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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Come let us anew,
Our Journey pursue,
Roll around with the year
And never stand still
'Till the Master appear.

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

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

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

O, that each from his Lord,
May receive the glad Word;
'Well and faithfully done;
Enter into My joy,
And sit down on My throne.

THE NEW YEAR

As we enter the New Year 1956 and the old year ends, it seems natural to look forward, hoping for more health, happiness and prosperity for ourselves. But the unselfish attitude is to realize how fortunate most of the people in this wonderful country already are and to have deep sympathy for more than half of the world's population; who aren't as well sheltered from the cold nor have all the food they can eat, not to mention the comforts and luxuries we have been blessed with.

The Bible says "to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." Man's time began with Adam and Eve when they lived in a perfect condition, never toiling, suffering nor having any sorrow. But when they disobeyed God and were driven from Eden all the troubles of life began.

The Apostle Paul said "All have sinned." Then life becomes a time of probation, to prove our worthiness to live eternally in the Kingdom of God. We are plainly told in the New Testament, that by repenting of our past sins and obeying the ordinances taught by Christ, then being faithful the rest of our lives, we shall be saved.

This, of course, includes repent-

ing and being sorry for mistakes made as we go along, avoiding the sins of the world, helping as much as we can the poor and the troubled. Then, perhaps most, important, loving one another as Christ has loved us, and as Paul also tells us "follow after charity" which is the pure love of God.

When this cycle of time allotted to man is completed, we have a hope of coming back again to the perfect days of Adam when he was in the image of God. Also, those who live at the time of Zion will have the reward of dwelling in peace and happiness on the earth and sin will be destroyed.

Knowing all this, we will not regret the passing of the old year but will look forward to the new, always trying to make our lives better and more worthy of what we shall receive.

Martha Kelly

HOW DO YOU FEEL? MOSIAH 28-3

"Now they were desirous that salvation should be declared to every creature, for they could not bear that any human soul should perish: yea, even the very thoughts that any soul should endure endless torment did cause them to quake and tremble."

We read that God is still the same, May I ask: Is His spirit producing the same effects in your lives as is recorded in the scripture? Or are we satisfied just to continue as many of us are? Many are wanting to hear the great plan of redemption, and I believe it is Paul who says: "that it is not the will of God that any soul should perish. There is a hymn that reads something like this: 'I'll go any where you want me to go, Lord' May I ask, how do you feel? WHC.

Brother Editor:

The Semi-Annual Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met at the Bronx, New York on October 1, 2, 1955. We were very happy for this event because it was the first time that the Conference was held here. It was most joyful to see our brethren from all parts of the United States as far west as California to be in our midst.

Just before the Saturday morning business was convened, Bro. V. Lupo, on behalf of the Bronx Branch, presented our beloved brother Wm. H. Cadman, with an

inscribed gavel as a remembrance of this October Conference held in the Bronx.

The blessings of the Lord were felt in the wonderful words of the various brothers who spoke to us as well as the joyful news from our brethren who were on Missionary work in Italy and North Carolina.

We enjoyed the wonderful singing of the choir group from New Jersey, as well as the solo and duet of Brothers James Loyalvo and James Heaps. May the Lord bless them always.

Our praises go out unto the Lord for His guidance and blessings throughout the entire Conference and for His Providence in all things. We wish to extend our sincerest thanks of appreciation to our brothers and sisters in the New Jersey area and New York for their hospitality given to all our visiting brothers and sisters and may God bless them all and this manifestation of The Love of God.

In conclusion we thank God for a wonderful Conference and God's fellowship one with another.

Sister Belle Rose
Bronx Branch

SISTER FORD WRITES FROM CALIF.

December 1st, 1955, Sister Ford of Windsor, Ont. has been visiting in California for about two months, and expects to remain there until spring so she informs us in a letter just received from her. She is enjoying her visit among the saints out there immensely. She informs us that the Vally Church is about finished, and they expect to dedicate the church some time in December. She writes from brother and sister Brec's home, where she has been taking care of Sister Breci—who is recovering after a very severe operation.

Sister Ford informs us that she has been out among the Mexican People, and that they have started quite a work among them—she says I really enjoy the work among them—we also have been attending meetings with brother and sister Watson in colored peoples home this week they baptized a Mexican Indian in Los Angeles. Sister Ford says their weather is just like summer, quite a contrast to what we are having here in Pennsylvania, where there is much snow and it

is very cold this week. Thanks for your letter.

ATTENTION PLEASE

The article beginning on page three in December issue, headed, "An Interesting Article" and continuing on page four is a statement therein as follows: "The book itself and the testimony of impeachable characters," should read "un-impeachable characters." Sorry. W.H.C.

CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA

I am thankful to God our Living Father who brought all of us to the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since The Church of Jesus Christ was established for us by Brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger on 14th of August, 1954 through the Correspondence of Bro. A. A. Dick. We have had our conferences three times. The first conference was held at Ikot Ebak-Abak on 4th-6th of March 1955. We had \$60.00 offering but not all the Churches attended the Conference-2038 were baptized. There were many requests made by the Churches. Attendance 480. We spent much in making everything to work in order. Some Elders who were ordained and are not abideth with the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ were dismissed from the Church. Many rejoiced in the blessings of the Lord. At this time we were still 79 groups with 2038 Souls baptized.

On June 2nd-4th 1955 we had another Conference held at Effo-Eket. This was the most wonderful Conference which we have had-579 attended the Conference. Offering \$200.00-400 partook of the Lord's table, so teachers, deacons, and deaconesses were ordained. We were still 79 groups, 2500 souls were baptized. We received the minutes of March Conference and many rejoiced too. However, the weather was not good, it was raining. Only School matters were taken up. Some people were elected to some offices. Other matters was the announcement the Sup. Bro. Dick made that The Church of Jesus Christ does not believe in signs of the cross, candles, taking Palm wine, using tobacco, etc. and that any Church in the group of The Church of Jesus Christ, which will be found guilty of these things, their names will be removed from our list.

