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## A STIRRING OLD HYMN

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead,  
'Til every foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Ye that are men now serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger,  
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

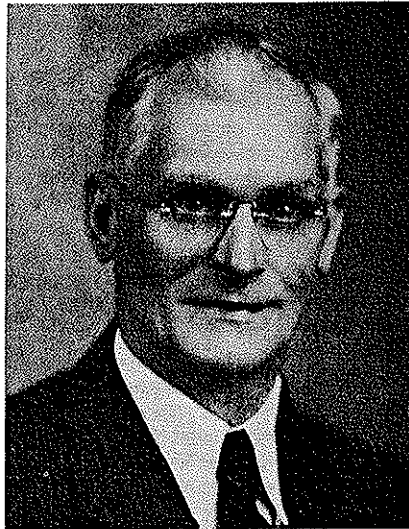
## OUR TRIP TO AFRICA, CONTINUED

In continuing our articles on our trip to Nigeria, B. W. Africa I am wondering to what extent they are interesting you readers. It is hard to describe the real conditions that are, nevertheless, we enjoyed much of our visit in that country. We enjoyed preaching the gospel there, as we have done elsewhere. However, we might have done much better, had we been able to talk and understand the Efak language.

According to my diary, we baptized ten persons on Sunday Sept. 5th, also ordained eight persons to the office of deaconesses, three deacons and one teacher. On this day there was all told 223 persons baptized thus far in our labours in Nigeria! People came from far and near, wanting to be baptized and become members of The Church of Jesus Christ.

On Monday morning, which was a very nice morning, a missionary worker who heard that brother Bittinger had been sick, came in to see us. He was a very nice man and wanted to be friendly with us. After a short visit he set a time for us to eat supper at his place. There was one person baptized this day. Bro. John Thompson brought a taxi a long

## Our Late Brother Isaac Smith



While we were in Africa, brother Smith passed on to his reward, and having this "cut" which was used in the Church History among his brother Apostles, I thought it would be well to reproduce his photo in the Gospel News. It is a very good likeness of brother Isaac.

with him this morning, and took us out about 75 miles from Abak. We stopped at various of their churches (small Missions) and had prayer with the few that gathered to see us. We stopped at one of their schools just at lunch time. On returning from lunch, the children returned to their seats again, and many adults gathered in the school with them. It fell my lot to address them. I first directed my talk to the many boys and girls gathered together, urging them to be attentive to their teachers and their studies, and learn what they could. They were bright looking children, all they need is an opportunity to live and do. I then directed my talk to their fathers and mothers, I enjoyed the opportunity I had in speaking to them, and I am sure they all enjoyed the opportunity of listening. At the close of this meeting, they all gathered outside and we took several pictures of the group. In the mean - time, some one had climbed up a coconut tree, and brought down a lot of coconuts, and we had all the coconut-milk we could drink. This was well for

us too, for it is not safe to drink water, unless it has been boiled for twenty minutes, and then filtered. They also fed us with lots of bananas and oranges. Quite a large crowd had gathered around.

We stopped at one place about 65 miles out from Abak, where the natives are building two school buildings. They are fine buildings of cement blocks, cement floors, cement partitioning walls, and corrugated aluminum roofs. The buildings are 23 x 100 feet each, and divided up into eight or ten school rooms. They would cost at least 50,000 dollars in the states, and they are being built by the natives in that part of the country. There was a large crowd of people gathered for the occasion. The speaker was a representative of the House of Assemble in what I believe was in the Province of Calabar. Brother Bittinger answered his questions. His purpose was in giving an invitation that when the buildings were finished, for The Church of Jesus Christ to take over and operate the schools, the school would be known by the Church's name, and its faith would be taught therein. And he also added that when the school is approved by the government, it shall contribute to the support of the school, and also said that if we established a Mission in that country (Nigeria) that the churches would all discriminate against us, that is, your children would not be allowed to attend their schools. It is obvious then, that a church have schools to educate their own children at least. As I understood, there would be about 300 children attend this school from that district, and prepare them to enter college. What a wonderful opportunity for The Church of Jesus Christ, if we were able to take over. The faith of the Church would be taught in this school. An able teacher would have the privilege of teaching the Restored Gospel to the scholars in it's regular order. What an opportunity to impress the minds of growing children, in the wonderful work of God in these last days. May I not justly say: "that opportunity is knocking at our doors?" What does this church have to say? A large grounds will surround these school buildings, and other necessary

buildings as well, which I might say will be handed to this church if we are able to take hold. And bear in mind, The Church has not ask for it, the church has been importuned.

I took pictures of the buildings. This was quite a long trip for us today, we called at several places of worship during the day, and held services at most of them, and us white fellows were quite an attraction every place we went. On Tuesday Sept. 7th there was seven more persons baptized, bringing the number up to 231. On the 8th two more was baptized. While out at one of the churches the other day, our car got stuck in the mud, and it was after night. It looked as though we were holed up for the night, however after some hard lifting, we got out of the mud, but Brother Bittinger hurt his back lifting, and had to go to a Dr. this morning. We received word that there was 14 baptisms at the Church where brother John Thompson is located. On Sept. 9th we ordained some more officers, deacons, deaconesses, and teachers. I also wrote a letter this day for our Conference in Detroit, for we were not sure whether we would get home for the Conference or not.

On Sept. 10th. the Sisters held their General Circle Meeting here in Ebak. Quite a nice crowd had gathered together from various places, but for some reason their sister president did not arrive for the meeting. At this time brother Bittinger was suffering with his back, and was not able to move around much. So in the afternoon meeting I met with the sisters and addressed them, but had to do so through an interpreter as I did in the rest of my talking. They were very attentive to what I had to say. I spoke to them much about the good work their sisters were doing in America, and I urged, and endeavored to encourage them along. I believe the president of the Ebak Circle, presided over the meeting. While I was talking to the sisters, there was a car waiting to take me about 12 miles out to another Church that wanted me to talk to them. I went with them and found a very poor people, apparently not much to live for, but anxious to hear and learn. What a wonderful opportunity for Elders in this church to do much work among the poor people of Nigeria. Let us all remember the words of Jesus to the disciples of John,

among the things they were commanded to tell him, "was the poor have the gospel preached unto them." Remember the language of Paul I believe it is: "Jesus the same yesterday, today and forever."

There was 32 people baptized here (Ebak) today. Making a total of 279. Tomorrow, Sept. 11 is the day we leave the Abak district to go to Calabar, but before touching on that part of our mission, the Missionary man that came to see us while brother Bittinger was sick, came with his car at the appointed time and took us to his home to eat supper with him and his wife, and also spend the evening with them.

They set us down to a wonderful supper, apparently they had no family, but did have several native servants. They had a refrigerator operated with kerosene, and the good cold water was certainly good for us. It was the first cold drink we had since leaving the hotel at Lagos on August 4th. I drank two big glasses of it, and it was certainly appreciated by me. After our supper was over, we retired to their living room, and spent a very pleasant evening together. I cannot recall the man's name, but he has been in Africa for 29 years, and has seen much in that time. I ask him what was the conditions here, say, fifty years ago, he answered, just as they were five thousand years ago. It seems that the change has come for the better in Nigeria, mostly since World War II. And the Missionary Workers of all Churches must be given much credit for the good that has been brought about among the natives of that country. This man told us that he would soon be eligible to retire, but he did not think that he would take advantage of it, for he had just gone through a very serious operation, and the Lord had spared him through it, and he thought the Lord must have a work for him to do yet, and he did not think he would retire. One must give him lots of credit for such an attitude, for I am inclined to think that most men after spending 29 years of their life in, and under the conditions that he had, would be anxious to leave and go elsewhere. But he took a different view of the matter. He felt that the Lord had spared him for a purpose.

In the course of our talk, he said they (the Mission) were op-

posed to any other mission coming into that district. He did not tell us, but we learned that their influence had been used against us to enter the field. He did tell us though, that for some reason, they were falling off very much in that district. The Mission was composed of four of the leading protestant churches, and they once controlled a very large district. In our travels in our missionary efforts, we observed many church buildings under construction, which had been deserted (cement block buildings) after much money had been spent, and they were growing up with vegetation, evidences of discord among them for some reason. Whatever the cause of them falling off, I do not know, but it is evident that the field is wide-open for the Church of Jesus Christ to gather in many sheaves. One thing that I do not think looks very good on their part; and that is, the reformers in revolting against the mother church paved the way for the rise of protestantism, and now, them using their power and influence against others of today, certainly is in violation of the command of Jesus Christ, to do unto others as you would have others do unto you. We understood that a Christian Council of some kind were against our entry to that country, and we were required to make a deposit of \$860.00 with the Nigerian Authorities for our stay in their country, which was refunded to us (less some fees) the day we left Lagos for home. At the conclusion of a very pleasant evening spent at this Missionary Home, our host brought us back to our home in his car. We appreciated his friendship very much I am sure. To be continued.

AN ADDRESS MADE OVER  
STATION CHOK, SARNIA,  
ONT. CAN.,  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH. 1949  
BY THURMAN S. FURNIER

Good morning radio friends:

I have been using the time that has been allotted to me on "The Gospel Hour program," by introducing the following subjects: "The establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ during the apostolic era," and "The falling away of the gospel," or "The great apostasy."

All churches professing Christianity accept as an established fact that "The Church of Jesus Christ" was founded on the earth, in its pristine (pris-tin) (ancient)

TSF simplicity and beauty, and exhibited the majesty of a divine institution, with its gifts and graces.

Further investigation of the church and its doctrines down through the ages, is proof positive that there has been a serious departure, in word and deed from the teachings of Jesus Christ, and his early followers.

During the broadcasts referred to, the phases or stages of this departure were considered viz: "Predictions of the apostasy," "Predictions fulfilled," "The persecution of Christians by Judaistic Jews and pagan nations," "The apostasy from the church," and "The apostasy of the church itself."

Today we will consider some of the detailed or specific causes of this ever widening departure from the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Among them: "The corrupting of the simple principles of the gospel by the admixture of the so called Philosophic systems of the times," referred to in the new testament scriptures, and ecclesiastical history.

The Apostle Paul when writing to the Colossians says: Col. 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

St. Luke refers to the opposition that the Apostle Paul met with from these philosophers. See Acts 17:18 "Then certain of the Epicureans, (Ep-i-kur-eans) TSF and of the Stoics, encountered him. And some said, What will this babblers say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection."

During the apostolic age attempts were made to graft foreign doctrine on the true vine of the gospel of Christ.

We read of the sorcerer Simon, who professed belief and entered the church by baptism, but who was so destitute of the spirit of the gospel that he sought to purchase by money the authority and power of the priesthood. See Acts 8: 9-24.

This man, Simon Magus, though rebuked by Peter, and apparently penitent, continued to trouble the church, by introducing erroneous doctrine, and winning disciples without the fold. He is referred to by early Christian writers as the founder of heresy, owing to his

persistent attempts to combine Christianity with Gnosticism, i.e. a system of religion mixed with Greek and Oriental philosophy.

The historian Eusebius says of them: "These after the manner of their founder, insinuating themselves into the church, like a pestilential and leprous disease, infected those with the greatest corruption, into whom they were able to infuse their secret, irremediable, and destructive poison." EUSEBIUS-ECC'L. HISTORY Book 2, Ch. 1.

The turning from truth developed within the church is also traceable to the introduction of both Judaistic and pagan fallacies.

There were numerous sects, parties, cults, and schools, each advocating rival theories as to the constitution of the soul, the essence of sin, the nature of the Deity, and a multitude of other mysteries. The Christians were soon involved in contention and endless controversies among themselves.

Judaistic converts to Christianity sought to harmonize the new faith with their inherited love of Judaism, and the result was destructive to both.

Our Lord pointed out the futility of an attempt to combine new principles with old systems; said he: St. Matt. 9:16, 17 "No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse."

"Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved."

The gospel of Jesus Christ came as a new revelation, an everlasting covenant, it marked the fulfillment of the law of Moses.

Attempts to patch the Judaistic robe with the new fabric of the gospel could result in nothing more sightly than a shocking rent.

The new wine of the gospel covenant, could not be bottled in the containers of Mosaic wine offerings and sacrifices. Judaism was belittled and Christianity hindered by the inharmonious association.

Among the early adulterations of Christian doctrine, is the teachings of the Gnostics.

They said that a certain being had existed from all eternity, manifested as a radiant light diffused throughout space, and this they called the Pleroma.

The radiant light produced from itself, two minds, of a different sex, which resembled their supreme parent in the most perfect manner.

From the prolific (fruitful TSF) union of these two beings, others arose, which were also followed by succeeding generations; so that in the process of time a celestial family was formed in the pleroma.

This divine progeny (race TSF) were above the power of morality, and was called by the philosophers, Aeon-a term which signifies, in the Greek language, an eternal nature. MOSHEIM ECC'L. HISTORY CENT 1, Part 2, 1:7.

Then one of the Aeons, distinctively called the Demiurge, created this world, and asserted dominion over the same, denying absolutely the authority of the supreme parent.

The Gnostic doctrine declares that the body which being the creation of the Demiurge is essentially evil, but the spirit, which being derived from Deity is characteristically good. The spirits thus imprisoned in evil bodies will be finally liberated, and then the power of the Demiurge will cease, and the earth will be dissolved into nothingness.

#### 9374 WOODLAWN DETROIT 13, MICH.

Pointers to the origin of Detroit Branch No. 1, also current news of the Branch.

In the Spring of 1904 a young man by the name of Rafael Frammolino, left Italy to work in Germany. When there, he planned in the month of Oct., to come to the U. S. When he was ready to leave, in the night he had a dream. An old man appeared unto him and showed him a large territory with vineyard. A middle aged woman was working in it, and a young girl was assisting her. The man asked him do you know the girl? He said yes. He said you will have to go back to Italy, and marry her before leaving for the U. S. He also told him, all this land is for you for the future, after you get married. He was agreeable to everything. He married this girl, Anna Basile, Dec. 15th. 1904. In June 1905, he came to this country. When he came to the State of Mich., he realized it was the same place the old man had showed him, but did not understand the meaning of his dream. On May 17th, 1909 Mrs. Frammolino arrived in this country. In Jan. 1911, she had a dream in which her father died, and she told him to take her along

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## EDITORIAL

The year 1955 is now ushered in, and with all the blessings bestowed upon us by the Hand of Providence, yet as a world of creatures, we show our ingratitude to our Heavenly Father the Creator, by using many of the achievements of our day in saturating our minds with evil things, and particular, is the use of the Television bearing on my mind. Any follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, must give credit to the Church of the Nazarene for the stand it has taken as published in the Herald of Holiness of Nov. 24, 1954.

As for me, I take the same stand on the television as I did in the beginning. It is not the instrument wherein the folly is, but it is what is brought into your homes thereon. I cannot understand how any Minister of any church can bring the prize fights, the wrestling matches, the wild west shooting plays and the crimes that are, into their homes, and then stand in the pulpit when Sunday comes and preach Christ. I care not what Church he may belong to. To me, right is right and good is good, and there is no law against such, saith the scripture. I am not against the television, any more than I would be against the Automobile or any other modern invention, but when it is used by professed followers of Christ in violating the laws of God, we are inviting disaster to us as individuals and as a nation of people. The Auto is a wonderful invention, yet it is used by many as a means for the foulest of crime. The Television is a wonder, yet Christian people are using it in a way that is filling the minds of youth and adults with evil, of which I believe it is Paul teaches us to abhor the very appearance of. All due credit to the Church of the Nazarene in its attitude, but I am afraid that television will cause (the use of it as it is being used) members of all churches, my own not excepted to lose their souls if they persist in using modern inventions to transgress the laws of

God, and in taking them from the simple life that was in Christ and his immediate followers. Editor.

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with him. He answered, I cannot take you with me now, because you do not have a large family.

She said to him, I am so tired and sick, and would like to die. He said have patience, it will be necessary for you to have a large family before you can come with me. He repeated again, after you have a large family for me, then you come with me, and you will see the place you have to go. In 1919, Anthony DiBattista, a cousin of Mrs. Frammolino, who was living in her home, went to McKeesport, Pa.; while there, he went to work with some bros. of the Church of Jesus Christ, he became interested, and was baptized in the Spring of 1920. Then he started to write to the Frammolinos about the Church. On Sept. 26th 1920, Patsy DiBattista, his bro. left Detroit, to stay with him in Pa. On Oct. 10th, Patsy, was baptized. During this time, Mr. Frammolino, and his companion, were attending the Baptist Church, Mrs. Frammolino asked the Minister to explain to her, two passages of scripture, the 12th chap. of Rev., about the woman that fled into the Wilderness, also the 14th Chap. concerning the Angel flying in midst of Heaven, but he could not answer her. She wrote and inquired of bro. Anthony DiBattista in Pa., and he wrote back, that the woman, represents the Church, when the Authority, was taken away, and the Angel flying in the Midst of Heaven, the Restoration of the Gospel. At the same time he sent a Book of Mormon, saying, this is the book that brings again, the Restoration of the Gospel. In the month of March Tony and Patsy's mother came from Italy to Pa. Mrs. Frammolino asked them to bring her to Detroit to visit her. After April conference in Youngstown, Ohio, Patsy and his mother came to Detroit. When Patsy came he explained different passages of scripture, showing that the true Gospel, was different altogether, from the way the other Churches preached it. After Patsy came, he explained different passages of scripture, showing that the true Gospel was different altogether, from the way the other Churches preached it. After Patsy was back with the Frammolinos two weeks, the Lord

worked mysteriously, and he was asked to write to Pa. for some Elders, a few converts being ready for baptism. After some discussion among the Elders in Glassport, Pa. bros. Joseph Dulisse, and Ishmael Damico, came to Detroit, April 19th, 1921. They held meetings in Mrs. Frammolino's home, on the 20th, and 22nd, and on the 24th of April, the following candidates, were baptized bro. and sister Frammolino, their daughter Louise, and bro. and sis. Joseph Johnson. After these baptisms, appeared to bro. Frammolino, the meaning of his dream which he had in Germany, and of sis. Frammolino's, after she came to the States, and a great blessing to the rest of us, who have obeyed this wonderful Gospel.

On the 9th and 10th of Oct., my wife and I, went with Bro. Burgess, to Grand River Reservation, and enjoyed our visit. Bro. W. H. Cadman, was in Detroit, Oct. 16th, through the 20th, and was a welcome guest. The Ladies Uplift Circle, gave him a roaring ovation, in a talk he gave them, and later in the basement of the Church, presented him with a lovely cake, with the Inscription, "Welcome Home From Africa." On Sunday, Nov. 7th, my wife and I spent a lovely time in Port Huron, and on bro. Silver's Farm. Bro. Nick Pietrangelo accompanied bro. Burgess to Grand River, and had an inspiring time. There was also a bro. baptized in Amsburg, Canada, where our bros. are preaching, also in Branch 3, there was a sister baptized. I accompanied bro. Buffa to Sarnia, Canada, on Sunday the 14th, and enjoyed the visit extremely well. Bro. and Sister Mazzola of Branch 1 have been quite ill, Kindly remember them in your prayers.

Love to all,  
Bro. Matthew T. Miller

## HOPE

Brother Alma Cadman was here in Stelton last night at my father-in-law's home. I didn't get there until late and I understand I missed the best part of his talk which was about the Peaceful Reign. However, though, after hearing the others refer to different parts of the talk and discussion I felt a reviving spirit within me about these things. My mind went to the great hopes we in the Church of Jesus Christ have for the things the Lord has prepared for His people even in this mortal life and not too many years away



in the future. I many times think of the words of Sister Sadie Cadman in the hymn she has written, "What hopes the Saints of God possess." Hope is definitely a part of our faith and faith is defined as the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Not too long ago while working around the house I was singing the hymn "Whispering Hope." I was much impressed by the words in this hymn, "Whispering Hope, like the song of the angels" — and isn't it so? How many times when discouragement in the form of illness or misfortune, etc., has taken hold on us, from somewhere, the words of a friend, maybe just a thought or perhaps the whispering of the spirit, has come to us giving us hope and lifting us out of the abyss in which we had fallen. Yes, that hope came to us in words like the song of the angels.

I think much of the hopes we have in the Church of Jesus Christ, not only for the life hereafter but also for this life especially for those who understand in some part the glory of the latter days. It is this hope for the great things and better things that the Lord has for us that will carry us through the great storms to come which we understand will proceed the ushering in of the peaceful reign. How wonderful this hope is. Just as the poet writes, "Hope is an anchor to keep us, holding both steadfast and sure."

Once while reading in the Old Testament the story of Deborah I was impressed with the account of Deborah singing her song of victory for the Israelites. My impression was that I hope I might be there with all of Israel united when the church will sing as Deborah her song for the complete victory over the forces of unrighteousness. How thankful I am that the Lord has given me sight to see in the form of hope.

In looking towards the horizon of the future I am glad I am able to see beyond the ever darkening clouds which are just about upon us and I can see the dawning of the brightest and most beautiful day to ever dawn in the history of the world. May God grant that I may prove faithful so that I may be able to be there to take part with all the others who will be there when Zion's standard will be unfurled in all its glorious splendor.

Sister Elsie M. Ensana  
Stelton, N. J.

#### TV RULES OF OUR FAMILY

We are thankful to God for a Christian home.

Having always had the feeling that a television set can be operated in a Christian home in a way that will be helpful to our general good, we thus submit the following rules:

1. Fights are ruled out.
2. Shooting and murder stories are out.
3. It is our fixed rule that no programs sponsored by liquor and tobacco interests shall be shown. Any exception to this rule may be made only in an unusual case and with the full consent of the parents. Absolutely no weekly watching of such programs.
4. Dancing programs are ruled out.
5. Church comes first at all times. No staying home from any church activities to watch television.
6. The Sabbath is God's day. Only Christian or educational programs are to be shown.
7. Lessons, Bible reading, and devotions first.
8. Parents are to have the final decision regarding what programs are to be shown.

Rules adopted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mosher, of Cardington, Ohio—show the intelligent effort of one family to protect their home; printed with their permission in the Evangelical Friend, August, 1952.

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#### RESOLUTION

Since we are living in a day of great moral confusion in which we face the potential encroachment of the evils of the day into the sacred precincts of our homes through various avenues such as current literature, radio, and the more modern medium of television, it is essential that the most rigid safeguards be observed to keep our homes from becoming secularized and wordly.

While we recognize these agencies are of great value in the propagation of the gospel and the salvation of souls, we do deplore the low moral tone of much of current literature, comic magazines, and the contents of many books. We likewise deplore the sensuous appeal of many radio and television programs. We believe it to be detrimental to the welfare of our homes to listen to or view pro-

grams of the Holloywood type of movies or shows of the vaudeville level. We therefore call upon our leaders and pastors to give strong emphasis in our periodicals and from our pulpits to such fundamental truths as will develop the principle of discrimination between the evil and the good to be found in these mediums. We suggest that the standard given to John Wesley by his mother, namely, "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over mind, that thing for you is sin." form the basis for this teaching of discrimination.

We especially recommend that the reading, listening, and viewing on the Sabbath day be consistent with our high standards of holiness and that we do not allow any television program to become a substitute for church attendance. We recommend that this resolution be printed in the Herald of Holiness at intervals throughout the quadrennium; and that this resolution be placed in the appendix of our Manual.

Presented by Committee on State of the Church, and unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of 1952.

Copied from the Herald of Holiness, with all due praise to the "Church of the Nazarene" for the stand it has taken. Ed.

#### A VISIT TO CHEROKEE, N.C. AND KENTUCKY

On October 28th, brother and sister Bittinger, my wife and I left for a visit among the Indian People at Cherokee, N. C. It has been two years since our last visit on their Reservation, and as usual, we were well received by them.

We took a different route than usual, going from here to Wheeling, W. Va. and then followed the Ohio River to Parkersburg, then via Charleston, Bluefield, W. Va., and Bristol, Tenn. The scenery was wonderful, deep vales and high mountains which were adorned with many colors, painted I might say, by the Great Master of Arts. We arrived at Cherokee on the afternoon of Oct. 29th, and on entering the Reservation, we stopped at the home of our old friends Mr. & Mrs. George and family. We had sent them a card, but we arrived before the card did. They were glad to see us, and we were just

as glad to see them again. They are Baptist people and are devoted to their God. We continued to the home of other friends, Mr. & Mrs. Dewitt Owle & family. We found them very well, and they would have us eat supper with them. We appreciated this very much. Had quite a visit with them until much after dark. Mr. Owle is Pastor of one of the Baptist churches on the Reservation. On leaving their home we pulled into a fine Motel known as "Teddy Bear Motel" which was built since our last visit there. It is just a little-ways from the home of Mr. Owle. We engaged a room there for four nights. The Tourist season was about over, and they were making plans to close up within the next two weeks. It was getting real cold, and the proprietor was anxious to get back to Miami where it was warm.

On the next day Saturday Oct. 30th we attended a funeral service of one of their Pastors in the Rock Spring's Baptist Church. It was a large funeral, the church was crowded with people, and a very nice service was had for the departed one. Not far from the Church was a cemetery upon a mountain side, where the remains were carried (quite a distance) and laid away to rest. We were not entirely strangers at this church, we had visited there several times and both brother Bittinger and I had talked in their meetings. We done some visiting with the Indian people throughout the day. On a trip to this Reservation sometime ago, we met a Mrs. Beck, an Indian Lady who runs a Restaurant in Cherokee, where we usually ate our meals. We ate there again on this trip. She was much pleased to see us again. She seems to be enjoying a prosperous business, and has a building that would be a credit to a much larger town than Cherokee is. She serves very good meals.

The next morning (Sunday) we visited the Yellow Hill Baptist church where we were very kindly received by the Pastor C. Hornbuckle. Of course we had met the Pastor before, had visited his home once when he was real sick and we prayed for him on the occasion. I had forgotten about the instance, but he had not and he reminded his audience of the occasion, and he declared that he knew Bro. Cadman was a man of God, for his prayer was answered and he was made well. We were

very friendly received by the Pastor and his congregation, we also had a short visit with him and his wife in their home, and they sang "What a Friend we have in Jesus" for us in their own Indian tongue. We enjoyed our short visit with them.

On this Sunday afternoon, we spent at the home of Mr. & Mrs. George, and we had a very nice afternoon with them. They ask questions about our faith, which we answered them as best we could. Mr. George is an ordained Baptist Minister and apparently is serious in his religious convictions. He told Bro. Bittinger that if he would bring his tent down there next summer, he would find a place to set it, and he will have 150 singers there. He himself is quite a singer. Before leaving their home we anointed his wife for her affliction. She suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago and we anointed her the last time we were there. She was much better on this occasion. They have a very humble home, and may God bless them is our prayer. On returning to our room that evening, my wife was getting very tired. So I stayed at the room with her, and brother and sister Bittinger visited the Birdtown Church, not very far from where our room was. The pastor Wm. Owle in some way learned that Bro. Bittinger was a Minister. He said that he felt that morning that the Lord was going to send some one to their church that day. So he invited brother Bittinger to do the preaching that evening, and also had sister Bittinger to bear her testimony. They were both very well received by all present. They then made arrangements for a meeting the next night, Monday Nov. 1st., for Bro. Cadman to speak. Well we took advantage of the opportunity and we had a very nice evening. Brother Bittinger introduced the talking, and then turned the meeting over to me. Pastor Owle was very complimentary in his talk after we were through. He confessed that he did not think the "old man" knew very much. He urged us to come back again, he said that there is not many white people that has much time for them, and we do not have any old men to talk too any more, and he wished we could stay with them for awhile. Well, Pastor Owle, we hope to visit you all again before too long, and if you can visit us up here we will treat you right I am sure. Chief Standing Deer, whom

I met on my first trip to Cherokee, and who was a prominent figure on the streets of Cherokee, this time was missing. He had passed on to be with his forefathers and is very much missed by his people. He was a full-blooded Indian, and had been quite an Archer in his day. It was through him that I became acquainted at Cherokee.

The next morning, Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, we left Cherokee in a snow storm for a visit with brother and sister Parrott at Madisonville, Ky. We were told that there was about 14 inches of snow on the Big Smokies Mountain, so we took another route via Chattanooga, Tenn., and from there up into Kentucky. We spent two nights at their home. Sister Parrott is not very well, but they were glad to have us with them. The weather was not very pleasant, and my wife was not very well, so reluctantly we cut our visit short at their home, leaving there on Nov. 5th and arrived home on the next day, very tired and my wife not too well. But with it all we enjoyed the trip very much. Brother WHC.

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am writing this letter for the Gospel News, which to me is very priceless to all of us saints. It is the only way we get to know what wonderful things God does for his children. Also of our brothers and sisters visits to the seed of Joseph, the Indians.

The brothers and sisters here in California send greetings to all of the saints east, and also in Africa, in Italy and all parts of the lands where ever they are.

The Lord is very good to me, I cannot thank Him enough for answering my prayers. I was the only one in my family that was baptized in this wonderful Gospel, until the day came that never forgetting conference that was held in Modesto, Cal. among the twelve new converts the Lord was good to me, and now I have not only my husband but one of my sons Joseph, that surrendered to the calling. My oldest son John was not present, if he had been he also would have been baptized as he loves the church and says there is on other for him.

Brothers and sisters I am asking you all to remember this son of mine in your prayers as the 24th of this month Nov., he left to go into the service for two years, and

as yet he has not been baptized, that is my only worry.

I know the Lord is his shepherd and will watch over him with your prayers in his behalf, and I will remember yours in prayer. May the Lord bless all of you, and I will in advance thank you for my son John Nicosia for all of the prayers that are said in his behalf. God Bless you all.

Sadie Nicosia

#### TEN TV COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

Television is rapidly becoming a major medium of influence in many sections of our nation. Surveys in certain cities have revealed more TV sets than radios being sold.

Rev. Homer W. Achor, a pastor in Richmond, Indiana, prepared the following ten TV commandments and distributed them to his people. He believes that if a television set takes one's devotion from Christ and the church (for some it has done this) the fault does not lie with the projection tube, but with the heart and hand that set the dial.

1. Thou shalt not permit thy television set to come between thee and devotion to Christ and the church.

2. Thou shalt not cause it to become a raving image, demanding above its due in time and money.

3. Thou shalt not prize any program of higher value than the prayer meeting or Sunday evening service.

4. Thou shalt carefully evaluate the programs and not permit thy mind to become so cluttered with base thoughts that the virtues of Christ and the presence of His Spirit are crowded out.

5. Thou shalt seek in the programs a balanced diet of entertainment, information, education, and inspiration.

6. Thou shalt be prompt to turn off the TV set upon the arrival of company and turn it on only when it will be an aid to genuine hospitality.

7. Thou shalt not permit the television to crowd out family conversation and counseling, but use it for the mutual benefit of all members.

8. Thou shalt use its dramatic advertisement as opportunities to teach children what is wrong with the wrong and right with the right.

9. Thou shalt enlist the support of fellow Christians in expressing by mail approval of religious and respectable programs and sponsors.

10. Thou shalt enlist fellow Christians in expressing by mail disapproval of such sponsors and programs as oppose Christain concepts and convictions.

Copied from the "Herald of Holiness" of Kansas City, Mo.

#### G.M.B.A. CONFERENCE

The General Missionary Benevolent Association conference, still commemorating its fiftieth year of service, met in Lorrain, Ohio on November 13, 1954.

The morning service opened at 10:00 a.m. Following the opening prayer, roll call of officers, the reading of the minutes, and the free will offering, the unfinished business was attended to. The officers then gave their respective reports. After the officers' reports, the delegates from the various locals reported. Time ran short, and the morning meeting was adjourned before all the delegates had given their reports.

At 1:30 p.m. the afternoon service commenced. The remaining delegates gave their reports, and letters were read from locals not being represented at the conference. There were delegates present from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, and Canada. Brother Thomas tallied the membership of the G.M.-B.A. from the reports given and announced that there are approximately one thousands members at the present time. The Election of officers for the coming year was then conducted. All incumbents were re-elected with the exception of one organizer, who was replaced by Brother John Buffa of New Jersey. Brother Thurman Furnier was elected as an additional organizer. The conference then proceeded with new business. They voted to hold the forth coming May meeting on the third Saturday of that month in Rochester, New York, and to hold the next November meeting on the second Saturday of that month in Detroit, Michigan.

The evening service, which began at 7:30 p.m. with community singing, was devoted chiefly to the presentation of a program by the Lorrain local. The program, entitled "The Model Church," was well presented and was a source of inspiration to those present.

Sec. Sister Ruth E. Akerman

#### ALBERT SARVER PASSES ON

Brother Albert Sarver died very suddenly at his home on Anton St.

this city, at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2nd. He had not been very well for sometime, and while in his bath room, succumbed to a heart-attack.

He was the last surviving member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sarver deceased of Monongahela. He had spent all his life in this community and was very well known. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Violet Kennedy Sarver, his son Basil, two grand children and other relatives.

He was baptized into the church about 42 years ago, and has borne a very vivid testimony of a hope of eternal life after his earthly tabernacle would be dissolved. He was laid away to rest from the Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home in the Monongahela Cemetery on Dec. 6 with Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge of the services. Music and singing by sisters Ruth Mountain, Sarah Neill and Brother Meredith Griffith. Brother Sarver did not travel around very much, and to you who may not have met him, the hymns in our Church Hymnal Nos. 21 & 49 are his compositions. May the Lord bless his loved ones.

#### CHANGE SUGGESTED IN LORD'S PRAYER

PHILADELPHIA, Episcopalians from the Middle Atlantic area today considered a suggested change in the wording of the Lord's Prayer.

The proposals would change the phrase, "Lead us not into temptation," to read, "And let us not fall when tempted."

It was met with mixed reaction on the floor of the meeting of the 25th Synod of the Episcopal Province of Washington. Representatives of 13 Episcopal church dioceses are attending.

The new phrasing, introduced by Lt. Gen John C. H. Lee of the Harrisburg, Pa., diocese, was sent to the resolutions comm'ttee for formulation and introduction at today's closing session.

P. S., The prophet Isaiah in chapter 24, verse 5 says: "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof: because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, etc."

It would seem that many of our learned men are not satisfied with the word of God as it is, but would rather change it to their own liking. "And let us not fall when

tempted" certainly creates a thought foreign to that which is written, of which they wish to change. The prophet was certainly inspired by the Lord when he said they would transgress the laws, change the ordinance and break the everlasting covenant. The divided condition of the Christian world today, certainly proves Isaiah's words. The Saviour warns us concerning the time when they shall cry out, "Lo here is Christ, and Lo there is Christ, for he says, "Believe them not." May I ask, Are we not fast verging into the time, when the folly of those ever learning, shall be made manifest unto all men? See — II Timothy chapter 3. Editor.

**ANCIENT CEMETERY  
FOUND IN N.Y.  
PRESS NOV. 7, 1954  
Burial Site Believed  
5060 Years Old**

WADDINGTON, N.Y. (UP) — A 5000-year-old burial site has been uncovered on a farm overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

The find was made by Dr. William A. Ritchie, New York state archeologist, and two aides. He said the burials — nine of them found so far, including seven cremations — dated back to 3000 B.C. and apparently belonged to the earliest culture known to have existed in Northern New York.

Ritchie called the find "significant." Only three other finds of the Laurentian Culture have been made in the central section of the state.

The cremations, Ritchie said, undoubtedly represented the burials of highly important individuals in a society of Indians belonging to the early woodland period.

"The Laurentian people undoubtedly came into Northern New York from Canada in one of the earliest invasions of Indians into the new world," he added.

A typical Laurentian javelin point of flint found with one of the cremations led to identification. Large boulders covered the burial knoll.

Pittsburgh Press, Nov. 7, 1954

P. S. Discoveries of this kind, certainly speak loud in corroboration of the account given in the Book of Mormon, of a people coming to this land from the tower of Babel, and also the forefathers of the American Indian immigrating

to this land 600 years B. C. In John 15, 22 Jesus says: "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin." I might add that if the American people continue to close their eyes against the Book of Mormon in the face of such corroborating evidence, they might not have a cloak big enough to cover their sins either. WHC.

**COMPARISONS OF SEVERAL  
VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE  
AS TO THE VOICE  
OF THE TURTLE**

To our readers: Rather a strange expression is used in the "Song of Solomon" 2-12. In King James Version, it reads as follows: "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

The Douay Version reads as follows: "The flowers have appeared in our land; the time of pruning is come: the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

A New Translation by Jewish Authorities reads as follows: "The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing is come, And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

The R. V. American reads "turtledove" instead of turtle. It is possible that the three different Versions, which includes our beloved King James Version, have made a mistake, but as it stands, it is three to one in their favor. (The turtle is classed with the reptiles).

We must not forget that there are some strange things recorded in the scriptures, for instance the serpent talked to mother Eve. The dumb Ass spake to Balaam. And according to the words of the Saviour in Luke 19-40, it is possible for the 'stones' to cry out. And say by the way: let us not forget that the scripture speaks of "lively stones in the building" which seems to imply that there may be some dead ones also. (Edt)

Greenville, Pa.  
Dec. 13, 1954

Editor

We had reason to rejoice at our Dec. 5th. meeting at the Fredonia Mission. It was our late Brother William Cadman's daughter's 85th. birthday and the day his great grandson was blessed.

Sister Mary Love was born Dec.

5, 1869 near Monongahela, Pa. She was baptized with her sister Elizabeth Davidson Oct. 4, 1887 by Brother William Skillen, I quote from his epistle in the Church History, "It is astonishing to see how the young Saints who have lately obeyed the Gospel are advancing. It is very encouraging."

We believe these two sisters have been in the Church longer than any other living person. We are pleased that one is a Member of our Mission, to set an example for us, that we may look upon her and be determined to follow in her foot steps and remain faithful to our Church as she has done. Sister Mary was married to Robert Love March 29, 1893, they had four sons and one daughter. Brother Love passed away Dec. 1931 and since that time Sister Love has made her home with her daughter and son-in-law at Sharon, Pa. William Love is the Presiding Elder of our Mission.

The baby, Dale Thomas Knapp was blessed by Bro. Russell Cadman, he being one month old on this Sunday. We see the blessings of God decending to the fifth generation of the Cadman family.

A few months ago Bro. Russell Cadman was privileged to bless his own grandson, Dennis Paul Gehly. It is good to have these young mothers and fathers, although not baptized members of the Church, attending our meetings and requesting the ordinance to be preformed upon their children. P. S. Ruth Cadman Griffith of West Elizabeth, Pa. will be 90 on Jan. 22, 1955.

Sister Eleanor Sproul

**NEWS ITEMS**

Brother Clarence Robinson of the Glassport Church, spent the afternoon of November 14th, 1954, with us here in Monongahela. In bearing his testimony, he told of his experiences when he was but a young man, and while living in the south. Since coming up north, he met up with the Church of Jesus Christ and his testimony was interesting to us.

The Monongahela Branch has had their corner lot graded and covered with a material, which makes a very nice parking lot. Quite a few cars can be conveniently parked thereon.

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## AN OLD HYMN

I and my house will serve the Lord;  
But first, obedient to His word,  
I must myself appear:  
By actions, words, and temper show  
That I my heavenly Master know,  
And serve with heart sincere.

I must the fair example set  
For those that on my pleasure wait,  
The stumbling block remove.  
Their duty by my life explain,  
And still in all my works maintain,  
The dignity of love.

Easy to be entrated, mild,  
Quickly appeased and reconciled  
A follower of my God.  
A saint indeed I long to be,  
And lead my faithful family  
In the celestial road.

Lord, if Thou didst the wish in-  
fuse,  
A vessel fitted for Thy use  
Into Thy hands receive.  
Work in me both to will and do,  
And show them how believers true  
And real Christians live.

## WHY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY?

Thousands of parents have given their children everything but GOD. They have provided nourishing food, warm clothing and liberal educations, but no knowledge of their CREATOR and SAVIOUR.

They have provided reading matter—but it is the comics and not the BIBLE.

They have taken them to the movies; but not to SUNDAY SCHOOL.

They have cursed before their children; but never prayed.

The BIBLE says to parents:

“TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT!”

## PROTESTANTS WIN FIGHT IN ITALY

ROME — Italy's State Council ruled in effect Thursday that the Assemblies of God churches in

Italy are entitled to juridical recognition.

This would exempt them from taxes and enable their pastors to hold services freely.

The council, the nation's highest magistracy, ordered the Interior Ministry to act on a petition by the churches for such recognition.

THIS MARKED the greatest progress by the Assemblies of God during a six-year struggle to gain a legal standing in this predominately Roman Catholic land.

The petition was submitted to the State Council in 1952 after the Interior Ministry failed to give a ruling.

## NOTICE, PLEASE

In sending any clothing to Africa, address to Elder A. A. Dick, Box 43R Uyo, Nigeria, B. W. Africa. If the clothing being sent is for anyone family, acquaint brother Dick with that fact.

If there are any who wish to make a financial contribution to any one in Africa to help along the work over there, if you do not send it through regular channels of the General Church, you had better send it to me, and I will forward it on.

P. S. In sending clothing to Brother Dick, I believe it would be well to inform him as to who may of requested the clothing. According to the last account from our brethren in Nigeria, there is better than 1300 converts baptized over there. Sincerely Brother W. H. C.

## OUR TRIP TO AFRICA CONTINUED

On the morning of September 11th we broke up house-keeping at Ebak, and started for Calabar without any breakfast. Brother Dick had engaged transportation for the occasion, but at the last thing the person disappointed us. We had thirty or forty miles to drive to a place called Oron, where we could catch a boat at ten o'clock a.m. for Calabar. We missed the boat and were obliged to wait til 2:30 p.m. for the next one. It was a tiresome and a long tedious wait. There was no provision for us in the way of a waiting room whatever, we just had to lounge around in the hot sun, until

our boat would come. You cannot go into a restaurant, nor can you find one as we are so accustomed to in our own land of America. We could not get a good drink, it was not safe to drink water, and soft drinks we could not get. We did get some bread off the street peddlers, but it was not satisfying, for there did not seem to be any salt in it.

Well, the boat finally came, and I thought sure we would be able to get a soft drink of some kind on the boat, but to no avail. They gave us a cup of hot tea, but I could not drink it. I had been fed up on tea. They gave us water to drink, which I guess was safe enough to drink, but it was as warm as if it had been on a fire. It did not satisfy us. We had first class tickets on the boat which gave us the upper deck to travel on. A little more comfortable, not so many passengers, the lower deck was crowded. We had reclining chairs for our comfort but that did not satisfy our inner-man.

We finally arrived in Calabar after 18 miles of a ride on the Cross River, a very large stream, and large boats passing us from various countries. We did not get set down at a table until 7:30 p.m. And we were very much fatigued. This of course was Saturday evening.

Unlike our location at Ebak, we were surrounded with other homes, people living all around us. The houses here were a little better than where we had been, yet they were mostly mud-plastered buildings. We were given three rooms in one end of a building for our stopping place. There was a family lived in the other end, and a very large room in between us, which was used for a church room. It was a good sized room. In our end we had a bed room each, and a living room between them. We were very comfortable fixed, especially for in Nigeria. The bed room that I was sleeping in, did have an out side entrance, as well as the doorway into the living room. It was supposed to be locked all the time we were there—we did not use it. In leaving Ebak in the morning, there was quite a lot of people gathered to bid us farewell, for when leaving Calabar we would

board a plane for Lagos, and then board a plane for London.

Arriving at Calabar on Saturday evening we were tired and fatigued, but the next morning we had service all day with very nice attendance. The next day Monday, we went to the Airport and applied for reservations for London, leaving Lagos on the 25th Sept. for London. It rained very much this day.

During this time, Brother Bittinger was suffering with a lame back, he was not able to get around very much, consequently, the talking was mostly dependant on me. We held meetings I believe every night and on Wednesday four persons were baptized. In the meeting on Wednesday evening, they read an article welcoming us in their midst. It was a wonderful article, to my mind it could not of been composed better. They were all very friendly towards us.

On Thursday Sept. 16th there was 11 persons baptized. On account of some of them having to work, we met at the water at about 5 a.m. and Bro. Dick baptized them. We had a mile or so to walk, and Bro. Bittinger was not able to be at the water. It was a tidal stream where we done the baptizing. On Friday Morning we were at the water again early, and we baptized 13 more people. On this occasion the tide was just starting in. On Saturday morning about 8:30 we were at the water at high tide, and baptized 5 more. It was a very nice day, the sun was shining very bright. We anointed a small child in our rooms this day.

Sunday 19th was our second and the last Sunday we spent in Calabar. We had a nice crowd at the morning meeting, I did the speaking, and at the close of the meeting we baptized 9 persons. We had a very nice crowd at the evening meeting, all told we had a very nice day. We retired to our beds on Sunday night as usual. I had an occasion to get up around 4 a.m. and having a flash light, I went to look at my watch to see the time. I carried it in my coat-pocket. My coat was gone, I then looked for my trousers, they were missing. I then looked for my suit-case and it was gone. I then noticed the outside door to my room was standing open. I then realized that I had been robbed. I then went into Brother Bittingers room, and told him we had been

robbed. He came over into my room and saw what had happened, then went back into his room, and his suit-case was gone. Brother Dick was sleeping in the church room, I roused him up, and in a little while, many of the neighbors had gathered in.

Well this was the first experience of this kind for us. I was very fortunate in that I had a suit of clothes hanging on the back of a door which apparently was overlooked by the robbers. My money, watch, all my papers—passports, health certificates, my return plane ticket to Pittsburgh was all gone. I had no clothing left except what I slept in, except the suit I have mentioned. Never was I found in such a predicament in my life. Had they taken the clothing that Bro. Bittinger was wearing, we certainly would of been stranded a long way from home, for all his valuables were in the suit he was wearing, even as mine was. The police picked up any body where they thought there was room for suspicion. But in justice to our friends and neighbors, they certainly felt very bad that we had been treated thus in their community, and, in Nigeria. Both men and women came into our rooms throughout the balance of our time and prayed for us. People who had not attended our meetings. They felt very bad about the affair. But things were now in the hands of the Police force of Calabar. Having gone to the Airport to make reservartions before this happened, was a wise move on our part, for they had the number of my lost ticket to Pittsburgh, and that saved the day for us.

The next day after we were robbed, we went to the river again and baptized 4 persons making 45 we baptized at Calabar, and a total of 325 in Nigeria. On the next day we left Calabar on the plane at 2:40 p.m. for Lagos a distance of from 500 to 600 miles. Quite a number of the folks at Calabar went to the Airport and saw us off.

We arrived in Lagos at the Olympic Hotel about dark on Wednesday Evening, we were late due to the plane having to go out of its course, due to heavy fog. I was obliged to get new passport papers, go to a hospital for innoculations, and get another health certificate before I could get out of Nigeria. The robbers had caused us much inconvenience, as well as our loss. We were busy Thursday, Friday

and Saturday in Lagos getting ready so as we could board the plane at 2:30 p.m. for London. And, it was a relief when we finally got seated on the plane. It was a wonderful flight, our first stop was at Tripoli, Libya, and then over the Island of Sardinia, and on to London, flying as high as 20500 ft. Looking down on the clouds, and the beautiful sunrise when far up in the heavens. The plane a B. O. A.C., was as steady as one could hold a hand still—the service extended and the meals served, I might say was perfect.

We spent one night in London, and left at 10:00 p.m. Monday on a T.W.A. plane for N.Y. Our first stop was at Shannon, Ireland. We were grounded there for two or three hrs. On account of headwinds over the Atlantic, and to get around the winds, the plane went via Iceland. We spent a couple of hrs. at the Airport in the capital City, Reykjavik and it was cold there — we were right near the Equator a few days before. We were still 2200 miles off N.Y. On leaving Iceland our next stop was at Boston and then arriving in N.Y. about 2:30 p.m. about 3 1-2 hrs. late. We took the first plane we could get for Pittsburgh, arriving there about 7:30 in the evening. Our families met us there and we were tired. I never traveled so far without a hat on in my life before. You know the robbers in Nigeria got my hat.

Well I will bring the account of our trip to a close, I hope I have not wearied anybody. I have tried to be brief, yet I wanted to do justice to the trip. We have opened up field of labour in Africa. At this date Dec. 1954 there has been better than 1200 people baptized into the Church in Nigeria, B.W. Africa. Whether The Church of Jesus Christ can carry on as it should, remains to be seen. The natives there are a poor people, but Jesus died for them as well as for us. It is the duty of the servants of God (if I understand His word) to preach the Gospel wherever they can. They need Missionary workers with them to help carry on. Our feelings are that: The Church of Jesus Christ has made a wonderful contribution towards the natives in Nigeria, in sending two of its "workers" across land and water who have introduced the Restored Gospel in that far-off land of Africa. I spoke two nights in particular, on the Book of Mormon and I believe I enjoyed it as much



as I have ever done anywhere. I believe as James says: faith without works is dead, even as the body without the spirit." The servant of God must exercise himself in the work of saving the souls of men and women, if he himself, is to survive. Let us all pray as Jesus commanded: that more labours be sent into the vineyard. May God bless us all is my prayer. Brother W. H. Cadman.

P. S. Brother Joseph Bittinger will continue with a few articles of his version of our trip, and he will use his pen of his own free-will. Amen.

#### SISTER D'AMICO WRITES

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines to say we are fairly well here thank God, and hope you and all there are also in good health and still endeavoring to press forward.

As for my husband, I can say he is still the same; no better and no worse; but we are thankful to God that up until this day, he has been able to endure the cross of affliction which is almost five and one-half years since he was stricken.

Bro. Cadman: Recently I felt inspired to write you these few lines and to tell all the saints throughout the Church in General (Branches and Mission) how thankful we are for the many prayers that have been offered in Bro. D'Amico's behalf. Truly we can say that not only he, but all of us have benefited. The Lord has given us sufficient strength thus far to endure all things and to bear our cross. I have been impressed to quote the words of the poet, written in our saints hymnal, No. 362:

MUST JESUS BEAR THE  
CROSS ALONE,  
AND ALL THE WORLD GO  
FREE?  
NO, THERE'S A CROSS FOR  
EVERYONE,  
AND THERE'S A CROSS FOR  
ME.

HOW HAPPY ARE THE SAINTS  
ABOVE,  
WHO ONCE WENT SORROW-  
ING HERE,  
BUT NOW THEY TASTE UN-  
MINGLED LOVE,  
AND JOY WITHOUT A TEAR.

THE CONSECRATED CROSS  
I'LL BEAR,  
TILL DEATH SHALL SET ME  
FREE,

AND THEN GO HOME MY  
CROWN TO WEAR,  
FOR THERE'S A CROWN FOR  
ME.

UPON THE CRYSTAL PAVE-  
MENT DOWN,  
AT JESUS' PIERCED FEET,  
JOYFUL I'LL CAST MY GOLD-  
EN CROWN,  
AND HIS DEAR NAME RE-  
PEAT.

Upon deep reflection of these words we conclude that if Jesus bore the cross for the whole world, how much more is it our duty to bear our own. We have been assured that when all is said and done, we'll exchange our cross for a Crown of Eternal Life. It is this hope, dear brothers and sisters which keeps us vivid in the Gospel of Christ, and may we all prove faithful till the end, so that we can achieve the goal which we are striving for, "ETERNAL LIFE."

In closing we extend our sincere greetings in the love of Christ to you and family and all the saints, and ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers, and we will do the same.

Your Sister in Christ,  
JULIA D'AMICO

WAKPALA,  
SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Editor:

I have been meaning to write a few lines in the past, but something seems to intervene my wanting to write to something else that is unimportant but now I have decided to write. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

We are all well and happy over here and we are starting to see miracles in our little prayer meetings now. Here are a few instances: a little girl's fever leaving her little body, a woman that was very sick was healed, a little girl's infected sight healed, my wife had a growth that was starting to cover her pupil but now starting to recede through healing prayer, and another with an infected foot healed. And so brother Cadman, we the Lamanites over here feel His everlasting love, and we praise His Mighty name, "Our God of Isarel." And so we feel His mighty healing power and we know now that we will see greater works done in His holy name, Amen.

We the Lamanites, want to thank our Brothers and Sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ, all

over, the wonderful cooperation given to my people in having a wonderful Christmas for our children and parents. We never knew the real meaning of Christmas all these years till God guided us into The Church of Jesus Christ. We told each other that we did not want any presents, but if we could receive our holy communion. We hope that through God's will we will have an Elder here so we can receive our communion. Brother Usefulheart lives so far and it is kind of hard to get together. God bless you all. Brother and Sister Earl F. DeMarrias, P.S. Brother and Sister, I am very glad to learn that the Lord is answering your prayers and healing your sick and afflicted ones. May the day not be far distant when we shall have an Elder or two in your midst and I do hope it will not be too long, until we can have a place of worship in your neighborhood. Wonderful blessings are in store for your race of people as they return to God. Gentiles must awaken up to the fact, that the preaching of the Gospel to the Lamanites is an all important duty of theirs today, and be not so much concerned about the future—the Lord will care for the future.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

#### LETTER FROM ALASKA

(By Clyde Seighman)  
Dec. 16, 1954

Dear Brother Cadman:

Received your package yesterday and was very glad to think I had someone like you thinking about me. I read all about your trip you make and I'm very glad that it was a success and that you made it back safe intact. I knew you would. Before I go much farther I might add that I am not very good at spelling or writing, but I hope you will forgive me for that. (We will Clyde).

Well I suppose you would like to know a little about Alaska, and that isn't much. In the winter we get plenty of snow and the temperature stays pretty close to 50 below zero all the time. The days are getting pretty short now, the sun only shines about two to three hours, and then it does not come up till one o'clock, and at 3:30 in the evening it is pitch dark, and in the morning it doesn't get daylight till 9:30, but the next month or the next two, I should say we will only get about one hour of day light, and in the summer it is

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## EDITORIAL

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8-20. In the years past and gone, often I would hear this scripture quoted by my brethren, who are also gone the way of all the earth, yet their memory still lives.

Still another scripture was often quoted by them as follows: (The language of Paul.) "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to 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 that we have received, let him be accursed." Gal. 1-8, 9.—And, brethren and sisters! how often has our places of worship resounded with our voices, when singing of the Restored Gospel, they came over the words found in Hymn 236 in the 'Saints Hymnal' as follows: "Then what is this latter Gospel? 'Tis the first one come again. This was preached by Paul and Peter, and by Jesus Christ the Head; This we latter saints are preaching, we their foot-steps wish to tread."

My brethren and sisters, I, brother W. H. Cadman want you all to know that I have not forgotten the past experiences in this church since the days of my youth. If the Gospel which we are preaching does not create in our souls a desire to preach, and not only a desire to do so, but courage and ambition to move out and preach the restored gospel, if our experiences is not so, then it is not the same gospel that Paul and Peter preached, and of which Jesus suffered death on the Cross for. The Apostle says: "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you;" The testimony of the servants of God in the Book of Mormon are the same, they preached the gospel through in many instances it cost them their lives to do so. They went at the call of

others, such as them in Macedonia, "Come over and help us." If the Restored Gospel which is being taught by The Church of Jesus Christ is not producing the same fruits within its fold, then it is not the same gospel as taught by Paul and Peter, and Jesus Christ the Head. Editor.

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just the opposite. I'll put it this way, in the winter it gets so cold that you just about freeze to death, and in the summer you just about roast to death. So you see the weather has a great change around this place, and you have to be in pretty good shape to compete with it and so far the good Lord has given me what it takes to live up here the past year, and I hope and pray that He stays with me the next three months I have left up here.

And believe me, these last three months seem like a long way off yet. Well I guess that is just about all I have to say, and I want to thank you and all that was in on that gift that was sent to me, and to you and all that had a hand in the gift. I want to wish a Merry Christmas, and may God bless you all through out the New Year and the years to come. Sincerely Clyde.

P.S. Dear Clyde, I am very glad to hear from you way up in Alaska, and may the Lord continue to care for you. The Gift was sent you and to others of our boys from here, by the Sabbath School. We will look for you in our midst again some day, we hope not too long from now. Sincerely Bro. W. H. Cadman.

RADIO ADDRESS OF  
T. S. FURNIER

(Continued from last Issue)

Early efforts were made to accommodate the tenets (Tenets TSF) of this system to the demands of Christianity; and that Christ and the Holy Ghost belonged to the family of Aeon's.

This led to the absurdity of denying that Jesus had a body even while he lived as a man, and that his appearance as a corporeal being was a deception of the senses wrought by his supernatural power.

The effect of the principles of Gnosticism in the lives of its adherents is strangely diverse. One sect followed a life of rigorous self denial and bodily torture. Believing if the body could be subdued, that the spirit would be given increased freedom.

Another cult assumed that there was no relation between body and soul as would cause injury to the soul through bodily indulgences and excesses, and these abandoned themselves to passions, and the failties of the bodily nature without limitation.

From what has been said this will be recognized as one of the perversions derived from the alliance of Gnosticism with Christianity.

A result of this grafting in of heathen doctrine was the growth of hermit practices.

Many retired to the solitude of the desert, and there spent their time in stern self denial, and acts of frenzied self torture.

Others shut themselves up as voluntary prisoners, seeking glory and self-imposed penance.

It was this unnatural view of life that gave rise to the several orders of recluses, hermits and monks.

The Saviour knew such things would be practiced, warning the disciples of the false claims to sanctity that would soon follow. He said: Matt. 24:26 "Wherefore if they say unto you, Behold, he (Christ TSF) is in the desert, go not forth, behold, he is in the secret chambers, believe it not."

St. Paul's caution against "Philosophy and vain deceit," was now sadly neglected by the Christians. False humility; will worship, self-righteous pretensions, ignorance of Christ and of the true life of faith in him, miserably superseded by ceremonies and superstitions,—are portrayed in the 2nd. Chapter of Collosians, 16 to 23rd verses. — Milner Church History Cent. 2 Ch. 9.

We will now consider the unauthorized additions to the ceremonies of the church, and the vital changes in essential ordinances:

The ridicule heaped upon the early Christian Church by the pagan and Judaistic critics was partly due on account of the simplicity of Christian worship.

Very early in its history the church manifested a tendency to displace the simplicity of its worship by elaborate ceremonies, patterned after Judaistic ritual and pagan idolatries.

To remove them, in some measure the prejudice against Christianity and to more effectually reconcile the gospel requirements with the Mosaic law, the officers of the church in the first and

second centuries took to themselves the ancient titles; thus, Bishops, styled themselves Chief Priests, Deacons, and Levites.

In like manner says Mosheim "the comparison of the Christian oblation with the Jewish victim and sacrifice, produced a multitude of unnecessary rites, and was the occasion of introducing that erroneous notion of the eucharist, which represents it as a real sacrifice, and not merely as a commemoration of that great offering that was once made upon the cross for the sins of mortals." MOSHEIM'S ECC'L. HIST. CENT. 2, PART 2, CH. 4:4.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper has been regarded as an essential ordinance in The Church of Jesus Christ from its inception.

In spite of its sanctity it has undergone radical changes, both as to its symbolism and purpose.

The sacrament, as instituted by the Saviour, and as administered during the apostolic ministry, was simple, sacred and solemn.

