaiah 66-1,2, the Prophet speaks

as follows: "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all these things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man (Wm. Bickerton) will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." The stand taken by Wm. Bickerton resulted in the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ in the year of 1862 at Greenock, Pa., which institution has withstood the many evils that have been introduced in this dispensation of time. Its faith is based on the Bible and the Book of Mormon; it is built upon the Revelation of God, and is the true succession of the Gospel as restored by Joseph Smith, Jr., the translator of the Book of Mormon.

(Continued from last issue by T. S. Fournier).

At the end of ten years of terror the church was in a seemingly hopeless condition. Sacred records had been burnt, places of worship had been razed to the ground; thousands of Christians had been put to death; and every possible effort had been made to abolish Christianity from the earth.

Eusebius, referring to the persecution in Egypt says: "and such was the severity of the struggle which was endured by the Egyptians, who wrestled gloriously for the faith at Tyre. Thousands, both men and women and children, despising the present life for the sake of the Saviour's doctrine, submitted to death in various ways.

Some, after being tormented with scourgings and the rack, and the most dreadful scourgings, and other innumerable agonies which one might shudder to hear, were finally committed to the flames; and some plunged and drowned in the sea, others voluntarily offered their own heads to their executioners, others dying in the midst of their torments, some wasted away by famine, and others again fixed to the cross.

Some, indeed, were executed as malefactors usually were; others, more cruelly, were nailed with the head downwards, and kept alive until they were destroyed by starving on the cross itself." Eusebius Ecc'l. Hist. Book 8, Chapter 8.

The Diocletian persecution was so destructive that at its close the Christian church was thought to be forever extinct. This was the last

of the great persecutions by pagan Rome against Christianity.

As would naturally be expected the effect of cruel persecution to which the Christians were subjected during the first three centuries of our era, would be diverse and varied.

Many developed a zeal amounting to mania, and disregarded all caution and wisdom, and gloried in the hopes of being a martyr for Christ's sake.

Commenting on the enthusiasm of the early Christians Gibbon says: "The Christians sometimes supplied by their voluntary declaration the want of an accuser, rudely disturbed the public service of paganism, and, rushing in crowds round the tribunal of the magistrates, called upon them to pronounce and to inflict the sentence of the law"—etc.—"The epistles which Ignatius composed as he was carried in chains through cities of Asia, breathe sentiments the most repugnant to the ordinary feelings of human nature. He earnestly beseeches the Romans that when he should be exposed in the amphitheatre, they would not by unreasonable intercession, deprive him of the crown of glory, and he declares his resolution to provoke and irritate the wild beasts which might be employed as the instruments of his death.

Some stories are related of the courage of martyrs who actually performed what Ignatius had intended who exasperated the fury of the lions, pressed the executioner to hasten his office, cheerfully leaped into the fires which were kindled to consume them, and discovered a sensation of joy and pleasure in the midst of the most exquisite torture." "Gibbon, Decline and fall of the Roman empire Ch. 16."

But there is another side to the picture. While some invited dangers, others frightened at the thought of being included among the victims, deserted the church, and returned to heathen worship.

Milner speaking of conditions existing in the third century, associating the words of Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, who lived at the time, says; "Vast numbers lapsed into idolatry immediately. Even before men were accused as Christians, many ran to the forum and sacrificed to the gods as they were ordered; and the crowds of apostates were so great that the magistrates wished to delay numbers of them till the next day, but

they were importuned by the wretched suppliants to be allowed to prove themselves heathens that very night." MILNERS CHURCH HISTORY CENTURY 3, Chapter 8.

Persecution was but an indirect cause of the apostasy and decline of Christianity. The greater and more dangerous deeds must be sought for within the body of the church itself.

Cyprian, the bishop of Carthage speaking of the conditions in the middle of the third century says: "If the cause of our miseries be investigated, the cure of the wound may be found. The Lord would have his family tried. And because long peace had corrupted the discipline divinely revealed to us, the heavenly chastisement hath raised up our faith, which had lain dormant; and when, by our sins, we have deserved to suffer still more, the merciful Lord so moderated all things, that the whole scene rather deserves the name of a trial than a persecution.

Each had been bent on improving his patrimony; and had forgotten what believers had done under the Apostles, and what they ought always to do—they were brooding over the arts of amassing wealth—the Pastors and the Deacons each forgot their duty: Works of mercy was neglected, and discipline was at the lowest ebb. Luxury and effeminacy prevailed: Meretricious (lustful TSF) arts in dress were cultivated: Frauds and deceit were practiced among brethren. Christians could unite in matrimony with unbelievers, could swear not only without reverence, but even without veracity. (truthfulness TSF) With haughty asperity they despised their ecclesiastical superiors. They railed against one another with outrageous acrimony, and conducted quarrels with determined malice. Even many bishops, who ought to be guides and patterns to the rest, neglected the peculiar duties of their stations, gave themselves up to secular pursuits. They deserted their places of residence and their flocks. They traveled through distant provinces in quest of pleasure and gain; gave no assistance to the needy brethren; but were insatiable (in-sa-shi-a-bl) (TSF) (Cannot be satisfied) TSF in their thirst of money. They possessed estates by fraud and multiplied usury. What have we not deserved to suffer for such conduct?

Even the divine word hath foretold us what we might expect. 'If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgements. I will visit their offenses with the rod, and their sin with scourges.' These things had been denounced and foretold, but in vain. Our sins had brought our affairs to that pass, that because we had despised the Lord's directions, we were obliged to undergo a correction of our multiplied evils and a trial of our faith by severe remedies" AS QUOTED BY MILNER, CHURCH HISTORY CENTURY 3, CHAPTER 8.

Milner further declares that toward the end of the third century the effect of the pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit had become exhausted, and that there remained little proof of any close relationship between Christ and the church.

As further evidence of the decline of the Christian spirit toward the end of the third century, Milner quotes the words of Eusebius, an eye witness of the conditions described; "The heavy hand of God's judgment began softly, by little and little, to visit us after his wonted manner;—but we were not at all moved with his hand, nor took pains to return to God. We heaped sin upon sin, judging like careless Epicureans, that God cared not for our sins, nor would ever visit us on account of them. And our pretended shepherds, laying aside the rule of godliness, practiced among themselves contention." He adds that the "dreadful persecution of Diocletian was then inflicted on the church as a just punishment, and as the most proper chastisement for their iniquities." MILNER CHURCH HISTORY CENTURY 3, CHAPTER 17.

"How sadly must the Christian world have declined which could thus conduct itself under the very rod of divine vengeance? Yet let not the infidel or the profane world triumph. It was not Christianity, but the departure from it, which brought on these evils." MILNER CHURCH HISTORY CENTURY 4, CHAPTER 1.

We have given but a few of the many evidences that could be cited, which prove the fact that during the period immediately following the Apostolic Ministry; the church was under going internal deterioration, and was gradually turning away from the truth.

In conclusion, from the evidence already given, I leave this question

with you: Do you believe it necessary that a restoration or re-establishment of the church should take place?

We affirm that if The Church of Jesus Christ is to be found upon the earth today it must have been re-established by divine authority.

This subject will be continued some future radio broadcast.

May God add his blessing is my prayer.

Thurman S. Furnier.

FROM BROTHER HUMPHREY

I am mailing \$1.50 for Gospel News, as my subscription runs out soon. I am also mailing these Gospel Proverbs the Lord gave me Thursday Morning, March 4, 1954.

Having heard many complaints of the saints and trouble in general, these certainly will awaken that desire to know the wisdom of God in the matter. God is the same yesterday and forever—those who desire to know His wisdom in the Restored Gospel, will know if they seek first to apply it to themselves.

Enjoyed your talk at the M.B.A. gathering very much. May the Lord's blessings follow you where ever you may journey to Spread the Good Word. Yours with love. Bro. Ishmael Humphrey. (the proverbs follow):

RESTORED GOSPEL PROVERBS BY BRO. ISHMAEL HUMPHREY

1—Pray not for the Lord to remove thy hurt's, but rather to be given strength to bear them.

2—Resurrect no evil thing that has been forgiven thee in thy mind or speech, least thou be twice snared in thine own evil.

3—Uncover not the wrongs of seven others to prove one small truth in yourself.

4—Sow no untruth in thy bosom today, least tomorrow it shall sprout forth false intuition's.

5—Say not to thyself if this one saint can do a little evil I can to, nor what is good for the goose is good for the gander—for the goose may escape, you the gander, may be taken in the evil.

6—If you want to help yourself, be obedient, then help others.

7—Doctor not thy hurts with the salve of self pity, least thou enlargeth the wound.

8—The greatest good you may do, is be obedient to God—and the Restored Gospel—first of all.

9—If thou desireth to spread the Restored Gospel—spread it on thy self first.

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Editorial

Much has been said relative to the beginning of the great work of God in the last days, by believers in the Restored Gospel. As for me, I have always preached that the great work started in the days of Joseph Smith. To my mind, the great work is not in the miracles that undoubtedly will take place, but the gathering and restoring all Israel back to their God again. The prophet Jeremiah says: "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall be no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land in the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I (God) will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers." This is the great work of the last days, and the restoring of the Gospel was the beginning of it. Great things have taken place in the days that are past—the sea has opened up, mountains have moved, the dead has raised, and what greater things could be done, is beyond my imagination, but the people who were once the Apple of God's Eye, are still downtrodden, and are yet castoff from Him, and they must be gathered back unto Him before the Holy One of Israel comes again. Therefore, the absolute necessity of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ is in season, and has been ever since the angel visited Joseph Smith, and he was endowed and others, with authority to do so. Therefore, I have always preached that the great work began at Cumorah's Hill with the angel of God.

Jeremiah says: "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

The fishers and hunters are simply the servants of God, doing what they can to bring Israel out of the conditions they are in to-

day, Yea, back into the fold of Jesus Christ. A whoe is pronounced upon those who are at ease in Zion. Editor.

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10—Hypocrites seek no self instructions, neither love to see their imperfections, but strive to instruct others to compensate for their own subconscious guilt.

11—The wise question their feelings and seek understanding, but hypocrites give vent in wrath—leaving them pass on—seeking no interpretation.

12—The bulwark of strength in the Restored Gospel, is to love all—be ever ready to serve all in humbleness.

13—He that throweth verbal stones to hurt others—casteth away his spiritual life.

14—Say not that I am cursed with this sickness—for thy curse may be your blessing in disguise.

15—As dead trees rotten away upon the forest floor, so goeth a man's hope—living in sin.

16—Jealousy-pride-and-tradition-blights thy understanding, and rules what ye shall know.

17—Cultivate love and truth in the garden of thy life fertilize it with action, and it shall bear the fruits of its strength-in fortitude-desecration - integrity - intellectuality.

18—Excuse not thy-self in the wrongs of others.

19—Tell no lies today, least ye find in much sorrow thou hast given birth to a strange spirit in thy bosom, that troubleth thy understanding, and giveth thee much unrest.

PILOTS CHARTING JUNGLES FIND LUSH PARADISE UNKNOWN TO MAN

Pilots charting the unknown jungles of Southeastern New Guinea have discovered a lush paradise inhabited by natives and shut off from the world and its troubles for probably thousands of years.

The hidden land of rich pastures and blue lakes, termed a "new Shangri-la," was found accidentally after an aerial survey company's pilots crossed a range of rough mountain peaks.

The pilots could hardly believe their eyes when they saw the prosperous-looking countryside, but as they extended their survey and made repeated flights over the area they realized they had come across a new land. They did not land, but took many pictures.

They discovered the landlocked paradise was made up of three valleys, each with seemingly rich farmland and pastures irrigated by rivers. Well ordered settlements dotted the countryside and were populated by thousands of light-skinned natives.

A pilot said the members of the new-found tribes appeared startled as they gazed at the plane flying back and forth over their once secluded villages.

A spokesman for the survey company said it is believed 100,000 natives inhabit the scattered settlements which are surrounded by gardens and pasture land.

Patrols already are being organized to journey behind the 12,000-foot mountain peaks to explore the vast new anthropologist's heaven which never has been visited by white men.

P. S. Wonders never cease, as it was in the days of Columbus when new lands and new peoples were being brought to light, even so it is today. It will be interesting as time goes on, to learn something of these peoples history. Surely they will have some account of themselves, as to where they came from and as to who they might be. I read in the Book of Mormon, where people build boats, and departed and were not heard of anymore. I read in our Bible in the days when God came down and confounded the languages, that people were scattered in all the earth, and Josephus, the Jewish Historian, says that some built ships and departed to the distant Islands of the sea. In Luke 5-26 I read: "And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today." Are we not witnessing strange things today? Might this be the day of God's strange Acts?

Is it not a strange thing to see the Jews restored and recognized as a nation today, after so many centuries of the severest kind of persecution? Is not the Mighty God moving to bring about His purposes, yea the day when their Messiah will appear on the Mount of Olives and fight their battles for them?

Are we not living at a time when wonders are appearing in the heavens? and even it has been said by some that the flying missiles are heavenly. Has it not been a strange thing today, the coming forth of the Book of Mormon? Is it not a marvelous work and a wonder on

the part of our God? After the wandering of the American Indian for ages with untold privations of life, to see them in our day responding to the teachings of their forefathers? Is it not marvelous in this proud day, to see some Gentile saints have a love for the down-trodden race? The Book of Mormon says they will (Gentiles) have love for Joseph's descendants. Are we seeing strange things today? If so, are you awoken to the opportunities of saving their souls out of the long night of darkness? This makes me think of Lehi of old when he says to his sons: "Awake my sons; put on the armor of righteousness, Shake off the chains with which ye are bound, and come forth out of obscurity, and rise from the dust."

Is it not time the true people of God were coming out of obscurity? WHC.

OUR TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Editor:

On June 27th. at 5:00 a.m. we left my home for South Dakota. There were five of us, namely Brother and Sister Richard Lowther, Brother Charles King, my wife, Sister Shazer, and myself. We arrived at Gettysburg, S. Dakota the following Wednesday Evening June 29th. We made our stopping quarters at Gettysburg, and that same evening we went to Cheyenne Agency to announce to the Indian people that we had arrived, and would be holding meetings. Our meetings were held at Cheyenne Agency, Wakpala, On The Trees, and at Green Grass. We held 15 meetings in our two weeks in S. Dakota. (Very good. WHC).

We had five baptisms, and nine blessings. We anointed children that were ill, particularly a small girl that had been stricken with polio, and they were healed. An Indian woman, namely Rose Usefulheart, the lady that Brother Fournier and Brother Russell Cadman prayed for. She had not walked for many years and was paralyzed on one side, she walked to the river, and I baptized her. I journeyed on to Little Eagle, a place our people had not been yet, and we introduced the gospel to them, and we were accepted there and everywhere we went.

We gave all the members out there Sacrament, and also held Feet Washing service with them.

One home we went to was so small, that we had to meet outside, and there we washed each others feet, the ground was our floor, and we certainly had a wonderful blessing. The power and the Spirit of God was with us all the time we were there.

Bro. Alex Robinson of Larned, Kansas paid us a visit while we were there, he came on Friday evening and stayed with us until Monday Morning. We enjoyed having him with us, very much. We traveled 6,000 miles from the time we left home until we returned. I wish to thank our folks in St. John, Kansas for the wonderful clothing they sent with Brother Robinson for the Indian people. They were greatly appreciated. Brother and Sister Wm. H. Cadman sent five Bibles and five Books of Mormon with us, and we distributed them among the Indian people. Our Indian members were much worried about a burial place, should anything happen them since joining The Church of Jesus Christ.

But brother Isaac Usefulheart is going to donate twenty acres of land for a burial ground, which will become the property of The Church of Jesus Christ. I also ordained Brother Usefulheart into the Ministry of the Church, and Sister DeMarrias a Deaconess on July 10th. and appointed Brother DeMarrias to act as a Secretary. I had a revelation through a dream from God to ordain Brother Usefulheart. We bought our Indian people equipment for Sacrament services, also for Feet Washing services, and set them in order. They are wonderful brothers and sisters up in S. Dakota. They all testified in our meetings, and they hated to see us leave. There are lots of opportunities for to preach the gospel among the Indian people in South Dakota. In closing, I ask you all to pray for our Indian people, they need our prayers. Br. Joseph Shazer.

P. S. It was understood by Second Counsellor Fournier, and President Cadman that Bro. Usefulheart be ordained into the Ministry should our brethren feel prompted to do so. May God bless him that he might do much good among his race of people. Bro. W. H. Cadman. Please, it was the Ladies Circle in Monongahela that paid for the 5 Bibles and 5 Books of Mormon mentioned in Brother Shazer's letter.

July 6, 1954

Sincere Sympathy

J. A. Umoh,
P.O. Box 43R,
Uyo Post Office, Nigeria,
B. W. Africa.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I am writing you this letter with tears and it is a matter we cannot help when the Lord call us we cannot refuse. It was on 23rd June 1954 my wife and sister Dick and two other sisters went to Uben Ikan, and Idombi Church of Jesus Christ, taken some parcels of clothing to them sent to us by the brothers. And it was on the 30th June toward the closing of the meeting, one S. Akpan come into the meeting what report to us with tears, that Sister Dick and three other Sisters passes on in sea, that the canoe turn upside down when the sea trouble, and 17 people passes and, we do not see their bodies as yet.

I live to sorry myself, only brother Dick I am sorry much; His father has went for him at Efiat, and we are going to look for their bodies; Our believe is that if they work faithful in the Lord, by and by we will meet in Heaven. Please I am here in Calabar at 14 Eyo Edem Street, at this time. Brother Dick is now on three weeks missionary trip, and he leave here yesterday 3-7-54 p.m. and will be back on 26-7-54. He is going to Cameroon-French Government. He advise me to stay here awaiting your letter or cablegram informing date of your arrival. He say you should be here as from 29-7-54 onward, so I hope you will move as soon as you will hear from the British office in New York, and see that you arrive in Nigeria on 29-7-54 at Calabar Air Port. There will be meetings again your arrival on 28th July at Abak. So fail not to be here on 29th or 30th July 1954. I hope to hear from you soon.

We are praying for your safe arrival salute brother Bittinger and all others. Greet the sisters who help our ladies with the money to buy Bicycles, Pastor S.U.E. Ekanem is now appointed Sunday School Superintendent. We pray and waiting to see you on 29-7-54. Amen. May the Lord's face shine to all believers Amen. Yours sincerely J. A. Umoh Financial Secretary.

P. S. Bro. Cadman, there is one

letter here for you, it is in care of B.B.W.A. Ltd.

P.S. We received our visas day before yesterday, received this letter yesterday, and it saddened us. Why this should happen on the eve of our departure from here to visit those people is strange indeed, nevertheless, the Lord's will be done. Our sympathy is with them in their sorrow.