On September Conference 2nd-4th September held at Ikot Akpa Edung. attendance was 845, offering 25 pounds. Brother S.U.A. Basse was ordained Elder for Effo. Brother S.U. Basse of Abak Ikot Dick Akpan were ordained two

weeks before the Conference. They too, affiliated with 5 groups of Churches and we became 84 groups.

There was no place for the Elders to sleep, all were sleeping in the Church, also the Supt. was sleeping in the Church. People were asking when the Missionaries will come, some were throwing evil words upon us. The work grows more and more. In 1932 we were in the Holiness Christian Church. We did not rejoice, nor did we receive any blessings, nor did the work of the Mission progress as it is now. If I could refer to the history of our Mission written by Bro. Dick since 1932 to 1953, I may say there is a great difference in the progress of the work than it was before. Brethren awake and help if you cannot send helping hand, your daily prayer could help by remembering the Missionaries work of Brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger in Nigeria. Pray daily that we remain faithful. I hope that could help much.

We thank all those who give their helping hands towards the printing work done in the Church of Jesus Christ, mostly the Book of Mormon, the Gospel News, etc. Please this little donation I enclose is for help in printing the Gospel News of which we are being supported monthly. (Please the donation mentioned was not enclosed W.H.C) We are not rich, but we follow the teaching of Christ in the New Testament, which says that it is a sin for he who knows of doing good and he fails. So we know that we can help the printing of the books used in The Church of Jesus Christ, but we are not rich to do as we think, but the little we do, God will bless Amen. O. N. Akpan.

Editor:

We, the brothers and sisters of the Vanderbilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, held a gathering in the home of Brother Ringer on Monday evening Nov. 14th in honor of some of our older brothers and sisters, namely; Brother and Sister Ringer, Brother Robert Patterson, Sister Darby and Sister McCann. This day also happened to be Sister Ringers 84th birthday.

After singing a few songs Brother Joseph Shazer offered up a prayer. We were honored to have with us Bro. William Cadman who told us of his experiences that he had with some of our older brothers and sisters, both living and dead. Sisters Shazer, Lowther, Larue, and brothers Laktash, Shazer, Larue, and Strauch also expressed themselves of the goodness of God towards them during their

lives here in the world. A number of other brothers and sisters were present for the occasion. After a light lunch with coffee, we departed from one another for our homes.

I'm sure that each of us felt that it was good to be there, and we hope that we can get together like this more often to honor our elder brothers and sisters, because some day they will not be with us. May God bless each and every one of us in the Church of Jesus Christ, and keep us faithful.

Sincerely,
Bro. M. Strauch

Radio Talks Of Bro. Furnier

(Continued From Last Issue)

In Europe the agitation against the church was carried on by John Huss and Jerome of Prague, both of these men reaped martyrdom as the harvest of their righteous zeal.

Though the church had long been apostate to the core, there were men ready to sacrifice their lives in what they deemed to be the cause of truth.

'Previous to the opening of the 16th. century there had been comparatively few who denied the supreme and infallible authority of the Bishop of Rome in all matters touching religion.' MYERS GEN. HIST P. 520.

The next notable revolt against the apostate church was in the 16th. century and assumed such proportions as to be designated the Reformation.

The movement began in Germany about 1517 A.D., when Martin Luther, a Monk of the Augustian order and an instructor in the University of Wittenberg publicly opposed and denounced John Tetzel, the agent of church indulgences.

Luther was convinced that the church system of indulgences and penances was contrary to scriptures, reason and right.

He wrote ninety five theses formal discourses) against the practice of granting indulgences, and a copy of these he nailed to the door of Wittenberg church, inviting criticism thereon from all scholars.

The news spread, and the theses were discussed by the scholars of Europe.

Luther then attacked other practices and doctrine of the church and—the head of the church issued a "Bull" or decree against him, demanding an unconditional recantation, on pain of excommunication from the church.

Luther publicly burned the—document, and thus declared his

open revolt.

The sentence of excommunication was pronounced.

Among his able supporters was Phillip Melancthon, a professor in Wittenberg.

Luther was summoned before a council or "Diet" at Worms in 1521.

There he openly declared for individual freedom of conscience.

There is inspiration in his words I cannot submit my faith either to the Pope or to the council, because it is as clear as the day that they have frequently erred and contradicted each other.

Unless, therefore, I am convinced by the testimony of scripture, or by the clearest reasoning—unless I am persuaded by means of the passages I have quoted,—and unless they thus render my conscience bound by the word of God, I cannot and will not retract, for it is unsafe for a Christian to speak against his conscience.

Here I stand, I can do no other, May God help me! Amen!

The religious controversy spread throughout Europe. At the second council of Spires 1529 A.D., an edict was issued against the reformers; to this the representatives of seven German principalities and other delegates entered a formal protest, in consequence of which action the reformers were henceforth known as **PROTESTANTS**.

John, Elector of Saxony, supported Luther in his opposition to papal authority, and under took the establishment of an independent church, the constitution and plan of which were prepared at his instance by Luther and Melancthon.

Luther died in 1546, but the work of revolution, if not in truth reformation, continued to grow.

The Protestants, however, soon became divided among themselves, and broke up into many contending sects.

In Switzerland, Ulrich Zwingli led in the movement toward reform. He was accused of heresy, and when placed on trial, he defended himself on the authority of the Bible as against Papal edict, and was for the time successful.

The contest was bitter, and in 1531 the Catholics and Protestants of the region engaged in actual battle, in the which Zwingli was slain, and his body brutally mutilated.

John Calvin next appeared as the leader of the Swiss reformers,

though he was an opponent of many of Zwingli's doctrines.