Accompanied by the spirit of the gospel, its simplicity was sanctifying. As interpreted by the apostate church, its simplicity became a reproach.

During the 3rd. century, long sacramental prayers were prescribed, and much pomp was introduced.

Vessels of gold and silver were used by such congregations as could afford them.

Disputation arose as to the proper time of administering the sacrament — morning, noon, evening; and as to how many times the ordinance should be celebrated.

During the 2nd and 3rd centuries the form of public worship was so changed as to bear little resemblance to the simplicity and earnestness of that of the early congregations.

Philosophic discourses took the place of fervent testimony bearing. Applause was allowed and expected as evidence of the preachers popularity.

The burning of incense, at first abhorred by Christian assemblies because of its pagan origin and heathen significance, had become common in the church before the end of the third century.

Dear Friends: Can't you see that the church had apostatized, had departed from the teachings of Jesus Christ, and his early followers?

Says one: But I cannot help what

the church has done back there. That is true, but there is something you can do. In the midst of the confused condition in church doctrine that exists today, why not get down on your knees and ask God sincerely for divine guidance, as instructed by the Apostle James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Jesus said: St. John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." I hope to continue this subject some future broadcast. May God bless you.

Thurman S. Furnier

#### GATHERING OF M.B.A. LOCALS IN THE CALIFORNIA DIST.

The first General Gathering of the M.B.A. Locals met in San Diego on Saturday Oct. 30. Bro. Richard Castelli president of the San Diego M.B.A. introduced the opening session at 2:00 p.m. and chaplain Ben Ciccati led in prayer. The opening hymn was "The Church's Jubilee", and was followed by the singing of "His Wonderful Love."

There were many of the Officers of the various locals throughout the state present, and a general good time was had by all. Our young people were very active, which was encouraging. Our young brothers and sisters are a credit to the church, and we know that God is pleased with them. This meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. Leonard James Lovalvo.

The session was opened at 7:00 and a half hour was devoted to singing. Several selections were sung by the young folks from Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Modesto and was enjoyed by all present.

The San Diego Local presented a program of which Bro. James Tucker was in charge. Many interesting experiences was related in the program, for instance an experience of Bro. Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, Pa. The history of the G.M.B.A., also the history of the various locals in Calif. The reading of the Indians version of the 23rd Psalm. The Pilots version of the same Psalm, and the singing of an old hymn: "The Lord Did Raise Up Joseph Smith."

In some closing remarks by Bro. Robert Watson Jr., he predicted a bright future for the M.B.A. in the State of California.

By Bros. Richard Castelli, and James Tucker.

P. S. May the prophetic utterance of Bro. Watson become a reality to you all in the Sunny State of California. Bro. WHC.

#### LETTER FROM AFRICA

Dec. 12, 1954

(This is a letter from Zion Mission of the Uyo Dist. in Nigeria).  
Rev. W. H. Cadman.  
519 Finley St.  
Monongahela, Pa  
U.S.A.

Dear Rev. Sir:

We the undersigned committees and chiefs of this community have the honor most respectfully to send this our heartfelt Petition to you and ask you to give your kind attention to the following points - That through the recommendation of our energetic and faithful Minister in person of Re. C. E. Otu, the whole District agreed that, our District be handed over to you Sir, Please do not allow our faith in you be trodden down under your feet. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of Mercies and the God of all comfort" God has good news for you. He is waiting to pour out His blessing upon you, and He wants you to bring your life in a new and full Dedication to Him and pity others. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Please we are appealing strongly to you all, Men and women of all classes to lend us your ears and hearken to the voices of our appeal. Our silent tears are the bitter than the Bitters, and our Spirit is within the gates of desolation. We are now calling upon you all to be our God and Saviour to deliver us from this destructive tempest in this country and establish your future heights. Consider much of our lamentation in writing over and over and receive our sorrows, silent tears and weeping as an inspiration from the Holy Spirit above. We are now ready to celebrate handing over Uyo on the 12-24-54 in the name of you Church and attention of you or your representatives are needed, then the Christmas services all over our churches shall bear the same name.

Thanking you in anticipation and assuring you of our best attention at all times. Hoping to hear from you soon. May the Almighty God bless you all and crown you with

glory on earth and in Heaven above.  
Amen.

Yours for the work.

(Signed by four men in Nigeria,  
W. Africa.)

P. S. Jan. 1955: The pastor and many of his people are being baptized into the Church.

#### UNTIL WE MEET

It seemeth such a little way to me, across to that strange land of rest, and yet not strange, for it is the home of those I loved the best. And as for me, there is not death. It is but crossing the river, to find my loved ones waiting on the shore. More beautiful, more precious, than before.

First, I want to meet my Jesus—Then all my beloved family see, Brothers, sisters, in the Gospel who have worshipped here with me. Oh the rapture of that greeting, when all shall meet again. No more heart aches, pain or sadness when with God, and them we reign. Composed by Sister Violet Sarver.

P. S. We sincerely thank all those who so kindly remembered us with sympathy cards, letters and prayers. The Sarver Family.

#### IN MEMORY OF

Brother Joseph J. Draskovich of Greensburg, Pa. who died on December 14, 1954. Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ in South Greensburg on Dec. 16 with Brother Alvin Swanson in charge. Interment in Hillview Cemetery. (Seeman Funeral Home.)

#### (HERALD OF HOLINESS)

##### Persecution in Peru

A letter from the wife of one of our Peruvian Nazarenes says: "With the help of our blessed Saviour the work goes forward, and it seems He wishes to prove His children by letting them pass through the fire; but this brings us hope that persecution may be the means of greater progress in the advance of His work.

"On the seventeenth, one of our good Christian brethren came from his home into town around six o'clock in the morning to buy sugar and bread for his family's breakfast. To do this he had to pass by the street that leads into the cemetery. There he heard two men calling to him. They seemed to be digging a grave and he supposed that they wanted him to help them, so he entered with good will, expecting to do so.

"But alas! This was not what happened at all. It was a trap. Once inside the cemetery one of the men ran and closed the large door to make it impossible for our brother to escape, or for anyone to come to his defense. They pulled out a bottle of whisky and tried to force him to drink, which he firmly refused to do. They shouted terrible epithets at him. His humble reply was, 'If it is for the cause of my Lord Jesus Christ that I must suffer, I will gladly give my life—do with me what you will.'

"Then he knelt before them. They without fear or compassion beat him over the head with clubs. They broke his arm and almost killed him. Poor, poor brother, how he suffered! He lost much blood, his head had many deep cuts, his face was badly swollen, but he considers that he was honored to suffer rather than to give an evil testimony of the gospel. The police intervened, taking the two men prisoners. They planned to take them to the city to court and to jail, but the wife of one of the culprits came to our house and was there all day beseeching and weeping that her husband be pardoned. This gave us opportunity to speak to them of the gospel, making them realize that were we not evangelical Christians now, we would take delight in insisting that the evildoers be imprisoned (at least six years) and in demanding payment of three thousand soles for an act that resulted in loss of blood, plus full payment of medical attention, and all losses suffered by the brother. This was a real opportunity to testify to the change Christ works in our hearts. The doctor, the head of the police, and other authorities praised the humility of our noble brother. I beseech you to pray much for this good brother, and for all of us, for it is generally believed that those who did this were paid to do so."

P.S. II. Tim. 3-12 "Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." May I ask what are we suffering? WHC.

#### LETTER FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

In a letter from Mrs. Lena Lowdog of the Cheyenne Reservation dated Nov. 28, 1954, she informs us that the home of Mr. Kingman was burned down.

The fire had gotten a good start before the neighbors noticed it,

and after the house was burned down, Mr. Kingman's charred body was discovered in the ruins of his home. We are sorry to hear this of Mr. Kingman. He was one of the five Sioux Indians whom had made a trip to Washington, D. C. on Indian affairs in 1952. On returning home, and at my invitation they called on us here in Monongahela, and spent three nights with us, attended our church services and we enjoyed their visit. He was then about 85 years old, but was very active.

In returning from our trip to Calif., in the summer of 1953, we came via South Dakota and called to see him and the others who had been with him at our home. He lived in two rooms all by himself, and we held two meetings in his home with a nice attendance of his neighbors present at the meetings. We are sorry to learn of his tragic end.

#### THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

By W. H. CADMAN

(From The Gospel Reflector of Dec. 1907)

Editor and readers of The Reflector

We find in the 14th chapter of Rev. 6th and 7th verses, that an Angel was to fly with the everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth; to every nation, kindred tongue and people, saying with a loud voice: Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come, and so forth. We testify that the angel has flown and that men have been commissioned to preach the everlasting Gospel to all the inhabitants of the earth, both Lam-anite and Gentile. This message was delivered to men in the years of 1829 and 1830, the most conspicuous person being Joseph Smith Jr. and a few witnesses, chosen of God to bear record to the same. God poured out His blessings upon them and many were baptized into the Church and they received the gift of the Holy Ghost in power; some prophesying others speaking in unknown tongues. The heavens were opened to some, and in fact the gifts and blessings which Christ promised to them that believed, were abundantly poured out upon them, thus we find the Church in 1830 to be in a similar condition as the Church in Palestine, on the day of Pentecost. Many of the Jews believed that they had crucified the Lord of Life and Glory, and repented and

obeyed the Gospel as Peter had commanded them. So in 1830 many believed and obeyed and knew for themselves that the Angel had flown with the everlasting Gospel. Such was the happy condition of the Church as long as they were declaring the message that was delivered to them. We find its missionaries went to foreign lands delivering the same message and the blessings of God was with them, and many were baptized into the Church, and the gifts of God poured out upon them, even like unto Paul and others who went to foreign lands with the message that was given them. God blessed them and brought men and women to Christ.

So when we behold the Church in the year of 1830 and the immediate future, the happy and peaceful condition they were in, and then look at all those today that profess to be in the restored Gospel, we see the greatest contrast possible. In place of them all being in the faith that was once delivered, we find them scattered asunder, and yet only a space of about eighty years have passed since they were all in one faith. While we were at our late conference in Dellslow, W. Va., and beheld the rocks that were torn asunder and rent in twain. It proved to us that a terrible eruption had taken place at one time, because the effects were left visible, these are facts that cannot be disputed because the effects are there. When Christ came He set up one Church and as Paul says there is one faith, one Lord and one baptism; today we find churches too numerous to mention, all divided in faith and doctrine, which proves the fact that a serious eruption has taken place with the Church of Kingdom that Christ set up, because the fragments are as visible as the rocks that have been heaved out of their places. We find then that an eruption has taken place with the Church that was set up in 1829 and 1830, because the effects are as visible as either of the former cases I have mentioned, and if we use a little reason we can readily comprehend what has been the cause of all the disturbance.

If all that had been baptized and remained faithful, there would have been no such confusion as there is today; but no, they put their trust in men instead of God and His word, and instead of delivering the message that had been

entrusted in their hands, (that is preaching the Gospel to all nations) they began to build temples and tried to build up Zion, and even got it into their heads that Joseph Smith was the choice seer spoken of in the Book of Mormon. They neglected to deliver the message in its purity as it had been given them, both to Lamanite and Gentile, therefore God permitted them to be lead into abominable heresy, which caused them many hardships, and when Joseph and his brother Hyrum was killed, a scatterment took place; the evidence of such abounds very much in our day. Soon after the death of Joseph, one, Wm. Bickerton was moved upon to obey the Gospel, and after the Lord let him see the position he stood in, he moved with fear and went up and down this valley (Monongahela) preaching the Gospel and many, were baptized and the same blessings were poured out upon them as in the beginning.

As a result of Brother Bickerton's labors, in 1862 the Church was set up again at Green Oak, Pa., and I have heard my old brethren that are now dead, speak of the glorious time they had then. Why was this? The answer is simple, a band of men and women had been baptized into the true faith and because of this, God poured out His blessings upon them and they went forward declaring the message that was first delivered and many were baptized into the true faith; thus we understand we must be one in the faith before we can accomplish the purposes of God. The Church prospered until about the year of '68 when a mission was sent to the Lamanites, but when the Brethren returned home very sick, our people got faithless and laid that mission at one side. From that time onward, we find that the organization of 1862 dwindled until the year of 1904, when there was only one of the former twelve Apostles left, some having died and others had left the Church. It is therefore evident that when the Church was doing its duty (preaching the Gospel) the Lord was well pleased, and when it neglected to do so the displeasure of God fell upon them just as it has been ever since the creation of the world, proving to us that God is no respecter of persons, but will pour out His blessings upon the faithful of every dispensation, and His displeasure upon the unfaithful. The scripture

abounds with evidence of this kind from beginning to end.

In the July Conference of 1904 we refilled the quorum of twelve Apostles, also ordained a number of Evangelists and the blessing of God rested upon us, and another mission was sent to the Lamanite people, but little or nothing was accomplished, though much of the spirit was professed in the matter. As for myself I was much disappointed, but need we be surprised now? No; not at all, because we see now that the major part that composed that mission, have proven that they were not in the faith of the present object, consequently did not accomplish anything. Some of these brethren have since moved to St. John, Kansas for the purpose of preaching the Gospel and that they might be handy the Lamanite people, etc. But they neglected to deliver the message that was restored in 1829 and 1830, and it would seem that for this cause the Lord has permitted them to be led into things that did not concern us, simply because they have neglected to perform their duty, the preaching of the Gospel. Today there are only four left of the twelve from 1904 that are standing by the original faith of the Church, which to me it seems, that if the people of God neglects their duty in preaching the Gospel the Lord permits the evil one to make inroads upon them and cause a scatterment. Since the failure of the afore mentioned mission of 1904 one of the brethren that was on that mission writes several articles to "The Gospel Reflector" to show why the mission failed, (human nature exactly) even though much of the spirit of God was professed before they went. In the issue of "Reflector" of February 1906, a piece written by one of those brothers, entitled, "Indian Mission" in which he says the Indian Mission originated from the subject of a gathering which had its origin in Monongahela, Pa., in the winter of 1867-68. I have always understood that the mission originated from the revelation of God and the mission of the Gentiles carrying the Gospel to the seed of Jacob is plainly set forth in the Book of Mormon and the gathering originates from the success of that mission in place of the mission originating from the gathering. The revelation given at that time shows the preaching of the Gospel is first in order. The brother states later on in his article that the mis-

sion was sent in 1904 to try to accomplish what was supposed to be the will of God from what had been revealed. Now this seems a strange expression to me. The revelation given to this Church in 1868, is it the revelation of God or is it only supposition? Our brother may have had reference to "the time" in this matter, but I will just say that if the Gentiles never get themselves into the proper condition before God to carry the Gospel to the seed of Jacob, that "time" will never come.

Yet God will perform His work even if He has to reduce His Church to one man. The word of God says that the Gentiles are to carry the Gospel to the Lamanites, and His word cannot be broken, and if we don't do our duty in this respect, the Lord will raise up Gentiles that will, matterless of all the arguments that can be raised on "time." When the Gospel was restored the "time" was then, and the "time" is now, providing we The Church of Jesus Christ is in a humble and faithful enough condition to carry the Gospel to them. The message of the Angel was to all the inhabitants of the earth, but as I have already said, men have neglected the mission that was entrusted to them and have raised contention over things that don't concern us, and for this cause God has permitted them to be led off. Do we find any contention in Isaiah's time with the people of God as to who the unlearned man is, spoken of in Isa. 29th chapter? No! Do we find the Apostle John raising any connection as to who the 2 witnesses are, spoken of in Rev. 11th chapter? No! Then why contend as to who the personage is that is mentioned in connection with the Ancient of Days by Daniel. Adam is the most ancient person we can refer to in days or time. The dominion given him is also the most ancient government that has existed in time, and if God could raise up one to go forth in the spirit and power of Elias, surely He is able to raise up one to rule in the authority that was given to Adam. The prophet says that the first dominion and a pure language will be restored to His people, and this ought to suffice us to know that God will fulfill His word. I have heard it said that the two witnesses spoken of in Rev. 11th

chapter was the old and new testament. I have also heard it said that they are Elijah and Enoch. I have also understood that a man left this country for Palestine with the belief that he was one of them. According to the Apostle John they are two prophets of God that will arise up in the flesh, and it is matterless to us who they are, our duty is to sound the glad tidings of the Gospel of Jesus, or deliver the message that was brought by the Angel.—"Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain, God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain. Oh Lord roll on thy glorious work, And let thy mighty arm display Thy power in this the latter day."

#### NEWS ITEMS

In a letter dated Nov. 18-54 from Sister Nastasia of Niles, Ohio, she informs me that she has gone through a severe operation on her right foot recently. It was a trouble that she has suffered with for several years. She is now convalescing at her home, and she is very grateful to you all in remembering her in your prayers.

Word has been received here that Brother James Heaps of South Gate, Calif. has gone through a severe operation, in which one of his kidneys has been removed. We are sorry to learn this, but we hope all will go well with brother Jimmie.

P.S. Everybody send us orders and the money for Books of Mormon—we are printing 5,000 copies, and we need money, \$1.50 each. Help us out all you can.

The Monongahela Sabbath School held a Christmas Service on Sunday Evening Dec. 19th and a very delightful service was enjoyed by the many in attendance. It is an annual affair that is enjoyed by old and young, and in commemorating the Birth of Christ, we endeavor to keep within the spirit of the sacred occasion—The Son of God being born into the world.

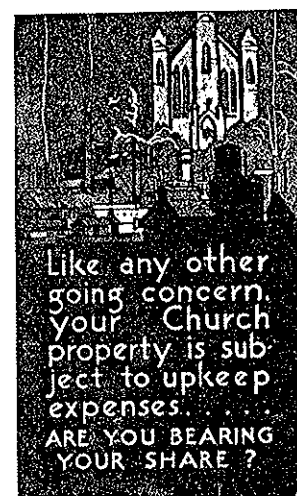
One feature in this meeting—and which has always been enjoyed is, that most all the men that are present goes up front and sings that wonderful composition: "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid, Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid."

I attended services at West Elizabeth on Sunday Dec. 26-54, and among others who were present, were Sister Ruth Cadman Griffith who bore her testimony to the Gospel. She will commemorate her 90th birthday on January 22, 1955. (WHC)

Is the following verse news to you? Mormon says: "And woe be unto him that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus, and also to them whom He hath chosen and sent among them; for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus and the words of those whom He hath sent receiveth not Him; and therefore He will not receive them at the last day."

In a short letter from Sister Maness of Corunna, Ont. one of our Indian sisters) dated Dec. 29-54 she says: "We are so happy to learn that we are going to start meetings again at our home. We are so thankful that our prayers have been answered. We felt discouraged at times, but we know that this is the only Church for us, we love The Church of Jesus Christ. We had a Christmas Service here for our children and there was about 30 present. Brother and Sister Buffa of Detroit were present. The children enjoyed it so much, and they want to attend our Sabbath School." — Brother and Sister Maness I am sorry that the meetings were ever discontinued at your home, but I am very glad to learn that you are getting them started again, and may the Lord bless you and your people on your reservation.

Brother W. H. Cadman



Like any other going concern, your Church property is subject to upkeep expenses. ARE YOU BEARING YOUR SHARE?



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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Thru many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

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.

## ONE OF THE CHOSEN WITNESSES TO THE BOOK OF MORMON, SAYS:

"Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8-9. When a man has this spirit—which is the Holy Ghost—he loves all men so much that his greatest desire in this world is to do the greatest amount of good to his fellow-man that is possible. What is the greatest good I can do to my fellow-men? It is to turn their footsteps heavenward; to preach the gospel and the love of Christ to them. The Spirit of Christ is unselfish. It will act in all men to-day as it did in Paul. He said: 'Not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.' (1 Cor. 10:33)"

The Book of Mormon witness further says: "My soul enlarges when I contemplate this subject."

## GOD'S WORD

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.—Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all

these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

## HOW SPEND YOUR TIME?

Dear Brother Cadman,

After reading the commandments and rules of how to use a TV in a home, in the January issue of the Gospel News I was prompted to write, as to how I believe a late Sister who passed away a short while ago, of the McKees Rocks Branch would use a TV, if she would be living today. This is in her memory, and also a sure rule to all who would live a "consecrated" life. I was prompted to write thusly when the words of a poem printed in the October 1946 issue of the Gospel News came to my mind, it in part is as follows:

Time for pleasures, time for gain,  
Time to watch an air-o-plane,  
Time to work and time to play,  
Time to go or time to stay,  
Time to be sad, time to be gay,  
But never time to kneel and pray.

Time for vacation, time to fix cars,

Time for visitations, time for bazaars,

Time to wash, to iron, to clean,  
Time to stop and rest between,  
Time for sewing or books to be read,

But no time to thank God for daily bread.

The above portrays the life of a worldly and careless individual a definite contrast to the following, which depicts the life of a godly prudent individual, as our late sister was:

Time always for the Lord, the church and His work,

Time to fast and her duties never to shirk,

Time to sing, and time to pray.  
Time to mourn and time to be gay

In all of her visitations, in a godly way.

Time for this and time for that, but she

Never would have found time for TV.

Time for the sick, the poor and the orphan,

Time for the discouraged, the heartbroken,

Time for all meetings, seldom late or absent,

Time to praise God, for with her lot she was content,

Time for preparation to go, wherever sent,

Time for him and time for her, but she

Never would have found time for TV.

A Brother.

## OUR TRIP TO NIGERIA BRO. JOSEPH BITTINGER

Leaving our home on the morning of July 27th, 1954 I traveled to the Pittsburgh Air Port, accompanied by my wife and children and their families, also my father, where I met brother W. H. Cadman with a number of his family and some of the Saints from nearby Branches of the Church who had come to see us off, on our trip to Nigeria, Africa. Our Plane left at 11:00 a.m. On arriving at New York we found a number of the brothers and sisters waiting for us at the Airport. We learned that our flight for London would be 6:00 p.m. so the brothers and sisters took us to the New Church in Brooklyn where they served us a nice lunch, which we enjoyed very much, then they returned us to the International Airport, we bade them goodbye, boarded our Plane and arrived in London 11:00 a.m. local time. There we were informed that they did not have a reservation for us to Lagos. So we spent one day taking in some of the more interesting places, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London. The damage caused by the Bombs of the last War are still very evident in London. But our minds were on getting to our destination although it seemed we would have to wait until the following Thursday but by our going to the Airport every day to see if there were any vacancy, the lady in the B.O.A.C. office informed us she could get us through if we would split up and each take a different flight, this we agreed to do. Bro. Cadman would take the regular flight and go by way of Rome, I would take the flight leaving fifteen minutes later and go direct to Tripoli, then to Kano where I would board his plane which would arrive later,

this I did, and we then continued our trip to Lagos together arriving at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, we again found ourselves with three days to spend as there was no flight to Calabar till Wednesday. We got rooms at a very good Hotel and the rates were reasonable. Monday was a Bank holiday and everything closed, Tuesday we went to the American Consulate in Lagos, and informed the Officials there of our arrival in Nigeria, and registered our Passports with them, which later proved to be of much value to us. Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. our Plane departed and we arrived at Calabar 11:15, this part of our trip was over very difficult terrain, many rivers, and swamps with a dense jungle growth, with seldom a road to be seen, yet native huts could be observed most everywhere. We saw Bro. A. A. Dick waiting as our Plane came in, we disembarked and was greeted by Dick and another brother who were waiting for us, they had engaged a Taxi which came for us soon and took us into Calabar about three miles distance, where we boarded a large Ferry Boat which took us to Oron about 18 miles distance where we got off, here we got our first real view of native African bush people, there was hundreds of people here, and we soon became the center of attraction with dozens of them gathering around us, to look us over, and to ask the why of our coming to their country, when Bro. Dick informed them that we were Missionarys one man wanted us to start and preach to them immediately if we had come to bring the Gospel to them, at this time we were already seated in a Motor Truck that was to take us to our destination nearly fifty miles inland, Ikot Ebak, Abak, we arrived about 5:00 p.m. They immediately unloaded the furniture which they had brought along for our house from Calabar, it was a Mud house consisting of a setting room and two bed rooms, and a porch. A number of people soon gathered in front of the house, including women and children to meet us and to look on, for the furniture they had for us was more modern than most of the natives had in their homes, we soon discovered this fact. Most of them was surprised to see us there, for they thought that we would not come, though they wanted us, yet it was almost unbelievable to see

us in their midst. We soon met some of the leading men among them, and after a few days rest we began to hold services in the church at Ebak, with a large attendance at most of the services, many of the people could neither speak or understand English, and those that did speak English were hard for us to understand as they speak very quick, they were not able to understand us very well either until we was there for some time. We had to speak through an interpreter, but both of us enjoyed good liberty in preaching the Gospel to the people. They did all they could for to make us comfortable in our house, and to provide the necessary food for us, the ordinary native diet is quite different from ours, few knew how to prepare food for Americans, Mrs. Dick was to have taken care of all this, if she had lived to meet us, we were told. We were fortunate to have a man from Calabar who had spent several years working on board a Ship where there was white men he did our cooking and he did very well, his name is Godwin Odior. While we were there in the rainy season, it was not near as wet as we had expected it would be. The weather was not as hot as it was in the States when we left here, but it was very humid, we were told this part of the country is very humid the year around. The average family is very poor in comparison with our standard of living, with not much hope of any thing better in the near future. Their mode of living is many many years behind ours, and really can not be comprehended by most people who have never saw for themselves. We found them a happy people, and found many of the young desiring to learn, some wants to be Doctors, Lawyers and other professions, all wanting us to help them to get through school. In most all the districts we visited they ask us to help them with Schools by presenting us with a letter from the acting Chiefs of these districts. Wages is very low three or four shillings a day or about nine to eleven dollars a month in U. S. Money. And we found that food and other things are not as cheap as one would think. The bicycle is the most prominent vehicle of transportation, there must be millions of them in Nigeria. There are a few Trucks mostly used as Lorrys outside of the larger Cities. The few Cars that are to be found are

used as Taxies by the majority of those who own them, it was these that we had to depend on to get us around to visit the various Missions.

After holding services for about two weeks, we decided that it would not be advisable for Brother Cadman and myself to start to baptize all the members of their former church organization, but that we would baptize only those that we wanted to Ordain as Elders and then let them baptize the members. Then August 17th we went to the water and baptized 14 men then returned to the church and confirmed them, then appointed a meeting for Thursday 19th for to Ordain some Elders. I was not feeling well, and before we had finished with the meeting I could hardly stay on my feet, after going to bed early I did not rest, I had a very high fever and as I was growing steadily worse, I asked them to take me to a Doctor, Bro. Dick got a truck and took me to Etinan Mission Hospital, there the Doctor after examining me thought I may be getting Malaria and suggested that I should be in the Hospital for a day or two, but they had no vacancy there. I did not like the thought of leaving Bro. Cadman alone, but I thought I had better take the Doctor's advice, he got me in his car and took me to another Hospital, but they could not take me in, no room, so to make a long story short I went to Port Harcourt, European Hospital 90 miles away where they found I had an infected throat, they gave me treatment for two days and I returned home to Ebak. Though I had to call on the Assistant Supt. of Police to take me the last 16 miles, this man had befriended us previously, for which we are very thankful, on our arriving at the house he and I were both glad to find Bro. Cadman well. Bro. Cadman had went ahead with the meeting and Ordained six Elders leaving the others till I would be with them, we Ordained six more Sunday 22nd, Bro. Dick with help of a couple other Elders baptized 120 people and we confirmed them in a four hour service, this was a great day for us, though we were very tired. Let us all pray that God will give them His Holy Spirit to lead and guide them, for we believe they are sincere brothers and sisters in the Gospel.

(To be continued)

# LETTER FROM BRO. EKANEM, NIGERIA, AFRICA

Jan. 5-55

Dear Brother Cadman (Editor)

I, as Secretary to the Churches of Jesus Christ here, the Restored Gospel of Christ, do thank you and the Brothers and Sisters who helped in sending some help to us for purchase of bicycles for our Ministers for easy tours for the spread of this work of our Lord. Thank you also for what you sent for helping the folks of Ikudo to complete their work their building).

I shall be grateful if you will cause the publication of this letter in the Gospel News, so as to help others who contributed towards the funds, may read it as it is almost impossible for me to write individually. Our hearty thanks to the Ladies Uplift Circle who paid for the 25 Efik Bibles.

We are not yet in receipt of the Bibles, and shall write to you as soon as they arrive.

We request in our Lord's Great Name that you help Bro. A. A. Dick, our Supt., in purchasing a Motorcycle as he has a wider area for supervision. Thanking you in advance for responding to the request. May the Lord bless you all and show you, teach all that is good in His site, is our prayers. Yours in Him. T. Ekanem Sec.

P. S. Our people are ready to pay for custom duty if you people can send us the clothing. This can be sent to us through Bro. A. A. Dick.

## NEW CHURCH IN BROOKLYN DEDICATED

Having received an invitation to attend the dedication of the Brooklyn Church on January 9th (Sunday) I boarded a train on Friday night at 10 o'clock in Pittsburgh for Newark, N. J., where Bro. Joseph Benyola met me and took me to his home on Saturday morning. In the afternoon and evening a number of our folks visited with me at the Benyola home. On Sunday morning we drove to Brooklyn via Staten Island. It is quite a large island, and we crossed the water to Brooklyn on a large ferry, a boat that would carry possibly 40 or 50 cars. There is a number of these Ferry Boats, and they were kept busy ferrying the cars from the Island to the Brooklyn side. A very busy place indeed. The Statue of Liberty could be seen in the distance on our left, while across the waters from there could be seen the huge sky-scrapers in

New York City. It makes me wonder at the Wonders of our present day—for we are just an infant yet, it being less than 200 years since our fore-fathers declared their independence from powerful Great Britain of that day, which power now, seems to have reached its zenith, and apparently is descending from its lofty height, at one time was mistress of the seas, but no more. Nations like humans seem to grow rapid, and become powerful figures in one way or another, but they go no higher than the top RUNG in the ladder, and then there is no other route but the downward course to travel, as human we reach our limit, and then go down to the grave, and nations, matterless of how strong and mighty they become, go down into oblivion, I conclude that our own Nation with all its wonders will eventually take the downward route into oblivion, even as its predecessors have done. I read in effect, that no other kingdom will endure, except that which is built upon the Chief Corner Stone—even Christ Jesus.

Reverting back to the object of our journey, the dedication of our new church in Brooklyn, on arriving there, quite a large crowd was gathered for the occasion. Many were there from various parts of the big city of New York, many from New Jersey, and brothers Gorie Ciaravino and D. Moraco, and brother and sister Galante all of Detroit were present—the new building was crowded with happy anticipating worshippers. As for the completed structure, after all the toil and labour of our brethren and sisters—the structure (the new church) showed up well I am sure, and on that day was dedicated and consecrated to the service of God.—May it always be a place where all can go and find consolation for their souls.

Brother Cadman was the first speaker of the day, and was followed by the brethren from Detroit. I believe all enjoyed both morning and afternoon services. As for me (WHC) I spent the afternoon lying down in one of the homes of our brethren, not being very well, but was back on the rostrum again before the afternoon meeting closed feeling all right again.

I will add that while our folks have built a very nice building, it has cost them very much. They need help from you all. Please do what you can to help them along

with their burden and may the Lord bless you all.

Returning back to New Jersey with our brethren via Staten Island again, on the Island side of the Ferry, there was I suppose, hundreds of cars waiting their turn to get on the ferry boat to take them back to New York City. A very busy world indeed, and especially in traveling on Sunday—I wonder! Is it pleasing in the sight of our God, who hallowed the Sabbath Day?

While in New Jersey, I occupied the pulpit in the New Brunswick church on Monday night. There was a very nice crowd present. It had been about 27 or 28 years since I first met in that building. I ask them to sing a song for me, which I heard them sing many years ago in their services. I was glad to hear them sing it again, but some that were young then, are now grandfathers and grandmothers. How time does change things. I enjoyed the evening with them.

The next night, Tuesday, I spoke in the Hopelawn Church, where I have often spoke before. A nice crowd present for the occasion and I was happy to be with them again and May the Lord continue to bless them all in the Hopelawn Church.

The next night which was Wednesday, the folks in New Jersey took me over to Brooklyn again. We visited mostly and ate dinner at the home of Bro. Valenti, the first time I had ever been in their home. We had a very nice visit throughout the day, and for the evening, they took me over to the other side of New York City, to our church in the Bronx. Driving through New York City at night when it is all lit up, is beyond my power to describe. It was said back in the 14th century that "eye-glasses" was an invention of the devil. I wonder what those people would say today if they were here, and see the multiplicity of inventions of our day. It makes me think of what I read of a man who was working in the Patent office in Washington, when the locomotive was invented. He thought everything worthwhile had now been invented, and the day of inventions was now passed, so he quit his job in the Patent Office and got a job elsewhere while getting was good. How short sighted we mortals have been.

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## EDITORIAL

To all members of the Church: I have received two letters from California relative to the plight of our brothers and sisters in the San Fernando Valley are in need for a place to meet. Up until now, they have been meeting in a remodeled chicken house, and the conditions have been most anything but pleasant, and too, it is a very unattractive place to have to hold religious services in. But with it all they have done much good in the way of turning souls to look heavenward. They have also been industrious—have purchased a site for two or three thousand dollars, and have it clear of debt, also have a nice sized fund towards erecting a church thereon.

But if I understand the circumstances right, they do not have sufficient in order to justify a Bank to take a mortgage for the balance needed to erect a new church. The unsightly place in which they are meeting, is to be sold and they cannot find a place to meet in. I know that we have about three other churches that are heavily in debt, but I believe they are meeting their obligations thus far. It is not my desire to plunge you farther into debt, but under the conditions in San Fernando Valley brethren and sisters are in, and rather than hinder their work more than it might be now, will you all go down into your pockets and let's give our folks a BREAK—yes a big lift in the way of a BIG donation to help them out of their predicament, so that the work that is started in the San Fernando Valley will still carry on.

Send your offerings to Louis Paravano, 13342 Osborne St., Pacoima, Calif. Let everybody help some and may God bless you. Editor.

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However, we spent the evening in our church in the Bronx. I had not been there for some two or three years, but enjoyed my visit and the privilege of speaking once more from their rostrum. There was a nice crowd present, in-

cluding possible a dozen of our young folks from New Jersey, who apparently was sufficiently interested to come all that distance to be with us once more in the service of God. At the close of the meeting a lunch was served in their dining room, and then I was taken to the Pennsylvania Depot in New York City, where I boarded a sleeper at 11:30 for Pittsburgh. A very busy trip, but an enjoyable one, and was well taken care of by my brothers and sisters in that section of the vineyard of the Lord. Thanks to you all. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

## A WONDERFUL TRIP

Brother Gorie and myself made a quick trip to Brooklyn, N. Y. on the weekend of January 8th to attend the dedication of our new church building. We left Detroit by car, driving all night and arriving in Westfield, N. J. early Saturday morning. The car had been purchased in Detroit by a resident of Westfield and we delivered it to the owner. The gentleman drove us into Newark where we took the train and subways to Brother John Galante's home in Brooklyn. We spent a good portion of Saturday sight-seeing various places of interest and in the evening we visited with Brother and Sister Galante and various of their relatives spending a very enjoyable evening. On Sunday morning we gathered in the new church building where we met Bro. W. H. Cadman. We were thrilled to hear the wonderful singing of the New Jersey young people. We enjoyed ourselves immensely throughout the day. God favored us with His richest blessings and everyone appeared to have a good time. At 4 p.m. Bro. Galante drove Bro. Gorie and I to the airport where we left for home, arriving in Detroit at 8:45 p.m. During the plane trip home we reflected over this quick trip and felt God's blessings had more than rewarded us for having put ourselves through a sleepless night and travel expense to make this trip.

We praise God that whenever we put a little effort forward to visit among the Saints God repays us a hundred fold. In conclusion, we pay tribute to the members of Hopelawn, N. J. and the Brooklyn Mission for having erected a fine building for the worship of God. Our prayer is that God will bless them abundantly.

Dominic Moraco

## DETROIT, MICH.

Sunday morning, Dec. 19th, 1954, Bro. Nick Pietrangelo. Presiding Elder of Branch 1, Detroit, Mich., gathered the young people together for the children of a Christmas programme. Meeting opened with hymn 266, Gods Way, Prayer was offered by Bro. Matthew Miller. Followed with hymn 294, Silent Night. After a few well placed remarks, by Bro. Pietrangelo he stated that our service was built around the 2nd, Chap. of Luke, beginning at the 3rd, to 8th, verse. The Choir Sang, "It was upon the Midnight Hour. Reading continued to the end of the 11th., verse, Choir Sang, "Once in a lonely Manger." Reading continued to the 18th., verse, "The Christmas Lullaby was sung," Reading continued to the end of the 10th verse, The Choir sang, "Joy to the World."

The children now took over and sang, "Away in the Manger," Recitations and singing by the boys and girls.

In conclusion the children sang, "Silent Night." Those assisting to prepare the class for this wonderful programme, were Bro. Anthony Scolaro, and Sister Mary Dichiera. Closed with hymns. The hope of the world is Jesus, and with prayer by Bro. Anthony Pietrangelo.

Bro. Vitto Buffa, reports that their treat for the Indian Children, in Sarnia, Ont. Canada, was a grand success, they had 13 Grown-Ups, and 23 children, who were overjoyed to be entertained by the saints of the Church. Bro. Domonic Cotellesse also reported of a grand treat, given the Indians, of the Grand River Reservation, by the Saints of Windsor, he said it was very well prepared, and was received with great appreciation.

I was in Muncey on Sunday the 2nd, of Jan., with my family, and Bro. Joe Reno. We had quite an enjoyable time. Bro. Anthony Brutz, from Branch No. 2, gave a treat, for our bro. Indians, and their children, which was put together very nicely, and received with greatest appreciation.

We had gathered there, some saints and their children, from Mt. Bridges, two car loads from West Side, Detroit, a car load from Windsor, and those of us from Branch No. 1, also sister Loretta Garlow; and her sister from the Grand River Reservation, altogether I would say there were about 35 adults, and 25 children, the Service was conducted as follows,

we sang a number of hymns, Miss Landau Coma of Windsor, (Pianist), An appropriate talk was given by Bro. M. Miller, followed by testimonies of many of our bros. and sisters. At the close of the meeting, gifts were given to all attending by Bro. Anthony Brutz, and others assisting him. I am wonderfully impressed by the 2nd, Chapter of Luke portraying so wonderfully the birth of our Saviour, the Angels singing Peace on earth good will toward men, the Shepherds rushing to the Manger to see the new born babe, our Lord and our Saviour, later He being brought into the Temple, was blessed by Simeon and Anna, two persons just and devout, the way all Saints of Latter Day should strive to be, the parents concern about Jesus when He was twelve years of age, but He choosing to mind His father's business and the last verse, which states, that He increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favour with God and man. Bro. M. T. Miller.

#### **SISTER MARY LUPO, PASSES ON**

Sister Mary Lupo, of Branch No. 1 died Dec. 31st, 1954. She was a very faithful Sister, and died upon her knees. She was born August 25th, 1879, and had passed her 75th birthday. She was baptized March 28th 1948. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, 3 sons, and two daughters. Funeral services were conducted, on Monday, Jan. 3rd, in the Church of Jesus Christ, by Bros. Anthony Pietrangelo and Vitto Buffa. We shall hope to meet her in the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Matthew T. Miller

#### **CHARLOTTE SENECA PASSES ON MUNCEY, ONT.**

Sister Seneca, one of our Lam-anite members of the Church, died here in Muncey. She was baptized into the Church some years ago, and has borne a good testimony in the Church. She leaves her husband, brother Jarvis Seneca, one sister, three children and six grandchildren to mourn her passing, also many friends. Date of death and burial is not given, but she was laid away to rest in the Oneida Cemetery on the Reservation.

**ANDERSON-THORN NUPTIALS**  
Miss Emma Jane Thorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thorn of Monessen, Pa. and Walter An-

derson, Jr., son of Elder and Mrs. Walter Anderson of Eldora, were united in marriage at a quiet candlelight service performed Saturday evening Jan. 15th at the brides home. The bridegroom's father, who is Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ Mission in Eldora, officiated at the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Miss Bonnie Koons of North Charleroi, Pa., and Daniel L. Harpe of Charleroi served as best man.

A reception for members of the immediate families and close friends followed at the Thorn home. A buffet - style meal was served with a decorated two-tier wedding cake centering the table.

After a wedding trip to an undisclosed destination, the couple will reside in their own apartment in the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Anderson graduated from Monessen High School and her husband is a graduate of Donora High School. He served in the U.S. Army, spending several months in Japan. Both are now employed at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

#### **EARL EWING PASSES ON**

In a letter from Bro. Fred D'Amico dated Jan. 24-55, I am informed that Bro. Ewing died about ten days ago. Brother Ciarravino officiated at the funeral service. Brother Ewing lived near Farwell, Mich., possibly 150 miles north of Detroit. Sorry to hear of brother Earl's passing. We extend our sympathy to Sister Ewing and family. May the lord comfort you all.

#### **EDMUND M. GIDAS PASSES ON**

Brooklyn, N. Y. Brother Gidas passed away on Jan. 12, 1955 with an illness of long standing. He was laid away to rest on Jan. 18th in the Silver Mount Cemetery. Services were in charge of a Mr. Anderson Morehead.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Ida Gidas and other relatives. Sister Gidas wishes to express her gratitude to all the saints for your wonderful help at the time of her bereavement. May the Lord comfort our sister in her sorrow.

#### **SISTER D'GENNARO PASSES ON**

Warren, Ohio. Sister Marianantonio D'Gennaro passed away on Jan. 12, 1955 and was laid away to rest on Jan. 15th with Bro. A. A. Cor-

rado in charge of the service, assisted by Bro. Travis Perry. She leaves to mourn her passing one son William of Warren, John of Tampa, Fla., and one daughter in Youngstown.

Sister D'Gennaro was baptized into the Church in October of 1919, and has been a faithful member of the church all these years. Her husband passed on a number of years ago. May the Lord comfort you all.

#### **BRO. MANCUSO PASSES ON**

Bro. Salvatore Mancuso, died Jan. 11th, 1955. He was born Dec. 16th, 1881, and had just passed his 73rd birthday. He was baptized August 7th, 1938, and remained a faithful member of the Church, until death called him away. He left to mourn his passing, his wife, 5 children, and grandchildren. The services were conducted in Branch No. 1, Church of Jesus Christ, by Bros. Nick Pietrangelo, and Anthony Pietrangelo.

#### **BRO. MAZZOLA PASSES ON**

Bro. James Mazzola died Jan. 11th, 1955. He was born March 2nd, 1890. He was baptized April 2nd, 1933, in the Church of Jesus Christ and remained faithful until death called him home. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, two daughters, two sons, and 11 grandchildren. The services were conducted in Branch No. 1, Church of Jesus Christ by Bros. Concetto Alessandro and Anthony Pietrangelo.

#### **BRO. DIGIROLOMO PASSES ON**

Bro. Angelo DiGirolomo died Jan. 13th, 1955. He was born Sept. 29th, 1893, and had just passed his 61st Birthday. He was baptized, Sept. 29th, 1955, in the Church of Jesus Christ, and remained a faithful member to the end. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two sons, two daughters, 8 grandchildren. The services were conducted by Bros. Nick Pietrangelo and Anthony Pietrangelo.

#### **AN ADDRESS MADE OVER STATION CHOK, SARNIA, ONT. CAN., SUNDAY, OCT. 2nd 1949, by THURMAN S. FURNIER**

Good morning radio friends:

A few months ago I started a series of sermons on the "Gospel Hour" program entitled: "The establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ during the apostolic era," and "The falling away of the gospel, or the great apostasy."

Having referred to the phases or stages of the apostasy viz: "Predictions of the apostasy," "Predictions fulfilled," "The persecution of Christians by Judaistic Jews and pagan nations," "The apostasy from the church," "The apostasy of the church itself," "The corrupting of the simple principles of the gospel by the admixture of the so called Philosophic systems of the times," and "Additions to the ceremonies of the church, and the introduction of vital changes in essential ordinances."

This morning we will continue our study of "The additions to the ceremonies of the church, and the introduction of vital changes in essential ordinances."

Later we will consider "The unauthorized changes in church organization and government."

In the early Christian church, baptism, was administered on profession of faith and evidence of repentance, and was performed by immersion by one invested with authority of priesthood.

After the eligibility of the candidate had been shown, there was no deal in administering the ordinance.

For instance we cite the promptness with which baptism was administered to the believers on the day of Pentecost; the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch administered by Philip following profession of faith; the undelayed baptism of Cornelius and his family, and that of the converted jailer by Paul, his prisoner.

In the 2nd. century, however, priestly command had confined the baptismal ordinance to twice a year, i.e. Easter, the anniversary of Christ's resurrection, and Whitsuntide, the time of Pentecostal celebration.

A long and tedious course of preparation was required of the candidates before his eligibility was admitted; during this time he was known as a catechumen, (Kate-e-Ku-men) TSF, or novice in training.

According to some authorities, a three year course was required in all but exceptional cases. SCRLE-GEL BOOK 8, Ch. 32.

During the 2nd. Century, many additions were added to the baptismal ordinance; the newly baptized were treated as infants and were fed milk and honey in token of their immaturity. Certain formulas used in the freeing of slaves were used.

In the 3rd. century the simple

ordinance of baptism was further incumbered by the ministration of an exorcist. This official in powerful shouts was to drive away the evil spirits with which the candidate was supposed to be afflicted.

The driving out of this demon was now considered as an essential preparation for baptism, after the administration of which the candidates returned home, adorned with crowns, and arrayed in white garments, as sacred emblems, the former of their victory over sin and the world; the later of their inward purity and innocence. MOS-HEIM'S ECC'L. HIST. CENT. 3, PART 2, Ch. 4:4.

It is not difficult to see in this superstitious ceremony the adulteration of the Christian religion by adopting pagan rites.

The form or mode of baptism underwent a radical change during the first half of the third (3rd). century, whereby its symbolism was destroyed.

Immersion, typifying death, followed by resurrection, (See Romans 6:3-5) was no longer deemed as essential, and sprinkling with water was allowed in place thereof.

Cyprian, the learned Bishop of Carthage, advocated sprinkling in lieu of immersion in cases of physical weakness; and the practice thus started later became general.

The first instance of record is that of Novatus, whose opinion or doctrine was at variance with Christian principles who requested baptism when he thought death was near.

Not only was the form of the baptismal rite radically changed, but the application of the ordinance was perverted.

The practice of administering baptism to infants, was recognized as orthodox in the third (3rd) century, and was doubtless of earlier origin.

In a prolonged disputation as to whether it was safe to postpone the baptism of infants until the eighth day after birth-in deference to the Jewish customs of performing circumcision on that day it was gravely decided that such delay would be dangerous, as jeopardizing the future well-being of the child should it die before attaining the age of eight days, and that baptism ought to be administered as soon after birth as possible. (See MILNER'S CHURCH HIST. CENT. 3, CH. 13.

A more infamous doctrine than

that of condemning unbaptized infants can scarcely be imagined. We need not look for any stronger proof of the false doctrine that had invaded and corrupted the early church.

Such a doctrine is foreign to the gospel of Christ, and when adopted as an essential tenet is proof of the apostate condition of the church.

We will at this time consider "The unauthorized changes in church organization and government."

Early in the fourth (4th) century a vast, astounding change amounting to a revolution, appears in the affairs of the church.

Constantine became emperor of Rome 306 A. D., he adopted the cause of the Christian's, and took the church under official protection.

A story was circulated that the emperor was converted by a supernatural manifestation, having seen a bright cross appear in the heavens, bearing the inscription, "By this sign, conquer." The legend is doubtful, and historical evidence is against it.

The object was to make Christianity popular at the time. Many prudent historians claim that Constantine's acceptance of Christianity was insincere, and was rather a matter of policy, to formulate or arrange his government.

He was an unbaptized believer, until shortly before his death, when he became a member by baptism.

But, whatever his motives may have been, he made Christianity the religion of State, issued an official decree to this effect 313 A. D. The Church and State, i.e. the Roman empire became one universal, thus originated the Roman Catholic Church.

He, Constantine made the cross the royal standard, and the Roman legions now for the first time marched beneath the emblem of Christianity (MYERS)

It became unpopular to be known as a non-Christian.

FROM  
S. A. UICPONG  
UYO DIST.  
NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

Dear Brother,

Greetings in Jesus Name:

Our fellow Christian Brothers greet you. We are more than thankful in sending these few lines of congratulation to our Home Mission. We are very glad how we were led by the Holy Spirit to



have connection with over here. The two representatives of God sent by you: namely W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger.

They arrived safely, and they joined with us in a Welcome Service which took place in our Church, of which they themselves played a greater part on that day. All Churches in the District attended, and in fact that day was like the day Christ entered into Jerusalem. The Rev. Joseph Bittinger gave a sound Sermon of which the text won so many souls for Christ on that day. After that the Bishop of God W. H. Cadman gave a very sweet song. Though the song has ended, but the melody still lingers. Lastly we greet you all with our right hands of fellowship, and ask you all to join with us in keeping the flag of Jesus flying—Amen.

I do believe that our next mail to you will speak more than this, and we beg Our Home Mission to send some Hymn Books to us and the "Order of Service." So that before the arrival of our Missionaries, everything may work well. May love ever abide. We thank you all for the reading book called "The Book of Mormon," and other reading Pamphlets. I am not afraid to tell you that the Book of Mormon contains facts and nothing else. I thank you immensely for that. I beg to drop down my My Pen with honor. Your's in the Blood of the Lamb. S. A. Ulepong, Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ. Nigeria.

#### GOOD NEWS FROM SIX NATIONS RESERVE

In a letter received from Sister Rigby, of Toronto, Ont., and who is a member of the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont., says: "My brother Lee, Jimmy and I were out to Grand River this past week-end, and I can say we had a wonderful time. I don't know if you have heard this or not, but two weeks ago last Saturday night Bro. Burgess, Bro. Domenic, and whoever else comes with them have started having a Study of the Book of Mormon. I was unfortunate to have missed the first Study, but I was there last Saturday, and I think it is just wonderful, as we all needed that very much, and I am sure when this news spreads around a bit, there will be a lot of people anxious to learn more about our (Indian WHC) ancestry, and where we originated from.

At a gathering like this anyone is free to ask questions and feel more at ease in doing so. I am sure the Lord will bless each one of the Bros. and Sisters who are making this special effort to leave their respective homes earlier to be able to get down to the Reserve in time to have this get-together. I realize it must take a lot of extra effort to do this. I only hope and pray that some day, in the not too distant future, we will have an Elder here all the time, for I know the time is getting short and there is so much work to be done in bringing souls to Jesus. Oh that they might know what they are missing. If only they would give their hearts to God, and let Him use them as He sees fit.

We had a wonderful Meeting on Sunday, both in the morning at the Hall, and at Sister Susan's in the afternoon. It was just a little bit of Heaven. It is just too bad that we must part one from another, but I am praying daily that I may prove faithful to the end, so that we all may be together never to part."

P. S. This is part of a letter from one of our Lamanite Sisters, Irene Rigby of Toronto, Ont. Letters of this kind including Bro. and Sister DeMarrias's letter in the last issue of this little paper, would have been wonderful encouragement to the deceased William Cadman, and Alexander Cherry and their co-workers in their day. May God bless you all who are traveling so far to do what you can for a portion of Lost Israel. President Cherry use to say in his day: "Now is the time." A trip like this for our brethren means about 450 miles. W.H.C.

#### FROM MUNCEY, ONT. (INDIAN RESERVATION)

Notes from a letter taken from brother Brutz letter. "A few lines in regards to our labours at Muncy among God's covenant people, whom we are trying to nurse and nourish through God's help. You know they are all getting old and do not move around as quick as we younger ones do. Yet, I must say that spiritually they are alert in bringing God's goodness in the Restored Gospel to a poor and down trodden people. They have a living testimony, and are filled with many experiences of God's goodness toward them. They have a deep desire to learn more and

more of God's word, and His plans for them.

The story of the Gospel never grows old, there are always new joys and fresh blessings for those who have a desire to serve God in truth and in spirit. So sorry to report the death of sister Seneca, her trials and burdens have been heavy. May God have compassion on all our souls. I could not get any information regarding the date of her baptism. Her husband, brother Jarvis Seneca is still living in their little house. We have not seen too much of him of late, but I have been to visit him.

We had our annual 'treat' for the children, and also adults. They all enjoyed it. We had a wonderful meeting at the church. Bro and Sister Miller, his nephew and wife and children, also brother Joseph Reno of Branch 1 drove up. Then we had a car-load from Windsor, my car and the Station Wagon—all together about 75 persons in attendance. Bro. Miller addressed us and he was truly inspired of God. He told of Enos's experiences, also God's promises to His people if they would come unto Him. We sang a number of hymns and had a wonderful testimony service. Our folks were quick to tell of God's blessings and His care for them daily. After our service was dismissed we passed out bags of candy, along with apples and oranges. A good time was had by all, I am sure. We are doing our best to provide clothing wherever possible. Our older folks are well looked after. It is a bit harder to take care of children from two to six years old. But with God's help and that of our brothers and sisters and others, we will do all we can to give the assistance that they need."

Bro. Brutz, may God bless you all in your labours. WHC.

#### THE LADIES CIRCLE

The December 18th, 1954 General Circle meeting was held in the Church in Monongahela on account of Sister Cadman's sudden illness, instead of at the Cadman home. At this time of the year we do not have a large attendance on account of bad weather, but notwithstanding the weather, they are always a faithful few present. Every one present enjoyed the meetings—and have witnessed many times that God blesses when the two's and three's have met in His name.

The reports came in as usual

from all circles either by letter or delegate. The donations were given to the different funds of the General Church—and at this time we paid to have 20. Efik Bibles sent through the American Bible Society, to our folks in Africa. In January 1920 our Ladies Uplift Circle was formed, which is now 35 years ago. Our first General Circlevas held about June 15, 1920, and we have held four General Meetings every year since.

We will have our thirty fifth anniversary in June, the date to be decided on at our General Meeting on March 19th in Monongahela. The Secretary will notify all the Circles after the March meeting. We would like to have a report from the Sisters over in Africa for our anniversary.

Sec. Mary Wilson

#### CHURCH MERGER PLAN MEETS WITH SKEPTICISM

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 15 — (UP)—A Methodist bishop's plan for merging three large Protestant church groups into "a United Church of Christ" met with skepticism and misgivings Friday by ministers around the nation.

Most ministers who commented on the plan agreed with it "in principle" but were doubtful over the feasibility of the plan in practice.

The plan, proposed for study by Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt called for a merger of congregational, Episcopal and Presbyterian Communicants. Bishop Holt outlined his proposal Thursday to some 25 general agencies of the Methodist Church at their annual meeting here.

He told the assembly that his plan would permit each local church to determine its mode of worship and administration of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. Each denomination would decide to which of the three groups its ministers should be regarded as belonging.

P. S. After all, one fails to see in Bishop Holt's plan where it is in reality a "merger." For each "local church" would determine its own mode of "worship and administration of Holy Sacraments" etc. The thought of merging in itself may be good, but the teaching of Jesus Christ and His immediate followers should be the deciding

factor. It is written of His followers on the day of pentecost, that they were of one "accord," and the great apostle Paul says in Ephesians 4, 5, 6 that there is "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Edt.

#### NEWS ITEMS

A few items from a letter written by Sister Violet Thomas of San Diego, Calif.—"For Christmas we made 18 boxes of food for the needy Indians on a nearby Reservation. They truly were grateful and gave us the chance to meet and make friends."—Very good of you folks, Violet. She further speaks of Brother Ashton of Pennsylvania, and Brother Reno Bologna and family of Detroit, Mich., visiting them.

Sister Sarver gave me a letter she received from Sister Converse who lives away up in Idaho. And who's home brother Costa and I visited some years ago up on the mountain side, and where neighbors live very far apart. In the letter Sister Converse says they are getting old, she is 68, while her husband, Bro. Converse is 75. May God bless you both. I would like to visit you folks again, and also see old brother Newby once more. Bro. W.H. Cadman.

Let's We Forget!—In 1829 the following revelation was given through the 'stone' to Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer: "Behold I give unto you a commandment, that you rely upon the 'things' which are written; for in them are all things written, concerning my church, my gospel, and my rock. Wherefore if you shall build up my church, and my gospel, and my rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you." — P. S. To me it, would seem very urgent that the people of God abide in what has been written, if not, the gates of hell will surely prevail against His Church. WHC.

Through an invitation from the Womens Association of the Presbyterian Church of this city, we showed the slide pictures we had taken while in Africa on our recent trip, in their church on the evening of Jan. 26th. A very nice crowd was present, and all seemed much interested in the pictures, and of what we had to

say about the trip. At the close of the service, we were taken to their dining room and served a lunch. Thank you.

A letter from brother Edmund Seneca formerly of the Muncey Reserve, but now of Holyrood, Ont., has become the father of twin girls, and have been named Diana and Donna. No doubt Papa and Mama are proud parents of the two little girls, and may the Lord bless the little family.

A paragraph from Bro. Whyte's letter of Calabar, Nigeria: "I am quite sure the work you have planted in Calabar will never fall to the ground, because this work was planted by God himself through you. According to the second paragraph of your letter to me, and that alone was encouraging to all the members of the Church. I was very pleased when I heard that you have reached your home safely and met your family in good health. It is heartening to hear that your reports about Nigeria were fully accepted by the Conference in the United States of America, and the aim of having a few of us to come over there to visit you, and getting better acquaintance with you there, and your ways of living, and better understanding of the Church. I have accepted your advice as a father, and as a leader."

#### LION'S DAY OF TRIUMPH

Unutterable thoughts must have been in the mind of Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia, when he entered the Swiss city of Geneva. The last time he was there, 18 years ago, it was to plead in vain to the League of Nations, then tottering to its end, for help against Mussolini's aggression in Ethiopia. The League had no resources to bring to bear against a great power, and Great Britain and France preferred to toss Ethiopia to the wolves rather than stir up trouble. Soon after the Italian invasion had succeeded. Haile Selassie fled, and Mussolini gave his puppet king, Victor Emmanuel, the proud title of Emperor of Ethiopia.

The war changed all that. Mussolini's tawdry empire crashed, and Ethiopia regained her freedom. Haile Selassie, who had never despaired, has been reigning ever since. He deserves for his courage his traditional title of "Lion of the Tribe of Judah."

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## EASTER SEASON

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

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

Hymn No. 14

## HE IS RISEN!

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. — And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. — And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. — And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:—And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?—He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee,—Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.—And they remembered His words."

## HE LIVES

The Easter Story is told and retold and still never grows old. Each time we hear it, we learn to appreciate, more and more, the wonderful tidings, "He lives" or "Jesus lives." This message inspired the hearts of the apostles ages ago and today proclaims to the world a living, powerful Christ who conquered death and made possible for us, salvation.

The followers of Jesus left the tomb with very sad hearts but their sadness was changed to joy when they heard the words "He is not here but is risen." In their sorrow they had forgotten these words, "After three days I will rise again," until He appeared to them.