This date is July 15, 1954 and we are waiting for plane reservations for the capital city of Nigeria, Lagos. Sincerely Bro. W. H. Cadman.

GENERAL CHURCH GATHERING IN NEW JERSEY

Our Annual General Church Gathering convened at Hopelawn, New Jersey on Saturday Morning, July 31st with many Saints present.

We enjoyed a nice morning service with Bro. Furnier being the principal speaker exhorting us with wonderful words of life and urging the Saints to live close enough to God that we might continue to receive the gifts that He has promised that we would receive in the true Church of Jesus Christ. Saturday afternoon, Brother Anthony DiBatiste of Glassport, Pennsylvania was the principal speaker also exhorting us in various points of doctrinal matters and exhortations. He was followed by Bro. Dominick Thomas of Detroit who spoke very touching words unto us.

Saturday night a program was presented by the New Jersey M.B.A. in charge of Sister Carmela Mazzeo which was enjoyed very much by all. The title of the program was The Man From Galilee. Gospel songs and a skit to match the title of the program were nicely presented. The Choir presented some enjoyable and touching selections also.

Sunday morning a very large crowd was present and everyone gathered happily to hear the word of God. The Choir offered three selections which was enjoyed by all, then our meeting was opened by Brother Charles Ashton. He read a few verses of scripture and delivered a very inspiring sermon which was enjoyed by everyone.

Brother Anthony Corrado also spoke soul stirring words of exhortation with Brother Rocco Enzana following and Brother Furnier concluded the meeting with a few remarks.

Everyone was happy and satisfied with our 1954 Annual General Gathering.

Brother Joseph Benyola

(The Daily Republican, July 26) LOCAL PASTOR TO FLY TO NIGERIA TOMORROW ON MISSIONARY TRIP

President W. H. Cadman of this city and Apostle Joseph Bittinger of near Uniontown, of the Church of Jesus Christ, will leave Greater Pittsburgh Airport tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for London, England, where they will board another plane for Calabar, Nigeria, British West Africa.

This missionary journey is being made in response to a call made to the Church of Jesus Christ last November from 52 churches in Nigeria wishing to affiliate with the above-named Church, which affiliation can only be accomplished by baptism under the authority of the Church of Jesus Christ. They expect to be away about three months.

The Reverend Mr. Cadman is minister at the local Church in Lincoln Street.

STOPOVER IN NEW YORK

On Tuesday, July 27th, two cars from New Jersey and three cars from New York filled with Brothers and Sisters met Brother Cadman and Brother Bittinger as they landed in a T.W.A. Plane at LaGuardia Airport at 1:00 o'clock. It was a very happy meeting indeed, for all felt very happy to see our two Brothers who are going on this great missionary trip to Africa.

They had three hours stop over time, and we drove them to the International Airport in Brooklyn which was a distance of about 10 miles. There Brother Cadman and Brother Bittinger checked in for their flight to London and at this time they found out that they would leave at 6:00 o'clock instead of 4:00 o'clock. This gave us more time to be together of which we made good use. We thought it would be good to go to the New Church Building in Brooklyn and Brother Cadman was willing as long as we could get him back in time to board the 6:00 o'clock plane. We satisfied him that we would be back at 5:00 o'clock, so we began our trip to the Brooklyn Church which was 14 miles from the International Airport. We arrived at 3:00 o'clock and there we enjoyed a nice lunch prepared by the Sisters. We had

prayer there and had a nice time talking to one another and looking over the almost finished Church Building in Brooklyn, New York. It was a pleasant surprise for both Brother Cadman and Brother Bittinger for they did not expect so many Brothers and Sisters to be there. About 4:30 o'clock we started on our way back to the airport and arrived at 5:00 o'clock. At this time, two Associated Press reporters interviewed Brother Cadman and Brother Bittinger about their proposed mission in Africa and other questions.

Promptly at 6:00 o'clock their T.W.A. Plane took off with our Brothers aboard on their journey to Africa and while we felt sorry to see them leave yet happy to know that their arrival in Africa will make many souls happy. So with a prayer in our hearts for their safe journey, we turned and left the Airport for our homes.

Friday afternoon, July 30th, we received a telegram from London which stated they would be delayed until they could get a plane to Africa. Brothers and Sisters, let us remember these two Brothers in prayer in their great missionary work.

Brother Joseph Benyola

August 5, 1954

Ebak—Abak, Nigeria

Dear Mamma and all of you:

We arrived here yesterday about noon. Mr. Dick met us at the Air Port at Calabar. I was going to send you a cablegram, but he said he sent you one. He had a taxi to take us into town. He took us to the Docks and we got on a big boat, lots of people on it. We went for about 40 miles and everybody got off. There were hundreds of people and we seemed to be the center of attraction. All kinds of sights, Everybody carries everything on their head, and what loads they carry, both men and women, and if they only have an umbrella to carry, it is laid on their heads. There were all kinds of trucks and buses at this landing. Everybody selling something. We finally got started off in a truck, Bro. Joe and I sat on a hard board seat, crowded with the driver and drove to this place, and how he did drive that truck!—for about 30 miles. A hard road but narrow. All kinds of jungle on both sides. Banana trees are very plentiful. We stopped in Uyo, just a town like the rest we passed through, mostly mud or cement houses with grass roofs,

business places the same.

They brought us to a three room mud-plastered building. We each have a bed room on each end, a dining or sitting room in the middle. New furniture, four cushion chairs, such as you will see on porches, sort of reclining, a nice table, etc. No furniture in our bedrooms, except a bed, it is new but hard to lay on. There are two or three little places where the men servants stays and they are ready to do anything for us.

We took our bath this a.m. outside in an enclosure made of sticks and grass, no roof, but a nice large new pan with warm water, soap and towel. Such is life in the African jungles.

There are palm and banana trees all around us but they do not know anything about snakes around, at least so they say.

There has been lots of people here to see us. One young boy came marching up the road to our house with about 15 others singing and they sang quite a while in front of the house. To me there was not much melody in their singing. In the crowd that was here, there were lots of little boys and girls without clothing on.

One of our difficulties is to understand them. Very few speak English and they that do are very much broken. Mr. Dick speaks quick and I cannot understand him very much. Some of them we get pretty good. Their church and school is just across the road from us, on a cleared spot and the grass is green, looks very nice. Their buildings of course are very crude. The church room is about 24 x 40. The school is a little building similar to the one we are living in.

There are lots of bicycles here. When I got up this morning, there was a steady line of them passing in front toward Abak, I suppose going to work of some kind. A string of them just passed, they are loaded down with stuff I suppose to sell. I noticed lots of green bananas on some of them. The African people apparently are getting along very good in the manner of life they live. A crowd was here this morning. Among them a young man schoolteacher about 50 miles away from here. He is interested in our history and other literature.

They found Mrs. Dick's body on the 30th. I met her Mother.

Love to you and all.
Papa

WAKPALA SOUTH DAKOTA (ROCK SPRINGS RESERVATION)

Dear Brother Editor:

We are getting along fine, and hope the same of you. We hoped that the brothers and sisters that came, would have stayed with us here for good. We prayed that they all got back safe, and that God watched over them on their journey home.

Our brothers and sisters all brought us wonderful messages, and we really had wonderful times in our prayer meetings. Three were baptized here, and I really thanked God that at least a few more accepted our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the restored Gospel. Brother Shazer told us that two more were baptized at Green Grass. We are still hoping and praying that there will be more and more coming in each time. I am also thankful that we have our own Minister, so we can have our own services, and we are trying to form a quartet, so we can go with our group and sing our wonderful songs. We like to sing, and it seems like one never knows the meaning of these songs, unless one really believes. We had one prayer meeting already at brother Howards home after Bro. Shazer and the others left for home. It is so nice, that even if there are only a few of us here that belong to this Church, we believe and know that God will help us in every way possible, in any thing we do as long as we obey His commands and live accordingly, day by day as we go along through His will.

We are all doing the best we can and are all well in health. Two of Bro. Howards sons took sick, but when brother Shazer and brother King, and the others had healing prayers for them, soon after they were healed, and so now all our children are well, and we thank God that they have been blessed. Our children are learning to pray by themselves and are learning to sing our songs out of our hymn books. They hear these songs at our prayer meetings and they are catching on to the tunes.

We have work to do now for our Almighty God, and we will do the best we can and watch our daily lives more closely. (May God help you. WHC) It gives me more strength to know that we are serving Him now. God is so wonderful and good, that even words cannot express our thoughts.

Two of our Indian sisters who

joined the church same time we did, were staying here in our home with us, but one went home, the other one is still with us and we are certainly glad to have her with us. Sister Swimmer from Green Grass, and Sister LaBlanc, both would like to have the Book of Mormon and hymnals, they both can sing, and they both love to sing. They are both anxious to read the book of Mormon, for most of our conversation includes of what we read in the book of Mormon.

God bless you and your family and may He give you guidance, strength, and courage in whatever you do.

Bro. Robinson was also here from Kansas, and he brought some clothing, and we thank God, that through His will these brothers and sisters remember us, and are helping us. Brother Robinson is really a nice brother and we liked him.

Sincerely, Brother and Sister in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeMarrias, Box 28 Wakpala, S. Dakota.

OBITUARIES

Brother Mario Coppa died a few months ago, but for some reason it had never been reported to the Gospel News. However Bro. Mario had been in poor health for some time prior to his death. At our last October Conference in Hopelawn, N. J. I went to see him, he was then in the hospital. He had lived in New Brunswick for a good many years. He came from Italy to Detroit in 1923 and later married a young sister in New Brunswick, and resided there until his death.

He was baptized into the Church in 1925, was very energetic in the church, was faithful to the end of his journey. He was presiding Elder of the Metuchen Church at the time of his death. It is said that he is missed by all.

He leaves his beloved wife and several children to mourn his passing. May the Lord bless and comfort them all. Bro. Cadman.

FRANCES VENUTO PASSES ON

Sister Venuto of the Stelton Church, Stelton, N. J. passed away on April 2, 1954. She came to this country from Italy in 1907, and was baptized into the Church in Sept. 1928, and was a very faithful sister to the end of her journey. Sister Venuto was 77 years old, the mother of a large family, the

grandmother of 29 grandchildren, the great grandmother of 14 children. Most of her grandchildren are members of The Church of Jesus Christ. She leaves her aged husband, and the many children to mourn her passing. May the Lord bless them all. (To those who may not know sister Venuto, she is the mother of Sister Rogolino, Sister Arcuri, and Sister Eugene Perri).

MARY MARROCCO PASSES ON

Sister Marrocco was born Jan. 2, 1894, died in Rochester, N.Y. on June 8, 1954. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in Sept. 1934, and although she was the only one of her family who was baptized into the Church, she remained faithful till the end.

She is survived by two sons and four daughters, a brother and a sister and other relatives. Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ in Rochester, N.Y., and were conducted by Elder Samuel D'Amico. By Sister Connie Marinetti.

MARY DeVITO PASSES ON

Sister Mary DeVito the wife of Brother Nick DeVito of the McKees Rocks Branch died suddenly Saturday morning June 19, 1954. Her departure had been revealed to one of the daughters just a few days prior to her death. She was a faithful and patient sister and is missed by this branch. She leaves besides her husband, two daughters, and a son at home, a married son and four other daughters, to mourn her passing.

Funeral services were conducted in the McKees Rocks church building, by Brother Dan Casasanta.

SUMNICK-WINEBRENNER WEDDING

Veronica Sumnick of Wallington, New Jersey became the bride of Joseph Wayne Winebrenner son of Bro. and Sister Charles Winebrenner of Lonaconing, Md., Tuesday, July 6, 1954 in the groom's home. Brother Joseph Bittinger, uncle of the groom, officiated with Lorraine Weir, sister of the groom as maid of honor and Eugene Winebrenner as best man.

The groom is with the U. S. Air Force stationed at McGuire Air Base, Trenton, N. J. The couple will reside for the present at Wallington, N. J. We all wish the new-

lyweds the best of everything and May God Bless them.

NOTICE

We have 250 Books of Mormon on hands, and they will be sold at \$1.00 each while they last. First orders will be first served. Our new books will sell at 50 percent higher. Every body send in your orders, either for the new ones or the old ones. Please get busy, for the Book Fund needs money and lots of it. Having our own TYPE, is a big asset to us in getting new books printed today. Our present books were printed in 1934, twenty years ago, but what a change in prices now.

Again, send in orders for Books of Mormon, and send lots of money, for your humble servants needs lots of it. WHC.

Modesto, Calif.

In renewing their subscriptions from Modesto, the following is enclosed.

"Of late we have had a number of visitors in our branch from Los Angeles, and San Diego namely Bro. James Heaps, who held a number of meetings while here. Bro. James Lovalvo and family, Bro. Robert Watson Jr. and family, Bro. Liberto and family, including Sister Thomas of San Diego, also their son Tommy and wife who is stationed nearby. Also young David DiChierio of San Fernando Valley. It is wonderful to visit with each and every one of them.

Our Choir is making great progress, which is an inspiration to all the brothers and sisters. The Choir is under the direction of Sister Arlene Gamble."

Adrain W. Gamble, Librarian.

News Items

Sister Frances Buccallato in renewing her subscription to the Gospel News, has the following to say: "We here in San Diego, Calif., are all fine, and hope that you are having success in the trip to Africa. We all met in Los Angeles a week ago Sunday (June 27) and had a wonderful time at the Dedication Services. It was so good to see so many there, evidence of the recent move to the west coast. They have a lovely building there and we hope that the spirit of God will always abide therein."

The Monongahela Church attended the ordinance of feet washing on Sunday afternoon July 11th. The meeting was very well attended and the commands of Jesus was complied with as found in the 13th Chapter of St. John. For the Saviour to wash their feet, was a very humble act on His part and Peter says to Him: "Thou shalt never wash my feet." The Saviour replied to him: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me." Peter then quickly submitted to the Saviour. After Jesus was through washing their feet, He says to them: "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." Verses 13 and 14. We are taught in Hebrews 13, 8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

ISAAC SMITH PASSES AWAY AUGUST 11, 1954

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock for Isaac Smith, 69, of Blaine Hill, Elizabeth, at the Cox Funeral Home in Elizabeth. Mr. Smith, a former resident of New Eagle, died at his home Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock after a lingering illness.

He had belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ for the past 51 years and was a faithful member and one of its Apostles.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude Ackerman Smith; a daughter, Lillian S. Walters of Roscoe, born to his first wife, the former Bessie Tucker whose death occurred in 1909; and the following six other children — George of Elizabeth, Charles of McKeesport, Joseph of California State, Mary (Ward) of Roscoe, Ruth Carr of Export, Pa., Isaac, at home; ten step-children; 13 grandchildren; his stepmother, Mrs. Eda Smith of Sunbury; three brothers, Harry of Salt Lake City, Utah, Fred of Atlasburg, Pa., and William of Dunbar, W. Va.

Officiating at the rites tomorrow will be Charles Ashton, First Counselor of the Church of Jesus Christ assisted by Apostle A. B. Cadman. Interment will take place in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, near McKeesport.

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A LATTER-DAY HYMN

Yes, we trust the day is breaking!
Joyful times are near at hand;
God, the mighty God, is speaking
By His Word in every land;
When He chooses, when He chooses
Darkness flies at His command;
When He chooses, when He chooses
Darkness flies at His command.

While the foe becomes more daring,
While he enters like a flood,
God the Saviour is preparing
Means to spread the truth abroad.
Every language, every language,
Soon shall tell the love of God;
Every language, every language,
Soon shall tell the love of God.

O 'tis pleasant, 'tis reviving
To our hearts to hear, each day,
Joyful news from far arriving,
How the Gospel winds its way.
Those enlightning, those enlightning,
Who in death and darkness lay;
Those enlightning, those enlightning,
Who in death and darkness lay.

God of Jacob, high and glorious,
Let Thy people see Thy hand;
Let the Gospel be victorious
Thro' the world, in every land;
Then shall idols, then shall idols
Perish, Lord at Thy command,
Then shall idols, then shall idols
Perish, Lord at Thy command.

What We Believe (The Church of Jesus Christ)

On page 5 of No. 1 Pamphlet, the following has been printed to all concerned.

2nd, "We believe God, the Father, to be a personage of glory and that the Son is the express image of the Father, and that He was with the Father before the foundation of the World; and that in the fullness of time He came from the bosom of the Father and was born of the Virgin Mary according to the scripture, became man, suffered and died for the sins of the whole world, and on the third day He rose again and brought about the resurrection (according to the scripture), and ascended up on high to sit at the right hand of God. Principalities and powers being subject to Him, who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every crea-

ture; for by Him were all things created that are in Heaven and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be Thrones or Dominions, Principalities or Powers; all things are created by Him and for Him; and He is before all things; and Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, the Beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence; for it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell, See Colossians first Chapter. We believe also, that He will come again the second time to Judge the living and the dead according to the scriptures. We believe the Holy Ghost to be the mind of the Father and of the Son (See II Corinthians, IV:4. Also Hebrews, 1:3. Also John's Gospel, XV), which is pure and holy, just and good, and is omnipresent, full of light, knowledge, and power, a discernor of the thoughts and intents of mankind."

Some nice scripture is as follows: "And the Eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself or of some other man?—Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.—And as they went on their way, they came to 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.—And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him." (See Acts 8th chapter.)

The following verses say that he (the eunuch) went on his way rejoicing, and that Philip preached the gospel in all the cities, till he came to Ceasarea. We should praise God for a man like Philip. He preached the simple Gospel of Christ as the Master commanded, to all that would listen, and obedience brought rejoicing to their souls, and apparently he avoided delving into the things that generated strife and contention, and as the prophet Isaiah accused the people of God in his day: "Behold,

ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness:" The prophet further said of the people of God: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

As it was in that day, so it is today—instead of preaching the simplicity of the gospel for the saving of the souls of men and women throughout the world, even in the dispensation of the Restored Gospel, as well as in days prior to it, the people of God have neglected the words of the humble Nazarene: and like sheep of primitive times, have wandered and turned in their own ways, more concerned about the things that cause debate and strife, than for the things that heal the soul. Yea: Jesus taught not to put your light under a bushel, in other words, let the gospel shine forth in your lives. I will add to, that if any man comes to you with any other gospel that does not shine to your fellow man, I say: beware of such men. Editor W. H. Cadman.

THE FAITH AND DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

(Continued from Last Issue)

The church believes in God, the Eternal Father; and his Son Jesus Christ; and in the Holy Spirit. The Church of Christ in this age (in order to be worthy of the name) must be modeled substantially and minutely after the Pattern left by Christ, and that any important variation positively betrays a false origin and clearly exhibits a spurious character.

We believe that mankind will be punished only for their own actual transgressions, and not for the sins of our first Parents, as is clearly implied by the Saviours in representing the little children to be heirs of the Kingdom. "Suffer little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." When Jesus was born, he was taken to the Temple by his parents, and was taken up in the arms of Simeon, and blessed. In this church, a newborn baby is blessed by one of the Elders of the Church.

