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TIME FLIES SWIFTLY AWAY

By the time this Issue of The Gospel News reaches you, the year of 1956 will have gone and never to return again. HOW TIME DOES FLY! And, can you tell where it goes?

Some strange expressions have been made by the servants of God when under the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. For instance Peter in his First Epistle, 4:7-8 "But the END OF ALL THINGS is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover a multitude of sins." Then in his Second Epistle 3:8,9 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that ONE DAY is with the Lord as a thousand years and a THOUSAND YEARS as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;" etc. Many years have passed on since the days of Peter.

It seems to me that the great object of the Apostle Peter was to carry out the injunction of his Master, "Go ye, preach the gospel to all the world."

Peter undoubtedly knew of the words of His Master: "The Son of Man shall send forth His angels and they shall gather out of His Kingdom (the Lord's Kingdom) all things that do offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire" etc. Might it not be well for all to consider that the END OF ALL THINGS is at hand, and that the duty of God's servants is, to preach the gospel that none might perish? Bro. Cadman.

NEW YEARS

I wonder as the hour draws near What are the thoughts of those who fear, what the future holds for them.

When time was theirs, did they use it well? Or in a slipshod manner, did they rest a spell; with work undone, and souls unsaved, Did they say; Oh there is another day.

When today is all He promised us. To use it well, we surely must; For once it's gone, it is no more ours; So let us fill it full of flowers; Of kind words, kind deeds, and cheery smiles.

God will, and low, now let us shower On those we meet along the way. The lame, the sick, the halt, the blind. That they may have some peace of mind.

Their faith strengthened, hope revived in Him, who cared enough to die, That fear, no longer have a place In the hearts of them who seek His grace, But with joyful hearts their voices ring The old year out and the new year in.....Unsigned.

NATURE

Bounteous nature by God created, how have you the power to move the hearts and souls of men to divine charity and tender compassion? Why do you bring tears to the eyes of the strong and humble the mighty's surging pride? How is it that you are able to strengthen the weak, to quicken the unabated spirit of the afflicted, and to comfort the mourner? What is there about you that causes the offender to repent of his offense, and at the same time makes the godly quake with fear?

The strong, the weak, the ungodly, and the righteous all hold you in mutual awe and reverence. Why?

It is because in you they behold something greater than they. They see in you the very powers of life and death, of joy and sorrow, of justice and mercy. Yea, they see this and more, for through coming in tune with you they see and understand the very arm and face of the eternal God.

By Bro. Donald J. Curry

THE IMPERIAL MISSION

(By Bro. Wm. Kunkel)

The world was my shepherd
I shall never want again;
It maketh me to lie down at
sins door,
It leadeth me into destruction,
It destroyeth my soul for the
glory of the world.
But now the captive is set free,
The Lord is my shepherd

Him, will I always want;
He maketh me to lie down in
Green Pastures
He leadeth me by the still wa-
ters,
He restoreth my soul for His
names sake.
Praise God, ye children of Zion,
Break forth with singing;
For He has anointed our heads
With oil of gladness,
For surely goodness and mercy
shall follow
Us all our days.

GIFT OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS TO OUR THANKSGIVING

The Iroquois Indians had six regular festivals or thanksgivings: Maple, Planting, Strawberry, Green Corn, Harvest, and White Dog — all of a religious character and celebrated by symbolic rites. Typical of these were the Feather, Fish and Trotting dances.

At the end of the Feather Dances, held in the autumn, the Indians thanked the Great Spirit for just being alive.

The first formal Thanksgiving by the settlers was held in 1621 on a date set by Governor Bradford. The pilgrims invited the Indians to share three days of feasting and thanksgiving. Without the food brought by the Indians there would have been little feasting.

Corn was the staple food crop upon which the Aztec, Mayan and Incan cultures were founded. Long before the advent of the white man the Indians were cultivating hills of beans and peas and vines of tomatoes, pumpkins and squash Nuts, berries, wild turkeys, deer, fish and oysters added to the diet.

The foods which are directly now comprise more than half the derived from American Indians agricultural wealth of the world today and also constitute the major portion of our traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

On receiving a pressing invitation from the president of the California District of The Church of Jesus Christ to attend their Conference on November 2 and 3, I left my home on October 31st

and boarded a T.W.A. plane at the Pittsburgh Airport at 10:15 a.m., was on the ground in Chicago for one hour and at 8:00 p.m. Pittsburgh time I was on the ground in Los Angeles, one half hour later than scheduled time. The plane cruised at 19000 feet high, and I was told we were traveling at 400 miles per hr. Brother Robert Watson Jr. was on hands when I landed and took me to his home about 30 miles away. It was a wonderful trip.

My return ticket called for me to leave Los Angeles on the morning of Nov. 19th for home, which gave me three Sundays to spend with our people in California, and of which I was kept on the go.

Arriving there on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. our time back here, it was only 5:00 p.m. on the west coast, consequently I had time to eat supper at Bro. Watson's home and then attend meeting at the Van Nuys church in the San Fernando Valley, recently built and dedicated to the service of God by the saints of that community, and they have a wonderful edifice to worship God in. Our folks were glad to welcome me in their midst.

The next evening Bro Watson took me in his car to visit Bro. Heaps. Bro. Jimmie was very poorly, but felt that he was gradually gaining strength. He had a rather hard seige of it in the operating room, and another instance of that kind might be too much for him to bear. He was not able to attend the Conference. Returning back home with Bro. Watson I attended meeting again the next night at the Van Nuys church. And then the next two days Saturday and Sunday they had a conference in this same church—business sessions all day on Saturday, and our worshipping meetings on Sunday all day. A very nice crowd was gathered together from the various Branches of the Church in California, which are growing in numbers. Our folks in that part of the vineyard must be given much credit for their missionary endeavors, and their accomplishments. I am sure we have a group of fine brothers and sisters on the Pacific Coast—including the Mexican Indian People who are obeying the Gospel.

Having only three Sundays to spend with them, I did not stay for the Sunday night session, I was obliged to do some planning in order to visit all our places of meetings. At the close of the af-

ternoon meeting there was two or three cars returning to Modesto, possible 300 miles away. I thought that would be my chance to visit at Modesto, so I went in one of their cars to the home of Bro. Joseph Lovalvo, rode part of way in Mr. Peter Ruffino's car. Mr. Ruffino's wife and daughter have been baptized into the church and he shows a very friendly attitude toward the church.

On my way to Modesto I evidently ate something that did not agree with me, and Monday especially I had an unpleasant time, but brother and sister Lovalvo and bro. Michael Randazzo (a brother Physician) took good care of me, and by Tuesday evening I was very well again. I had much appreciation for their thoughtfulness of me.

The next day (Wednesday) Mr. Ruffino took me in his Cadillac and showed me around the city and surrounding country, also took me out to see the new church our brethren are building, which will be a very nice church when finished, which may be completed before Christmas.

Mr. Ruffino also took me along with others to see the city of San Francisco possibly 100 miles away — a wonderful drive, a wonderful city to see, and too, the wonderful Cadillac which does not need wings to fly. On returning back to Modesto, I attended their meeting on Thursday evening where a nice audience had gathered together, and where we had a pleasant evening together in the service of God. Mr. Ruffino is a very friendly man, entertained me in his home. He came from Italy to this country when quite a young boy, and has certainly done well in the blessed land of America.