We read of Jesus, the companion, who walked with two disciples on

their way to Emmaus and they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?" He too, can be our companion as we walk the road of life because "He lives."

The women who came to the sepulchre first, ran and told the disciples that He was risen. They did not believe it until they saw for themselves. One still doubted, he was Thomas, who was not in the upper room when Jesus appeared to the disciples. Jesus showed His hands, feet, and side to him. Thomas with sadness in his voice, said, "My Lord and my God." Jesus told him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

After many appearances to His followers in Palestine, He appeared on this land of ours, America. We find this recorded in the Book of Mormon, third Nephi, chapter 8. On this land there were three days of darkness and there was a terrible storm such as never had been known in all the land. Cities were covered up in the earth and some swallowed up in the seas. The whole face of the land was changed. In Palestine, there was darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour while Christ was on the cross but here on this land there was no light to be seen. The sun, moon nor stars gave any light during the three days. We read that the more wicked of the inhabitants perished while the righteous were spared. After the storm was over and daylight appeared; Jesus Christ, who died on Calvary's Cross, descended upon this land of America. He showed himself to those who had survived this terrible storm and blessed the people, the forefathers of the American Indians.

What a wonderful event was the resurrection and the world is different because "He lives." Something happens in the lives of men and women when they meet the risen Lord. This risen Christ not only brings salvation but lives within our hearts. "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."

Sister Mabel Bickerton

PLEASE AGAIN TAKE NOTE:  
I have received word from Nigeria,

not to send any more clothing. The duty is too high for them to pay. I have written to the Authorities in Nigeria to see if it is possible to send "used clothing" over there free of duty. It does seem to me that the Nigerian Government would alleviate in some way the duty on used clothing for their poor. However, we will be obliged to be submissive to their law in the matter, Bro. WHC.

## LETTER FROM NIGERIA FEB. 15-55

Dear Brother Cadman:

Your good letter of Feb. 7th, 1955 received today the contents read and noted. Our Conference will start on 4th and 6th March, 1955 at Ikot Ebak; Abak. In fact since January 1955 I am receiving many blessings from God the Living Father, Amen.

This year I baptize 74 souls on Feb. 12th. I can speak what happened, what a good news it would be. I hope some of my brothers and sisters will read it in the Gospel News. Ever since I began Gospel work. I meet with fine looking men and women who want their souls saved. What happened to John the Baptist and Christ, happened to me on Feb. 12th. In fact I was glad to see as God uses me as an instrument or trumpet to win souls for Him.

I did not receive any Gospel News apart from August and September paper of 1954. I mail you 26 Hand Bags and one Tray on Feb. 3rd, requesting you to send to me \$40.00 to help my schools, as it is running down because of funds.

Tell you that when you receive the Hand Bags, you sell them and take the money and the respect of that \$40.00 you will mail to me to help my schools this month. I am not feeling better since I always read that my beloved sister is not feeling better. I am praying may God rebuild her through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen. Greetings to all of you. May God blessing be with you all Amen. Brother help me to speak in your conference, so that your people can afford to buy me one Motor Cycle, cost \$615.00, so as to help me to visit 9 churches a week without being weak. My wife is lovely looking, though she cannot read English, but she can read Efik. I am translating the Law

and Order into Efik so that our people may understand. Hoping to hear from you again. Yours Sincerely Bro. A. A. Dick.

### OUR TRIP TO AFRICA BY BRO. BITTINGER

(Continued from last article)

They were very desirous for us to visit all of their missions and preach to them. We endeavored to get to as many as we could, but we found ourselves handicapped by not having a car of our own. We were as far as 75 miles from our station to visit some Missions and Schools, and nearly always had a large attendance. Sometimes the people were waiting in their places of worship for us, other places they would sound a bell usually a piece of steel, or old truck brake drum, and in a little while there would be many come from all directions to see and hear us. Some wanted to be prayed for because they were sick, others wanted us to pray and ask the blessing of God on them, like the five police-men who came all dressed very neatly in their service uniforms, and riding their bicycles to our house and ask us to bless them. We took them into our setting room and there standing, we all bowed heads, then brother Cadman and myself both offered prayer and ask God to bless and lead these young men all their lives. At times it would be necessary for us to pray for them in groups there were so many of them. On various occasions they would drop down on their knees in the road in front of us desiring prayer. Sometimes we would have to walk several miles in order to get to our destination, and often in the rain. We found some things being practiced by a few of those in charge of Missions that was surprisingly, singular, charging a price for baptizing, for praying for the sick, or other services that the people may desire. We had people to arise in our services and ask if we charged for these things, we informed them that we of The Church of Jesus Christ did not charge anyone for baptism, or prayer, or service rendered, that all the Ordinances of the Gospel of Christ are free, it is neither right nor ethical to charge a ny person for them. Most every where we went to visit they gave us food to take home, chickens, eggs, yams oranges, goats, etc. Our servants were very attentive and took care of our house and our personal needs with great pride. And we shall not soon forget their faithful service to us, may God bless and lead

them by His Holy Spirit into His Truth.

Many of their missions had scarcely any seats for their congregation to set on, most of those they did have were not made of boards but consisted of three or four small poles fastened to so many pegs driven into the ground, with no back rest on them. I remarked on several occasions that if we had the same kind in America there would not be so many go to sleep while in the service. Some places nearly all just set flat on the floor using a native mat woven of some Tropical material to keep the sand off their clothing. I attended a funeral service Aug. 25th. held in the African Church and many set on the floor, and may I say, the way they conducted this funeral procession was certainly strange to us, though no doubt according to their custom, and no doubt they would think it very strange should they see a funeral as we conduct one here in America. We discovered that the Nigerian natives have many ancient customs that will be very difficult for them to get away from, but they will have to discard them if they want to progress either spiritually, or materially, some of these customs are contrary to the Scripture, some are morally offensive to people of higher culture, others tend to retard material advancement which is so vitally important to any people. If the people will follow our instructions, and serve God faithfully He will help them to overcome all these things that have hindered them, and has held them down for so many hundreds of years.

On Saturday, August 28, we had a taxi take us to visit two missions about 25 miles distance, we had to walk quite a ways to the second one as there was no bridge across a creek, and it was raining, also had trouble with the taxi, we arrived home about 4 p.m. and was told that they had sent a car for us during the day to take us to another mission about 25 miles away, and left word for us to come as soon as we got back they would be at the mission waiting for us, not to fail them, so we decided we would go, but we had quite a time getting the driver to take us, on arriving there all had gone home or to market, but if we would stay they would get them to come back again, about 7 p.m. Quite a number returned.

We held a short service with them. Then after the service we

got in the taxi and thought we were going home, but the people wanted to give us some fruits and other food stuff to take with us for our use, instead of them carrying it to the taxi which was only about two hundred feet distance. They had the driver pull off the road into a side road, and when he did our taxi sank down into the mud until it was setting on the frame, and we were stuck. To make matters worse the driver got angry because they asked him to pull in this place and said he was going to stop his motor. I knew that his battery was too weak to start the motor again, so I asked him several times not to stop it, but he did anyway. So there we were in the dark with hardly any light many miles from home not knowing what to do. I began to think of Brother Cadman and myself, no where to stay, no water to drink, car mired and battery dead, we had at least a dozen men there with their hands against the car, but apparently not exerting much effort to get the car out, finally I got a little angry and threatened that we would walk home to Ebak, unless they would get the taxi going. Brother Dick then prevailed with them and we all pushed it out of the mud, turned it around, then out to the road where we got the motor started and was soon on our way home. I forgot myself and lifted too much and injured my back again. I had a previous injury some years ago, so all the rest of our stay in Africa I suffered very much pain only after getting home and getting treatment did I get better. Such was life in Africa. Had I been thoughtful I could have saved myself all this pain and suffering no doubt. It is not my intention to give a detailed account of all our work while there, as Brother Cadman has given it very well. Saturday, Sept. 8th we started out to visit Ibiono Itu Mission, on a truck, it was supposed to be about five miles, it proved to be about twelve or fifteen miles. The truck ran out of Petrol (gas) and it was raining very hard. We walked the last mile or so, Brother Cadman spoke about one hour. We walked back to the truck, had to back the truck up grade quite a ways so we could turn it around, we finally made it.

It was now dark and we had to go by way of Uyo, to get more gas and Brother Cadman has an affliction in his body that was making him very sick, and I was suffering with my back. That truck

certainly was an instrument of torture for both of us. The driver must have had 70 pounds of air in those 700-20 tires, the road was full of holes and driving about 35 miles an hour was an experience that we shall not soon forget.

But everywhere we went to visit and preach, the people gave us very good attention, and when we had finished speaking, some of their leading men would arise and thank and commend us for coming to preach the Gospel to them. Sometimes it would be the Chief of that community that would speak to us as the representative of the people. Every community has its Chief, and one of the first things they wanted us to do was to meet him, and may I say that they always gave us a very cordial welcome. Quite a few gave us written addresses of welcome, that made us feel welcome where ever we visited. We enjoyed speaking to the people and I always had good liberty, and Brother Cadman says the same. Our only regret is that we were not able to visit more of the people who wanted to see and hear the missionaries from America. We concluded that it was not wisdom for us to stay much longer at Ebak, Abak, especially since it was so difficult to get transportation to take us out where we wanted to go to preach and visit with the people. By now we had affected an organization as best we could to carry on with the work we started here at Ebak, Abak, Headquarters of the Church in Nigeria. So we set Sept. 11th, as the date we would leave here and go to Calabar, so as to make reservations to return home and spend the rest of our time that we would have with the people there as we had met a few of them and they were looking forward to us coming to their City. We wanted to remain at Ebak, for the Sisters meeting on the 10th, this we did, and there was quite a number gathered for the meeting. Some came from long distance either walking or riding bicycles. They did not serve any lunch during the day, some became hungry and had no money, so a couple of them came to our house and stood on the porch and made motions with their hands, and I could not understand them. I called the servant boy and asked him what they wanted and he said they are hungry. I gave them a shilling each, that was not much, as we ourselves was very short of Nigerian

money at the time. But if you could have seen how happy and thankful these sisters were as they went down the road to a shop to buy a bite to eat. Many times I thought of that wonderful and inspiring song, "America The Beautiful, America America! God shed His grace on thee." Only when we see and mingle with the poor and downtrodden of other Nations of people, can we fully appreciate Gods goodness in this blessed land of America. Brother Cadman spoke to the sisters in their meeting. Then was called to go to a mission about twelve miles away. They had sent a car for him, so he went and had a meeting with them. I stayed home and rested my injured back. Next morning we left for Calabar before breakfast. When we arrived at Oron, the Ferry Boat had gone and we had to wait almost four hours for the next one. It was a tiresome wait and the sun was hot with no water or anything we could drink, nor shade to set in. The boat came, we got aboard and after one hour and a half we arrived at 4 p.m. at Calabar, and went by taxi to 11 Itam St. We were very tired and hungry. By about 7 p.m. the cook had our chop ready for us to eat. This was our home for the rest of our stay at Calabar. The house was a little more modern than the one at Ebak though brother Cadman said he liked the first place best. There was a meeting room in the same building. There were not many present in our first meeting on Sunday. Things looked a little discouraging the first few days, but then the word got around of our being there and we soon had a nice attendance, and the people began to get interested and wanted to be baptized. Brother Dick began to baptize, and was at the river early 5 a.m. some mornings before the people would go to work. Also they would hold meetings at the same hour in the morning with many attending before they would go to work.

While my back had become so irritating, that it was very difficult for me to walk, the results being that I was unable to attend any of the baptisms at Calabar. Brother Cadman did most of the speaking here. I helped with the confirming, and we blessed a number of children here. The first we blessed in Nigeria. When the people saw what we were doing several left the meeting and went out and got their children and brought them in that we would also bless them. We did not get

through with all the children, but had intended to finish before leaving. This being Sunday Sept. 19th. My record shows 18 blessed today. We were feeling much encouraged; the people were very happy and looking forward to a great mission being established there. We went to bed as usual, but I did not sleep too sound. I had a short dream that there was a rat in our house, then I heard someone. I thought it was Brother Cadman up, so I paid no more attention to the noise. At 4 a.m. Brother Cadman came to my room saying we have been robbed. Everything is gone. I went with him to his room, and found that all his clothing was gone. Then we went to my room and my suitcase with all my good clothing was also gone, but I still had the clothing that I had been wearing, with a few dirty shirts in another suitcase. This was fortunate for us. I want to say that the police worked very hard to solve this case, but without any success. What had happened to us, broke the hearts of our brothers and sisters and many friends. They felt that it was a disgrace that such a thing should happen to American Missionary's who had come to their country. Strangers came and prayed for us, and they were earnest prayers poured out to God from their hearts. This caused considerable confusion in our work, although we still baptized four people on Tuesday and held a farewell service in the evening. Many spoke in the service, thanked us for our effort to come and establish the gospel in Nigeria. If we never see these brothers and sisters again, they will remain always in our hearts and our memory. Our prayer is may God bless them all.

(To be continued).

**DEDICATION OF THE  
BROOKLYN CHURCH  
BAY 44TH STREET AND  
BATH AVENUE, BROOKLYN,  
JANUARY 9, 1955**

This was a day of rejoicing for all the brethren from Brooklyn and New Jersey who, through their untiring efforts and hard work for 16 months brought about the completion of this Church building.

The dedication services were attended by a large group of brothers and sisters, including members of New Brunswick; Metuchen, Stelton, N. J., Detroit, Mich., and the members of the Bronx Mission. Bro. W. H. Cadman, President of the Church, was present from Mo-

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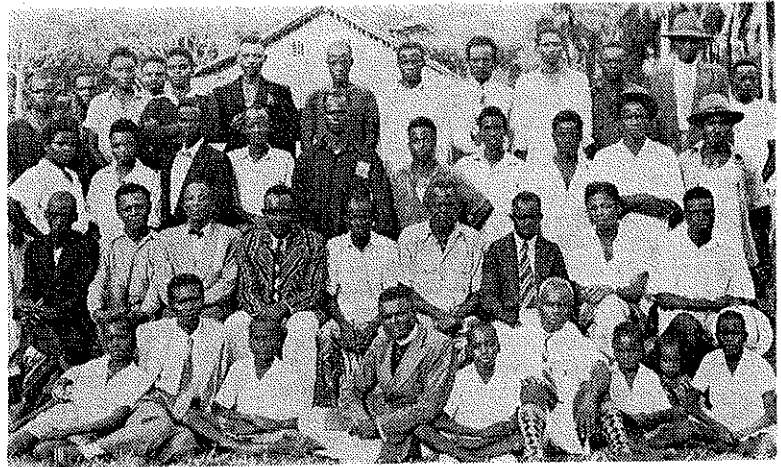
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## EDITORIAL

From the beginning of time, things have happened with man, that has caused him to make a 'marker,' that some particular spot or place might be remembered for time to come. One of these instances is recorded in Gen. 28th chapter, where Jacob sets up a stone and pours oil on it. —And he says: "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house." Jacob must have been very much impressed on this occasion.

In Matthew 17th chapter, it is recorded that Peter suggested the building of three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Elias and one for Moses. He said: "Lord it is good for us to be here." It was a wonderful experience for the three, Peter, James and John. No doubt it was lasting with them while life did last. Then in Mosiah 18, 30 How beautiful were the scenes to those who came to the knowledge of their Redeemer at the Waters of Mormon.

What I want to bring to your attention is: that my wife received from Nigeria recently the following from the Ladies Uplift Circle in far off Africa. According to the minutes of the General Board and the General Ladies Uplift Circle meeting on Dec. 2, 1954 the following was adopted: "A National Day of the Church of Jesus Christ Nigeria, this to be on August 20 to 23rd, for on August 4, 1954 Bro. Wm. H. Cadman and Bro. Joseph Bittinger arrived at Calabar Airport, Nigeria about 11:40 a.m. Therefore we consider August every year to be our National Day of The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria. It was in August 1954 these brothers established The Church of Jesus Christ for us, by baptizing 14 Brothers on the 17th of the same Month. They ordained Elders into the Church—therefore we take in August in every year to be our National Day. This was approved and accepted by us all." Evidently, "The Ladies Uplift Circle" in Nigeria, West Africa, have much appreciation for what has been done for them thus far. May God ever bless them in their labors. Editor.



## FROM AFRICA

Since we returned from Nigeria, a group of people have been in contact with us, known as Zion's Mission and is composed of about 30 missions of worshippers. They wanted to become affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ. I turned the matter over to our brethren in Nigeria, and the results are, they are being baptized into the church. We did not meet these people while in Africa. I will place in the next issue of the

paper, a group of the women. In the group of children in front are Bro Dick on the left, Bro Akpan on the right, both ordained Ministers while we were over there. In the center is the pastor of this group of people. He has been baptized into the Church, and our brethren has ordained him into the Ministry. His name is C. E. Otu. To me, this is a fine group of native brethren in far off Africa.

All praise be given Him who doeth all things well.

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monongahela, Penna., and was the principal speaker of the day.

The morning service was introduced at about 10:45 a.m. by singing a hymn which was followed by the prayer of invocation offered by Bro. G. Ciaravino. The service was continued by the singing of another hymn. Bro. Cadman then arose and spoke many inspiring and encouraging words of exhortation using I Peter Chap. 2, verses 1-5 as his text; emphasizing the importance of the saints as being as "lively" stones in building up the spiritual house of the Lord, stating that a building which is built up with good solid materials will be able to weather the storms.

In his reference to the well constructed building both in and out, Bro. Cadman stated that it could not be complete as a place where the Lord would be unless those on the inside manifest that they love truth, righteousness and are faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Bro. Cadman then followed by reading in I Kings Chapter 8, verses 22 etc. text covering the prayer of Solomon in dedicating the temple to the service of the Lord.

Bro. G. Ciaravino then followed

with further words of exhortation unto the edification of the saints in these latter days to become "lively" stones in The Church of Jesus Christ.

Bro. D. Moraco then expressed more words of exhortation unto sanctity in the service of our Lord.

Bro. Galante then followed by speaking in the Italian language in expressing his joy of this dedication and conveying the words of exhortation by the preceding brothers.

The morning service was closed with singing a Hymn and Prayer of dismissal was offered by Bro. Paul Benyola.

Lunch was then served downstairs, which was enjoyed by all and at the same time gave the brothers and sisters a chance to speak with each other.

Afternoon service was opened by Bro. Dominick Moraco. After the prayer the brother related some of the wonderful experiences he received from the Lord since he covenanted with the Lord. Bro. G. Ciaravino followed with a few words of exhortation and other wonderful experiences in his life in Christ. Bro. D. Rose followed with a few words in expressing his testimony and the blessings of the



Lord received by him in these latter days.

After the singing of a few hymns and the testimonies of Bro. and Sister Galanti from Detroit, Mich., and a few others, Bro. Cadman then gave a resume of his trip to Nigeria, B.W.A. with Bro. J. Bittinger, relating the blessings of the Lord and the work accomplished in Africa, at the same time expressing his hope that it will continue to progress.

Dismissal prayer was offered by Bro. J. Benyola, thus closing a joyful day in the service of the King.

Bro. Joseph Benyola

Bro. Dominick Rose

P. S. Bro. Cadman extended his visit in these parts by speaking on Monday evening in New Brunswick, N. J.; Tuesday evening in Hopelawn, N. J. and Wednesday evening at the Bronx Mission, New York. We all enjoyed his visit and wonderful words of wisdom inspired by the Lord. May the Lord Bless him always.

#### GEORGE MANES PASSES ON YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Brother George Manes, a very faithful brother in the Church at Youngstown died on Feb. 18-55, and was laid away to rest on Feb. 21st. He was baptized into the Church in April of 1930, and later was ordained an Elder in the Church.

He is survived by wife, Sara, three sons, John, Nicholas and Joseph and one daughter Theresa. Two brothers, Anthony of Sharon and James of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. A. A. Corrado, assisted by Bro. Travis Perry and Bro. T. D. Bucci. Brother Manes end came very sudden, which brings to our minds that we are here today, and gone tomorrow. May the Lord comfort his wife and children.

#### MRS. LAURA EWING PASSES ON

Sister Ewing suffered death in an auto accident, about one month after the death of her husband, brother Earl Ewing. No particulars are given, but they were members of Branch No. 4 in Detroit.

Services were held in the Coker Funeral Home on Feb. 23, '55 by Bros. Ciaravino and Moraco. Somethings are hard to understand as to why they should be. We extend our sympathy to their children.

#### ALEXANDER FEDERER PASSES ON

Brother Federer, 84 of Fayette City, R. D. 1, died in the Union-

town Hospital Feb. 5, 1955 at 7 a. m. Friends will be received at the McCrory Funeral Home. Services will be held there Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1955 at 2 p.m., and interment will follow in Little Red Stone Methodist cemetery. Brother Federer was baptized into the church a good many years ago.

#### A. L. LAIRD PASSES ON (Brantford, Ont.)

Brother Laird of Brantford, Ont. after a long seige of illness died on November 15, 1954 in the 64th year of his life. In the year of 1948 he met up with Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ, and was baptized into the Church in August of the same year. He was very zealous in the church, and was much interested in the missionary work that was being carried on on the Six Nations Indian Reserve. He superintended the Sunday School on the Reserve for sometime prior to his illness.

To mourn his passing, he leaves his wife and a large family of children and many friends. Interment took place in Brantford. Personally, I had been at his bedside a number of times during his illness and always found him to be very patient in his suffering, and very cheerful, and he always seemed interested in the work of the Lord. May the Lord bless his loved ones who mourn his departure.

Bro. Cadman

#### JOHN R. WARD PASSES ON

Brother Ward of Grandville, Coal Center, R. D. 1, Pa., died very suddenly at his home on Feb. 16, 1955. He was born at Camden, Pa. on March 16, 1878 making him a little short of 77 years old. Brother Ward was baptized into the church about 50 years ago, and at time of death, was a member and Elder of the Church at Roscoe, Pa. On the Sunday previous to his death, he attended the meetings and took part in the same, apparently in his usual health.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Griffith Ward, two sons, John of Roscoe, and James at home, two daughters, Betty at home, and Mrs. Bertha Sommer-ville of Port Huron, Mich., two grandchildren and two great-grand children, two brothers, Charles and Joseph and one sister of Elizabeth, Pa.

The services were in charge of Bro. Oron Thomas who was assisted by Bro. W. H. Cadman, in The Church of Jesus Christ at Roscoe. Interment in Howe's Cemetery.

Singing by the Church Chorus of Glassport. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family.

#### JOSEPH CICCATTI PASSES ON

Joseph Ciccatti, son of Brother and Sister Ermo Gildo Ciccatti, born in May of 1932, and died on January 23rd, the results of an accident. Joseph had served in the Korean War, and had been home only six months when the accident that caused his death took place. As a child he attended the Sabbath School of the Church of Jesus Christ in Lorain. He graduated from the High School in 1950, and entered the U. S. service in 1952. He is spoken of as a very pleasant and courteous young man.

His home was in Lorain, Ohio where he leaves his parents, six sisters and five brothers to mourn his passing. The services were in charge of Elder Joseph Altomare. of Lorain, who was assisted by Brothers R. Biscotti and P. Fyre. May the Lord comfort brother and sister Ciccatti, and the large family of brothers and sisters.

#### ANTHONY CALABRESE PASSES ON (Lorain, Ohio)

Brother Anthony Calabrese who was born in Italy in July of 1875 departed this life in November of 1954 in the 80th year of his life. He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Oct. of 1922 and has been very faithful till the end of his journey. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, nine sons, three daughters, 32 grand children, seven great grand children, and one brother. Of his children three of them are also members of the church—namely Sister Alice Romano of Detroit, Joseph of Tiffin, Ohio and Frank of Lorain. Brother Calabrese has been very active in the church, and will be missed by the members thereof.

The services were in charge of Bro. T. S. Furnier, assisted by Bros. R. Biscotti, and Joseph Altomare. Interment in Ridgehill Memorial Cemetery. May the Lord comfort his wife and children in their loss.

#### AN EXPERIENCE OF BRO. ANTHONY CALABRESE (Lorain, Ohio)

Bro. Calabrese was very ill in 1926. He was so ill that he thought he would die. He asked God through Prayer if his time here on earth were over. He was then shown in a vision the number "80" printed on a cloth. Bro. Calabrese didn't

know exactly what that meant, but he felt that the Lord would extend his life but whether it meant 80 days, 80 weeks, 80 months he didn't know. So when 80 days, 80 weeks, 80 months went by, he felt then that the Lord would call him home when he was 80 years old. His children and family have heard him say many times that he would be called from this life when he would reach 80. So when our Bro. Anthony became ill this last time, he reminded some of his family of this experience and he seemed reconciled and ready to meet his Lord. Although Bro. Calabrese didn't live through the 80th year, he became 79 years of age in July and had entered into the four month of his 80th year.

#### BY BRO. G. E. JOHNSON

In Rev. 5-9, It says, "And they sang a new song, saying, thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue and people and nation." and thou has made us unto God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.

The 12th verse it says, "Saying with a loud voice, worthy is the Lamb, that was slain, to receive power, and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessings. And every creature which is in heaven, and on earth and under the earth, and such as are in the seas, and all that are in them, heard I saying, blessings and honor and glory and power, be unto Him and unto the Lamb, forever and ever.

John in the spirit saw events that were to take place, when those who were redeemed of the earth, and the great tribulation should meet with Him who had redeemed them.

All the prophets by the gift of faith, received from God the knowledge that God's own son would come into the world and die for all men, he was the great desire or that which they looked forward to with a heart filled with rapture and rejoicings.

Can you praise God from the depth of your heart?

Do you understand the great thing he has done for you?

Can you not give Him the praise, the honor, and the glory as it says in the words of John? Only by obedience to the commands of the Son of God, can men hope with surety to meet Him with rejoicings and gladness, for the Father said this is my beloved Son, hear ye

Him. He (the Son of God) came into the world and preached saying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

And by fulfilling the commandments, (repentance and baptism) bringeth a remission of sins, which remission of sins bringeth meekness and holiness of heart, which bringeth a visitation of the Holy Ghost, which is the spiritual birth.

Man was created that he might have joy, and his joy and life were in the Son of God. You may say in your heart, what is the necessity of all this, I feel all right as I am, I know I am not perfect, I know good and evil, but this talk that Jesus died for me, and if I don't believe in Him, that God will put my soul in hell.

He is a merciful God, he would not do that.

When God laid the great plan of redemption, that was the great risk he took to make man a free agent, because if man would say I don't believe, he would have to inflict the punishment. We have the word of God that he created man after his own image, and put him in a garden called Eden, and gave man commandments to eat of all the trees except the tree of "Knowledge of Good and Evil." It seemed like a very insignificant command, not unreasonable, but here is the most impounding fact, that the command could be disobeyed, man was given a free agency, to choose, or not to choose.

We can see the power of the word of God in the other parts of the creation, the sun following its orbit, the earth, with its billions of tons going through space, or hung upon nothing, bringing forth day and night, winter and summer, in obedience to the word of God, the creation of the earth, the trees growing, bringing forth seed after its kind, the animals have no choice, the earth has no choice, these things are under the power of the word of God, but man God made a little lower than the angels, a body from the dust of the earth, and the spirit of the breath of life from God, a living soul, free, to act for itself, or to be acted upon, to be enticed to do good or to do evil.

Now the word of God says that the man and woman were innocent, they did not have any knowledge of good or evil, knew no happiness, because they had never tasted sorrow.

Doing no good because they knew no evil. They were in the presence of God, for God walked in the Garden. If they would have re-

mained in this state they would have lived forever, and their creation would have had no purpose.

They ate of the fruit, and immediately knew they were naked, they received knowledge of good and evil. But oh the penalty! They hid from God. He called them. They came to him cringing, saying, "We were naked and hid." "How did you know you were naked?" "Have you eaten of the tree?"

Adam said, "The woman ate and gave to me."

What was the penalty?

In the day that thou eatest, thou shalt surely die.

Death means to be cut off, or to become unconscious of, or not aware of things, and life around.

Now if you remember he was created out of the dust, first, his body was of the dust of the earth, His life was from God.

He could die two ways.

Oh, the wisdom of our God; For if this had not been the case, he would have become miserable forever.

In the merciful plan of our great Creator, it was not necessary to reclaim man from dying a natural death, which was this body composed of earthly elements, which wastes away and returns to the mother earth.

A thousand years is the same as a day with God, so Adams life was prolonged so that the plan of mercy could be put into action.

Can you imagine the misery that Adam and Eve were in after their fall? In their innocent state they could not appreciate the joy and happiness of being in the presence of God; but as soon as they broke God's command and obtained knowledge of good and evil, they were in the depth of despair and the gall of bitterness, which was the torments of hell.

I imagine they were like unto Alma in his experience. Oh! If he could become extinct; Adams misery was terrible.

In the midst of his groaning the word of God came to him. God had prepared for this emergency! All was not lost! God would have mercy.

"Behold, I myself shall take upon me flesh, and die for man, that whosoever will believe in me shall not taste of the second death, which is endless torment."

When Adam and Eve heard these words, their sorrow and miseries faded from their mind, and they were filled with joy as they listened to the voice of God tell

how mercy would be shown towards them.

Today, the Saviour has long ago come and died on Calvary's tree.

The glorious news of how he arose triumphant over death, and how he'll make our lives anew, is just as true as it was in the beginning.

Oh, take hold of the salvation he offers you!

Believe that he was smitten for your sins; and that he will give you joy unspeakable.

Call upon the father in the name of Jesus.

Confess unto him how unworthy and sinful you are.

Follow him down into the waters of baptism.

Take hold of redemption he offers you, and you too shall know the meaning of life.

You shall have life.

Anya Nnachi,  
Ebunwana Edda,  
Afikpo  
30th of Nov. 54

The Gen. Supt. A. A. Dick  
The Church of Jesus Christ,  
P. O. Box 43R.  
Uyo P.O. Nigeria

Sir,

I am writing you this letter on behalf of my people Ebunwana Edda. It was on 20th Nov. 54, while we returning from Itu via Ikot Elkpene there we came across one village named Afaha Itam, Itu District, there we read in the Sign Board: Church of Jesus Christ. Since we have been hearing of the Church almost nine months ago and so we are interested in affiliating with the Church.

Soon after we call at the station and met one person by name S. W. Ebong, a teacher in charge of the Mission who told us that two Brothers W. H. Cadman and J. Bittinger have made a visit to you since on 4th August, 1954, and stay almost two months. He gave your address and so we trip to Uyo and asked one man named Mr. Okon, O. C. Mail, and he told us that you have just left the post office. We write you this letter with the hope that you will not fail to pay us a visit in order to come and establish the Church for us. We will obey its doctrines, we will also pay for your passport including transport to and from while coming bring to us all the books concerning the Church. We will be happy to welcome you in any day you arrive. We are praying for your safe coming. May the Love

and Happy New Year be with you all.

I am,  
ours Brotherly,  
(Sgd) A. Nnachi

UYO, NIGERIA,  
W. AFRICA

10TH JANUARY, 1955

Dear Editor,

What a joy if you will allow this to be published in the Gospel News, thanks very much. Also publish the attached letter from Mr. Anya Nnachi, Elyuwana Edda dated 30 Nove, 54.

I received the attached letter few weeks ago and I tripped to the place on 15 Dec. 1954, arrived at Aba 40 miles from Bak. There I spent my night on the 16th Dec. 54. I arrived at the village Ebunwana Edda. At the motor part I saw the very man Mr. Anya Nnachi and others who welcome me. On the evening of 16th Dec. 1954, we had discussion while in the meeting. There were 20 men, 15 women and 10 boys and 7 girls who attended the meeting. Total present is 52. I explained to them that we do not marry more than one wife, that we do not use tobacco Isa. 55.1-2 and 1st Cor. 3 Verse 16-17 and many other things. They all agreed to stand with the doctrines. The meeting was well conducted, but the people do not understanding my language and I do not understand their language. Only English language was used and interpretation did by Mr. Anya Nnachi and they all agreed to be baptised into the Church.

On the 17th December, 1954, we held morning meeting and also 54 souls attended. After the morning meeting all the 54 souls moved to be baptised in the water where I baptised 39 of them into the Church. We all went back to the Church, Hymn number 153 was sung by all. The confirmation took place and after the confirmation, Ordained Bro. Oji Okoro as a Teacher, Bro. Fred C. Oji as a Deacon, Mrs. T. O. Ukpana as Deaconess, one sister washed her feet, since the way is far. Since it is impossible to pay them a monthly visit I therefore ordained Bro. Anya Nnachi as an Elder. From Abak to Ebunwana Edda is 250 miles.

They gave me one hen, twenty eggs, ten yams and one pound ten shillings for my transport fares. They looked for a photographer to take them a picture but they failed to have one.

They have no Church building as yet. They have their services

in Anya Nnachi's residence. I should be grateful if the Church of Jesus Christ 328 South Forest, Youngston Ohio and 205 W 2nd Street, St. John, Kansas will help them thank you — my good brothers and sisters.

Any help towards the building of the Church at Ebunwana Edda should be mailed to Brother W. H. Cadman, who will in turn send the money to me to give to Mr. Anya Nnachi to start the building. I pray may the work of the Church of Jesus Christ the restore Gospel of Christ cover the earth. Amen.

Yours in Christ,  
A. A. Dick

#### WARNING WORDS

Yea, All ye who say you believe in the Book of Mormon, take notice.

"The anxiety of Lehi as recorded in II Nephi 1:13, 18 inclusive. "O that you ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and woe. Awake! and arise from the dust, and hear the words of a trembling parent, whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold and silent grave, from whence no traveler can return; a few more days and I go the way of all the earth. But behold, the Lord hath redeemed my soul from hell; I have beheld His glory, and I am encircled about eternally in the arms of His love.

And I desire that ye should remember to observe the statutes and the judgments of the Lord; behold, this hath been the anxiety of my soul from the beginning. My heart has been weighed down with sorrow from time to time, for I have feared, lest for the hardness of your hearts the Lord your God should come out in the fulness of His wrath upon you, that ye be cut off and destroyed forever. Or that a cursing should come upon you for the space of many generations; and ye are visited by sword, and by famine, and are hated, and are led according to the will and captivity of the devil."— Is it needful that I should draw this to your attention. How terrible the judgements of God has fallen upon Lehi's children? Do we believe that God is still the same?

Let us now turn to III Nephi beginning at verse 12." And my people who are a remnant of Jacob

(Lehi's Children) shall be among the Gentiles, (us on this land of promise, America) yea, in the midst of them as a Lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Their hand (the Lamanaites) shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, (us Gentiles) and all their enemies shall be cut off. Yea, woe be unto the Gentiles except they repent; for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots. And I will cut off the cities of thy land and throw down all thy strongholds." The next few verses describes the judgments of God that will yet fall upon the Gentiles unless they repent, and verse 21 says: "And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard." — This has reference to the dispensation of the time in which we live: Do we believe that God is the same as He was in the days of Lehi?

The divorce evil is certainly rampant today in this world. We cannot help, nor are we responsible for the sins thereof, but when members of this Church will ignore the marriage laws of the church, and step out into this world and marry divorced people, they are certainly becoming "unequally yoked together" and according to the teachings of the Bible and Book of Mormon, our brother or sister as the case may be is living in adultery.

In the Church History page 305, there is an article entitled "An Experience of Sister Sarah Randazzo." I ask all the members of this church to read it for themselves. I again ask: Do we believe that God is still the same? President Cadman.

#### NEWS ITEMS

In a letter from Bro. Ishmael D'Amico dated Feb. 11, of Rochester, N. Y., he informs me that Brother and Sister Hill of the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, visited their Church the Sunday previous, and that they had a very nice time together in worship. He reports Brother and Sister Hill as saying that they are having very nice times on the Reserve, their

crowd is growing, and their place of meeting is getting too small.

P. S. this is really good news Bro. Ishmael, and may God continue to bless you, also may He bless abundantly the labours of our brethren on the Six Nations Reserve. WHC.

I, Bro. W. H. Cadman spent the day, Feb. 21st as a guest of the Monongahela Ministerial Association at their annual retreat to Ghennie's Restaurant (which is closed to the public on Monday's) back of Charleroi, Pa. The purpose of the gathering, is to get away from their daily surroundings, and with one another spend the time in matters pertaining to their spiritual welfare. After a fine dinner was served to us, we sat around the table until four o'clock p.m., discussing and asking questions pertaining to three 'articles' which were prepared by three members of the association. I enjoyed the day, though gatherings of this kind, certainly reveal the divided condition of Christianity. To my mind, if the simplicity of the Scriptures and the teachings of Christ was heeded, there would be much less division with Christian people. There were twelve Ministers present for the occasion.

A SAD AFFAIR: In a letter from Br. Dick in Nigeria, he informs me that the plane that flies from Lagos to Calabar—the one that brother Bittinger and myself traveled on, crashed on Feb. 4, '55, and I believe 16 people were killed. A very bad affair I am sure. The route is over wild and desolate country. I noticed that the plane we were on was an old one. Air travel is a wonderful way to travel, but it is too bad when such as this happens.

Bro. Cadman In a letter received this day (March 4) from Bro. Watson Jr., he along with the rest of his brothers and sisters in the San Fernando Valley, are busily engaged in building their new Church. It is apparent that they are all striving to raise the necessary finance to meet their obligations. Bro Marco is there helping them to build. May the Lord bless them. May I ask again, help them what you can.

WHC A card received from Bro. Biscotti this day (March 4) he says: "We had a nice service at Painesville, Ohio last Sunday, and a nice young couple was baptized,

and they are having quite a few visitors at their meetings. He also informs me that Brother Ernest Picciuto is very ill, but a little better at the time of writing." In a letter from Sister Ilene Smith on this same day, she informs me that Brother Ashton has been brought back from the hospital to her home. He is very poorly and is not young anymore. May the Lord bless our afflicted ones.

#### SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIES DEFEAT MERGER PLAN

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—A plan to unite the three major Presbyterian bodies in this country has been defeated by Southern Presbyterians.

More than the necessary 22 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. voted against the merger. The two other denominations involved are the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Wade H. Boggs, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., attributed his denomination's rejection of the merger to a "mistaken idea concerning alleged Modernism of the Northern Church" and a fear that the larger denomination would "engulf" the smaller Southern body. He said the presbyteries that had voted against the union plan had been expected to take that action.

SPARTANBURG, S. C. —Enoree Presbytery, at a meeting here, directed an overture to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), asking that the question of merger with two other Presbyterian denominations not be brought up again for five years.

Proponents of the waiting period said debate on the union question is "divisive." They urged the church to concentrate instead on evangelism, stewardship and building of new churches.

P. S. I Cor. 1-12, 13 "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.—Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? —I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name." In all your merger plans, it would be well for you to acknowledge the humble Nazarene as pre-eminent of all, and abide in His teachings. WHC

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## A Wonderful 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 fading 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.

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## TO OUR READERS

President W. H. Cadman and First Counsellor Charles Ashton neither one were able to attend our recent conference due to illness.

Of course it is known that Bro. Ashton has not been well for some time. He has been in and out of the hospital two or three times, and at the present time he is being cared for at the home of his nephew, Bro. Charles Smith and his good wife, Ilene. He is very poorly at this time.

It has been well known that Bro. Cadman has been very well, but he was stricken suddenly ill about 1 a.m. March 22nd. and was rushed to the hospital where he underwent an operation and was returned to his home on Conference Sunday afternoon, April 3rd. He has been a very sick man but is now convalescing at his home in Monongahela, Pa.

The two brethren extend their thanks to all who have been mindful of them in sending cards, letters, flowers and telegrams of consolation and best wishes.

## GENERAL CHURCH CONFERENCE CLOSES HERE

The General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ, held in the local Church, Lincoln Street, with sessions from Thursday, closed yesterday at 1:30 o'clock. There was an overflow attendance. The sanctuary accommodating 500, with those in the downstairs rooms hearing by means of a public-address system. Delegates which included elders and some wives, came from as far-distant points as California, Canada, etc., with New Jersey, New York and Michigan very well represented in the assembled men and women.

President of the Church, the Reverend William Cadman of Finley Street, was unable to attend the Conference on account of illness. He underwent a major operation March 26 in Monongahela Memorial Hospital and was removed yesterday to his home; his condition today was described by his daughter Mrs. Paul Vancik, as just "fair."

The conference opened at 2:00 p.m. Thursday and business was transacted that day and Friday, with sessions open to the laity and the public Saturday and yesterday. Dinner and supper were served until Sunday at the Church.

A free-will offering box was placed in the vestibule (no collections are ever lifted at the Church of Jesus Christ); and all gifts of money deposited therein were to go towards purchase of a motorcycle for A. A. Dick, superintendent of The Church in Africa, who is at Ebak-Abak, Nigeria. (Mr. Cadman and Apostle Joseph Bittinger of West Leisenring spent some time last year in Nigeria as missionaries). A substantial sum was realized.

During business it was decided to send Angelo Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ, to the mission in Italy for three months; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Furnier of Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Bittinger, to South Dakota for work among the Sioux Indians; and Clarence Robison of Clairton to the South Carolina mission.

(Monongahela Republican).

## ELDERS FROM U.S., CANADA TO BE AT CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST GEN'L CONFERENCE HERE THIS WEEK

The Annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ, with headquarters at Sixth and Lincoln Streets, Monongahela, is announced for Thursday afternoon. The Conference will be in session Thursday, Friday and Saturday for Elders only. The public is invited to the Sunday meetings starting at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a lunch served those attending the Conference every day except Sunday.

Elders will be in attendance from all over the United States and Canada.

The Reverend William H. Cadman, local pastor who is the President of the Church, will not be present at the Conference, having recently undergone an operation. President Cadman is expected to be home from the Monongahela Memorial Hospital some time Friday.

## RE-DEDICATE OURSELVES! BY SISTER FRANCES CAPONE

Dear Brother Editor:

I thought that you might be interested in hearing about the wonderful sermon preached by brother Domenic Thomas at Branch No. 4, Detroit, Mich. on the Sunday afternoon of March 6.

His subject was based on "Rededication." His words were truly inspired by the Spirit of Christ as they struck a responsive chord in the heart of every individual.

I could not help but think how important it is for each of us to rededicate our lives to the teachings of Christ—and to practice this periodically.

Baptism is only the first step in our service to Christ because it is so easy after baptism to be content therein and to become absorbed by a multiplicity of minor things—which, if continued to a great degree can make us like Lot's wife who was so wrapped up in her material possessions, that she would not look ahead.

What a sweet spiritual balm it is for us to stop deliberately and take a few minutes to rededicate ourselves to the service of God! If we fail to do this, our neglect will be apparent in time. I'm very glad that I had the opportunity to hear Br. Thomas, because it gave me a

chance to think upon his words—and to rededicate my life to Christ.

Perhaps by my writing these few lines it will give others the chance to stop and to think and to rededicate their lives. In these trouble-some times, we all need to stop and to think and to rededicate our lives.

P.S. very good sister Capone — too many people apparently think going through the water is all that is necessary. We should have love for all people, and especially the Household of Faith. Our lives should be so devoted, that if it becomes necessary to turn the other cheek, we will gladly do so.

#### RADIO ADDRESS BY BRO. T. S. FURNIER

(Cont'd from March Issue)

Pagan temples was transformed into churches, and heathen idols were demolished. Twelve thousand men and a proportionate number of woman and children were baptized into the church at Rome alone within a single year.

Constantine removed the capital of the empire from Rome to Byzantium, which city he re-named after himself, Constantinople. This, the present capital of Turkey, became head-quarters of the State church.

There is no evidence that the quorum of twelve Apostles (whom were in charge of the affairs of the church) continued beyond the earthly ministry of those who had been ordained to that holy calling during the life of Christ or soon after his ascension.

Nor is there record of any ordination of individuals to the Apostleship, regardless of membership in the council of twelve, beyond those whose calling and ministry are recorded in the New Testament, which as a historical record, ends with the first century.

The emperor himself was the real head of the church. Yet how different was the church under the patronage of Constantine from the church as established by Christ and as built up by his Apostles!

The church had already become apostate as judged by the standard of its original constitution.

During the fourth century when the church came into the favor of the State under Constantine, there sprang up many orders of recluses who "maintained that communion with God was to be sought by mortifying sense, by withdrawing the mind from all external objects by macerating the body with hunger and labor, and by a holy sort of indolence, which confined all

the activity of the soul to a lazy contemplation of things spiritual and external." MOSHEIM ECC'L HIST. Cent. 4, Part 2, Ch. 3:12, 13.

The fruit of this ill-sowing was the growth of numerous orders of Monks, and the maintenance of monasteries.

Celibacy (the state of being unmarried) was taught as a virtue. An unmarried clergy deprived of the influences of home life, fell into many excesses.

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet (Mate) TSF-for him," Gen. 2:18.

Nevertheless an apostate church decrees that its Ministers shall be forbidden to follow the commandment of God.

During the fourth century, it was taught that it was an act of virtue to deceive and lie, when by that means the interests of the church might be promoted. MOSHEIM'S ECC'L HIST. CENT. 4, Part 2, Ch. 3:16. Sins other than these were justified when committed in the supposed interests of church advancement, and crime was condoned under the specific excuse that the end justifies the means.

In the same century-fourth the church was still more hopelessly committed to formalism and superstition. The descent respect with which the remains of the early martyrs had been honored, degenerated or grew into a superstitious reverence amounting to worship.

Pilgrimages to the tombs of martyrs became common as an outward form of religious devotion, and the ashes of martyrs as well as dust and earth brought from places said to have been made holy by some uncommon occurrence were sold as sovereign remedies against disease, and as a means of protection against the assault of malignant spirits.

During the same century-fourth the adoration of images, pictures, and effigies, had been given a place in the so called Christian worship; and the practice became general in the fifth (5th.) century. An effort to check the abuses arising from this idolatrous practice in the eighth (8th) century actually led to the Civil War. MOSHEIM'S ECC'L HIST. CENT. 8, Part 2, CH. 3:9, 10

In the same century fourth (4th) it became the practice to place salt in the mouth of the newly baptized member, as a symbol of purification, and the actual baptism was both preceded and followed by an anointing with oil.

The sacrament of the Lord's

supper has undergone radical changes. Referred to as the "Eucharist" the following doctrine is briefly summarized, to the effect that the species-e.i.e., the bread and wine used in the sacrament lose their character as mere bread and wine, and become in fact the flesh and blood of the crucified Christ.

This unnatural doctrine is known as TRANSUBSTANTIATION and was taught as early as the second (2nd.) century.

The transmutation is assumed to take place in such a mystical way as to delude the senses; and so, though actual flesh and blood, the elements still appear to be bread and wine.

The doctrine was formally established as a dogma of the church by the council of Placentia 1005 A.D.—MILNER'S CHURCH HIST CENT. 2, CH. 1, and was made an essential article of creed, belief in which was required of by action of the ecclesiastical court about 1160 A.D.—MILNER'S CHURCH HIST. CENT. 13, CH. 1. And an official edict, confirming the dogma as a binding tenet and requirement of the church in 1215 A.D., MOSHEIM'S ECC'L. HIST. CENT. 13, Part 2, Ch. 3:2.

The consecrated emblems, or "host," being regarded as the actual flesh and blood of Christ, were adored as of themselves divine. Thus, "a very pernicious practice of idolatry was connected with the reception of this doctrine."

"Men fell down before the consecrated host, and worshipped it as God; and the novelty absurdity, and impiety of this abomination very much struck the minds of all men who were not dead to a sense of true religion." MILNER CHURCH HIST. CENT. 13, CH. 1.

A further perversion of the sacrament occurred in the administration of bread alone, instead of both bread and wine as originally required.

"The dogmatic assertion being that both the body and the blood were represented in some mystic way in one of the 'elements.' Certain it is, that Christ requires his disciples to both eat and drink.

"Contrast such with the solemn simplicity of the ordinance as instituted by our Lord. He took bread and wine, blessed them and gave to his disciples and said, 'This do in remembrance of men.' See Luke 22:19, 20. Compare Matt. 26: 27, 29. Of the bread he said, 'This is my body;' of the wine, 'This is my blood;' yet at that time his body was unpierced, his blood was unshed. The Disciples ate bread,



not flesh of a living man and drank wine, not blood; and this they were commanded to do in remembrance of Christ.

The perversion of the sacrament is evidence of departure from the spirit of the gospel of Christ, and when made an essential dogma of a church is proof of the apostate condition of that church.

Permit me again to call your attention to the words of the prophet Isaiah 24: 4-6 "Behold, they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

I hope to continue this subject in some future broadcast. May God bless you.

Thurman S. Furnier

#### BABSON DISCUSSES THE BIBLE AND FORMOSA

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BABSON PARK, Mass., — Four hundred years ago, my ancestor, the Rev. John Rogers, was burned at-the-stake in London, England on February 4, 1955. To commemorate him and to add some current comments, is my desire today.

#### BIBLES WERE SMUGGLED INTO ENGLAND

The Rev. John Rogers was martyred for his work of translating the Bible into the English language and circulating this complete Bible in England. Tyndale, with the help of Coverdale, translated the New Testament and a portion of the Old Testament, as far as II Chronicles when he was martyred therefor. Then John Rogers & under the assumed name of "Matthews"—completed the bible in its entirety for readers in England. This was in 1537; and he did most of the work in Holland.

From Holland, the English imported flour, cheeses, and other foods. My ancestor arranged with the packers of the barrels and crates containing these food products to hide a Bible among the contents and thereby smuggled these Bibles into England. When he returned to England, about ten years later, he was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Finally, he was martyred at "Smithfield," where I have seen a bronze marker telling this story of his martyrdom.

#### IMPORTANCE OF SACRIFICE

There are many lessons for us from the above experience. First, is the consecration of the priests and preachers of that day and their willingness to make any sacrifice, including their lives. Our unwillingness to sacrifice for our

Church and Faith is a basic difficulty of the U.S. today. It is good to see church membership and attendance increase; but these figures mean little unless accompanied by a willingness to sacrifice.

Jesus never quoted statistics—He demanded that His followers be judged by their works of righteousness. I would go even further and say that the greatness of every powerful nation has been made possible by the people's sacrifice. When the willingness to sacrifice declined, the nation's economic strength declined along with its spiritual strength. In fact, the best U.S. barometer of our spiritual strength is the value of our dollar. It increases or decreases according to our willingness to sacrifice for what is right.

#### WE MUST AGAIN TEACH BIBLE TO OUR CHILDREN

The Second lesson applies to the great need of more Bible reading to day. When I was a boy, most New England families were Bible-reading families with daily family prayers. We were all taught to obey Bible Teachings and to memorize them. I believe that we must again install the Bible as a family guide and as our national guide.

Atomic bombs will not save us, any more than the Chinese Wall saved China, or the Maginot Line saved France. This nation is depending too much on material defense. The more wealth we have the better target we are and through jealousy, the more enemies we will have. Only as we practice the Bible's Golden Rule, both in national and international affairs, can we hope to survive. The Bible is the only "Bomb" which can save America. Read Isaiah, Chapter 31.

#### WHAT ABOUT CHINA AND FORMOSA?

The Chinese leaders of today were largely educated in colleges founded by missionaries sent to China by the Christian churches of the U.S., England, and our other Western Allies. I have visited some of these Chinese Colleges & have seen the Bible being taught there to the brightest young men of China. These students were greatly impressed by Jesus' Teachings, especially by the Sermon on the Mount.

As these students matured and became acquainted with the way our businessmen and politicians acted, they truly wondered if we are a Christian nation. Students who came to New York, Chicago, and other large American cities for post-graduate work concluded that we are hypocrites. They re-

turned to China saying that the Bible is a forgotten book with us. The Russian Communists told them that our missionaries used our Bible only to "put the Chinese to sleep" while we robbed China. President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles—both Bible-reading men—are handicapped by this unfortunate situation. Fighting alone will not save Formosa. Formosa and the entire East can be saved only if we stop worshipping material success and atomic power and return to the Teachings of the Bible.

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#### MRS. CATENA MARINO PASSES ON

Sister Marino, 81, of 604 Ohio Ave. Glassport, Pa., died yesterday in the McKeesport Hospital. She was born in Italy on Dec. 19, 1873 and had resided in Glassport 42 years. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Lupo of New York City, and Miss Bernadette at home; three sons, James and Joseph Marino of Detroit, Mich., and Angelo at home; five grand children, eight great grandchildren and one sister in Italy. Her husband was the late Joseph Marino.

Services were conducted in The Church at Glassport with Bro. Anthony DiBattista in charge. Interment in the Versailles Cemetery, McKeesport, Pa.

#### RUINS OF CITY FOUND IN LAKE

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Feb. 4 (UP)—An American professional diver says he has discovered the ruins of an ancient Inca City on the bottom of Lake Titicaca, highest lake in the world.

William Mardori, 28, of Chicago, believes the ruins he found in 100 feet of water off the Escama Peninsula are those of Chiopata, a city that may have been founded as long as 2000 years ago.

Mr. Mardori said he found a number of Inco-style pots, vases and other implements in 23 days of diving near the southeastern shore of the great mountain lake. So far he has found none of the gold ornaments for which the Incas were famed.

The Crucifixion of Christ was attested by a terrible destruction as recorded in III Nephi 8th & 9th chapter, in the Book of Mormon.

It is recorded therein, that cities

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## EDITORIAL

To my readers: I have been approached at different times concerning the following scripture. St. Matthew 11:2, 3, 4, "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto them, Art thou (meaning Christ) he that should come, or do we look for another?"

Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John A gain those things which ye do hear and see." — To my readers: Go show John "AGAIN" is significant as it is used here. If this scripture is correct as it is expressed, then there is only one conclusion, that is, John is in doubt. Various commentators have written that the "gloom of the prison had an effect on John."

To any one who does not want to accept this scripture as it is written—bear in mind that your opinions does not change it. Some think that it was a weakness on the part of John's Disciples, such could have been, but the scripture does not say so, neither does it imply any such thing—and why lay the weakness on John's disciples, when there is nothing to sustain it? It is written of Jesus that no one need tell Him what is in man; He knew what was in all men, and He said to them: "Go and show John AGAIN, (Not for John to show his disciples) but for them to show John AGAIN: "those things which ye do hear and see." Had it been the fault of John's disciples, the Saviour who knows all things, would of certainly instructed the two disciples different.

We must all remember that John was only man, though the scripture says of him: "he shall be full of the Holy Ghost, even from his mothers womb." The scripture further says of him: that there was no prophet greater than him, but it does not say that there was not any one as great as was (John) but there was none greater.

Peter was a wonderful man, a man full of the revealed will of God: He says: "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." And: "To whom shall we go, Thou hast the words of Eternal Life." Then



## FROM AFRICA

In the April issue (1955) of the paper, we had a picture of brethren from this same group of people. This is a group of their women folks, and what a fine group it is. They are a part of what is known as A.M.E. Zions Mission.

And as I understand, they are all being baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ by immersion. And, what a wonderful event this is, better than 2000 souls to date have been baptized and become affiliated with the Church, without any solicitation on the part of the Church, but I do read in Acts 2:47 "And the Lord added to the

in John 13:9. "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and head." But when the critical hour of his life came, when he should of been bold and courageous, it is written of him that he cursed and swore, and says, I know not the "Man." Poor Peter how he did repent and it is said of him, "he wept bitterly." I do not refer to Peters weakness in the way of reflection, God forbid. May I ask: How will heaven be happy without him?

I ask all my readers to stop and think, Yea as to how we lay stress on the words of Christ to Nicodemus, and well that we should, "Except a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Yea, how people of Restored Gospel will hold their hearers to those words, and yet so many people will not believe them—they will not believe baptism is essential to salvation. Remember it is the words of Jesus that is in question in both of these instances. The unbelief of men, I am persuaded will not change that which is written. Yea, all men should be careful as to when and where they

church daily such as should be saved."

In the center of back row stands Brother Dick. Sitting in front row with a hat on, is Elder Akpan, on his left is Elder Otu the former pastor of this group of worshippers.—In the book of Alma 29, 8 I read: "For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach his word, yea in all 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." May the Lord bless our brethren and sisters in far-off Africa, Bro. Cadman

express their opinions, when they are at variance with the words of Jesus Christ. He is Pre-eminent above all. Editor.

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were sunk in the depths of the sea, and cities were sunk in the earth, and waters came up in their stead. The scripture says that there is nothing hid but what will be uncovered. And, many things are being uncovered in our day on this western hemisphere, where Jesus Christ once appeared in fulfillment of St. John 10:16. WHC

## SISTER FORD

## VISITS PENNSYLVANIA

Brother Editor:

Just a note to let you know how I got home and also to tell you of our trip to the Grand River Reserve. This weekend was beautiful just like summer. Bros. Henderson, Burgess, Sister Loretta Garlow and myself left on Saturday. We stayed and had a little time with Sister Gadd in London.

She is not very well and lonely. We arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Powless about 4:30 p.m. They gave us a lovely meal and afterward we had a nice gathering of friends and Brothers and Sisters. We studied the Book of Mormon and Mrs. Powless had many things of the Indian tradition to show us. She has the Wamjean that gives her the authority to make chiefs. We learned many things and to our surprise, it all fit in with their record, the Book of Mormon. It is wonderful to hear these things. We got back to Bro. Beavers at 3 o'clock a.m., tired and ready for bed but up again at 7 o'clock and ready for Sabbath School. We had the Indian singers. We had a car of the Saints from Rochester visiting with us. On Sunday, we felt the blessings of God. We had dinner at Bro. and Sister Isaac's home and then went to Sis. Lewis for service again. The Lord blessed us. Sister Lewis is not at all well.

We went to visit the sick after this service and didn't leave the Reservation until after seven o'clock. We arrived home late but can surely say it was good to be there.

I missed my bus at Pittsburgh and had to wait until 3 a.m. for a bus. I got to Detroit about noon Tuesday and found all the Saints well here.

Now I hope you are feeling more like yourself again; also hope all are well there. I expect to go to Sister Irene Rigby's home in Toronto on the first Sunday in May. Bro. Paul D'Amico is going to try to start a work in Toronto. May God bless our brethren in their efforts. Sister Irene is to happy about it. She was with us Saturday night and Sunday.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Love, Sister Leata Ford

LETTER FROM  
NIGERIA, AFRICA

FEB. 24, 1955

Dear Editor:

I thank you very much in allowing this article to be published in the Gospel News. In August 10th 1953 when I contacted The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, we were 52 groups of Churches, and in August to September 1954 at the presence of Bros. W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger, 16 groups of Churches affiliated and we became 68, and this year 10 groups of Churches from A.M.E. Zion Mission affiliated with

us; last year we baptised 1364, and this year as from January to this date we baptize 600, total 1964. Total groups of Churches 78.

It is just the same thing which happened to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost happened to us; though I know many are coming to Test and See. I feel myself that the same thing which happened to Christ with those follow Him one day may happen. See John 6:26,27, and verses 66 & 67. Therefore, I make this application to all my beloved Brothers and Sisters, and those who have interest and love in the work Brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger and the Church which they spend so much. The two brothers who suffer and were naked by the wicked one, that all of you should remember The Church of Jesus Christ, Nigeria in your prayer, that let those who come to affiliate with us be the true and sincerely children of God whom God chose for Himself. Pray that they should not love the world nor the things which are in the world, for many children of God have missed their blessing because they ask and they don't receive, for they don't know in whose name they should ask.