We believe and know that Inspiration is an indispensable qualifica-

tion for the preaching of the Gospel. Too many ministers are so puffed up in their own learning that they believe that the inspiration and gifts of the Holy Spirit are unnecessary to the Ministry of Christ's Gospel. We also believe that the Gospel should be preached without purse, or scrip according to the Savior's instructions: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Our elders, when at home, earn their living in their regular occupations; when they are sent away from their homes on special missions for the purpose of preaching the Gospel, their traveling expenses are paid to their field of labor, and their families are cared for (until they are called to return) by the church. See Luke 10th Chapter.

We believe the first principal of action required in the Gospel is belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, the once crucified and now risen Redeemer. The second is repentance which signifies nothing more or less than feeling a Godly sorrow for our sins with a fixed determination to sin no more. The third is Baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, for the remissions of sins. The fourth is laying on of hands in the name of Jesus Christ for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We believe in being buried with Christ by Baptism. The baptisms take place in the rivers. Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan; not because he had any sin, but as an example for us to follow. He certainly had no need for baptism, but yet he was baptized; so that just shows how much more we need it.

We believe in the promises of the Savior as they are written in Mark 16th C. "These signs shall follow them that believe, in my name shall they cast out Devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up Serpents; and if they drink any deadly things, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

We believe in partaking of the Lord's supper every first day of the week; the Bread as his Body, and the Wine as his Blood.

We believe in the washing of feet as an ordinance instituted by our Lord and Saviour, to be observed in the Church. In John, 13th Chapter, "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."

We believe in saluting the Brethren with a holy kiss.ST Cor. 16-20

We believe that there has been a gross and wide-spread apostasy amongst men from the true order and doctrine of the early Church as set up by the Saviour. Few Scriptural subjects are treated of more extensively in the sacred word, and to make anything like a comprehensive statement of the matter would be an extensive task. Acts 20 C. 29-30 Verses, says, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Also see Isaiah 24th C., 2nd Thess, 2nd C., 1st Timothy, 4th C., 2nd Timothy, 3rd C. Also 4th C. and 2nd Peter 2nd C.

We believe that this Apostasy from the true Gospel was so wide-spread complete and general, that man himself was utterly unable to provide a remedy, and we recognize all efforts at reformation as utter failure to reproduce even a faint resemblance of the duties and privileges of the ancient Saints or the order and excellence of the ancient Church as established by the Saviour. We will further state that we know of no Scripture that in the least degree intimates that a reformation of the Gospel and Church of Christ ever would take place from the aforesaid Apostate condition. The Scriptures however do foretell a restoration of the Gospel of Christ in the latter ages of time, in the hour of God's Judgments. See Revelation 14th C. 6-7 vs. "And I saw another Angel fly in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the Earth, and to every nation kindred and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgement is come; and worship him that made Heaven, and Earth, and the Sea, and the fountains of water." We should all remember that in the time of John, there is no doubt of the true Gospel then existing, and that he saw in visions occurrences of future times, it necessarily follows that this Scripture foretells the restoration of the Gospel by an Angel calling back mankind from erroneous religion to the worship of the true God, and announcing the hour

of God's judgements, reminding people that worship a God without body, parts or passions of the necessity of contrasting him, with that God, who is the author of this vast creation. The next Angel that John mentions declares that Babylon is fallen and thereby clearly locating the period of these occurrences.

We believe that the fullness of the Gentiles will soon be brought in, and the Church or Kingdom of Christ will be taken from them and restored to Israel again, and the Gentiles will be punished for their disobedience.

We believe in the restoration of Israel as it is spoken of by the Prophets; and that God will use man as his instrument for its accomplishment in this age, as he did in ages past: We believe also, that in order to bring about these events God must and will reveal his will to man as he did in days of old.

We believe that God will employ this Church for that purpose. "Hear the word of the Lord, O, ye nations, and declare it in the Isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a Shepherd doth his flock." And again in Jeremiah 16th C. 16th V. "Behold I will send for many Fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after, I will send for many Hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Are you Saved?

If Not! Why Not?

So many people have asked the question: Are you saved? And so many reply by quoting the words of Jesus in Matt. 24-13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Apparently making it appear that one cannot be saved in this present life.

Let us examine the scripture on this all important subject. Jesus has taught: "Ye must be born again." And it is often quoted, and certainly if we are born again, we must endure until the end of our journey in this world, if we expect to be eternally saved in God's Kingdom. In Luke 7-48,49,50, Jesus forgives a woman of her sins, and tells her: "Thy faith has saved thee; go in peace." He does not say, thy faith will save thee, but "thy faith has saved thee." In plain words the woman's faith saved her from her sins. We must conclude then, that if she endure

unto the end, she shall be saved eternally in heaven.

In Luke 18-42, Jesus says to the blind man: "Thy faith has saved thee." He does not say thy faith has given thee sight, but thy faith has saved thee.

I have quoted the Savior's words thus far. I will now refer you to the sayings of some of His servants. In First Cor. 1-18, 21, I quote Paul: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto US which ARE saved it is the power of God." Paul does not say to those "which WILL be saved," but to those who ARE saved. It is evident from this scripture, that if a person is alive in Christ that such a person or persons are SAVED. The Savior's words are then applicable: "he that endureth unto the end shall be saved." — saved eternally in heaven.

Turn to Ephesians 2-5, 6, "Even when we were dead in sins, quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." — Dare anyone say they were not saved, when Paul says they were made to sit in heavenly places with Christ? Remember Paul is speaking to the saints who were yet in this tabernacle of clay.

In Romans 8-1, Paul says: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." If there is no condemnation in those who walk after the spirit, there must be justification in them, is there not? Yea, they are SAVED from their sins.

First Peter 3-20, 21. "While the Ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were SAVED by water. The like figure whereunto EVEN baptism doth also save us." Hence, baptism now saves us from our sins, according to Peter, and such was the mission of Jesus: Matt. 1-21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall SAVE His people from their sins."

Let us take note of some sayings in the Book of Mormon. It is so wonderful when two witnesses (Book of Mormon and Bible) agree. —Take note of Second Nephi, 33-6, "I glory in plainness; I glory in truth; I glory in Jesus, for He hath (present tense) redeemed my soul from hell." In plain words through Nephi obeying the gospel,

it saved his soul from hell.—in Alma 26-14, "And has loosed our brethren from the chains of hell." —Saved from hell. See verses 26 and 30. Ammon and his brethren saved many souls.—Read Mosiah 27-28, "The Lord in His mercy hath seen fit to snatch me out of an everlasting burning, and I am born of God." The reader must conclude that Alma was saved from hell. Oh! how wonderful it is, to observe the harmony in the testimony of the Book of Mormon and the Biblical servants of God. May I ask: is our testimony in accord on this important question?

Let us now turn to Hebrews 7-25, "Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Christ).—Why does the writer use the term "uttermost?" Utmost, according to Webster: situated at the farthest point, most distant; extreme.— if one is saved in heaven, what more could be expected? Why uttermost? It seems to me that here is the secret in a nutshell. The testimony of God's people in all ages, was that they were saved from their sins. Then when Jesus comes upon the scene, He assures His followers that: he that shall endure unto the end (as long as life shall last) shall be saved ETERNALLY in His Kingdom. Yea "saved to the UTMOST, or as Webster says: "The most possible." Yea, I say again, saved to the uttermost, eternally in heaven. We may be saved from our sins here in this world, indeed I will say that we should be, but if we do not endure the temptations in life to the end thereof, we may find ourselves as Peter says of some in Second Peter 2-23 Wallowing in the mire. How beautifully the poet has conveyed the thought to us in the following words: "When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun. Some people say: I am saved. Some will say: I have been born again. Others will say: They have been Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb, Are not these phrases identical when properly understood?

Sincerely W.H.C.

SELECTED

You know, followers of Christ, I once heard a story about the devil. He decided he would go out of business. He found that if he was to go out of business that he would

have to sell all of his tools for he would no longer have any use for them. So he planned a big auction sale. The tools should go to the person or persons who made the highest bid on them.

The night of the big sale came. The devil had all his tools laid out in the most attractive manner possible. There were the tools of hatred, envy, jealousy, malice, lying, disobedience, pride and many other evil tools. But away over on special table by itself was a worn-out looking tool. It didn't even look very attractive but it was the most expensive one of all. One of the people attending the sale walked up to the devil and asked, "What is that tool? I notice it is much higher priced than any of the other tools, yet it looks worn-out and surely not very good looking."

"Oh," said the devil, "that tool is discouragement."

"But why should it be so much higher priced than any of the others?" the visitor continued.

"Why?" answered the devil. "That tool is the very best one I have. When all my other tools fail me, I take up discouragement. There are lots of folks who are on the lookout for all my other tools so they cannot be reached. When I run across one of these fellows I take up the tool of discouragement. You see if I can manage to get inside the heart of anyone, then I can use all the tools I want to. Many pay no attention to discouragement for they do not yet know that it belongs to me."

By the time the devil was through telling about his best tool, there was a crowd gathered around listening to him. They all took a good look at the famous tool. But after the sale was over, no one had bought discouragement, for the devil had placed too high a price on it.

And you know what? The devil still owns that old tool of discouragement as well as all the other tools for he never did get rid of any of them. Don't ever let discouragement get inside your heart! Watch out for that old tool of the devil's!

General Circle Meets In Niles, Ohio

On Saturday, September 18, 1954, sisters from all parts of Ohio and several from different places in Pennsylvania and from Detroit, Michigan, perhaps 100 or more along with about ten brethren met

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EDITORIAL

Many are anxious and looking forward to receiving news from Bro Cadman and Bro. Bittinger who have been over in Africa since the 27th. of July. But perhaps when this paper reaches you they may be on their journey home as their visa is due on the 12th. of October, but depending when they can get reservations by plane they may come sooner.

This has been a very marvelous yet strange visit into Africa. Unsolicited by the church—those people in Africa were directed as they say by God to contact our church here in America—hence the long journey. They are at this time in the rainy season and as expressed, in reality, but it has not delayed their work in preaching and baptizing them into the church which they have set in order. They have ordained elders and teachers and taught them how to conduct their services and they must depend on the Spirit of God to direct and give them wisdom and understanding. He has promised that he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and the signs shall follow them*that believe—and is not His word "Yea and Amen"? So Why not those away over in Africa as well as in America?

Our brethren have visited many of the missions but say they can't visit all for the distance is great and those people have no cars—but lots of bicycles. To go out into the jungles, they must pay a taxi or truck to take them and this is very expensive. I asked how these people make their living and was told that seemingly the base of their living is from the palm trees. The country is very sandy. Wherever our missionaries go, the people are very kind and load their cars down with eggs, chickens, oranges, bananas, yams and even gave them two goats. At night they guard our brethren so no harm will come to them. One evening at the close of the meeting, the natives surrounded the car about 150 of them, and one man had a pole with a flag on it. He waltzed around and waved the flag while the rest clapped their hands and sang. Would you not have en-

joyed seeing them and singing praises with them? God is no respecter of persons.

The last week of August and first of September, they held their conference, and on the 10th. of September, the Sisters from all the missions were holding their General Circle meeting. These people have accepted the Law and Order of our Ladies Uplift Circle and perhaps they will appreciate and keep the law better than we who have just taken so many of the good things of Church and the Gospel for granted.

In a recent letter from Bro. Cadman, he records the following, today September 4th, "Five native policemen drove to our house, all in uniform, fine appearing men probably between 25 or 30 years of age. They asked us to bless and pray for them. They stood in our room here with bowed heads while we each offered up a prayer for them. They then went on their way. They do not carry guns. They were dressed in kaki blouse and shorts, a brimless hat with a tassle. Apparently they are the finest of men. One strange thing here is that you do not see any signs of evil around. Everybody seems peaceful and contented."

We feel that the work of God is wonderful in these last days—but only if we are worthy to take part in it.

Our Ladies Circle will meet in Niles, Ohio on September 18 and our Conference will convene in Detroit, Michigan on October 2, 1954. These announcements should have been in our September Gospel News. We have tried to do our best to supply the Gospel News since the Editor is away and we hope you all will look over the neglect.

Sadie B. Cadman

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in our General Circle meeting in Niles, Ohio. It was a very wet day but very peaceful and wonderful within. Our testimonies and hymns were encouraging and uplifting to all. Our business was of great interest to all because of the help we have been in helping these many years in financing the Missionary work and the printing of the church books and literature. After our business was transacted, several brethren spoke of the great work of the Lord in these the last days. Bro. Furnier's main thought was in exhorting us that "Now is the time" and not to listen to the words that it is not time. He also exhorted our sisters to

put forth greater efforts in helping our missionaries to go out among the lost house of Israel and to our brethren in Italy and Africa or wherever the Lord calls. After thanking our folks in Niles for the fellowship and also for the blessing we all received, our meeting was closed with Bro. Fred D'Amico asking God's blessing and protection over us all.

Our next General Circle meeting will be held in Monongahela, Pa. on December 18, 1954.

Sister Mary E. Wilson, Sec.

Dedication of Vanderbilt Church Building

On Sept. 12, 1954, the Vanderbilt Mission dedicated the basement of their new church they expect to build. It is surely a lovely room and if they don't build an upper room, the basement is surely a place to be proud of. The brothers and sisters have laboured hard and have paid for their building as they went along. It is very comfortable and complete. Brothers and sisters and friends assembled with them and wonderful talks were given in the morning and afternoon, also many testimonies given. In the evening the young people took over. Bro. Alma Cadman was the first speaker in the morning service. Good singing was enjoyed all day and all felt it was a blessing to be able to enjoy the service with our Saints of Vanderbilt vicinity.

NAUVOO, ILLINOIS (Aug. 25, 1954)

Nauvoo, Ill., the city that Joseph Smith built, stands today as a memorial to the Latterday Saints. What was once a metropolis, a beehive of industry and activity, is now but a small obscure village nestled on the quiet shores of the Mississippi.

Nauvoo has a rather remarkable history. In the span of seven years it rose out of a wilderness into a mighty city then was destroyed. In the year of 1844 it was the largest city in the State of Illinois and for several years it held the political balance of power in Illinois. But descension and false doctrine crept in and ruination fell upon the city.

From the time that Joseph Smith saw a vision at the age of 15 he was followed by persecution and his life was in constant danger. In the year of 1820 he was told to join no existing denominations and

it was revealed to him that the Lord would soon restore the Gospel. In spite of all opposition the Church of Jesus Christ began to grow in leaps and bounds. The Saints were gathered together and after several futile attempts to establish a home in the face of religious antagonism and violent conflict, they finally landed in the vicinity of Commerce, Illinois. It was formerly a large Indian village named Quashquema. It was settled early in the 1820's as an Indian trading post. The place was literally a wilderness, the land was mostly covered with trees and bushes and it was impossible for a team of horses to go through. But Joseph Smith and the Saints fell to the task of building up a city and shortly the town was renamed Nauvoo which was supposed to mean "Beautiful City."

Industry spread and grew. Schools and a University were built and work was started on the Temple which cost them a million dollars. Converts were pouring into the city and it seemed that nothing would stem the swelling tide, and so the community grew in power and influence.

As Nauvoo began to spread and flourish, there grew a rumbling of opposition and descension. Political power began to grow in the city and threaten the political opposition of the State of Illinois.

Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum went to Carthage Illinois to discuss their problems with the governor. They were arrested and put in the Carthage jail on entering the city. On June 27, 1844, an armed mob stormed the jail and Joseph and Hyrum Smith were both killed.

At the death of Joseph Smith the whole social structure of Nauvoo seemed to collapse. Threatening mob violence from without and strife and agitation from within rocked the city to its foundation. Nauvoo was charged with being the center of organized bands of crimes. Church leaders jockeyed for power, confusion and panic took hold of the city, farm houses were burned and citizens threatened. The church was split into a number of factions all claiming true succession to Joseph Smith. The groups that split left Nauvoo. Most of the factions finally faded out of existence. The most prominent factions that remain today are the Utah Mormons, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, and The Church of Jesus Christ.

There can be but one Church and only one true Church that can hold the authority of the priesthood of the Son of God. Which of all the factions of the Latterday Saints is the true and only Church of Jesus Christ?

Sydney Rigdon was Joseph Smith's first counselor, therefore at the death of Joseph Smith, Sydney Rigdon was the rightful successor to the Presidency of the Church. The power and authority of the Church remained with Rigdon and was carried forth by William Bickerton. Today it stands as the Church of Jesus Christ, the Church that has the authority of the Priesthood of the Son of God.

In 1848 the temple was burned by vandals and what remained was later destroyed by a violent storm. Even the elements wrought vengeance, because of the iniquity that finally destroyed the proud city of Nauvoo. Today not one stone remains on the site that was once a beautiful temple. Nauvoo became almost a ghost town.

In 1849 a small band of Frenchmen who were called Icarians stopped at the desolate city in search of a suitable location for the establishment of a communistic society. The venture flourished for a few years but internal strife took its toll and the organization in Nauvoo dissolved. With the departure of the Icarians a gradual resettlement began until it gradually scaled down to its present size. It is today just another obscure little Illinois town, but rich with memories that shall reecho down the corridor of time.

Anthony Gerace

THE WHEATONS IN YUCATAN, MEXICO

A few lines was received from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wheaton of Lista de Correos, Ticul, Yucatan, Mexico. These friends of Independence, Missouri will be remembered visiting us here in Monongahela and showing the pictures they had taken down in Central America and Mexico of the great ruins. They have returned to Yucatan and a very interesting article has been written of their travels and the hardships and persecutions they have had and are receiving trying to spread the restored gospel. They, too, are anxious to know if Bro. Cadman and Bro. Bittinger ever received their visas, and of their success over in Africa. They asked to be remembered to all the saints and

friends they met in Monongahela and expressed themselves in these few words, "Surely it is a time for this Restored Gospel to go into all the world for seemingly the time of the end can not be far off."

A TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Brother Henry Johnson of Roscoe, Pa. branch, Sister Lydia Bittinger of Bitner mission, my wife and I left West Leisenring, Pa. Sept. 1st. enroute to the Sioux Indian reservations in South Dakota. We arrived at Gettysburg, Sept. 4th., which is 95 miles from Wapakala, S. D. where our principal work has been confined to at present. We thought to try and locate at Mobridge which is 63 miles North of Gettysburg or in other words, from Mobridge, S. D. to Wapakala, S. D. it is a distance of 32 miles, thus making it much closer to our work. We were fortunate to locate rooms at Mobridge where we can do our own cooking.