In France, Sweden, Denmark, and Holland leaders arose, and the Protestants became strong in their opposition to the Roman Church, though the several divisions were antagonistic to one another on many points of doctrine.

One effect of this Protestant uprising was the partial awakening of the Roman Church to the need of internal reform, and an authoritative restatement of Catholic principles was attempted.

This movement was largely accomplished through the famous council of Trent 1545-1563 which body disavowed for the church the extreme claims made for "indulgences" and denied responsibility for many of the abuses with which the church had been charged.

But in connection with the attempted reform came a demand for more implicit obedience to the requirements of the church.

Near the end of the 15th. century, in the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, the court of the Inquisition, then known as the Holy Office, had been established in Spain.

The prime purpose of this secret tribunal was the detection and punishment of heresy.

Of this infamous institution as operative in Spain, Myers says: "The Holy Office, as the tribunal was styled, thus became the instrument of the most incredible cruelty."

Thousands were burned at the stake, and tens of thousands more condemned to endure penalties scarcely less terrible.

Queen Isabella, in giving her consent to the establishment of the tribunal in her dominions, was doubtless actuated by the purest religious zeal, and sincerely believed that in suppressing heresy she was discharging a simple duty, and rendering God good service. "In the love of Christ and his Maid-Mother, she says, I have caused great misery. I have depopulated towns and districts, provinces and kingdoms" MYERS GEN. HIST P. 500.

In connection with the attempted reform in the doctrines of Catholicism, the terrible inquisition "assumed new vigor and activity, and heresy was sternly dealt with."

You will note that the Reformation and Protestant movement brought about the organization of new churches.

The next opportunity we have of addressing you on this subject, we

will speak of the circumstances under which some of the prominent Protestant churches were set up, and how they obtained their names. The end.

Thurman S. Furnier.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Thanksgiving services were generally observed by the various churches throughout the land, many hunters observed it in the fields hunting game, while others (where the weather was fit) observed the day at the Golf Links, and other sports, and especially there would be many on the Foot-Ball fields. We here in Monongahela of The Church of Jesus Christ, observed it by spending one hour and a half in a morning service in our Church, in prayer, singing and speaking, and refreshing our minds to the wonders of God's blessings upon this land of America, of which the Book of Mormon speaks of it, as being a land which is choice above all other with God the Creator.

In the evening many of us journeyed to our Church at Jefferson, near West Elizabeth, where Elders Kirschner and Parlor were conducting five nights of service during the week.

They enjoyed five nights of well attended services of good speaking and singing. I understand that our folks in Glassport spent the morning in service in their church, and also the Vanderbilt Church spent the evening together while Brother Bittinger exhibited the slide pictures, which were taken by him and Bro. Cadman while in Africa. The pictures are interesting and no doubt brother Bittinger gave much interesting comment on them while showing them to the audience.

Thanksgiving Day has been observed by the American People for many years. It does, and should refreshen our memories of the days of our Pilgrim Fathers, their struggles as well as their blessings on the newly discovered land. The early immigrants to the this land, suffered much, I might say in most every way, which has brought to pass the 'wonders' enjoyed by the American People of today. Sincerely.

MISSIONARIES WORK IN NIGERIA BY BRO. A.A. DICK

Dear Editor:

With great pleasure I beg you to put this news into the Gospel News Thanks.—The year 1955 is going to end on December 31st, 1955, and we are to plan our groups a-

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(Column Two)

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EDITORIAL

Attention please: We are now starting on the Twelveth Volume of the Gospel News. The first volume is dated 1945, time has flown rapidly, and too, the time spent on my part has been enjoyed—even though it requires not only time, but much labor on my part to place the news of the Church, and activities of our brothers and sisters among us as has been done. Not only among our selves, but to distant parts of the world, and some response has come from various countries, such as Spain, France, Africa, Phillipine Islands, India, Canada, England, the Jewish National University Library in Jerusalem, and to many places through out our own country. Some of our Editorials have been complimented through the mail by non-members of the church. Two libraries have ask me to furnish them with all the back numbers of the Gospel News that I had on hands and were willing to pay for them. These things thus far are encouraging.

The discouraging part of my work in getting out the Gospel News, is the attitude of our own Church members—with so many of them there seems to be very little cooperation, apparently no thought as to whether "SCHOOL" keeps or not. I do not know whether some needs new eye glasses or not, but the expiration notice of your subscription, is either not seen, or is deliberately ignored by so many. For instance, in revising the subscription list recently, there was one Branch of the Church where I had 22 subscribers, when I got through revising it, there was only 6 subscribers left. If any of you do not wish to renew your subscription, I wish you would write me a card, and say: Brother Cadman please discontinue my paper, and then I would know what to do. When a paper is marked thus: P-6-55, that means that your subscription is paid for until the first of June in 1955—if it is marked P-10-55, it is paid until the first of October 1955. There has been some material sent to me that I did not care to publish, but there has been very little of it.

We have much of our faith in Pamphlet form, and when articles involve doctrinal matters, I have tried to keep in harmony with what we have written—I do not profess perfection in the matter, but I do not think I have given much room for just complaint. The paper has paid for itself thus far, but after all these years the paper should of been at least a-half bigger than what it is, and it's subscription list should have doubled itself.

For the success of the Gospel News, there should be better cooperation than there is at present. You that are letting your subscriptions expire, and if you do not want the paper any longer, will you please write me a card telling me to stop sending it. I do not want to stop the paper for any one. But business is business. — Do you still want the Gospel News? Editor Cadman.

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gain in January 1956. I believe whatsoever a man plants in January 1955, so he will reap in the harvest time.