Myself, if I recorded the blessings I received from God, it will be more than I can number. In my own side I can not say I am the chosen son of God and that I am blessed; Now I believe I am with Christ because the talent in which He gave me to trade with, I have done the best I can.

Mostly that of my town which was one of the weakest town and road, many have been saved through my preaching and I bring many Souls to Christ, Amen.

On our account day in heaven you will see and by then you will know who I am. What wonderful blessings and wonders. It was on Feb. 12, 1955 Pastor C. E. Otu of A.M.E. Zion Mission who affiliate with us and was baptized on Dec. 28, 1954 by me and was ordained an Elder into the Church of Jesus Christ, speak to me on Feb. 6th that I should travel to Ndon Ebon 24 miles from my home, that there will be baptisms there. So I went on the very day.

There I met with Bro. O. E. Otu at A.M.E. Zion Mission, Ndon Ebon, and I was surprised to meet a man whom his sons are bigger than me 100 times need to be baptized by me; I consider myself that this is just the same thing which Jesus went to John for baptism, there

I baptize the man. Brothers and Sisters I pray hard so that the fine work I am doing here in Nigeria may not be in vain. Oh God, let it be Thy Will, Amen.

Brother Dick

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On Sunday the 23rd of Jan. 1955, my wife, sister Maude Stallworth, my nephew and his family and I, went to London Ont. Canada, to visit sister May L. Gadd, who had been ailing. We arrived there shortly after noon, and had a delightful visit, I had intended to visit Muncy also, but became ill from the trip, and did not get there this time. We found our sister, on the amend and she was indeed pleased to see us again. An inspiring thought has been in meditation in my mind as found in Helaman 3rd. Chap. and 20th. verse, which reads as follows: Nevertheless Helaman did fill the judgement-sea with justice and equity; yea, he did observe to keep the statutes, and the judgments, and the commandments of God; and he did do that which was right in the sight of God continually, and he did walk after the ways of his father, inasmuch that he did prosper in the land. We find in these qualifications, that justice portrays the quality of being just, fairness, rectitude, and equity, depicts justice and impartiality. These good traits of Helaman, as portrayed in the above verse, really puts him out in front, with all the other worthies of God, both in days of old, and also our days as well, and gives us great inspiration to blaze the trail of the gospel, and be pioneers in our day, of that which this world needs most, but seem so reluctant to understand. I feel that it behooves us the Saints of latter days, to possess these virtues, which if we do, we'll be able to say in the end, like Paul, in 2nd. Tim. 4th. Chap. 7th. and 8th. verses, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me, a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also, that love His appearing. The ancient saints through their diligence, and faithful living, moved the arm of God in their behalf, causing them to perform great miracles, and to bring an inestimable amount of souls to God, and for us to travel in their footsteps, the same unquestionable good living is

required of us, because our responsibility today, is not just one or two nations, but the whole world in general. Sister Marietta Ruzzi, has been ill, kindly remember her in your prayers.

Bro. M. F. Miller

#### LETTER FROM JAPAN

A part of a letter written by brother James King to his mother: "You know if I were to list the things that I miss the most while I am away from home, I think that right on top the list would be the Church meetings.

When I read the minutes you sent me for the meetings in January, I nearly cried in some places. You have no idea how much it would be worth to me to sit in fellowship meeting and hear the testimonies of the brothers and sisters. You know it has been nearly four months since I was privileged to partake of the Sacrament, and sometimes it seems as though I am dying of starvation, because of the fact, that if we do not partake of it, there is no life within us.

God surely takes care of we who have to be away, but that is a great and important thing to me. When I think of all the brothers and sisters who stay at home for the least excuse, or when they do come, just sit and say, "I won't take the Sacrament because Sister so-and-so has offended me. Maybe those people will be in a position like mine some day and they will realize just what fools they were to let their opportunity slip by, when they had the chance to really enjoy the things of God. Nevertheless, sometimes it takes things like this to test us and see what we are really made of. If I am strong enough to last until I get back to the Church, then maybe God can use me for some purpose known only to Him. If I don't last, it can be said that I was tried and found wanting. Pray that his latter instance will not be the case with me. I earnestly hope that I will be able to maintain and keep the vows that I made to serve God all the days of my life, not just while the going is good and the sun shines. Any one can serve God in the sunshine, but it takes a real 'trooper' to still keep his religion when he is not seen by his fellow worshippers. To be sure, I have the opportunity to really enjoy the things of the world and none of you back there would ever know. But I do know, and as the hymn goes, 'The Lord's searching eyes do extend o'er the earth ...' He would know, too. But to partake of the

joys of the world, is not the desire that was installed in my heart when I decided to serve God. If I can serve God when I don't have the brothers and sisters to help me, then maybe, I can do a really good job when I do have their support.

I didn't intend this to be a testimony when I started to write this paragraph, but since it has turned out that way, I'll leave it as it is.

My words are running out and I think this is my cue to sign off for this time. Take good care of yourself until I see you again. Pray for me and you will have a spot in my meager prayers as I stand before the Lord."

Your son Jim

February 15, 1955

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I am writing this letter to tell you about a wonderful experience I had. Trusting in our Lord this letter will find you in good health.

I was sick about a month then taken to the hospital for 9 days. Then was released. About 4 weeks later, I was back in the hospital and was operated on. Two days after I was in so much pain, I couldn't stand it, so I thought if I would say a little prayer, our Lord would hear me and if it was his will, He would ease my pain. I turned on my side and started to pray. No sooner I started to pray, I fell in a deep sleep. I saw two persons in a vision and they appeared by the side of my bed. One was the Apostle Peter and the other Our Lord. Our Lord looking down at me, with his right hand up, said these words to me "You have been healed, you have been blessed and don't worry." Then the vision disappeared and I woke up. I couldn't believe it at first—I had no pain and a wonderful blessing. Then I remembered, I didn't finish my prayer and asked the Lord to forgive me. I asked if I didn't dream it, he should give me a sign. Then our Lord gave me another wonderful blessing on my body.

I'm proud to be in the Church of Our Lord and serve Him. Without Him I'm lost. Our Lord has been good to me and my family and my Brothers and Sisters from Lorain. May God Bless my Sisters and Brothers wherever they may be.

Your sister-in-Christ,  
Lucy Calabrese

Ft. Benning, Georgia

March 1955

Brother Editor:

I thought I'd write a few lines

to you tonight, letting you know that I am feeling fine and I hope you are the same. The weather down here in Georgia has been beautiful, with a lot of sunshine and blue skies. The temperature is usually around 80 during the day, and I believe it is a sure sign of summer being near.

I am planning on getting a 20-day leave next month and I hope Uncle Sam is kind enough to keep from spoiling my plans. It will be wonderful to spend Easter at home with the family and my friends.

I still try to go to church as often as I possibly can. To my knowledge, there is no better companion than God. Religion is something that no one should be without. It is a great moral stimulator to sit down each evening and read a chapter or two from the Bible. To a person in the service, religion is more than just reading the Bible. It is knowing that the Lord, the invisible Friend, is walking at your side ready to offer a helping hand in any conflict or trouble that may come along. However, a lot of people remember God only in time of need, and they will forget Him the rest of the time. We must remember Him always, and keep looking forward to the day that there will be peace among all nations and good will toward men.

Well it's getting late so I guess I'll be closing for now. In closing I want to let you know how much I appreciate your sending the Gospel News to me. I really enjoy reading it. May God bless and keep you, always.

Remember me in your prayers.  
Sincerely Richard Scaglione

18410 Glendale  
Roseville, Mich.

Dear Brother Editor:

Today the Blessing's of God filled our hearts to the bursting point. When I first obeyed the Gospel and embraced Christ as my Savior, I saw the joy and blessing of God reflected in the faces of the Saints of the church, but never knew just what it was until I experienced it myself.

Here at branch three, we all felt the wonderful sweet Spirit of our Lord and two more souls yielded to His will.

In our morning services the message of the elder was, "Today is the Day of Salvation." This we have heard many times but it remains fresh and new always.

Then Rosalie Slarenio rose to her feet requesting baptism and shortly after Mario Coppa rose filled

with the Spirit requesting baptism. We closed our services at the usual time and all gathered at the river.

The water was a beautiful crystal blue with huge ice flows floating everywhere. The sun shown brightly and there was nothing lacking. Bro. Ralph Leet did the baptising.

In the afternoon we heard the wonderful revelations and visions expressed which the Lord had given various Brothers and Sisters concerning the baptisms of our newly acquired Brother and Sister. I am unable to put into words the happiness and sweet peace that filled the House of God today. Truly the blessings fell like soft rain upon our souls. The Angels in heaven rejoiced.

We wanted to share it with all of you. I pray in some small way this will give you each joy.

Although scattered the world over we Brothers and Sisters are bound closely together and feel the same warm love, the Love of God.

Sister Ilene Coppa

#### BRO. JOHN CHERRY GRATEFUL

Dear Bro. Editor:

Will you please print this card of thanks in the Gospel News. I am feeling pretty good for my age and I want to thank all brothers and sisters for all the nice cards and all they have done for me in my illness. I have been sick for a long time, but I thank God it is as well as it is with me and I thank Brother Cadman for the interest he has taken in me.

Brother Cadman if you can print this card of thanks it will do me a great favor, for I am not able to answer each one.

Your brother in Christ.

John G. Cherry  
3827 Sunview Drive  
Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

Bro. Cherry is now passed 80 years old.

#### LADIES CIRCLE MEETING

The General meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held Saturday Mar. 19, 1955 at the Cadman home, 519 Finley St. Monongahela, Penna. The morning service opened at 10:00 a.m. There were many sisters present including some members from Youngstown, Ohio and some brethren were present too. After the meeting was opened in the usual way of singing hymns and prayer, some time was spent in giving testimon-

ies to the goodness of God which were enjoyed. Then business was taken up.

The roll was called with all officers present. The reports of the different Circles were read and their donations were placed in the different funds. We have 22 Circles now. A new Circle was just organized during this last quarter in Lorain, Ohio. They have 13 members. We received letters from the brothers who are in charge of Missionary work at Muncey and Sarnia Reserves in Ont. Canada which were read with interest.

The afternoon meeting opened at 1:00 p.m. and after singing and prayer business was continued. The President read two reports received from the Circle sisters in Nigeria Africa. They reported having 8 Circles and 236 members.

Under new business — It was decided by vote to buy brother Dick of Nigeria, Africa a motorcycle to enable him to travel from place to place to preach the Gospel to his people. And it was decided to hold the 35th anniversary of the Circle on Saturday, July 2, 1955 in the Church Bldg. at Monongahela, Pa. The next General Circle meeting will be held in June, 1955 at Monongahela, Penna.

Mary E. Wilson, Secretary

#### THE VOICE IN THE WHIRLWIND

Who has laid the foundations of Earth,

And determined its vast measurement,

Who can tell where its bases are sunk,

And who knows where its cornerstone went?

Who has shut in the sea with great doors,

When, at first, it burst forth from the womb?

Who commanded, "Thus far shall you come,

And beyond here, your proud waves find doom?"

Who commanded the mornings and dawn

To take hold of the skirts of the Earth,

And the dwellings of light, who can tell...

And just where does the darkness have birth?

Who has entered the storehouse of snow,

And the storehouse of hail, who has seen?

Who, the torrents of rain, can direct

To bring life on a land, parched and lean?

From what place did the icicle come?

And the hoarfrost of heaven, who makes,

Causing waters to be hard as stone,

Freezing waters and beautiful lakes?

Who can lift up his voice to the clouds,

That the waters may flood over all?

And to whom does the lightning approach

Saying, 'Where shall we strike, whom, appall'?

By his wisdom who numbers the clouds,

Or the waterskins, tilt, of the skies,

When the dust rolls into a great mass

And the clouds cleave, and cannot arise?

Ah! 'tis God that can do all these things,

And no purpose of His can be rent,

What my ears heard, my eyes now do see,

And in ashes and dust, I repent.

Catherine Poma

30 March, 1955  
Camp Zama, Japan

Dear Brother Editor:

I received the three latest copies of the Gospel News which you sent to me and I find myself incapable of describing the joy I felt as I read the news of the Gospel world. Allow me to express my warmest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

I received these copies on March 30 while I was at the office where I work here at Camp Zama and as I read the words my heart became so full of joy that it was necessary for me to leave my desk for a short time in order to keep from displaying my joy in a way that would not be understandable to those who work around me. I received them about an hour ago so I have not had time to really absorb all the good words that are in store for me to digest at a more leisurely pace than that at which I have glanced over them right now.

However, I want to write these few words today to let you know that I have received them and appreciate them very much; my hope is that I will continue to receive subsequent publications of this paper.

I am quite pleased at the results which your efforts in Africa have obtained toward furthering



the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ among a new people of the world. I, being not so strong and as well acquainted with the new things in store for this world as I was while I was still among you, greet with joy any furthering of the gospel because I know that that is the mission of the people of the Church in these latter days. I don't know the things that lay in store for me in regard to the Church and the Gospel when I finish my tour of duty with the Armed Services but it is my earnest hope that perhaps I can do something in a like manner to help further the cause of the Restored Gospel. Perhaps the Lord will see fit to use me in some little job along this line.

I have had recent news that you were afflicted with some ailment and in the hospital with an operation on the possible agenda. It is my prayer that this trouble is all cleared up by the time you get this letter but nevertheless, you can rest assured that I will remember you in my prayers, however small and weak they may be. God bless you, my brother.

One of the biggest problems I have had to face since I came to Japan is the lack of spiritual surroundings and spiritual food and how best to alleviate this situation. I, since there is no meeting of our people in the Army chapels here have found a great blessing and peace in the practice of stopping at the Chapel while no one else is there in the early morning for a word of prayer on my way to work. This is the only contact I have with anything of the spiritual world but He has blessed me in my weak endeavors. It has been said that "we do not miss the water until the well runs dry." How true that is for me; I didn't miss meeting with the Saints until it was impossible for me to do so. My brother, I have about 8 months to go before I leave Japan to come back to the States. I feel myself weakening for lack of "corn from Egypt," but I hope that I shall be able to hold to that covenant I made at the water's edge: to serve God all the days of my life. Pray for me that I will not forget that covenant. He has kept more than His share of the bargain; the only faults are in me. I would appreciate any letters from any of the Brothers and Sisters whether I know them or not

concerning their daily lives with Christ and their experiences. I am attaching my address to the bottom of this page; if possible, ask the brothers and sisters to write.

God bless all of you in your determination to serve the Lord.

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#### ORGANIZATION OF LOCKPORT, N.Y., M.B.A.

On Saturday morning of March 19, I drove with Brothers Dominic Thomas, Joe Collision and Dominic Cotellesi to Lockport, N. Y. to organize an M.B.A. local at the request of the Lockport Branch. After six hours of driving from Detroit, we arrived at the home of Brother Paul D'Amico.

On Saturday evening we assembled in the church building. Brother Cotellesi opened the meeting with a short talk followed by Brother Dominic Thomas explaining the purpose of the M.B.A. We then started the business of organization. We asked for a show of hands for those who wanted to become members and twenty-two responded. The officers were then elected by the majority and the organization was put in order.

The organizers gave a short talk of encouragement and instruction to the new members. We received a blessing in seeing the organization of a new local.

As members of the M.B.A. we are striving to create a spiritual environment for the group and particularly for the young people. Regardless of the type of meetings that we have, our aim is to grow spiritually-minded that we may be of a greater asset to the Church of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to learn the word of God and learn the will of God that we may grow in knowledge and understanding and be greater instruments in the hands of God.

In the M.B.A. we desire spiritual activities. In the fellowship of the Saints we are aiming for a common goal. Not only to set a good example to the strangers but to show the light to those who desire to serve God in Spirit and in Truth.

We, as members of the M.B.A. can be the backbone of the missionary work of the Church of Jesus Christ. By our donations and

with our prayers we can be a great help to our elders who are working in the missionary field. As members of the M.B.A. we are in a position to do constructive work for the Church and the Restored Gospel.

On Sunday morning, the Sunday School was taken up by the four visiting brothers who related some of their spiritual experiences and blessings they received by the hand of God. The morning service was introduced by Brother Cotellesi and followed by Brother Thomas. We were blessed with inspired sermons and our day was well spent.

We wish to thank Brother Paul D'Amico and the Lockport Branch for their wonderful reception and hospitality. It was certainly a blessing to be in fellowship with the Saints of Lockport. May the good Lord be with them all, and may His guiding hand lead them to greater victory and may they receive blessings and spiritual experiences in their organization of the M.B.A.

We were well paid for our efforts in making the trip to Lockport. The hand of God was with us all the way, for which we are deeply grateful to the Lord.

Brother Anthony Gerace

#### BROTHER HEAPS TO START OUT ON EVANGELISTIC WORK

Brother Cadman, I have given up my work. The experience I had 25 years ago keeps preying on my mind, it was as follows: "I dreamed that all the saints were gathered in Conference in a large hall. They were all lying on beds instead of chairs. I awoke up and looked around, and I said all the saints are sleeping. I got up and walked to the door, and Bro. Cadman came in with two Parchments, which represented the Bible and the Book of Mormon. He pushed his hand straight out and offered them to me and said, Brother Jimmie wake them up, and I awoke."

Brother Heaps, I have always felt that the Church made a retrograding move, when it turned down the proposition the Ladies Uplift Circle made to us some years ago in regards to having missionary workers traveling throughout the church. When you reach Monongahela, I am sure our doors will be thrown open to you, and when you are ready to leave for another field, I feel sure that you will be given a lift to help you on your way rejoicing.

Bro. W.H.C.



# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## HYMN NO. 1 SAINTS HYMNAL

The true Gospel is spreading o'er  
all the earth,  
To the Gentile, the Redman  
and Jew,

And to those who'll accept it and  
answer the call,

Will be chosen with God's only  
few.

The Nations in turmoil all striving  
for gain,

Have forgotten the Lord, it is  
true,

While the Restored Gospel is the  
Power of God

Preached to all who are seeking  
a-new.

It calls all mankind by the Spirit  
of God,

And teaches them that God's the  
same,

In days as of old when He healed  
the sick,

And caused those to walk who  
were lame.

### Chorus

O the Gospel Restored in these  
the Last Days,

With the Gifts and the Power  
from above,

Teaches all of mankind who will  
trust and obey,

The true way to be happy with  
love.

## EMERGENCY TV SET UP FOR IKE

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UP) — The White House said today emergency television facilities have been set up to enable President Eisenhower to address the country quickly in event of an enemy attack.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerly declined to give details, but he said the emergency TV arrangement has been in existence "for some time."

Apparently the system would enable the President, in event of attack, to consult with key Government officials over a closed circuit television network.

Then, if the circumstances warranted, Mr. Eisenhower could cut into such commercial television networks as might still be operating after an attack.

## II CHRONICLES, 7:1, 2

"Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrific-

es; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house."

According to the American Bible Society, the entire book of Isaiah was found north west of the Red Sea in 1947. Workmen discovered the manuscript in a cave. The parchment was in an earthenware jar, wrapped in many layers of cloth, then covered with pitch. It is believed by experts to have been in use when Christ was upon the earth.

## PHOTOSTAT MACHINE DOES MANY GOOD THINGS

At the Washington County Court House, but below are some of the things that cannot "lawfully" be done — Photostat Machine does Many Good Things.

"The photostatic process in fact eliminates the excruciating job of proof-reading copies of documents, a job that requires patience, good glasses and extra clerks.

Not that just anything can be copied on the machine. The law restricts a number of items from being photographed, including army and navy identification cards, auto licenses, title and driving licenses, citizenship or naturalization papers, copyrighted material, draft cards, immigration papers as well as bonds, currency coins, certificates and similar objects."

P. S. I imagine that a Minister's License granted by an Incorporated Society would certainly come under the term 'certificates and similar objects' as being unlawful to make a photostatic copy of, if not, a 'lawful incorporated body' would have no protection.

President W. H. Cadman

### NOTE

In the last issue of the paper (May 1955 on page 3 there is an Article entitled, "Babson Discusses The Bible and Formosa" and in the first paragraph it reads February 4, 1955. It should read "1555."

On page 2 there is an article by Bro. Furnier. In the bottom paragraph in the third column, there is a phrase which reads: "This do in remembrance of men." It should read: "This do in remembrance of me." I am sorry that these errors crept in. Editor.

## TO MAKE MYSELF PLAIN:

I reproduce the Editorial of January Gospel News 1955 in order to make myself plain to all, for it appears that I did not make myself plain to some.

The Editorial: "The year 1955 is now ushered in, and with all the blessings bestowed upon us by the Hand of Providence, yet as a world of creatures, we show our ingratitude to our Heavenly Father the Creator, by using many of the achievements of our day in saturating our minds with evil things, and particular, is the use of the Television bearing on my mind. Any follower of the Lord Jesus Christ must give credit to the Church of the Nazarene for the stand it has taken as published in the Herald of Holiness of Nov. 24, 1954.

As for me, I take the same stand on the television as I did in the beginning. It is not the instrument wherein the folly is, but it is what is brought into your homes thereon. I cannot understand how any Minister of any church can bring the prize fights, the wrestling matches, the wild west shooting plays and crimes that are, into their homes, and then stand in the pulpit when Sunday comes and preach Christ. I care not what Church he may belong too. To me, right is right and good is good, and there is no law against such, saith the scripture. I am not against the television, any more than I would be against the automobile or any other modern invention, but when it is used by professed followers of Christ in violating the laws of God, we are inviting disaster to us as individuals and as a nation of people.

The Auto is a wonderful invention, yet it is used by many as a means for the foulest of crimes. The Television is a wonder, yet many people are using it in a way that is filling the minds of youth and adults with evil, of which I believe it is Paul teaches us to abhor the very appearance of; All due credit to the Church of the Nazarene in its attitude, but I am afraid that television will cause (the use of it as it is being used) members of all churches, my own not excepted, to lose their souls if they persist in using modern inventions to transgress the laws of God, and in taking them from the simple life that was in Christ and

His immediate followers, Editor."

To me, when any person tries to stop anyone from having a Television in his or her home, is exceeding his or her's authority, and is not doing unto others as they would be done by. It is possible to have a television in your home, and not allow the evil things to be brought in. It is possible to own a car and still respect the laws of God, but the law of the Sabbath is very much transgressed in running our cars today. If we can jump into our cars on a Sunday morning and start off on our vacations, we are not observing the Lord's Day as we should, and when we speed up our cars from 60 to 75 miles an hour, we are transgressing the law of our land, whether we be saint or sinner. Most inventions are for our good if properly used, but I presume that we can transgress the laws of God, or civil law with most of the inventions if we will.

I never was at a prize - fighting ring in my life, but I have walked into homes where the fight was going on. In one home I was in a wrestling match came on, the most brutal thing I ever witnessed in my life. There is lots of other things I could mention, that if we are going to bring into our homes, we should not preach against those who may go to the shows, or go to the ring side to see the fight. I was invited a few years ago into one of my neighbors homes to see the inauguration services of President Truman. I do not see where I transgressed the law of God in watching the doings in Washington on that occasion, but we must all remember that it is possible for us to get our minds too much wrapped up in many things as well as television, and find ourselves straying from God.

I hope I have made myself clear to all concerned. I consider that a man has as much right to buy a television as the other fellow has to buy a car or something else he may be interested in. I say again, the folly is in what use we make of it.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

(An address over the radio from station CHOK, Sarnia, Ont. C a n. Sunday, Nov. 13th, 1949, by Thurman S. Furnier.)

Good morning radio friends:

This morning we will continue our series of addresses on the subject: "The falling away of the gospel" or "The great apostasy."

Having referred to the several phases or stages of the apostasy which included: The uniting of the

church and the Roman empire, (i. e. the church and state) by official edict of Constantine, the emperor of Rome, in the year of 313 A.D., changes in the Lord's supper, sprinkling in lieu of immersion, and the baptism of infants, which is contrary to scriptures, history and in the light of reason.

We will continue our study at this time of "The unauthorized changes in church organization and government."

Let us compare the plan of organization on which the church was founded in the beginning and the man made church system which took its place.

The early church was officered by Apostles, Evangelists, (or Seventies) Elders, Teachers, Deacons, etc. I will give a few scriptural references, more can be furnished: See Luke 6:13; 10:1-11; Acts 14:23; 15:6; Eph. 4:11; 1st Tim. 3:1; 8:12; 1st Peter 5:1; Titus 1:7.

In the third (3rd.) century the officers of the church were: Subdeacons, Acolytes, Ostiares, Readers, Exorcists and Copiates.

As the form of church government changed, many minor orders of church officers arose that were never heard of during the lives of the Apostles.

In the latter part of the second (2nd.) and throughout the third (3rd.) centuries, a distinction and recognition of rank rose among the Bishops. Those of large and wealthy cities assuming authority and dignity above the Bishops of the country provinces, taking to themselves the title of Metropolitans, and assumed a power of Presidency over the Bishops of more limited jurisdiction.

During the same centuries second (2nd) and third (3rd) the practice of holding church councils originated among the churches of Greece and later became general.

These councils grew rapidly in power, so that in the third (3rd) century they directed the churches by edict and command, in matters which had been left to the vote of the people.

Therefore, with such assumptions of authority, came lordly contempt of others, haughtiness, and tyranny in the government of the church.

Rome, so long the "mistress of the world" in secular (temporal) affairs assumed to herself a pre-eminence (superiority in rank) in church matters, and the Bishop of Rome claimed supremacy.

Tradition, founded on error, said that the Apostle Peter was the first

Bishop of Rome; and those who successively were acknowledged as Bishops of the metropolis claimed to be, in fact, the lineal successors of the Apostle Peter.

The high and false claim of the church must be laid aside, if we are to believe the historian Eusebius, (and we have no reason to disbelieve him.) He was the Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine. He lived from about 260 to about 339 A.D.

Eusebius says: The first (1st.) Bishop of Rome was St. Linus, the second (2nd) Bishop of Rome was St. Anencletus, and the third Bishop of Rome was St. Clement. (See Eusebius Eccl. Hist. P. 71 & 93.) (You will note that the Apostle Peter was not the first Bishop of Rome.)

The power of the Bishops of Rome was increased during the twelfth (12th) century, and may be said to have reached its height in the thirteenth (13th) century.

Not content with assumed supremacy in all church affairs, the Bishops "carried their insolent (grossly rude) pretensions so far as to give themselves out for lords of the universe, arbiters (ar-bit-ers) of the fate of kingdoms and empires, and supreme rulers over the kings and princes of the earth." Mosheim Eccl. Hist. Cent. 11, part 11, Ch. 2:2.

The rightful supremacy of the Bishops of Rome, was early questioned; and when Constantine made Byzantium or Constantinople, the capital of the empire, the Bishop of Constantinople claimed equality.

The dispute divided the church, and for five hundred years the dissension increased, until in the ninth century 855 A.D. it developed into a great disruption.

The Bishop of Constantinople known as the Patriarch repudiated all further allegiance to the Bishop of Rome.

This separation is marked today by the distinction between Roman and Greek Catholics.

During the fourth (4th.) century the church had promulgated what has been since designated as an infamy (disgrace) i. e. that "errors in religion, when maintained and adhered to after proper admonition, were punishable with civil penalties, and corporeal tortures." Mosheims Eccl. Hist. Cent. 4, part 2, ch. 3:16.

With the passing of the years this rule became more and more wicked, so that in the eleventh (11th.) century the church imposed fine, imprisonment, bodily torture, and even death, as penal-

ties for violation of church order, and more infamous still, provided for annulment of such sentences on payment of money.

This led to the shocking practice of selling indulgences or pardons, which custom was afterward carried to the extreme of issuing the indulgence before the offense was committed, thus literally offering for sale licenses to sin, with assurance of immunity from temporal penalties.

Later the Bishops went to the blasphemous extreme of assuming to remit the penalties of the hereafter on payment of certain sums, and constitutes the dreadful doctrine of supererogation.

We are informed by the historian Mosheim, that the doctrine was set forth in the thirteenth (13th.) century viz:

"That there actually existed an immense treasure of merit, composed of the pious deeds and virtuous actions which the saints had performed beyond what was necessary for their own salvation, and which were applicable to the benefit of others; that the guardian and dispenser of this precious treasure was the Roman Bishop, and that of consequence he was empowered to assign to such as he thought proper a portion of this inexhaustible source of merit, suitable to their respective guilt, and sufficient to deliver them from the punishment due to their crimes." Mosheims Eccl. Hist. Cent 12, part 11, Ch. 3:4.

The doctrine of supererogation is unreasonable, unscriptural and untrue. Man is a free agent and is individually responsible for his acts. He will receive salvation through the atoning sacrifice of our Redeemer, and by obedience to the principles and ordinances of the gospel as established by Jesus Christ (To be continued.)

#### NEWS ITEM

Brothers and Sisters, T. S. Furnier & Wife, Joseph Bittinger & Wife, and Alma B. Cadman after spending about ten days with the saints in New York and New Jersey, returned home on May 10th. They report a very nice visit with our folks in that part of the vineyard.

In a letter received from Sister Robinson of Modesto, Calif., we learn that along with her husband (Bro. Alex) and their family of children, are very much at home in Modesto. They recently removed from their home in Larned, Kansas and while they have

been welcomed very much by the saints in California, they are also missed very much by the few that remain in St. John.

In a letter from Bro. Daniel Tamburrino of Aliquippa, Pa., we are informed that they had a baptism in their Branch of the Church. The new convert was 71 years old.

In the Monongahela Branch, a very nice Mothers Day program was rendered by the young folks of the branch in the evening.

I received a letter dated May 9th, written by Loretta Garlow, one of our young Indian sisters in Canada. She says: We have been having a wonderful blessing every time we go to Grand River Reservation. This past Sunday there were 56 for Sunday School. There was about 9 of the Indian Singers present. There was a wonderful Spirit in the meeting. I am glad to hear the good news Loretta, Bro. Cadman.

I received a card from Paul D'Amico this day, May 12th. I am glad to see the energy put forth by our brothers in New York State (Lockport & Rochester) in an effort to carry the Gospel to the hungry souls awaiting it. He says: three brothers visited the Grand River Reserve yesterday, while two other Elders held meetings at Niagara Falls, Ont. He says about 50 visitors attended the meeting at Grand River. Brother Sam and I will visit Tuscarora Reservation next Sunday. He further says: We have started work towards building an addition to our church here in Lockport. May the Lord bless you all.

Bro. WHC.

#### BRO. LASALA RETURNS HOME DETROIT, MICH.

My dear brother Cadman:

I trust and pray that this letter will find you in the best of health, and enjoying the many blessings from our Father above. I am thankful that our Eternal Father through His precious Son Jesus Christ to have the privilege to return safely from the Armed Forces to the promised land again, which God has blessed abundantly over all other lands, that does exist in this vast world.

Throughout my two years in the Army, I spent mostly in Europe—Germany, Austria, and Italy. During that period of time, especially when stationed in Italy, I enjoyed meeting our brothers and sisters in that country where they were always happy to invite the saints of God, through the love of

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Surely we enjoyed the blessings of God, and praise His High and Holy Name for being merciful to us, and making us free in the Gospel of Christ, the Son of the living God.—where before we were walking in the highways of darkness and the iniquities of the world, but now we walk in the Kings Highway in the light of God, which he has restored into our hearts in these latter days. Today I thank our Holy Father above all, for the work He has performed with His Holy Spirit of power among these poor people over here in Italy, for I saw the fruit of the Spirit of God developing in extending the gospel, and in sending our brothers in the ministry to preach the everlasting Gospel with power and wisdom from on high. Those poor souls—often they are persecuted by the priests for the justice of God. But woe to them that wrongfully persecute one of His servants. There is the promise of Jesus Christ which impresses them—who betray the followers of Jesus Christ, "But who so shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and were drowned in the depths of the sea."

Our brother Guiseppa BounFiglio is trying to do his best, and many times has to walk long distances to comfort the people of God. Some times we say on the promise land of God, that we suffer because of afflictions and persecutions, but we have the privilege to call upon the Lord Jesus Christ for help to relieve our heavy burden. (According to Brother Lasala he is pleading for used clothing to be sent to our brothers and sisters in Italy—no doubt it would be appreciated much by them over there).

Blessed be His High and Holy Name for His tender mercies upon each and every one of us in partaking of His glorious Gospel, where we find peace, joy and happiness to serve this wonderful Jesus Christ, the Son of Man who was full of Light and Glory.

Brother Michael Lasala P. S. I am glad to know that brother Lasala has returned home safe and well. Brother Cadman.

#### BRO. PERRI IS HOME AGAIN

March 24, 1955, New Jersey  
My dear Brother Cadman,

I thank God that I am able at this time to write a few lines to let you know that I'm feeling fine and I trust with the help of God that this letter will find you and sister Cadman enjoying good

## THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## EDITORIAL

I have been asked the following question: "Was the devil ever in heaven?" I answered it of course verbally, and I will now quote the scripture on the subject. First though, I will add that I have been preaching the Gospel for 53 years since I was ordained. I have listened to many speakers during that time in this Church, and in other churches, and never did I hear this matter questioned until in very recent years. I would seem to me "that in the last days perilous times shall come." Might I say in more ways than one. But people may believe what they wish, matterless of what the scripture says, and the plain 'word' is disbelieved by many who claim to believe the Bible to be the WORD OF GOD.

In Rev. 12th Chapter, John sees 'WONDERS, IN HEAVEN, In verse 7, it is written that there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. As far as the scripture is concerned this took place in heaven. In verse 9 we are told that the dragon was the devil, and that he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. In verse 12 it says: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you." Heaven is always described as above, and the devil came down. Hell is described as 'below' down, beneath etc. And in Isaiah 14:9 he says "Hell from beneath is moved to meet thee at thy coming." According to Rev. 12th Chapt., the devil was in heaven and made war there. I, Brother W. H. Cadman have believed this and I have preached it all my life time, and never was I found fault with for so doing. In St. Luke 10, 18 the Saviour speaking: "And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning falls from heaven." The Savior did not speak idle words—nay, He forbade the doing of such. I read in II Peter 2:4 "that God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell." May I ask, where was the angels when they sinned? According to what I read in Rev. 12 the old dragon

drew one third of the stars (angels) of heaven and did cast them to the earth. In Jude, verse 6, he speaks of "the angels which kept not their 'first estate,' but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness into the judgement of the great day." It is a foregone conclusion, that these angels fell from their first-estate, and their abode certainly was in heaven.

Let us note what is written of the devil as to who he was, and where he came from. Isaiah 45:7 says: "I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." In the creation of all things, I read in II Nephi 2: 11th verse, "For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things." Read it yourself, and take note of verses 17, 18. According to Lehi the devil was a fallen angel from heaven, "having sought that which was evil before God." In II Nephi 9:8, Nephi speaks of the angel who fell from before the presence of God and became the devil. To men of reason, we must conclude that the devil is a fallen angel, and of course they had their abode in heaven, and one of the angels sought that which was evil before God—So saith Lehi.

In Genesis 2:8, I read that God planted a garden eastward in Eden, where He put the man whom He had created—a place where Adam and Eve could have lived forever if they would. But in the garden, and in the wisdom of the Creator, opposition was also there and with all the grandeur that may of been there, the devil was also there, and he deceived our first parents, and instead of them living in the garden forever, they were driven out because of their transgression, yes, the devil was there and deceived them. Likewise do I read in Rev. 12:7, 8, 9 that the devil made war in heaven, but he prevailed not, he was cast out into the earth. (cast out of heaven) neither was their place found any more in heaven, proving the fact, that the devil and his angels had a PLACE in heaven up until the time they were cast out. Remember that the Lord says: "I create evil," and also Lehi says that it was needful that there be an opposition in all things. The devil is always on the alert, it seems that it is hard to keep him down. Even after the resurrection he gathers his host together and compasses the camp of the saints and the beloved City, in an effort to become the victor in the great struggle that

he has always carried on.

It looks as though the ransomed will not get entirely rid of the angel that fell, and became a devil, until he is finally cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. Rev. 20:10. Yes, the devil was in heaven, John saw him there, John also saw him bound and the faithful live and reign with Christ a thousand years.

Editor

## NOTE

I have received a letter from the Custom Authorities in Lagos, Nigeria, B. W. Africa in answer to one I had written them relative to paying duty on used clothing shipped into their country.

They inform me that duty on all clothing, used or new, must be paid on the assessed value of the clothing. They have no other alternative.

The duty makes it very costly for our folks in Nigeria to have to pay on clothing that we have sent to them. It is too bad, for they need clothing. The only way out of it is to send them the money and let them buy over there.

I wish to speak a word of appreciation as to how our people have responded to the call to help our Indian people with clothing on several different reservations. You have not sent shoddy material, but I will say, very good clothing has been sent, and I'm sure the Indian folks have appreciated it very much. We have asked them not to sell the clothing to any one, but to give freely to any who are in need. I am sorry that we cannot send to Africa without the poor people there having to pay duty on the same.

Sincerely, Bro. Cadman

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health.

This letter is also to let you know that I'm back again with my family, brothers and sisters in this Blessed Land of America. If it was not for the Hand of the Lord I would not be here today. Our Dear Lord has surely blessed me greatly and He has done much for me. I can never thank Him enough for what He has done for me, but I can try to serve Him better as each day passes by. That is my desire. I ask you to pray for me that God might draw me closer to Him and make me one of His humble servants.

I feel to make myself known at this time. My name is Joseph Per-

ri, the son of Bro. Eugene Perri of New Brunswick, N.J. I arrived home from Korea on Mar. 12th and am now discharged from the Army. I thank God. Bro. August D'Orazio who was in Korea with me is home also, and we've been able to see each other. Received word from Bro. Tony Picciuto who was also with us in Korea, that he would like to see me at Conference, but I don't know if I'll be able to be there. I leave everything in the hands of God. I met with brothers Tony and August twice in Korea and I was able to spend a few more days with August in Japan. We thank God that we were able to meet in that land so far from home. Those meetings were an experience to us that we will never forget.

There is much poverty in that land, and they need God, so let's pray for them when ever we are able. We have seen many things while over there. Some of them are hard to believe, but they are true because we have seen them with our own eyes. I've taken a few pictures (colored slides) of the different sights there also. In America we have more than enough for ourselves and also for others, but most of all we have the Gospel of Jesus Christ and I am very happy and thankful that I am a member. It is the best organization any one can join.

I received the Gospel News steady while away from home, and I want to thank you for sending it to me. It is a wonderful paper and I've learned much by reading it. It is the only way we can know what is going on in Church. Your experience in Africa is also wonderful to read. We see that the Gospel of Jesus is spreading all over the earth as it is written in the word of God. May God continue to bless our elder brothers to preach and tell other's of Jesus. As the Poet says, "The world needs a friend like Jesus and no other friend will do." God's way is the best way.

Please discontinue sending the Gospel News to my address in Korea, for now I am home and will be able to read it here. Mother will renew our issue in the coming week. There isn't much more to say at this time so I will relate the experience I had just before leaving to come home. This is Concerning Prayer: A few days before I got my notice to come home, mother wrote and said that my father had called different Branches and Missions of our Church to pray for me in my behalf that the

Lord might open a way for me to come home, being that things didn't look too good in the Far-East at that time.

Shortly after receiving that letter I got my notice to come home, but until I saw it in writing, I didn't believe it, because my time was not up yet to come home.

When it came time for me to leave my company, I packed my belongings and went to another Company to process and wait for our ship to come in.

At the processing center, my records were checked and I was told by the clerk that he didn't know whether or not I'd make this shipment. You see I was supposed to reach the Far-East on a certain date and leave Korea on a certain date but I was off a day or so each way. The clerk then called the Sergeant in charge of the department and explained to him what was wrong, and he (the Sergeant) told me to wait outside his office while he checked my records. In less than a minute he came and told me I was all right, that I could go. It came to my mind then that the brothers and sisters were praying for me. When I got back to the barracks I found out that about ten soldiers with the same case as mine were pulled off the shipment and placed on the next one. God surely did answer the prayers of the saints and therefore I am thankful for that. Prayer changes things.

I boarded ship 23rd of Feb., reached the U. S. on March 10th. The land of America was a wonderful sight to behold as it came in sight. We passed under the Golden Gate Bridge in Calif. God Bless America the Land that I love!

That is my experience. Let us continue to pray for one another that God's richest Blessings may rest on us always. There isn't more to add at this time so I'll close. God bless you all is my prayer in Jesus Name. Your brother in Christ, Joseph Perri. I thank you my Brother. God bless you with your work for the Church.— We all love you dearly Bro. Cadman.

P.S. Brother Joseph: I believe everybody will be glad to know that you have returned home to your loved ones safe and well. May the Lord ever bless you. Bro. WHC

#### WHEN IS EASTER?

How is the date of Easter determined? Why does it not come at the same time each year, like Christmas or New Year's Day.

The day on which Easter will fall has always been set in the

same way as the ancient Jewish Passover feast, which is determined by the full moon.

Easter comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or immediately following March 21. If that first full moon comes on a Sunday, the following Sunday is set aside as Easter.

Since the date is determined by the full moon, Easter can never come before March 22 or any later than April 25.

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On the last Sunday of Feb., we enjoyed a grand time at West Side Branch No. 2. Bro. John Gammichia and others preaching the Gospel, out in Inkster, Mich. are still having success in their missionary work, and had brought in a candidate to be baptized. A number of bros. and sisters, had left the branch for Muncey and other Missionary fields, so we postponed this baptism for the 1st. Sunday in March, and a beautiful baptism of a sister it was, performed by bro. Joe Milantoni. I understand that the same day, at Branch No. 3, a bro. and sister were baptized, by Bro. Ralph Leet. On the 2nd. Sunday of March we enjoyed a grand time at Branch No. 3, Bro. Reno Bologna was there, and spoke on the 15th Chapter of Luke referring to the Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost piece of Silver, and Prodigal Son, a good spirit being felt in our midst. In the afternoon we also had a very good feeling in our midst, in the course of our testimony meeting a Young Sister told an experience she had in which she saw someone announcing, over a loud speaker about Sister Marietta Ruzzi, the words were, that while she was well, she did the best that she could for the Church, bros. and sisters, and all concerned, now that she is ill, she wishes that we will reciprocate in doing all we can for her. Not long after this experience I dropped in to see Sister Ruzzi, I found her extremely encouraged, different bros. and sisters had been there to see her that day and she was able to sit up and entertain them. I also found an encouraging note to her from Sister Sadie Cadman, and one from Bro. Jim, Joe and Marco, and the rest of Saints in California. To my great astonishment, sister Ruzzi was right in Church, Branch No. 1, with us Sunday afternoon, and seemed to have had a good time. She is not at all well though, also Bro. Leopoldo, Bro and Sis. Cadmen, Bro Chas Ashton, Sis. Ciaravino, Bro. Gories'

Mother, and others, and still desire the prayers of all the saints.

The last Sunday in March, my family and I, spent the day at Branch No. 2, taking a friend with us. She seems to be investigating the truth. I introduced the service, reading from 3rd Nephi 27th Chapter, through the 8th verse, depicting the Church, and how it represents the true Gosepl of Jesus Christ, also Matthew 12th Chapter, treating generally on the works of the Saviours, how He caused the blind to see, and the dumb to speak, and grant many other blessings to His faithful ones, concluding with the 36th and 37th verses, which reads thus, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of Judgment.

For by thy words, thou shalt be justified, and by thy words, thou shalt be condemned, also treating on the last verse of this Chapter, where Jesus says, For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Bro. Domonic Thomas was there, and spoke next, giving a wonderful talk. The afternoon service was opened on few verses of the 15th Chapter of John, and brought a wonderful blessing throughout.

#### SISTER LASSITER PASSES ON

Mrs. Amy Lassiter a resident of Hutchinson, Kas., died Monday, Jan. 17th 1955. I have not the date of her birth. She was baptized in 1899, in the Church of Jesus Christ, and was faithful when death called her home. The Services were conducted in the Church of Jesus Christ, St. John Kas. by bro. Chas. Sanders.

Bro. Matthew T. Miller

#### BROTHER RICHARD LOWTHER PASSES ON

John R. Lowther, aged 64 passes on to his reward. He died at his home on April 16, 1955 near Vanderbilt, Pa. He had not been well for a long time, and passed on peacefully and very sudden at the last. He is survived by his wife Delvia Lowther, two sons, James T. and Richard W. of Vanderbilt, three brothers and two sisters, and six grand children.

Brother Lowther was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. Funeral services were held in The Church on Route 711 near Vanderbilt. Brother Joseph Bittinger was in charge of the services, and was assisted by Brother Joseph

Shazer. Interment was in Flatwoods Cemetery under the direction of the Galley Funeral Home of Dawson. Our sympathy is extended to his beloved wife and all the family in their sorrow.

#### JOHN LA REW PASSES ON

Bro. La Rew age 71 of Smock, Pa., died on March 21, 1955 in his home. He is survived by his wife, Minnie La Rew, four sons: Elmer of Grindstone; Earl, Martin and James all of Smock, Pa. one sister, and two brothers and three grandchildren.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ for 38 years. Friends are being received in the Church on Rt. 711 near to Vanderbilt until Thursday at 2:30 p.m. the hour of service. Brother Joseph Shazer in charge of the service with Brother Joseph Bittinger assisting. Interment in Flatwoods Cemetery under the direction of the Galley Funeral Home of Dawson, Pa. We extend our sympathy to the loved ones.

#### VINCENT CLEMENT PASSES ON

McKees Rocks, Pa. Brother Vincent Clement died March 18, 1955. He was born April 30, 1879 and was baptized into the Church in December of 1924. He remained faithful until God called him home as a member of the Church. He was also presiding Elder of the McKees Rocks Branch.

His readiness to serve, and tolerance, and his frugal way of living along with many other godly virtues, will undoubtedly remain in the hearts and minds of many, for years to come. One of his greatest experiences, was the fifteen year extension of life which he miraculously an prophetically received.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and daughter at home, three married sons and one married daughter, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is missed by many throughout the Church, but especially by the saints of the McKees Rocks branch of the Church. Services were conducted in the Church here, with Bro. A. A. Corrado and Bro. T. S. Furrner officiating.

#### ARGENTINA MAY 1 CROWD RAPS CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, May 1 — Argentina's organized workers conducted a vociferous May Day demonstration against the Roman Catholic Church today, and voiced enthusiastic support for

President Juan D. Peron in his controversy with the church.

Eduardo Vuletich, secretary-general of the General Labor Confederation, called for complete constitutional separation of church and state and for elimination of Catholic religious education in public schools.

Vuletich also drew prolonged applause when he proposed the third election of Peron as president when the president's present six-year term expires in 1958.

Peron also addressed the mass meeting.

#### SIEGEL-BISCOTTI NUPTIALS

Prout Chapel on the campus of Bowling Green State University was the scene on Saturday, April 23rd of the marriage of Kathryn Marie Biscotti, a Junior at the University, to Lt. Philip E. Siegel who graduated from Bowling Green last August.

The chapel was decorated with altar bouquets of white stock, snapdragons and calla lilies and two seven-branched candelabra with clusters of white carnations and huckleberry.

Preceding the ceremony, Rocco E. Biscotti, cousin of the bride sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco V. Biscotti of 2261 Taylor Rd., and the ceremony was performed by her father who is Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ. She was escorted to the altar by her brother, Dr. Matthew R. Biscotti. Her gown was a floor length in nylon tulle.

A breath of Spring was given the wedding in the flowers carried by the bride and her attendants. Her own cluster on a Bible included white hyacinths together with white orchids, and white hyacinths and violets were carried by the maid of honor, her cousin Jeanette Perlioni, and the bridesmaids Alice Surrell and Sue Deason, all classmates from Shaw High days.

After a brief motor trip in Michigan, Lt. Siegel leaves for Germany where his bride plans to meet him following her graduation in January.

(Taken from a Cleveland, O. paper

Modesto, Calif.

April 13, 1955

Dear Brother Editor:

Would you like some news from our branch? Here are some items that I thought might be worthy of publication in the Gospel News. I scarcely know where to begin, we have been so blessed.

Bro. Mark Randy is home



again, after being gone about six weeks to help San Fernando build their church. We know God will richly bless him, because of his sacrifice of leaving his family and business to do the Lord's work.

Bro. and Sister Alex Robinson and their six children of Larned, Kansas have settled here. We trust the Saints here may be a blessing to them as they were to us.

Recent visitors here were: Bro. and Sister Bob Truzillo, Bro. and Sister John Rogolino, Bro. Tony Piccuito, Bro. and Sister Joe Campagna and Bro. James Heaps. Bro. Heaps held some fine evangelistic meetings during his two weeks stay. His visit was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo was guest speaker at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ one evening. He explained our Faith and Doctrine, and gave his personal testimony. While he was speaking two of our brothers had a vision. They saw a crown with many stars placed on his head.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo and family went to San Jose recently. He found a number of people who were interested in the gospel. At a request, he will go there again this week-end. We pray that God will guide and bless him in his Missionary ventures.

God's holy presence was truly felt at our Easter services, both morning and night. The children put on a play written by Sister Josephine Catalano, and they sang three songs. Two young people narrated the story of Christ's Resurrection from the Scriptures. There was a great Blessing. The program was Co-ordinated by Bro. Alex Robinson and the music was taught by Sister Arlene Gamble. Bro. John Rogolino asked the Elders to lay hands on him. As Bro. Mark Randy began to pray, he (Bro. Mark) spoke in the gift of tongues. Bro. James Heaps was led by the holy spirit to preach. He directed his comment to the young people, that they should serve the Lord in the days of their youth, while they were strong and able. As he spoke, these words of the Lord were given to Bro. Lovalvo — "Oh My Young people! I have given you more than the old people, because without me you could not resist the evils and temptations of this world."

Our evening services opened with many songs. There was a good spirit felt. Many of the Saints testified of God's goodness. Bro. Heaps felt to speak a few words

concerning the scriptures. A young lady, who had been to several of our meetings, stood up and asked that she be accepted as a member of our Church. She said we were such a happy people. Upon her arrival at home after the meeting, when she told her parents of her desire to be baptized, her mother was so angry, she threatened to disown her. So she wept bitterly and went to the Lord in prayer.

She asked for proof that she was doing right, Was this Christ's Church and Gospel? She went to sleep only to be awakened by a terrible crash, and a horrible scene appeared in a dream. She cried again and after falling asleep again, she had this wonderful dream. "She was down at the river, she saw Bro. Joe Lovalvo baptize her and Sister Louise Robinson (a Deaconess) attend her afterwards; Over on the shore she saw Jesus kneeling." How God Works! He is so good. He must have been preparing her for her baptism. She had never seen a baptism. — To proceed further: When she was really baptized, Bro. Joe Lovalvo did take her into the water, and Sister Robinson was the one who attended her. As she finished getting ready for her confirmation she related the dream to some of us Sisters and said "It was done, just as I dreamed." We pray that God will give her patience, love & understanding, so that she may bring her family into this wonderful Gospel too.

Modesto Branch sends their love to all the Saints Every-where.

Sister Arlene Gamble

18410 Glendale  
Roseville, Mich.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I don't know just how to put what I feel into words, no matter if I were the most accomplished writer in the world I still would be unable to express the fullest meaning of the beautiful service we at branch 3 shared on April 10. The church was crowded to capacity and not one chair remained unused.

There were eight Elders present, with Bro. Jim Lavalvo introducing the sermon. From the very first word that came from his mouth we felt the Spirit of God. While he was thus speaking Bro. Frank Vito stood up in the Spirit and spoke saying, "It is written, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." I don't think there was a dryeye in the

building.

There were six souls to come to the open arms of Jesus. They are Bro. Tony Lavalvo, Bro. Tony Capone, Bro. David Capone, Sister Virginia Conti, Sister Josephine Messina, and Sister Angeline Di Mercurio. I have never been a witness to more than two baptisms at one time. Today we were all bubbling over with happiness.

April 17th. our branch had feet washing service. On the same day there were three young brothers ordained Elders. Namely Bro. Peter Capone, Bro. Jack Pontillo, and Bro. John Visconti. Again the blessings of God were so very great. His peaceful gentle love drew us into one and we wept with joy.

I thank God for our church and for each brother and sister in it. I am so very grateful for my tiny part in the Gospel, for your prayers and for the wonderful privilege I have to go to God in prayer.

I pray that I shall be found worthy to meet the Savior face to face one day.

Remembering you each in my prayers, with love,

Sister Hene Coppa

#### GOD'S WORD IS VERIFIED

A glorious example of God's healing power was in evidence recently at Stelton, N. J. Brother Nathan Peterkin of this branch saw this power manifest in his daughter, Carmela. In a recent testimony meeting Brother Nathan bore an account of the experience.

"My daughter, Carmela, had been stricken with a malady which had caused her face to swell to more than twice its size. The effects of the ailment were so acute she could barely open her eyes. We had friends (not church members) visit us Saturday evening and they insisted we call a doctor immediately. My wife, however, urged me to call the elders of the church for anointment first.

"By Sunday morning Carmela's condition had not improved. Once again I was visited by a friend who recommended I contact a doctor at once and my wife was equally persistent that I summon the priesthood. I was impressed at this time by the way the world cries 'doctor, doctor,' while the faithful and believing turn to the church and call 'Lord, Lord.' I finally heeded the pleas of my wife and called Brother Rocco.

"At noon Brothers Rocco Ensari and Patsy Rogolino arrived to anoint Carmela. After they had done so the change was immediate.

ly apparent. When I left for church about a half hour later it was certain beyond a doubt my daughter was better and would recover fully. In a matter of hours she had been completely healed with no after effects remaining."

Presiding elder Rocco Ensana corroborated the testimony by declaring it was indeed a miracle. He explained how the now normal, healthy eight year old girl had been almost unrecognizable when he had arrived for the anointing.

"I could tell from the way the child cried after we laid on hands that the spirit of God had blessed her," said Brother Rocco. "The tears flowed in such abundance I had no doubt she had been touched and would be healed."

Following Brother Nathan's testimony and Elder Ensana's statement the entire congregation rejoiced with praise to God. It was good to know that the Heavenly Father will bless us according to our need when we prove worthy.

Written by

Bro. George Funkhouser

Wakpala, South Dakota

March 27, 1955

Dear Brother Cadman,

We have had another wonderful prayer meeting today in the glorious name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. We have been having most of our prayer meetings here where we live but we have been welcomed to have our prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meeter's on March thirteenth, then on March twentieth we were welcomed to have our prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Three Legs. Today March twenty-seventh we were welcomed to have our Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Tiyoona. We planned to have our next prayer meeting here where we live but we are invited to have it at the home of an elderly widow, Mrs. Reel, God willing, Amen.

A suggestion was made to me about some accompaniment to our singing. If possible will you please look around for a second hand accordion or a second hand portable organ. We would be ever so grateful if our Brothers and Sisters could help us. We have enough young people here for a choir, a few for a starter.

Since the last time we wrote you about the miracles of healing,

we have had five more being healed of their afflictions by the Holy Father of Israel through Jesus, Amen. Tell all our Brothers and Sisters that their Lamanite Brothers and Sisters said hello. May our God of Israel watch over you all.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Mr. Earl F. DeMarrias  
Wakpala, South Dakota

### OUR PRIDE AND JOY

On December 31, 1951, Namio Cottom, daughter of John Edwards, granddaughter of Martin King, gave birth to a baby girl. There were two boys in the family, and so the little girl was a real blessing to them. When Brenda, "this little girl," was 9 months old, she was in her stroller and was playing around in the kitchen of her home. Her mother had the coffee pot plugged in and Brenda got hold of it and pulled it down on her body. Mrs. Maggie Edwards, the baby's grandmother, and my mother were visiting them at the time. Lucky they were, for my aunt passed out from shock. The baby couldn't cry, she just stiffened out. They tried to tear her dress from her, and when they did the skin from her body came with it, so they wrapped her up in a blanket and rushed her to the Connellsville State Hospital. On the way to the hospital, they had a flat tire, and had to borrow another car from a service station. At the hospital they bandaged her up and sent her home saying she would get better care at home. She was burned so bad she couldn't move her body, and couldn't take her bottle as her throat was burned also. My aunt kept saying, God gave me this girl, I wanted, and look at what I did for her. Brother Oron Thomas, of Vanderbilt, was called to anoint her, when she came home from the hospital. Then the doctor was called again, and he said when the burn reached her kidneys she would die. Brother Oron Thomas was called again, and anointed her and put oil on her lips. She began to vomit at once and get better. My aunt, the baby's mother, called her husband and said, "Come and look what God has done for our baby." Brenda is three years old now, and you would never believe it, but she has only three or four small scars on her arm and chest, but no matter how she would have

looked, she would still be OUR PRIDE AND JOY. This was witnessed by a good many people.

By Peggy Whetsel  
Great-granddaughter  
of Martin King

### TAKE NOTICE PLEASE

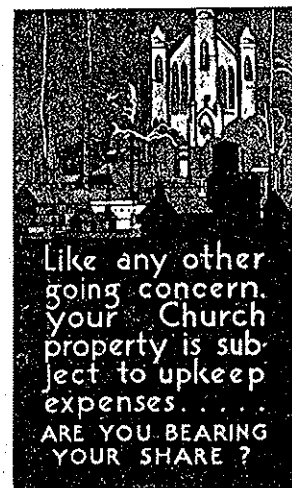
Our people in Africa are still wanting clothing, even though they are obliged to pay the duty on it's assessed value. I have had letters from Bro. Dick and from others. It is too bad that used clothing cannot be shipped to our folks overthere free of duty, but they cannot. In sending clothing, send it in the name of the persons that ask for it, but in care of A. A. Dick, Box 43 R. Uyo P. O. Nigeria, B. W. Africa. This is the latest on this matter.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

### NOTICE

Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger, along with Brother and Sister T. S. Furnier, expect to be in the vicinity of Wakapala, South Dakota Standing Rock Indian Reservation, about June 10th or 12th, to begin Gospel Tent services for an indefinite period of time. All are cordially invited to attend these services both Indians and Gentiles, come and help us to sing, or sing for us.

To our Indian brothers and sisters in South Dakota and our many friends as well, tell all your friends and neighbours about these services and invite them to come.



Like any other  
going concern,  
your Church  
property is sub-  
ject to upkeep  
expenses. . . .  
ARE YOU BEARING  
YOUR SHARE ?

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## LET US PRAY

Let us pray, gladly pray,  
In the House of Jehovah,  
Till the righteous can say,  
O our warfare is over!  
Then we'll dry up our tears,  
Sweetly praising together,  
Thro' the great thousand years,  
Face to face with the Saviour.

What a joy will be there,  
At the great resurrection,  
As the saints meet in air,  
In their robes of perfection;  
Then the Lamb—then the Lamb,  
With a God's mandatory,  
As I AM THAT I AM,  
Fills the world with His glory.