On Friday morning Bro. Lovalso went with me to the Airport and I boarded a plane for San Diego which was 5 to 6 hundred miles away. We landed at about five different cities before reaching our destination—a very pleasant trip indeed.

On arriving at San Diego, Bro. Ray Saczyko met me at the Airport, and took me to his home for a short visit with his wife and family, and then took me to the home of Bro. Ben Ciccati. Ben is a school teacher, but was off on Saturday and spent the day taking me to the different homes of our people, and where I was made welcome by all. We attended meeting in their church on Friday evening, and a nice crowd was present and welcomed me.

I attended meetings all day on Sunday, some of the folks from Los Angeles and from San Fernando Valley followed me there, and we had a nice day together. At the close of Sunday meeting a young man ask to be baptized on the following Sunday, they had hopes by that time others would join in with him. While in San Diego, we visited the home of brother and sister Breeca. They have a small lemon tree in their yard, only about four feet high, but they gave me two lemons off the tree that measured 14 1-2 inches in circumference and weighed 1 1-2 lbs. each. A very small tree, but I counted better than 20 big lemons on it. I enjoyed my visit with the saints in San Diego, and on Monday Morning Bro. and Sister Saczyko took me in their car to Los Angeles. It was a wonderful drive along the shore of the Pacific Ocean for miles. This happened to be Veterans Day. We finally arrived at the home of Bro. Kirkpatrick in South Gate, and they took me to Bro. Hendersons where Bro. Heaps is staying for the present. Bro. Heaps seemed to be getting stronger but still was far from being a strong man. He took me around some in his car.

Arrangements were already made for me to spend two nights at the Church in Van Nuys, and then three nights in Bell Church at Los Angeles. These meetings were all very well attended, and I believe enjoyed by all present. I will add that we have four very nice church buildings in Calif., of course the Modesto building was not yet finished, but along with the others will be a credit to The Church of Jesus Christ. While visiting in the Los Angeles district, I spent one night at the home of Bro. and Sister Purdue, and I must not forget Sister Norma who is very active — along with others. In the morning after we had our breakfast, (you all know of course that Sister Purdue is a Jewish lady) it was not long until one of her Jewess friends came in with a Bible in her hands, then in a little while three Mexican Indian ladies came in, and we had quite a nice talk together for some time. The Jewess much interested in the scripture pertaining to Jesus coming into the world, and comparing her Bible (old testament) with ours, and of course hearing much of the new testament concerning Jesus in fulfillment of their own prophets. I

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Signs of the Times . . .

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The recently released figures on the increase of juvenile misbehavior are not very encouraging to organizations engaged in combating this evil. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed in a recent report that juvenile arrests in 1955 were 11.4 percent more in number than the previous year. Dr. Martha Eliot of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced that about half a million children were arraigned in courts during 1955, a rise of nine per cent over 1954. In New York City, Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy in attempting to curtail juvenile crime in certain areas made one-third more arrests but **did not** reduce the crime ratio.

All this brings to mind the second epistle of Paul to the Apostle Timothy. In the third chapter, first verse: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." And in the second verse continues: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."

The root of trouble with the young people is obvious. In a statement as to cause and effect Commissioner Kennedy said "—in most cases it has been found that the history of the delinquent is characterized by lack of religious training." This lack is certainly not because of insufficient facilities. The churches of today are garnished with gymnasiums, recreation halls and youth programs that all but pamper the young. It would seem that the children go into church but not much of the church goes into the children.

The greatest shortcomings of religious training is in the home. Survey after survey shows that in many churches outside our own the children are sent to church, not taken. This is sort of 'do as I say, not as I do' policy. Former President Truman advocates the return of the woodshed treatment and may be right, but the entire juvenile picture reflects signs of the times of these last days.

Latest statistics show that only 29 percent of the world population

believes in some form of Christianity. This means that more than two thirds of over two billion people must first be told of Christ before they can be introduced to the restored gospel. The magnitude of this vast work that God will cause to be performed in such a short time makes us stand in awe.

The Roman Catholic Church has announced the opening of a new seat of learning in this country devoted primarily to the study and teaching of Mary, mother of Jesus. Main theme of the curriculum will be that only through Mary the 'intercessor', can one attain Christ, heaven, or even have prayers heard.

This new school is evidently part of the program by the Roman Church to minimize the role of Christ for redemption and increase that of the 'Holy Mother.' Climaxing centuries of interest in Mary, this new intensity is a specialized science and Maryology is fast becoming the centermost doctrine of the Papal system.

Arnold Toynbee, noted historian, says the human race may soon do away with two of its great scourge — war and pestilence. With atomic weapons making war unreasonable and technological advances about to end the threat of disease, Mr. Toynbee sees the danger of another menace. He states that famine will destroy us if we do not control the birth rate and prevent over-populating.

Either this scientist does not know the scripture or he discounts it entirely to bring forth such conclusions. Space does not permit for us to give the portions of the Bible refuting the above theory but man's peace is temporary, at best, and scourge of disease will be on us until God's peace comes. When we hear of a concept such as the above we discern a sign of the times and find ourselves uttering the words of the prophet; "how long, Lord?"

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think she is on the verge of accepting the humble Nazarene as her long looked for Messiah—May the Lord bless her soul. And then the other three Ladies of Mexican Indian extraction, much interested in the Book of Mormon, who are beginning to learn that it is a history of the dealings of God with their fathers of long ago—yes the American Indians whom the man Columbus was moved upon by the Spirit of God and his movements brought to light the people we know as Indians, who are really a part of the House of Israel, yea a people who were once the Apple of God's eye, and the offspring of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his cruel brothers, yet their act eventually saved them from famine. Praise God for His mysterious ways — it is written that His ways are past finding out. These Mexican women's faces seemed all aglow to learn that the loving God has something good in store for their oppressed race of people, yea, they are a part of the Chosen People of God, and He will not forget them when He gathers Israel together again. This subject seems to buoy me up and I feel to praise God.

At the close of the Friday night Meeting, I went to the home of Brother Harry Marshall and his friendly wife, who is also a sister in the Church. They have a very nice home and I was at home with them. After we had our breakfast on Saturday Morning in their car they took me out visiting. We ate dinner with Harry's mother our older sister Marshall, formerly from Perryopolis, Pa. We also picked up sister Purdue and we went to see the Mission House where her and brother Purdue are doing a good work among the Mexican people. They pay 100 dollars a month rent for a building, but they rent part of it out for 55.00 dollars, while that is a big help, yet it makes their rent high. Brother and Sister Purdue are buying a lot in the neighborhood, and have torn down an old building that was given to them, and it is their hopes that someday they can erect a building of their own, to do their missionary work in among the Mexican Indian people. The Mexican people generally talk Spanish, but many of them talk good English.

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EDITORIAL

I observe that the term "priesthood" is being loosely used in this Church, and I write this Editorial with a view of correcting it. I will add too, that I am not alone in my observations.