Brothers Cadman and Bittinger paid us a fly visit on 4th of August, 1954 and on 14th of August 1954 The Church of Jesus Christ was established by baptizing 15 of us. I was the first to be baptized by Bro. Bittinger and on 17th August 1954, seven of us were ordained into the Eldership, into The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria. I also was the first to be ordained by Bro. Cadman. We carried on with the missionaries work by baptizing others into the Church.

We were 52 groups at the time I contacted The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela, Pa. U.S.A., and from the month of August 10th to 14th, the Brethren paid us a fly visit, we were still 52 groups of Churches. By August 30th we became 64 groups and 1337 Souls were baptized. On December 28th 1954, more groups from A.M.E. Zion Church affiliated with us and we became 79 groups and 2337 souls were baptized into the church. In August 1955, 30th 5 more groups affiliated with us and we numbered 84 groups with 2806 souls baptized.

Therefore since I am unable to contact all the brethren concerned in The Church of Jesus Christ so as to tell them the progress of the Missionaries Work in Nigeria, therefore I take this chance to tell them about the good Missionary Work of Brothers W.H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger did last year, through the Gospel NEWS. Many of those who are faithful to The Church of Jesus Christ, are re-

joining in the blessings of God. I am also thankful to the Living Father through this.

Note—Brothers and Sisters we often think of you and we should be grateful if any of you who does not know our address, should write to The Church of Jesus Christ, Headquarters, Abak P.O. Nigeria, West Africa, and any of the Brother who will receive a letter, we will return contact and tell of the work in Africa. May God bless all of you is our prayer, Amen. Bro. A.A. Dick.

P.S. Brother Dick's letter is very long, so I am only printing or publishing part of it, which I believe will give you all a good idea of the energy of our African brethren and sisters in promulgating the Restored Gospel among their people, in what has been known as DARK AFRICA. (Editor)

A VISION

There is much in the press these days about an experience of the Pope, wherein he says he saw the Saviour; and no doubt this statement will command the confidence of his people—the Catholics throughout the world, and it should, for he is their earthly head. I imagine it would be a calamity indeed, for the the Catholic Church if their followers were to loose confidence in the Pope. However, we must not forget the fact, that heavenly visions are within the reach of the followers of the humble Nazarene, irrespective of official standing; yet the news which come from the Vatican, as given in the press and I quote, "said he could recall no such reported vision since Jesus appeared to St. Peter when the Apostle was fleeing persecution on early Christians in Rome." end of quote. Both the Douay Version of the Scriptures and King James, confirm the fact that VISIONS are a gift unto men.

Early in the 19th century, a farmer boy (Joseph Smith by name) was earnestly seeking the salvation of his soul, gave testimony to the world, that while at prayer in a grove on his fathers farm near Palmyra, N.Y., that the Father and the Son appeared unto him, and spake unto him, answering his prayer. In corroboration of his experience, the revealed word of God has been given to this generation, in the form of the Book of Mormon wherein Jesus Christ revealed Himself openly to the inhabitants of Ancient America—the forefathers of the American Indians. In the book one of the prophets therein who lived at about the beginning

of the fifth century, gives testimony to the fact that "Jesus Christ appeared unto him, and that he talked to Him face to face, and that He told me in plain humility, even as a man telleth another in mine own language concerning these things." And even in another instance the Saviour appears to another of His servants many hundred years before He was born of the Virgin Mary. You know that the Book of Mormon and the King James, as well as the Douay Version, teach us that Christ was in the beginning with His Father, and that He created this world, and the world's.

What a wonderful being is God, whose Son was with Him from the beginning, yea, even before the foundation of the world, who not only sent His Son as recorded in John 3-16, but at various times, even before His birth in Bethlehem, has manifested His only begotten Son unto the children of men, irrespective of their official standing here in this world.

The references that are made to the Book of Mormon, are found in Ether, chapter 12. If interested read it. Editor.

Anniversary Meetings J 2

On Friday Dec. 2nd Brother and Sister Bittinger and myself left home at 11:30 a.m. for Greenville, Pa. where we showed the African pictures in a Grange Hall near to Bro. Russell Cadmans home. The weather was very bad for us, roads were bad for driving a car. However we arrived there without any difficulty. We had a very nice crowd gathered together, and the pictures were very interesting to all present.

We stayed all night with our folks in that neighborhood, and the next morning started off for Detroit. There was much snow at Greenville, the fog was bad, and much rain throughout the day and in going through Toledo, Ohio, and then through Detroit, the traffic was very heavy. However we arrived safely at Bro. Fred D'Amico's home about 5:30 p.m. none the worse for the unpleasant conditions we had to contend with.

We showed the pictures in the basement Saturday Eve. of No. 3 church in Detroit, a nice crowd was present and all seem to enjoy seeing Africa, or at least a part of it. I will add that our folks in Africa are very energetic, and are very anxious for us to send missionary workers over to them.

The next morning (Sunday) we attended services also at No. 3

Branch, and it was very pleasing to see so many gathered together in the worship of God. We had a very nice meeting, and on account of our presence being expected at Port Huron for the night services, we continued our morning service until after 1 p.m. and administered the Lord's Supper before closing. We then rested in the afternoon, and got an early start for the meeting in Port Huron, which was about 60 miles away. Brother Bittingers car was not working very well, so we left it in Detroit, and rode with others to Port Huron. We arrived there in good shape, and a good crowd were present for the 5th or 6th anniversary of the building the Church in that city.

The meetings had been advertised, and the results were, we had people in the congregation that had never been there before, besides we had a number of the Indian race of people present. Some of them from across in Canada, and some of them belonged on the U.S. side of the border line. In all, we had a very nice audience present Brother Bittinger led the meeting and I followed him. They have had some discouraging conditions among them, but I believe on this occasion, all felt like Peter of old, When he said: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." We were glad to see brother Johnson take up his duties again in the church. After the meeting was over and before returning to Detroit, we called at the home of brother and sister Sommersville. Sister Bertha was sick in bed and brother Will was ready to go out to work. We had prayer with them and was glad to see them both once more. We then got on our way to Detroit. On Monday brother Bittinger along with Bro. Molisana spent much of day at a Garage, correcting some things about our car. We ate our supper with brother and sister Miller.