We can then live in peace,  
With a joy on the mountains,  
As the earth doth increase,  
With a joy by the fountains,  
For the world will be blest,  
With a joy to rely on,  
From the east to the west,  
Thro' the glory of Zion.

## CONTRIBUTED BY TECUMSEH MORGAN WHY WEEP?

He is a fool who wastes his time  
in weeping,

When fate tears down his castles  
in the air,

His time would be much better  
spent in sweeping

Each corner of his heart of all  
despair;

For we must build new dreams  
for each tomorrow.

Forgetting all those shattered by  
today,

No mortal ever lived could bear  
the sorrow

Of heartaches one by one allowed  
to stay ....

(Written by a lifetime prisoner)

## WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

A plain bar of iron may be worth five dollars. This same bar of iron when made into horseshoes is worth ten dollars. When this bar of iron is made into needles, it is worth over three thousand dollars. Finally, if this bar of iron is made into delicate balance springs for a watch, it becomes worth about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Every individual determines his own value. What God has created is never valueless; every one has worth. But God has given each one of us capabilities which he expects us to put to good use. By

wasting our God-given talents we are losing the best that life has to offer.

If we squander ourselves on passions, thrills, excitement, applause, and such things, we will never get beyond the ordinary worth, as the plain piece of iron. But by dedicating ourselves to the great things of God and to a spirit-filled Christ-like life we are well on our way to being worth far more than the delicate balance springs.

—Frank Kostyu  
From the "Sunday Digest"

St. John, Kansas

Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a line to let you know I left home May 11, 1955. I drove as far as Barstow, California and stayed over night at Brother Berardino's home, left next morning and drove to Albuquerque, N. M. and stayed there with some friends. Drove to Dodge City, Kansas the next day, stayed over night then drove to St. John, Kansas early Sunday morning, had two good meetings Sunday. Had meeting Monday and Tuesday night.

Hope you are feeling better, give my love to all the saints. I will keep in touch with you as I travel.

While I am writing I will write a piece to the Gospel News, My subject will be: "Redeeming the Time Because the Days Are Evil" Time is brief, the End of life is hurrying on, every moment spent is a reduction of the span of life, First of all the question is asked, What is Time? Time cannot be weighed or analyzed, matter is timeless. Our planetary system of measuring time, has no relation to the cycles of life, time began by an announcement from God. Will end with the announcement of the angel, Rev. 10 chapter, 5th verse: And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven and swore by him that liveth forever who created heaven and the things therein and the sea that time should be no more.

Then there is a period between two eternities, eternity has no end, but time does, how long will time last is another great question, well the disciples wanted to know that too. Jesus said not even the angels of heaven know, our business is to redeem the time while we are here, this is the day of sal-

vation, time is the only state of probation, our eternal future is determined by our conduct in time. As long as one is in this present world he is said to be in time, when life ends he is said to be in eternity. Time in this sense is that period which God has allotted to man, it is called lifetime, time is a sowing season.

Eternity is the harvest, we forget the actions of our lifetime, but we shall meet them again in eternity. Now let us consider the text itself—Redeeming the Time—literally means to buy back. The materialist would have us believe that life is just a chance, a mixture of chemicals or a collection of atoms, not because God created us but because of blind fate and in a hundred trillion years nature will replace us with some other material concoction and when nature the only God the materialists knows forces us off the state of existence we will disappear into oblivion. On this basis there is nothing for us to do but suffer this fatal existence. How contrary this is to that which is revealed in the Bible. Jesus commands us to occupy until I come. Luke 19:13. One who is guilty of wasting time is a squanderer. Time is a precious gift of God.

The Psalmist said teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom, we may ask what about our leisure time? If we use our time in looseness of conduct, dissipation of the body or idleness of mind then the saints never have leisure times. To rest our body and our mind is our leisure time. Paul said whatsoever you do, whether eating or drinking do all to the glory of God. Walking circumspectly here we redeem the time, time is redeemed in its true sense when we walk that our conscience does not condemn us. Paul says if our conscience condemn us we have no fellowship with God. Third, because the days are evil Satan claims he rules the world and he told Jesus all these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Paul says again to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand in the evil days. We are locked in a mortal struggle with diabolic forces, these are evil days.

When time shall be no more  
Its joys and sorrows fled—  
When all its cares are o'er

Unveiled eternal truth shall shine  
And numbered with the dead  
In its own image all divine

The saints in robes of light  
Shall walk the golden street—  
Shall bow before his throne,  
Or worship at his feet—  
Shall sit on thrones exalted high  
Enthroned in might and majesty

Oh sinner, would'st thou stand  
In that blest company  
Obey the Lords command  
And from thy sins be free  
I shall be there and look for thee  
Farewell till then, remember me.  
Your Bro. in Christ,

James Heaps

By Brother Furnier

Continued from Last Issue  
Remission of sins and the salvation of the human soul are the gifts of God, and are not to be purchased with money.

Compare the man made doctrine, of man assuming to remit the sins of one man in consideration of the merits of another, with that taught by the Saviour: Matt. 12:36 "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account there of in the day of judgment."

The Apostle John inspired by prophetic vision, says: Rev. 20: 12, 13 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works."

The scriptures are clear in this matter, every individual will be held accountable for the deeds he performs.

The church in the days of its degeneracy declares that the merits of one may be bought by another and paid for in worldly coin.

Can such a church be in any measure the church of Christ?

During the sixteenth (16th.) century, in Germany, we have the record of the doings of John Tetzel, agent of the pope, who traveled about selling forgiveness of sins.

The people believed that the moment any person had paid the money for the indulgence he became certain of his salvation; and that the souls for whom the indul-

gences were bought were instantly released out of purgatory.

John Tetzel boasted that he had saved more souls from hell by his indulgences than St. Peter had converted to Christianity by his preaching.

He assured the purchasers of them, their crimes, however enormous, would be forgiven; whence it became almost needless for him to bid them dismiss all fears concerning their salvation. For, remission of sins being fully obtained, what doubt could there be of salvations? Milners Church Hist. Cent. 16. Ch. 2.

It is reported, that some of the abuses with which the selling of indulgences had been associated were disapproved by the council of Trent, about the middle of the sixteenth (16th.) century. Nevertheless for about four hundred years the church had claimed for its head (the pope) power to remit all sins, and that the promise of remission had been sold and bought.

What blasphemy, a man taking to himself the divine peculiar privilege and powers.

Here we find (the pope) the head of the only church recognized at the time, assuming to remit the punishments due to the hereafter for sins committed in mortality.

A man (the pope) assuming to sit in judgment as God.

Is this not a fulfillment of the conditions of apostasy foretold the Thessalonian's by the Apostle Paul which was to precede the second coming of Christ?

Let us read it: 2nd. Thess. 2: 3, 4 "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 exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

The same council of Trent prescribed rigid regulations forbidding the people to read the scriptures.

The historian Mosheim says: "A severe and intolerable law was enacted, with respect to all interpreters and expositors of the scriptures, by which they were forbidden to explain the sense of these divine books, in matters of faith and practice, in such a manner as to make them speak a different language from that of the church and the ancient doctors."

"The same law further declares that the church alone (i.e.) its ruler, (the Roman pontiff) had the right of determining the true mean-

ing and signification of scripture." "that the holy scriptures were not composed for the use of the multitude, but only for that of their spiritual teachers; and of consequence, ordered these divine records to be taken from the people in all places where it was allowed to execute its imperious demands." Mosheims Eccl. Hist. Cent. 16, part 1, Ch. 1:25.

Is it possible that a church teaching such false doctrine can be the church established by Jesus Christ?

Jesus commanded all: John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me."

Surely a cloak of darkness had fallen upon the earth. The Church of Christ had long ceased to exist.

In place of a church endowed with authority of priesthood, a man created religion ruled with the iron hand of tyranny.

Dear friends: This subject is presented without hatred or malice against any persons, or religious groups.

God being my witness, I know that many honest souls are being "tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (See Eph. 4:14).

Therefore I sincerely hope this message will cause some to come to the light and knowledge of the truth, and enjoy the testimony that many have, and are now enjoying, by standing fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. (See Gal. 5:1).

I trust I will have the privilege of addressing you again on this all important subject. May God bless you.

Thurman S. Furnier

BRO. WEBB WRITES  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

I am a student of the College of Pharmacy, Xavier University, New Orleans, La.

In your report of your trip to Africa you made mention of a desire to hear opinions from the brothers and sisters of the Church. Sir as a young man who only recently came to Christ, I want to thank you for your splendid work of carrying the Gospel to all men. As you can see I am without fellowship of the brothers and sisters, being so far away from home but with the Spirit of God as my constant companion, I look forward to news of the Church.

The Gospel News is that life line to home. Many of my classmates are Africans and our discussions take into account many things found in your report. Your hardships have become reality to me as I read of them, and my heart prays to the Master to render you strength in your efforts.

I can't express fully what the Gospel News is to me, because only one far away from the beautiful hymns, the wonderful testimonies of the brothers and sisters and the strength and encouragement received from listening to the Gospel being preached, can fully understand. I close remaining always your brother in Christ.

Bro. English Webb Jr.

#### Selected

"Who was that young man Jennie Jones was sitting with in church today?" Mrs. Smith asked her husband.

"I don't know. I didn't see them," Mr. Smith said.

"Did you see that fur coat Mrs. Johnson had on?"

"No, I didn't," answered the husband.

"It must have cost plenty, but I don't think it's very becoming to her. Rose Donald had on a new coat, too, but I hardly noticed it—her two children were squirming so. They sat way across the church from us, but I could see them."

"I didn't notice. I guess I must have dozed off," Mr. Smith confessed.

"Humph!" snorted his wife. "A lot of good the sermon did you!"

#### DETROIT, MICH.

Bro. Editor

I am writing you an itinerary of our trip to London, and Muncey, yesterday, which we enjoyed immensely. My wife, sister Maude Stallworth, Mr. Lloyd Robotham, my niece and children, and I, left Detroit, at about 9 a.m. and arrived in London, about noon. Sister Gadd, has not been doing so wonderful lately, but was up and had the table spread, awaiting our arrival. We sat down to a wonderful meal, part of which we brought, and had an exceptional good visit with our sister, then unwillingly bid her adieu, as we left for Muncey. We arrived there at about 3 p.m. fast time. Service was in session, and bro. Anthony Brutz was speaking. I think he gave a very impressive talk, mentioning his school days, and how some of his classmates, had chosen various walks of life, in which he was not

very much interested, he finally came to Detroit, and began to associate with his brother in law, bro. Reno Bologna, and other saints, also started attending our services, the Lord finally gave him a very impressive revelation, which caused him to know, that he was acceptable in the sight of God, and he obeyed the Gospel, hoping to remain ever true unto the end of his life. I believe bro. Reno is in charge of the Muncey work this period, he was there, also the saints from Chatham and Mt. Bridges, from Sarnia, there were bro. and sister Maness, and sister Jackson, and quite a nice little delegation from Muncey, and the surrounding Reservations. I gave a little talk, bordering on the 13th. Chapter of 2nd Nephi, 10th., 11th., verses, which reads as follows. Say unto the righteous, that it is well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Wo unto the wicked, for they shall perish, for the reward of their hands shall be upon them. Mentioning the security of saints, if we can retain our identity, and be found, with integrity of saints in the end. There were many thrilling testimonies, some dating back to the inception of the Gospel on the reservation.

Several were anointed for illness and the meeting came to a close, after we all had a wonderful time.

In Branch No. 1, we are doing very nicely. Our sister Marietta Ruzzi is still not too well, sometimes a little up, but more often down. She asked me to mention a very outstanding, incident that took place in her home recently. On Monday night the 16th., while the sisters were meeting, in our branch, she felt somewhat lonesome at home not being able to attend. Suddenly a couple car load of sisters, old, middle aged and young, from Branch No. 2 appeared at her home. She was so overjoyed she didn't know what to do. These sisters sang with her, prayed with her and left her in such a state of peace and tranquility, that when I arrived there Tuesday night, she could not stop telling me about it. Hoping all the saints everywhere, are again in a state of revival.

Your bro. in Christ  
Matthew T. Miller

#### A.A. DICK

UYO, NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Dear Editor:

I beg kindly allow this article to be published in The Gospel News. Thank you very much. May God bless you, may He also make

His Gospel to cover the earth before His coming back again. Amen.

**MY TRIP TO EFFOI:** It was on March 1st 1955 I received a call from the above village. I moved with Pastor C. E. Otu, an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ. This call was made by the Villages Chiefs. From my home to Effoi is 99 miles.

We finally reached the place at 12 p.m. left here at 2:30 p.m. Brother Otu carried me on our way going and returning, and I carried him too. The Chiefs told me that they have never been in a church before, and that was the first time they attended the Church. They asked me to tell them the word of Christ. In the morning about 4 a.m. they beat the drum and their villages Hall was over crowded.

I first addressed them on how God used Joseph Smith, and how the Church was established. God revealed plates to him, and the plates by means of Urim & Thum-in were translated, and after, he had copy sent to Professor Charles Anthon, and that the man gave a member a certificate certifying to the people of Palmyra that they were true characters, and I stated also how he (Joseph Smith) suffered, also was hated for righteousness sake, also how he was put in prison falsely, and they were happy, and grateful in hearing from me.

I also told them how the Church was established, that according to the heavenly messenger who instructed him. Bro. Oliver Cowdery first baptized him, (Joseph Smith) and he then baptized Oliver in turn likewise done so in conferring the Priesthood upon them. I also told them about baptism and of our faith, that we baptized for remission of sins. I made all my speech to them about the Church of Jesus Christ, and all of them rejoiced. Before I finished my preaching it was very late. I baptized 21 of them with the assistance of Bro. C. E. Otu.

One man by name of Samuel Udotai Bassey of the same village affiliated with our Mission, and five of his churches. I baptized him and ordained him a Deacon. He gave me his biography and the establishing of his Missions as shown as follows. A.A. Dick.

Biography or Experience of Bro. Samuel Udotai Bassey:

My biography and the establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ, Eket. I was born in 1905 at a village called Effoi at Eket in the Calabar Prov. in southern Nigeria. I was the favorite son of my father,

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## EDITORIAL

To the readers of The Gospel News, by the time this issue reaches you, and if all goes well, Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio will be in Italy on Missionary work for the Church. It is the desire of us all no doubt, that he will have a successful trip. While it will be a wonderful trip for him, yet there is no doubt but what he will have some unpleasant conditions to bear with.

At this writing Brother Clarence Robinson of the Glassport Branch of the Church, is labouring among his race of people in South Carolina, and we believe is endeavoring to preach the Restored Gospel to them to the best of his ability. May the Lord grant him success in his efforts.

At the present date brothers Furrner, and Bittinger with their wives are in South Dakota preaching the gospel to the American Indian People, who are of course, a remnant of the House of Israel. They will have unpleasant conditions to contend with, already it has been very discouraging because of the wet weather, cold, and very bad roads to get around on. They are at present living in an Indian hut and are endeavoring to preach the Gospel to all that will listen to them.

I must not omit the fact too, that we have brethren and sisters in Detroit, and Windsor, Ont. who are making long trips in all kinds of weather, to the Muncey and Six Nations Reserves in Ontario, ministering to the Indian people thereon, carrying the Restored Gospel to them in accord with the instructions given us in the Book of Mormon. Also we have some converts on the Reservation at Sarnia, Ont., who are being cared for by brethren from Detroit. My object in bringing these things to your attention is: that you might remember our brethren in your prayers, and not to forget your financial obligations. And while you are remembering them, do not forget our brothers and sisters in Africa. For we do need Mission-

aries working over there too. May God Bless you all.

Editor

## (Continued from Page Three)

Chief Udotai Bassey, the ruler of Eket. Being so dearly beloved of my father, other senior brothers of mine began to hate me and sought many ways to do away with me. This hatred continued until the death of my father which took place in 1912;

Being fearful of what might happen to me because of the absence of my father, my mother took me away from my fathers home and took refuge in many villages outside my home town. This my unusual and constant change of my abode, caused unnecessary risks, and at last I suffered from a serious form of illness called rheumatism at that time. This sickness lasted for eight months, despite the fact that many physicians, both black and white were consulted and treatment received. At the eighth month of my illness, the pain became so severe that my mother and I lost all hope of recovery. At last when all attempts failed, I turned and prayed to my God to help me. Within a very short time I began to take health, and I was healed in the most wonderful way. God had taken His turn as my physician and I was healed. This greatly encouraged me, and I began to live a life of prayer from that day.

I attended Church Services and classes for instructions and was baptized in 1913. I had no academic qualifications and had only attended a village school for which I received instructions in reading and writing of which means was the only medium of instruction. It was in this school that I learned to read the Bible in the native language — Efik. In this religious school, pupils who were able to read the vernacular, were appointed Teachers and were instructed to teach others.

In 1924 I was appointed a local preacher of the Gospel at Atabong Church of the Qua Iboe Mission, Atabong Station is a village in which my mother was born. This is only six miles from Effoi. I continued preaching and teaching the Gospel from 1924-27 and early 1928. I was transferred from there to Mbiekene out-station and subsequently to two other out-stations, Ikot Ebidar and Nung Oku under the same denominations.

In 1931 I married a young wife from Mkpok, two miles from Ata-

bong my first station. Shortly after our marriage, both of us fell into a severe and long standing illness (strong heat and burning internally) and we appeared before many doctors both white and black doctors who had good knowledge in treating many serious cases. But to my surprise all attempts to restore our health failed. This sickness lasted with us ten years, and we again lost all hope of recovery and remained childless.

At the end of the seventh year of our illness, my wife said to me, "Dear husband, you have wasted all you had for my treatment and that of your own that we have nothing left for ourselves. I implore you, seek no more medical help or advice, let God take the next turn in this case of ours." I was greatly surprised at her words, because her case was more serious than mine, but here, she placed a capital fullstop at all human helps, and urged me to turn to God. I replied, "Dear wife, if it is true that we must not consult human efforts in this case, you must understand that both of us must turn to God for help."

From that time onwards, we turned to God in daily prayers and meditations and God speedily answered our prayer in a most wonderful way, and we were blessed with a male child after four years of persistent prayer and meditation. More so, all our pains ceased and a happy family life began.

In 1935, I had a call from the Lord Himself who advised me to put Christianity into practice, so I resigned my office of a local preacher and began a group only organized by me as the teacher of the word, and God the figure head in all forms of instruction and advice.

It started as a simple group but the Lord increased the gathering day after day until it was comparatively a large one. We continued in teaching the word, in prayer and meditation. After a short time, a group of people sat together and meditated deeply as to what name might be given to the gathering. The Lord Himself visioned out the name for us, "The Church of Christ." At that time these passages were very favorable to us Matt 21-13,15; Mark 16-17; John 15-10; John 5-12; John 16-13-15; Rev. 3-20. We hold it emphatically that Christianity must be practiced and that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that God answers prayers at His own will, and at His own discretion. No man can force God to accede to his



wish, for prayer is only an act of Worship, whereby, we bring our petitions to God, faithfully and hopefully dependent on His answer according to His will not ours. "My thoughts are not your thoughts." We deeply believe in the triune God, the work of Christ the Saviour, God the Creator of the Universe and God the Holy Spirit with His work of creating faith in the hearts of the unfaithful and ungodly and bringing them to true repentance.

Further more in my experience in prayer, I have come to a full realization of the fact that true faith, firm and solid in God through Christ, prayers directed to God faileth not. God is the Rock, a Healer and a sure foundation of the faithful. I came in contact with Pastor C.A.O. Essien through one of his faithful friends who told me about the Church of Christ in 1951, early and distributed some of the tracts, periodicals, — Christian Chronicles, God had spoken etc. to me. I wonder how and where that Church could be founded. We had used that name about eleven years before we came to understand that the Lord had given this name to a group of brothers overseas, so we are intensely interested in raising our voice for co-operation and affiliation under this denomination. The name of the Church referred to is "The Church of Christ."

Praise the Lord O my soul  
and forget not His benefits.  
I will say unto the Lord Thou  
Art my refuge and my Rock,  
A Very present help in time of  
trouble.

The Lord is still working with us and the groups and people multiplied daily. Many are healed and faith established in them through the Holy Ghost. Our faith goes with work, Christianity practised in every angle of His word. The power to heal is not our own, it's the power endowed upon God's people by God Himself through faith in Christ Jesus. Bro. S. U. Bassey.

By this I believe the work of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ will cover the earth. I also note that while we were in the Holiness Christian Church, we did not receive as much blessing as we do now, and the blessing we are receiving are more than we can number. Seeing many coming in, we must address them in the word of John which is recorded in Matthew.

I pray may God's blessings abide

with all our loved ones. Amen.

Bro. A. A. Dick

### A RELIGIOUS LIFE

As we live and try, to develop  
a faith,  
And carry our burdens on,  
We'll turn our eyes, to heavens  
scenes,

As did Peter, Paul, and John.  
Our soul was lent to us by God,  
To obey His solemn command,  
And that some day before His  
face,

We'll take that judgment stand.

To read His book and be the  
charitable,

And to always try your best,  
Is an important part here on  
earth,

To accomplish eternal rest.

We live to die most people think,  
And forget the God on high,  
But there's more to life than people  
think,

Than just to live and die.  
Our life must be sinless,  
Our heart must be right,  
Our eyes must be open,  
Through darkness and light.  
Our ears must be open,  
To words which are true,  
And closed to the tales,  
Which are false in God's view.  
Our hands must be willing  
To help when in need,  
Our brother and sister,  
God's own chosen seed.  
A heart of repentance,  
Is a heart made of gold,  
And in God's holy workshop,  
Is patend the mold.

So live your life religiously,  
With all these efforts each day,  
And at the end, of the narrow  
road,

To God you'll go to stay.

Composed by Joseph Nicosia Jr.

### "HORSES HAD MORE SENSE"

An article in Time magazine says that for the last 25 years highway traffic has been getting safer year by year. "Deaths per million car miles have dwindled from 16 in 1930 to 11.4 in 1940, to 7.6 in 1950, and to 6.5 in 1954. Three factors are taken into account: cars, roads and drivers. Cars are safer; roads are safer; but the drivers!" Detroit jails drunk drivers. One-way streets with timed stop lights, and free-ways all help. Free-ways carry three times the traffic of ordinary streets with one-fifth the accident rate. Washington and Los Angeles had the fewest deaths per vehicle. Boston and New York got booby prizes last year. A New York safety officer reported that his city's traffic was like the weath-

er—nobody does anything about it. He said, "We had just as many careless drivers forty years ago; the only thing is the horses had more sense!"

### SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

### A VISION—BY BRO. MICHAEL COPPA, OF SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Many years ago, while at work, God spoke to me with a loud voice saying, "the brothers and sisters are fasting and praying." Then I said, "Lord, what can I give to my brothers and sisters?" The voice of God again spoke to me, saying—"I know all, but the flesh must suffer." My mind then told me that the brothers and sisters were fasting and praying for those who were sick, and at the same instant, I saw before me the home they were gathered in, also seeing them all in prayer. When I saw the sister, whose home I had seen in the vision, I asked her if she and some of the saints had gathered in her home to fast and pray for the sick; but she seemed reluctant to answer my question. Then the voice of God spoke in her ear, saying, "that which is done in secret, I will reveal openly." It is more than ten years since I had this vision and experience, never desiring to put it in the Gospel News, but now, for the past few months, a deep feeling has been urging me to have it printed in the Gospel News. I was singing the hymn, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross," when I had this experience.

### NEWS ITEMS—FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF., BRANCH

Baptisms—Thomas Mark Liberto, Oct. 24, 1954.

Edyth Marie Ring—April 24, 1955.

Passed away—Sister Rose Ciaravino, Apr. 19, 1955, wife of Bro. A. Ciaravino, mother of Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, and Sister Julia Cotallesse, of Detroit, Mich., and Sister Jessita Lombardo, of San Diego. We all sincerely miss the presence of our beloved sister in our midst. Bro. Felix Bucellatto attended the services. Interment in the Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, Calif.

### A PLEASANT TRIP

Having recovered much from my recent spell of affliction, I made a trip with my daughter Mabel Bickerton, to Rochester, N.Y. to attend the Young Peoples Conference which was held in the Church on Wilder St.

Quite a large crowd attended

from various places, from Canada, Detroit, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and various places throughout New York State. President D. Thomas of Detroit presided over the Conference. The regular routine of business was carried on, and after they got through with the business early in the afternoon session, they dismissed the session and took a trip to Cumorah Hill, which was about 32 miles away. There was 26 car loads went on the trip. We visited the Joseph Smith home, went out in the Grove and sang a couple of hymns and had prayer in that memorable place. We went up on top of Cumorah Hill, and we had prayer there, took some pictures and then started back to the Church in Rochester.

In the evening session of the Conference, the Rochester young folks had provided a program for the occasion. It was composed mostly of singing, and we enjoyed the evening very much. The program was excellent. The church was filled up to capacity.

On Sunday Morning a large crowd was present for the services, but as many of the folks were starting home at the close of this meeting, just one meeting was held this day. I, Brother Cadman opened the meeting taking my text from the second chapter of Hebrews: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him." Several other brethren took part in the speaking.

At the close of this meeting, most of the visiting saints started on their journey home. I went to Lockport, N. Y. in one of the cars, and on short notice Presiding Elder Paul D'Amico called a meeting for in the Church that night. I again occupied the pulpit and enjoyed myself in addressing the audience. Our folks in Lockport have installed pews since the last time I was there, and what's more, the pews are cushioned, so all of you who get tired sitting on hard seats, visit the Lockport Church of Jesus Christ, and get a soft seat. They were used pews, but are very nice. They are building an addition to their Church—sounds good does it not?

On Monday morning brother Simone took me out to visit some sick, and in the afternoon when Brother Paul got home from work, he took me to visit the Tuscar-

ora Indian Reservation not many miles away. I had visited, and preached and baptized people at this Reservation in the years that are past, but I had not been there for a few years. I enjoyed renewing old acquaintances on this occasion. We visited Chief Rickard's home, but they hardly knew me. I reminded them of the time I stood on their porch, and addressed a group of Indians who were gathered there from Rhode Island, Canada and from various places in the U. S. We enjoyed our visit at their home. We next visited our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Reed and had a real nice visit with them, also one of their daughters was present who is a graduate of High School this year. Mr. Reed is an Alaska Indian, while Mrs. Reed is from the Cattaraugus Reservation in New York State. She received her schooling in an Indian School in Virginia, and is a bright lady. They are running a Trailer Camp on their ground, for the Government has built an Army Camp on the Reservation, and the Trailer Camp seems necessary to care for soldiers wives and children.

Our next visit was at the home of sister Margaret Hill Wilson and her husband, but Margaret was working, so we did not see her, but her husband and her father, brother Fred Hill from the Six Nations Reserve in Canada was there. We had a short visit at their home, and then made one more visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict who were glad to see us. While at this home we learned of the death of Sister Mabel Green, I believe last January. Poor Mabel was baptized into the church some years ago, but her surroundings were such, that there was not much sunshine in life for her, yet in the various times that I had met her, she was always cheerful. May her soul have found a resting place in the Paradise of God.

The Indian people on the Tuscarora Reservation seem to be more prosperous than they were a few years ago. In the four homes we visited—I noticed Televisions in three of them. The State has built a fine big Brick School building instead of the small frame one that they once had. The Army Camp built thereon, makes it busy looking place. It was now getting late, so we returned to brother Paul D'Amico's home in Lockport. Paul and his wife have bought themselves a nice home in Lockport. I stayed with them again all night, and the next morning I boarded a bus for Buffalo where I visited two

Indian families before leaving the city.

Shortly afternoon I boarded a bus for Erie, Pa., where I visited the few members we have there. Stayed two nights in home of brother and sister Mancini, and spent one evening in their pulpit, and enjoyed the evening. Not a large crowd present, but they seemed interested in what I had to say. Our folks in Erie have purchased a very nice building, and it is in a very prominent part of the City of Erie, which is now the third largest city in the State. A neighboring Church about to build a new church, gave our people their old pews and they are very good, and the property is very well kept up and it is a credit to The Church of Jesus Christ. I was surprised to learn how low they had brought their debt down, but while they are doing well, they have better than 50 dollars to raise each month and they are few every body that can, give them some help and help ease their burden. Brother Mancini and his small congregation are hopeful of doing some good in Erie, but Brother John needs help in his Ministerial duties as well. May I ask you all to lend our folks in Erie a helping hand in more ways than one. I returned home on May 26th none the worse for my trip.

Brother W. H. Cadman

#### Matthews-Seighman Nuptials

At a beautiful service performed before the fern-banked altar of The Church of Jesus Christ, Dorothy Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Seighman, a grand daughter of the late brother and sister James C. Cowan of Dry Run Road became the bride of Calvin Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Matthews of Eighty Four, Pa., on Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. Elder James F. Campbell was the officiating Minister at the double-ring ceremony.

Dorothy was given away in marriage by her father, her sister Patricia was Matron of Honor; Bridesmaids were Dottie Muir, and Donna Ganley a cousin of the bride. Dorothy's little sister Judy was flower-girl. John Majoros sang, while Mrs. Majoros accompanied him on the piano. Dave Matthews, the groom's brother served as best man, and Herbert Seighman the bride's brother, and Melvin Johnson were ushers, while Lee Alan Bright a nephew of the bride was ring bearer. The groom by occupation is a farmer, he graduated from Trinity High School in

1947, and served two years in the U. S. Army.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Ginger Hill Grange with about 200 in attendance. The Hall was gaily decorated.

Returning home from a honeymoon tour of five states, the young couple are now at home in their newly furnished residence at Eighty Four. The Gospel News wishes the young couple a long and happy life together. Editor.

#### DELP-SANDERS WEDDING

Miss Eva Sanders, daughter of Charles Sanders of St. John and Mr. Charley Delp of St. John were united in marriage Thursday morning, May 19th, 1955 at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride.

The father of the bride, Elder Charles Sanders of the Church of Jesus Christ, performed the ceremony. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Buell Delp, brother and sister in law of the groom.

After a short wedding trip to Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Delp are at home on the grooms farm south of St. John. Mr. James Heaps of Los Angeles was a guest at the wedding.

#### LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Dear Editor:

Kindly allow me space in your journal to thank my brothers and sisters who have done a great deal in helping The Senior Girls Training Centre.

#### THE KINGDOM SEEKER

If I can do some good today,  
If I can serve along life's way,  
If I can something helpful Say,  
Lord Show Me how.

If I can aid one in distress,  
If I can Make a burden less,  
If I can Spread More happiness,  
Lord Show Me how.

If I can do a kindly deed,  
If I can help a Soul in need,  
If I can Sow a faithful Seed,  
Lord Show Me how.

If I can feed a hungry heart,  
If I can give a better Start  
If I can Feel a Nobler part,  
Lord Show Me how.

Greetings in Jesus Name: Our Fellow Christian Sisters, thank you for the happy development gift you sent through our Superintendent to develop our training centre. I am very glad we were led by the Holy Spirit to have connection with you all. Lastly we greet you with our right hand of Chris-

tian fellowship and ask you all to join us in keeping the flag of Jesus Christ flying Amen.

May love ever abide. We thank you all brothers and sisters in America, who through the energetic and effect of our brothers and sister Cadman as a president and all of you to keep the centre rolling and live. I extend my hearty thanks to the Ladies Uplift Circle who help us to develop The Training Centre, and may God Bless you all. Greetings to all Sisters and Brothers from the Students, ever systematically and hopeful, may He bless you all to do more and earn more to His blessed Shore, Amen.

Sister A. J. Otu

#### WHITE MAN HEAP CRAZY, INJUN THINKS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(UP)— A Cherokee Indian lad who entered an essay contest based upon two pictures—one of a dilapidated house and the other of a washed-out field—won with these words:

"Both pictures show white man crazy. Make big tepee. Plow hills. Water wash. Wind blow. Soil, grass all gone. House rots down. No hog. No corn. No hay. No potatoes. No cow. No pony.

Squaw gone with papoose.

"INDIAN no plow land. Keep grass. Cow eat grass. Indian drink health-giving milk. Buffalo eat grass. Indian eat buffalo. Hide make tepee. Moccasins too. Indian no make terrace. No build dam. No hunt job. No hitchhike. No shoot pig.

Great Spirit makes water. Also sunshine. Indian no waste anything. Indian no go on relief. White man heap crazy."

#### LETTER FROM ST. JOHN KANSAS

Dear Brother Editor:

I am writing you to tell you about the visit that Bro. Heaps of Los Angeles California branch made to us here in St. John.

He arrived on Sunday morning and we had services at the church in the morning and afternoon. Brother and Sister Cox of Salina were here for the afternoon services, we wrote the brothers and sisters in Wichita but they didn't receive their letter until Monday so didn't get to come for the Sunday meeting. We had a nice day together and then on Monday evening and Tuesday evening Brother Heaps had meetings in the church, we had some outside interest and

his sermons were really interesting, everyone who attended thought that they were really good. On Tuesday evening he spoke on the doctrines of the church and it was really interesting. There were several visitors each evening. On Wednesday evening we all visited with Sister Burnett and Brother Heaps answered a few questions that we were quite interested in.

Thursday morning he attended the wedding of Sister Eva Sanders to Mr. Charley Delp and then left from St. John for Wichita, Kansas to spend a little time visiting with the brothers and sisters there and then left for Detroit, Michigan for a visit there.

Brother Heaps is making a visit with all the brothers and sisters of the church and we feel indeed fortunate in having our brother pay us a visit at this time.

Sister Eva Delp

#### FROM SOUTH DAKOTA BY THURMAN S. FURNIER

Editor:

Sister Delvia Lowther, my wife and I left East Detroit, Michigan, May 23rd. and arrived in Mobridge, S. D. May 26th, a distance of 1200 miles. Our destination being Wakpala, S. D. We could not travel the road from the hard top, (route No. 12) to Wakpala, which is a distance of eight miles, on account of the road being a mixture of gumbo and gravel, and recent rains had made it almost impossible for use. We continued until we reached Cheyenne Agency, where we met and had talk with Clyde Low Dog. Our car slipped off the gravel road there and we got stuck in the gumbo. The Agency sent a truck with two men, and pulled us out. It had been raining for several days, we first had rain in the state of Wisconsin, and the rain continued for four days steady. Before we got out of the gumbo, we were all soaking wet, (including Clyde). We had to stay in Mobridge for four or five days before we could get a location in Wakpala. We are living in an Indian log hut. We took cots and bedding with us. In this hut there is a coal and wood stove, a table and three chairs, also a small cupboard. My job is to keep fire wood enough cut so we can do our cooking. The owner of the hut is Mr. Harry Boneclub. He left us an ax, a wedge, and a heavy hammer, also drift wood (tree's) which he gets from the rivers.

Thanks to him for his generosity. We use a kerosene lamp for light. We expect to move into more comfortable quarters this weekend. A hut not very far distant from this one. It has electric lights, and is a frame building. We went to Moberg, and purchased a dry gas (propane) hot plate, and arranged to have a tank of gas sent us. Wakpala is a small Indian village, there are possibly one hundred Indian families living here, scattered on the low lands, and in the hilly country. There is a railroad depot and three grocery stores here. There are a number of reservations both in North Dakota and South Dakota. A number of the Indian people are self supporting, while others are given an allowance by the government. The Indian people of the United States are now permitted to purchase alcoholic drinks. It is pathetic to go into the larger towns, where they are seen in the beer gardens drinking. We have been told that young women when under the influence of drink have fallen on the streets, and were kicked in the face as they laid there helpless, and that Gentile bar keepers and others looked out from their places of business and got a lot of fun out of it. To think that these are the children of Ephraim and Manasseh. There are many good people among them. "How long wilt thou forget?" We have seen strong young Indian boys in their teens and twenties spending their time idly, and being deceived by the devil. How we have looked upon such fine young specimens of man-hood, and wished they could see the light of God, and God's promises to them as the Seed of Joseph, that they might like the sons of Mosiah and Alma receive the Gospel, and with their good health and the power and might of God go forth to recover their people. I do not know, God knows if we will accomplish anything among them or not. I only know that without an effort we will never know. It is recorded in 3rd. Nephi 26: 6-10 "And now there cannot be written in this book (B. of M.) even a hundredth part of the things which Jesus did truly teach unto the people; But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he taught the people; And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people; and I have writ-

ten them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken. And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things, then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them. And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation." We know that the work among the Sioux Indian's which we are doing, is but a very, very small part of the work of God that is to be performed among the covenant people of God. We have given the accordian (which the Ladies Up Lift Circle purchased) to our brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ up here, that they may have music with their singing. We were received gladly by our brothers and sisters, and we were glad to see them once more.

Sister Rose Usefulheart was buried as far as we know last Friday. We drove to Timber Lake, S. D. on Thursday and Friday, but rains and hail stopped us from going any further. The undertaker of Timber Lake told us he had embalmed the body, but told them they would have to bury her themselves, for he could not get there on account of mud and water making it impossible to drive a car or truck to the place of their residence, which is known as "On the trees" about five miles across the hills from the Junction of route 63. We have heard that brother Issac Usefulheart is ill, and could not attend the funeral service. We were also told that the Episcopal Minister refused to preach the funeral service on account of them leaving that church and becoming members of The Church of Jesus Christ. How selfish can Christian people get? Sis. Rose is the wife of Albert Usefulheart. Albert and Issac are brothers. We are holding services where ever the opportunity is afforded us, and when road conditions permits us to do so. We are expecting brother and sister Jos Bittinger sometime the latter part of this week. If I can take the insect bites, and we have success among the Sioux people we will remain for a season of time. The sand fleas have made a pin cushion out of me. I am practically insect bitten all over my body.

The rest do not seem to be troubled with them. I guess I am just a tender-foot in the wilds of a Western State. Please pray for the Seed of Joseph, and for all of us.

Brother Thurman S. Furnier

#### NEWS FROM S. CAROLINA BY ELDER CLARENCE ROBINSON

I am in receipt of a letter from Brother Robinson relative to his labours in South Carolina. He has not much thus far to report, but he does give an account of one meeting which they held, and a very nice audience was present. In this meeting were Brothers Rock Tassone, Larry Ali, and Bro. Stone from Greensburg. According to the report all these brothers all took part in the speaking along with brother Robinson, and much of the seasoning grace of God was present with them, bringing tears to many eyes.

A portion of the third chapter of St. John concerning Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night was read, and a very enjoyable time was had. The visitors were well taken care of at the home of brother Robinson's niece Mrs. Jannie James. It is said of her family "that they know how to entertain strangers." May the Lord bless all those that in any way helped to care for our brethren who was present from Pennsylvania. Brother Robinson says that there is a great field of labour in that country. May much good seed have been sown.

#### A GATHERING IN NEW JERSEY ON MAY 29th

Our morning meeting was opened with the singing of Hymn "Standing on The Promises" and prayer by brother Gabriel Mazzeo, and then "The Only Name" was sung. Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester, N.Y. lead out in the speaking by reading from the second chapter of Daniel. His theme was "All our plans in life should include God." A wonderful blessing was enjoyed.

Brother Ensana was the next speaker and his theme was "Live the Life God wants us to Live." The service was dismissed in prayer by brother Eugene Perry.

The afternoon service was opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by brother D. Rose of Brooklyn, N.Y. A solo was then sung titled "Cavalry" by our sweet-voiced sister Mary Feher.

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## OUR HOPE

Great God in all Thy Glory,  
Help us to do Thy righteous will,  
When the storms of life are rag-  
ing

Fierce and wild, when the tide is  
Fast arising, and no earthly aid  
is near,

Help us, Father, as a mother  
would her child.

Help us anchor over yonder, on  
That bright and peaceful shore,  
where

Thy holiness, and Glory ever  
shine.

Where the tree of Life is bloom-  
ing,

And all cares of life are gone,  
Where we know that we would be  
ever Thine.

Blessed Father, Thou art able  
in Thy

Mansions far above, for to fill  
these

Mortal bodies with Everlasting  
Love.

Yes, that love that Jesus gave us,  
When He died on Calvary's  
Cross,

When He paid His Life a ran-  
som

That mankind may not be lost.

Oh we know dear blessed Fa-  
ther, if our

Souls that love possess, we will  
Anchor safe in glory, where we'll  
Be forever Blest.

Blessed through the countless  
ages,

Far beyond the starry skies.

Happy there with our dear loved  
ones,

Where our pleasure never dies.  
Yes the prize that awaits the  
faithful,

When this fleeting life is past,  
We can claim through Christ our  
Saviour, and our loved ones'  
Hands we'll clasp.

By our late Brother Sarver

NIGERIA, W. AFRICA  
MAY 13, 1955

Dear Bro. Cadman:

It springs a joy in me to write  
to you. You may be surprised to  
see my letter at your desk. You  
should not be surprised because  
the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ  
you bring to us through the cor-  
respondence of Bro. Anietie A.  
Dick has spread widely in Nigeria.  
So any where in Nigeria you will  
meet with a brother and sister in

Saints of The Church of Jesus  
Christ.

I have 39 souls obeying the Gos-  
pel last December, all were bap-  
tized by Bro. Dick on the 17th De-  
cember, 1954. I was also ordained  
by him as an Elder of the Church.

I always rejoicing in the Lord  
and always, my spirit singing Glo-  
ry to God. Our March Conference  
1955 was grand at Ikan as before,  
and 2223 obeyed the Gospel. The  
work is progressing successfully.  
When will missionaries be sent us?  
I am praying My God to soon call  
one to come to Nigeria. I hope to  
hear from you. May the strength  
and His Light be your guide from  
now and evermore. Amen. Sincere-  
ly A. Nnachi.

SANTA CLARA,  
CALIF.

Dear Editor: We would like to  
take this time and tell you how  
wonderful it is to receive t h i s  
wonderful paper. Being so far  
away from the Modesto Branch,  
and not being able to travel at this  
time, it gives us such a good feel-  
ing to read of the good deeds  
and all the blessings going on in the  
church. We, up here in Santa Cla-  
ra and San Jose are enjoying the  
blessings of the Church once  
more, because Brother Joseph Lo-  
valvo and family find the time to  
come here and visit for weekends  
and preach the gospel on Sun-  
day Mornings. We are being rich-  
ly blessed with our meetings and  
we are meeting new friends all  
the time who are eager to hear  
God's word.

We pray it will be His will and  
guidance that will lead more peo-  
ple in the area to the truth. Broth-  
er Lovalvo has preached some  
wonderful sermons and we are  
really pleased that we are helping  
in some way to help people learn  
about our wonderful Lord. Your  
Brother and Sister in Christ, Lu-  
cile and Joe Campagna. P. S.  
This check is to renew our sub-  
scription.

IMPERIAL, PA.

Brother Editor:

I have an item for The Gospel  
News, Yesterday June 19th. Dick  
Christman, a son of brother and  
sister Jacob Christman, and a  
grandson of the late Bro. Jacob  
Christman obeyed the Gospel and  
was baptized at the age of 17.

Much blessing was felt throughout  
the day. This brought joy to our  
hearts to see the young offering  
their best to their Master. Willing  
to take up their cross and be sol-  
diers for Christ.

In Christ there is everything, out  
of Christ there is nothing, has been  
my experience and I give thanks  
to God always for His wonderful  
plan of salvation, which brings life  
to all who will do His will.

Sister Eva Moore

A CALL TO THE WOMEN  
OF NIGERIA,  
BY MRS. E. A. DICK

Dear Editor:

Why did God make a woman?  
We read in the First Book of the  
Bible that "God made man in His  
own Image," but God said: "it is  
not good for man to be alone, I  
will make him a help-meet." God  
had created many animals and He  
brought them all to the man that  
He had made, and the man gave  
names to all the animals, but there  
was not found one among these  
that could be the companion for  
the man.

The man must have a helper,  
who would be his equal, one who  
could help him in all things, and  
one who could be a true companion.  
Such a person could only be found  
in man. So the Great Creator  
caused a deep sleep to come upon  
the man whom He had made and  
from this man's own body, God  
made a woman.

When the man awakened out of  
his sleep, God brought the wom-  
an to him. What were his thoughts  
as he looked upon this new Be-  
ing? He had seen nothing to com-  
pare with this when he had named  
all the animals. No! This new Be-  
ing was like himself, equal with  
self, she must be Part of Himself.  
As he gazed upon the wonderful  
Being, he spake aloud, "Bone of  
my bone, flesh of my flesh." As  
God beheld the man, He said:  
"Therefore shall a man leave his  
father and mother and shall cleave  
unto his wife, and they twain shall  
become ONE.

That is how in the Purpose and  
Plan of God, marriage was begun.  
Two beings becoming one, sharing  
all life's joys and sorrows, living  
together and helping each other  
as God had planned.

I have asked many people in Ni-  
geria the question, "Why did God

make a woman," and the answer has always been "that she may bear children." But that is not what I read in the Bible. God made a woman to be a help to man, to be his equal and to share all things with him. If at marriage a man and woman become ONE, how can one then be master and the other the slave? They have become ONE. They begin a new life together, they share the same house, they share the same food, and together they move forward in life.

This then was God's Plan for marriage. How then do we find that Plan working after nearly six thousand years? In many countries it is against the law for a man to have more than one wife, and if he is found to have broken that law and married two women, he is put in prison. In other countries a man is allowed only one wife, but he may have many concubines, yet in other countries a man may have as many wives as he desires. Whatever the custom of any country may be, God still has His own Original Plan, for every man to have his own WIFE.

There is another sin creeping in to spoil God's Plan, yea, in some countries it is not now creeping in, but rushing in. When a man and woman find they do not agree together for any or many reasons, then one or other seeks a Divorce. This law of divorce was instituted by Moses, but when the leaders who lived in the days when Jesus was on Earth asked Him about divorce, He repeated the verse in Gen. 2:24, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they twain shall be one flesh, 'What therefore God hath joined, let not man put asunder.'" Jesus explained to those leaders God's Plan and there was no place for divorce in that plan. He said it was man's sin and hardness of heart that caused Moses to make that law, but it was NOT in God's Plan. His Plan has not changed and only death can separate a man and his wife in God's sight.

Eph. 5, "Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands. Husbands love your wives even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it."

Col. 3:18, 19. Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands, Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter against them.

I. Cor. 7:4 "The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power over his own body but the wife." There is no

show of power here, one against the other. They are one Flesh. These are God's laws for a happy married union.

But some will say: "What of children? When a man and woman thus joined together and are living according to God's Plan, then they can expect God's blessing upon their lives. 'Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.'" Psalms 127:3

When this land of Nigeria will find the Living God and see the One Sacrifice that He made when He offered His Son Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, that men might be saved and learn to live accordingly to His Plan, the women of your land will be lifted, marriage will become a blessed experience according to God's Plan, and your whole nation will rise to a new hope, a new Power and a new Joy in living. Your children will rise up and call you blessed.

E. A. Dick.

#### REMARKABLE

China: Possibly the oldest news paper in the world—and still going strong—is the King Ku newspaper in China, which recently celebrated its 2,350th anniversary. The first issue of King Ku appeared in 396 B. C. A complete volume of the issues published in its 800th year of publication is still kept in the Confucius temple in Peking. (African Challenge)

#### SIMILARITIES

Today seems to be a time that men and women are somewhat stirred spiritually. (Sad to say though not near enough). Men and women are dissatisfied with what this religious world is offering, and are looking for something better. In their quest these people are confronted with the same problem that was mine a few years ago, the problem of which church to turn to for comfort in this perilous and insecure age. The problem is greatest for those who seek the full truth. It being especially so because of the existence of many conflicting doctrines, with each claiming truth. When this problem confronted me, I was rightly aided to find the truth, by a few words that a man spoke in referring to this matter. This man in commenting on the fact that many today are preaching "Christ is here" etc., said that the true people of God can be recognized as those who preach the same as did the disciples of old, live the same, and in every respect are the same

as were the primitive converts. My problem was solved and my soul was satisfied after being guided by a revelation from God into the Church of Jesus Christ, which is in possession of the truth and authority. My satisfaction increased as the years rolled by for me in the church. My experiences prompted a desire to write these series with a hope that they might help someone that might be burdened in their quest for truth.

I am presenting an experience that was had by our departed Brother Vincent Clement, which many have heard throughout the church. His experience is similar to what happened to King Hezekiah as recorded in II Kings 20th chapter, verse 6. "And I will add unto thy days fifteen years;" Brother Clement's experience is as follows:

"About the end of the month of November 1929, it came to me in a dream; and in the dream I spoke of myself and said; 'When I reach the age of 60 years, I will return to the House of my Father, where I was when I was a child, or in the eternal Home.' Then I awoke.

One Wednesday evening back in the middle of December, 1932, when I attended church, I noticed that all the saints were not feeling well, having like a start of influenza. I myself was feeling bad also, so when I returned home, I kneeled down unto the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ and said, 'O Lord the saints of the mission the majority are sick, and if I get sick myself, who will comfort them?' I then went to bed. In the night I had the chills like a fever and I couldn't sleep. So towards morning I fell asleep and had a dream. I dreamt that I was inside of a church building which was under construction. All the walls and the roof were finished but the inside was unfinished. On the two sides, lengthwise there were two scaffolds, which were built with posts of four by fours, and they stood about twenty feet high. I saw many people coming in to see the construction of the Church and among them I saw a few of the brothers and sisters that I knew. While I was looking at the scaffold which was to finish the construction, I saw that one of the posts was shorter than the rest of them, and the spirit revealed unto me that that post was myself. While I was looking at it, a piece was joined onto it of the same dimensions, that made it the same height as the rest of the post. I did not see any human hand doing this work of joining a piece



onto the post. And while I saw this piece was joined on I found that I had a hammer and spikes in my hand. Right away I went over to that post so that I could nail that piece on, but the spirit forbid me to do so. I saw that the joining of that piece was so well done that you couldn't see any marks. Then I heard a voice that said unto me that the post was extended because the work was not yet done. Then I awoke and thanked the Lord for what he made me see and hear, and I felt better from my sickness.

About February 20, 1939, just before I entered the Mercy Hospital being that I was near death, I had a dream. I dreamed that I was leaving to go to the eternal home. When I went out of my house into the street, I found the bus ready to carry me away. I went up to the door of the bus and found nobody in the bus but the motorman and Brother Dan Casasanta and he was calling me in. It seems that he was to accompany me, but I was not satisfied to go. I looked to the motorman which was a very fine looking man dressed in a uniform, and I said to him: 'Sir, was not there given me an extension in my life?' And the motorman looked at me and with a smile said, 'Yes sir, but not only for that extension are you going to remain here, but for the many that wish to have you.' So the motorman put his foot on the gas and speed away, and I awoke."

While Brother Vincent was in the hospital he lost much weight, going down to about 85 pounds. Doctors marvelled that he lived through it, little did they realize though that the Lord was in the matter. During the days of his extension he spent much of his time serving his brothers and sisters of the church far and near, faithfully and willingly. His extension was given to him at 60 and he died at the age of 75 (Just a few days before he reached his 76th birthday), an extension of 15 years similar to the king of old. We praise God for experiences that are similar, for we know that God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Martin Michalko  
Coraopolis, Pa.

BY RALPH BERARDINO  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

To the readers of the Gospel News Sunday, June 12, 1955 was Bro. A. A. Corrado's last Sunday in our branch as his plans were complete for his missionary trip to Italy.

We were blessed by having Bro. Rocco Biscotti in our meeting. Bro. Biscotti opened the morning service using hymn 206, "Follow Me" and hymn 205, "Speak My Lord." His text was taken from the book of Mormon, Alma 29: 1-9, "The Rejoicing of Alma."

1. "O that I were an angel, and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth, and cry repentance unto every people!
2. Yea, I would declare unto every soul, as with the voice of thunder, repentance and the plan of redemption, that they should repent and come unto our God, that there might not be more sorrow upon all the face of the earth.
3. But behold, I am a man, and do sin in my wish; for I ought to be content with the things which the Lord hath allotted unto me.
4. I ought not to harrow up in my desires, the firm decree of a just God, for I know that He granteth unto men according to their desire, whether it be unto death or unto life; yea, I know that He alloteth unto men, yea, decreeth unto them decrees which are unalterable, according to their wills; whether they be unto salvation or unto destruction:
5. Yea, and I know that good and evil have come before all men; he that knoweth not good from evil is blameless; but he that knoweth good and evil, to him it is given according to his desires, whether he desireth good or evil, life or death, joy or remorse of conscience.
6. Now, seeing that I know these things, why should I desire more than to perform the work to which I have been called?
7. Why should I desire that I were an angel, that I could speak unto all the ends of the earth?
8. 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.
9. I know that which the Lord hath commanded me, and I glory in it. I do not glory of

myself, but I glory in that which the Lord hath commanded me; yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy."

For his corresponding text, he used Matthew 28: 19-20.

19. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Bro. Biscotti brought these scriptures out wonderfully. He concluded his sermon by relating this experience in Italy, and the hardships Bro. A. A. Corrado would encounter while on his missionary trip. Bro. A. A. Corrado followed using hymn 401, "Ready to Go." Using this hymn, Bro. Corrado spoke on the movement of our church, here in the United States, in Africa and in Italy. Bro. Corrado stressed the important parts that all members are to do in order to display the light of the Gospel. Here is a wonderful saying put in the Gospel News by Sister Sadie Cadman August 1945 titled "Our Church."

"Whether we wish it to be so or not. The Church of Jesus Christ of which you and I are members is being judged daily by the things we say and do. We represent the church among the people with whom we associate who are not of our faith. When we tell some one we are members of The Church of Jesus Christ, we may think that this fact will have something to do with their estimate of us personally. But by our lives and acts the church itself is either raised or lowered in that person's opinion by the impression that we have made on them. It does seem unfair that the church should be judged by those in whom the gospel has not found a reasonable depth or has borne the fruits of the spirit. Yet this is often the case. This effect can only be overcome by the example of those with whom this same gospel has had its more perfect work. Let us ask ourselves these questions: "Are we willing to be taken as a representative member of The Church of Jesus Christ." Are we willing for the church to be judged by us?"

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## EDITORIAL

While wondering as to something to write an editorial on for this issue of the paper, and while in company with one of my brethren recently, and in our conversation with him, he referred to the afflictions of our day, and also quoted some of the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, immediately it gave me a thought of something to write about, though I want to be brief in the matter. I remember that I stated that it would be well for our people to pay a little more attention to that scripture.

The first 15 verses of said scripture shows the blessings of God and His favors would be bestowed on His people, in as much as they "observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." It is written by the Poet that "Jesus never fails." I will add too, that God's word will never fail, matterless of how much it may be disregarded. The same cause will produce the same effect today, even as away back yonder.

The balance of this chapter to my mind, shows the anger of a just God towards a people that will disregard His commandments. Yea, a loving God lets a CURSE fall upon those who may have once been His dear children, because they transgress His commandments. I read He is a none-respecter of persons, and that means that all persons will reap just what they sow, individually or collectively, and in view of God's dealings with His children in past ages, may I ask: how can we of today escape his wrath, or might I say the CURSE pronounced in this chapter in any other way than through obedience to His commands? For He is still the same being that Ananias and Sapphira had to deal with.

Sometimes it looks to me as if a thought is entertained that the "Restored Gospel" is different from the Gospel that was preached in the days of Peter, James and

John. The restoration of the gospel simply means, that, that which was lost has been restored to us again.

The Apostle in Gal. 1: 8, 9, says: "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 that we have received, let him be accursed."

If the gospel in the days of the restoration is not the same as it was when Jesus Christ introduced the gospel among men, then God is not the same, and Paul certainly taught something that he should not of taught, if the gospel, under the restoration is not the same as he taught. To enjoy the blessings under the restoration, we must be obedient to His commands, even as was required in ancient times, or suffer the consequences of our disobedience. Well has the Poet said:

"Had we not before the Gospel?  
Yes, had several taught by men.  
Then what is this latter Gospel?  
'Tis the first one come again.

This was preached by Paul  
and Peter,

And by Jesus Christ, the Head;  
This we latter saints are preaching,

We their foot steps wish to tread.

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So then, we all have our parts to do. The Epistle of Paul, the apostle to the Ephesians reads: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

## FROM BRO. HEAPS

June 1, 1955

Dear Bro. Cadman,

Just a line to keep in contact with you and the saints throughout the land. I am writing this letter from the home of Sister Annie Carlini.

I left St. John, Kansas after holding 4 meetings there. I arrived at the home of Bro. and Sisters Jones Witchita, Kansas and had a lovely time with our Brothers and Sisters. They are surely striving to serve God. May God Bless them. We had three meetings on Sunday in their home and left Monday May 23rd.

I arrived at Sister Annie Carlini's home Wednesday, ate supper and went to Church. We had two good meetings Sunday and will hold revival meetings here this week.

Well, I will conclude my article to the Gospel News, (REDEEMING THE TIME FOR THE DAYS ARE EVIL)

These are evil days Jesus said as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage. If ever there was a day of eating and drinking and marrying, it is today. The prophet Isaiah 5:20 says, "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." Because we are living in a land of plenty, some people are turning good for evil.

We are fighting against a vast army of invisible enemies. They are not human antagonists but foes of our faith that cannot be touched by carnal weapons. These are cunning invisible foes who assail the will and conscience. They follow us into the region of spiritual thought, and content in the chamber of prayer and meditation. Paul warns us that we cannot stand against this invisible army unless we put on the whole armor of God. These are evil days because these are the last days. "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 pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away." Surely the last days shall be exceedingly sinful and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Some shall depart from the faith. So the major cause for the endtime Apostasy in failing faith. "Many shall come in my name saying I am Christ and shall deceive many, likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion and speak evil of dignities. But these speak evil of those things which they know not.

How many times has the Re-

stored Gospel and the Book of Mormon been evil spoken of by those who do not know the truth but that should not discourage us. The Bible says we should be evil spoken of. That does not mean that if we are buffeted for our faults that we should glory, but Jesus said, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and speak all manner of evil against you, falsely for my sake."