We have held two meetings at Wapakala, and one at Brother Isaac Usefulheart's home to date. (Sept. 6th.) Brother Usefulheart's home is located off the highway near Green Grass, S. D., which is a distance of 71 miles from Mobridge, S. D. In order to reach his home, we had to cross the Moreau river twice, by this I mean we had to ford the river, which was up to the bottom of our car doors, but the river having a rocky foundation we were able to ford it without any trouble. The brothers and sisters at both places received us with open arms. We were equally joyful to meet them again, some of which we had not met as yet, they having been baptized by Brother Jos. Shazer, when he was here last July. We have had very good services, with a number of the Lamanite people, (the seed of Joseph) investigating our doctrine or the doctrine of Jesus Christ, which the Lord has revealed to us many years ago: "That we had the gospel more pure than any other people." We thank God that some that have obeyed the gospel here are bringing forth fruit and are growing in the grace and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. We would be very appreciative if some of the MBA's would furnish us with Hymn Books and Books of Mormon, which are badly needed here. We are thankful to God for the privilege of being used as instruments in his hands to carry this gospel to the seed of Joseph. We encounter some hardships, it is not all pleasant com-

ing here. This is not a pleasure trip as some may suppose. Patience, endurance, and the pure love of God is required to minister among the Lamanite people. We must be nursing fathers and mothers to them, as the word of God declares. I must close this article now, as it is the following morning Sept. 7th. and we will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. for Wakpala, S.D. to hold services at brother and sister Wm. Howard's home. So far, weather conditions have been favorable, and we have had services outside, under a canopy made of brushes overhead for shade. Needless to say, the people here are very poor, and have been sadly neglected by the Gentile overseers. We expect to leave here Monday Sept. 13th. for Penna. then to Detroit, Mich. for the October conference. We will supplement this letter in the next issue of the "Gospel News" at the completion of our work here at this time.

We were made to rejoice on Sunday morning, for when we were about to leave Mobridge, Brother and Sister Alex. Robinson of Larned, Kansas met us on the main highway and accompanied us to Wakpala. They enjoyed themselves also with the Lamanite people. They left for home on Monday morning, Sept. 6th. We wish to be remembered, also remember the seed of Joseph when you go to prayer.

Thurman S. Furnier

THANKS FROM NIGERIA

June 19, 1954

Dear Editor,

Having received the attach correspondent, I hereby act as I am told; The Church of Jesus Christ members returns thanks to you and to all your members who help to promote the work of the Gospel News. They thank you so much in the Gospel News Vol. 10 No. 3 of March, 1954, and they thanks the brothers who mail the clothings to them and love ones.

May I add that, God the Living Father, will reward us according to our work and the little we do are been put to account at my face, said the Lord.

May God bless all of you and help to promote His work amen.

Yours sincerely,
Church of Jesus Christ
A. A. Dick
Gen. Supt. to the Church

GREETINGS FROM AFRICA

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30th August, 1954

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, I am thankful to the Lord our living Father in the true Church of Jesus Christ giving to us which has been revealed to you by the Angel of the Lord through Joseph Smith through Bro. W. H. Cadman and Bro. Joseph Bittinger and the writer to us.

The Brothers visit in Africa for the short stay with us become of great blessing to us, and we were 52 Churches few years ago, but now we are 68 Churches, though they are not yet known the true, but it is my duty to teach them as the spirit of God may move in me.

The Brothers are unable to tour all the branches of our Churches because of transportation. But I am able to provide few transportation of which their visit report will tell. Last Sunday we had baptism and I tried the best I could. I am glad with the little that the Lord does to me. Sister A. U. Ekpa the President of the Ladies Uplift Meeting in Nigeria paid visit to Brothers Cadman and Bittinger on 26th. August, 1954, with my new wife; on 27th. I and her took picture. On Sunday, 29th. August we had first communion in the Church. From there we noticed a great difference around the house. Brothers Cadman and Bittinger preaching become of great blessing to our souls. I beg all of you to pray hard so that the Spirit of understanding may abide with us in the love of God. Amen.

I am Yours in Jesus Christ,
A.A.Dick

This short Article of Brother Dick's is very well written up and we, Bros. Cadman and Bittinger, pray that the Article will be read in the Gospel News as being written by a true Brother in Christ, here in far-off Africa.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

This summer we were glad to have had Bro. Paul D'Amico visit Lorain for his first time and spend a Sunday with our Branch in the Service of the Lord. It was a wonderful day. The Cleveland Branch met with us and Bro. and Sis. Dominic Costelli, Sister Josephine Brecci from San Diego, California, a group of Brothers and Sisters from

Warren, Ohio, along with the four brethren that came from Rochester.

Our Sunday School service was turned over to Bro. D'Amico and the Brethren that came with him. Each of them gave a very interesting and inspiring talk which was encouraging to the young to work for the Lord. I know that our teenagers certainly enjoyed hearing Bro. Paul D'Amico's experience during his high school days when he was inspired to write an essay on the life of Nephi and consequently won first prize in a school essay contest.

The morning service was opened in Prayer by Bro. Rocco Biscotti and Bro. Paul D'Amico read from the 45th Chapter of Genesis, where Joseph of Egypt made himself known to his brethren. In his sermon Bro. Paul used that scripture as a type and foreshadow of our Lord and also things that will take place with the seed of Joseph, and Bro. Rocco Biscotti also spoke on that theme. We served a lunch at noon for our Brothers and Sisters and united again at 1:30 for our afternoon service. We felt God's blessings all that day and we could feel His blessing too, when the congregation sang "God be with you 'till we Meet Again," as our brethren were leaving our services to return to their homes. May God bless our ministry wherever they may be sent is our prayer.

We also were glad to have had Bro. and Sis. Furnier with us for a while this summer. Bro. Furnier in a series of meetings held in our branch gave some wonderfully instructive talks on early Church history, the Book of Mormon, on scriptures proving our Church doctrines on the peaceful reign. It was just like being back in school, only these lessons taught us the important things we should know about our church and its doctrines. I kept notes of most of those talks. Some of them I hope to use in discussions with my Sunday School and M.B.A. Junior classes. Our young people and some of our young members may have heard some of those topics for the first time. We were glad to have had the opportunity to attend those services and heed to our brother's voice because we won't have our Brother with us always but we certainly can keep what they have taught us with us always.

One of our older and faithful sisters passed away this summer. She was Sister Michalina Dore. She

became ill at church just after she had given a testimony to the goodness of the Lord, in the Sunday afternoon service on the fourth of July. Her last recollections were of being in church. She died an hour later on the way to the hospital. She was 68 years of age.

Bro. Furnier was in charge of the funeral service assisted by Bro. Joe Altomare. Those she left surviving are her husband, Bro. Sam Dore, a daughter, Sis. Marie Caldwell, two sons, Philip and Tony Dore, and six grandchildren. She was laid to rest at Elmwood Cemetery.

On April 20th Sister Rose Surdock's husband passed away after a long illness. Joseph Surdock was 35 years old. His survivors are his wife and son Kenneth, his mother, seven brothers and five sisters.

Bro. Rocco Biscotti was in charge of the funeral services with Bro. Joe Altomare assisting. Sister De-lores Thomas from Detroit sang "Invisible Hands" and a group of four sisters sang a few hymns. Burial took place at Ridgehill Memorial Cemetery.

Josephine Dominico

NEWS FROM GRAND RIVER RESERVATION BY SIS. FORD

Windsor, Canada
Sept. 9, 1954

Dear Sister Cadman:

Just a few lines to thank you for sending the clipping out of the paper. We were all so glad to receive the news and will be glad to hear again of any news. We had a fast and prayer meeting last Saturday for their work and received a blessing.

We have been having some wonderful meetings at the Grand River Reservation and expect some baptisms before long. At our last meeting, two weeks ago, a little boy was sent by his mother to be anointed. He was about six years old and came with his brothers and sisters in the station wagon crying with a bad ear trouble. Bro. Burgess anointed him and while he still had his hands on him, the little fellow stopped crying and stayed through Sunday School and Church. He said, after the meeting, "Jesus healed my ears." We had about 38 grown-ups beside the children and the blessings were great. The Indian singers were there and seem somewhat interested. We hope they will come to Detroit Conference.

Sister Henderson has been in the

hospital but is feeling better now. It was asthma.

This is our week to go to Grand River again. We are having a weiner roast in the grove and expect a crowd.

How are all the saints there? Hope, well. Was glad to hear you had another baptism. The Gospel winds its way.

I have told you all the news I can think of. Will you please give us more news of the work in Africa and how our Brothers are? Bro. Burgess read the clipping out of the paper in our meeting. All were glad to hear from them. When do you expect them home? I am sure Mr. Dick would rejoice having them there. May God bless them and you for efforts put forth.

My prayers are for you all. Love to all.

Your Sister in Christ,
Leata Ford

NEWS ITEMS

Hopelawn, N. J. reports four baptisms namely: Sisters Mary Purkall and Lucille Fantazier, and Brothers Richie Renyola and Ralph Mercurio.

Monongahela, Pa. reports one baptism—Sister Alice Nagy, a daughter of our late Sister Ida Cratty.

George Ellis Heaps, 58, of Monongahela, Pa., was stricken with a fatal heart attack Sept. 4, 1954 and funeral services were conducted Sept. 7, 1954 with Elders S. J. Kirschner and George A. Neill of the Church of Jesus Christ in charge. A son of our late Bro. and Sis. Heaps, George was the only brother of Brother James Heaps of South Gate, California. The Gospel News extends sympathy to all the bereaved.

Funeral Services were held August 2, 1954 for Russell L. Wergin, 45, of Belle Vernon, Pa. who died suddenly while at work. Russell will be remembered as an old time member of the Young Men's Bible Class of the Sunday School at Monongahela, Pa.

Sister Ivy Fisher of Parlin, N.J. reports a "wonderful day" in the service of the Lord with saints visiting from Warren, Ohio. She also tells of a wonderful dream which she had and praises God for it.

On a recent card from Bro. Paul D'Amico, he reports two baptisms in Painesville, Ohio where Bro. Biscotti has been holding meetings.

A card from Bro. Mark Randy tells of twelve baptisms and one

renewal at their first conference at Modesta, California. God's blessings are everywhere.

A Few Lines From Sister Converse Of Ahsahka, Idaho

In receiving a few lines from Sister Bertha Converse of Idaho brought to my mind the lines of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above. Before our Father's throne, We pour our ardent prayers, Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear.

Sister Converse and Bro. R. Newby were baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ several years ago by Bro. Costa of Colorado and Bro. Converse by Bro. Sanders of St. John, Kansas in these later years. We think of the tie that binds — and while we as a people are scattered all over our country, the tie that has once bound the believer in the restored Gospel is very seldom broken unless by unfaithfulness to our covenant. So while they live in the mountains of Idaho and away from the saints, they still hold fast to what they have embraced. Bro. Newby is now 88 years old and is in a Rest Home at Kamiah, Idaho, c-o Mason Nursing Home. And while he has a good home, she says he is often lonely. He can see barely enough to wait on himself. His eyesight is very bad. They try to visit with him and he is very glad to have them visit with him. He needs some winter underwear size 42, also shirts 16 1-2 or 17, hat size 7 3-8 and shoes size 9. Don't forget to pray for him.

Sister Converse has many friends among the Indian folks at Kamiah, Idaho and while visiting and mingling with them does not forget to teach them the restored Gospel that they may understand the mission of the Angel as recorded in Revelation 14-6.

Don't forget our brothers and sister who do not have the privilege of meeting together oft — as many of us do.

Sister Sadie Cadman

WARREN LADIES CIRCLE MEETS IN LORAIN

Sister Betty Alessio of Lorain, Ohio, a former member of the Warren, Ohio Circle was pleasantly surprised by a group of mem-

bers of the Warren Circle visiting her on her birthday, August 22nd. A wonderful meeting was reported in the afternoon in relating over the gatherings and experiences she had while living in Warren. She writes, "The sisters of all Circles certainly deserves praise for the good works they have done in helping to spread the Gospel—especially among the Indian people. I hope and pray that God's blessings will abide with all the Saints throughout the Church. Each one of us is striving for that home of rest where we will meet to part no more. Our meeting ended with prayer and the sisters returned home feeling it was good to meet together."

P.S. You may shorten or reword this article but I want all to know what the Sisters and the Circle have done for me. I have come a long way spiritually and naturally through the circle and other organizations throughout the Church. May God bless you is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ,
Betty Alessio

A WONDERFUL DAY

The first week of August, Bro. Paul D'Amico, Lockport, N. Y. wrote to Bro. A. Corrado telling him he would spend Sunday, August 22nd, 1954 in Youngstown branch and asked that brothers and sisters of Warren and Niles be invited to meet with us.

August 22nd, Bro. Paul D'Amico and several brothers and sisters including Bro. Ansel D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y. arrived to spend the day with us. Bro. Paul opened our morning meeting giving us an inspiring sermon using for his text the first six verses of the 18th chapter of Matthew. He then spoke how we must humble ourselves as little children in order to obtain salvation. He also told us the story of Noah how he was saved with his family thru obedience to God while the rest of the population perished. Bro. John Mancini followed by adding inspiring remarks to our brother's talk. Bro. Paul D'Amico also gave a very interesting sermon in the Italian tongue for the benefit of those who could not understand the English language.

In the afternoon Bro. Moore of McKees Rocks opened our meeting and was followed by others bearing testimony to the Gospel.

Brothers and sisters were in attendance also from Coal Valley, Monongahela, Erie, McKees Rocks, Aliquippa, and Fredonia, Pa.

We certainly enjoyed a wonderful day.

Sister Pauline Ritz

BENYOLA-CERVONE

At a lovely double-ring ceremony performed by the bride's uncle, Elder Joseph Benyola in the Church of Jesus Christ, Hopelawn, N. J., Miss Mary Jane Benyola became the bride of Frank Cervone of Trenton.

Mary Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benyola and her husband, a Korean veteran, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cervone.

Following a wedding trip through the New England states, the couple will reside at Lawrence Rd., Trenton, N. J.

Best wishes to the happy couple.

CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

A missionary in South Dakota working with the Sioux Indians of Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations tells of being threatened with arrest by a Roman Catholic priest. The missionary, Rev. Alfred C. P. Gerhardt, is sponsored by the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, with offices in Elyria, Ohio.

The Rev. Gerhardt has been doing mission work with these Indians since 1950, according to the "Home Fellowship News." During February of this year he was notified by letter from a Roman Catholic priest that he was to stop having services in the homes of certain Indians. The claim was made that the Indians did not want the meetings. According to the "News," these services "had been carried on at the request of the Indians for over three years ... An Indian man stated that his children never learned anything by going to the Roman Catholic Church but that they are learning something from the missionaries' meetings."

The written order was followed by a demand in person that the meetings be stopped and was accompanied with a threat to have the Protestant Missionary arrested if he did not obey.

Mr. Gerhardt reports that the one family of Indians yielded to the pressure of the priest and withdrew their permission. The daughter, however, opened her home, and at the last report the meetings would be held as planned.

From the
"Good News Broadcaster"

"God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9.) Read 1 John 5:9-13.

The story is told of a Moravian missionary who went to the West Indies to preach to the slaves. Since they were toiling all day in the fields, he could not get near them. So he had himself sold as a slave and toiled with them in the fields that he might tell the story of God's love.

Christ came into the world that He might be near the people and tell them of His Father's love. His coming meant a great deal more than just a day to celebrate. It meant something of such great importance to the world that all languages combined have not words to describe it fully.

The spirit of Christ means love, brotherhood, kindness, and goodwill. Christ came to make a new heaven and a new earth. His followers are so to live and work that this new heaven and earth will come, and the ideals of Christ will govern all human relationships.

(Used by permission of "The Upper Room," Nashville, Tenn.)

P.S. Sir: do you ever inconvenience yourself for the welfare of some other poor soul? Or would you rather think about self, and enjoy your nice comfortable homes, your tables spread with deliciousness, and your nice soft beds, and just allow the unfortunate to think about himself? If so, remember, that such is not the spirit of the lowly Nazarene. Editor.



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A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

For what we have, though
small it be,
We thank thee, Lord.
For the simple joys of serenity,
We thank thee, Lord.
For the gentle touch of the
friendly hand
Of those who love and under-
stand,
We thank thee, Lord.

Of all thy gifts the greatest three
Are friendship, love and fidelity,
Let others pray for the harvest's
yields,
For the golden grain of the fruit-
ful fields,
Humbly our prayer to thee we
send
That when we've reached our
journeys end,
Some one may say, Farewell
good Friend.

Selected W.P.R.

MY SHIP

I'm at the helm of a stalwart
ship
That's been entrusted to me,
And day and night I struggle
to guide,
It safely across the sea.
I am the captain, altho I know
Not why I should be the one
The King has chosen to do the
work
That many a man would shun.

My crew feels none of the wear-
iness
That comes from little repose,
And yet because my cargo is
dear,
My eyes must not ever close.

I chart my course and from day
to day
I try to follow it thru;
But there are times when fool-
ishly so,
I change it to please my crew.

Then, veered off-course, I run
into reefs,
Or tempests, or squalls, and
such,
And then, before the danger is
o'er,
I suffer so very much.

But still, I pray, with the help
of God,
My ship will safely reach shore,

For there, the ache and the
weariness,
Will vanish, forevermore.

Catherine Poma

TO ETERNAL CONCLUSION

Hell hath no end to her appetite.
The wicked doth feed the inner-
most parts of her belly. She vom-
its not up her prisoners whom she
hath devoured. Darkness is the
place of her habitations wherein
rests the awful fear of God's judg-
ments, damnation—unrest.

The wicked doth make up the
flesh of her inheritance—peace is
far from her habitations, her re-
ward in folly lies in hatred—lust—
sex a spiritual death and endless
torment. Her breast's have nursed
the wicked, the arch enemies
to God. Her flesh shall be brought
in remembrance before the bar of
God's judgments—wherein the
blood of martyrdom dwells.

To be cast into a lake of fire
and brimstone, the wicked shall
be smitten into her endless emp-
tiness of space, Lo to be remem-
bered no more through her sin's—
no more to be brought into remem-
brance before the living God, her
existence forgotten, struck into
insignificance blotted out forev-
er—lo, I looked and sought after by
thought—by memory. But she was
nowhere to be found, and only they
that goeth with her shall remain in
the memory of her torments and
habitations. Lo I looked to behold
her foundations, there were none,
she dwelleth in inverted orbits of
empty space. I beheld the habita-
tions of the righteous are built up-
on the knowledge of the living
word of God—and they shall dwell
in the light and immensity of his
endless love forever to go out no
more.

The conclusion of the matter,
serve the living God, eat His word,
in thy understanding rejoice thy
proportion, thanking God—singing
psalms—endure to the end in
Christ Jesus, and your name shall
be found written in the living God,
inscribed with the blood of the
Lamb.

For your book of this life shall
be opened also at the last day—
and every man's works shall be
exposed, and the noble soul does
not forget. Amen.