I first draw your attention to the fact as is recorded in Alma 13-1,2, that those priests were ordained after the "Holy Order" of His Son, meaning Jesus Christ, to whom we might look forward to for redemption. In verse 6 it says that this priesthood is the Holy Order of God, and in verse 7 it says: "This high priesthood being after the order of His Son, which was from the foundation of the world." And in verse 9, "Thus they (men) become high priests forever, after the order the Son, the Only Begotten of the Father, who is without beginning of days or end of years" etc. Now I wish to draw your attention as to how the name Melchizedek came into use. He was king of Salem and was ordained to the office of high priest, read the 18th verse. Then if you will read verse 19, you will learn that there was many (priests) before him, and also there was many ordained after him, meaning before and after Melchizedek, but none of them were greater than him. Because of the prominence of Melchizedek the priesthood was called after his name. But bear in mind that in verse 16 it is made plain that this is but a 'type' of the order of Jesus Christ that we might look forward to Him. (Christ) for a remission of sins. Hence, this order was to be in force until the Messiah would come into the world, and of course be offered up on the cross, as He was.

It is evident from the scriptures that Jesus Christ is the last and great high priest after the order of Melchizedek, read Hebrews 5-6 "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The type is now no more, Christ the pre-eminent of ALL has come. That which was a type became a reality, perfected in the sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

Therefore, be it understood that the Saviour was after the order of Melchizedek, but we as Elders are ordained after the order of Christ.

'Priesthood' then, is the authority to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel and in baptizing converts in the water, we raise our hand declaring we have "authority" to do so. I received a letter some time ago, which exhibited ignorance in using the term 'priesthood'. We as Elders may grow old, but the Priesthood of Jesus Christ is eternal, and as Elders we are ordained into the priesthood of Christ, and not into Melchizedek. Yea, let us all be careful how we use the term 'priesthood' and let us give the PRE-EMINENCE to whom it belongs — Him who led CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE and gave gifts unto men, — the Lord Jesus Christ. Editor.

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After this, Bro. and Sister Marshall took me to see a Neice of mine, a Mrs. Elizabeth Cadman Dempsey and her husband. We had a visit with them. I had not seen my niece for ten years or more. We then started on our way to brother James Lovalvo's home where I was to spend the night. On our way we drove around the Mormon Temple, a wonderful building it is, costing, I am told six million dollars. In these Temples the Utah Mormon Church baptizes for the dead, and also perform marriages that are to endure throughout eternity, a strange doctrine indeed, which is not supported either by Bible or Book of Mormon, but is based on what they call the revelation of God. It is certainly not in harmony with the revealed word of God in the two books already mentioned.

We arrived at the home of Brother Lovalvo, where we spent the evening, and I spent the night. The next morning I along with the Lovalvo family drove in to the Bell Church and spent the day in service there. A very nice day was spent. Three services besides their Sabbath School. At the close of these meetings I bid them goodbye and went home with brother and sister Mercurio, who lived near the Airport, had a nights rest and bro Mercurio took me to the Airport in the morning, where I boarded a T.W.A. plane for Pittsburgh at about 11:40 a.m. Pittsburgh time. I spent an hour in

Chicago, changed planes, and was on ground again in the Airport at Pittsburgh at 8:00 p.m. My wings did not fail me. I was no worse for the trip, and I hope my visit will not prove in vain, and I will add that there is quite a Missionary spirit prevalent among our brothers and sisters in California. May the Lord still bless their efforts. Brother Cadman.

**BRO. DICK
(Continued)**

On 4th day of July bro. Bitterer and I left his home at 4:15 A.M. for the train station where we board a train to Calif. On our way to Calif. I discovered that my one time meal while with the Saints cost them \$7.95.

Bro. Bitterer at Chicago bought one orange at 25 cents for me, there I noticed that it will cost the saints 75 cents if I will take three oranges as I use to take.

While I was there with the saints I did not take ice cream and some other things but I did eat all on our way to Calif. I met with one man working in the train who spoke to me some words of which I am not going to say here but Bro. Bitterer knew. I over slept in the train at Calif. We arrived Los Angeles on 6th July at 11 p.m. and we tried to contact some folks before bro Heaps with others, could come for us, it was 11:30 p.m. When we arrived at bro. James Heaps home, I had good meal. We attended the Church dedication on 8th July, 1956 where they requested me to tell them how my people lived and what their works were. Bro. Bitterer added that while he was in Nigeria he pick Nigerian News paper reporting the death of one Chief with seventy wives and I confirmed same. On 9th July, we visited Modesto where we spent few days there. We enjoyed ourselves with the Saints there. On 12th July we return from Modesto to Los Angeles but we were disappointed by the Bus and our Suit Case were left behind; When we came back to join the Bus our Suit Case was already forwarded before us. I asked bro. Bitterer about the Suit Case for I was not pleased to miss my suit case, but I was surprised to see it arrived in Los Angeles before us without any-thing missing. We spent few days with the folks at Los Angeles before we could pass to San Diego on the 19th July, but for the few days there we enjoyed the visit there. On Monday 23rd July, before we left San

Diego to Detroit where bro Bittinger picked one News paper which reported the accident of the Chief, the train we took to Chicago; We arrived at Detroit 26th July at 1:49 a.m. Bro. and sister Miller met us at Detroit's train Station for a month I did not see bro and sister Cadman. On 28th July I saw bro Cadman and others the same day I was Ordained. I stayed with the saints at Detroit and enjoyed them also. On 6th August, I left Detroit for Lorain. I also spent few days with the folks at Lorain, I stayed at the home of bro and sister Patsy Fyre from there I visited other Saints on the 9th August; I left Lorain for Warren where I stayed at the Home of Bro and sister D. Giovannone holding meeting there with the saints. On 11th August I left Warren for Youngstown where I spent a day with the folks there and also held meeting with them on Sunday 12th August. Infact where ever I visited while in America I met with good brothers and sisters. Frankly speaking I enjoyed myself with them, they always make me feel at Home. In all, while I was in America I received a wonderful blessing from God. I took several pictures of the sisters and brothers for my remembrance of my visit to the blessed land of America. On Monday 13th August I left Youngstown for Monongahela Pa., and on 14th August, we held meetings with the Roscoe Branch, there I spoke after bro. Cadman.

I have a talk with Bro. Cadman, there I noticed that the cost to live in America was \$197.00 with a family of four in a month. Cost of burial is \$1,400.00 while burial in Nigeria will cost \$85.00 and cost to live with family of four in Nigeria will be \$45.00 depending upon the type of food one may like to eat.

On 15th August we held meeting at Monongahela also had meeting at West Elizabeth on 16th August, before I followed bro and sister Bittinger to their home.

On 17th Aug. we visited different brothers and sisters and also attended meeting at Vanderbilt. On 18th being Saturday we visited Bro. Bittinger's Father and sisters. On Sunday 19th we attended meeting at Greensburg, also went to Monongahela. I sang few Hymns in afternoon service. A girl from Aliquippa told me that at Aliquippa they have four baptisms and John Ross Jr. was the fourth. On August 22nd the folks of Monongahela held a farewell service on my behalf.

Bro. Bittinger spoke and followed, then we left Monongahela for New Jersey. On August 24th we visited Edison Tower and on the 25th I attended the last service with the folks in New Jersey. On the 26th we visited the Empire State Bldg. and on the 27th I met with a man from Afikpo, Nigeria. I also attended a meeting at New Brunswick. We left Hopelawn for New York on the 28th. I attended meetings with the folks at Bronx Church. On 29th brothers and sisters from New Jersey, New York and Monongahela said good-bye to me. They stayed with me on the ship for awhile. Three Africans were with me on the ship. I had a nice room in the boat.