I am writing this from Sister Annie Carlini's home which is always open to the saints of God.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
James Heaps

Warren, Ohio  
July 1, 1955

Dear Bro. Editor:

The following is an account of our trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

We left Fredonia, Pa. about 1:15 Tuesday afternoon on May 17th for N. Carolina. After traveling till nine o'clock, we stopped overnight in Clarksburgh, W. Va. From here we made our way to Richwood, W. Va. where we stopped in to see Brother John and Sister Anna May Waselchak. We were welcomed there; had dinner with them and after a short visit continued on our journey. Our next overnight stop was at Abingdon, Va. From thence we arrived in Cherokee at 1:15 p.m. Thursday. The first stop we made was at the Sequoyah Lodge in Soco Valley which we, at first, mistook for Mrs. Sarah Beck's restaurant. After some inquiries we were informed that Mrs. Beck's restaurant was a mile or so on in Cherokee. We immediately went there for our dinner. While we were ordering our meal we asked the waitress who Mrs. Beck was and she pointed out a pleasant looking woman who was hustling and bustling about the dining hall waiting on tables. When we noticed that she had a free moment, we beckoned to her that we might introduce ourselves. She was very glad to meet us and told us to wait till after we were done eating and then she might have more time to talk to us. When we were able to continue our visiting she introduced us to her son Samuel, who is quite a humorous person. He asked if we had a place to stay as yet, and said he would put us up reasonably at his motel. This we accepted for the three nights we stayed in Cherokee. After some arrangements about our room, we went to visit the George family,

but no one was home. Next we went to Mr. William Owle's home, and he bid us in and after introductions were exchanged, he left the work he was doing and sat down with us to talk. We carried on a friendly conversation which drifted into the subject of the restored Gospel. After a few comments and remarks Mr. Owle sat silently with polite attention as Bro. Russell quoted scripture and read several passages out of the Book of Mormon concerning its teachings and how, if we are earnest, could ask God if this record is true. Moroni 10:3-5. We also talked about the heritage of the Indian people and what God is going to do for them in these latter days, Mr. Owle said he had an old Book of Mormon in his possession which was discarded by the former owners of his home. He said he was going to give the Book his attention as he would get time. We then went to Dewitt Owle's home but there was no one there. We also went to Clifford Hornbuckle's home, but he was also away. (We made several visits to Mr. Hornbuckle's home and later learned that he was away holding revival meetings, possibly for the weekend.)

Friday morning after breakfast, we went thru the Oconoluftee Indian Village. This village depicts the life of the Cherokee Indians 200 years ago. A guide takes you on a tour and explains each activity that is going on and gives you the historical background of their culture. Our guide was a pleasant and attractive young man who introduced himself as Johnnie Long. This is a full size village, not a miniature, and the activity that goes on is authentic, as though it was a page out of their every day life, years ago. Costumes and methods are ancient and the approximate one hour tour holds your attention for every moment. We could go on and write much concerning the village but space would not permit us.

Our next venture was to the top of Clingman's Dome which is about a 48 mile round trip tour from Cherokee. The Summit has an elevation of 6643 feet. We got a picture of a wild bear along the highway and there were many spectacular views as though it were field after field of mountain tops. It was getting hazy while we were at the top and before we were able to reach the foot of the mountain it started to pour down rain. It only lasted a short time. It was late in the afternoon and we were cer-

tainly hungry for we hadn't eaten dinner before going up the mountain. After eating we decided to go to Dewitt Owle's place again in hopes that we would find him home. When we got there, we introduced ourselves and were cordially invited to come in and visit. We had a wonderful visit with this family. They gave us their attention as we spoke of the Gospel and Mr. Owle asked many questions about the scriptures to compare our views with his. We gave them the invitation to read the Book of Mormon and learn what great blessing God has in store for the seed of Joseph. During our conversation we were surprised to see Johnnie Long (our guide thru the Village) enter the house. He is Mr. Owle's son-in-law and we furthered our acquaintance with him. Before leaving there, we were invited to have supper with them, which we appreciated very much. We felt the blessing of God as Brother Russell returned thanks at the table for the portion and privilege that God had granted. After a hearty supper and a few more moments of conversation we bid them goodbye.

We then turned our attention to a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George. Their home was directly behind our Motel. There is a log foot bridge that spans the stream that runs between the two places. They were home this time but Mr. and Mrs. George had an appointment to keep that evening but they told us to remain and visit with the daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Long and his brother, Joe Long. These men are older brothers of Johnnie Long. We visited for quite a while and Mr. and Mrs. George returned before we left, so we visited till late that night.

Saturday morning we did some shopping and then decided to revisit William Owle and bid him goodbye (for we decided to leave soon). He was not at home. We then decided to go over and get acquainted with the Mormon Elders that we had heard so much about. The two we met were a couple of fine young men, one from Utah and the other from Arizona. I don't recall their names, but we spent about an hour there, discussing several points of doctrine of their organization and ours. We mentioned our expectations concerning the Choice Seer and they said they had never heard it explained that way before. We enjoyed our visit there and they ex-

pressed a desire to visit us in the evening with their Senior Officer. We told them they were welcome any time. Here we must state that we were unaware of any events at the time that would keep us from receiving their visit on Saturday evening. If they come to visit, we are sorry we were not in, but other matters developed which we decided to attend.

We made the acquaintance of Sampson Lossie, who has half interest in a souvenir shop. He mentioned he had a 1 room cabin which he would rent us for \$5.00 a month if we would ever want to come there again ... It has a small cooking range in it and is located about four miles up on Big Witch mountain. Sampson took us up the mountain that afternoon when he had closed up his shop, to show us the cabin. He introduced us to his parents and brothers and sisters. His father understands some English, but can speak very little. He met with an accident years ago while hunting and lost both hands at the wrists by a shotgun blast. His mother is a very intelligent woman, she can speak, read and write English. Sampson lost his wife, two children and a sister-in-law in a fire that burned down their cabin when a gasoline cook stove blew-up. He is a young man 29 years old. We talked to this family about the Gospel and left a Book of Mormon with them to read. Sampson said they would read it because they had little of anything else to do. On the way down the mountain, we stopped at his grandfathers place and he made us acquainted with them. They were very old but active and they had some of their children and grandchildren living with them. While here we met Hartley Hornbuckle, who lives on the mountain and learned he was a brother of Clifford Hornbuckle. We decided to get back down the mountain for it was getting late. We thought we would retire early for the journey ahead of us on the morrow. As we departed we felt the desire and need to return again unto these people, and we told them if all things worked out well, we could comeback again and stay with them, that we would teach them God's promises to their people. We got half way down the mountain and noticed a church building along the road. We asked Sampson about it (he was still with us) and he told us it used to be a church, but not any more. It was turned over to the community for their activities. They had just wired the

building and it was to be inspected. We stopped and looked at it and went inside. It's a good size frame building and has a dozen or more chairs in it. We asked Sampson if we would be able to get permission to hold meetings here if we could come back. He said he thought so if the community agreed. He told us there was to be a box social for the school athletic fund at 7:30 that evening. We thought it might be interesting to attend and see in what manner they conducted their social gatherings. We hurried and ate our supper and headed right back up the mountain. There were three people there at the building, so we made ourselves acquainted with them. They were Noah Smith, his son John, and Alvin Chiltowsky. Alvin was the winner of a \$3,000.00 scholarship at his school. He plans to study in a university in North Carolina and finish in fine arts at Chicago. This lad also has a part in the drama "Unto These Hills." It was getting dark and past time for the box social and only one other family showed up, but they kept themselves apart and left shortly afterward. We waited and talked with our three friends until almost 9 o'clock. It had been threatening to rain right along, so we asked how far they had to go to their homes. They said it was about 2 1-2 miles up the mountain. They asked whether we had been up to the top of the mountain to see Watty Chiltowsky, the wood carver. We told them we went only as far as Sampson Lossie's place. I asked if the road was passable with what rain we had. They said it was okay, so we told them to hop in and we would take them home since the social event didn't come off. We just got the car turned around and started up the mountain when the rain began to pour down in torrents. We were afraid of bogging down, but the mud and gravel road held up pretty fair, although it was a little slippery. We came to Watty's cabin, but were afraid that we might be intruding on him at this late hour (we didn't know that Alvin was Watty's son until later). As we walked to the cabin, Noah whispered to Brother Russell and me that this man had never become a Christian. (They are mostly of the Baptist faith). That kind of made us wonder what unpleasantness we might be getting into, nevertheless, we entered the cabin and saw a man sitting in a corner reading a book by the light of a gasoline lantern. The book turned out to be

the Holy Bible written in the Cherokee language. (I must state here the Cherokees are the only Indian nation known to have an alphabet. I shan't go into that for it is a story of its own). Alvin got his Bible and Brother Russell asked Watty to read out loud in the Indian tongue so we could hear the nature of their speech. It was quite interesting; for every time Watty read a verse he would stop and then Brother Russell would read it in English and then explain the meaning of it.

The boys were anxious to show us Watty's work shop and wood carvings. Watty showed us some book ends he had carved. They were the figure of a horse's head and neck. He said he got \$16.00 a pair for them. We followed them out to the workshop by lanternlight and there we saw much of the handi-work of this man. He is truly a genius in this line of work. The only power tool we saw was a band-saw powered by a gasoline engine. He used this to cut out the block forms of his carvings, but the rest is all done by hand tools. We had seen much and were entertained with interest each moment we spent there. Time was swiftly fleeing and it was with reluctance that we left the top of Big Witch Mountain. Before we left we expressed our desire to return and teach these people the heritage that awaits them according to the promises of the Lord. The rain continued to pour down as we descended the mountain and it was near midnight when we got back to the motel. We were tired but satisfied that we had opened new doors of friendship. We wished we could have spent more time with the Indians, but it was necessary that we start homeward for I had to keep an appointment at the Hospital. We came back through Richwood and stayed over night at Brother John Waselchalk's home and continued all day Monday until 5:30 p.m. when we arrived at Freedonia. I had supper with Brother Russell and his family and then continued my journey on to Warren.

We had an enjoyable trip and were treated very well by all we met. We also wish to extend our thanks to the sister for her financial gift which made this trip possible.

BROTHER RUSSELL CADMAN  
AND BROTHER  
JONATHAN MOLINATTO

The G.M.B.A. Conference convened at Rochester, New York on May 21, 1955. There were representatives present from Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, and Canada. The morning session was given entirely to business. The Treasurer, Bro. Paul Francione, who had served well in that position for the past few years was unable to continue his duties due to his induction into the service. The President, Bro. Dominic Thomas, appointed Bro. Donald Curry to fill Bro. Francione's unexpired term. It was reported that a new local had been organized at Lockport, New York.

The afternoon meeting at the Church was shortened considerably to enable the congregation to hold services at Palmyra. Twenty-six carloads responded. We met at the Sacred Grove and sang a hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Prayer was offered by Bro. Joseph Milantoni. Bro. Wm. Cadman then spoke briefly about Joseph Smith and the significance of the Sacred Grove. We then proceeded to Cumorah Hill, where Dominic Morocco gave an interesting talk. He told how the seeds of the beautiful flowers growing at Cumorah Hill would have been worthless had it not been for the toil and labor of the planter who had the hope that they would one day bring forth beautiful flowers. He likened this to the planting of the plates which through the fruits of our labors would bring forth the spreading of the gospel. After Bro. Morocco closed with prayer, we returned to Rochester.

The evening service was given to the Rochester Local which gave a very interesting and inspiring program. It included song and poetry depicting various phases of religion from the creation of time to the founding of Zion in the future. The poetry was written by two of the Brothers from the Rochester Local. The visiting locals, by previous requests, contributed hymn selections. The next G.M.B.A. was appointed to be held at Detroit, Michigan at branch No. 3 on the second Saturday of November. Sec. Ruth E. Akerman

#### PALMERI-D'ANTONIO NUPTIAL

Mr. Sela Palmeri the son of brother and sister Anthony Palmeri of Aliquippa, Pa., and Miss Sarah D'Antonio the daughter of brother and sister Domenick D'Antonio also of Aliquippa, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ in West Aliquippa on Saturday June 11, 1955 at 2:30

p.m. with Elder John Ross officiating. "Wedding Prayer" and "O Promise Me" were sung by Miss Erma Casasanta and accompanied by her sister at the piano. Both of these girls are from McKees Rocks, Pa.

A reception and supper was held at a Hotel. The groom is a discharged veteran of the Armed Forces, who had served 13 months in Korea. We extend best wishes to the young couple.

#### LEWIS-KUKOL NUPTIALS

Robert E. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of West Elizabeth and Miss Toni M. Kukol, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kukol of West Elizabeth, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Jefferson (West Elizabeth) on Saturday June 25th at 6:30 p.m. The officiating Minister was Bro. W. H. Cadman of Monongahela and Mabel Bickerton was at the piano.

The bride was given away by her father. The maid of honor was Miss Bette Thompson, Miss Donna Osborne the bridesmaid was a cousin of the bride. William M. Lewis, best man, was a cousin to the bridegroom, the ushers were Michael Marnell, Jr., and John Maskin, Jr. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Floreff Fire Hall, after which the young couple left on a motor trip to Virginia. They will reside at Hampton, Va. Mrs. Lewis is a graduate of the Clairton High School, and Mr. Lewis is serving in the United States Army.

Quite a large crowd witnessed the changing of vows, and all wishes the young couple a long and happy life together. May God bless them.

#### NEWS ITEMS

##### CANOGA PARK, CALIF.

BY BRO. JOHN AZZINARO

Brother Editor:

We are all enjoying the blessings of God, words cannot express our thanks to our Heavenly Father. Our Church Bldg. is still in the process of construction. We are hoping that with the help of God that we will be able to have it completed before the year is over.

Our District Conference was held on the 18th and 19th of June. God's Spirit was with us through out the conference. The main topic of our business was the selection of brother Joseph Lovalvo to be set aside for the preaching of the Gospel. Our prayers are that the Lord will bless and direct him in his field of lab-

our. We do hope that we will be able to send more of our elder brethren out in the near future.

#### ERNEST PICCUITO PASSES ON

In a letter received from brother R. Biscotti, I am informed of the death of brother Ernest Piccuito, of which I felt sorry to hear. He died on June 20th and was buried on June 22nd. Services were conducted by Bro. Biscotti, who was assisted by Bro. Wm. Genaro of Warren, Ohio.

The letter says that Bro. Ernest had been ill for some time. To us in Painesville, Ohio, it is a great loss for he was a good and sincere brother. The Church always came first with him. We trust that God will help us along with the work in Painesville. We are having quite a few visitors at our meetings. Trusting that I may have the opportunity of visiting you, and also I would like to visit brother Ashton.

Sincerely Bro. R. Biscotti

#### DEATH NOTICE FROM THE GREENSBURG BRANCH

Sister Domenica Fallowallitti died March 1, 1955, Baptized into the Church on April 19, 1925. Bros. Fred Fair and Alvin Swanson officiated at the funeral.

Sister Laura Stone died May 1, 1955. Baptized into the Church on July 13, 1947. Bro. Alvin Swanson officiated at the funeral.

#### MRS. ROSA PARRAVANO PASSES ON CANOGA PARK, CALIF.

Sister Parravano age 62, born at Sora, Italy, died on June 16, 1955. She had been faithful to the end of her journey. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Bro. Samuel Parravano, one son at home, two daughters and two sons married, and seven grandchildren. She is missed by us all.

Funeral services were held in the Church of the Reccessional at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. The services were conducted by Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., assisted by Bro. V. J. Lovalvo on June 18th. Singing by the Bell Chorus, and by Bro. V. J. Lovalvo. Interment in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills. Sister Parravano was formerly of Detroit, Mich. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.



#### JOHN K. PENN PASSES ON

Brother John Penn, son of the deceased Kemp and Ann Penn, was born in Stewart, Va. in January 1867, died at the home of his brother on Hallet St. Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 8, 1955 making him better than 88 years old at the time of death. He had spent the most of his life at Dunlevy, Pa., and was well and favorable known in that community.

He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter Mrs. Annie Mickens of Pittsburgh, and one granddaughter, three brothers in Pittsburgh, and one brother at Critz, Va., besides other relatives and friends.

He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in the summer of 1908 at Roscoe, Pa. He was later ordained an Elder, and Apostle in the Church. He has been very faithful and bore a vivid testimony of the restored Gospel. He was much interested in the American Indian people as a part of the House of Israel.

His services were conducted in the Hopewell Funeral Home on Tioga St., in Pittsburgh, by Brother Samuel Kirschner, assisted by Brother W. H. Cadman, also a Minister of his own race took a part in behalf of Bro. Penn's own people. Singing by Bro. John Majoros, accompanied by Sister Mabel Bickerton. Also a solo by one of his own people. He was laid away to rest in the Allegheny Cemetery. Brother Penn will be missed by the many of the saints who worshipped with him here on earth. May the Lord comfort his daughter and all his relatives. Sincerely Brother Cadman.

#### WONDERFUL

Greece: For the first time in more than fifty years, newspaper readers in Greece are reading the Bible in the everyday language of the people. A new version of the scriptures, which took five years to prepare, is now being published in weekly installments by Ethnos, Athens leading daily newspaper. "African Challenge."

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(A brief recapitulation of some of Bro. James Heaps' doings while visiting with us in Detroit, and surroundings).

On Sunday June the 12th, he met with us at Branch No. 3. He had already been to Branches 2 and 4. Quite a number of bros. and sisters, met with us, at this branch. His topic was come and go. First he spoke from hymn 73. There's a feast of good Things, which has a plenty of come and go in it, then he spoke briefly on Revelation 22nd, Chapter, and the 17th verse. He dwelt lengthily on the 24th Chapter of Genesis, going through almost the entire chapter, which brought a wonderful feeling in our midst. Before the close of our meeting, there were eight souls, wanting to be baptized, one asking at the river side, making nine altogether. This made us feel just like when bro. James Loyalvo, was here after conference, when we had six baptisms. On Sunday the 19th, Wednesday night, and Friday night, bro. Heaps was in Branch 1. Sunday his main topic was in Alma the 5th Chapter. He spoke chiefly on Faith. Some of his remarks were, that Alma had to exercise faith in the words of Abinadi, before the Lord, could have wrought upon his heart, to make him a child of God, also spoke about humility, saying he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted, but he that exalteth himself shall be abased. A good spirit was in our midst, the tongue was spoken, and interpretation given, that the Lord was speaking to the young. Bro. Heaps mentioned about sister Ruzzi, that he had been to see her, and enjoyed talking with her, she told him many things, the Lord had revealed to her, and although she was sick, and in bed at home, he felt that her presence was in the service with us. He spoke about

one of our young sisters, who was baptized at branch 3, the previous Sunday, who had borne her testimony, that God had revealed to her, in a dream, that, that was her last chance to obey the Gospel and she was glad she had embraced it. He spoke about the Joy of the Saints, and many other interesting things, making all told a good talk. On Wednesday night the topic was better, and our bro. pretty nearly went through the book of Hebrews. Friday night the topic was, Rash Judgment, as found in the book of Matthew, 7th Chapter. There was some good singing in all of these services, and well enjoyed by all. Sunday bro. Heaps went over to Windsor, but came back over to talk to the saints in Port Huron at 7:30 p.m. He will now spend a little while in Windsor.

This Sunday the 26th, my nephew, his family, my wife and I, went to Sarnia, we had quite an enjoyable time with the saints, and children there, and returned home feeling well repaid for the effort.

(Note) There is a little correction I would like made for the March 1955, Gospel News, On page 5, there is an article entitled, Bro. Digirolomo, passes on, and in the 5th paragraph, it reads, he was baptized, Sept. 29th, 1955, it should be 1935. Thanks kindly. Best regards to one and all. Do pray for us, and we will do the same for you.

Bro. Matthew T. Miller

#### MY PRAYER

O Father help me live for Thee  
In complete trust and sanctity;  
Thine ever-faithful servant be  
Till Thou dost call for me.

Help me love not a life of ease,  
Help me others, not self, to please.

Help me work, watch, pray—all these—

Till Thou dost call for me.

Amen.

By Sister V. Barclay,  
Mt. Brydges, Ont. Can.



That ye might  
have life



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## MY GLAD REFRAIN

I'm as happy as a lark,  
Singing gaily in the park,  
Every step I take I'm holding  
hands with Him;

Tho' the world forsake me, still  
I shall do my Master's will,  
For with Him I'm happy as a  
cherubim!

Sometimes Gloom has crossed  
my path,

Sometimes Fear and sometimes  
Wrath,

And Despair has tried to creep  
into my heart;

Then I raise my eyes...and lo!  
He has bade my troubles go ..  
And once more I've proven we  
are not apart!

He has never failed me, yet,  
Since that joyous day we met,  
Even tho', at times, I've felt so  
all alone;

In my very darkest hour,  
He has ever been my Tower,  
He's the truest Friend that I  
have ever known!

So I sing a glad refrain,  
'God is Truth and God is Just and  
As I journey down the lane,  
God is Love,  
And whatever be the test,  
He is sure to know the best,  
Everything will be all right, If  
God I trust!

Catherine Poma

## NOTICE

Again please: I have received several letters from Nigeria informing me that they have received some clothing wherein they did not have any duty to pay on the clothing. In sending used clothing, (not new) ask the postmaster for a customs card, fill it out as instructed, placing a value on the pkg., and remember that used clothing is valued very low. If you take a 16 or 17 pound pkg., and place a value of 6 or 8 dollars on the itemized contents, the chances are that they will not have to pay duty. In fact I am told of one case where the pkg. was valued at 13 dollars, and it went through free. But play safe by keeping the value under ten dollars. But remember it must not be new clothing. If sending clothing to any particular person, do so in the care of A. A. Dick, P.O. Box 43 R, Uyo, Nigeria, B. W. Africa.

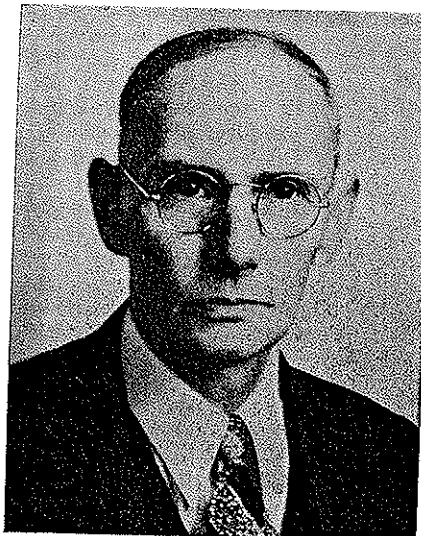
Editor

AUGUST 1, 1955  
LUDWIGSBURG,  
GERMANY

Dear Editor:

Just a line to express my sincere thanks on receiving the Gospel News, and to let you know what a comforting feeling it is to read about the many branch activities in the States. It was a pleasant surprise to receive it and it made wonderful reading on an otherwise dull day. I am very happy to know that I am not the only one being comforted by your publication. The letter from Bro. Webb from Xavier University, Louisiana, bear out my feelings exactly. May the Lord continue to bless your wonderful work.

Pfc. Frank Morle



## FIRST COUNSELLOR ASHTON PASSES ON

Brother Charles Ashton, the son of the deceased Mr. & Mrs. John Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa., and also a grand son of the former John Ashton of the same locality, died on July 23rd in the McKeesport Hospital after a lingering illness. He was born May 18, 1882 making him a little better than 73 years old at time of death. He was very well known in the Monongahela Valley. In the year of 1907 he was married to sister Mary Belle Wells, a daughter of the late brother and sister Wm. Wells of Roscoe, Pa. After the death of Mary Belle he remained a widower until 1936 when he was united in marriage to Sister Minnie McKean. She

preceded him in death about two years.

Brother Ashton leaves to mourn his passing one sister, three brothers, one step son, and one step daughter. Also a son of his sister who he and his first wife raised from babyhood. Namely Joseph Smith of San Diego, Calif.

He obeyed the Gospel when he was 16 years old, was ordained an Apostle in the church, and had served as First Counsellor to President W. H. Cadman from 1922 until his death. He was recognized as one of our best speakers, and he will be missed now, not being with us in person any more. The following hymns in the Church Hymnal are his compositions Nos. 364, 391 and 497. His testimony as written by himself, is recorded in the Church History beginning on page 356. His earthly tabernacle had become very frail before death finally relieved him of all earthly cares and sufferings, may his soul have found a resting place in the Paradise of God.

Brother Cadman

## OUR ANNUAL GATHERING WARREN, OHIO

As was planned, our gathering was held in the Union Hall, at Warren, Ohio on July 30th and 31st. It is not a gathering for the transaction of business of any kind, but just to spend a couple of days in fellowship with one another and hearing of the Missionary efforts and the labours of our brethren in different parts of the vineyard of the Lord. Brother James Heaps of Los Angeles, Calif. played a very prominent part in this get-together. He is making an Evangelistic tour through out the church, and is at present visiting our churches in the state of Ohio. He related much of his experiences of his labours at the different places he had visited thus far.

Brothers T. S. Furnier and Joseph Bittinger along with their wives, told of their recent trip to the Sioux Indians in South Dakota. They discover that there is a big field of labour in that region. Many Indians anxious to hear the restored gospel in a very broad section of that country. They baptized one convert while there, and ordained one brother into the Ministry. It was interesting to hear of our brothers travels in S. Dakota—it was not all sunshine, for their tent was blown down by a wind

storm, and badly damaged. Of course we cannot expect to sail on flowery beds of ease. While others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas. Various of our younger brothers from coast to coast told of their experiences in the field of labour in their locality. We had three meetings on Saturday, and the Warren saints took good care of the visiting crowd, through the neighboring Branches of the Church, Youngstown, Niles and others helped out in furnishing sleeping quarters for the big crowd that was present.

There was just one long meeting on Sunday which began at 10:30 a.m. and closed at 1 p.m. The service was lead by brother Heaps, we had lots of good singing. One of our speakers was Mr. Walter Tecumseh Morgan of Youngstown, Ohio an American Indian of the Cherokee tribe in Oklahoma. He gave us about one half hrs. talk concerning his race of people which was very interesting. He is a brilliant speaker, and a lovely singer. He has been schooled in some of our best schools, including the University of Chicago. He is well posted on the affairs of his race of people. May the Lord bless him and his wife.

In the meeting on Sunday there was a very large crowd present. And I believe all were glad to meet one another again. In a short note from Bro. Wm. Gennaro Sr. he tells me that they had a very good meeting that night in the Warren Church I understood that there was a convert present from Richmond, W. Va. to be baptized.

Our expenses were pretty high for this occasion, the receipts of the free-will offering boxes fell much short of the total expense, which should not be. Had everybody present gone down in their pockets for one dollar just to pay for what we ate, I believe it would more than paid the whole bill. I do not like to see the General Church Treasure drawn on to meet these bills. However I will order it done, the balance must not be left for the Warren saints to bear. I think in those two hot days their labour was sufficient for them to have to bear. May the Lord bless them in my prayer.

Editor

An address made over the radio from station CHOK, Sarnia, Ont. Can., Sunday, Jan. 15th. 1950, by Thurman S. Furnier.  
Good morning radio friends:

This is the seventh of a series of

messages on the subject: "The falling away of the gospel" or "The great apostasy."

Having previously referred to the several stages of the apostasy, including "Unauthorized changes in church organization and government"; The false claims made by the apostate church viz: that the Apostle Peter was the first Bishop of Rome, and those that have been acknowledged as Bishops of the Metropolis are in fact, the lineal successors of the Apostle Peter; The shocking practice of selling indulgences; The doctrine of supererogation i.e. that the merits of one may be bought by another and paid for in worldly coin; the dispenser of this precious treasure being the Bishop of Rome.

This morning we will continue to furnish evidence of the apostate condition of the church.

Dr. J. W. Draper gives a list of those who had stood at the head of the church from the middle of the eighth (8th.) to the middle of the eleventh (11th.) centuries, with biographical notes of each.

To attain leadership no crime was too great, and for centuries the immoral deeds of many of the heads of the church and others inferior in rank are too shocking to be mentioned here.

Dr. Draper says: "More than a thousand years had elapsed since the birth of our Saviour, and such was the condition of Rome. Well might the historian shut the annals of those times in disgust. Well may the heart of the Christian sink within him at such a catalogue of hideous crimes. Well may we ask, were these the vicegerents (Vice-jer-ents) TSF of God upon earth—these, who had truly reached the goal beyond which the last effort of human wickedness cannot pass? Not until several centuries after these events did public opinion come to the true and philosophical conclusion—the total rejection of the divine claims of the papacy" — See Draper's Intellectual Development of Europe Vol. 1, Ch. 12, p. 378-382.

The authority of the apostate church was given a severe shock, when in the year 1309 A.D., the head of the church was removed from Rome to Avignon, in Provence, near the frontier of France.

Here it remained for about seventy years, all the heads of the church were French.

The dissatisfaction aroused the Italians, which led to an open rupture between them and the French.

In 1378 A.D., both factions elected a Bishop, and thus there were

two heads of the church, one at Avignon and the other at Rome. Both claiming to be the rightful successor of St. Peter, and the sole infallible head of the church.

Very naturally, men questioned the claims and infallibility of both.

Finally, in 1409 A.D., a general council of the church, assembled at Pisa, for the purpose of putting an end to the shameful quarrel.

Both Bishops were deposed, and Alexander the Fifth was elected as the supreme head of the church.

But matters, instead of being mended, were only made worse. For neither of the deposed Bishops would lay down his authority, as demanded by the council, therefore there were now three heads of the church instead of two.

In the year 1414 A.D., another council was held, at Constance, for the settlement of the growing dispute.

Two of the claimants were deposed and one resigned. A new Bishop was then elected, namely Martin V. (Fifth).

In his person the church was again united under a single spiritual head.

The schism was outwardly healed, but the wound had been too deep not to leave permanent marks upon the church. "P.V.N. Myers Gen'l. Hist. P.P. 457-458.

The rupture between the French and Italian factions, referred to by "Myers" in the quotation given is known in history as the "Great Schism."

It may be regarded as the beginning of decline in the temporal power of the heads of the church.

I will now quote from the historian Milner: "The judicious student of ecclesiastical history will observe that I constantly endeavor to draw my proofs from the most unexceptional sources. For example; To prove the corrupt state of the clergy, and the abominable practices of the church, I would produce the evidence of George of Saxony, a most bigoted person, whom the church always reckon among the most sincere and most active of the holy defenders of their religion."

"Now, as with them the assertions of Luther and the other reformers go for nothing but exaggerations, misrepresentations, or direct falsehoods, let them listen at least to this duke, their steady friend and advocate, who generally, in religious concerns, opposed his relation, the elector of Saxony, and who entirely approved of

Luther's condemnation at Worms."

"This George of Saxony exhibited to the Diet twelve heads of the grievances which called loudly for reform. Two of these are briefly as follows: 1 Indulgences, which ought to be obtained by prayers, fastings, benevolence towards our neighbor, and other good works are sold for money. Their value is extolled beyond all decency."

"The sole object is to gain a deal of money. Hence the preachers who are bound to set forth truth, teach men nothing but lies and frauds. They are not only suffered to go on thus but are well paid for their fraudulent harangues." (A violent public address TSF)

"The reason is, the more conviction they can produce among their hearers, the more money flows in to the chest. Rivers of scandalous proceedings arise from this corrupt fountain. The officials of the Bishops are equally attentive to scrape money together. They vex the poor with their censures for great crimes, as whoredom, adultery, blasphemy; but they spare the rich. The clergy commit the very same crimes, and no body censures them." "Faults which ought to be expiated (expiated) (atoned for TSF) by prayers and fastings are atoned for by money, in order that the officials may pay large sums to their respective Bishops, and retain a portion of the gain for themselves."

To be continued

#### LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR MISSIONARIES IN CALIFORNIA, JULY 1955

Brother Editor:

I am writing this letter from the city of San Jose where I am doing missionary work. It's a large city. It has a great mixture of nationalities, particularly Spanish. By the Grace of God, I have established meetings in this city and I have enjoyed our Creator's blessings. I met some people here who have heard the Gospel in Glassport, Pa. They are related to sister Thomas, who was originally from Glassport and now resides in San Diego, Calif. They have accepted me very graciously and are interested in our Church. In visiting one of the families who were interested to hear the Gospel, I found a man who was much afflicted. He has had an infection on his feet for 20 years. His feet looked as if they were rotted. He had not been able to walk for several

weeks. The Drs. told him he had second degree infection and that only God could help him. After hearing me speak the Gospel in his home for several days, he said: If God is the only one that can help me, then I am going to put my trust in Him.

He asked me to pray for him. I prayed for him in the afternoon, and that very evening he arose and walked to the bathroom. The next day the fever left him, his swollen feet became normal, the pain was gone and the infected skin started to fall off, and in two or three days, new skin started to appear. His feet are practically good again. He is very grateful and is along with all his family attending our services. Pray for me that God will guide to do His will.

I have also gone to the city of Monterey and have found some wonderful openings there. I have also established meetings in that city. God sure has looked upon me with favor and has blessed my Ministry in this city. I have been taken in by a very poor family. They live in the basement of their home. The upper part of the home is rented out. The basement is divided into three rooms. They have asked me to share their son's room. There are no facilities there, but these people are wonderful and are willing to share everything they have with me. I believe that along with their son, they will soon join our church.

A great miracle was performed by God in this city, which has stirred up some of the people here. A young girl was critically injured in a Motorcycle accident. Her boy friend was driving at terrific speed but lost control of the motorcycle and struck a tree. The young girl's body struck the tree with full force. Several ribs were fractured, one lung collapsed, her pelvis bone was fractured in four places, and her bladder and bowels were ruptured. Her pelvis bone was dislocated from the spine, her right hip was pushed up four inches out of place and on the way to the hospital, her other lung developed pneumonia. Four specialist's gave her up to die. They immediately wired her mother in Detroit, and she came by plane the next day to Monterey. The same day her aunt arrived from San Gabriel, Calif. You can imagine the mother's grief when she was told there was no hope for her daughter. One of our young brothers, Tony Piccuito of Painesville, Ohio who is stationed at Ft. Ord., near Monterey,

went to the hospital on Saturday night and there met the heart-broken mother and her aunt. He tried to console them and invited them to come to the service.

I had never seen a more heart-broken person, than when I laid eyes upon this poor mother. She pleaded with me to pray that God would not let her girl die. My heart was torn with her grief. I introduced the service with a hymn and prayer, and asked God if He would share the grief of this woman. Then my wife gave out the hymn—"Does Jesus Care?" As we were singing the chorus, the power of God fell upon me, and I new then Jesus did care. I asked her mother to give me a handkerchief. My beloved brother and father in the Gospel, as I anointed the handkerchief and prayed, I was encircled with the Glory of the Almighty, and I new that I was kneeling before His Throne of Grace. As I finished my prayer, her aunt stood up and said, "I know that God will answer this prayer." I prayed at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, and they (the mother and aunt and Bro. Piccuito) went back to the hospital at four, and to their amazement they found the girl removed from the oxygen tent. Her collapsed lung was operating again, the pneumonia was gone, her bladder and bowels were healed and so were her ribs. Four specialist's were amazed at her sudden recovery. The only thing wrong is that her pelvis bone is still dislocated.

The doctors said she may not need an operation, but may be able to put it in place by manipulations. The mother is the happiest woman on earth. She is a member of the L.D.S. Church (Josephites). They attended our conference in Los Angeles and they both declared that they have never felt the blessings or seen the love of God as they have among our people. The aunt wants our people to visit them in San Gabriel (50 miles from L.A.) A grand opening. The mother wants to belong to our church, as well as the daughter. They have left by plane. The girl does not feel one bit of pain, in spite of her dislocated pelvis bone. The girl was ordered to take the plane ride on a stretcher. I have contacted Bro. D. Moraco of Branch 4 to visit them. He lives in their vicinity.

This miracle has stirred up the hearts of some of the people here, and they have come to our meet-

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## EDITORIAL

Shall he that is born of God grow, or shall he not Grow? Let us have a few scriptural quotations on the matter of Growth, and then by our own experiences and along with the Law and Testimony of God's word, let us abide.

Jesus says to Nicodemus in John 3:7 "Ye must be born again." May I ask, are we born merely to die? The results of our physical birth are, that we grow in stature and in knowledge and understanding of our surroundings. If then we are born again, born of the Spirit, and we keep healthy in spirit, we also shall grow and abound in the knowledge of the things pertaining to our spiritual birth, and then as Jesus says in John 14:12, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." He that is born again, surely has grown, if he does greater things than the Master did.

Daniel says: "And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Dan. 2:35. We speak of the little stone, so much, but it grows and becomes a great Kingdom, the Kingdom of Christ.

The Psalmist says: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall GROW like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. And shall bring forth fruit in his old age, they shall be fat and flourishing;" Psalm 92. In other words the righteous will grow and abound in the things of God, even as they of old.

In Malachi 4:2, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings: and ye shall go forth, and GROW up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked etc." May I say that the righteous have grown, and the wicked have become ashes under their feet? Peter exhorts to GROW in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul in

speaking to the saints of God says: "In whom all the building fitly framed together GROWETH unto an holy temple in the Lord."

Eph. 2:21 May I ask, how can these things be unless the saints of God live righteously so that they may grow (not stand still) into the wonderful things of God, and I will add, they are born again to that end. In Second Thess. 1:3, Paul was very thankful because "the faith of his brethren GROWETH exceedingly, and the charity of everyone of all toward each other aboundeth." May I add they were not standing still, they had been born again; consequently they were growing and abounding into the wonderful things of God; and such will be thoughtful of those who may have not yet been born of God, for our Saviour has said: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." May God bless the soul that has been born again, that he or she may exert themselves to help some other poor soul to be born into the kingdom of God. According to the Apostle Paul, such is done by the foolishness of preaching.

My brethren and sisters, allow no man, great or small to deceive you with his VAIN philosophy, lest the thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. Job. 31:40, I will conclude with the exhortation, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." And I will add, that such will GROW in the knowledge of the purposes of God. Editor

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ings in Monterey. By the help of God, I have stirred up the interest of a group of Seven Day Adventist's some Baptist, Evangelical and Catholic people. They are attending our services. A catholic woman from San Francisco was in our service in Monterey. She was so blessed over hearing our Gospel, that she gave me an invitation to visit her home in San Francisco. I believe that before very long we will have some baptisms in Monterey. The Baptist Minister did not like to see his members come to our service. His own members told him that I was a man of God and that did not please him.

I am alternating between San Jose and Monterey. Remember me

in your prayers. When the District of California asked me if I would leave my job and family to preach the Gospel; I asked for three months to pray and adjust the affairs of my home. I have prayed hard for God to guide me, I put my home up for sale, so that I may purchase a cheaper one. I do not want the saints to be burdened too much in assisting my family.

In our last conference the saints were so unanimous in Spirit to see me go out to preach the Gospel, that if I would have refused, I would have been a coward and an outcast forever. My wife has whole heartedly accepted her responsibility to take care of my family. She is a grand woman. God bless her. Remember her in your prayers. My family is behind me one hundred per cent. I don't care where I sleep or where or what I eat.

I'm determined to preach this Gospel wherever God sends me and as long as He lends me breath. Wherever I have gone people have sheltered me and fed me. There is no fear in me any longer. I have now proven God and He has kept His word with me. I have never felt the guidance and the blessings of God as I have felt since going out to preach to the world. God has been my constant companion.

Tell the brothers in the Ministry not to be afraid. The world needs the Gospel so much and because of lack of labours, the people are dying in unbelief. I gave up my job and family and the comforts of home. I really know that my Redeemer Lives. Praise His Name. Remember me in your prayers. Love to sister Sadie. If you wish let Bro. Alma read this letter. Would like to know what hospital brother Ashton is in. Give my love to all the saints.

P. S. I enjoyed your two topics in The Gospel News about televisions. Wish we could decide unanimously to throw them out. They are an evil to our people.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo

LETTER FROM NIGERIA  
BY ELDER N. AKPAN

The report of work by the Second Counsellor N. Akpan. I thank God who brought us the Church of Jesus Christ, she is the Mission that meets the needs of the hungry souls. We are satisfied the doctrines are true, I am sure my soul will be satisfied, even so far I still need teaching and more feed-

ings to my soul and of others here in Nigeria, this is my strong request and prayer I ask for your people also sure God will bless.

The below is a few reports I make about the work here this way: Ikot Ebak, Abak Headquarters. The Church is the Church I ask strongly to pray for their faithfulness, Holiness, Spiritual Life and the Spirit of Obedience to be in them, even so have seen great moving in them very much as a proof. The building of the Missionaries house where they will live are completed whenever they will arrive. It is a compound House, hard for a thief to enter. The members in the church are those building the house and Bro. A. A. Dick gave money towards the work and also does the work with his hand. More to this God is blessing us and adding more members to us daily. At the few months passed we have baptized 19 persons into the Church, now we have one brother. J. Essiet to be a preacher. He also encourages our people to work strongly. At present time he has opened Sunday School in a very good method for us, and the Sunday School is working, we praise God. Now we and him have begun compounds prayer meetings every evening for us.

Eka Abia Okpo — This Church is the church that Bro. Cadman has been visited during the time he came to Africa even so were they baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, yet they were not well taught the Faith and Doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ and there was no teachers house built but on the month of February we send Bro. J. Essiet to Church and through God's power he was able to use the people and make teachers houses now. Faith and Doctrine are well taught by him more, 28 members are baptized into the Church.

At Abak—The Building of the Church of Jesus Christ has been completed here. We have a very few members in this group, only 40 members baptized by me, also served with communion. Ikot Ebak people are the people who make the building themselves. Pray for this Church.

Ediene — This small group is a group which we started from the month of January 1955, the building is not yet elect, but members who are in agreement and believe in the Church of Jesus Christ are 55. Now they have been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ. Pray for; I also trust God to start

with them a great revival, Amen.

Conference at Effoi-Eket. — In fact I am praising God the most. On June 3rd to 5th we were in the Conference at Effoi-Eket and ever since we started to have Conference this was the most Spiritual meeting we had, people were all filled with blessings of God and the joy of the Holy Spirit, business were discussed smoothly and lovely. It is true that we did not discuss on very many new things only Mr. Akpan was moved to go to America for training and Mr. S.A.U. Bassey and S. U. Bassey to be ordained as Elders at the next conference. But we did refer to the business we did at the last Conference on March of this year as follows: Choristers College, Printing Press, Scottish Hospital, Secondary School and Church Building at the Headquarters of which we approved to stand firm, attendance 574. Conference offering \$200.00. People partake the Lord's table 400.

I am praising God about you as he has put in you a real love and his will to do with us here. It is true that he that pitieth the poor, lended to the Lord. The Teacher at Ikot Ebak is a very good man. He obeys the Gospel, He takes upon himself to preach to house to house in fact if you see and visit us again, you can see many different or improvements.

Our Church at Ikot Ebak is now well care of. We fix windows and doors, also make it to be suit of the name, Headquarters.

We are now progress for our concrete building. We hope the General Church will help us with some money towards it. We are praying May God bless all of you is our prayer, Amen. We hope to hear of when the white Brethren will be with us, however we are praying, Amen.

Sincerely N. Akpan

DETROIT, MICH.

JULY 10, 1955

Dear Editor:

These past few weeks here in Detroit have been marvelous to behold. I believe sincerely the greatest miracle that God performs is the constant, patient and loving way He tenderly answers our day to day prayer.

Even before this note is printed in our beloved paper I know several of you will have learned of this wonderful day, at branch 3. Nine young people heeded to the sweet whispers of Jesus and requested their baptisms. These

nearly all being the children of the saints, and therefore I know the many prayers offered up in their behalf have been answered.

We have been forbidden to use the Detroit River at Bell Isle due to the great number of bathers in the summer time. We had no place to baptize. Heaven opened and it began to rain and in a very short time the beach was clear. Therefore permission was granted to use it. Hosanna to God and the Lamb. Glory to them in the highest. To the last degree our Father provides for us.

Brother James Heaps was used as an instrument in the hand of God when our new Brothers and Sisters gave their hearts to God. All of us rejoiced at seeing our Brother face to face. Our prayers go with him.

Therefore I hope in these few words and in some small way you might receive a little joy. Take fresh courage and know that a good seed will not be lost or forgotten in the sight of Our God.

God Bless You each and everyone.

Sister Ilene Coppa

#### NOTES FROM WINDSOR, Ont.

A few items from Windsor by our faithful young sister Ethel Henderson. We are certainly happy to have Bro. J. Heaps here with us. We enjoyed his singing and speaking here on Sunday, and are looking forward to the meetings throughout the week. We are pleased to see him looking so well after such a serious illness recently.

We are not many here, but thank God we are still desirous to press on in His service. We have a fairly nice group of young people now, and meet together once a week for choir practice. Many are not yet baptized, and we are looking forward to the day when the good seed of the Gospel will be planted in their hearts. Before Sister Ethel mails this letter one of Brother Coumo's daughters was baptized on July 13th.

In my little note to you recently, I mentioned that Sister Padden was ill. She has now passed on. She died at the Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, Ont. on Wednesday May 25, 1955. She was in her 92nd year. Funeral services took place from her late home in Rosemont, Ont. The service was in charge of Bro. Burgess of Windsor. He was assisted by another minister of Sister Padden's home town. She was aunt to brother Al-

len Henderson, and sister Leata Ford, and was baptized into the church just a few years ago. No doubt many of you will remember by the name "Aunt Libby." May she find a resting place along with the faithful in the Paradise of God.

#### IN A LETTER

From Sister Jennie Castelli of San Diego, Calif., has written me, much of it is personal to me relative to my recent affliction, and who very recently has gone through a severe ordeal herself in the way of a major operation. She wants you all to know that she appreciates very much you all remembering her in your prayers, and in sending her so many beautiful get-well-cards which were much consolation to her, in that you remembered her during her sickness. She writes: "All that I can say is that God may bless each and every one of you, and give you whatever the desires of your hearts even as He has done for me." May God continue to bless Sister Castelli.

Bro. Cadman

#### NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

Editor:

I beg kindly allow this article to be published in The Gospel News, thanks.

My heart always rejoicing in the Lord, and I am thankful to He who created us and give all of us the freedom through Christ our Lord.

Do not fear He who will only kill the body, but fear He who can destroy the soul and the body and then restore back again to life. There were three young men who refuse to bow down to the god of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and they were punished. Brothers Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were put into the burning Fiery Furnace, and they were delivered by the Living Father. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I had a call two weeks ago from the members of the Church of Jesus Christ at Ikot Akpabin, Eket, that I should not fail to visit them on the 17th of April in order to put them right. I sincerely promised to visit them. Then on the night of 16th of April at my home I went to bed at 8 p.m. About 15 minutes to 11, I heard some one crying. My wife came and called me, saying: your brother Wilson A. Udo, Thompson Appan, and Dan Akpan are crying. However I was weak and could not wake up. Not long after these brothers knock at the door crying. I

was afraid, I awoke immediately—I asked them what happened? They answered me that three souls rest in peace. (three persons died WHC) I ordered Bro. Edet Oduono to ring the Church Bell, and all our brothers and sisters came together. I gave a short preaching in each home of the deceased comforting them in the word of Christ. The three deceased were buried at 9 a.m. on Sunday 17.h. The service was at Ikot Ebak.

I then left home for Ikot Akpabin at 9:30 a.m. with Brothers I. J. Akpan and S.U.Umoh, taken Etinan Road. After I crossed the bridge at Abak we came across one big snake which covered the road. We waited a few minutes till it passed, and we passed. We finally reached Etinan Qua Iboe River. We use to cross by Canoe and three bicycles and seven men enter the canoe. We sink in the River. Oh! God deliver all of us who were in the Canoe—only my jacket with three pounds (money) is not seen, and one bicycle which belong to one of the passengers who was with us was missed, but all was saved. So brothers and sisters, rejoice with us. What a sad news it would have been, three have just rest in peace (three had died WHC) and seven more would have followed on the same day. Ever since I was born I do not know how to swim, but that day I was able to save myself and three other Brothers. So I drew my attention to what happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who refused to worship the Golden Image that Nebuchadnezzar made. It is good for one to believe and trust in the Lord for all who trust in him is not to be in shame, nor does He hide them from His face. His face always shine like Morning Glory to those that obey Him.

Brothers and Sisters let us obey and trust in the Lord. I also remember His word in the Book of Saint Matthew: He said ask and He will give, knock and He will open unto you, for he or she who knock and asks is being given. Many Christians of today ask and knock and they do not receive, and it is not been opened unto them.

Brothers and Sisters ask yourselves questions why you do not receive. If he asks anything in my name it will be surely given unto you. Said the Lord: many teachers wrong interpret as Qua Iboe Mission did in 1878 by saying baptism is a sign of being Christian. That makes many to hold two things at hand, and ask, also knock, yet they

do not receive because they do not ask or knock in the right way. Can one woman marry two husbands while the first one is alive? That is, Christ is our husband, how can we serve Christ, and at the same time serve the devil? Or are we making Him to be a jealous husband? I beg all African readers of the Gospel News to consider this. Brothers will you be pleased if you marry a wife, and she be not faithful to you? Sisters, will you be pleased if you are married and your husband is not faithful to you? If you will not be pleased, note that Christ will not be pleased for you to serve Him, and at the same time serve the devil, rather you make Him a jealous Saviour. There will be no pleasure with you and Christ. So it is with you and your husband, as you are not obeying Him, and whatsoever you will ask Him, He will grant you. Therefore, it is with Christ if you are not obeying Him your needs you take to Him in prayer, will not be granted. Therefore, obey Him and see what He will do for you. I pray, may God bless all of you. Amen.

Brother A. A. Dick

#### MY TESTIMONY

Dear Editor:

I would like to ask you kindly to publish my testimony. You see I can not travel very much, in fact I don't go anywhere, but I would like to share the goodness of God towards me, to others.

I wish I could give unto the readers of this article, a piece of the sweetness that fills my heart each time I go to the Church Meetings. Each time I meet with the saints of Latter Days, I renew the vow I made to God that I would serve Him the balance of my days. Since that day (Nov. 5, 1922) I have peace with God, and He fills my heart with sweet expectation and sunshine fills my soul. I do not enjoy good health, ever since my last child was born I have had very little time without pain. When you see me in the meetings, it is because of the saints prayers that were offered for me.

If I had not the grace of God in my heart, I would not be here; and, if it were otherwise I would be a creature full of anguish and despair for I suffer pains which are almost unbearable, but prayer does change things which are dreadful to bear and brings joy. Many people I have heard say, that when they are ill it makes them weak in spirit; but not with me, the



greater the suffering, the closer it draws me to God. For that is when one needs God the most. When no earthly thing can help, then God never fails.

I enjoy the sweetest privilege that anyone could have, and that is to instill within the hearts of little children something about God. I have taught the 23rd Psalm to quite a few children, also the Lord's prayer and it gives me a great satisfaction to do so. I with the help of God draw a picture to the minds of the little children about this Psalm and the Lord's prayer, and make it easy for them to memorize.

Brothers and Sisters, my testimony is not based on the experiences received by others. My testimony is based on my own Experiences in the present time, and also upon truthful revelation of the future. And this is what the world need today.

This is a truthful testimony that I bear before the Saints, as well as before the world. I am not ashamed to confess the Name of Jesus, so help me God. Sister Anna Nastasia, Niles, Ohio.

#### BETTY GRIFFITH MAKES REQUEST

Dear Editor:

I am writing these few lines to ask you a favor, will you kindly print about me being home, and my vacation being so enjoyable; My class spending one evening at my home, presenting me with gifts and being so kind and good hearted as always.

I had a nice time at home and I hate to go back to Selmgrove, because I always miss each and every one of you. Please ask the young sisters to write to me up there, for I truly have many times thought of home and my friends as well as my brothers and sisters, then I would find myself crying and feeling home-sick and lonesome. My receiving mail will help me feel much better and happier. Thank you for your kindness, and please remember me in your prayers. May God bless you. Sincerely a Sister in Jesus Christ.

Betty Griffith  
Box 500. Selmgrove, Pa.

GRINDSTONE, PA.

Dear Brother Editor:

I would like to write a few lines about the passing of a dearly beloved brother, who was very highly esteemed here among the brothers and sisters of Roscoe.

While I was at his funeral, and for some time afterward I have been thinking of his life. I remember well, his testimony and when I was a child, his voice when he preached, shook the house—No, he didn't care if he made us children afraid. He always said that he visited this people one whole year, and did not say a word. He wanted to make a complete investigation of this Restored Gospel. When he did arise to say a word, he said: I'll obey this gospel in due time.

He rendered obedience in July of 1908. After he was baptized, he expected to have a spiritual experience. About three months later, one evening while he was reading the word, a voice spake unto him these words: "You are accepted before God—go and set an example."

When the time came that he had to move from Roscoe, he wanted to go up the river toward Brownsville, Pa., the spirit spake and said: "You can go down the river, but not up, so he moved to Dunlevy. He had not lived there long until he learned about his neighbor, whose name was Michael Falcetta was very sick. The doctors had given him up to die.

Bro. Penn went to see him—in the course of their conversation, he explained the doctrine of the church, and of the anointing with oil and God healing those who had faith. Brother Falcetta asked to be anointed, and he was healed, and later was baptized into the Church. Brother Michael took brother Penn to see other Italian people, and many were brought to the church.

Many of the brothers and sisters here in Roscoe, have memories of calling him to anoint their sick at all hours of the night and they were healed. Yes, he anointed us, prayed for us, blessed our children, and established us in sound principles of Jesus Christ. We pray that God will send us some one, with a double portion of the Gift of God, that he had.

These are the wonderful thoughts we have, as we remember him as he was before the feebleness of old age crept upon him.

We are having good meetings here in Roscoe. We had a baptism here last Sunday. It was bro. and sister Kendall's son John. We all rejoiced to see another come unto our Holy Father.

Sincerely Bro. Geo. E. Johnson

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a line to let you know how we are getting along. I am writ-

ing this letter from the home of Bro. Milantoni. I have been waiting in Detroit for my wife to arrive. We will leave here Friday, July 22 for Lorraine and hope to see you in Warren at the gathering. I have enjoyed my stay in Detroit and Windsor. I have tried to encourage and stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance to our duty to God and the Church. Their hospitality to me has been wonderful and I hate to leave them but I must move on, may God bless them all is my prayer. I hope you are well in body and spirit as we are all getting older.

Will see you soon. We spoke of redeeming the time. Now just a line about the fullness of time, Gal. 4th Ch. 4th v., When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son to redeem them that were under the law. From the days of Enoch the promise was repeated through patriarchs and prophets keeping alive the hope of His coming. Century after century passed away, the voices of the prophets ceased but God's purposes know no haste and no delay. When the great clock of time pointed to that hour Jesus was born. Providence had directed the movements of nations until the world was ripe for His coming. Men were weary of fables and tradition and when He came there were some that would accept Him. He came to His own but His own received Him not, but as many as received Him to them He gave power to become the sons of God. When the light had seemed to grow dim from Malicah to John the Baptist hope had almost gone and the voice heard in Ramah, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children with longing eyes some look forward to His coming. The aged Simeon has now spoken of Him as a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel. For hundreds of years the scriptures had been translated into the Greek language and the coming of the Messiah was to some extent shared by the Gentiles. The woman at the well said, "I know when the Messiah comes He will tell us all things." Cornealus was a man that prayed and gave much alms to the poor. The messenger of the Covenant must speak. I am He that speaketh unto thee. He had spoken I am the light and life of the world. God sent forth His own son to redeem them that were under the law and that we as Gentiles might be adopted in and become sons of God. The time is ful-

filled and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye and believe the Gospel. Mark 1:14, 15. The time of His coming and His ministry on earth was short, about 3 1-2 years. This was not the end, no He said, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will send the comforter unto you." Thank God His ending here on earth was only the beginning of the greatest work that the world has ever seen. The time had come for the earthly sacrifice and oblation to cease. It was not long until they began to depart from the faith, grievous wolves entering in and the man-child was taken to God and His throne. The dark ages set in and gross darkness came upon the people, but thank God again the light has come and God has restored again. Knowledge has increased in the earth and a record of another people has been brought forth, even a record that was hid in the dust now known as the Book of Mormon. Jesus could not leave these poor people in the dark. A people now known as the American Indian but to us they are known as the seed of Joseph, who's branches run over the wall. The arches have sorely grieved him and shot at him and hated him but his bow abode in strength. Moroni says, "I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies and behold they shall proceed forth of the everlasting God and His word shall hiss forth from generation to generation and exhorting his people to go on to perfection. Now he concludes with these wonderful words, "Now I bid unto you all farewell. I soon go to rest in the Paradise of God until my spirit and body shall again reunite and I shall be brought triumphant through the air to meet you at the pleasing bar of the Great Jehovah, the eternal Judge of both quick and dead." I hope to meet Him some day.

Your Brother in Christ  
JAMES HEAPS

#### NEWS ITEMS

On Sunday Evening May 29th, and at the season of the year when our nation of people are commemorating their dead, our young people spent the evening remembering many of our departed brethren whom we have worshipped with, and who have passed on to their reward. It is good to review the lives of our departed ones. Songs

appropriate for the occasion was sung. In the audience were several visiting brethren, among them were bro. A.A. Corrado who is soon to leave on his mission to his native land (Italy) on Missionary work for the Church. He made a short address to us relative to his contemplated trip.

Sister Evans from California is visiting in these parts. She attended our services here on June 5th. We were all glad to see her again, she is formerly of the Monongahela Branch of the church.

Recently Brother A. DiBattista of the Glassport Branch visited the Monongahela Church, and occupied the pulpit. It was an evening meeting, and to, I was not present owing to my physical condition. His text was as I understand "That is Nothing and This is Nothing." He was showing how we will do things wherein the law of God is involved and at the same time excuse ourselves by saying: that is "nothing." He told of a story that was common in his native land, Italy. Wherein one hundred nothings broke the donkeys-back. Brother Tony, your talk was well taken that evening as far as I have heard. I President Cadman will add, that the laws of God are yea and amen, and must not be trifled with. I was ask a question recently about taking pictures on Sunday — I answered that I often have a Camera with me when I am away, and I take a few pictures, but when Sunday comes, my camera stays in my suit-case. You might say that is a little thing, may be so, but from what brother DiBattista says, it was the little things that broke the donkeys back. Yes, The "Nothings" made the trouble.

A card from Bro. Paul D'Amico, dated June 6th says they had a baptism at the Lockport, N. Y. church just recently. Also a short letter from Bro. Miller of Detroit mentions of two baptisms at Ameshburg, Ontario, where Bro. Johnson is conducting some missionary work, also a baptism at Branch No. Four. Bro. Miller also says: "We had brother Heaps at Branch No. 2 last Sunday May 29th, and this Sunday June 5th, at branch No. 4 and enjoyed him very much."

I went to Youngstown on June 8th (Wednesday) and attended their meeting that evening also visited some of our peoples homes in Sharon, Pa., and in Youngstown, including the home of my Indian

friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tecumseh Morgan. WHC. I also visited Brother Ashton on June 3rd, and he was very poorly.

On Sunday July 24th, three converts were baptized in the Glassport branch of the church. I am informed that in Brooklyn, N.Y. a convert was baptized recently. This is the first since they built their new church. I also learn that a convert was baptized among our Indian folks in South Dakota just recently. I am informed that our aged sister Susan Lewis on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario is getting very feeble, May the Lord bless her.

In a letter of recent date from Bro. Joseph Lovalvo, he informs me that he had baptized a convert in Monterrey, Calif. My prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless the labours of brother Joe that he may not labour in vain.

#### AN EXPERIENCE OF OUR LATE SISTER SHUSTER

(Reprinted)

"God told me in a dream to warn the people of The Church of Jesus Christ to prepare - - for destruction is coming on our land. He said to be faithful and true to the Church, and to broadcast to all that would hear the glad tidings of the Restored Gospel. We are to live righteously on this earth, be kind and good, to set examples for all to see and know that our way is the only way, and our Church is the only Church, I was standing on a stretch of land here in America, looking out on a vast ocean. The water seemed to be foaming and tumbling as in a great storm. I could see a large serpent in the water, and as I watched, the serpent crawled out of the raging waters onto the land where I was standing. He raised his head and gazed all around the land, turning his head from east to west, from north to south."