Bro. I. Humphrey

A BEAVER COLLEGE STUDENT'S ESSAY

We believe also that blindness
in part has happened unto Israel
until the fullness of the Gentiles
be brought in; and so all Israel
shall be saved, as it is written,
there shall come out of Zion the
Deliverer and shall turn away un-
godliness from Jacob. See Ro m.
11th C.

We believe that the Indians up-
on this Hemisphere, are a part
of Israel, Decendants of Ephra-
im and Manasseh, the Sons of Jos-
eph, and that this land of Ameri-
ca is theirs by an original God
given right. Also that it is the
land referred to by Jacob in Gene-
sis 49th C. 22nd to 28th vs. inclu-
sive as a land given of God to
Jacob, and of Jacob to Joseph. Al-
so that it is the land referred to
by Moses when blessing the chil-
dren of Israel before his depart-
ure from them, as the land of
Joseph. See Deuteronomy 33rd C.
13th to 17th vs. It is the land re-
ferred to by Ezekiel 37th. C. see
25th v. Isaiah 33rd C., see 17th v.
Also 21st v. and many more pas-
ages. In short, it is the land of
restored Israel, where the Little
Stone of Daniel will smite the im-
age at the feet and bring about
the wonderful results by him de-
scribed.

We believe the word of God,
wherein he says, "He will write un-
to Ephraim the great things of his
law and they should be counted
as a strange thing." See Hosea 8th
C. 12th V. We also believe that
the book of Mormon, is that
strange thing, or the great things
of God's law to Ephraim, also that
it contains a true record of the
Gospel of Christ as given to the
tribe of Joseph, by Christ in per-
son after his resurrection, whom
he recognized as the Sheep of
whom he spake, that had to hear
his voice, and become one fold
and have one Shepherd. See
John's Gospel, 10th C.

We believe that the book of Mor-
mon is the book spoken of by the
Prophet Isaiah, 29th C. The same
also that Ezekiel refers to in his
book, 37th C., as the stick of Joseph
in the hand of Ephraim.

We do justly state that the book
of Mormon has been shamefully
misrepresented, and we desire ev-
ery lover of truth to read it for

themselves. We hereby assure all men that it teaches nothing contrary to purity and sound doctrine, and that it is a history of the dealings of God with the Indians of this land. It also contains a vast amount of Prophetic matter of unlimited importance bearing upon the future. "It contains a warning to the inhabitants of this western hemisphere especially, that this land of America is a choice land, above all others with God, and that He has decreed that all nations who inhabit it must serve Him, or be swept off when they become fully ripe in iniquity. It is the land of restored Israel; the land on which the Kingdom of Jesus Christ shall flourish. The prophet Mormon calls to the Gentiles in the following words: "Hearken, Oh, ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which He hath commanded 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 abominations, and come unto me, and be baptised 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 many centuries ago by the aforementioned prophet, and considering the conditions prevailing today in Christian America, the reader can form his own opinion as to whether or not the prophet was inspired by God.

2 A History of The Church of Jesus Christ," W. H. Cadman; Published by the Church in 1945; pp. 1, 2

"Joseph Smith has been a much accused man, whether truly or falsely, eternity will reveal. If he taught plural marriage, the Book of Mormon does not sustain him, neither does the teaching of our Saviour in the New Testament. If he taught a plural of Gods, neither the Bible nor the Book of Mormon sustains him. Likewise with baptism for the dead. These are some of the accusations against him, some believe them and some do not. Whether these accusations are true, or false, the Church of Jesus Christ does not believe such

teachings and its doctrines are sustained by the teachings of Christ which are identical in both Bible and Book of Mormon."

The Book of Mormon does not uphold Polygamists, Bigamists, or any such other disgraces to society. Jacob, a former Prophet of the Lord of this land, writes as follows: "Therefore, I the Lord will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old," (meaning David and Solomon with their many wives); "Therefore, 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 delighteth in the chastity of women, and whoredoms are an abomination before me; Thus saith the Lord of Hosts." See book of Jacob, 2nd C. This is not the only instance by any means where Polygamy is condemned in the book of Mormon. The Almighty commanded Lehi, when he brought him to this land, positively against the practice of Polygamy. Old King Noah was condemned by Abinadi for the same offence. Riplakish is also condemned in book of Ether for the same abomination. Therefore, we believe that a man shall have only one wife and a woman but one husband,

3A History of The Church of Jesus, W. H. Cadman; Published by the Church in 1945; p. 1 and base our faith especially upon the book of Mormon in this particular, and shall hereafter consider that persons, who so hastily condemn a book, that makes such declarations, thereby give evidence of their inclinations to the contrary.

Knowing who Ephraim, or the house of Joseph is, and the land on which they reside, it is now understood to whom God wrote the great things of his law, and they were counted as a strange thing. But from Hosea, 9th chapter, commencing at the 11th verse, we find that Ephraim has apostatized from God, and that God has cast them away because they would not harken unto him, and that he has cursed them with the barren womb and dry breasts, and made them wanderers among the nations. Or, in short, they having joined themselves unto idols, God has left them, and they have dwindled down to these wild, roving Indian tribes, grieved, shot at, and hated, as Jacob and Hosea

have both predicted.

The last doctrine is that we seek after whatsoever things are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report; and everything virtuous, praiseworthy, and upright, looking forward to the recompence of reward.

A TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

This is the final report of our trip to the Sioux Indian Reservations. We continued our meetings near Wakpala, S. D. A Mr. Henry Boneclub attended several of the services. One day he said words to this effect: I have paid strict attention to the speakers; one thing they said was: there is no difference in God's creatures. All men were created of one blood, so I would like to extend an invitation to you brothers and sisters, (including the Indian brothers and sisters of your church,) to have services, and dinner with my family some day. Brother Henry Johnson got up and shook his hand, and I told him we would gladly accept the invitation. We went to his home two days later. He has a large and very fine family. His daughters had prepared a chicken dinner, and three different kinds of pie. We were well cared for, and I must add, his wife and daughters are excellent cooks. After dinner we had services. I had my large Book of Mormon map with me, and they desired that we have a map study. Brother Henry Johnson and I expounded the travels of their forefathers from the time that Lehi and company left Jerusalem, their landing in the promised land, (South America) the division that took place among them etc. Reading many passages of scripture from the B. of M. A good time was enjoyed by all. The last service we had was on Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Maude Gunner, known as the chief woman, she is 74 years of age. To whom the Indian people have respect, and take counsel from her. The service was well attended, three rooms were filled with people. The service was wonderful, the Spirit and power of God being made manifest. Previously we had organized a Sunday School, to be known as the Wakpala, S. D. Sunday School, with an adult and children classes. We also had Sunday School at Mrs. M. Gunners' home just prior to the service referred to above. This gives the Indian people an opportunity to conduct their own Sunday School, and study the scriptures. Brother Hen-

ry Johnson and I had agreed to ordain brother Earl De'Marrias a Teacher, on account of brother Issac Usefulheart, whom had previously been ordained an Elder. He resides at a place known as "on The Trees," about five miles from Green Grass, S. D., approximately 75 to 100 miles from Wakpala. Accordingly brother Earl De'Marrias feet were washed by brother Henry Johnson, and he was ordained a Teacher on Sunday Sept. 12th, Brother Thurman S. Furnier officiating. He was given a Lawand Order book several days before the ordination, and was instructed as to his duties. Brother Issac Usefulheart has no means of transportation, not even a horse. This will give the Saints at Wakpala an opportunity to hold prayer services, with brother Earl De'Marrias, (Teacher) in charge, when an Elder is not present. The question has come up in South Dakota about burial grounds for the members of our church. We have been informed that the churches there will not permit persons that are not of their faith to be buried in their cemeteries. (Sounds rather selfish to me) Brother Isaac Usefulheart has promised us 20 acres of land for that purpose, on the Cheyenne Agency Reservation, near a gravel highway. I was also told that a man, (I believe his name is Black Cloud) not a member of our church, has said he will also give us acreage for the same purpose. We understand the latter will be on the Standing Rock Reservation. Before we go into this matter, it will be necessary for us to contact the Federal authorities at Pierre, S.D. I have the name of Ramon A. Roubideaux, whose address is Fort Pierre, S. D. Box 86, attorney at law, (he is a Lamanite) This may be a source of where we can obtain information relative to this matter. We left Mobridge, S. D. the following day, Monday Sep. 13th, stopping at Nauvoo, Ill. and Carthage, Ill. There is always a sad feeling comes to a person when visiting these places. The failures that have taken place and the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. We arrived at Brother Henry Johnson's home, Wednesday evening very late, then to Sister Lydia Bittinger's home after midnight, where we all enjoyed a good nights rest.

Brother Thurman S. Furnier

OUR TRIP TO NIGERIA, AFRICA

After negotiating for ten or eleven months with the Nigerian Government, we were finally given a visa to enter their country on Missionary Work. While we were over there, we were informed that we had been opposed in entering the field by a very powerful organized Mission of the leading protestant churches of our day. It is strange that the protestants who owe their very existence to such men as Luther, Huss, Henry the VIII, and others in the years of the past, who revolted against the Catholic Church, and then in this late day exercise their power against Missionary Workers entering Nigeria to preach the humble principles of which Jesus Himself taught. Have they forgotten that the Christ taught us to do unto others as we would be done by? Consistency! Consistency! Thou art a Jewel.

This trip to Nigeria was wholly un-solicited on the part of The Church of Jesus Christ. It was an urgent invitation by a group of 52 churches, which has now increased to the number of 68 churches—in the field where this Mission of combined protestant churches have been very strong, but now for some reason, are losing out. We were told that where they once had about 500 churches, they now have about 100 left. There must be a cause for it, even as the Reformers back in the 15th century felt that they had a just right to revolt against the teachings of their day. It may be that we are verging into the time when the prophetic utterance of the apostle Paul shall be fulfilled, for in speaking of those who are ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth, and who resist the truth etc. He says their folly shall be made known to all men, even as Jannes and Jambres. At the recent meeting of the World Church Council in Evanston, Ill., of non-catholic churches, a picket marched outside carrying this sign: "All roads lead to Rome, Come home brothers." A sign that should give all 'consistent' protestants something to think about.

Well we finally left Pittsburgh on July 27, 1954 for New York, where we boarded a plane for London at 6:00 p.m.

A number of brothers and sisters and friends were at the Airport when we boarded the plane. The trip to New York was uneventful,

and on arriving there a number of our people from New Jersey and New York met us at the Airport and they took us to their new church in Brooklyn, where we had a lunch and then were taken to the International Airport where we boarded a TWA plane at 6 p.m. for London.

We were, of course, flying towards the rising sun, consequently there was very little darkness for us during this night. It was real light at 1:00 a.m. Pittsburgh time. Flying above the clouds was a wonderful sight, we were flying at an altitude of 19,000 feet. The clouds beneath us sometimes looked like white mountains, at other times they would sort of level off like an earth covered with snow, and the breaks or what we might call holes in the clouds, had the appearance of lakes of water, the sky above was a bright blue and adorned with various colors of the rising sun. The weather was fine up there, but we were informed that it was raining on the earth in England, such was hard to realize—so nice above and raining below. Before arriving at London, we had a good view of the earth, and England is certainly a beautiful land to look down on from above—the well kept farms, the green fields and so many red tile roofs on the homes made a beautiful scene from the skies.

We arrived at the London Airport at 6:00 a.m. Pittsburgh time, which was 11:00 a.m. London time. I will add that the London Airport is a very busy place, planes leaving for all over the world, very large ones and are usually filled with passengers. We arrived there on Wednesday morning, and we were informed that we could not get reservations on a plane for Nigeria, until a week from Friday—but they did promise to give us seats on a plane, should any be canceled. So we based our hopes on this promise, that we might not have to stay too long in London. The Airport was about 20 miles out of London, so we went into the city and saw what sights we could get around too, such as Buckingham Palace, West Minister Abbey, St. Pauls Cathedral and many other places of interest, including some of the scars left from Hitler's bombs, which are many, including St. Pauls Cathedral which is badly damaged still.

In the meantime, we would go out to the Airport to see if there was any reservations canceled, so

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EDITORIAL

As president of the Church I wish to warn the Branches of this Church that are going into debt heavily in building, and buying a house in which to worship. In the course you are proceeding, it looks as though the asking for the privilege to build, is tantamount to the General Church paying for the building. Such is a mistake on the part of Branches to present their bills in the way of a demand on the Church to pay as is being asked for. The responsibility should not be thrown on the General Church. Branches should bear their own responsibility, and the General Church help where it can. I want to remind you all, that the General Church has repeatedly asked all members of the church to give the General Church Treasury \$10.00 each per year where it is possible, but the request is not heeded to. If you keep drawing out of the faucet, and neglect to pour into the bung hole, the barrell will get empty. Editor.

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that we might get started on our journey. It costs money to lay over at these places. There was one of the office girls took an interest in us and she was doing all she could do for us. So on Saturday morning she told us that if we would "split up" she might be able to get us on planes that day. She said there was two planes leaving for Africa that day, and there was a vacancy on each plane. So we accepted her proposition gladly. I left on a plane at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, and Bro. Bittinger followed on another plane at 4:00 p.m. just 15 minutes after me. This caused us to spend three nights in London, instead of better than a week.

The plane I was on went via of Rome. It was a wonderful flight. We flew at an altitude of 19,500 ft., crossing the Alps which I understood was 12,000 ft. high. The peaks extending up through the clouds were visible, a wonderful sight indeed. We crossed over the

city of Paris and other places of importance and on down on the west coast of Italy, passing over the city of Rome, and landing for one hour at the Airport which I understood was 14 miles out of Rome. There is a large dining room there, and part of it was reserved for B.O.A.C. passengers, so I ate a big chicken supper in Italy at the expense of the B.O.A.C. company. While in the Airport I bought my wife a souvenir, but it was stolen from me later. On leaving there we went via Tripoli, Libya and landed there for one hour. Our next stop was at Kano, Nigeria about seven o'clock on Sunday morning. As I got off the plane I met Bro. Bittinger, he arrived there about 15 minutes ahead of me. His plane did not go via Rome, but did stop at Tripoli. The arrangement the girl made in London for us to go on two different planes worked out well, and saved us considerable money by not staying longer in London. I will add that I never saw so many people as I did see in London. It was a week-end holiday in England, and the people was certainly on the move, hotels, buses, street cars, and every place of interest we went was crowded. I was glad to get away from there. It seemed strange to be in London again, for I was there just 55 years ago, in 1899 I spent a few days there sight-seeing.

Kano, Nigeria where Bro. Bittinger and I met again after being separated at London, is a very ancient place, though we did not get into the city itself. I understand that the Moslem is the pride of the city. It is a Mohammed center. It is pretty much of a desert place. I saw camels tied up while at the Airport. At this place Bro. Bittinger boarded the plane that I was on and we left for Lagos, Nigeria between five and six hundred miles away, arriving there about 10:15 a.m. on August 1st. We could not get a plane for Calabar until 7:30 on the morning of August 4th. This caused us to stay three nights in Lagos, the capital city of Nigeria. We had good service in the Olympic Hotel, and while there we went to the American Consulate and registered our passports, giving them our address etc. that they might find us without any trouble should an occasion arise to do so. It was tiresome waiting on a plane, however we spent our time seeing what we could.

Lagos is a busy sea-port, very few white people are to be seen, the city generally speaking is very primitive, though there are many modern buildings, and I noticed that there was many under construction. Three or four shillings a day seems to be the wages paid for labour. There are 20 shillings in a pound which is only worth about \$2.80 in the present value of American money. There is lots of strange sights to be seen, lots of Mohammed people there.

The women wear a large head-dress, men mostly dressed in long robes or gowns, the men go through with their devotions in prayer (I suppose at certain times of the day) matterless of where they might be, on the street or other places, they prostrate themselves on the ground, rise up and looking up to the heavens, utter their prayers—it makes no difference where it is at or who might be around. They are devoted to him whom they worship.

In walking along the street one day, we came across a poor fellow who, apparently had laid there all night. He was lying on the pavement with a piece of straw-board under him, nothing else for a pillow, and apparently dead to the world and very scantily dressed. Nobody paid any attention to him—just walked around him, as though it was a common affair. I stopped and looked at him a little while, and I thought that possibly it was the only kind of a bed the poor fellow knew. We went on our way, but when we came back the poor fellow was getting aroused up out of his sleep. I imagine he had no other home to go to. But it did give me much thought as to how we American people are living in luxury, of course, not only us Americans are living in luxury, but many others of the various nations of people. As for me I must give lots of credit to men and women who as Missionary Workers are sacrificing their lives to help the unfortunate of our day, matterless of what their profession may be. To me GOOD is GOOD, and Jesus did not forget the poor, He even reminded John that the poor have the Gospel preached to them. While on the streets in Lagos, people gathered around us, anxious to hear something from us, they seem to want to learn. I noticed that there were some large places of learning in the city, but what privileges the poor people have of

getting an education I do not know. It seemed like everybody had something to sell. The women were carrying loads on their heads, most all kinds of stuff, they carried large baskets of bread on their heads, and it looked good, in fact, it made me feel hungry for a piece.

On August 4th we were at the station at 5:45 a.m. to get the lorry (bus) for the Airport. We boarded the plane about 7:30 for Calabar, between five and six hundred miles away. We flew over wild and desolate country, making one stop at a place called Enugu, arriving at the Calabar Airport about 11:00 a.m. Brother Dick met us here. I recognized him immediately from a picture I had of him. He had a taxi awaiting us, and he took us to the docks where we embarked on a boat for a place called Oron on the Cross River. Calabar is a seaport town on this same river. It is a very large stream and boats come in from various parts of the world. The boat ride was about 18 miles. There was lots of passengers on the boat. I understand that the water route and the air route is the only way out of Calabar. There are no roads out of the town. It sets on a large Island. When we got off the boat at Oron we found the natives very busy, everybody trying to sell something, and Bro. Bittinger and myself were very much the attraction, no other white people to be seen. After being held up here, we finally got started off in an old truck for Abak, a distance of about 40 miles. The road was very narrow and not very smooth, the driver gave us a fast and a rough ride. On both sides of the road it looked as though a lion might jump out anywhere, however, we failed to see any lions while we were in Africa.

However we finally arrived at a little place where our home was to be. It is a little village called Ebak, just one mile out of the town called Abak. It is a three roomed mud plastered building. Odd to us of course, yet it was very comfortable, the floors were plastered mud as well. There was not much furniture in it, but still there was sufficient for our comfort. The building was off to itself some, but still it was near to their church, and near to one of their schools, which is a building similar to the one which was to be our home for awhile. Two or three men slept on the porch at night

and guarded us from anyone who might seek to harm us. From this place we directed our missionary activities until we left for Calabar on Sept. 11th. At this date we had baptized about 285 persons, ordained some Elders, Teachers, Deacons and Deaconesses. In our next article I will proceed to give a detailed account of our activities up until we arrive back home on September 28, '54. To be continued.