At 6 p.m. August 29th we left New York for Portland, Maine where we spent three days. On Sept. 2, 1956 we left Portland for Freetown Africa, and we arrived there on Monday, Sept. 17th at 8 a.m.

We spent a day there. Four of us go on shore where I met with a man by name M. Wary, 10 Dukes St. Freetown who like me to come to their town and establish the Restored Gospel of Christ for his people. We left Freetown the next day, arriving at Accra on Friday 21st at 2 p.m. The wharf was too dangerous so none of us went on shore. We left Accra on the 23rd Sept. and arrived at Lagos, Nigeria on the 24th Sept. 1956.

At 6 p.m. the folks at Lagos who are interested in the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ received me very highly. Their welcome letter to me reads as follows: Welcome Address Presented to Rev. A. A. Dick on the Occasion of his returning from U. S. A.

"We Brothers in Christ Jesus have the pleasure and honour in presenting this our sincere and most hearty address of Welcome to you. We thank God through Christ Jesus for having protected you throughout the whole of the period of your stay in U.S.A. and mostly throughout your journey in the deep Blue Oceans.

Now that you have gone far to such a Country which none of us here has ever been to, and you have seen many things. We hereby pray that you will show us the light so that we may find the way.

It is a pity indeed Brother Dick, the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, therefore in view of this

fact, we trust that you will not look to the nature of our gift, but to the spirit in which the gift is offered to you. In other words, it is not here that we should have welcomed you into these Bright Sun Shine of our Country Nigeria-Africa, but owing to the condition, we are forced to do so. However as much as your mission is not for worldly pleasures we are convinced that you will take everything to the Glory of God. May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May the Lord maketh His Countenance to shine upon you and give you peace. Amen"

Your Brothers

1. N.J. Umoh

2. J.E. Ebong

3. J.U. Obott & three others.

I spent a day with them; on the next day I left Homeward arriving home Wednesday 26th Sept. at 4:30 p.m. On my way home after Ikot Ekpene 3-4 of a mile to my home I saw more than 100 sisters of the Restored Gospel holding a meeting at Ikot Obong Church of Jesus Christ and I waved my hand to them. Arriving at my home I saw my wife sitting idle, she was very very surprised to see me. On 30th Sept. I attended the first service with my people at Ikot Ebak and more than 500 people attended service that day.

All were happy to see me the Secretary of the County Council-Abak with all the staffs also with the policeman came to see me and to hear from me.

To be continued by Bro. Dick.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Brother George Funkhouser, a member of the Edison Branch of the Church in New Jersey has contacted me recently, and has proposed inaugurating a column or two under the heading of "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" in The Gospel News. I have accepted his proposition, feeling that it will be interesting and edifying to our readers. The contents thereof will be the work of Bro. Funkhouser at his own free volition, in whom I have confidence, is thoroughly competent to edit the same, being employed in the printing and publishing profession.

I have now been editing and seeing the Gospel News deposited in the post office for 12 years, now to start on the 13th. I have no regrets as to the time and labour spent, but I do realize to keep the paper going, some one will

eventually have to take over — and I have prayed to that end. Now, Brother George of his own free will is now writing encouraging letters to me. I appreciate it very much I am sure. I do not know if it is wrong to wish for BIG THINGS or not, but I do wish that I had \$25,000 dollars, and the consent of the Church to build a room of sufficient size on the lower corner of our Church property here in Monongahela, and install it with printing equipment, and have Brother Funkhouser to take over. I feel sure of his ability to do so. He is open to be chosen. Our Publishing business is growing, and will continue to grow as we exert our selves in the preaching of the Restored Gospel. Our paper should be increased from its eight pages to 12 pages, it would then be a very nice periodical, I believe a credit to any Church, and there is no doubt in my mind but what it has, and will continue for a good purpose in the work of the Church. The Monongahela Publishing Co. has served us well in printing the paper for us. They started to print the paper in June 1945. Brethren and Sisters: I have visions for the future — Shall I see them realized?

Brother Funkhouser's work will be open for your comments. Editor WHC.

JOHN G. CHERRY PASSES ON

Brother John Cherry died on November 23rd 1956. He was born on March 14, 1875, making him a little short of being 82 years old at death. His wife preceded him in death a few years ago. He was the eldest son of our late Bro. Alexander Cherry.

He leaves three daughters to mourn his passing — Mrs. Amy Martin of near Steubenville, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah Crouch of Gibsonia, Pa. and Laverne of California State. Also two step daughters and three step sons all in or near Monongahela. Two brothers, Alexander of Uniontown, Pa. and Teman of R. D. Monongahela, and many other relatives and friends, including several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Brother John lived in this community for about 43 years and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. Owing to his feeble condition he was not able to attend church for sometime past. He had a lingering illness, due mostly to his age. He has now passed

on to his reward. May the Lord comfort his children, and all that are near and dear to him.

ABRAHAM GEORGE PASSES ON

Word has been received that Brother George of the Muncey Indian Reservation at Muncey, Ont. Canada has passed on to his reward. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ some years ago, and was buried from our Church at Muncey. He leaves his wife Sister Alice Seth George to mourn his passing. She herself is getting feeble and well up in years, but has been a very faithful sister in the church. May the Lord comfort her. Bro. Cadman.

PHILIP J. MILECO PASSES ON

Philip Mileco was born July 24, 1890 in Italy. An illness of some three months finally proved fatal to our beloved brother. He died November 23, 1956 in the Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio. Surviving him are his widow, Josephine Mileco; two brothers, Peter and Rocco, in Argentina, South America; a sister, Catherine, in Italy, and nine step-children, all of Youngstown, Ohio, excepting for the youngest, Marlene, at home with her mother.

Brother Mileco emigrated from his native Italy to America in his early teens and eventually settled in West Aliquippa, Pa. where he spent some forty years of his life and was well and favorably known. Along with his former wife, Rose — deceased in 1944, he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in early 1920 at Youngstown, Ohio. Shortly after this he was ordained into the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ and was instrumental in winning converts to the church which resulted in the organization of a branch of the church in West Aliquippa, Pa.

He bore a good testimony to the Restored Gospel and was faithful to the end. He sealed his testimony with these final words to his wife, "I am prepared to meet my God." Services were conducted by Brother John Ross and our beloved brother was laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery. May God comfort his widow and other relatives.

DiDonato-Loughren Nuptials

On November 17, 1956, Miss

Madeine DiDonato, daughter of Sister Mary DiDonato, became the bride of Mr. Irving (Gene) Loughren of Carsonville, Mich. They were married in a double ring ceremony at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 3, in Detroit, Mich. The bride was attended by Sister Josephine D'Amico and Miss Elizabeth DiDonato, while the groom's attendants were Mr. Max Luke and Attilio Trovarelli. Bro. Nicholas Pietrangolo officiated, and Sister Cipponeri, provided the nuptial music.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Frank DiDonato. After a short honeymoon in Washington, D. C., the couple will reside at Centerline, Michigan. Best wishes are extended to the Happy Pair.

By Matthew T. Miller

G.M.B.A. HOLDS CONFERENCE IN NEW JERSEY

The General Missionary Benevolent Association held its semi-annual conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey on Saturday November 10. The morning meeting convened at 10:30, and it was taken up entirely with business.