The next day (Tuesday) we visited Sister Ruzzi, she is very poorly and may not be with us much longer. We found her very cheerful and she is ready to pass on when the summons comes. We had a long visit with her, sang some hymns and had prayer with her. May the Lord comfort her while life lasts in this world. I know that she feels like Paul of old, eager to dwell in the home that she has builded over there. May God bless her is my prayer. On leaving her home we went to Windsor, Ont., ate our supper at the home of Brother and Sister Henderson. We met sister Henderson's Mother and her

Sister Mrs. Haddock at her home, I had not seen them for quite a while. Pleased to meet once more.

We met in the Windsor Church basement that evening and showed the African pictures to a nice congregation of folks gathered together. The pictures and our comments by Bro. Bittinger and myself were enjoyed by them all. After spending the night at the Burgess and Henderson home, we got started toward home the next morning—a short trip, but a pleasant one.

On starting home from Windsor, we knew that our car was not working very good. Brother Bittinger has a brother living in Barberton, Ohio just near to Akron. So we headed that way home. Our car was getting worse all the time, and when we were within 25 or thirty miles of Barberton, the Cadillac refused to go any farther, until a farmer hooked on to it with his car and pulled us into his barn yard—took us into their home where we waited on brother Bittingers brother bringing his car and taking us to his home for the night. We spent an hour or more in the farmers home, very nice people indeed, and we got into a religious conversation concerning our faith, including the Book of Mormon, and our reception in their home was pleasant, (total strangers to us) I thought of Pauls language in Romans 8-28 that all things work together for good to them that worship God etc.

On the arrival of Mr. Albert Bittinger and his wife, they took us to their home for the night, but Brother Bittinger had phoned home to his son of our plight, and he started right off to help us on home. We all retired for the night, but we were aroused up about 4 a.m. Brother Bittingers son arrived with a car to take us home. Mrs. Bittinger, our hosts, set us down to an early breakfast, and we got started on our way home by 5:30 a.m. and arrived home at 8:30 a.m. none the worse for our experience, but we really enjoyed our trip.

The Cadillac which has been so faithful to us in our traveling, is at this present date, Dec. 13th. still in the barn yard of our newly made friends about 25 miles west of Akron, Ohio. Jesus says he that giveth a cup of cold water shall not lose his reward. May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Hummel and their family, also Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bittinger and family of Barberton. Bro. W. H. Cadman

**"THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN
BY THE
LATE PRESIDENT CHERRY**

There has been a great deal said on the subject of The Thousand Years Reign of our Saviour upon the earth with His Saints, and I cannot see the matter as some do, but I draw my conclusions from the scriptures.

In John's record of this period he distinctly shows us in the first three verses of the 20th chapter of Revelations, that satan is bound and that he shall deceive the Nations no more till the thousand years are fulfilled. In verse 4 he says: "And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, etc. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." The 5th verse says: "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were fulfilled. This is the First Resurrection." The 7th verse says: "And when the thousand years are expired, satan shall be loosed out of his prison." And continuing in the 8th verse, says: "And shall go out to deceive the Nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." This shows us that they (the Nations) are still in the flesh.

John's First Epistle, 5th chapter, 4th verse says: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Therefore we are not as those that come forth in the Second Resurrection (Gog and Magog) for they are still of the Nation that have the mark of the beast.

The First Epistle of Peter, chapter 1, verse 4 shows us that Christ has purchased an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, etc. In First Corinthians 15th chapter and verse 50: "now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." Then in verse 53: "For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality," showing us our perfect state in the resurrection, and not in our corruptible state in which we are here.

I have been asked the question several times if those who have not come under the power of the Gospel will have a chance. Certainly they will, after the Second Resurrection. You may ask me for proof, which I will gladly offer you. In Revelation 21st chapter, John sees a new heaven and a new earth

and the description he gives transpires after this. He says in the 7th verse: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son." You are already His sons here and have overcome before the new heaven and new earth and have reigned with Him a thousand years. In the 22nd chapter and 14th verse it says: "Blessed are they that do His commandments," not you that HAVE DONE His commandments, but they that do His commandments. The 17th verse says: "And the spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

You may ask how can they obey the Gospel? The Saviour says: We cannot be saved without obeying the law of the Gospel. And He has provided for this in Revelations 20th chapter and 6th verse which says: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the First Resurrection; on such the second death has no power, but they shall be Priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." As Christ preached to the prisoners that are spoken of in First Peter, 3rd chapter and 19th verse that they would have a chance to hear the Gospel, why not others? He preached to them while His body lay in the tomb. Our work is not finished because we have come forth in the First Resurrection. In the millennium (the thousand years reign) the kingdom is more disciplined and prepared by the consolation of all who have served God from the beginning.

My attention has been called by some of the brethren to First Nephi 22nd chapter, also Second Nephi 9th chapter also the 30th chapter. I would ask all not only to investigate those passages of Nephi, but all the Nephi's, In First Nephi 22nd chapter and verse 11 we read: "Wherefore the Lord God will proceed to make bare His arm in the eyes of all the Nations, in bringing about His covenants and His Gospel unto those who are of the House of Israel," showing us that His favor will be to His covenant people and His displeasure to the wicked. "Wherefore He will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance," and we are shown that all who fight against Zion will perish, meaning the land of restoration.