NOTE: I have had a short letter and two cards from Brother Corrado who is in Italy. No news in particular, but I have sent a copy of our Church incorporation papers to his attorney in Rome to help him along in his endeavors to incorporate the Church in Italy. Brother Corrado says his mother was glad to see him again. He also sends greetings and best regards to you all. He says the people are very poor, but are pleased to hear him preach the gospel.

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## By SISTER HEAPS

As I travel on this journey,  
And observe the sons of men  
In their struggle for survival,  
Just, what do they hope to gain?

Pushing up and down the high-  
way,  
In a hurry, to get where?  
Faces troubled, spirits burdened,  
All their lives are filled with  
care.

O that they could know my Sav-  
iour,  
Who would all His love bestow;  
Give them peace and take their  
burdens,  
If, only unto Him they'd go.

Come unto me; He hath bidden  
Without money; Without price,  
He has died to bring deliverance,  
To give to all, the more abund-  
ant life.

Jesus told us to go forward  
Teaching all men where we went,  
To believe in the pure gospel  
Forsake their sins, and to repent.

Then they all could claim the  
promise  
Of the Holy Ghost Divine,  
Freedom from all care, and  
heartache,  
Rest of soul, and peace of mind.

## A DREAM

In the second chapter of The Acts of the Apostles 17th verse I read as follows: "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;"

In a letter recently received from one of my brethren in Modesto, Calif., he related a short dream that he had, to me it was heavenly. It is as follows: "I dreamed, and in my dream I saw Jesus crying. He looked so sorrowful that I asked Him why He was crying, and was sorrowful. He said: because I came to the world, and the world has refused my appeal. What was your appeal, I said. 'Have you not read the scriptures. When I invited the weary and heavy laden to come unto me, and learn of me?'"

Then I remembered Matthew II ch.. I got up and read it. Truly it was never so appealing to me as now, saith the dreamer.

## BUGNARA, ITALY

Dear Brother Cadman,

I received your letter and with a little delay in answering because I was away with brother Emdio Milano over the different Missions in Italy. We visited S. Demtrio, Corone, Prov. Calabria and other places, then we visit the Island of Ponza. We found no Elder there because brother Feola went to America with his family. We ordained two Elders there.

I was content to know that the Lawyer got the papers you sent him. And he said was very good, and thank you for the prompt service.

Hope that you and sister Cadman and family are in good health. My mother is doing good. I am well and hope to be in the states soon. May be the 22nd day of September. Sorry to hear of brother Ashton, brother Penn, brother Picciuto, sister Clement and brother Giovannone passing on. My sympathy to their families.

Brother Cadman I did much traveling on trains, busses, and on foot since I came here. Best regards to all the saints.

Sincerely  
Brother A.A. Corrado

## LABOURING IN THE VINEYARD IS REWARDED

Brother Editor:

On Tuesday August 17th, while I was preaching in the city of Monterey, Calif., three people requested baptism. I phoned home (Modesto) and the next day Bro. Mark, my wife and brother and sister Ciponeri drove to Monterey. Bro. Mark performed the baptisms. There was a wonderful blessing as Bro. Mark baptized them in the Pacific Ocean. That makes four members in the city of Monterey now. God has sure blessed me in this city. Pray that God will raise up laborers in this part of His vineyard. Pray for the city of Monterey.

In San Jose, by the guidance of God's Holy Spirit I became acquainted with a baptist Minister and his family. They are Mexican. After a two hour visit in his home, he invited me to speak in his church the following Sunday Morning. He divided his preaching time with me. They are a fine people.

The following Sunday they came to our service and they were really blessed. I gave them our literature and a Book of Mormon. Please tell the Saints to pray for me and the people of this city. My desire is to establish the Church in this city of San Jose. The people are very good to me. I have not wanted for food or shelter. Praise God's name.

I am going to San Francisco tomorrow. A woman heard me preach in Monterey and asked me to come to San Francisco to her home. My wife is going with me. Pray for me and my family.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo

## SHORT TRIP TO CANADA

On August 12th Friday evening, Bro. Henderson met me at the R. R. Depot in Detroit and took me to his home in Windsor, Ont., and then to our church where I spent the evening in service. Among those present were brother and sister Robert Watson Sr. from California. We enjoyed the evening with our brothers and sisters, and the next morning a car load of us started off for the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont., better than 200 miles away. It soon started to rain, and it rained hard all the day long, and all night. However, we got along with out any difficulty on the Highway, having a driver who knew the road very well. On the way we called to see sister Barkley, and had a short visit with her. She is not well, and is not able to get around very much. She was glad for us to call on her. Our next stop was in London to call on sister Gadd, she is very well for one of her age, she is about 85 years old, and is very bright and she was very glad to have us call. May the Lord bless both of these sisters, who don't have much opportunity to be at our meetings.

We arrived at the Reserve about 7:30 p.m. and made a few calls, and then on to brother and sister Beavers home where we put up for the night, and it rained all night. The next morning after breakfast, we went to the Hall where our meetings are being held. The rain had stopped, but everything was very wet. The Hall is small, but we had a nice crowd present, including brother and sis-

ter Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y. A number of Indian people were present who are very good singers, and they sang for us in their own tongue, as well as in our tongue. I noticed they were very attentive to our talk in the meeting. They had S. School before the preaching meeting. The little Hall they are meeting in now, is just across the Highway from the Burial Ground, lately acquired by The Church of Jesus Christ.

We ate our dinner at the home of brother and sister Hill, who were baptized into the Church a number of years ago. They are both getting well advanced in years, and are holding on firm to the Iron Rod. Our afternoon service was in the home of our aged sister Lewis, and sister Sadie Jamieson. Sister Lewis is very feeble, she is now about 85 years old, she was baptized quite awhile ago and is holding out faithful.

We had a testimony meeting in her home which I think was enjoyed by all present. Our Indian members were all glad to see me again, they said it was about three years since I had been there.

I might add, that the Hall our folks use to meet in was burned down, and they lost all their books in the fire. The Ladies Uplift Circle (the general organization) has furnished them with 40 hymn books at \$1.50 each. 24 Bibles for S. School work at \$1.00 each. The Sisters of the Glassport Circle furnished them with a half doz. Books of Mormon at \$1.50 each. A wonderful act on the part of our Sisters, may the Lord ever bless them in their work.

After the closing of the afternoon meeting, we soon got started on our return trip to Windsor, getting caught in the rain again, but through the grace of God, we arrived back in Windsor about 11 p.m. safe and well. This trip means about 450 miles of traveling. I rested some, and visited some among the saints in Windsor and attended their meeting on Tuesday night, and had a very nice audience to speak to. At the close of this meeting, I came over to Detroit with some of the brethren who were present, and visiting around some and attended the Wednesday night meeting at Branch No. 1 where a large crowd was gathered for the occasion. It has been in the neighborhood of 30 years since I first attended meeting in this building. I had an interesting audience, and was pleased to occupy their pulpit

again. Sister Ruzzi is one of the pioneer members of this Branch, but I am sorry to say that her days among us are nearing an end. She is a very sick Sister, and is confined to her home. I visited her and she asked me if I would come to her funeral, which might not be very long. She has been a very faithful sister in the Church, and may the Lord continue to bless her. On Friday night I attended the M. B.A. meeting at Branch No. 2 and taught their class on the occasion; stayed all night at the home of Bro. and Sister Carolini, and the next morning I attended their fasting and prayer service in the Church at six o'clock. After this meeting I was taken to the home of brother Thomas in Dearborn, where later in the day he took me back over to Windsor for the night, and the brethren, Anthony Gerace and Angelo Maisano picked me up in the morning, and in their car, gave me a fast ride to the Indian Reservations at Muncey, Ont. 100 miles away,—and by the way, the Plymouth cars need no wings, especially when Tony or Angelo sits behind the wheel. On our trip to Africa we traveled very fast indeed, but that could be expected, for the plane had two wings, but the Plymouth did not have any, and it did not need any. However we arrived at the Muncey Church without any mishap. It is wonderful to have safe drivers even if they can't keep their feet off the gas. On arriving in Muncey, we drove out to the home of Bro. and Sister Doxstader. They are both getting very old. He was sitting out under a tree and we sat down with him. He was much pleased to see us again. It was only a little while till he asked us to sing for him, we did so, and had prayer with them. We got them in our car and took them into the Church. There was a nice crowd of both Indian people and white, gathered for the service. I had not been there for a year or two, and they were all glad to see me again. I have been going to this Reserve for about 23 years, and our Indian members there, are all getting old and feeble. They mostly all took part in testimony. But they will not be with us much longer. May I ask, Who are going to take their place? The young people do not seem to attend services. Our brethren from Detroit are traveling there every week-end, and are doing what they can and may God bless them. I hear it said concerning the Indian work: "An Elder or two should be located there permanently." While there I vis-

ited our farm, and naturally, thought of the past when brothers Ford and Cowan with their wives were living there, and labouring among those people. Both of our brethren have gone to their reward, we are left here still to labour in the vineyard of the Lord. Are we diligent in the Masters Cause? While on the farm, I walked out to the brow of the hill, and looked down on the fifty acres of bottom land in the bend of the river—it was a beautiful sight—the fifty acres was flourishing with Corn—cattle and sheep at leisure in and around the barn, red apples abundant on the trees, and the nut trees in the bush full of nuts—a wonderful farm we own at Muncey, Ont.

On leaving Muncey, instead of returning to Detroit, we headed north west near 100 miles to Port Huron, Mich., and what a wonderful country is the Province of Ontario. The corn crop is abundant. The tobacco fields (hundreds of acres) are waist high, and are quite a sight. I cannot say "cattle on every hill" for there are no hills, but there are herds in most every field the wheat crop has been big, so I was told. What a wonderful land is this Western Hemisphere! Yea, a land blest by our God above all others: A choice land with Him where His Church and Kingdom will eventually flourish.

On arriving at our church in Port Huron, we found many gathered together from the community, from Detroit, and some of our Indian members from Canada near Sarnia. Brother and sister Criscuolo was present from their farm which is about 40 miles away. Some of the brethren of Detroit who drove to Muir, Mich. to hold meetings, a distance of about 275 miles and return to Detroit, then drove to Port Huron to be present at the night meeting, May God bless the efforts of my brothers and sisters who are labouring so hard in the vineyard of the Lord. I occupied the pulpit in Port Huron church again, and had an interesting congregation to talk to, and I believe all enjoyed the evening. In our audience was sister Ward Sr. and her daughter-in-law sister Mary Ward and her daughter of Roscoe, Pa. was glad to see some one from back around my home. We drove to Detroit after the meeting, and it rained hard part of the way.

I will just add, that I was very well pleased with the general ap-

pearance of our church property in Port Huron, you all know that the past has been rather discouraging. They have built a much needed exit from the rear left side of the basement and it has made much difference in appearance. It has cost them very much, and their expense is not ended, they need a heating plant for this winter and if an encouraging hand is lent to the Church in Port Huron, I believe the enemy of their souls can yet be defeated, in that place. May all of you, have your mind prepared to help our folks there.

Returning to Detroit after the meeting, I stayed all night and visited Sister Ruzzi again. She is very poorly and may not be with us long. I left on the train at 10:30 p.m. for Pittsburgh, and found my wife very well at home.

I am very well myself, and may the Lord bless you all,

Bro. W. H. Cadman

#### RADIO TALK

By BRO. FURNIER

(Continued from last issue).

"Neither when a mulct (a fine TSF) is inflicted, is it done in a way to stop the commission of the same fault in future, but rather so that the delinquent understands he may soon do that very thing again, provided he be but ready to pay." "Hence, all the sacraments are sold for money; and where that is not to be had, they are absolutely neglected."

"2 Another distinct head of the grievances produced by this zealous duke was expressed thus: "The scandalous conduct of the clergy is a very fruitful source of the destruction of poor souls. There must be a universal reformation; and this cannot be better effected than by a general council. It is, therefore the most earnest wish of us all that such a measure be adopted." MILNERS CHURCH HIST. CENT. 16, CH. 6

By increasing changes and unauthorized alterations in organization and government, the earthly establishment known as "the Church," lost all semblance to the Church as established and maintained by his Apostles.

The Apostate church's argument that there has been an uninterrupted succession of authority in the priesthood from the Apostle Peter to the present, is untenable in the light of history, and unreasonable in the light of fact.

Authority to speak and act in the name of God, and his son Jesus Christ, power to officiate in the

saving ordinances of the gospel of Christ, the high privilege of serving as a duly commissioned ambassador of the court of Heaven, these are not to be had as the gifts of princess, nor are they to be bought for money, nor can they be won as trophies of the bloody sword.

The history of the church is the condemnation of the church of Rome

Dear friends: We have furnished proof positive from both scripture and history to establish the fact of the corrupt state of the church and lost authority or Priesthood.

Let us now turn to the 12th. and 17th. chapters (in part) of the Book of Revelations, which should now be more clear to us.

John the Revelator, saw in vision the state of the church in the days then future:

It is generally accepted that John the Revelator's message to the churches of Asia was given about the year 96 A.D.

Rev. 12: 1, 2 "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

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 figuretive of the church, the sun her glory, the moon the law of Moses, the crown denotes authority, or Priesthood, 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, his authority.

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 heads."

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, his authority 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 and two hundred and three score days."

The woman (the church) flee's 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 opostate church). What a contrast between the two women (churches:)

Rev. 17: 3-6 "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: 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, produces illegitimate children, children born out of wedlock.

"And upon her head was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

My next subject will be: "The results of the Apostasy." "The Reformation, and "The birth of Protestantism." May God bless you.

Thurman S. Furnier

#### ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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The Young People of the Rochester, New York Branch are striving to keep the youth together as much as possible. We feel that if we keep ourselves busy and occupied with each other throu

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## EDITORIAL

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3-20. May I ask: Is our conversation as though it was always in heaven? Nay, I am afraid that the conversations of many are far from what will be in heaven. It seems to me that the greatest weapon the devil has are the tongues of men and women—they bless God and curse men with the same tongue, it is full of deadly poison. We can tame the wild animals—the most ferocious beasts are tamed, but not the tongue. The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature: AND IT IS SET ON FIRE OF HELL, saith James.

It seems to be the nature of man, to talk of the things he does not like, rather than the things that are good. If he hears a good sermon, either at his home church or while at another Branch of which he visits, he is almost sure to enlarge on some things that may not suit him, and be 'mum' on many good things that he has heard from the pulpit, or even elsewhere. How quick he is to repeat that, which will eventually defame one's character, it is like the little snow-ball—keeps on rolling it and the bigger it becomes. May I ask: Is there anything worse than a lie? Nine times out of ten some innocent person has to suffer, because some eyes see evil where there is none, and the little member known as a 'tongue' gives vent to something it should not have done, undoubtedly takes part in a conversation that will not be in heaven, and it should not be in Godly places here on earth — And the child of God should not be sitting in the seats of the scornful and ungodly. The conversations in heaven are not found there. "Let us ask ourselves when the day is done," Have I this day hurt any one? Have I offended friend or foe? By lack of sympathy to show? Have I heeded gossip and passed it on? Thereby an inno-

cent soul perhaps having wronged? Have I been narrow minded in thought or deed? When kindness may have helped some soul in need?"

"Speak not evil of one another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge," James 3-11. Watch that little member which is set on fire of HELL.

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common constructive activities, we will not have time nor desire to seek companionship with those inclined to worldliness. Not that we esteem our friends unworthy, but we must realistically face the fact that the youth of our day are desirous to pursue the exciting and the multi-attractive diversions. In an effort to compromise with our friends, we can become shaken in our convictions and expose ourselves to do many things that ordinarily we would not do.

We have formed a choir and it keeps us well occupied and we cannot help but feel the joyous rapture that comes with singing hymns of praise to God.

We also meet once a month to discuss Church affairs and plan things for us to do. One of our young sisters serves as hostess for the evening.

Just recently we gave a farewell Get-together for two of our young people that left our Branch, one temporarily and one permanently. Sister Victoria Parrone, who was married and is now making her home in Aliquippa, Pa., and brother Paul Francione, who left us to serve our Country for the next few years. We wish them both God's Blessings.

We have definitely set our goal to strive towards the promotion of spiritual activities, so that our character may develop qualities what will command the highest respect and reflect the best in true Christian Living.

Submitted by  
Sister Connie Marinetti

LETTER FROM  
SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Editor:

We have been wanting to write you for some time to tell you that we have found true happiness and are just now starting to work for Our Almighty God, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

We are getting along just fine and are keeping up with our Sunday Schools, and the prayer meetings every Sunday afternoon. We are being obedient to our Heavenly Father, and we know that He is answering our prayers according to His will.

How well we know that there is lots of power in The Church of Jesus Christ. That through repentance and baptism in His Holy Name, and laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, God has changed our old sinful lives into what He wants us to be today. We have come to love God, in the name of Jesus, and our people both the old and the young. We want to help where we can.

We can forgive others just like God has forgiven us all our sins, pray for people, tell our people about our Jesus. — God has taught us never to cease praying in our home and to keep teaching our children to pray. Now that He has guided us into the true church of Jesus Christ, how well we know that we have to obey the ten commandments and have faith in God, hope for the everlasting life and charity as Jesus said, "freely ye have received so freely give."

Why don't our people realize that if they enter in through that one gate which is Jesus, through repentance, and baptism (being immersed in the river), and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, that they will be on the rock of foundation. They will find that peace which we have today after we have been obedient by accepting both the Stick of Joseph and the Stick of Juda.

We hope that our brothers and sisters (Furniers & Bittingsers, WHC) were not too discouraged about this summer because we who have come into the true Church of Jesus Christ, meaning we have tried to attend the prayer meetings regular and have learned more from them about the Gospel restored. We were happy and appreciate very much that our brothers and sisters were able to spend a few weeks with us and also the help they gave us.

We thank you very much for the help that was given us from the Monongahela Branch that we belong to. We know that the Gentiles do not treat us right meaning those that are not in the Gospel yet, but I am very happy that we have Jesus, and that through all this suffering God, in the name of Jesus, will work out everything for us. We



thank you very much for the accor-  
dion that was given to our church  
and also for the ten books of Mor-  
mon lesson books. God bless you  
all. Brother and Sister in Christ  
Mr. & Mrs. Earl F. DeMarrias Sr.

### DETROIT

Dear Bro. Editor

I sincerely hope you and all bros.  
and sisters, everywhere, are well  
spiritually and otherwise. We here  
in Detroit, Branch 1, are fine and  
still working hard to perpetuate  
our pledge to serve God, in spirit  
and in truth, unto the end of our  
lives. We have been enjoying some  
wonderful meetings in the Branch.

Recently we had a visit from bro.  
and sister Gabriel Mazzeo, and son,  
and bro. and sister Patsy Rogolino,  
of New Brunswick, New Jersey.  
Their visit was most opportune,  
and was enjoyed by all. Bro. Rog-  
olino opened the service on the  
96th, Psalm 1st verse, which reads  
as follows, O Sing unto the Lord,  
a new Song: Sing unto the Lord,  
all the earth, giving a nice talk on  
the topic. Bro. Mazzeo followed,  
and his expressions were such as  
feeds the hungry soul. Both bros.  
were extremely enjoyable. Our  
bro. Vitto Buffa, is now spending  
time in New Jersey, so the bros.  
of the Branch take turns, in going  
to Sarnia. On Sunday July 24th, my  
wife and I, were taken to Sarnia,  
by one of our wonderful young men,  
bro. Tony Scolaro; his wife, son,  
and daughter also accompanied  
us. We stopped in Port Huron in  
transit, and found a few saints  
there faithfully serving the Lord.  
We enjoyed a grand visit, with our  
bro. and sisters in Sarnia. They are  
very faithful, and are working hard  
to increase their number. On the  
week end of the 31st of July, they  
were looking forward to a welcome  
visit to the Grand River Reserva-  
tion. Yesterday at Branch 1, will  
be a day, long to be remembered,  
my wife and I and a couple of visit-  
ing friends, arrived there not too  
long before the opening of the serv-  
ice. I sat on the Rostrum, and  
seated in the front row of seats,  
was one of our young ladies of the  
branch, just crying. Bro. Nick Pie-  
trangelo, our presiding Elder, gave  
invitation, if any one wanted to  
open the service. I accepted the  
invitation, and we sang hymn 22,  
Jesus is Passing By. This young  
Lady then arose, and requested  
baptism, saying she did not want  
the Saviour to pass her by. We con-  
tinued the service, and I spoke on  
the 13th Chapter of John, and 34th  
Verse, which reads as follows, A

new commandment, I give unto  
you, That ye love one another; as  
I have loved you, that ye also love  
one another. I realize that every  
word of the Scriptures, is sacred  
and Holy, but this passage, I be-  
lieve, ties us to our responsibili-  
ties one to the other, in such a way,  
that if everyone of us could realize  
it, we would have a perfect  
Church. I also spoke from 2nd Nep-  
hi 26th, Chapter and 33rd verse.  
While I was raising Book of Mor-  
mon to speak from it, the tongues  
was spoken, and the interpretation  
given, which was as follows, "Yes  
this is the truth, these are the  
things of God." Bro. Nick Pietran-  
gelo, spoke next, and before our  
meeting concluded, we had five  
lovely young Ladies, ready for  
baptism. Bro. Pietrangelo, baptized  
them at Belle Isle Park, Water  
Front. In our afternoon service, bro  
Sam Damico, his companion, and  
niece were present with us. He  
opened the service and assisted in  
the confirmations. His wife, niece,  
and a sister from Glassport gave  
every touching testimonies. A  
lovely day being enjoyed by all. Sis-  
ter Marietta Ruzzi, is still ailing.  
We wish that all bros. and sisters  
will join us in praying for her and  
all the other sick of the Church.  
Love to all, Your Bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

### THEIR HOME BURNED DOWN

We were sorry to learn that the  
home of brother and sister Con-  
verse was burned to the ground  
sometime in July. They lived up  
on the mountain side at Ahsabka,  
Idaho where our deceased brother  
Costa and myself visited some  
years ago. All they had was burned  
up. Sister Converse went in the  
burning building to try to save  
something, and was sorely burned  
herself, but not serious.

Brother and sister Converse are  
well up in the seventies, which  
makes the loss that much worse  
for them to bear. All of you that  
can lend them some help, do so,  
for I am sure it will be very much  
appreciated. May the Lord in some  
way comfort our brother and sis-  
ter.

Sincerely  
Bro. WHC

### A BIG TIME AT THE VANDERBILT CHURCH

Our folks of the Vanderbilt, Pa.  
Church spent their time in the serv-  
ice of God during the Labor Hol-  
iday season at there church. Short  
time ago they bought a ten acre

plot of ground on Route 711, just  
outside the town of Vanderbilt.  
They sold one acre off the plot,  
which helped them out some in  
their financial obligations, leaving  
them still about nine acres. A very  
nice plot of ground they have.  
They have built a 35x50 basement  
church in which they are worship-  
ping. They have a nice place to  
worship in. It has cost them bet-  
ter than seven thousand dollars,  
they are out of debt and have met  
all the expense themselves. May  
the Lord continue to bless them.

On Saturday, Sunday and Mon-  
day (Labor Day) they held nine  
meetings, I was present at two  
meetings on Saturday and two on  
Monday. They had wonderful at-  
tendance throughout and it proved  
to be a good way for us to  
spend the Holiday. Many from  
far were present, even Apostle Bis-  
cotti of Cleveland, Ohio was present  
on Monday with a group of his  
late converts from Painesville,  
Ohio, all young people and they  
entertained us with much singing.  
Bro. Biscotti's labours have been  
blessed at Painesville. These were  
the meetings that Bro. Heaps at-  
tended to on Sunday and Monday.  
There was various ones took part  
in speaking during these services.  
While brothers Furnier and Bittin-  
ger were in S. Dakota on a mission  
trip recently, Bro. Bittingers tent  
was blown down in a storm and  
was badly damaged. The Vander-  
bilt Church had the tent repaired,  
and a good job was made of it, and  
the tent was used to serve meals  
in, during these meetings, and they  
certainly had plenty of food for ev-  
ery body who attended the meet-  
ings which lasted three days. It  
seems that all things are possible  
to those who have a will to do.

The holding of these meetings at  
this season, has caused much  
talk of them making a regular  
Camp Meeting Grounds on their  
acreage, and then spend or have a  
time of this kind every year in-  
stead of running around other plac-  
es. I am sure much good can be  
accomplished in spending our  
time, as did the Vanderbilt Church  
this year. May the Lord bless the  
Vanderbilt Church.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

### EVANGELIST HEAPS IS STIRRING UP HIS HEARERS

Bro. James Heaps on his tour  
throughout the Church, arrived  
here in Monongahela on August  
27th (Saturday and we were glad  
to see him along with his wife. The  
services all day on Sunday were  
turned over to him, and he done

lots of preaching to us all, reminding us very much of our duties in The Church of Jesus Christ, and of his experiences in the church since he was baptized many years ago. Brother Heaps went through a very serious operation a few months ago, while he is a strong looking man, yet he is not. We did not hold any service on Monday night, that he might have a rest. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights he delivered very rousing sermons concerning the work of God, and what is expected of those who profess to be His followers. These meetings were largely attended too, from various Branches of the Church, and many who were present, were anxious to come back to hear Jimmie again.

To give him rest due to his physical condition, we showed the pictures which were taken in Africa by brothers Bittinger and W. H. Cadman. He wanted to see them. They are slide pictures (colored) and were shown to a nice congregation on Thursday night. Brother Heaps resumed his preaching again on Friday night to a large audience anxious to hear him. This was his last night with us here in Monongahela. On the following Sunday he was at the Vanderbilt Church. He conducted services there on Sunday and Monday (Labor Day) to quite a large crowd who spent the weekend holiday there. His services there was rewarded with two persons being baptized, and two others renewing their covenant in the service of God. As far as I hear, Brother Heaps is welcomed at all of our churches thus far, and he is doing much good in stirring up the hearts and souls of many in the service of God. At this date (Sept. 7th) he expects to visit a couple other of our churches in this community, and then head on to New Jersey and New York City. May the Lord be with both him and his wife in our prayer.

#### PARRONE-D'ANTONIO NUPTIALS ROCHESTER, NEW YORK BRANCH

On June 4, 1955 at 2 p.m., Sister Victoria Parrone of Rochester, N. Y., daughter of Brother and Sister Patsy Parrone and Fred D'Antonio of Aliquippa, Pa., son of Sister Caroline D'Antonio, were united in marriage by a beautiful double-ring ceremony performed by Brother Christopher Trovato, in the Church of Jesus Christ, in Rochester, New York.

Miss Gloria Marinetti of Rochester, New York was Maid-of-Hon-

or. The best man was Mr. Nick Rossi of Aliquippa, Pa. There were two Junior bridesmaids, Misses Joanne and Jeanette Parrone, twin sisters of the bride.

A reception was held with many friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters present.

After a honeymoon trip, the couple returned to Aliquippa, Pa. where they will live. Another reception was given to welcome the Bride to her new home.

Sent by  
Sister Connie Marinetti

#### FOR THE GOSPEL NEWS

Miss Norma Louise Haynie became the bride of Daniel Corrado, Jr. at a lovely wedding, Sat. June 25, 1955. Bro. Phil Dreer receiving the exchange of vows.

Jean Rein, sister of the bride was her only attendant and A. A. Corrado, brother of the groom served as Best Man.

John B. Ford and James B. Rotando, brothers-in-law of the groom ushered.

Several wedding selections were sung by Phyllis Koon, sister of the groom.

Upon their return from a motor trip thru Virginia and the Smoky Mountains, Norma and Danny will reside at Niles, Ohio.

#### SISTER HARRIS PASSES ON

Sister Ella Harper Harris age 74 years died on Monday May 9, 1955 at the home of her daughter Sister Mamie Mixture. She was the wife of our late brother George Leslie Rogers, and was baptized on March 17, 1903. She had absented herself from the church for a good many years, however just prior to her death she received a great desire to return to the fold, for which we Praise God. She leaves two daughters, three sisters, and one brother to mourn her passing. Funeral services were held at the Walter J. Sperling funeral home, Lockhart St., N. S. Pgh. Pa., with Bros. Dan Casasanta and James Moore officiating. Interment in the Richmond Cemetery, Dravosburg, Pa.

#### BRO. GIOVANNONE PASSES ON

Bros. Alexandre Giovannone, born in Italy Nov. 20, 1888 passed on to his reward July 22, 1955 at the age of 66. Bro. Alex came to America in 1913 and in 1921 he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Shortly after his entry into the church, he was ordained a Deacon and was truly a Deacon in

word and deed until the Lord called him home.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow, Sis. Rose, two brothers, Bro. Dominic of Warren, Ohio and Bro. John of Youngstown, Ohio also a sister, Camino, in Italy and a host of Bros. and Sisters who loved him dearly.

#### NILES, OHIO BRANCH

#### HOSPITALIZED AGAIN

September 6th, I just returned home yesterday after spending four nights in the Hospital. This time I had 22 bad teeth which all had to be removed, and you can imagine about how I feel—a very sore mouth, two black eyes and otherwise do not feel good, and too, the "toofins" that have served me so long are now gone. The old machine is fast wearing out, but such is the way of life here in this world.

But with it all, on returning home there was some letters here awaiting me from Africa that made me feel good—in fact I told my wife that I would like to fly back to Africa. And to, there was some letters here from America, my own home country that did not make me feel good.

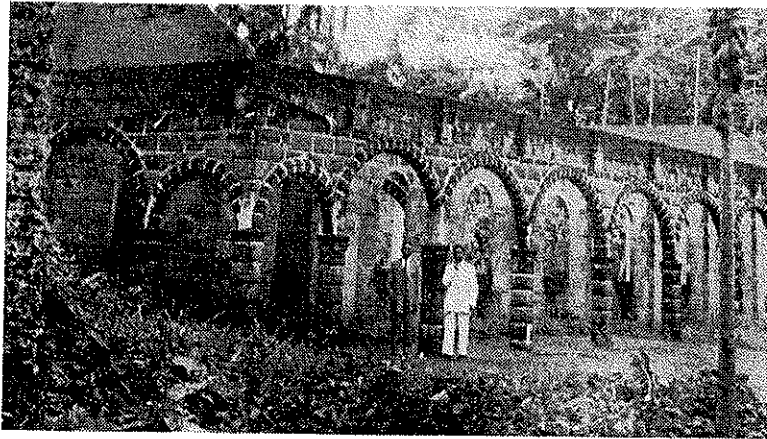
In Nigeria, many of our people had gathered together on August 20 and 21st in memory of Bro. Cadman — Bittinger preaching the Restored Gospel to them, which has become a day to them, known as "Restoration Day" and will be observed yearly with them. The affair is sponsored by The Ladies Uplift Circle in that country. May God bless our Sisters in Africa. There was various speakers on the occasion, both men and women speaking and bearing testimony to what they call the Restored Gospel. They took two large groups of pictures, and they specify that they did not take them on Sunday. I have two wonderful pictures which I expect to have plates made of, and will show them in the Gospel News.

Dear Editor,

#### CAMPAGNA POWERS NUPITAL

Mr. Richard Campagna the son of brother and sister Jim Campagna of Detroit, Mich. and Miss Lorna Powers the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne J. Powers of Vancouver B.C., Canada, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit on July 28, 1955 at 7:30 p.m. with Elder Alfred D'Amico officiating.

A reception was held. The groom is in the Air Force stationed near Traverse City, Mich. where the



The above is a picture of the only cement block building our people has in Africa, and of course you can see that it is not finished, the reason is, they are short of money to finish it.

It is certainly artistic in appear-

ance, also it looks as though when finished it will be a credit to the Church. The two men in it, one is brother Otu, and brother Dick in the white shirt. It looks as though our brethren in Africa means business. May the Lord help them.

newly weds will reside.

We extend best wishes to the young couple.

Once again God has given me the privilege to write a few words to all of you. It is so very wonderful to be numbered as one of Christ Kingdom here on earth. Once again here at Branch 3 we witnessed two more souls added to that Kingdom above all others. Our Bro. Paul D'Amico mad a short but very sweet visit to us. The morning sermon given by him, was based on verses 2, and 3, Chapter 3, of St. John. The spirit of God flowed from soul to soul like milk and honey and we were filled. Bro. Paul officiated at the baptizing, in Lake St. Clair. This being a new location to baptize.

In the evening a special meeting was held so all the branches of the city might have an opportunity to hear and see Paul. There was a large crowd in which each branch and mission was represented.

The first half of the meeting was given over to the young people in which they gave a program consisting of hymns and musical selections all Praising and Glorifying God and His Goodness.

Bro. Burgess from Windsor and his daughter with a friend from Ireland sang us a hymn and after closing the meeting I am sure all present went home singing in spirit and complete happiness, filled with a renewed determination to give our best to the Master.

We were given a great Blessing this day and we would like each of you to share it with us, as we

love you all and I pray this news will bring you joy and courage.

Sister Ilene Coppa

#### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FROM NIGERIA

From The Presiding Elder,  
Uyo-Eket Districts

On the passing of Brother Charles Ashton. Surprises never come alone, what can we that will in the least possible degree express shock upon the announcement of the tragic loss sustained by our Bro. Ashton's survival. It was on the 11th of August 1955 when the clock had struck 10 a.m. that the Eket Branch Ladies Uplift and Singing Bands of Ata Idung Afaha Eket of The Church of Jesus Christ had gathered together rehearsing for Eket District General Gathering—the air was chilly and serene, its dullness foretold the forth coming news.

At 11 a.m. Bro. B. S. Bassey the Senior Branch Secretary brought in a letter sent by Bro. Bittinger to me. After going through the contents of the letter I felt much blurred and dolorous countenance, and I announced the death of our beloved Brother and well speaker Elder Charles Ashton, the First Counsellor to Bro. Cadman. Our Churches and members are in mourning and join with me, and Mrs. A. J. Otu conveying to you and family our deepest Sympathy and Condolence for grievous loss You have sustained well, if the Lord had seen it fitting to pluck the Sweetest flower from the terrestrial garden to grace the Cles-tial hall what have you got to

say but to exclaim "THY WILL BE DONE." A brief period of silent meditation was held; after which realizing the fact he had left this lower planet to join with the host of just men made perfect, we sang an appropriate hymn and commended him into the loving arms of the Saviour.

We are consoled by the knowledge that "THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER" who is all wisdom, goodness and love. We can do no more than commending Our brother's Survival to His care and keeping. He it is who tempers the wind for the Shorn Lamb, and it is His consolation towards His people that inspired the poet to, who enshrined in Mystic splendor exclaimed!

What a Friend we have in Jesus  
All Our Sins and Grievs to Bear,  
What a privilege to Carry  
Everything to God in Prayer.

We tender our dear brothers and sisters and to all concerned once again with tears in our eyes and sorrow in our hearts Our deepest Sympathy in this their hour of "BEREAVEMENT" Praying the Lord to comfort, cheer and sustain —you at this time of painful death. Bro. Ashton! WE LOVE YOU BUT JESUS LOVES YOU THE BEST, God bless you with loving greetings.

Yours in the Vineyard

C. E. Otu

P. S. Attention please: in the obituary of Bro. Ashton in the last issue of this paper, it numerated Hymn No. 497 as one of his compositions. It should have read Hymn No. 479. Sorry for the error. Edt.

#### A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Editor:

Dear brothers and sisters. A wonderful thing has happened in our family and I want to let you all know about it, so we can rejoice together for the scripture tells us when one rejoices we all rejoice and when one weeps we all weep, and this is what we find in the restored gospel.

Jim and I have been away from home for some time, and when we left we committed our children into God's care and we know that He is able to keep ALL THAT WE COMMIT UNTO HIM against that day.

I received a letter from our daughter Margaret who is the wife of Lloyd Henderson son of Bro. and Sister Allen Henderson of Windsor, Ont. Canada. Lloyd was driving on Gage Ave. and had stopped his car

for a red light at Atlantic Blvd. and a large salvage truck that had no brakes crashed into the rear of his car. Lloyd was in the hospital for six days with a whip lash concussion of the neck and spine and it pulled his ribs apart. No bones broken but severe sprain of muscles and ligaments.

His neck was in a traction with about ten pounds weight pulling it for a week. This accident occurred on August 22nd and on the 29th of August they put a collar on his neck and a brace around his ribs. Lloyd could not hold up his head without this collar for support, his head would just drop on his chest. He had a great desire to go to Modesto Conference that was held over the Labor Day weekend. Bro. Will Meo took Margaret, Lloyd and children. On Saturday afternoon Lloyd was in so much pain he could hardly endure it. The elders were not aware of his pain but they ask him if he wanted to be anointed.

Lloyd said he heard a voice say Bro. Rudy. He was not aware if Bro. Rudy Meo was with the Elders or not, but when Lloyd went forward the Elders called Bro. Rudy up and it was he who anointed Lloyd along with the others. Lloyd received healing instantly. The pain was gone and he removed the brace from his body and turned his neck under the collar, and as quickly as he could he removed the collar that night after getting his hair cut and a weeks beard shaved off and was as tho nothing had ever happened to him. O Praise the Lord for His goodness and for His mercy toward the children of men.

Some say the church is not the same as it once was. This only implies that we have changed for we are the church. The Gospel is the same, The power is the same and Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever. Let us take heed then and change ourselves and get back in our proper place before God and everything will be the same as it was of old, for Jesus said greater things than these shall ye do (if) we abide in Him. The tongues spoken in Vanderbilt by Bro. Paul Vancik and the interpretation was given by Bro. Furnier in the spirit of singing. Bro. Furnier sang "Hear ye O my people. Hear ye O my people.

God is with us, He is for us, If we turn to Him."

We all desire His blessings and we delight in His benefits. So let us pull ourselves together and lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and finisher of our faith. Then He will grant unto us the desires of our hearts and we will see this glorious Gospel go forth in power to the convincing of all men and the tearing down of the strong holds of Satan. He is only waiting for us to get ready.

Sister Margaret Heaps

#### NOVENTA VICENTINA, ITALY

August 26, 1955

A report on a missionary journey just concluded in Italy by brother Anthony Corrado and by brother Emidio Milano.

We started our journey on the 5th of August. Arrived in S. Demetrio Corone the next day, in the morning, where we were received by brother Giuseppe Buonofiglio Sunday the 7th, we held a Service to which a good number of brothers and sisters attended.

Brother Corrado, after he opened the service in prayer, read several passages of the Bible which he explained by exhorting all present to remain firm in the faith.

Brother Milano also spoke a few words of encouragement and urged the brethren to continue on so that the church in their home town may augment in number.

Basing his discourse on the teachings of the Bible, he appealed to all present to become more united among themselves.

From S. Demetrio we went to Reggio Calabria (a historical place where S. Paul stopped on his journey to Rome), where we visited brother Foti Giuseppe who was baptized in the U. S. By brother Corrado two years ago. Our visit brought a great joy to our brother because he is all alone in that town.

From there we went to Villa San Giuseppe to visit sister Caterina Chirico and her mother who are related to brother Domenic Todaro.

In Naples we visited brother Dante Cecchi who is also alone, and

in need of comfort. The last place we visited was the Island of Ponza, where we were expected by some of our brothers and sisters, who rejoiced in seeing us. Here on this Island, we found that, after the departure of their Minister Feola, the group had become completely disorganized. And it would have been impossible for them to reorganize. But by us going to them the complete dispersion of our brethren has been averted. Rather now there's good hopes that the group will increase in number. Two brothers were ordained elders: Mazzella Raffaele and Berzagli Ottavio.

After having attended this work, we went to Rome to meet there with the lawyer who is in charge with the incorporation of the Church of Italy to the General. The lawyer is very experienced on the matter. He has given us some sage advises to insure greater progress for the Church of Jesus Christ in this country.

We agreed that, after the departure of brother Corrado for the U. S., the lawyer will continue to work on the incorporation by contacting brother Milano, who has gladly accepted the nomination as designated leader of the Church of Italy. Brother Corrado will give you a complete verbal report on the things I have treated only succinctly in this letter.

I was unable to accompany brother Corrado to Buccino because at the time I was in France from whence I returned quickly to join him on the second phase of his journey.

Little by little, as we shall deem it necessary, the lawyer and I, we shall give you the proper advices to be used for the evangelization of Italy.

Sincerely yours,

Brother Emidio Milano

P. S. Bro. Corrado arrived in New York on his return trip home on September twenty-second.

He has talked to me on the phone since arriving home.

The plane he was traveling on was obliged to return via route of Iceland on account of the stormy weather.

Bro. Cadman

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## THANKS, THANKS AGAIN!

For the clasp of a hand  
In a weary land,  
When you're sure nobody  
cares;  
For the pat on the back,  
When the skies are black,  
And the pain's too great to bear;  
For the friendships based  
On a love as chaste,  
As the love of God to men;  
For all these things,  
My glad heart sings,  
Thanks, thanks again!  
For the sun so warm,  
That dispells the storm,  
When it seemed 'twould shine no  
more;

For the promise sweet  
Of a glad retreat,  
That awaits on yonder shore;  
Yet, for all this love,  
O God above,  
None can compare with when  
I shall meet that Friend  
At the journey's end,  
So, thanks, thanks again!

Catherine Poma

## THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

"I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving" Psalms 69-30.

This verse written by David many years ago does not mean to confine our thanks to one day alone but every day. As our nation has set aside the annual American Thanksgiving season let us be thankful to God for many blessings throughout the year. We are blessed with everything man could desire, comfortable homes, abundance of food, clothing, freedom to worship as we choose, good schools, work, factories, cities, farms and freedom of speech. I could enumerate many, many more things we enjoy in this blessed land of ours. Where in the world is there a land that can compare to America?

When we compare our way of living to the Pilgrim fathers' day in 1620, we are much more blessed materially but are we as thankful? They passed through many hardships before they landed here, yet they knelt down and thanked God for their deliverance from the treacherous sea. God was with them, as day by day they struggled for existence. They built their little homes and Church and planted the fields. When autumn came with a fine harvest, they wanted

a special day to offer thanks. They invited their Indian friends and together they celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day, not a commercialized holiday but a day of real thanks. Thanks to the, "One, who knows how to give good gifts to His children."

With the poet let us sing at this Thanksgiving season, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

Mabel Bickerton

## THANKSGIVING AND THANKSLIVING

True thanksgiving is an outward expression of an inward grace. It is gratitude expressed in action and words and is a fine test of our Christian character. As we read our scripture we see in the life of Christ that He was thankful for the blessings He received from God in that He often Prayed to God giving thanks. When Jesus fed the Multitude he only had a few loaves and fishes and He bowed his head and thanked God for the food. This surely was the work of faith and trust in God, trust in the things He gives, faith in the things He may give. "And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father I thank Thee." John 11:41. At the Last Supper Jesus took the cup and gave thanks. St. Matt. 26:27. On many occasions He gave thanks, showing His gratitude and appreciation for His spiritual and material blessings, Jesus is our pattern and if we would be like Him we must cultivate a thankful heart. We must follow His example of expressing our gratitude to God for His bountiful blessings.

If we would only stop and think, we would surely be more thankful. Thoughtless people are thankless people. If we take time to count our blessings we'll find many reasons to be grateful. We are promised much from God, but if we are selfish, thinking only of ourselves, we cannot expect God's blessings in life or even His mercy in death, or His fellowship in the life beyond.

We should give thanks and show our gratitude for all things. In I Thess. 5:18 we read, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." For the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, for health, home, Nation

and all it represents even the good thoughts of our minds, for all good comes from God. Indeed it is true, In everything give thanks.

In Rom. 1:21 we find what happened to those who failed to glorify God and be thankful. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

With our thanksgiving we are truly blessed of God with an inner peace, knowing we have pleased God. There is no better way to secure the good will of our neighbors, friends, and those we love than to be Kind, appreciative, considerate, and in this God smiles down upon us. There is no greater success in life than to have pleased the Creator of all the earth.

There is no lasting consolation or peace in pleasing ourselves. We may many times feel sick, forlorn, or all is in vain when we think only of our own troubles, but the happy person is one who considers others, who is working for the well being, and health of those around about him.

This season is set aside for National Thanksgiving, which is wonderful and is another thing for which we should praise God. Not all people are blessed with the freedom, security and consideration for others which we find incorporated in This Great Land of America. Just to live in This Land of ours can be heaven on earth when we compare it with the other lands of the earth. So in everything give thanks, always, for all things to God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Psalmist closes his songs of praise with, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord Psalm 150.

We accept Jesus as our standard of conduct, and we may wisely follow his example of expressing gratitude to God for His blessings. Jesus has been the goal of our gratitude rather than the guide, whereas He should be both guide and goal. One of the loveliest virtues we can practice is gratitude. The real and genuine thanksgiving comes out of thanksgiving. Let us offer unto God daily our thanksgiving and our thanksgiving.

By Irene M. Griffith

### CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

October Conference assembled in the Masonic Hall on October 1st on E. 216th St. in Bronx, N.Y. It was a very nice and well equipped Hall for the occasion, dining room included, also a loud-speaking system which made it very convenient, and our folks in New York City certainly handled everything well, especially for the holding of their first Conference. We could not ask for the affair to be taken care of any better than they did on this occasion.

We assembled at the appointed time on Saturday Morning with President Cadman, and Second Counsellor Furnier in their chairs. The First Counsellors chair was vacant on account of the passing of Brother Ashton since we assembled last. Brother Furnier occupied the position of First Counsellor, while Brother Bittinger acted as Second Counsellor during this Conference. An expression of sympathy from our brethren in Africa, relative to the passing of Bro. Ashton was read, which was very appropriate and well composed for the instance. Before starting on our business, we had several selections of songs which were inspiring to our souls. Brother V. J. Loyalvo who is one of our best singers, sang a solo for us. We were glad to hear him again. He flew here from California while a number of others flew in from Detroit. In fact a large crowd were here from various places; from Detroit, several places in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario, New Jersey, and throughout New York State, and I noticed Sister Sirangelo there from Florida. All together, a nice crowd had gathered from these various places to worship together.

Our routine of business was carried on as is usual in our Conferences, the hearing of the various reports from the different Branches of the Church in the various parts of the vineyard of the Lord is interesting. Brother Corrado's report of his mission trip to Italy relative to incorporating the Church in that country, was very interesting—in fact I thought it was really the high-light of our business transactions. It looks as though we will succeed in incorporating in that country.

I reported some of the doings in Africa. Our folks are very active over there, and have baptized better than 2700 converts, and I believe have about 70 groups of people scattered around in Nigeria. I read just recently that there is

better than 30 millions of people in Nigeria. The Conference decided to bring brother Dick over here to visit us sometime in 1956. I do not know if he can get here for the April Conference or not; however, we will do the best we can. It was also decided to bring our two Indian Elders from South Dakota to our April Conference which will be in Monongahela. According to the reports, brother Joseph Loyalvo is having some success in his Missionary efforts in California, he has baptized several converts thus far in his travels. We had three long sessions of business, and everything went off very well. We concluded our business about 9:30 on Saturday night, and adjourned to meet in public worship meeting on Sunday Morning at ten o'clock.

On Sunday morning it seemed as though the Hall was about filled to capacity—possibly four hundred people seated for the occasion. Indeed it was a very nice audience of people gathered together, many non-members were present, so I was told. Our service was introduced by Bro. V. J. Loyalvo, and was followed by Brother James Heaps (both of these brethren are from California) the theme of their talk was Charity, or the Love of God. Without such our life may be likened to, as Paul says "a tinkling cymbal or sounding brass" in which there is no food for the soul. The audience was very attentive. Brother Corrado who had just returned from Italy also occupied very much on the same theme as our previous speaker. Bros. Cadman and Furnier spoke briefly before the meeting was brought to a close much after the noon hour. Our folks in New York are deserving of much praise for their hospitality shown towards the visiting saints. May the Lord bless them all. At the close of this meeting, many of the visiting saints got started homeward, while many went with our folks to New Jersey, and many of us went to Brooklyn to attend the meeting there in our new building which was recently dedicated. I happened to be one among the latter, and there was a nice crowd at the meeting. And at this time I want you all to know that our folks in Brooklyn stands in need of financial help towards their indebtedness on their Church. Will our Sabbath Schools, our Missionary Benevolent Associations, our Churches, in fact will you all send them some help that they might get their debt reduced, so, that it will not be too much of a burden for them to bear. Please do not turn a deaf

ear to this plea.

Brother W. H. Cadman

P. S. Send your offerings to John Galante, 2261 81st Street, Brooklyn, 14, N.Y.

### NATIONAL DAY WITH OUR FOLKS IN NIGERIA SPONSORED BY LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE A DISCOURSE BY BRO. A. A. DICK

See Romans 8:35, 37. therefore, brothers and sisters we are conquerors through Him that loves us. It was on August 19, 1953 I brother Dick made the first application to The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. U.S.A. I did not know brother Cadman and Bittinger then. It was around September, the reply of the letter dated 10th of August 1953 came in October. The brethren had their Conference in New Jersey, there I sent a cablegram to Bro. Cadman telling him that we accept them sending us Missionaries on Oct. 18. In October 1953 we had our Executive Mission Board in which I received the letter Bro. Cadman wrote to me, telling me that they do not believe in a paid Ministry; also other questions.

In 1953, 28th December Brothers Cadman and Bittinger wanted to pay us a visit and the Nigerian Government refused a visa, and on 14th February 1954 I had a letter addressed to Bro. L. A. Omoh whom the Nigerian Government wrote that, 300 pounds should be paid before the Missionaries come out. I forwarded the letter to Bro. Cadman, and he sent the money to the American Consulate at Lagos, \$960.00, they said the money was counterfeit, and was returned to Bro. Cadman, and Bro. Cadman forwarded the same money again and was accepted. After the 300 pounds had been paid, the Nigerian Government granted them visa to come to Nigeria on July 28th 1954.

The Brethren arrived at Calabar Air Port on 4th August 1954 about 10 a.m. We arrived at Abako—Ikot Ebak at 5 p.m. On 14th August, 15 of us were baptized by Bro. Bittinger and on 19th August 1954, 7 of us were ordained into the Ministry and on 24th August 126 were baptized by I and Bro. N. Akpan. So Brothers and sisters what will make you all to run away from the Church of Jesus Christ? To me as far as, I am conqueror of all these things, what will make me



then not to remain faithful in the Church of Jesus Christ and receive my blessings which is more than I can number? So Sisters you all call today, "National Day" of the Church of Jesus Christ; to me I suggest for you should call today in every year of your assembly "Restoration Day" because the Church of Jesus Christ was restored to us in this month of the year. You all must note that today is our enjoyment day. We should remember that our cry, we cry with prayer to the Living Father and He did answer the prayer mercifully. We have this month of the year to our remembrance day, the day which the Gospel was restored to us in Nigeria. Brethren my question to you all is like this of which you will find it in Romans 8:35,37. Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Friends, shall all these things separate you from being a member or to remain faithful in the Church of Jesus Christ? We were laughed at and mocked by other missions that we will not have Missionaries from U.S.A.; as God does His will no one knows and who is ashamed now, though the beginning of the work is not hard but the end. Friends will you do things which will cause them to mock again at us? God forbid, noted that your enemies are many, most are your brothers and sisters and wives. To me I have to see that I make my way upright so that I may not fear because evil doers. Hymn 255, prayer by N. Alpan. Brothers and Sisters this is the end of my address to you, so these are the reasons of having the Restoration Day. I pray may God bless you all is my sincere prayer, Amen.

Sisters my question to you and I is, do you all accept the suggestion of Bro. Dick, The Restoration Day? and not National Day? —Sister Alice A. Udom, Are you putting it into motion? No, Please put into Motion. I Sister Alice A. Udom move that we stand with Bro. Dick's suggestion, the motion was carried unanimously. Their gathering in August of every year shall be known as "Restoration Day" instead of National Day. This will be a time of commemorating the visit of brothers Bittinger and Cadman in August of 1954 and preaching unto them the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.



A group picture taken on "Restoration Day," a day our folks in Nigeria are holding in commemoration of Bros. Bittinger and Cadman preaching to them the Restored Gospel. It is a very nice group I am sure. Brother Dick is shown in front row dressed in black, while Bro. Otu is shown on his left. And another Elder is on

his right in white. Another group of the same occasion will appear in the next issue of the Gospel News if all goes well.

My object is, to give you all an idea of our people and conditions in Africa. This house looks like it is the one which was our home while we were there.

Sincerely Bro. Cadman

#### TESTIMONY OF ANTONIO ROSSI ALIQUEPPA, PA.

When I first heard of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it was doubtful in my mind as to whether it was true that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was being taught as when Jesus was on the earth. It was my desire to know and I went to God in earnest prayer that He would send a stranger to me to inform me whether this was the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One night I dreamed a strange man was walking through my property without asking permission and as though he had much authority. When I saw this I asked my sons, Frank and Carmine, to go to the house for my gun. Neither of my sons obeyed. It provoked me to see the stranger walking on my property so I began slapping his face and I knocked him down then I kicked him, and in the dream it was revealed to me that the stranger was not hurt from the punishment. He did not resist and simply looked at me. I then asked him, "what do I need for my salvation?" (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, Verses 30 and 31) He replied "the chain." I asked him "which is the best Church in which to save my soul?" He again replied "the chain." I asked him "which is the best religion in which to save my soul?" He replied the third time "the chain." (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 28, Verse 20).

On May 29, 1956 a member of the Church of Jesus Christ came to my home to speak concerning the change which takes place upon a person after baptism. I remarked "it is impossible with me. Satan is on my shoulders." While working on my farm it seemed that I was continuously breaking something and everything went wrong. This did not happen to me previously, but rather when I was drawing closer to understanding of baptism. He said, "if that is so, this is the Church of Jesus Christ. When you come in Satan will depart." This member asked me on Saturday to attend Church Sunday since the President of the Church would be at the West Aliquippa Mission. I did not promise to attend, for fear I could not, but within myself my thoughts were to go.

Saturday night I dreamed a strange man came to me and said in Italian "get the milk and the serpent will appear." I had a five gallon can of milk on my left shoulder and gave the milk to the stranger. He took the milk and filled a cup of it, then called and the serpent appeared. When I saw the serpent my desire was to kill it and immediately I had a twig from a locust tree in my hand. I feared to attempt to strike the serpent because the twig was too small, so I looked around me to try to find something bigger, and at the same time I did not dispose of the twig, but to my disappointment I did not find anything big-

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## EDITORIAL

The Thanksgiving Season is at hand again: Are you really thankful? If so begin it with prayer, See Nehemiah 11:17.

Psalms 100:4 "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

Psalms 69:30 "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."

Psalms 147:7 "Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto God."

Isaiah 51:3 "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, THANKSGIVING, and the voice of melody."

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God."

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with THANKSGIVING;"

III Nephi 10:10. "And their mourning was turned into joy, and their lamentations into the praise and THANKSGIVING unto the Lord Jesus Christ, their Redeemer." At this season of the year, are we really THANKFUL for the wonderful things the Lord has blessed us with? Remember that all good comes from God. Editor.

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ger. When I looked at the serpent again, the stranger had gone and a lion had the serpent in its mouth shaking it. Also a flock of chickens were assisting the lion by pecking at the serpent. This gave me encouragement and I used the small twig to kill the serpent. With all the assistance we smashed the serpent's head.

As I was going too Church Sunday morning while walking through the woods, I felt two hands pushing me from the rear for about

a quarter of a mile. When I arrived at Church I sat near the door and to my amazement the stranger I dreamed of came in Church, namely Bro. William H. Cadman. His clothes necktie and appearance was truly the stranger I dreamed the night before. The Lord blessed me. I could not hold back the tears during the whole meeting.

My interpretations of the dreams are as follows:

The first stranger who walked through my property as though he had much authority is Jesus Christ. The punishment I administered were my sins which were contrary to His will. He forgave all my sins and looked upon me with eyes of pity. When he was on the ground, I asked, "What do I need for my salvation?" (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, Verses 30 and 31) He replied three times "the chain." (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 28, Verse 20 and II Timothy, Chapter 1, Verse 16).

The second stranger was the spirit of the Lord. He seemed to be Bro. Cadman. The milk is the word of God, which I needed. (I Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verse 2, Hebrews Chapter 5, Verse 12). The serpent is Satan. (Genesis, Chapter 3, Verses 14 and 15). The twig was my little faith. The lion, Son of God (Revelations, Chapter 5, Verse 5 and Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 15) fowls, Members of the Church who were praying for me.

I went to Church on May 30th, June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. I didn't go to Church on July 4th since conference was held at West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. July 11th I went to Church with the intention to be baptized. I told a member of the Church to tell the minister that I wanted to be baptized, but when he went near the minister I felt such force over me like electricity, I found myself standing up. spoke, "brothers and sisters I know that this is the Church of Jesus Christ and I want to be baptized." And while I was standing up the words that came from my mouth were like a fire. I was baptized the day of July 11, 1926 at 12:00 o'clock.

# REPORT OF WORK IN SOUTH DAKOTA BY THURMAN S. FURNIER

Supplementing our report of the work in South Dakota as recorded in the July issue of The Gospel News. We moved out of the log hut into the one room frame building referred to. Brother and Sister Jos. Bittinger arrived a few days

later. We put up the large tent for holding service, and a small tent for their living quarters. We had good attendance, as many as fifty at times. The tents were up about six days, when one evening, just before the services, a severe wind, hail and rain storm damaged both tents, the large tent collapsed, leaving us without a place to hold services. The small tent was damaged slightly. Brother and sister Bittinger moved in with us. During the day we stacked our cots on top of each other in one end of the cottage, gathered some boards from an old house that had been torn down, and some nail kegs, and made seats, and held services in our cottage, almost every night, and two services on Sundays. Brother and sisters Bittinger's daughter and husband with their three children visited us a couple of days, also brother and sister Jos. Shazer, their two grandchildren and sister Wannie King. Needless to say, we were pretty well crowded in one room 11' x 18' although brother Bittinger put up the small tent again, and some slept in the car which had a bed in it. Sister Delvia Lowther returned home with the Shazer family and their company. We had rain almost every day we were there, either at night or during the day, the wind blows about all the time in So. Dak. The roads were dried out pretty well by this time, therefore the rains did not interfere with our getting around. We held two services at Cherry Creek, 152 miles from Wakpala, one at Cheyenne Agency, 100 miles, made two visits to Little Eagle, where brother Earl F. DeMarrias was born. Talked to a few people about the gospel, distributed church literature including Books of Mormon. Made the acquaintance of a Mr. Ambrose Shields, an artist. One of the school buildings at Little Eagle is being converted into a museum.