In the afternoon meeting the conference concluded its business, which included the election of officers. During this meeting the assembly discussed the organizing of the M.B.A. into regional districts to promote social and spiritual activities of the respective regional areas. Districts were not organized, but a step was made in that direction by authorizing the locals of regional areas to form joint committees to sponsor joint local activities and by forming a G.M.B.A. committee to investigate and discuss the matter and to report on its findings to the next G.M.B.A. conference. At the close of the afternoon meeting Bro. Domenic Thomas, the G.M.B.A. president, struck the note that was to prevail throughout the remainder of the conference with an inspiring talk about bringing ourselves into a state of religious stability through realizing the futility of a life apart from God and by availing ourselves of the truth of the Restored Gospel.

During the intermission before the evening service, two young men from Youngstown, Ohio were baptized.

At 7:00 P.M. the assembly again met and Bro. Domenic Thomas turned the meeting over to the

New Jersey locals who gave an inspiring program entitled "The Harvest is Ripe — Reapers Are Needed." It consisted of various choral selections and readings all appropriate to the theme, and it was well presented. Following the program, the president asked all of the young converts present who had been baptized in the last six months to step forward and give their testimonies. The Spirit of God was certainly with them, for by the end of the evening six more young people asked for baptism.

Sunday was also an eventful day. The New Jersey branches held a general gathering, and many from the G.M.B.A. conference attended the services. There was a wonderful morning meeting with the Prodigal Son as the subject. After the meeting, five more declared themselves ready for baptism.

This was a G.M.B.A. conference that will long live in the hearts and memories of those who attended.

Sec: Sister Ruth E. Akerman

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA NOV. 28th, 1956

Dear brother and sister Cadman:

This is to inform you that your letter of Nov. 15th has been received, thanks. We have a wonderful time with the saints on Sunday Nov. 25th. We have sixty young folks baptized, in fact we felt the blessing of God. Bros. Dick, S. U. Bassey and N. Akpan are on Missionary work out at Abode Division. We hope their visit to our folks some way in Nigeria will be a great blessing to all of us.

He (Bro. Dick) will leave for Lagos on the 12th December after our M.B.A. Conference at Abak. Bro. Dick always talk of you. He says he liked American foods. He may visit you folks some time in future. Write to us. He has planted those fruits, (seeds) on our Thanksgiving Day is this month. Sister Ford has not written to me yet.

From my home to Arit S. U. Bassey home is a half mile, it will take her five years to complete her schooling in a college before she can teach. We will close (school) on the 7th of December for two months.

Brother Dick always tell me how he was eating with the brothers and sisters while he was there, he like Bros. Cadman and Bitting-

er to eat his share. We are praying for you all, May God bless all of you, Amen.

Sister E. A. Dick.

P. S. Our folks in Nigeria, W. Africa are much disappointed that no Missionary workers are being sent to them. I myself feel sorry for them in their disappointment. I read in Rev. 14, 6 "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred, and tongue, and people." Brethren, you claim the angel has flown, do you not? Bro. Cadman.

TO THE GOSPEL NEWS

Dear Brother Cadman:

I received your card and was glad you arrived okay. I am feeling a lot better now. I can say everybody enjoyed your stay in California. I want to take this means of thanking all my brothers and sisters who prayed for me and the many cards I received from all over the country. May God bless you all and now I write a little on my subject, of, Sirs I would see Jesus. The passover was approaching and was drawing the Jews from all parts of Palestine to the Temple. On entering the Temple, He found in the court of the Gentiles, persons selling sheep and doves for sacrifices, and near them sat the brokers, making exchange of money. These brokers changed foreign money into the sacred half shekel which was levied on every Jew of twenty years old. Jesus had witnessed this desecration of Gods House every year from His early boyhood. To Him, it had become intolerable. Now He had entered upon His mission. Eighteen years before that, He had stood upon that very spot and said, "I must be about My Fathers business". This was the House of God. He would not allow this anymore. The cattle may have stood by in pairs and the rope may have been used to lead these animals up to sacrifice. Jesus made a whip of cords and whipped them out of the Temple. The Spirit of the old prophets was upon Him. Whether He actually applied the lash to their backs, we do not know. His presence, his act so like that of the old prophets, may have exerted such a moral force upon their guilty consciences, that they fled before the blow. He overturned the tables of the money changers and cleared the Temple and said,

"Ye have made My House a den of thieves."

We have seen Him loving and kind to the leper. The blind and the lame came into the Temple to be healed, but in the presence of evildoers, He is the stern rebuker. Perhaps they could recall the words of John, whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge His floor. And the words of David, The zeal of thy House has eaten me up. The Jews demanded His authority for this amazing act. The demand might have come from two classes. Some, no doubt, looking for him to show His Messiahship, and others to rebuke Him. The worldly and secular hated Him for this act. The Sanhedrin or a prophet was the only one that could correct abuses in the Temple. Hence by what authority. His answer was Destroy this Temple and in three Days I will raise it up again. It seems no one, even His disciples understood Him. Toward Jesus there was no kind feelings. He had been associated with John who had called them a generation of vipers. Their love of the Temple was great and then to listen to Jesus say destroy this Temple. They could not stand that, and then build it up in three days was out of all reason. Then said the Jews, 46 years was this Temple in building, and will thou rear it up in three days. But He spake of the Temple of His body. John 2: 18 to 21.

Any careless speech in regard to the temple was unpardonable. Herod the Great had taste for this building and had spent great sums of money in its expansion. Josephus says He began in the eighteenth year of His reign, but in His war of the Jews, He says in the fifteenth year if the latter be taken, it will give twenty years to the birth of Jesus and thirty years to this passover. If we take four years to correct our era we have just 46 years. 50—4—46 years. Jesus knew He had signed His own Death warrant. He awaited the result.

Your Brother in Christ
James Heaps

SISTER DARLENE LARGE DEPARTS FOR SOUTH AMERICA

Sister Darlene Large of Glassport, Pa., the former Miss Darlene Dintino, has recently left to join her husband in Caracas, Venezuela, where Mr. Large has accepted a position. She is the

granddaughter of Sister Concetta Dintino of the Glassport Branch. She was recently married by Brother James Curry on June 16 in the Glassport Church, after completing three years as a Commercial Art student at Pennsylvania State College. Sister Large was baptized into the Church just prior to her departure.

LETTER FROM SISTER BETTY GRIFITH

Dear Editor:

I have much to tell you of concerning my God and, but before writing more, I want oh, so much to tell you that my God has truly been a Blessed Saviour to me. It has been before my going home this year, that I had any seizures and I have ever since been feeling more healthier and truly I have also been enjoying God's word more and more each day. I have plenty indeed to thank and forever praise Him, for I again will have the chance of going to school and learn what I haven't at home. I am constantly praying for each and every one of the Church Members, praying that those who are ill will overcome it like I have mine, but only through the Lord. May the Lord bless you one and all.

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Editor & All:

May God bless you everyone. We here in Detroit No. 3 have had a wonderful season in the service of God. Several of our Elders attended Conference, each returning with shining faces and renewed courage.