We find in Second Nephi 10th chapter and verse 10: "But behold, this land saith God, shall be a land of thine inheritance, and the

Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land." Then we draw the attention of all to Third Nephi, 21st verse 12: "And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, 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." In the 23rd verse it says, "And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the House of Israel as shall come that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem." Then in verse 25 it says, "And then shall the power of heaven come down among them. This takes place before the Millennium, when all peoples or Nations are brought together through the Gospel and as He says in verse 17 of the 22nd chapter. "No weapon that is formed against Thee shall prosper," for the law of Christ shall judge the whole earth and He shall go before you and be your reward as He was in the days of Moses.

**AN EXPERIENCE OF
SIS. JOSEPHINE LOFFRANO**

When I was a small girl my Mother died after a lingering sickness. I happened to be in her bedroom at the time of her death. She got out of bed and I asked her why she done so, she said she was going to leave us, but said she would visit me again in 17 years, also I would see much trouble. I was to have another mother, the woman then acting as housekeeper for my father, then she passed away as I was trying to assist her to the bed.

In the following years the above occurrence faded from my memory, I finally married and a little later on, my husband met with The Church of Jesus Christ and obeyed the Gospel. This was in Youngstown, Ohio. The Elders tried hard to convince me of the gospel, but I held out stubbornly against them: at last Bro. Ceasar Talamonti persuaded me to ask the Lord which was the right way.

I done so, and two nights afterwards I dreamed that I saw a woman dressed in black walking on the water toward the shore where I was standing. She called to me saying: Oh daughter! three times. I asked: who are you? She answered, I'm your mother. A man was with her dressed in white. The dream ended.

Two nights later my mother appeared on the water again, she then reminded me of her promise that she would see me in seven-

teen years, also that she died in my arms.

She then drew my attention of her being dressed in black, and said: If you keep strong (faithful) you will have to take this black dress of me in the Second Resurrection, but if you don't prove faithful, I will not be able to dress in white. She then pointed to the man in white saying: He will save you. I realized He was the Lord. He then charged me to be baptized in twenty four hours. I complied.

P.S. This experience was had in the early 1920's. Sister Loffrana was but a very young girl when her mother died. Her experience certainly bears out the saying of Brother Cherry - "Our work is not finished because we came forth in the First Resurrection." Sister Loffrano with her husband move to Detroit later on, and is still faithful to the Church. After the death of her first husband, she remarried and she is well known among the saints in Detroit. As for me, I have always considered her experience a WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE, and too, to have it and the Lord command her to be baptized in 24 hours. This experience along with the experience of sister Sarah Randazza as recorded on page 305 of the Church history. Are we forgetting? Let us all bear in mind that Peter records that the Saviour preached to the spirits in prison as recorded in First Peter 3-19. Do not forget that the word of God says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. I will add that He is not partial to any one people, or to any one dispensation of time. President Cadman.

SISTER DELEARY WRITES

I have just received a Christmas Card from Sister Olive Deleary, formerly of Muncey, Ont., who left the Reservation there after the death of her husband — brother Joseph Deleary, who was buried from our farm home while brothers Ford and Cowan were still there. Sister Deleary moved to a Reservation farther north in Canada to be with some of her relatives after Bro. Deleary died. In the short letter she writes she says, I have not been too well myself, but I leave everything to God. He is the only one that can help me. I know He watches over me every day and I thank Him for His many blessings. God bless you both. From Sister Olive Deleary, Longford Mills, P. O. Ont, Canada."

P. S. It has been a long time since I have had any word from

Sister Deleary. She was baptized at Muncey quite a number of years ago and I am glad to know that she is still putting her trust in the Lord. I remember brother Ford and myself years ago tried to get to their humble hut when a very deep snow was on the ground. We had a horse and 'cutter', we got stuck in the deep snow and had to walk the rest of the way. Years are flying around and God is still the same. Some of you that remember Sister Olive, write her a letter and may God continue to bless her. Bro. Cadman

Wakpala, SOTH Dakota.

Dear Brother Cadman: Just a few lines to let you know of our progress in this part of His vineyard. The path looks a little brighter right now, so far we have had Sunday Schools and prayer meetings every Sunday and this week we are starting to have song service and it is really wonderful. The spirit was with us in singing and after the service we decided to have song service every Wednesday evening and they also wanted to have it on Sunday Evenings.

We have had a packed house every Sunday and for our song service also. Sister Shirley Meeter, has the accordion almost mastered now and it is a miracle how fast she has learned to play.

We received letters from Sister LaBlanc and Sister Swimmer from On The Trees, and they told us in their letters that, they are holding prayer meetings also. They wrote us very nice letters. A sister Crosier, wrote to my wife concerning Sunday School papers that she will have the Company send her some like she is doing for us. Sister LaBlanc requested for ten Beginners and ten Primary Child Sunday School papers. Sister LaBlanc is anxious and willing to work for Jesus, as she had said in her letter.

We the Lamanites wish to thank Sister Crosier, Sister Briggs, Sister Caldwell, Sister DeFoggie, Sister Kelly, Sister Sanders, and Brother and Sister Russell Cadman.

May the Father of Israel watch over you and bless you all, is my prayer.

Your Bro. in Christ, Earl F. DeMarrias Sr. Wakpala, South Dakota.

P.S. since I received the above letter from Bro. DeMarrias, I received another letter from him, in which he informs me that on Dec. 6th he baptized a Mrs. Baker at the same place that Bro. Furnier baptized sister Shirley Meeter last summer, but at this season of the year there was several Indian people present, and they cut a hole

in the ice in order to baptize Mrs. Baker. The Indian people also gathered around during the ceremony and built a fire on the river shore.

May the Lord bless our Indian people. Bro. Cadman

News From Stelton, N.J.

Stelton, has been favored lately with visitors from many branches. One of the most recent groups was from Rochester, N.Y. Their visit was climaxed by a Sunday address delivered by Brother Patsy Marinetti. If his talk were titled it might have been labled 'Faith and Fear.' With deft clarity Brother Marinetti coupled David as the faithful with Saul as the fearful to point up an inspirational sermon.