Mr. Shields is painting many beautiful scenes on the walls. We talked to him about the Book of Mormon. He said: "You know then that I am a Lamanite." He didn't know anything about the various organizations that believe in the Book of Mormon. But said: "that he had learned more about his people and the Book of Mormon during our conversation than he had any knowledge of before." We made three trips to On The Trees, a distance of 10 miles one way. You will note that distances between the place where we had headquarters, (Wakpala) and the places we preached the gospel

were 100 to 152 miles. On The Trees is the home of brother Isaac Useful Heart. In order to reach there we traveled over the hills, ravines, and forded the river twice each way. Brother Useful Heart came to Wakpala, and remained there during our stay. He with brother and sister DeMarrias accompanied us, and took part in our services where ever we went. We renewed our acquaintance with Mr. Horn at Cheyenne Agency. He is very much dissatisfied with his church connection. Brother Jas. Meeter said, he was holding prayer meetings at different homes in Cheyenne Agency and Mareau River. He said the Priest wanted him to return to the Episcopal Church, which he refused to do. Then the Priest attempted to stop him from having prayer services, also the Priest appointed several of his male congregation to go from house to house to have prayer services. We anointed and prayed for two people in Cherry Creek, and one at Cheyenne Agency. We ordained brother Jas. Meeter, a Teacher, and brother Earl F. DeMarrias an Elder. We reorganized the Sunday School at Wakpala, and organized a Sunday School at On The Trees. Brother and sister Bittinger left for home about the middle of July. The sand fleas and mosquitoes fed on brother Bittinger and myself, and after he left it seemed they done double duty on me. We had one child blessed, and one baptism. No doubt we could have baptized more, but could not feel a spirit of repentance, which is essential before baptism should be administered. Many believe in the Book of Mormon, and the promises that are made to them in their fore-father's record. We were told that The Church of Jesus Christ would be the leading church among them in the future, also that twenty seven families at Ft. Yates, S. D. and an approximate number of one hundred more would be ready for baptism before too long, that they were waiting for their leaders to make the move first. The most of them have never heard the gospel preached. We must be careful how we move. We have preached repentance before baptism could be administered, the forsaking of sins, and the birth of the Holy Spirit, also the necessity of living a good life thereafter. Some pitiful conditions exist among the Seed of Joseph. (the Indians) Hunger being one. The evil one has gotten in his work among them, we found they commit the same sins as the Gentiles do. May the Lord grant them a spirit of re-

pentance. There is a move of some kind among them, which they call Tribal rights or the old deal, also the new deal, which I do not thoroughly understand. Some claiming they have not gotten a square deal from the U. S. Gov't., and feel pretty ill against them on that account. We felt to leave South Dakota and await development. Leaving Wakpala July 21st. When ready to leave several of the Indian people stayed with us until we closed the door of our cottage behind us, we shed tears of sorrow when we backed our car away from the door of the cottage, and started to drive away. Wondering what the future would bring. We were away from home sixty four days fifty five of these being spent endeavoring to enlighten them in the ways of truth and righteousness. Moroni when writing to the remnant of Joseph says: Ether 4: 15 "Behold, when ye shall read that vail of unbelief which doth cause you to remain in your awful state of wickedness and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, then shall the great and marvellous things which have been hid up from the foundation of the world from you: yea, when ye shall call upon the Father in my name, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered the covenant which he made unto your fathers, O house of Israel;" Our prayer is that they may soon see the light, and become a white and delightful people.

On our way home we visited the Black Hills, and the Bad Lands, S. D. At Lead, S. D. in the Black Hills there is a gold mine, which has been operating for fifty years. This mine has been the largest producer of gold in the U. S. It is 5,000 ft. deep. During the year of 1954 the production of gold was \$18,500.00 I am reminded of the blessings that was pronounced on Joseph's land. The Indian people claim that the U. S. Gov't. purchased the Black Hills from them by treaty for a certain sum of money to be paid annually, but that the U. S. have never lived up to the treaty. A short distance from Lead, S. D. is Ice Box Canyon. It is well named. We had traveled in intense heat that day, had to keep cold wash cloths, dipped in ice water, on our heads in order to stand the heat. We stopped at the above named Canyon, and got a cabin for the night. It proved to be very chilly that night. We were glad to go to bed and cover up to get warm, and when we got up the next morning we dressed in a hur-

ry and put on our coats. After leaving the Canyon, we again came into the same condition of heat, the rest of the day. What a contrast. We arrived in East Detroit, Michigan July 25th. We covered 5,724 miles exclusive of the mileage in going to the Black Hills 2,404 miles of this was from East Detroit to Wakpala, S. D. and return, the rest of the mileage (3,320 miles) was made covering trips to other Indian villages, etc. to introduce the gospel. Since arriving home we have visited branches of the church in Lockport, Rochester, N. Y. and Erie, Pa. We attended the General gathering Sat. & Sun. at Warren, O., also the three day (Sat. Sun. & Mon. Labor day) services at Vanderbilt, Pa., Sat. Sept. 11th. We accompanied brother's Burgess and Cotellasse and their wives to Grand River Indian Reservation. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Sister Lewis is in the hospital. Brother Hugh Beaver is not very well. We anointed and prayed for him. We hope they both have a speedy recovery. We arrived home about midnight, Sunday, tired, but feeling well paid for the time spent to make the journey that far after attending three meetings (including Sunday School) on Sunday.

Thurman S. Furnier

#### ZAMPAGLIONI AND LA FLAMME - NUPTIAL

Angelo Zampaglioni son of brother and sister Peter Zampaglioni of Detroit, Mich. and Miss Edna La Flamme daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard La Flamme were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ on Aug. 27, 1955 with Elder Alfred D'Amico officiating. We extend best wishes to the newly weds.

Mr. Donald Frederick Voelker and Miss Louise Elaine Cicatti the daughter of brother and sister Emen Cicatti were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Mich on Sept. , 1955 with Elder Alfred D'Amico officiating. We extend best wishes to the newly weds.

Branch Editor  
Sister Ilene Coppa

#### D'ORAZIO-ENSANA NUPTIALS

August D'Orazio son of Mr. and Mrs. August D'Orazio of Stelton, N. J. and Miss Betty Ensana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Ensana of Stelton were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Hopelawn, N. J. on May 7, 1955. Elder Joseph Benyola officiating.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Carl Huttenberger, and Mrs. Michael Fehr sang. The bride was given away by her father. Maid of honor was Miss Mary Benyoia. Miss Joan Micale and Marie Vargo were brides maids. Joseph Perri was best man, and ushers were Charles Micale and John D'Orazio.

The reception was held in the Marine Room in Perth Amboy, N. J. after which the young couple left for Poconos for their honeymoon. On their return they will reside in Stelton.

The bride is a graduate of Highland Park High School, and her husband is a High School Graduate of New Brunswick, N. J. school. May God bless the young couple.

Ivy Fisher

9374 WOODLAWN St.  
DETROIT 13, MICH.  
SEPT. 6TH, 1955

Dear Bro. Editor:

The following is a brief account of some of our proceedings in this part of the Vineyard. Thank God we are still endeavouring to do all we can to get that Little Stone, which Daniel saw, rolling, hoping in due time, it will roll and roll, until it covers the whole world, the Kingdom of Heaven, among us come down, and Christ in the center will be. We have also had several bros. visiting in our midst recently, which we have enjoyed immensely. We had a visit in August from bro. August Perlone of Cleveland, which brought a blessing in our midst. In the same month, bro. Patsy Marinetti of Rochester, New York, visited, and we were quite pleased to have him. We also enjoyed the visit of bro. W. H. Cadman on a Wednesday night, of the same month. On the last Sunday of the month, some of us went to Sarnia, and enjoyed a grand visit among our Lamanitish bro., and sisters. Sunday the 4th. of Sept., my wife and I drove over to the West Side, and visited Branch No. 2, in the morning session. We found bro. Anthony Brutz, making preparation to leave for California, soon, thinking of how diligently he had laboured in Muncey, we regretted to see this, nevertheless, if it be the will of God, there is nothing that we can do but bow to the Inevitable. We had a very nice service, bro. Brutz and myself, speaking from Matthew 7th. Chap. 24th. through the 27th. verses. In the afternoon, we came back to Branch No. 1, and enjoyed a lovely service. Bro. Paul Damico,

bro. Simone, and his companion, came in, in the course of this meeting, and the bros., brought a good feeling in our midst, in giving us two wonderful talks. In this meeting, there was an experience given, wherein the following bros., Charles Ashton, Isaac Smith, John K. Penn, and Vincent Clement, (all recently departed) had appeared, to a certain sister, and told her to warn the Youth of the Church, that where these older brethren had left off, they should take up, and they would be abundantly blessed. I also dropped in to see Sister Marrietta Ruzzi, recently, and had a wonderful blessing. She is still quite ill, but is visited frequently of the Lord, while there she told me so many things, that God had endowed her with, recently, that when I left there, I felt blessed beyond expression.

She and our young sister, Connie Difalco, being quite ill, do implore the prayers of all saints, everywhere. On Sunday night, all the bros. and sisters, from surrounding Branches, and Missions, including Windsor, were invited to a meeting, at 7:30 p.m. in Branch No. 3. Bro. Paul Damico being the speaker. There was quite a program of Music and Song. Two sisters baptized after the morning Service, were confirmed, and bro. Paul gave us a lovely talk, on the 23rd. Psalm. I considered that we had been wonderfully blessed to have spent such a lovely day.

Greetings to all bros. and sisters everywhere.

Your bro. in Christ,  
Matthew T. Miller

#### GOSSIPY EARS

A gossipy tongue is a dangerous thing

If its owner is evil at heart;

He can give whom he chooses full many a sting

That will woefully linger and smart.

But the gossipy tongue would be balked in its plan

For causing heart-burnings and tears,

If it were not helped out by the misguided man

Who possesses two gossipy ears.

On, the gossipy ears are the ones that believe

The evil reports they are told;

The sly, subtle tales which they gladly receive

Would tarnish the purest gold.

The cruel "they say," which goes floating about

Like a hidden foe, fostering fears,

Would lose all its force, were it firmly shut out

By the man with the gossipy ears.

When the man with the gossipy tongue happens by

With his stories of evil and strife,

We surely should look him right square in the eye

And ask him his mission in life.

We ought to refuse him a chance to retail

The false, idle rumors he "hears";

He ought to be locked up somewhere in jail

With the man with the gossipy ears.

—Author Unknown

#### ALL LOVE

Dear Editor:

Just a line to the Gospel News, My subject will be LOVE. Paul says to desire the best gifts, yet I show unto you a more excellent way. Faith, Hope and Charity but the greatest of these is Charity. Above all things have fervent love among yourselves, for love is the fulfilling the law. Take any of commandments, thou shalt have no other Gods beside me, if a man love God, the law does not have to tell him that, a man could not but Honour his father and mother if he loved God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself. How could he hate himself? If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love—we have all felt the brazenness of words without the anointing.

How hollow the eloquence without love behind it, Love is greater than faith because charity never faileth. Faith is the means to connect the soul to God that he might become like God, for God is love. Though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profits me nothing. It may take years to learn the language of the African, but it don't take them long to learn the language of love, you can take nothing greater than love. It is the man who is the missionary, not his words. Love can be practiced by every man in every walk of life, love suffereth long and is kind, love envieth not, love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness, good temper, sincerity, they are all related to life here and not to eternity. Paul said "Let this mind be in you.

that was in Christ Jesus."

Jesus spent His life in doing for others, no man ever spake like this man spake was the report of the world. Others said of Peter and John, these are ignorant men, but they have been with Jesus. They heard his teachings. A new commandment I give unto you "that ye love one another." The great Apostle John said, "Now I beseech thee Lady not as tho I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we have heard from the beginning that we love one another this is love that we walk after His commandments." —How soon it pays back, love some one and see how soon they will love you. Love never faileth. I shall pass from this world once, let me not forget to love, for I shall not pass this way again, But love will go with me into Eternity. After you have loved and given and been kind, go back into the shade again and say nothing about it, love vaunteth not it self, love hides even from itself. Jesus said I have declared unto them my name, that the love wherewith thou hast loved me, may be in them and I in them. Love thinketh no evil, sees the right side, for the respect of another is the first restoration of the self-respect a man has lost. The love which delights not in exposing weakness of others, but let us read the 6th chapt. of Gal. 1 & 2. Brethren if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.

The one lesson for us all is how better we can love, practice make perfect, perfect love cast out all fear. Do not resent temptation, it is having its work in you, making you patient, do not isolate yourselves be among things, troubles, difficulties, obstacles, these shall be overcome and pass away, but whosoever keepeth his word in him verily is the love of God reflected. Stand before that mirror, reflect Christ character and you will be changed into the same image, and loving Him you must become like Him, Love begets Love, We love others, we love our enemies because He first love us. All that is in the world the lusts of the eye, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life are but for a little while. To love abundantly is to live abundantly and to love forever is to live forever. Why do we want to live tomorrow—because there is some one who loves you. It is when a man has no one to love he commits suicide. As long as he has some one to love him, he wants

to live even if it be the love of an animal. But let him have no contact with life, he dies by his own hand. For without love he has nothing, heres what he might say —I lived for myself, I thought for myself, for myself and none beside, Just as if Jesus had never lived, as if He never died, Everyone that loveth is born of God, Charity never faileth.

Brother James Heaps

### WHY NOT DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU THE SAVIOUR TAUGHT IT!

To our readers: There is an article printed in the Saints Herald of August 9, 1954 page 4, and titled, or printed under the heading of "Across the Desk" the First Presidency. And the first paragraph reads thus "Brother Lee A. Hartshorn has forwarded us a copy of a letter he received from an old-time missionary, Elder E. B. Hull of Monongahela, Pa. Portions of the letter are concerned with the historical background of the Church of Christ (Bickerton). They are reprinted below." The Saints Herald is published by The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. with headquarters in Independence, Mo.

I wrote to them about the article, telling them that the Article was humiliating and contained statements that were not facts. President Israel Smith answered me as follows: "I am of the opinion that before publishing your article we should give Mr. Hartshorn an opportunity of seeing your objections to his statement, after which we will be glad to publish a statement from you or from him that the situation seems to demand. We trust this will be satisfactory to you. We enclose herewith a copy of our letter to Mr. Hartshorn."

"Recalling my contacts with you in Pennsylvania, and here in Independence with pleasure, I wish to assure you of my personal regards for you." Signed Israel Smith Very well Mr. Smith, but your letter is dated February 7, 1955 and I have not had any further word from you. Our Conference in April 1955 sent a resolution to your church protesting against the article which appeared in the Herald, so in the October Conference held in New York City in 1955, our Secretary reported that he received no reply. I will not republish your article in question, but the following will no doubt enlighten the readers some as to the nature of it, which was humil-

iating, and more than that, statements in it which are not true.

### Our Reply

It is generally known that at the time of Joseph Smith's death, Elder Rigdon was doing missionary work in Pennsylvania, and continued to do so for some time after that. In 1845 Wm. Bickerton came under the sound of some of his Elders voices in preaching the Gospel. He was baptized by one of his elders in that same year, and was ordained an Elder.

Wm. Bickerton was never sent to Detroit, much less baptize two hundred people there. We know not to what extent Elder Rigdon's work endured here in Pennsylvania, but it is recorded that in 1851 Wm. Bickerton was associated for awhile with a Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of LDS. He broke off from them and in 1852, he was persevering in preaching the Gospel, and the Lord gave him an experience which resulted in organizing the Church of Jesus Christ, of Green Oak, Pa., in 1862.

In 1875-76 Wm. Bickerton with some others of the Church went to Kansas and located there. In a few years a discord arose among them, and Wm. Cadman was sent west to help adjust affairs, and it resulted in him being elected President of the Church to succeed Wm. Bickerton. That was in 1880. He served as president of the Church until his death in Nov. of 1905. Brother Bickerton having passed on in the early part of the same year, in full fellowship with the Church as an Elder.

According to the order of the Church, First and Second Counselors Alexander Cherry and Allen Wright carried on until July of 1906 Conference in which Alexander Cherry was elected to succeed Wm. Cadman as president of the Church.

In the year of 1919 a number of Italian people began to obey the gospel, and they became very energetic, among their own race especially. They had lots of friends at various places, including Detroit, Michigan. Some of them went there as well as some going to other cities, preaching the Gospel that had brought so much joy to their souls. They were very successful in Detroit as well as other places. The results are, we have four church buildings in that city, and a building in Windsor, Ont., all organized Branches of the Church, which are the results of their labors.

In 1921, month of August President Cherry passed on to his reward—Again according to our order, his Counsellors carried on until the July Conference of 1922, when W. H. Cadman was elected to succeed him as President of the Church. He is still with us today. Mr. Hull thus far is very much muddled in his account, and still is as he continues with what "is termed the historical background of the Church of Christ. (Bicker-ton)."

Now a little about Kansas: The congregation that is in (St. John) Kansas is a part of the Church here in Monongahela, and we do have a small mission in Erie, Pa., as well.

As to what Elder Hull says about us not believing in the Doctrine and Covenants, he does not say which one, for there are two books of that name. One of them teaches that you can have more than one wife, both of them teaches that you can be baptized for your dead friends. Consequently it is quite a big job looking up their ancestors for data in order to go through the water for them and save their souls for them. Yes, Mr. Hull you are right this time, we do not believe in such heresy, and it is not recorded either in the Bible or Book of Mormon that Jesus Christ ever taught any such thing. You say we have no seventies, I suppose you mean Evangelist's. I wonder where you get all your information. I am most certain that the Quorum is better than two thirds full.

You are right again Mr. Hull when you say we do not believe in the inspired Version, but would it not be more proper for you to have called it a revised Bible? No, we do not believe in the revision of the Bible of which you refer too 'as the Inspired Version.' But we do believe in the Book of Mormon, and King James Version which was used when the Gospel was restored, and we preach out of both of them.

Mr. Hull, it is true that we do not have many missionaries, but you make a mistake when you say the only ones are the president and his brother Alma.

You say that we tried to get into Mexico and Liberia without success. Well, that is all news to me, Mr. Hull. We did apply for a visa

into Nigeria, B. W. Africa and it was granted to us, this was in the summer of 1954, and to day there are more than 2000 converts baptized in that country, the results of the labors of the few missionaries that are in the Church.

As to the financial matters that you raise in your article, it is true that we believe in a 'Free-Will Offering' to finance our affairs. I believe we most all have a free-will to give, and some, if not many have a free will to give a tenth and are doing so of their own accord, and Paul says: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." While I notice in the Official Report in the Saints Herald, that in your system of tithes, it is estimated that only about 30 per cent are contributing, out of your large membership, to the support of your church. As for non-contributors, I believe you have the Church of Jesus Christ beat away yonder. I hope that I have said nothing in this article, that would cast any undue reflections on Elder Hull. He is an old man, and I wish to honor him as such. But to the Editors of the Saints Herald, it is reported that he is writing church history. From what he has thus far written in the article in question. I verily believe that any future writings of his, should be carefully scrutinized before you print it in the Saints Herald.

Sincerely W. H. Cadman, President of The Church of Jesus Christ, with Headquarters at Monongahela, Pa.

#### EXPERIENCE

Shortly after I obeyed this Gospel and became a member of The Church Of Jesus Christ I had a wonderful experience. I dreamed I got out of bed and as I entered the adjoining room the ceiling disappeared and I could see right up into heaven.

Until I joined this church I expected Christ to come immediately, and I looked for Him every day. So I thought (in my dream) that He had come for me and as soon as I should hear His voice calling I would go to Him.

As I thought that, I began to rise into the air. After rising about six feet, an angel appeared at my right side and taking my arm, drew me down to the floor again, meanwhile

saying "Not yet, not yet; for before the day of the Lord comes there must come one like Elijah and he shall be dark like an Indian; see! And as he said "See" he pointed to my left where stood a young Indian man who appeared to be in his early thirties.

At this point I awoke, but have never forgotten a detail of that wonderful vision.

Sister Velda Barclay,

Mt. Brydges, Ont.

New Brunswick, N. J.

"Maffeo's" leaving for Florida.

Brother Editor:

I am writing to let you know that we are moving to Florida. We have sold our home here and intend to make our home in Florida if it is God's will. It is going to be hard to leave all the brothers and sisters here whom we have loved for so long, (27 years) but happy to know that we are united with them in that same spirit. We wish to have the Gospel News sent to our new home, c/o Ralph Maffeo, 3231 Vassallo Ave. Lake Worth, Fla. Brother and Sister James Maffeo.

P. S. Brother and Sister Maffeo are making this change very much on account of their health, Brother Maffeo, especially has had poor health for many years. We hope that the change will be good for them both.

Bro. Cadman

#### GOING TO ITALY

In a letter received from brother and sister James Velardi of Lorain, Ohio, they inform me that they are leaving on a trip to their native land—leaving the Cleveland Air Port on Nov. 2nd, and then from the New York Airport on Nov. 4th. for Rome. Brother Velardi has a brother living in Rome, and his 81 year old mother lives in a small town near Rome, whom he has not seen for 35 years. It will be a joyous meeting for them I am sure. May the Lord bless and protect them on their journey, and bring them safe back home again.

Sincerely Bro. Cadman



# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS MORN BY SADIE B. CADMAN

In Bethlehem In Judea  
Jesus Christ was born,  
Angels sang sweetly the chorous  
On that first Christmas Morn.

Shepherds were watching their  
flocks  
Angels of God came down,  
Fear not, said they, a Saviour's  
born  
Glory did them surround.

Wise men from far, did Him gifts  
bring  
In God's word we are told;  
So let us all bring gifts to Him  
And join the choir of old.

### Chorous

Glory to God in the highest  
Angels sang at His birth,  
Glory to God in the highest  
Peace and good will to earth.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Once again we are approaching  
that wonderful Season of the year  
when we celebrate, with much rever-  
ence, the birth of our Saviour,  
the Lord Jesus.

I am reminded of a portion of  
scripture which says, "And she  
shall bring forth a Son, and thou  
shalt call His name Jesus: for He  
shall save His people from their  
sins."

I wonder where we would be to-  
day if it were not for the birth  
of this wonderful Jesus, whose  
very life was a perfect pattern,  
whereby if we follow, it can guar-  
antee us eternal life. The story of  
the first Christmas never grows  
old, for everytime we read it, it  
becomes more beautiful. As we  
think of the little babe who was  
laid in a manger in such a hum-  
ble way, we are made to rejoice  
and praise God for the most pre-  
cious gift of all—the gift of His won-  
derful Son, who died on Calvary's  
Cross, so that we may have sal-  
vation for our souls.

So let us try to remember when  
we are giving gifts to our loved  
ones this year, that the greatest  
gift that we can give our Father  
in heaven is, "Ourselves" wholly  
and complete to the service of the  
Lord. We know that we can not  
find peace anywhere else — for  
truly He is "The Prince of Peace."  
May the Lord bless each and every-

one of you—my brothers and sisters  
in Christ—for we are indeed for-  
tunate to have the wonderful Gos-  
pel of Jesus.

Sister Ethel N. Crosier  
Monongahela, Pa.

## THE NEW STAR BY SADIE B. CADMAN

A new star did appear  
In the ninety second year,  
Of the Judges who reigned on this  
land.

For a sign had been given  
From the great Lord Of Heaven  
That the time of His birth was  
at hand.  
While in Palestine fair  
To the shepherds over there,  
Lo the heavenly host did appear,  
They announcing His birth  
Unto those on this earth saying:  
"Fear not but be of good cheer".

A day was set apart  
By the wicked of heart,  
For believers in Christ to be killed.  
But the signal was given  
From the Father of heaven  
And the words of the prophets ful-  
filled.

For the sun it went down,  
And no darkness did appear  
It was light as if it were mid-day—  
Wicked men how they feared,  
For they knew Christ was born  
By the sign of no night and the day.

How the saints did rejoice  
When they heard the Lords voice,  
Saying, Fear not but be of good  
cheer,

For this is the night of no dark-  
ness but light  
And great signs of His birth will  
appear.

While in Palestine fair,  
To the shepherds over there.  
Lo the heavenly host did appear,  
They announcing His birth,  
Unto those on the earth.  
Saying, "Fear not but be of good  
cheer."

### From The Sunday Digest

Freedom may be the emptiest  
of all words if it means only ab-  
sence from restraint, or absence  
of authority. "Freedom of speech,"  
says Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, "is  
empty unless we have something to  
say." What good is free speech  
if we use it to lie and fill the air  
with bunk?

Freedom of worship is empty  
if we have no God to worship.  
Someone has said that some of our

people here in the land of the free  
were terribly upset when Russia  
closed its churches, but didn't even  
know that their own American  
churches were open! Freedom of  
religion? They were free of it en-  
tirely.

Freedom from kings, tyrants,  
authority? Of What use  
is all that if we take it as the  
inalienable right to do as we  
please? The prodigal son had that,  
and it took him straight to a pig  
sty. The Emperor Nero had all  
four freedoms, and he used them  
all to make himself a scoundrel.  
Freedom is no good if you  
make it an end in itself and di-  
vorce it from Divine purpose. "You  
shall know the truth, and the  
truth shall make you free." That  
is positive. Not freedom from some-  
thing, but freedom to something.  
Not absence of restraint, but pre-  
sence of possibility. Not just the  
power to do as we want, but the  
power to do what God wants.  
From Horns and Halos in Human  
Nature by J. Wallace Hamilton  
(Fleming H. Revell)

An address made over the radio  
from station CHOK, Sarnia, Ont.  
Can.,

By Thurman S. Furnier.

Good morning radio friends:

I have completed a series of  
addresses on the subject: "The  
falling away of the gospel", or  
"The great apostasy."

During these broadcasts, refer-  
ence was made to the fact that all  
peoples professing Christianity be-  
lieve that "The Church of Jesus  
Christ" was founded on the earth,  
in its pristine (pris-tin) (ancient)  
simplicity and beauty, and exhibit-  
ed the majesty of a divine insti-  
tution, with its gifts and graces.

We have furnished proof posi-  
tive from both scripture and Ecc-  
lesiastical (church) history, that  
there has been a serious departure,  
in word and deed from the teach-  
ings of Jesus Christ, and his early  
followers.

We affirm that the church grad-  
ually drifted into apostasy, where-  
by succession in 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.

The church has proved herself unworthy of the name, "The Church of Jesus Christ." She is known by another name,—since the church and state, (I. E. The Roman Empire) became one, or universal. She has also proved herself unworthy of the Holy Priest hood, his Authority, His Ministry.

What condition does this leave the church in, in the sight of God?

She no longer bears his name, she is void of God's Holy Priesthood, his Authority, His Ministry, without which there can be no "Church of Jesus Christ."

"The Church of Jesus Christ consists of body and soul the same as the human body consists of body and soul. The soul of the church had taken its flight, "Caught up unto God," as had been divinely predicted by John the Revelator.

Well do we understand that when the soul departs from the human body, the body dies. James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without work is dead also." With the human body, so with the church.

The structure (the body) only remained, lifeless, void of the spirit and direction of God. She had been weighed in the balances and was found wanting.

These subjects are presented without hatred or malice against any persons, or religious groups, but the time is rapidly approaching when the servants of God must fearlessly reveal the truth in every land, among all peoples, tongues and nations, and slay evil by the sword of God's spirit.

We are living "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation" (See Philippians 2:15) Churches have become corrupted. They rob the poor because of their fine sanctuaries; and fine clothing; they wear stiff necks and high heads.

O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in pride of their hearts, and all those who preach false doctrines, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord wo, wo, wo, be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty.

God will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth, and in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity, they shall perish.

But behold, if the inhabitants of the earth repent of their wickedness and abominations, they shall not be destroyed, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Bible students generally agree that the canon of scriptures closed with the writings of John the Rev-

elator about the year of 96 A. D.

As to what happened thereafter we must gather our knowledge from Ecclesiastical (church) and secular (worldly, temporal) histories.

This morning we will take up up the following subjects: "The results of the apostasy", "The Reformation", and "The birth of Protestantism".

The information that I shall impart on these subjects, is taken from the afore mentioned records, which are reliable, indisputable and acknowledged as beyond question or doubt.

Revolts against the apostate church, because of her tyranny, and protest against her doctrine, which was at variance with the teachings of the early Christian Church were not lacking.

The most outstanding of these church agitations arose with the awakening of intelligence, or understanding, which began in the latter part of the 14th century.

The period from the 10th to the 14th. centuries has come to be known as the dark ages—characterized by inactivity of useful arts, sciences, and letters, and a general condition of ignorance and illiteracy among the common people.

Ignorance is a fertile soil for evil growths, and the autocratic government and unsound reasoning of the apostate church, during this period of darkness were nourished by the ignorance of the times.

At the time of the awakening or "The revival of learning" came the struggle from church domination.

Prior to the time of the awakening, during the year of 1170 A.D., we read of the apostate church publicly whipping and branding on the cheek with a rod of hot iron, the followers of Peter Waldo, known as the "Waldenses", driving them half naked, out of their city in the dead of winter.

Another early revolt against the temporal and spiritual absolute power of the church was that of the Albigenses in France during the 13th. century.

This uprising was crushed by the apostate church with much cruelty and bloodshed, 60,000 persons having been put to death.

The next notable revolt was that of John Wickliff in the 14th. century. He was a professor in Oxford University, England.

Wickliff boldly attacked the abused power of the Monks, and denounced publicly the corruption of the church and her doctrinal errors.

He opposed the action of the council of Trent, which forbid the reading of the Bible by the people.

He gave to the world an English version of the Holy Bible translated from the Vulgate. (a Latin version of the scriptures.)

In spite of persecution and sentence, he died a natural death, but years afterward the church insisted on revenge, and in consequence, his bones were exhumed and burned, and the ashes scattered to the winds.

To be continued

#### LOUISIANA INDIANS THRIVED IN 800 B.C.

NEW YORK, July 16 (UP) — An advanced society of stone age Indians who knew elementary astronomy and some decorative arts was living in Louisiana at least 2700 years ago, a scientist declared today.

Dr. James A. Ford of the American Museum of Natural History, who conducted extensive excavations at Poverty Point, near Epps, La., last spring, said the colony apparently reached the lower Mississippi Valley by trail stretching across the Bering Straits from Asia.

He said it apparently was unrelated to the more advanced cultures of Central America or the less civilized societies of the U.S. southwest. It does apparently have relation to the Hopewell Culture of which traces have been found in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

Dr. Ford, the museum's associated curator in North American archaeology said tests of radioactivity showed the colony existed between 800 and 400 B. C.

He said the settlement marked "the beginning of what may be called the American Neolithic period.

The village was built on artificial ridges in the shape of concentric octagons, Dr. Ford said. About half the original village was destroyed in about 400 b.c., he said when the Arkansas River changed its course. The eastern open border of Octagon is presently bounded by Bayou Macon which was said to have come into being about the time of Christ.

In John 10:16 we read. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." These other sheep are made known to us in the Book of Mormon, Yea, a remnant of the House of Israel who immigrated to this land 600 years B. C.

## ADVISE TO THE YOUNG

As young people who face the many complex problems of living in the 20th century, the "Search for Happiness" is very important to you. What is happiness? Happiness arises largely from contentment, confidence, serenity, and active good will. It includes the pain of losing as well as the pleasure of finding. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ, we have much to be content with. We have through the gospel the means of knowing God better. To know God and to keep His Commandments is the beginning of happiness. Also, we have the Brotherhood of one another in the Gospel cemented by the LOVE OF GOD. In addition, we have our great American way of life, Freedom to choose what we want to be. Many of you are still in high school—others are about to leave high school and go to college, many of you have asked the question—What is a good profession for me? We want to belong to the Church but we also like to acquire a good education. It is good that you ask these questions; however, we can only advise you—the final decision is yours. Whether you are a member of the church or interested in becoming a member in the future, you must center your educational aspirations around the church. There are certain fields and branches of learning which will require much of your time—there will be certain social functions that will be required of you—these social functions although harmless in appearance, may rob you of the Gospel—on the other hand, refusal to participate may result in loss of job promotion. Education is good—it can be utilized in great measure in the service of God. You will be happier with education because it will help you throughout your whole life. (while we're on the subject—remember to educate your HEART along with your head. Educate your emotions along with your mind—undisciplined emotions along with you mind—undisciplined emotions have been the scourge of the world. And yet, a world guided by pure reason would be a dull place.) It is more important for you to choose Christ than Education—if a choice must be made. Strive however, to acquire both, Christ first and then education. You'll never regret it. Time and space would not permit us to dwell upon all the ingredients of happiness. We would like to talk about how to acquire happiness. There is no happiness in

ignorance, this is true about the Gospel of Christ. Before you lies the only really tested and successful plan for happiness—The Gospel of Christ—in its pure and unadulterated form—the Restorations to be truly happy in the Gospel one must know and understand the Will of God, His commandments, what the future holds, and above all, he must strive for the mark of perfection in Christ Jesus. How does one acquire this knowledge: By asking questions; by prayer and fasting; and by searching the scriptures. Read the church literature—study prayerfully. Speaking of reading—we think of blood plasma. Plasma is powerless of itself, but when injected into the blood stream of dying men, it brings them back to life. In scriptures lies the "blood plasma" of our Christian way of life. Here they sit—mute, inert, gathering dust. But open them, read the Sermon on the Mount or about Moses and the House of Israel—the blood plasma will work—you will, in the words of Christ, find the road to Eternal Life. After acquiring knowledge, you will not be happy in the Church unless you are active. Knowledge is the facts we have learned; intelligence is the capacity for putting them together. Capacity in a job is ability to do it well; if you are a member of the church, you have a great job—do it well for God will require this of you. Don't seek the impossible—this is foolishness. Face the facts—learn your strength and your weaknesses. The Greek Philosopher said, "Know thyself" the Roman Philosopher improved this by saying "Be yourself" and St. Paul struck the complete chord when he said "Neglect not the gift which is in you."

Bro. D. Moraco

## A TRIP TO KENTUCKY

On October 14th at 11 a.m. brother and sister Bittinger and I left for Nortonville, Ky., and after spending one night on the way, we arrived at brother and sister Parrotts home about 2:30 p.m. the next day, and found them very well.

We have been making this trip about once a year for a few years past and spend our time in holding meetings in their home and among their neighbors. We could not ask to be treated better than we were on this trip. We enjoyed preaching the Gospel, and when it came time to return home, we felt that some good seed had been sown in the hearts of those

who listened to us.

The weather was very nice, but part of it was cool, but was very nice in getting around.

Brother Parrott took a day off work while we were there and took us in his car to Wickliffe, Ky., and on the banks of the Mississippi we visited an ancient burial ground which has been uncovered and is now preserved by the State. Scenes of this kind are very interesting to most any on who is interested and believes in the Book of Mormon. The Archaeologist's estimate that the bones are those of people buried 1000 years ago in these Mounds. It gives one much to think of. In some instances a father and mother and a child have been buried together. But all is silent. Yet, at one time these bones were covered with flesh, lived, and moved around as we do today. If time does not reveal the truth of these things, Eternity surely will. Many Artifacts have been unearthed from the Mounds and are exhibited to the visitors.

May I remind my readers, that when Columbus came to these western shores, he found a people here, and the Book of Mormon reveals that there was once a great Nation of people on this land, and that Jesus Christ visited them before His ascension to heaven. God has moved in mysterious ways among men.

We left Nortonville for our home on the morning of October 24th and spent one night at Lancaster, Ohio and it was very cold—ice on the small pools of water the next morning. We arrived home safe at 1:30 on Oct. 25th. none the worse for our trip.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

## AN INTERESTING GATHERING

On Sunday Nov. 6, brother W. H. Cadman gave an invitation to our non-member friends who attend our meetings along with the brethren of the Branch to come to his home and spend an evening, discussing the authenticity of the Book of Mormon from a scriptural stand-point on the following Tuesday, and he would allow any one to ask what questions they may wish to, relative to the Book, and all would be free to take part in expressing themselves on the subject in question.

The results were seven non-members (all men) and four brothers of the Church responded to the invitation, no doubt others would of been present, but on account of working at night, they could not be.

Brother Cadman took the lead in the discussion that ensued, bringing out of the scripture very much

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## EDITORIAL

The Christmas Season is here again, and as we commemorate it, we should remember the character of Him, whom we hold the day in remembrance of. I read in Matthew first chapter that Jesus was born in the days of King Herod.

His birth was heralded by the angels of Heaven, and men were directed to the City of Bethlehem, the place of birth, by a star—something very much out of the ordinary as to babes been born into the world. We are told that the Virgin Mary was espoused to Joseph, and before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Ghost. Joseph was warned not to fear to take unto thee Mary thy wife for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. The Virgin had known no man. For the protection of the young child, Mary and Joseph fled into Egypt to save His life from the wrath of King Herod. But when he (Herod) was dead, they return to the land of Israel; and Jesus, to fulfill all righteousness, was baptized in Jordan by John when He was about thirty years old.

Mark, seems to have little or nothing to say of His birth into the world, but he does record that when Jesus was baptized—a voice came from heaven saying: Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

In the first chapter of Luke I read that an angel was sent of God to a city named Nazareth, to a Virgin named Mary who was espoused to a man named Joseph, and he tells her to fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest etc. Mary asked; the angel: How shall this thing be, seeing I know not a man. The angel answered her thus: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee therefore also that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall

be called the Son of God.

In the second chapter of Luke, he gives an account of the birth of Jesus, He was laid in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn. That same night the shepherds were in the fields watching over their flocks, An angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. We read that suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God. And Simeon came into the temple by the spirit; he takes the young child up in his arms, and blessed God and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Yea, He was to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Joseph and Mary marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

The same child is presented to us in John first chapter as the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God, and that all things were made by Him, (Christ the Son of God), and He was made flesh. And the sacred writers agree that Him whose birth we now commemorate created this world, and that He was with the Father from the beginning.

Should we not all be serious as to how we commemorate the one at whose birth, there was no room for Him nor His Mother in the Inn? but rather with the beasts of the stall! Remember it is written of Him "No man ever spoke like this man." Also there was nothing hid from His eyes, all things are naked to His eyes. Yet He was despised and rejected, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was oppressed and afflicted, He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, but He opened not His mouth, but made His grave with the wicked, yea the glory He had once with His Father was taken from Him, and He pleads with His Father in John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with THINE OWN SELF with the Glory which I had with thee before the world was." Him whose birth we commemorate at this season of the year is as Isaiah says: is called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace.

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in support of a book to come forth according to Bible prophecy, also that there was an angel to fly in the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel as recorded in Rev. 14:6. He layed stress on the fact, that you hear very little of these scriptures in the pulpits of our day, and that you do not hear of any person professing a fulfillment of these prophetic utterances, until Joseph Smith gave testimony to the world, that the book spoken of in Isaiah 29:11, 12, also the angel that was to fly in the midst of heaven, had been manifested unto him. The Book itself, and the testimony of impeachable characters still stand bright to day that Joseph Smith was the unlearned man spoken of in Isaiah 29:12. Many things were brought out relative to the spirit of opposition to the Book of Mormon—and especially the writings of Rev. Solomon Spaulding, a graduate of the Dartmouth School, who was also a Tavern Keeper at Amity, Washington Co, Pa., and who died and was buried at Amity in 1816. Brother Cadman brought out that learned men, including ministers have used the Spaulding writings, ridiculous as they are, to confute the Book of Mormon. Surely the day is fast approaching, when the folly of those "who are ever learning shall be made manifest to all men. The history of Washington County contains this information of Rev. Spaulding, and it has only been a very few years since ministers of the Gospel took part in a service at Amity, near Washington, Pa., dedicating a monument to Mr. Spaulding—the man who wrote the Book of Mormon. Brother Cadman declared that the Book of Mormon was of God; and that the American people would wake up—maybe when it is too late.

A very interesting evening was enjoyed by all present. It is to be hoped that many more evenings can be spent in this way.

Sincerely.

## THE IMPERIAL MISSION NEWS.

Bro. Editor:

Just a note to tell you and our Gospel news Readers about our little Mission in Imperial, Pa.

It is about 12 miles west of our Branch in McKees Rocks. Our services are as follows: 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. preaching, and communion; 7:30 p.m. preaching and testimony; Wednesday 7:30 p.m. preaching.

"Welcome" is our invitation, several friends and neighbors attending. Yesterday we received by baptism, the Grandfather of our young brother Bob Buffington (our son-in-law). Also Bob's father and mother. Grandfather Buffington is almost 90 years old. He went down into the water gladly. His wife passed away at the age of 87. She attended our meetings regular and confessed her faith in the Church, but the condition of her body kept her from being baptized. Bob is a happy boy. His uncle Homer and wife Iona were baptized about three months ago. Giving Bob seven baptized in his own family circle, including his wife Arlene.



Once in awhile we see God reap a harvest, sometimes in families, sometimes one here and one there. But we must sow the good seed. He has trusted us with—"the pure word of God." One sows, another waters and God gives the increase. How true: We surely have a solid Foundation—the "Rock which is Christ." We could never say that before. I remember when I was a member of the Baptist Church, I would be called on now and then to pray. I became scared each time, and I could only recite the Lord's Prayer. One time I told the Sunday School Teacher "I'm so sorry I can't pray, but some day I hope I'll be able," and thanks to God when I obeyed this Gospel. I never feared any more, and I never had to recite the Lord's Prayer, because I knew I had the spirit of God to depend on, and it never fails us. This coming December 24th will be 14 years in this church, and I've loved every minute of it.

We have ten members of my family circle including my husband and myself baptized in the Church. Two of them in the San Fernando Valley church in California.

We love to hear from our brothers and sisters everywhere, so this is our little contribution for the "Gospel News" at this time. Sister Eva Moore, R. D. 1 Imperial, Pa.

October 26, 1955  
Rivera, California

Dear Bro. Editor:

This is my first attempt to write a letter to the Gospel News but I had such a wonderful dream a week ago Tuesday that I feel I must share it with all of the young people in particular throughout the Church that we might all realize the necessity for preparing ourselves for the work which

Another group picture that was taken on their annual gathering, known to our folks in Nigeria, as Restoration Day, in memory of the visit of brothers Bittinger and Cadman last year. It is a very nice looking group I am sure.

I understood that in their three days session, about 800 people

had attended the services, which are sponsored by The Ladies Uplift Circle in Nigeria. The last information given, they have 84 groups of people, numbering better than 2800 members who have been baptized into the church. May the Lord bless our brothers and sisters in Africa.

God has for us to do. First of all I might say that I am thankful to God for calling me when I was but 12 years old to serve him and through God's watchful care and mercy towards me He has kept me thus far in His service. I was very interested in a letter in the Gospel News from a young sister in New York that stated 'they were trying to keep their young people busy in the things of God and the Church'. How well we out here in California also realize the importance of this work. Young people have much energy to be burned up and if they don't have someone to keep them going and doing things in the Church they will use their energy in other things that will not build themselves spiritually. We must keep them busy while they are building a foundation in the Church for greater things that God has for them. I will never stop thanking God for giving me a friend like Sister Rose Milantoni while I was very young both in age and in the Church. She didn't give me time to even think of the things in the world and therefore I could not be tempted. I could go on and on exclaiming God's goodness towards me but I know you don't have enough space in the paper for all that I would like to write so I will go on and tell you my dream.

I found myself with my sister Elizabeth in the jungles of Africa and as we were struggling to get through the mass of trees and

growth and realizing all the danger that were about us I was thinking that even though it was hard for us it had been much harder for those who had gone through the first time. Shortly we came to a clearing and here were many buildings and I was particularly impressed with the fact that they were so white and were of wood.

Perhaps because I did not expect to see such a sight in Africa. In the middle of this village I could see a steeple of a church. As we started to walk towards this I started to feel the blessings of God come down upon me. As we walked, all I could think of was how hard the work here was going to be due to the natural surroundings (the jungle the beasts therein and so on, the methods of travel and all other hardships). When we entered the church building it was filled with African people and I saw two of our young brothers in the congregation. A man was preaching but he was not of our Church. Again I thought of the hard work it would be and realized more and more that it was going to require strong young men to do it. Soon one of our young brothers got up in this meeting and started to speak and the blessings of God were just poured down upon us. These people could not understand what was happening. In the dream I just bowed my head and wept I was so filled with the spirit of God and his blessings. When the meeting was over and I was standing out-

side I met my sister Bertha Mae and she was expecting a child and told me she had to go back home because this life here was too hard for her. Here again I felt so terrible about the journey I knew she must make and the fact that only strong young men could do this work. As I stood there an African woman came to me and wanted to know what had happened in the meeting. She couldn't understand the blessings of God and what had occurred in the meeting. Just then a small child came to us and looked up at us and said "It is the same Gospel but it has more salvation". I said to her "What a wonderful expression".

This expression meant to me that what the other ministers had been preaching to them was true but through our Church they would obtain salvation for their souls. That was the end of my dream.

I felt so good in this dream and each time I think upon it I still feel the blessings of God. I am thankful to God that he gave me this dream not only that it might uplift me in the fact that God remembered me but that it might edify the young people in the church to dedicate themselves more fully to the work of God and the upbuilding of His Church.

Sister Margaret Henderson  
7743 Birchleaf  
Rivera, California

#### NEWS FROM STELTON, N. J.

Brother Editor:

We are having very good meetings in Stelton and usually have some visitors. It seems that we enlarged the building just in time.

The building looks very nice inside, but there is still more work to do. The young brothers have done a good job, and it is they who have done most all the work.

Our Circle held its 20th anniversary meeting on October 24th. We had a lovely meeting with about 20 sisters present including sisters from the New Brunswick Circle, and also Sister present from Metuchen N. J. Sisters.

It was held in my home so as not to interfere with the brothers work at the Church. Everyone enjoyed themselves and said we should have more of these meetings. Through this meeting we have revived interest in some who used to attend, and have some others interested who never attended before.

For our meeting we followed suggestions Sister Mabel Bickerton sent us, which we appreciated very much. We hope we can cele-

brate many more anniversary meetings.

Sincerely Sister Elsie Ensana.

#### SISTER NESTER WRITES FROM CALIFORNIA.

Brother Editor:

I am enclosing two dollars to renew my subscription to the Gospel News. It is so wonderful to read about the brothers and sisters in different parts of the vineyard. The letters from the brothers and sisters in Africa have always touched me with their love, their simplicity and wisdom.

May God always bless you for the wonderful leadership you have given the Church of Jesus Christ. I feel secure and happy in knowing that our church is conducted according to the principles that Christ laid down, with nothing added and nothing taken away.

My prayer is that God will continue to guide you with understanding and wisdom in all things. Your Sister in Christ, Pearl Neser.

#### DETROIT

Dear Bro. Editor:

I sincerely hope you and all loved ones have been enjoying yourselves, spiritually and otherwise, since we last met. Thank God we have been enjoying ourselves quite well, and as this year, is swiftly passing by, feel like taking a retrospective glance, to see if, as is mentioned in (Micah 6 and 8, He hath, showed thee, O man what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with the God), whether our lives before our Maker is continuing, as it was started, when we promised to serve God, in spirit and in truth until the end of our lives. We enjoyed ourselves, very much at last conference, in the Bronx, N.Y., having had the privilege to go through Monaca, Pa, and visited bro. and sister Carmen Rossi, and family who were so glad to see us, also the saints in New Brunswick, N. J., Stelton, N. J., and the Bronx, where we given such a warm reception. In returning home, we were also overjoyed to stop off in Rochester, N. Y., and visited with bro. and sister Ishmael Damico, and family and met a number of saints, who also were overjoyed to see us, and extended unto us great hospitality. The following week-end, the 8th and 9th of Oct, my wife and I, Mr. Lloyd Robotham, Sister Loretta Garlow, accompanied bro. Cliff. Burgess, of Windsor, to the Grand River Reservation, where we had a very nice visit with the remnant

of the seed of Joseph, Sorry sister Lewis is still ailing, and at present is in Hospital, may the Lord comfort her, and dear ones. Bro. Burgess is doing a very good job in Grand River, May he be blessed with many baptisms soon. My talk there was mainly on the 23rd. Chapter of Alma, regarding the Lamanites who were brought to the truth, how faithful they remained. On Wed. night Oct. 19th, we were blessed to have bro. Alma Cadman in our midst, he gave us a wonderful talk on the 7th Chapter of Moroni. Every-one listening to him, received a great blessing, and went home feeling refreshed and strengthened to pursue our courses in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On Sunday Oct. 23rd, my wife, Mrs. Loyd Robotham, Sister Mazzola, and grand-daughter, and I, paid a visit to the Sarnia Reservation. We passed by Port Huron, and found the saints there quite active. In Sarnia Sister Jackson was anointed for pneumonia, two Sundays previous, and had recuperated sufficiently to be in our midst, she spoke very appreciatively of this, and said she had been feeling much better. We felt the blessings of God in our midst, and are sure that when ever the people of God meet in one mind, heart, and soul, God will be with them to bless and to do them good. My talk to them was mostly on the life of Abraham. How faithful he was, and through his faithfulness, God has blessed all mankind who will follow in his footsteps. As the old year passes out, my admonition to myself, and all the people of God is, that we retain our 1st love, and be inseparable, as the fingers of the hand, and the great things that God has in store for us, we will receive, but if we become divided, we will fall. Happy New Year to all.

Your bro. in Christ,  
Matthew T. Miller

#### NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. Branch

Dear Brother Editor:

I would like to send you some items, I thought would be of some interest to those who read the Gospel News. Most of the saints here in New Brunswick seem to be enjoying good health. We have been blessed with peace and love. The Lord has been with us during our meetings. Lately we have received many experiences. We can't praise Him enough for his love and mercy toward us.

We have enjoyed the visits of many of our brothers and sisters of distant places. I can't put in



words the joy of the saints in having had Bro. Turano in our midst again. Also, the visit of Bro. and Sis. John Azzinaro. I'm sure the Lord has blessed our Brothers and Sisters in their efforts to visit us.

Our Elder Brothers have been holding meetings in Philadelphia, where a small number of people are interested in the Gospel. It is our desire to see many come and partake of that which we have.

Sister Geneva Renda

#### MAY I SAY TO ALL SERVANTS OF GOD, WAKE UP?

II Nephi 29-7, 8, 9.—Know ye not that there are more nations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath; and I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea even upon all the nations of the earth? Wherefore murmur ye, because the shall receive more of my word? Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another? Wherefore I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also. And I DO THIS THAT I may prove unto many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure. And because that I have spoken one word ye need not suppose that I cannot speak another; for my work is not yet finished; neither shall it be until the end of man, neither from that time henceforth and forever.

P. S. What wonderful words of the servant Nephi; Yea Nephi, the testimony of your nation has run together with that of the Jewish servants in Palestine, and how you did exercise your selves to preach the Gospel for the saving of souls in your day. The Gospel is now restored to the Gentile nation of people, May I ask all believing Gentiles: Do you really believe that God is still the same? Does not the testimony of the Book of Mormon and the Bible coincide with each other today? Yea, the servants of God in both these nations preached the Gospel even unto death. Are the Gentiles to be made an exception? God forbid. W.H.C.

A Proverb: "The fruit of the righteous is a TREE OF LIFE:

and he that WINNETH SOULS is wise.

Dear Bro. Cadman:

This is an experience by bro. Joseph Igangni, Branch No 1, Detroit, Mich. In October 1912, 25 years before I obeyed the Gospel I was working in a Files Shop at Providence, R. I. All at once I felt a pain in my right knee. The next day, I called the Doctor, and he put medicine on it, but in two days my knee, and leg went from bad to worse, and was all swelled up. I was sent to the Hospital, and was very sick. After a few days the Doctors decided, to operate on my knee. When I was told, I was going to be operated on, I cried all that night, and could not sleep. Finally I started praying to God, but not for healing, I asked the Lord many times, if He would let me die under the operation, because I wanted to end all my miseries. About 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, while I was looking over the sick peoples' beds (because I was in a large ward with 40 or 50 beds in it) Suddenly the big door opened and a man about 30 or 35 years old, came in all dressed in white, He walked to the side of my bed, looked on me and said don't cry. Then He took hold of the sheet and blanket and threw them over to one side. He passed His blessed hand on my leg, all the way down to my foot, and up again. Then He looked to me again and spoke in the Italian language, and said your leg is healed. You don't need an operation, don't cry. I watched Him walk out of the ward. After He was gone, I realized what had happened to me, but did not believe it as yet and said, I hope to God that would be true, but I thought it was impossible to be true. I sat on my bed and looked at my leg and knee, with the greatest surprise of my life, and found out that all the swelling and pain had gone away. Thanks to God. To be more sure of it, I got up and stood on the floor, and did not have any more pain. In the morning 3 doctors came to take me for the operation. When the house Dr. looked at my leg, he was surprised, and called the other two Drs., all examined my leg and knee, and they told me, I was not going to be operated on, but they wanted to keep me for a couple of days, to see what would develop. Thanks to God, because after a few days, I went home, safe and sound and since that time, to this date, I have been quite well. Thanks to my Heavenly Father.

LOUIS BOURDALOUE  
(1632-1704)

THE COURT PREACHER  
OF LOUIS XIV

#### THE PASSION OF CHRIST

The passion of Jesus Christ, however sorrowful and ignominious it may appear to us, must nevertheless have been to Jesus Christ himself an object of delight, since this God-man, by a wonderful secret of His wisdom and love, has willed that the mystery of it shall be continued and solemnly renewed in His Church until the final consummation of the world. For what is the Eucharist but a perpetual repetition of the Saviour's Passion, and what has the Saviour proposed in instituting it, but that whatever passed at Calvary is not only represented but consummated on our altars? That is to say, that He is still performing the functions of the victim anew, and is every moment virtually sacrificed, as though it were not sufficient that He should have suffered once. At least that His love, as powerful as it is free, has given to His adorable sufferings that character of perpetuity which they have in the Sacrament, and which renders them so salutary to us. Behold, Christians, what the love of a God has devised; but behold, also, what has happened through the malice of men! At the same time that Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of His body, repeats His holy Passion in a manner altogether mysterious, men, the false imitators, or rather base corrupters, of the works of God, have found means to renew this same Passion, not only in a profane, but in a criminal, sacrilegious, and horrible manner.

Do not imagine that I speak figuratively. Would to God, Christians, that what I am going to say to you were only in figure, and that you were justified in vindicating yourselves today against the horrible expressions which I am obliged to employ! I speak in the literal sense; and you ought to be more affected with this discourse, if what I advance appears to you to be overcharged; for it is by your excesses that it is so, and not by my words. Yes, my dear hearers, the sinners of the age, by the disorder of their lives, renew the bloody and tragic Passion of the Son of God in the world; I will venture to say that the sinners of the age cause the Son of God, even in the state of glory, as many new passions as they have committed outrages against Him by their actions! Apply yourselves to form an idea of them; and in this picture,

which will surprise you, recognize what you are, that you may weep bitterly over yourselves! What do we see in the Passion of Jesus Christ? A Divine Saviour betrayed and abandoned disciples, persecuted by pontiffs and hypocritical priests, ridiculed and mocked in the palace of Herod by impious courtiers, placed upon a level with Barabbas, and to whom Barabbas is preferred by a blind and inconstant people, exposed to the insults of libertinism, and treated as a mocking by a troop of soldiers equally barbarous and insolent; in fine, crucified by merciless executioners. Behold, in a few words, what is most humiliating and most cruel in the death of the Saviour of the world! Then tell me if this is not precisely what we now see, of what we are every day called to be witnesses. Let us resume; and follow me.

Betrayed and abandoned by cowardly disciples: such, O Divine Saviour, has been Thy Destiny. But it was not enough that the Apostles, the first men whom Thou didst choose for Thine own, in violation of the most holy engagement, should have forsaken Thee in the last scene of Thy life; that one of them should have sold Thee, another renounced Thee, and all disgraced themselves by a flight which was, perhaps, the most sensible of all the wounds that Thou didst feel in dying. This wound must be again opened by a thousand acts of infidelity yet more scandalous. Even in the Christian ages we must see men bearing the character of Thy disciples, and not having the resolution to sustain it; Christians, prevaricators, and deserters from their faith; Christians ashamed of declaring themselves for Thee, not daring to appear what they are, renouncing at least in the exterior what they have professed, flying when they ought to fight; in a word, Christians in form, ready to follow Thee, even to the Supper, when in prosperity and while it required no sacrifice, but resolved to Abandon Thee in the moment of temptation. It is on your account, and my own, my dear hearers, that I speak, and behold what ought to be the subject of your sorrow.

Remember, but with fear and horror, that the greatest persecutors of Jesus Christ are not lay libertines, but wicked priests; and that among the wicked priests those whose corruption and in-

quity are covered with the veil of hypocrisy are His most dangerous and cruel enemies. A hatred disguised under the name of zeal, and covered with the specious pretext of observance of the law, was the first movement of the persecution which the Pharisees and the priests raised against the Son of God. Let us fear lest the same passion should blind us! "Wretched passion," exclaims Saint Bernard, "which spreads the venom of its malignity even over the most lovely of the children of men, and which could not see a God upon earth without hating Him!" A hatred not only of prosperity and happiness, but what is yet more strange, of the merit and perfection of others! A cowardly and shameful passion, which not content with having caused the death of Jesus Christ, continues to persecute Him by rending His mystical body, which is the Church; dividing His members, which are believers; and stifling in their hearts that charity which is the spirit of Christianity! Behold, my brethren, the subtle temptation against which we have to defend ourselves, and under which it is but too common for us to fall.

A Redeemer reviled and mocked in the palace of Herod by the impious creatures of his court! This was, without doubt, one of the most sensible insults which Jesus Christ received. But do not suppose, Christians, that this act of impiety ended there. It has passed from the court of Herod, from that prince destitute of religion, into those even of Christian princes. And is not the Saviour still a subject of ridicule to the libertine spirits which compose them? They worship Him externally, but internally how do they regard His maxims? What idea have they of His humility, of His poverty, and of His sufferings? Is not virtue either unknown or despised? It is not a rash zeal which induces me to speak in this manner; it is what you too often witness, Christians; it is what you perhaps feel in yourselves; and a little reflection upon the manners of the court will convince you that there is nothing that I say which is not confirmed by a thousand examples, and that you yourselves are sometimes unhappy accomplices in these crimes.

#### An Experience

A few years ago I received a wonderful healing from our Lord.

For many years I had been subject to severe attacks of pain which was, I believe, inflammation of the bladder. As everyone knows that has experienced it, it is a very painful affliction. Even getting my feet damp or chilled would bring on another attack.

On this occasion I had been suffering from this trouble for two days. My abdomen was distended and I could scarcely walk because of the pain. Bro. Joseph Loyalvo and Bro. Pietrangelo Sr. along with others called at my home to pick me up to attend an outdoor meeting which they were holding nearby. As they were already very late and I was unable to go, I asked them to stop in on their return and anoint me.

At the meeting Bro. Loyalvo stated that he was sorry he had not taken the time to anoint me while at my place, as he felt I might have been healed and could have attended the meeting also.

When they returned they anointed me and Bro. Pietrangelo offered prayer. I sat close to a wall and as he prayed the wall disappeared and a figure appeared about three feet beyond. From a pail the figure (who was dressed in white) poured water, and although three feet distant, I felt it flow over to me and instantly knew I was healed. And from the pail flowed a continuous stream as if to show no limit to that fount of healing waters.

Immediately my distended abdomen returned to normal and all the pain left me. To this day I have had no return of that miserable trouble. Praise our wonderful Lord.

Sister Velda Barclay, Mt. Brydges  
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