At our feet - washing - service we felt the nearness of God, His Spirit swelling in our souls. Bro. Leet was ordained an Evangelist. Bro. Frank Conti a Deacon and Sister Josephine D'Amico a Deaconess. While Branch No. 1 is in process of building, it's members have been visiting the various Branches. We have enjoyed their presence in our midst very much. It makes us some-what sad to know they will leave us.

Several car loads of young people from our Branch managed to attend the G. M. B. A., I being one of them can say that God blessed us all. The Conference was wonderful with about 300 attending. Truly the Spirit of God conducted our services. We are happy

to know of the several baptisms, we will have two of them attending our Branch. We welcome them with open arms, praying they will find much joy in their new-life. The saints in New Brunswick were wonderful to all and we did feel at home. Truly we found a brother and a friend. May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Sister Ilene Coppa.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956

A paragraph from a letter written to me of recent date by a Sister, relative to their temporal affairs.

"But we are glad for the part we have chosen and have no regrets. We know the Lord will provide as long as we do His will and spread this wonderful Gospel to the Lamanites. (Indians)

Although we may not have fancy things, all we want is to have food on the table and clothes on our backs. What more do we need? I want my mansion in Heaven, not here. We just pray the Lord will continue to be with us as He has been." (May the Lord answer your prayers, Editor)

LETTER OF APPRECIATION NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.

Editor:

Dear brothers and sisters—Recently we had the pleasure of a visit by Brother Wm. H. Cadman which we enjoyed very much.

I was very happy to have him at our District Conference as it has been some time since many of our brothers and sisters have seen him. Both in our business sessions and in our Spiritual transactions brother Cadman was a great help to us.

I remember that at our Saturday afternoon session, I made a remark that perhaps we should close a little earlier than usual to give our brother Cadman time to rest, whereby he answered quite humorously "There is nothing wrong with me. I feel fine." This brought on quite a chuckle from the audience. I was amazed, as were all of the brethren, at the vitality of our beloved brother, who although eighty years old, has the physical prowess of a very young man. God has certainly blessed him many times beyond our conception.

Brother Cadman gave us an inspiring sermon Sunday morning, which was preceded by a few congregational hymns, a few choral numbers and one or two solos. In all, our Sunday Services were blessed exceedingly.

Brother Cadman visited Modesto, San Diego and the Bell, Calif. branches in which he was blessed with good liberty in preaching the gospel. My family and I were able to be with him at all these meetings with the exception of Modesto, and I certainly was pleasantly surprised to see our brother still seemingly untiring and blessed with God's Holy Spirit. Bro. Cadman was invited to hold a weeks meetings while he was here. He was at the San Fernando Valley branch two evenings and at Bell for three evenings. We enjoyed listening to our brother at all these meetings.

I asked brother Cadman several times to send for his wife and spend the winter with us. However he knows best.

The only blight in the joy of seeing our brother was at his departure from us. We were very sorry to see him go. Nevertheless he has many obligations to fulfill, both to his family and to the Church. May God bless him with many more years of health and life.

I have just heard about brother Cadman's daughter's accident and I am praying along with the Saints here and everywhere for her complete and quick recovery. May the Lord bless all of you continually is my prayer. Your humble servant, V. James Lovaivo.

THE STEADY SUSCIBER

Contributed by
Sister Hanna

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber,

Who pays in advance when subscription is due,

Who sends in his payment, and does it quite gladly;

For the Gospel News we all love, tis true.

He never says "stop it, I cannot afford it"

For I'm getting more papers now than I read,

But always says send it, the family all like it;

In fact we all find it the paper we need.

How welcome the letter whene'er it comes to us,

The steady subscriber of our dear Gospel News.

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INSPIRING WORDS.

How lost were our days 'til we met with the Gospel,
The creeds and the systems seemed powerless and vain;
We ne'er received precepts! so suited to save us,

As those by the priesthood restored again.
May the blessings now sent ever keep us from tossings,
Of anti-Christ winds — even doctrines of men,

And aid our perceptions to see the vain glossings
That gild errors systems;
Amen and Amen!

JESUS NEVER FAILS

Our Ruth was vry sick having a cold that caused her lungs to be congested. When anointed by Brother Cansasanta her fever left under his hands and she recovered.

We thank God and Jesus Christ for his love and mercy and Gospel.

Sister Martha Laird,
Coraopolis, Pa.

CHARGE MINISTERS ARE IGNORING THE 'WHOLE GOSPEL'

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. (UP) —Dr. Eugene L. Smith, of New York, Methodist foreign missions leader, Friday criticized American ministers for frequently preaching "theological half-truths" and ignoring the "whole Gospel."

Dr. Smith, speaking at the concluding session of the annual assembly of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches here, said failure to preach the whole Gospel had contributed to the formation of growth of certain religious sects which took one idea from the Bible and based their entire faith on it.

The missionary leader said the "widespread tendency" for ministers to preach what they considered attractive and by-pass such subjects as faith healing and the second coming of Christ, was resulting in "spiritual malnutrition" for vast numbers of people.

The 300 foreign mission leaders recommended in a resolution to division committees and cooperating denominations that concerted efforts be made to achieve closer

relationships between church and mission and denominational and ecumenical bodies.

They also recommended more comprehensive and specialized training for missionaries, more adequate "stewardship of time, talent and treasure" on the part of all Christians, and the "widest possible perspective upon the total situation of the church today in planning and carrying out the proclamation of its message to all mankind."

LINCOLN'S ADDRESS ON THE BATTLE FIELD OF GETTYSBURG, PA. NOV. 1863

In memory of Abraham Lincoln; His address as follows:

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we may say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

General Washington was born in 1732 and died in 1799. He was born in Virginia and became the first president of the United States of America. When 16 years old, he was commissioned by Lord Fairfax to survey a property in the Valley of Virginia.

In 1751 he accompanied his brother, who was dying of consumption, to the Barbadoes. His brother's death led to his inheritance of Mt. Vernon. Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia dispatched Washington on an expedition against intruders in 1752 in which he met with defeat and was forced to surrender.

At this time an order was issued from headquarters that any field officer holding a royal commission should be counted senior to any colonial officer. Washington at once resigned, but was induced, however, to serve on Braddock's personal staff, and was placed at the head of the Virginia forces.

In 1756 he visited Boston to see General Shirley, the English commander-in-chief, and settle the matter of rank. This journey to Boston made Washington's face and figure known in the Middle and New England colonies. In 1758 he fell in love with a rich young widow, Martha Custis, whom he married in 1759.

Washington represented Virginia in the Continental Congresses, and took a leading part. It is written of him, that he was no orator like Patrick Henry, nor writer like Thomas Jefferson, but in rude common-sense and in the management of affairs he excelled them all. He was the one American soldier of national reputation, and when Congress organized national resistance he was appointed commander-in-chief.

When the end of the war came, although the army wished to make him ruler of the country, he retired to Mt. Vernon and turned his attention to securing stronger government by constitutional means. He presided over the delegates from the twelve states that formulated the constitution of the United States, and was its first President.

While he was serving as the first President, a strong party,

almost at once, sprang into life, and began a campaign which has never been surpassed for personal abuse and virulence. It is then written: that Washington lost his faith in American institutions, went over heart and soul to the Federalist party. He retired at the end of his term, and would not be persuaded to be renominated. He left no issue, but remains the "Father of his Country."