By W. H. Cadman

AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME PRESENTED

To Brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger by the members of the Church of Jesus Christ on the Occasion of their First Missionary Visit to Calabar, Nigeria on the 15th September, 1954

Brothers,
We feel very happy to receive you into our midst on this your first Missionary Visit to Calabar. We thank God that He has made it possible for you to come among us in order that you may do the Great Commission of the Great Master Jesus Christ Who said in St. Matthew's Gospel "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and in earth, Go ye therefore and make disciples of all Nations, Baptizing them ... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you." And again in the Gospel according to St. Mark, Jesus also said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation"—to every creature."

Pondering over these words, we wonder at their sublimity and spaciousness. There is no limitation and no marking of frontiers. All authority All the world... The whole creation ... All the nations. There is something cosmical about it the spaciousness of this word is not to be measured in terms of geography and ethnology alone. All the world means more than the continents and the islands of the seas. All the world includes all the multiple of man's activities, his commerce, his governmental systems, his sciences, his arts, and literature, his social relations, his national and international politics. Nothing human is alien to it. Everything human is within the scope and sweep of the Christ's world.

This great Commission forms the objective of the Missionary bodies all over the world. And is also the fundamental requirement

of the Native African Community. Your's is to give us not your tradition but the Gospel of Christ.

The Church in Nigeria is to be rooted in Christian heritage while it should at the same time be rooted in the soil of the country.

Knowing your objective and the needs of the Nigerian Church we hope you will do all you can to bring to fruition the commission contained in the above words. Your objective includes training of our youths in many fields to prepare us for the better days to come. If this is so, you will surely succeed in Your Missionary work here and we will surely give you wholehearted support.

While here with us, we wish you good health and happy stay and we commend your lives to the kind care of the Almighty God.

We are, Very Sincerely Yours

A. U. Enoch

For and on behalf of
Church of Jesus Christ, Calabar.

P. S. This article is signed by eleven other brothers of the Church in Calabar. It was read in the meeting which they held to welcome us two brethren into their midst. We feel that this article is a Master Piece in composition on behalf of our Nigerian brethren towards us. Sincerely Brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger, Amen.

LETTER FROM DETROIT BY SISTER EVA I COPPA

Dear brothers and sisters, I shall endeavor to tell you of our trip to Niles, Ohio. At the early hour of 3:15 a.m. Bro. Fred D'Amico, his wife, Sister Lydia Lombardo, Sister Sally Ramono, Sister Lena Pontillo, and myself all took to the highway with the intention of attending the Ladies Uplift Circle Conference at Niles, Ohio.

The miles between Detroit and Niles just seemed to melt away, and we arrived a few minutes after the Conference had begun. I was thrilled to no end at meeting and seeing Sister Sadie Cadman for the first time. The business was taken care of in an orderly manner and we had the pleasure of hearing some of the personal letters from the people in Nigeria, Africa.

In hearing the accounts of the happenings from the actual people who are taking part in this movement in Africa, brought this whole mission closer to each of us, and we feel we are a part of it too.

Sister Cadman had the usual quality of making us feel at ease, as if she was only speaking to us as individuals, rather than a group—the warmth of God's love and His Spirit were there—felt by all. We were blest to the fullest.

From Niles we drove to Monaca, Pa., where we spent the night with Bro. Fred's sister Erma Rossi. She seemed to be doing everything for us. God bless her is my prayer. Leaving Monaca we proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio where we met the saints and attended Sunday Services. After which we were invited to brother Emil Geromo's house for dinner. Bro. Geromo's family and all the saints in Cleveland are undescribable, a warm place deep in our hearts will always be there.

We left for home at 4:30 p.m. with our cups of happiness filled to overflowing. Now I understand to the fullest what the Love of God is and what it does for sinners like me. I was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ just a short time, and have only had the privilege to meet with the saints in Michigan mainly. All this being strange and wonderful to me. I was overwhelmed to see how the saints all over the United States greet and accept the saints from other places. I can't begin to relate the joy and happiness of knowing I belong, and never need feel alone again. It was like going home.

MY TRIP TO ITALY

In the Month of December 1953, I was a very sick man. My family was called to my bedside as the Doctors gave me up. During this illness, a dream was given to me, "I was in my home-town Buccino, Italy building a church. The Lord gave me stone hewn out of a mountain and by the power of the Lord, all I had to do was touch the stone, and it went into place. We worked until the dawn of day, and got as far as the roof and couldn't work any more.

The Lord told me that if anyone would try to destroy this building they would become very sick. I then awakened. The Doctors were amazed at my speedy recovery. About a week later I went back into the hospital and had an operation which was successful. I then came home and had trouble with my legs. I was making plans to go to Italy. The Doctor wanted to remove the blood-clots in my legs. I had Thrombophlebitis, but I told him I would think it over.

I had started to make plans for a trip to Italy, so my wife told me if I had the blood-clots removed by the time I was ready to leave, my legs would be healed. I told her if God wants me to go to Italy, He will remove the clots. Thank God He did. We began gathering clothes to take over, for I knew the need there, and the word of God tells us, "if we clothe the little ones, we do it unto Him." So on March 19th with much sadness, I left my wife, home and family. We had thirteen trunks of clothing. We had much discouragement but we went over. We went to Bronx, N. Y., and stayed with brother Talarico. May God bless him for he helped me get the trunks to the boat, for there was a longshoremen strike on. My ship was not sailing until the 23rd, so I spent Sunday with the saints in the Bronx. On Saturday evening, something came over me. I got worried. On Sunday I attended Church and I told brother Lupo, he told me not to worry, and not to return home, but to go on. After I was anointed everything left me, I felt like myself again. I was so thankful for I knew God was with me.

On Monday I was feeling wonderful and feeling God's presence. I boarded the ship to sail for Italy, which took me eight days.

We had wonderful weather all the way. My relatives came to Naples to meet me. My trunks went through the customs office without any trouble. When we arrived in Buccino, the brothers and sisters were waiting for us. What a glorious meeting to see them all again. We stayed with them about two weeks and decided to visit the other Missions, and wherever we had brothers and sisters. We went to the Isle of Ponza. It takes one day to travel by boat from Naples. We went to the Elders home and stayed one day. They are very, very poor there. We spent a half-day in Rome, and went on to Mellezzano, and spent three days there. We have no members there, but held three meetings. We left there and continued on to Roccaraso to visit Bro. Ciarolla's brother-in-law and sister D'Ouafrio. They did everything they could to make me comfortable. We had three meetings there. We left there and went to Sulmona, then on to Luca DeiMarse and stayed three days visiting Bro. Giovannone's sister. They were interested very much, and we were able to hold three meetings there.

We went on to Bugnara and visited Bro. Corrado's mother, and Bro. Pete Genaro's relations. We left there and went to Salerno and visited brother Grieco. From there we went to Carovilli, spent one night there and continued on to Larino, spreading the gospel wherever we went. We went to Prignano Cilento and visited brother Nick Ritz's relations, and had a wonderful meeting there. From there we went to S. Demetrio Corone, went to brother Bounofiglio's home. We stayed there four days and had 7 meetings. We saw much misery, and the people are very poor. We then went to Marche and had one meeting. We then started back to Buccino, stopping at Mormanno and Coliano and Palmondo, then to Buccino, being gone twentyfour days.

We tried to plant the seed wherever we went. We held meetings in San Gregorio Magno. As long as you have a license, you are allowed to preach in meeting places. Many are interested, but the Mother Church in Italy rules with an iron hand, and many are afraid to make a move because of losing their daily food. The misery is worse in some places, but it is all over. But as the poet wrote: "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere," proved itself, for if He hadn't gone with us, we could never have gone to some of the places by ourselves.

In Buccino we had five baptisms and one ordination of an Elder in San Gregorio Magno. In this latter place the preacher of the Evangelical Church was given a book of Mormon. He talked against Mormon, and I told him to be careful because Mormon was a prophet and he would be condemned. So he took the book again, and since coming home I received word that he has had an experience concerning our Church, and now wants to be baptized.

On the sixth of August we left Buccino—sad to leave them—we have learned to love them all there. We bid our loved ones goodbye in Naples on August 8th, and sailed for home, arriving in New York on August 16th, and was met by my wife, and brother and sister William Gennaro. I was so glad to see them and so thankful to be back in this blessed land of America. On the 17th we arrived home, grateful to God for sparing our lives and bringing us home safely. The brothers and sisters in Italy send their love to you all, and they ask God to bless you all.

in America. We thank every one for what they did for us, and for the Saints in Italy.

Sincerely brother Nicholas Iorio

P.S. Brother Nicholas, may God bless your humble efforts in preaching the gospel to your people, Brother Cadman.

PACOIMA, CALIF.

Dear Brothers in Christ:

I have enclosed \$2.00 to renew The Gospel News. I have not been receiving mine lately and I have missed it so. We are truly enjoying the blessings of God, and pray that you are also. Our last Conference in Modesto was a little taste of heaven, for we had twelve baptisms and one renewed. I am anxious to hear from our brethren in Africa. All the saints here have been praying for them. The Lord has blessed us naturally also, as my children and I are enjoying our own home.

My desire is to press forward and spread this wonderful message to all men and women. Please send the Gospel News to the address below. God bless you always, Sister Pearl Nester.

SILVESTER-CARUSO NUPTIALS

The San Diego brothers and sisters here in California, witnessed Floridio Silvester of the Italian Navy, and Pauline Caruso of Cleveland, Ohio exchanging Wedding Vows in a double ring ceremony.

Flordio is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paolo Silvester of Rionero Sannitico, Italy, and is also a nephew of brother and sister Albert Ventura of Cleveland. The bride wore a beautiful white suit with white accessories with an orchid corsage. The groom's aunt, Sister Ventura was matron of honor. The best man was brother Nicholas Lombardo of San Diego, Calif. Sister Virginia Castelli accompanied the ceremony with wedding music on the Piano. Brother Dominic Castelli gave the bride away in marriage.

Elder Brei officiated in the Italian language in uniting the young couple in marriage. Elder Ben Ciccati played a part in using the English language. A reception was given at the home of brother and sister Brei, attended too by many of the saints of San Diego, relatives from Cleveland, and two young Italian Navy Sailors, friends of the groom.

The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Dear Brother Cadman, and all of my Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

I am writing this article with a sincere desire that we of the Church in California might share our blessings with the rest of the Church via the Gospel News. God has blessed us in every way possible, we have enjoyed great unity and peace; surely His mercies are unlimited!

The Ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ, California District, met in Conference at Modesto, California, Saturday, September 4, 1954. The Elders had previously agreed that the Saturday Conference meeting be open to all the Brothers & Sisters, a good number of whom were in attendance. From the very beginning of the meeting, it was evident that the Spirit of God was among us; the unity of the Priesthood and the oneness of mind was seen in the various transactions. During the course of business much was said concerning mission work. Bro. Robert Watson, Sr., and various Brothers have been visiting the Saboba Indian Reservation, near Hemet, California. Although no great work has yet been accomplished, our prayers and efforts will not cease in the hope of a speedy gathering of Israel. Bro. Nick Liberto of San Diego has been visiting an Indian reservation near San Diego, giving his testimony and attempting to establish friendships among the Indians. Bro. Joseph Lavalvo related some experiences had while on mission work in Canada, his talk was uplifting and enlightening.

There was no Saturday evening meeting as the hall rented by the Saints of Modesto was not available to us after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. I would like to mention here that although there are only 31 members in the Modesto Mission, approximately 200 people were fed twice on Saturday and twice on Sunday in the hall and then given sleeping space in the homes of the Saints. When the Saints unite in a work, it will be a success! I would like to state further that many prayers and fastings were offered to God that this Conference would be a success and a blessing both natural and spiritual.

Before our Sunday service was begun, various choral and solo selection were offered by the Saints of Modesto, San Fernando, Los Angeles, and San Diego Branches. Our morning service was opened by Bro. John Dulisse who, guided by the Spirit of God, spoke on Revelations 14: 6 and 7 verses, "and I saw another angel fly in the midst of Heaven having the Everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, kindred, tongue and people," etc. He then went on to show how we who are partakers of this gospel can find true happiness in this life through God. He was followed by Bro. James Heaps who spoke on the hopes of Israel and the approaching gathering of God's chosen people.

The afternoon service was opened by Bro. Harry Marshall who gave his testimony as to how God came into the life of his family at a time when he was about to go into the boxing profession. The meeting was then left open for the Saints to use in testimony.

During the meeting a few were anointed for illness and spiritual strength, as was Sister Margaret Henderson because as she stated in her testimony, the Spirit of God was in the meeting and she knew that she herself or someone else was to speak in the gift of tongues. As Bro. Mark Randy put his hands upon her head to anoint her he began to speak in the gift of tongues; here again the evidence of the power of prayer was made manifest. The blessings of God are never ending. Everyone present felt the presence of God very strongly and I am sure there was not a dry eye among us. Even the little children cried tears of joy.

(I learned this evening Sept. 29th that Bro. Mark Randy has again spoke in the Gift of Tongues this past week while Bro. Joseph Lavalvo was closing a meeting in prayer.)

Bro. V. James Lavalvo being directed by the Holy Spirit, then began to exhort those present who were not baptized to give way to the calling of God, that they might follow Christ our Lord. As he was speaking Rachel Meo arose signifying her surrender to God. After Rachel, Sis. Teresa Tucker of San Diego arose and asked to be reinstated in the Church. After a few more inspired words from Bro.

Lovalvo, Rose Lovalvo and Nancy Catalano asked for their baptisms. When the meeting was over it seemed as though the Spirit of God lingered as strongly as was felt during the meeting, and the Saints could not leave the building for there were many present who were being called by God but were being held by the chains of Satan. Those who had already asked for baptism were pleading with the others to go along with them. What a great love was shown among them! Cpl. William Meo, home on a week-end pass from the Army, was able to gather up strength and surrender to God after being prayed on by the elders. This is also true of John Fallovillita when Joe Nicosia, Jr., begged him to go along with him. Others that gave their hearts to God then were: Daniel Parravano, Sharon Lovalvo and her brother Leonard, also Leonard James Lovalvo, John Capone, Joe Nicosia, Jr., and Joe Nicosia, Sr.

A most touching and inspiring scene was when Joe Nicosia, Jr., pleaded with his father that he did not want to go into the waters of regeneration without his father with him. During all this outpouring of God's Spirit Bro. James Heaps was heard to repeat "This is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel," The Spirit of God had descended as on the day of Pentecost.

One of the young men who was baptized later said, "after I asked for baptism the people looked different to me." Surely when we are in the spirit we cannot help but be a different and peculiar people.

I cannot go on to say much more because what is felt in the heart, the great joy, the love of God felt among the Saints, when souls surrender to God, is indescribable. I myself was filled to overflowing because two of the candidates, John Capone and Daniel Parravano are my cousins, and Rachel Meo is my sister and Cpl. William Meo is my brother.

Brothers V. James Lovalvo and Joseph, and Rocco Meo performed the baptisms because all three of them had their own children among the converts. A more beautiful scene could not be looked upon than to see fathers baptizing their

own children, especially when the three fathers were in the water with their three sons.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo, before taking Joseph Nicosia, Sr., into the waters stood on the shore and told all present how they knew each other when they were children and went to school together and as boys did boyish pranks together, and here today by the Grace of God, 30 years later he had the privilege of baptizing him.

Sunday evening service was opened by Bro. James Heaps who spoke on the power of persistence illustrating this by the parable of the Unjust Judge, etc. After the 13 converts and 1 reinstatement were confirmed, the Modesto young people gave a program depicting the Modern Day Prodigal Son. Bro. Joseph Lovalvo took the part of the father and his son Leonard played the part of the prodigal son who left home as did the prodigal son of the Bible. Leonard was very much out of character having been baptized only a few hours before. The play was supplemented by hymns sung by the choir and solos by Bro. V. James Lovalvo.

When we had all returned home from Conference the new members in the Los Angeles Area got together on Tuesday night in the home of Bro. & Sister Flow in El Monte, where we had a testimony meeting after singing hymns of praise to our God. Elders V. James Lovalvo and Louis Biscotti being present, and they spoke words of encouragement and teaching to all of us. The blessings of Sunday followed us all week and especially with the new members as they could not stay apart, but wanted to be together as much as possible.

At our Wednesday evening service, Patricia Stark, a friend of Bertha Trujilli, Bro. James Heaps youngest daughter, asked for her baptism. Bro. Vincent Scalise baptized her in the ocean at Long Beach, California, the following Sunday.

At this point I would like to go back and relate that we had four baptisms in Los Angeles the Sunday before our Conference gathering, namely, Robert and Elsie Cole, Willie Boston who has re-

turned to Detroit Branch No. 2 and Pauline Bellat, sister of our own Sister Annette Labanauskas. These four were baptized by Bro. John Gammachia visiting us from Detroit, Michigan. Also the Thursday evening before Conference Tom Goodwin, as he stated, was so convicted by his sins that he felt he must be baptized immediately. Bro. Harry Marshall took him to the ocean and a few of us witnessed his baptism about 7:30 p.m. Here again I will repeat as I have written at the beginning, God's blessing and mercies have been unlimited to us. Seeing our families, the children of the Saints and visitors enlist in the army of Christ is almost as wonderful to us as our own conversions.

I wish here to mention that we enjoyed the following visiting Saints during our Conference; Bro. & Sis. Domenic Cottelesse and their family, Bros. John Gammachia, Piersante, Scarselli, Molisani, and Lombardo, all of Detroit, Michigan, also Bro. Joseph Calbrisse of Lorain, Ohio, Vice-President of the G.M.B.A., who met with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the four locals of the M.B.A. in California. After some discussion as to the activities of the M.B.A., Bro. Calbrisse gave us some welcomed words of encouragement.

I will close now hoping that all who read this might feel a part of the blessings that we felt and still have with us through the events recorded herein. Our prayers are that God might keep us humble and that the gifts and blessings promised in our Lord's everlasting covenant might be made manifest among us more as we strive for eternal perfection. God Bless all of you is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rudolph Meo

ATTENTION PLEASE

Our folks in Brooklyn, N. Y., stand in need of help in the construction of their new Church. I ask every body to send them what financial help you can. They will have a nice building when finished, but it is costing them lots of money. Loosen up all of you and send your offering to brother John Galante, 2261 81st Street, Brooklyn 14, N. Y. Sincerely, the Editor.

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A SAVIOUR IS BORN

And the Angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great 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.

A sign given as recorded in the Book of Mormon, III Nephi 1-19 which happened on the land we call America: "And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as though it was mid-day. And it came to pass that the sun did rise in the morning again, according to its proper order: and they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given.—" "America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea." "O Little Town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:" Let us all praise God in the highest, for His gift unto the world. Brother Cadman.