Also from Rochester, but currently stationed at Valley Forge hospital, was Paul Francione. Brother Paul has managed to be at several of our meetings, and on one occasion had a friend from the army accompany him.

Our greatest blessing of late has been the addition of three new members. Cleveland Baldwin was baptized into the church only one week after his wife, Margaret Baldwin, and his mother, Sally Baldwin, were admitted. The Baldwins were won over to Christ as a result of renewed missionary endeavor prompted by presiding elder Rocco Ensana. The imersions were performed by elder John Buffa, who was responsible to a great extent for the Baldwins coming to the light. (It might be added there are many more prospects in this same neighborhood.)

The extension and renovating of our church building has progressed most satisfactorily. With the meeting room finished we are looking forward to a greater seating capacity and praying to God for sight and blessing to keep it filled. To the saints who have aided our expansion with donations and prayer we extend our deepest thanks.

Brother
George Funkhauser

CATALANO-MEO NUPTIALS

T. Meo, the son of Brother and Sister Rocco Meo of Los Angeles, Calif. and Marian Catalano, daughter of Brother and Sister John Catalano of Manteca, Calif. were united in marriage in the Christian Reformed Church Sept. 17, 1955 in Modesto, Calif. with Bro. Rocco Meo officiating.

Maid of honor was Josephine Catalano, sister of the bride; Maids being Rosie Loyalvo, Rachele Meo, and Nancy Catalano. Flower girl was Debra Meo, niece of the groom. Best man Rudy Meo. Ush-

ers were Leonard Lovalvo, Joe Nichosia, and John Flow. A reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Modesto.

Marian is a graduate of Manteca High School, and her husband is a graduate of Los Angeles High School. The young couple left for their honeymoon in Yosemite, and are making their home in Montebello, Calif. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

P.S. A letter has been received from brother and sister Jonathan Molinatto in their new home at Dillsboro, N. Carolina. We hope all will go well with them, and that may do much good in their venture. WHC.

BROTHER VITO LACOMMARE PASSES ON

Brother Lacommare of Manteca, Calif. passed away on Nov. 7, 1955. He was 74 years old, and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on August 25, 1953.

He leaves to mourn his passing two cousins, Bro. Vito Lacommare of Modesto and Mr. Nick Scarsella of San Diego, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Mark Randy and Joseph Lovalvo. Interment was in Park View Cemetery.

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Detroit 13, Mich.

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines so you may be able to ascertain how we are doing in this part of the vineyard. Thank God we are fairly well, and hope that you, sister Cadman and the rest of bros. and sisters are so also, and doing the best we possible can to further the cause we represent. When I sometimes sit down and begin to reflect on the enormous task our Church has ahead of it, I cannot help but shed tears in an earnest prayer to our dear Heavenly Father, that He will cause every-one of us, His dear children, to realize the great responsibility, we have upon our shoulders, to live righteous lives, that He may be able to use us as His instruments or vessels, for the evangelization of this world, so enraptured in everthing else besides, the things that God would have us to do. Let us think of what King Benjamin has said, in Mosiah 3rd. Chap. 20th. and 21st. verses, And moreover I say unto you, that the time shall come, when the knowl-

edge of a Saviour, shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. And behold when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children, only through repentance, and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent. On the 1st. Sunday of this month my wife, others, and I, met with bro. and sister Furnier, a few other bros. and sisters, including sister Maness, and her son Sherman, from Sarnia, in the Port Huron Church, where we enjoyed ourselves very much spiritually, there was a great coordination of spirit between our Sunday School lesson found in 1st. Corinthians 3rd. Chapter, and the main text for our Service, found in Philippians 3rd. Chapter, part of the 13th. verse, which reads as follows, "But this one thing I do." A few of us left after the service for bro. Silveris Criscuolo's farm, where we were very cordially received, and generously treated. On the 2nd. Sun. of the month, we were in Sarnia, and had an enjoyable time. The 3rd. Sunday my wife and I, spent the day in Branch No. 1, and were greatly blessed, I had the privilege of visiting sister Ruzzi, after we had prayed and fasted for her on Saturday, and she was anointed, she seemed to have been quite encouraged, and told me a number of wonderful experiences. Thursday Thanksgiving Day, we had bro. Joseph Milantoni, of Branch No. 2, Det. Mich. with us in the Branch, he gave us a wonderful talk, on the 33rd. Chap. of Deuteronomy, 13th. through the 17th. verses. The last Sunday of themonth, we spent at Branch No. 3, and had a good time. The singing of the Choir was great. We had bros. Sam. and John Damico, of Rochester, New York, with us. Bro. Sam, spoke from a passage in Luke 15th. Chapter, 11th. verse to the end, and gave us a good talk on the Prodigal Son, bro. John also testified. I expect this article will be published in the January Edition of the Gospel News, if so, Happy New Year, to one and all. May God bless us abundantly, and help us to so live, that when the end of this year shall come, whoever of us that is living, may be found, more dedicated, and consecrated, to the cause of Christ, that it will be a blessing, for anyone to even see us, they will receive a joy within their souls. Much love to one and

all throughout the Church.

Your bro. in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller.

Bro. Herman Mueller, of San Leandro, California, was born April 27th. 1882, died Oct. 22nd. 1955, making him better than 73 years old at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing, Florian Devillers, of San Leandro, and Omer Devillers, of Baltimore Maryland, (stepsons), besides other relatives and friends. He became a Member of the Church of Jesus Christ, in Detroit, Branch No. 1, Sept. 13th. 1942, and moved to California, a few years ago. We hope he died faithfully. His services were conducted in the Sorensen Bros. Chapel, 1140 B. Street, Hayward, Oct. 25th. at 1 P.M. Interment, at the Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward, California.