Dedication of Detroit Branch By Brother Miller

Dear Bro. Editor:

Your card of Dec. 17th. arrived safely, and we were overjoyed to receive it, and to know that you and dear Sister Candman were fairly well at time of writing. Sorry you could not attend our dedication in person, but we felt your presence along with many other dear ones who we know would have been happy to be there if they could. It convened in our Church at 16, 241 Harper between Bedford, and Courville, near the 3 mile road, on Dec. 23rd. at 10 a.m. with Elders present from mostly all the Branches in Detroit, Windsor, and Lorain, Ohio, and presided over by bro. T.S. Furnier, First Councilor of the Church. The building has a seating capacity of 216 chairs permanently placed, and we had 100 extra seats, but these were not enough for the over-whirling crowd in attendance, an undetermined number had to stand, where ever space was available. Several songs were sung by the saints, prior to the opening of the service. Prayer was offered by bro. Gorie Ciaravino, followed with hymn No. 94, I Saw A Mighty Angel Fly. Bro. Nick Pietrangelo made some remarks, thanking all who contributed to the building of our church and wishing that God would abundantly repay and bless them. Bro T.S. Furnier introduced our Service, he spoke both from the Old Testament, and also the New, dwelling mostly on the building and dedication of Solomon's Temple, comparing it to the temple of the Lord built within us, for instance he referred to Ephesians 2nd Chap. 20th. verse, And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. He brought to our attention the Jaredites, Nephites, and all who had been on this continent, saying that when they served God they prevailed but when they failed,

they were destroyed, and that where-in we dedicate our church building, the building itself is a structure that can be destroyed, but the main thing we need to dedicate is our souls and our lives for if we are faithful in this, and gain Eternal Bliss, this is indestructible. I would say bro. Furnier's talk was one filled with plenty of food for the soul, may we take it all in, and live accordingly, if we hope to get into the kingdom. Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, also spoke a few words, referring to Job, 8th. Chapter, and 7th. verse, Though thy beginning was small yet thy latter end, should greatly increase, He referred to bro. Ishmael Damico who started our Heavenly Building in Detroit, saying he knows he would be glad to have been here with us today. Br. Gorie said, the main building is not the four walls, but rather those within them, and referred to 1st Peter 2nd Chapter and 5th. verse, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy Priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Bro. Gorie said, we have churches, we have members, we have many things, just that we may have them? No, but that we may spend our time, to the Glory of God, so that when He comes, we may be found of Him waiting and watching. Bro. Nick Pietrangelo, spoke a few words, exhorting those in our midst, whether saint or sinners, to ask God, concerning the things which they had heard, whether they be of God, or whether they are not, being sure that if we ask not amiss, God will reveal all things unto us. Meeting closed with prayer by bro Joseph Milantoni. In the afternoon service, bro. and sister Maness, daughter Sharon, and son Sherman were in our midst A number of Christmas carols were sung, lead by bros. Frank Vitto, and Joe Milantoni. Meeting was introduced by bro. Joe Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio. Bro. Calabrese in his prayer, remembered sister Marrietta Ruzzi, saying that she is not here now, but with us still in the spirit. He gave us a wonderful talk, a good spirit being present in our midst. He also gave us a good talk. Bro. Allen Henderson spoke also, deliberating on the Hymn, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, saying he had a nice experience on it. Dominic Thomas, gave us a wonderful talk on the subject, Has

your heart been touched with the gospel!, a good spirit being felt in his talk. Bro. Furnier rose and sang in the spirit, he gave me the interpretation as, "Hear, oh hear, my servant, He speaks the truth today. Come and obey the Gospel, and enter into the straight and narrow way." Bro. Furnier also rose and said these words, "our gospel is endangered like when Moroni tore his coat, and placed it on a pole, so let us be faithful in the church of the Lamb of God." Bro Joe Milantoni spoke on the dedicating of our lives to the Glory of God in these Latter days. To Me, Dedication, Consecration, and Santification, was the theme of all our bros. who spoke in our midst, may our Heavenly Father help us to come up to His expectations in every way. A sister was anointed. Bro. and Sister Maness gave their testimony to the glory of God and meeting came to a close with prayer by bro. Fred D'Amico.

EDISON GATHERING VERY SUCCESSFUL

With an attendance of more than 600 the gathering sponsored by the Edison Branch of New Jersey at New Market High School was considered a marked success. Beginning with a General M.B.A. meeting Saturday evening during which four young ladies called for baptism and continuing through three wonderful meetings on Sunday that roused several more to ask for the waters, it was indeed a gathering for the Lord.

The Sunday morning service was convened by Brother Rocco Ensana, presiding elder at the Edison Branch. Brother Rocco called on Brother Gorie Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan to open the service. With the parable of the Prodigal Son as his theme, Brother Gorie delivered a most stirring address. Citing several instances where delay had been disastrous he implored the unbaptized to make their covenant now without further delay that might prove eternally fatal.

Following in the same strain, Brother Dominic Moraco, also of Detroit, continued to expound the prodigal illustration. He mentioned how in his youth he had a similar experience with his parents. Next to speak was Frank Giovannone from Warren, Ohio. With tears of joy and sentiment Brother Frank gave testimony of how the Lord called him back to the church when he had been

lured away by the riotous living of the world. The final speaker was Brother Pat Marrinetti of Rochester, New York. In summation Brother Pat appealed to the youth of today to cling to the church and not become prodigal sons and daughters. All the words spoken were inspirational and most applicable in these perilous times.

The newly baptized sisters were confirmed during this same meeting. It was a joy to all to see these candidates offer themselves to God in service and truth. They were: Carolee Evans Olexa; Dorothy Ritchie; Mary Tambarina; and Beverly Martin. Sisters Carolee and Dorothy are from Monongahela, and Beverly and Mary from Roscoe and Detroit, respectively.

Lunch was served in the school building to afford the Saints the chance to further acquaintances and fellowship. The church was well represented with busloads or groups from Bronx, Rochester, Monongahela, Detroit, Roscoe, Warren and several other branches.

It was necessary for the first bus to leave at three in the afternoon and we watched it depart with sorrow. Parting is difficult when we have enjoyed for a time the companionship of the Brothers and Sisters. Consolation came however, from the thought that the week-end get together had caused fourteen persons to ask for baptism.

The entire membership of the Edison, New Jersey Branch wishes to extend our deepest heart-felt thanks to every Saint for the success of this, our first general gathering. Our greatest prayer of thanks is to God for the baptisms. This alone made the effort productive and worth while. But rewarding also was the large attendance and enthusiasm of our visitors. We thank you all again, and thus encouraged, look to the time when we can be host to a conference.

Betty D'Orazio

Pick Ups

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, and reveal to me my own.

Perhaps the best way to better our lot is to do a lot better.

Never argue with a fool. The bystanders may not be able to tell who is which.

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Reference: I Nephi, 14. 10-17

This portion of scripture has long been prominent in the thinking and preaching of our elders. Reuniting of the world churches into the two final combatant forces is a process all ready in evidence. Though continual cleavage still creates minor factions, the larger organizations are striving for, and praying for, increasing interdenominational cooperation.

Representing 164 Protestant and Orthodox communions, the World Council of Churches now officially sponsors the Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The 'Week', observed by many churches with a single prayer during the regular Sunday service, is designated in January, usually about the 20th. An Episcopal clergyman, Paul Wattson, initiated the 'get back together' idea in 1908. It is interesting to note that this gentleman shortly thereafter entered the Roman Catholic Church.