A NEW BIRTH

BY SISTER NASTASIA

Tho friends may hate and foes may hurt,

I still find comfort in my new birth.

I met with a sovereign King,

Who set my heart forever to sing.

Its no nonsense to be humble,

It's no nonsense to bend your knee.

To pour the burden of your soul,

That you may reach that glorious goal.

O, what a friend we find in Christ,

That we in glorious height may rise.

To have peace on Earth, and joy in Heaven,

To every humble soul is given.

You must be humble like a dove,

To walk in the river of love.

To be buried in sin, and rise

To a new life with Christ so true.

CHRISTMAS TIME, BE NOT AFRAID

"Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great 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." Luke chapter 2, verses 10, 11, and 12.

This was the message of the angel to the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night. Suddenly there was with the angel a heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace good will towards men." The angels were rejoicing because of the birth of this child. When the angel left, the shepherds said, "Let us go into Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass." Luke states they went in haste or hurried to the place. There they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. When they had seen this, they made known abroad the saying which was told them about this child.

Mary, too, had been visited by an angel which said unto her, "Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God." He told her she was highly favoured by the Lord and was blessed among women. She would bear a son and his name was to be Jesus. He was to be great and to be called the Son of the Highest and of His kingdom there would be no end. After she heard the wonderful things told by the shepherds she pondered it in her heart.

An angel visited Joseph also in a dream telling him to fear not to

take Mary as his wife for she would bring forth a son and his name was to be Jesus and he would come to save his people from their sins.

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." Joseph did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. They went with others unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem to pay their taxes. It was while they were there that Jesus was born. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The wise men from the east came to Jerusalem asking, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." By following this star they were directed to the home of Joseph and Mary. There they offered their gifts to the child, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts fitting for a King. These events took place in the land of Palestine.

On this land of America the people were looking forward to the birth of the King. We read in the Book of Mormon that angels appeared to many and the great sign appeared as the prophet Samuel told the people. He told them there would be great lights in the heaven inasmuch that in the night before Jesus was to be born there would be no darkness and it would appear as if it was day; one day and a night and a day. There would be no night. A new star was to appear such as they had never beheld. How wonderful for these people who beheld these marvelous things and knew a Messiah was born in Bethlehem. How they rejoiced! The voice of the Lord came unto Nephi as he cried mightily unto Him and said, "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 into 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 pro-

phets." It came to pass that all the words which came to Nephi were all fulfilled.

Let us, at this season of the year not forget this greatest of gifts to the world, Jesus, the Saviour of mankind. If Christ had not come there would be no resurrection or plan of salvation. So let us rejoice and sing our carols as the angels did on that night of long ago, "Be not afraid for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy" And, "Peace on earth good will to men."

Sister Mabel Bickerton

"SIMILARITIES"

In my previous articles under this title, I endeavored to compare various incidents that occurred in the lives of Abraham, Moses and Joseph of Egypt, during the time of the Law, to those that happened to Christ in His day and time. Striking parallels they are, and no wonder for we know that God was in each matter. We know that God is omnipotent, but often men will refuse to believe that He is also omniscient, that is that He is not only all powerful, but also that He knows all. He knows what is in my mind and what is in yours. He knows what is in the minds of every man and woman, and what was in the mind of every man and woman that is dead. He knows all things present and all things past. Added to this He knows all that is to come, and because of this He has been able to guide men in various dispensations "similarly," for the things of God don't just happen, verily nay for they have been foreordained, having definite outlines. Keeping this thought in mind let us make some comparisons.

At the coming of the Messiah, as He began His ministry, He began to call men out of the world to be followers. From these He chose twelve that would be "with Him." Later as the church was established this office became permanent. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." I Cor. 12:28. Historically we learn that as an apostle died, or became false, another one was chosen in his place. Under the Law there always existed twelve princes, one for each of the tribes of Israel, and as one passed away another was appoint-

ed to take his place. Under the Law the Jews were the elect and chosen of God, and at the coming of Christ, the Church of Jesus Christ, consisting of both Jew and Gentile, became the elect. The house of Israel was established by the Lord, and its framework was in every respect perfect, for all which they did came by way of commandment. So similarly in the establishment of the church, that became the new house was all things done which are recorded, by way of commandment, even as in the first house.

We read further of Jesus appointing and sending forth another group which consisted of the number "seventy." "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whether He Himself would come." Luke 10:1. There is a corresponding figure at the commencement of the law, for God commanded Moses that he bring up with him seventy of the elders of Israel up to Mount Sinai, where he received the law. Moses being the head was allowed to come up to the mount, but the seventy had to remain at the foot of the mount. Moses received a great blessing by being so permitted, in fact we might term it a complete blessing, while the seventy received just a portion. Similarly in the Christian dispensation, our leader the Lord Jesus is permitted an access much closer to God than are the remainder. As we go on comparing these groups it is very evident that the framework is of God. However, there is also an unpleasant side which needs to be mentioned, which incidentally happened to both groups. We of the church believe that an apostasy of Christ's elders took place, we learn also that the same thing happened to the elders of Israel. Ezekiel 8:11. History repeats, we often hear mentioned in the world, and to this we might include that it also so does in Israel.

Before leaving the discussion of these two figures, twelve and seventy, there is another scripture containing these two figures that is worth mentioning. After the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea they travelled for a space of three days until they came to a place called Marah. There is no doubt in my mind that those three days were days of great rejoicing. Their hearts were gladdened

much, for they were liberated forever and travelling on to the promised land. Their joy was soon changed though, for at Marah where they chose to rest, they found bitter water, and immediately a howl and much murmur were emitted. Fortunately for all of them that their leader Moses was in good standing with the Lord, and the remedy was given to him immediately. After leaving this spot they traveled a little more and came to a place called Elim. Here they found twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees. How inviting this stopping place must have been for them, and undoubtedly they were much refreshed. What is more appreciated and satisfying than a nice cool glass of water at the end of a weary journey, plus the fruit and shade of the palm tree? And so it was that the children of Israel had prepared for them days of pleasantness, and then also times of unpleasantness, a little bitter with the sweet. So the same God that led the Israelites is also today leading Christians along the same paths, where lies a little bitter with the sweet. How many of us have experienced this, have not we all? How many of us after our initial joyous season have went through a trial of one kind or another? I Peter 4:12 But we thank God that after we leave "Marah," "Elim" is always ahead. The twelve and the seventy of our day and time, have often been "Elim" unto us, for they have refreshed us, have fed us, have shaded us often, as we sat under the sound of their voices. God is dealing with us wonderfully and often mysteriously even as He did with Israel, this same great benevolent Creator continues His work among the children of men. Blessed be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for His greatness and loving kindness is worthy of much praise and thanksgiving, worthy of voluntary and loyal service. May we all realize and accomplish this is my earnest hope and prayer.

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Pa.

OUR TRIP TO AFRICA

(Continued From Last Issue)

In my recent article, I mentioned of arriving at Ebak where they had a small house of three rooms prepared for our stay in that part of the country. It was a mud plastered building, and we

were very well cared for therein. They had a man who had some experience as a cook on a steam ship to prepare our meals, so we fared very well in that respect. I believe it was the same day that we arrived there, that a group of about thirty boys including one little girl, came marching to our new home. They were all singing, and they sang several selections for us in front of our rooms. Then on Sunday morning they came and marched ahead of us, and singing, on our way to their Church. In that way they showed their appreciation for us. Which indeed was very nice on their part, not that we were seeking any honor.

In the first meeting we attended, Brother Bittinger delivered the first address, treating on the Falling Away, and the Restoration of the Gospel. He made a very good talk. This occurred at the little village of Ebak (where our rooms were located) and just one mile out of the town of Abak. There is not a post-office at Abak. This was supposed to be the wet season of the year, but up until this time, we had not seen any rain, except a drizzle while we were at Lagos, but by the 15th of August we were having lots of rain. On the second morning we were there (August 6th) the women folks came and cleaned up our floors for us, and continued to do so about once a week, during the whole time we were there.

On our first Sunday at the Church which was on August 8th, there were quite a large crowd present. Their church is a mud plastered building, and its dimensions were about 40 x 50, not many seats in it and most of them brought seats with them, benches, chairs, stools, etc. And these were carried on their heads, which is the common way of carrying things in that country, even very little tot's use their head in carrying their loads. On August 9th we visited one of their churches about 12 miles out from Abak, then we had quite a talk with a number of the men folks in our rooms that evening. Quite often a number of them would gather with us in the evenings, and when it came time to go home they would sing a hymn or two, and would kneel down in prayer. But two or three of them would sleep on the front porch all night, guarding us from anyone who might do us harm. It was very thoughtful of them indeed, though we did not realize the need of it.

We attended a meeting here at Ebak on the 9th, and on the 11th we attended another Church about 12 miles out. On this occasion we had a very long walk, a taxi was to be back after us at 2:00 p.m., but it did not arrive until 4:40. We held meetings at these various places, and were greeted by very nice crowds, and we were always received with a speech of welcome.

By this time August 12th, we ran out of Nigerian money. The nearest bank was at Port Harcourt about 80 miles away. So we hired a car to take us there. On this trip we drove through a place where Bro. Dick told us it was not safe to travel after 6 p.m., for wild people lived there. However we passed through all right, but our car broke down when we were within 10 miles of Pt. Harcourt. A British Police Officer and his wife came along and stopped and took Bro. Bittinger and myself on to the City. They were very nice indeed. Owing to the condition of the car, we stayed in the city until they were ready to return to their home, which was within 16 miles of our home. We ate supper with them, then they took us to our home. We could not ask to be treated better. While in Pt. Harcourt we had some money exchanged into Nigerian currency. The Bankers were very polite with us. We were told that there were only sixty white people in the city. On the 13th, we held a meeting with the women folks in the Ebak Church, and also one with men folks. The next evening (Saturday) we had another meeting. On Sunday the 15th we visited a church about 12 miles out. The church was small but there were a lot of people gathered together. At the close of the meeting, we spent an hour or two on the outside with the many that were there, singing our hymns before starting on our return trip to our rooms. There were about 150 people around. On Monday the 16th we drove out to another of their churches. This church also was small, but crowded with people. Many of them sat on the floor. In all our talking, that is preaching, we did so through an interpreter. This is where they gave us a goat, along with much other stuff in the way of food. Goats are common with these people.

On Tuesday, August 17th, we walked to a stream of water said to be a mile and a half away, out through the Palm trees, paths

leading in various directions, and mud homes scattered around through them. We finally came to the stream (our purpose was to baptize) and my heart sunk within me, I thought what a terrible mud hole to baptize converts in. It was discouraging to me. But, as Brother Bittinger took his first convert, Bro. Dick into the water, I awakened up to the fact that there was no mud, but the water was as clear as crystal, and what I had taken to be mud, was the hard sand bottom of the stream. We could not ask for a nicer place, but it was very dark and cloudy, and we failed to get a good picture of the first baptism performed by us in Africa. (Understand, that while we took a lot of pictures on our trip, we did not take any pictures on Sunday.) There were about 15 baptized on this occasion, all by Brother Bittinger. In the afternoon we met in the church and confirmed these brethren. Bro. Dick was the first one to be baptized, also was the first one to be confirmed. At the close of the services, a man who was present, and was not a member of this church, said to Brother Bittinger: "You know I felt good here today, he said, I saw a vision, I saw a dove sitting on Brother Dick's head, and when you brethren laid your hands on his head, the dove sat on your hands." He was not a member of their church, but he enjoyed being in the meeting, and gave Brother Bittinger that testimony without any solicitation on our part. It is written in the word of God: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit: and they shall prophesy." We must all remember too, that the scripture abounds with evidence, that God is a non-respecter of persons, — He changeth not, and is ever ready to bless the humble souls of all His creatures, whether it be in Africa or America.

Brother Bittinger had not been very well all through the day, and though he baptized all these people on this day as mentioned, he became a very sick man that night.

He awakened me up through the night a very sick man, and at one a.m. we started off in a truck to

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EDITORIAL

A few years ago, the 'phrase', "Put your trust in the Lord, but keep your powder dry," received much publicity, and was commonly used for awhile, which to my mind is an insult to the Mighty God.

Now I hear of another phrase that has been invented, (might I say by the devil?) and I am not slow to say that whoever it might be, certainly has no reverence for our Heavenly Father. The phrase is as follows: "The Man up Stairs." Surely no servant of God will refer to the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ as "the man upstairs."

The Saviour Himself speaks of Him as "our Father Who art in heaven," and He always spoke of Him with all due reverence, yea, He acknowledged Him as His Father, or His God. His example all men should follow. Let not the true servants of God allow themselves to be carried away with such slanderous expressions, "as the man upstairs" when speaking of, or referring to our Heavenly Father. In speaking of the Father, Paul says: "Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of His (the Fathers) dear Son."

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take him to a doctor. By this time, many of the folks had gathered at our rooms much concerned about Bro. Bittinger. Bro. Dick, myself and some others went in the truck. They placed him in the front seat with the driver; and it was very thoughtful on the part of the brethren, they took one of the reclining chairs out of our rooms and placed it in the truck for me. It was a very rough ride of 35 minutes. We finally arrived at a Mission Hospital, and after some waiting, the doctor finally arrived and pronounced his case as Malaria, and advised him to go into a hospital for a few days, but the doctor had no empty bed in the hospital. The doctor took him in his car and started on a 20 mile trip to a Catholic hospital, only to find that there was no room for him there. Bro.

Dick was with them, and he then hired a taxi and drove off to Port Harcourt about 80 miles away and found room in a hospital there for Brother Bittinger. In the meantime they had loaded me up in the truck again, and I arrived back at my room at 3 a.m. Many of the folks still waiting there for our return. Needless to say, it was an anxious time for me. Early next morning many of the folks were at their church praying for Brother Bittinger. I finally received a telegram from Brother Dick, that Bro. Joe was safe in a hospital in Pt. Harcourt. He remained there a couple of days, and returned home again feeling very well, except his throat was very sore. Instead of Malaria, it proved to be a bad infection in his throat. They gave him several shots of penicillin. However he recovered from its effects in a few days.

On this date 19th, I received a letter from the president of Ladies General Uplift Circle, and she sent us some mats for the floor of our rooms, which were very nice for us, because until this time we just had mud plastered floors to set our feet on. She also sent us a chicken, eggs, oranges, bananas and other food for us.

On August 19th and while Bro. Bittinger was still in the hospital, I ordained six Elders, Bro. Dick was one of them. We had a very nice service. In the night meeting I occupied the time in relating our experiences in the Church—there was much interest in what was said. On August 21 (Saturday) we had a taxi to take us out about ten miles to a church, and then the taxi returned to town and came back after us in the evening. We visited three different churches, held meetings in each one and we always had nice crowds to speak to. From one church to another, we had much walking to do, and especially in one instance we had a few miles to walk, and in much rain. I was very tired when we finally met up with our taxi again which took us home. On our way home we stopped at another church, but did not have a meeting. It rained very much this day.

On Sunday, August 22nd, it was a very nice day. We baptized 120 persons this day, Bro. Dick did most of the baptizing on this occasion. We confirmed them the same day. It proved to be too much for us in one day, however we got along very well, and then we or-

dained six more Elders in the evening meeting. It was a big day for us. We also ordained four Teachers this same day.

We visited one of the churches on the 23rd, about 20 miles out, the building was small, but when the meeting was left out, there must have been 150 people gathered around. They certainly gave us a big ovation. They had a Nigerian flag which they waved much, they sang, clapped their hands and loaded us with provisions, such as eggs, a chicken, bananas, yams, and even a goat. We returned to our rooms in the afternoon. A man died through last night, a large crowd has just passed our home carrying the body on two poles on their shoulders. There is much wailing and lamentation in the crowd. August 24th there were six persons baptized today making a total of 140 to date. On the 25th we visited a church just a few miles out of Ebak and quite a crowd was present. There were 46 persons baptized in another of their churches today.

On the 26th day of August I received a letter from my wife, informing us that Bro. Isaac Smith had passed on. I called to see Bro. Smith a few days before leaving on our trip. I did not expect him to survive long. He had a long seige of it, but he has now gone to reap his reward. May his soul have found a resting place in the Paradise of God—the place where faithful souls will gather. May the Lord bless Sister Smith in her bereavement.

On August 27th, we drove out 26 miles to one of the Churches, and there were 14 different churches represented there. The little church was crowded, and on the outside they crowded all the doors and windows. At the close of the meeting we went to one of their homes, ate our lunch, and offered up prayers for several groups which crowded around us. They gave us today, oranges, eggs, a chicken, yams and another goat—lots of goats. One Mission baptized 46 persons today. The young lady who is president of the General Circle, called on us today. It was quite a trip from where she lives to come to see us. We were glad to meet her.

On Saturday the 28th we went out into our out-door bath room and had a bath. We had a nice big pan of warm water, towels and soap. The bath room was an outside enclosure of poles and palm

leaves, the sky for a ceiling, such is life in Africa, however, we had a good bath—what more could we ask for?

On Sunday Evening some of the young men came to our rooms and had prayer with us. We administered the Lord's supper in the afternoon meeting. In doing so, Brother Bittinger and myself had two of the newly ordained Elders at our side, so that they would get acquainted with our "way" in administering the Lord's Supper. On Saturday the 28th we drove out about 25 miles and visited three different churches. It is to be remembered that we held a service in all of these places. On this trip we got our car stuck in a mud hole. Brother Bittinger lifted too hard trying to get the car out, and he hurt his back and he had much trouble with a sore back the rest of our stay in Africa. On August 30th four men were baptized, making 190 to date.

The folks had a three day conference beginning August 31st. I addressed them in their Morning Meeting. The next day there were 23 persons baptized. On the last day of their Conference (Sept. 2nd) we ordained six deacons and two teachers.

The weather was very wet during the time of their Conference, which no doubt was much the cause of their crowd not being so large.

On September 3rd there was an unusual instance happened with us. There were five uniformed policemen rode up to our rooms on their bicycles, and asked us if we would bless and pray for them. They were natives and made a fine appearance in their dress. They were possibly 25 to 30 years old, they carry policeman's clubs, but do not carry guns. We invited them into our rooms, and we all stood with bowed heads, and we both offered up a prayer for them, asking God to bless them in their duty of trying to preserve peace among their people. We afterwards took their pictures, and they then mounted their bicycles and continued on their journey. I wondered if they had some special duty to perform that day, and feeling the need of their God to be with them, stopped and had us pray for them. Be that as it may, they were fine looking men, and may our prayers have a lasting effect in their lives, for we do read that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

On Sept. 4th we visited a church possibly 25 miles out from Abak.