Bro. Matthew T. Miller.

A POEM OF SUPPLICATION ENTITLED "O LORD"

O Lord, make me according to Thy will divine,
O Lord, that those heavenly gifts will be mine.
O Lord, in Thy Church is my desire to remain,
O Lord, where Christ Jesus doth continue to reign.

O Lord, lead me in paths of truth,
O Lord, thy will might I doeth.
O Lord, forgive me I pray,
O Lord, of my transgressions from day to day.

O Lord, my life will thou consecrate,
O Lord, in Jesus Christ, His ways most straight;
O Lord, that shield of faith, unto me wouldest Thou give,
O Lord, with the sword of the spirit my life I will live.

O Lord, of all gifts, charity I desire,
O Lord, thy love through me thou would inspire;
O Lord, others too, that chance received,
O Lord, from satan, they being relieved.

O Lord, hear now my supplication,
O Lord, thou knowest my determination;
O Lord, O Lord, How holy thou art:
O Lord, O Lord, like Thee, would be my part.

Bro. Paul Benyola

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WAKE O YE PEOPLE

Come and obey the Saviours call,
Receive the grace which conquers all.
Come and the word of God obey,
Twill lead you on the narrow way.
Come guilty souls and flee away,
To Christ and heal your wounds
For this is the welcome Gospel Day.

Come then, and join in the Holy Band,
And on to glory go to dwell in That celestial land.
We want no cowards in our band
That will our colors fly.
We call for valiant-hearted men,
Who're not afraid to die.

Come to Jesus, come away,
Now is the accepted day;
Come and feel His blood applied,
Come and live, for Christ has died.

Sister Nancy Tassome

THOSE WHO HAVE PUBLISHED PEACE

And O how beautiful upon the mountains were their feet!

And Again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that are still publishing peace!

And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace, yea, from this time henceforth and forever!

And behold, I say unto you, this is not all. For O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed His people; yea, Him who has granted salvation unto His people; Mosiah Chapter 15.

HOW BIG ARE YOU?

A Western rancher had asked the district superintendent that a pastor be assigned to his community.

How big a man do you want? asked the superintendent.

"Well," the wiry rancher replied, "we're not overly particular, But when he's on his knees we'd like him to reach heaven." — Sunday School Times

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PEN OF OLIVER COWDERY IN 1835

"Sanctify yourselves, O ye servants of the Lord, for much is re-

quired at your hands; the blood of souls will cry against you except you hasten on your mission; yes, let all raise their warning voice, in meekness and in mildness, for soon will there be a famine for the word of God. Listen, O ye elders, for soon the voice from distant lands will salute you—Come over and help us! Think, for a moment, on the millions in your own land who are destitute of the word of life; think also on the vast multitudes whose thoughts never reached our shores, who are now perishing for lack of vision, and bowing to idols; think of the numberless islands where darkness and the shadow of death prevail, whose waters never covered a soul for the remission of sins, and whose groves, though spicy, were never saluted with the voice of one who proclaimed life and immortality through the power of a risen Saviour!

P. S. Bear in mind that Brother Cowdery was speaking to the Elders of the restored Gospel in the year of 1835, May I ask, are you really Elders of the Christ, who died on Calvary's Cross? Are you I ask, are you really Elders of the Christ who commanded His servants to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, Brother Cowdery's prophetic utterance is being literally fulfilled: those in Africa are calling as in Macedonia—Come over and help us!"

NOTICE

Dear Editor:

We the Branch in Youngstown, Ohio have sold our church, and expect to build a new one in the near future. We are at present meeting in the C. I. O. Hall for both Sunday Services, and Wednesday evening, until our new church is built. Our new address is C.I.O. Hall, 2031 Logan Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Sec. Pauline Ritz

IN THE MISSIONARY FIELD BY BRO. JOSEPH LOVALVO MONTEREY, CALIF.

Brother Editor:

I will not go into all the details of the letter written to me by Brother Lovalvo, but will give you very much of the good that is being accomplished in his missionary labours.

HE says: I have been very busy in my missionary work, and the Lord has blessed me beyond any worthiness of mine. I have b

tized another convert in Monterey making five in all thus far, There is a large group attending our services in Monterey, also a mixture of nationalities, English, Scotch, German, Italian and Spanish. (That sounds good Bro. Joe, You know the Gospel is restored for all nations. WHC) He says our Sunday School is increasing every week. We have an adult class and one childrens class. Brother and Sister Cadman, I am thankful for your prayers, and for all the prayers of the saints, for God has confirmed my Ministry with many signs and miracles. (Well brother Joe, God is still the same. In the days of the early apostles, it is written that the word was confirmed with signs and wonders. WHC)

These Miracles have stirred the hearts of many people in Monterey. I anointed a man who had been sick two weeks. The next day he went to work completely healed. Another instance was a mother brought a sick child to be anointed, and she was made to shout "The Fever is Gone." Twenty persons who were present examined the child to see if the fever was gone. The Glory of God was with us. In this meeting a german woman by the name of - - stood up and said "I am a ministers wife, but in all my life I have never seen or heard of the glory of God as I have seen here today. Even though I was baptized when I was 17 years old. I want all of you to pray for me that some day I will become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ." Brother Joe mentions various experiences similar to these I have referred too which I will not go into the details of, but I believe this is sufficient that you might know that according to his testimony, the Lord is with him in his work. He says these are only some of the miracles God has performed in the city of Monterey.

He says: last Monday night in Monterey, a Mexican minister and 12 members of his congregation attended our services. They belong to the Assembly of God. I preached on Rev. 14:6-7, I enjoyed wonderful liberty. They are all coming back on Sunday. I have been invited to their homes and have a meeting with them on Saturday night. As we were singing the closing hymn, the Ministers wife asked them to make a free-will of-