We went in a truck, it was very rough riding, and we ran out of gas, or as the Nigerians would say, out of "petrol." It also rained much, and we had to walk much of the way. We finally reached the little church about 5 p.m. A crowd soon filled the building. It fell on me to do the talking, and I was very tired. Yet it seemed that the congregation was much interested and I apparently forgot about being tired, and I enjoyed speaking for about one hour. After the meeting we began the trek back to our truck. Because of an affliction I have in my body, I suffered much in the rough truck ride before reaching our rooms. Brother Bittinger was suffering with a sore back. Aside from our spiritual consolation, the trip was anything but pleasant. We would travel so much through the wilds of the country, that I ask brother Dick several times if we were still in Africa. He always assured me that we were still in Africa, by answering 'YIS.' To be continued. W. H. Cadman.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IFFE, NIGERIA, AFRICA AUGUST 15, 1954

Welcome Service to Elders W.H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger, The Representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ.

We the members of the above Church at Iffe, under Opobo Division, and under the management of Elder A. A. Dick the Supt. Say Welcome to You, and to the brothers and sisters who sent you. We are thankful to our God the Living Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the love you people have, mostly particular you brethren have to bear all the trouble and come across mountains, sea to plant the true Gospel of Christ to us, of which we hope your visit to us will be a blessing to our souls, We say again Welcome.

We are in darkness and need the true Church of Jesus Christ. We are sinners and people don't account us as worthy men, but we are worthy in the sight of God. We thank the Sisters of The Ladies Uplift Circle who play a great part in your coming here, also the General Church and General Conference. We hope the love they have in sending you people to come and plant the true Gospel to us will not die in them, and they will still move to us again. We believe they will help us to build better

Church building here and do what they can to help us. We say again Welcome, May God bless you and all Amen.

Yours sincerely Church of Jesus Christ, Iffe, Nigeria. Elder Stephen.

Mr. W. H. Cadman
President of the Church of Jesus Christ

Dear Bro. Cadman:

I sincerely hope you and all bros. and sisters everywhere, are well spiritually and otherwise. Branch No. 1 Detroit, Mich. has appointed me to send in news of the Branch, so I am herewith writing my impressions regarding the recent visit of Bros. W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger, to Nigeria, British West Africa.

I may say that the call reminds me of the one we read of, in the 16th Chapter of the Acts, and the 9th verse. "Come over into Macedonia and help us." While Bro. Dick was calling to the Church for some of us, to come over and take them under our banner, I notice that the evil one, was as might have been expected, busy endeavoring in every way, to discourage both Bro. Dick, and us. I could feel though, that all the faithful were praying, and how glad we all were, when our Bros. were finally ready to sail to England, and Calabar, W. A. Our Bros. were not gone very long, before we notice that instead of the 52 Churches, we were being called for, God had increased the number to 53, and by the time the Bros. were back, they had grown to 68. I am positive that God, had been with our Bros., to help them to get there safely, accomplish such a vast amount of good, baptizing over 300 candidates, ordaining 15 Elders, 17 Deacons, Teachers, and Deaconesses, to carry on the work, and returning safely.

In Isaiah 66 Chapter and 8th verse, we read, "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travelled, she brought forth her children. I believe there is a challenge, to each, and every one of us, through faithfulness, to follow our Bros. example, be prepared to sound Salvation, the earth around and look forward, (as we sing in Hymn No. 73, There's a feast of good things, for the righteous preparing, That the good of this world, all the Saints may be

sharing; For the harvest is ripe, and the reapers have learned, To gather the wheat, that the tares may be burned: Come to the Supper, Come to the Supper, Come to the Supper of the Great Bridegroom.) to the day when the Good Lord enabling us, we may be used as His Instruments, or Vessels, for the Evangelization, of this whole world.

May God abundantly bless, all our dear bros. and sisters, everywhere.

With Heavenly Greetings
Your Bro. in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller

AN EXPERIENCE BY BRO. FRANK SIRANGELO

Dear Bro. Editor:

On Sunday afternoon after our service, my wife and I started out for a trip North West. It was on July 18th about 3 p.m. We traveled 300 miles and made our first-stop at Gainesville, Fla. This trip was planned over a year ago, and I prayed to God that He would give me the privilege to fulfill my desire. Truly the Lord provided for us and He did grant me the opportunity to make this trip.

Oh Monday I was so happy we were on our way, we continued our trip at 4 a.m. After going about two hours, we found a restaurant. We stopped to have breakfast. I had juice, coffee and pie which I later learned that the pie was poisoned, it made me very ill. After two hours, I was unable to continue driving. Our next city was 37 miles away, thus we were in a lonely section. Up the road was a farm house where my wife went to phone for some help, but they had no phone. While she was away, my eyes turned towards heaven and I pleaded to the Lord to grant me some help. When my wife came back she was alone, and a car parked behind me about 25 feet. A man came to me and asked me what was wrong. My wife told him "my husband got poisoned and is suffering—almost dying." So the man had his wife drive their car and he drove mine, and he took me to a hospital 37 miles away. After he made all preparations for me in the hospital, he said to me: "Now you are here safe so I will be on my way." My wife asked him many times for his name and address, but he just smiled, refusing to give her the address and then left.

As soon as he left I felt a little better. Next day I wanted to start

out again wondering what I should do, return home or continue on our journey. So I prayed to the Lord about the matter, then I was told by the physician to remain there for another day. On that day a Methodist Minister came to me and said: "Bro. Sirangelo the God you serve was with you on your trip." At 9 a.m. (the third day) the Doctor at the hospital said the same thing—"God has saved your life." I then started out and I thank God for we had a good trip—feeling well.

We visited our son and family in Washington State, and the saints in California. On our return trip we stopped in Salt Lake City, Utah and also visited the saints in Kansas, where we enjoyed ourselves very much in their company. There is much more I could add, but it would take too long. The Lord was, and is good to us.
Sincerely Brother and Sister Sirangelo.

P.S. There are Good Samaritans today even as of old. WHC.

FROM BRO. FURNIER

While in South Dakota last June my wife and I became acquainted with a Mrs. June Redin, wife of Mr. David Redin, he being the Teacher of the Indian school at Green Grass, S. D. Mrs. Redin took us through the school building. She explained many things to us relative to the methods used in teaching, and the feeding of the children at the school. She also informed us that many of the children attending the school fell in the school house door, exhausted, suffering from cold and hunger. We returned to South Dakota during the month of Sept. accompanied by Bro. & Sister Alex Robinson of Larned, Kans. They had brought several boxes of clothes from Kansas. We left them with the caretaker of Mr. & Mrs. Redin's home, on account of them being absent, at the time. Since that time we have written to Mr. & Mrs. Redin, asking them if they had received the clothes, and if they cared to be burdened by making distribution in the future, should we send them more. Here is the reply which I received in answer to my inquiry:

Green Grass Day School, EAGLE BUTTE, S. D. Nov. 1st, 54.
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Furnier: "Mr. La Blanc just brought up the letter you asked to have forwarded to us. Yes, I remember you fine people

very well. In answer to your request, yes, we would be glad to see that clothing or any commodities sent in care of us would be distributed among our school children. I also might add if the ladies work in the church would like to send material to be made into dresses, baby clothes, etc., we could have a sewing group at the school. It will soon be Christmas and the Christmas season is a very religious holiday among our Indian people. We always have a big Christmas program at the school with the Christmas pageant, choir singing Christmas carols. We give the whole community a dinner afterwards (at no cost to them) and end the evening by having a tree for the children. Last year was our first at this Indian school and do you know what Mr. LaBlanc and other parents told us—"it was the best Christmas their kids had ever had." We spent \$55.00 on gifts alone and even then the kids didn't receive much.

So if some of the children of your congregation would like to share a little with those less fortunate it would be greatly appreciated. A package of gum (on up) would please the children here. The inner glow one receives from giving is wonderful. If you could see all those pairs of brown eyes pop out amazed and happy when they unwrap the gifts. Thank you for your interest and concern of our children. We love them all. The clothes you left this summer came in handy for school this fall. Thanks. Sincerely, David and June Redin.

P. S. In order to insure a fair distribution of clothes among the Indian people, may I suggest that before clothes (or any help) are sent to South Dakota, that you communicate with Brother Wm. H. Cadman, 519 Finley Street, Monongahela, Pa., asking him where to send them. The work in South Dakota comes under the jurisdiction of the Monongahela, Pa. branch. Shipping charges by mail on heavy packages is expensive. We have been shipping heavy boxes by railroad freight, which is much cheaper. But before doing so we have made sure of the closest railroad depot near the place where the Indian people live, also we have been assured that the Indian people had the means of picking up the boxes at the freight station. Any thing that we may send them, should be followed up with a let-

ter, notifying them when and where the shipment will arrive, with a request that an acknowledgment be made upon receipt of the goods. Thurman S. Furnier

DEDICATION AT VANDERBILT, PA

The Vanderbilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ dedicated the basement of their new church building Sunday, Sept. 12, 1954.

The Sunday School session was turned over to prayer and singing. At 10:45 a.m. Brother Shazer introduced the visiting Elders. Brother A. DiBattista of the Glassport Branch delivered the Dedication Address, taking his text from I Kings verse 22, and gave a wonderful discourse. He was followed by Brother Alma B. Cadman of Monongahela. Presiding Elder Shazer tendered thanks to all that in any way helped them thus far in the construction of the building. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Campbell of Monongahela.

The Afternoon Meeting was opened by Brother Moore, an Elder of the McKees Rocks Church. The visiting brothers of the various Branches spoke during the afternoon session.

The young people of the M.B.A. presented a very nice program in the evening. The readings and singing were enjoyed.

The day was well spent in the service of the Lord, and we of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church, extend our thanks to all who helped us out in any way. Two nice lunches were served during the day.

Sincerely Sister Barnhart

SISTER FULLER PASSES ON

Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Fuller, a resident of Colonial 3, Fayette County, Pa. died at the home of her daughter Sister Pearl Strauch on October 10th at 2:00 a.m. Sister Fuller died in her sleep, she was born at Vanderbilt, R. D. 1 in 1882, and had just passed her 72nd birthday. She was baptized 27 years ago in The Church of Jesus Christ, and has been a very faithful member of the Church until death called her home. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, five daughters, two sons, 28 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and many friends.

The services were conducted in the Vanderbilt Church of Jesus Christ by Bros. Joseph Bittinger and Charles Ashton, singing and music by the choir from the Mo-

nongahela Church. Interment was in the Flatwoods Cemetery. To you who may not of known Sister Fuller, she was the mother of Sister Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt, R. D. 1, Pa. She always seemed to be a very pleasant sister. Her journey is now ended on earth and she has left us and gone to reap the reward that is laid up for her. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

SISTER SARAH TUCKER HAS PASSED ON. STELTON, N. J.

Sister Sarah Tucker went to her reward October 30, 1954. She was loved by all who knew her, and will be missed by the Brothers and Sisters of this branch. She was baptized September 21, 1930 and was very faithful to the end.

No matter how bad the weather was, our sister would come to the meetings, she had along walk across fields, and getting old, but this did not discourage her. She always gave a wonderful testimony and told how God took care of her, and how she loved the Church. Sister Tucker was a member of the colored race of people, and remembers when the slaves were freed. The funeral service was conducted by Brothers Rocco Enzano and Gabriel Mazzeo. By Iva Fisher.

P. S. The age of sister Tucker is not given in this article, but she was well up in years. And, a fine old lady. Bro. Cadman

A TRIP TO DETROIT AND WINDSOR

On the night of Oct. 15th just in the midst of the recent storm that caused so much havoc throughout this country and Canada, I boarded a train at 11 p.m. in Pittsburgh for Detroit—fortunate in getting on the train I did, for the next Detroit train was about five hrs. late due to the raging storm.

However, I arrived there on schedule time, and was met at the depot by Bro. and Sister Furnier, was taken to the home of their son Ether where I ate my dinner. Due to an appointment, I met with the brethren at Branch No. 3 on Saturday evening and helped them to adjust some matters, and then on Sunday Morning I had brother Fred D'Amico to take me in his car to Port Huron, Mich., where I enjoyed very much addressing our brethren and sisters at that place. Their attendance was not

large, but some of our Indian folks from Canada were present and we had a very nice meeting. At the conclusion of meeting we ate our dinner at the home of brother and sister Sommerville. Sister Sommerville is a daughter of brother and sister Ward of Coal Center, Pa. I have known her since childhood, and she sat us down to a wonderful dinner. Brother Sommerville treated us very brotherly.

We returned back to Detroit and attended meeting at Branch No. 3, quite a large crowd present, and I enjoyed speaking on this occasion. Our good old friends brother and sister Miller took me to their home for the night, as Bro. Miller was off work the next day, and they took me around visiting among our people in Detroit. Among the places we called was the home of Sister Ruzzi who is very poorly. Also we called on Sister Framolino for a short visit, and heard her tell some of her past experiences in how she and her husband was brought into the church. The Lord has surely worked in mysterious ways and has accomplished wonders. We returned to the Miller home and had a wonderful supper—which she is expert in preparing.

I attended the Ladies Circle Meeting in the evening at Branch No. 1 — addressed the sisters, and after which we were all invited to the basement and where I was called upon to cut a big cake—which had inscribed thereon a "welcoming brother Cadman home from Africa." At the conclusion of the time spent eating cake, I spent possibly an hour with our brother secretaries, Ciaravino & Pietrangelo, and my Second Counsellor Furnier on matters pertaining to the General Church. At the end of this affair, I went to Windsor in brother Burgesses car, visited around some the next day, and finished the day by attending church with the Windsor saints, crowd not too big, but still an enjoyable evening was had. Brother and Sister Cotellesse of Detroit happened to be at the meeting, so they took me in their car back to Detroit and let me out at the home of brother and sister Joseph Malintoni where I spent the night, the first time I was ever in their home, but was treated fine. The next day brother Joe came home from work about noon, and in his car took me to visit brother Frank Ferrante, who has been poorly for several years. He had

at this time been very poorly, and his family had been called home to his bedside, but he was some better the day I saw him. May the Lord bless him, and his faithful wife. Brother Joe then took me to the home of Brother Tony Lovalvo where I ate supper and then attended meeting at Branch No. 4 where I spent the time in their pulpit and enjoyed the evening. At the close of the meeting we returned to the home of brother Lovalvo, along with brother and sister Ciaravino, and sister Lovalvo set us down to a big dish of ice cream which was relished by all. Bro. Tony then took me to the depot where I boarded a mid-night train for home, a short, but a busy trip. I was none the worse for the trip, except I did catch cold, but I enjoyed speaking in the various pulpits that I was in. May the Lord bless you all.

Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman

**NOTES FROM A
LETTER WRITTEN
BY BRO. ANSEL D'AMICO
OF ROCHESTER, N.Y.**

Bro. Cadman I was happy to see you and brother Bittinger at this last Conference, and to hear from you brothers how the Lord blest you in the missionary work in Nigeria, Africa. It surely was an answer to our prayers which we offered to God. I hope the Lord will continue to bless the brothers which have been ordained into the Ministry of our church, to further the work of God out there.

I also accepted the invitation (which I showed you at conference) to be the Guest Speaker at the Christ Episcopal Church here in Rochester. My audience was about 50 women of St. Mary's Guild. I took my wife and a couple of Sisters along with me. After serving us a supper, we then met for the meeting which they opened with a hymn and prayer, and I began to speak. My subject was The Church of Jesus Christ—I spoke for about one and one-fourth hrs. I enjoyed very good liberty, treating on the falling-away of the Gospel, the Restoration of the Gospel according to Rev. 14: 6-7. Treated upon the prophecy of Ezekiel 37 concerning the two sticks—the Reformation, and of Joseph Smith, Wm. Bickerton, and showed how the church stands today, etc.

P. S. Brother Ansel, I am glad to see your courage in taking advantage of the invitation extended to you. Bro. Cadman.

NEWS ITEMS

Dear Brother Shazer:

Brother and Sister Furnier, Brother Johnson, Sister Bittinger, and brother and sister Robinson and their children are here, but the Robinsons left today for their home in Kansas. The rest are staying for awhile yet.

We had a wonderful meeting at brother and sister Howard's home yesterday, and every one that attended the meeting, and they were quite a few families there, received a great and wonderful blessing from our Mighty "God of Israel."

In the middle of a testimony by Sister DeMarrias, brother Furnier was raised up by the Holy Ghost and it was a wonderful feeling, to hear and see the workings of "The Holy One of Israel," Amen Bro. E. F. DeMarrias, Wakala, South Dakota.

Is the following news to you? "For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all Nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach His word, yea, in wisdom, all that He seeth fit that they should have; therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom, according to that which is just and true." Alma 29-8.

The 5,000 Books of Mormon are all sold, that were printed in 1934, and the Ladies Uplift Circle purchased the type at the time for approximately \$400.00. We are having 5,000 books printed from the same type, which has saved us several thousand dollars by not having to set new type. The typographical errors which were in the 1934 edition, are eliminated from the new edition. Of course you all realize there is a vast difference in costs since 1934. Our new books will sell at \$1.50 each. We will have a very nice book on the market very soon, but our old ones are gone, except some unbound copies.

I think it was a very good move on the part of the Church in 1934 in publishing an edition of the Book of Mormon under its own Church Title.

Brothers James Campbell, A.B. Cadman and T. S. Furnier looked after this work for us while Broth-

er Bittinger and myself was in Africa. We also have a very nice Book of Mormon in the Italian language which sells at \$3.00. WHC

ANOTHER YEAR GONE BY

This is the month of December, the last month of the year 1954, and it will never return to us again. The year is spent, whether we were busy in doing the Master's Will, or whether we were idle and not declaring the message of Eternal Life to the children of men, either in response to their call, or as to our duty in seeking those who would be saved in the Kingdom of God.

I once heard one of my brethren when speaking in the pulpit, speak of an "old man" who was busily engaged in building a bridge. The old man was approached and was asked: why are you building this bridge, you are too old to use it? His answer: I am building this bridge for those who are coming after me.—To me, that was a very fitting part of the speaker's sermon,—void of selfishness—a-kin to the Great Master.

Then I have heard the expression (like water gone over the dam) used in connection with labours of the past. What a contrast in these two instances. Our homes, we hope will be good for someone to live in after we are gone, and we hope our handiwork will be beneficial to many.

I very much hope that our labours in the vineyard of the Lord will leave much to digest in the souls of those who will be coming on.

The labors of our brethren among the Indian people in S. Dakota, Canada and elsewhere — North Carolina etc.—Our brethren in the state of California, along with the various branches of the Church. And our prayers should be that much good has been done for those who are coming after us in the years after the close of 1954.

Greetings to you all. Editor.

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TO INDIANS**

TORONTO — Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, welfare minister, has announced that Indians on reservations are now eligible for disabled persons allowances.

Totally and permanently disabled Indians will be entitled to \$40 a month under the Disabled Persons Allowances Act.