Papal blessing was bestowed on the week of special prayers for the 'return to the chair of Peter' by Pope Pius XII. The Roman Church is awaiting the return of Protestantism when they accept papal supremacy. "Never", cries the protestant, but we wonder. A century ago the same vehement refusal was heard about using the cross to illustrate and decorate. Today the churches, including the most protestant, abound with crosses and the printed matter of most religious groups uses the cross profusely.

Only one question remains unanswered: which side will who be on when the trumpet for final battle sounds?

Last December the obituaries listed the death of one Jack Coe, faith healer in Texas. He left behind a staff of some eighty people who aided in his evangelistic 'healing by faith' meetings.

Coe gained national fame about a year ago when at one of his healing meetings he caused the braces of a three-year-old polio victim to be removed. The rash action gave the child much pain and Coe was arrested for illegally practicing medicine. Nothing came of the case for fate cheated the

courts of prosecution. Perhaps a mightier than earthly justice was invoked when Coe died, ironically of polio.

Few if any of my readers are interested in the art of pugilism, but this 'sport' has one current performer we should all know of—Gene Fullmer. This middleweight boxer is an ordained MORMON elder executing such ordinances as blessing the sick and baptizing children. He professes to live by Mormon axioms such as 'Love thy Neighbor as Thyself'. A recent write-up of Mr. Fullmer displayed a caricature drawing in which the 'Holy Bible' was prominent and the caption read "he lives by it." We cannot help but wonder what part of scripture is on this fighters mind as he attempts to batter his opponent into unconsciousness. Certainly it is not I Corinthians, 4. 16-17.

The modern trend to make religion convenient would be amusing, were it not appalling. Worship in front of a television screen now has a telephone counterpart—Dial-A-Prayer.

The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City has introduced a service whereby one may dial a number and hear a Bible verse, an appropriate sentence or two and a prayer. The up to date theologian would alter the old advertising slogan to have God say "I am as near as your telephone."

But we do not refute the claim of the service that some 3500 persons utilize it daily. This but further substantiates our contention that listeners are easy to come by when religious leaders praise, uplift, encourage, and in general cry, "all's well in Zion." This Dial-Prayer fad would boast fewer subscribers indeed if it proclaimed: "Repent, be baptized, and sin no more."

Contributions for this column are welcome and requested, as are comments and suggestions. Address correspondence to G. L. Funkhouser, Washington Valley Road, Pluckemin, N. J.

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EDITORIAL

In Genesis 3-14,15. The Lord God pronounces a curse on the serpent because of him beguiling Mother Eve. He curses him above all cattle and says unto him: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou (the serpent) shall bruise his heel."

I believe it is universally conceded by Bible scholars, that the 'seed of the woman' has reference to Christ and His Church. For it is evident that Jesus Christ is not the seed of man, though He was born of a woman. In Rev. 12-9, the old serpent is called the Devil.

Though the seed of the serpent in a symbolic way, would bruise his heel, — men did nail Him to the cross, and Jesus says in John 13-18 "he that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me." That was Judas the son of perdition. Jesus had told those of his day that they were seeking to kill Him, and He told them that their father was the Devil, and as such they would be the seed of the devil, the old serpent.

The seed of the woman (Christ) was to bruise the serpents (Devils) head Jesus did not only bruise the Devils head, (his power) but He arose triumphant over his power, leading captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. And in the end, the power that has bruised His children so much shall be thrust into hell, or the bottomless pit to spend eternity. The seed of the woman (Christ) bruised the serpents head, which is a very delicate place to be bruised. The serpent in turn, bruises the heel of the woman's seed, a much more minor place to be bruised, nor after nail, he that lives Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution, but his eternal abode is in heaven, while the serpent (Devil) whose head was bruised, and along with his seed (his followers) eternal abode is hell.

Paul, in speaking of the prom-

ises that were made to Abraham, he says: "and to thy seed, which is Christ. Gal. 3-16. Isaiah says: "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him, (Christ) he hath put him to grief; when thou shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands." The seed of Jesus Christ are those who are born of the Spirit. As Peter says: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. And as it is recorded in Acts. 17-28, "For in him (Christ) we live, and move, and have our being; as certain of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring." Undoubtedly Jesus Christ is the seed of the woman, and through obedience to the Gospel we become His seed. Naturally, mortals are the seed of men. And if man allows himself to become the servant of the Devils then he is the seed of the Devil, or as the Saviour told them in His day — the Devil is your Father.

St. John Kansas
December 10, 1956

Dear Bro. Editor:

Yesterday was a wonderful day in St. John. We held our Sunday School in the morning, with Bro. Charlie Giles as our teacher. Bro. Wm. Cox and family from Salina, two sisters from Lincoln, and Sister Mary Grace Rich of Great Bend, were with us. Instead of preaching after Sunday School we had a testimony meeting. There was freedom of speech and we were all strengthened by the testimonies given.

At 1:30 p.m. we had our sacrament and feet-washing services after which Bro. Charlie Giles was ordained a teacher, Bro. Cox having charge of the ordination service. A very good spirit was manifest in our midst. We are happy to have Bro. Giles as our teacher.

After Bro. Giles was ordained, Sister Katie Cox arose and said during the feet-washing service a voice spoke to her "This is well pleasing in my sight." Also, the same words were spoken to her after Bro. Giles was ordained. We all felt that God was with us.

Bro. Charles Sanders was not able to be with us. He has been ill for sometime.

Sister Hart is leaving for Modesto, California, to join her husband, Bob. We all had a feeling of sadness at her leaving, but we

know that our loss will be Modesto's gain and our prayers will go with Bob and Shirley to their new home.

All of us in Kansas look forward to receiving the Gospel News. Reading of the blessings received in the different branches of the Church encourages all of us to always be faithful and live close to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Gertrude Burnett

THE WAYWARD ONE

Oh Lord I pray, that Thou might hear,

A soul of woe and full of fear to ask;

If thou will make it plain to see,

For it would want to be close to thee.

To make it plain to understand
The ever loving, helping hand.

Oh Lord I pray, that Thou might hear,

While my soul would shed many a tear;

For all the good that Thou has done,

For a soul called the Wayward One.

It could not see just what would be;

It only saw the wayward call.

Over the walls of strife, It began its sinful life.

The aimless, cunning, evil laugh,

Oh Lord I pray on his behalf.

That Thou might hear, It's soul pray in tears.

The years! the fears! the hopes! the tears!

The undone life, full of strife.

Oh Lord I pray, has thou forsaken?

Oh Lord, then do make him awaken.

Oh break that wall! Please make it fall.

This wayward one is still your son.

Oh look beyond the evil that's done

This crown of life can still be won.

Have faith, believe and repent;
With hope the evil can be sent

To live in chain, from whence it came.

Please don't delay, Almighty King

For to me it means everything.
The life eternal may be won,

For the soul called the Wayward One.

Bro. John A. Rogolino
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ROSS-FULLER NUPTIALS.

John Ross Jr. the son of Brother and Sister John Ross Sr. of Aliquippa, Pa., and Connie Y. Fuller, the daughter of Brother and Sister Charles Fuller of R. D. 2 Scenery Hill, Pa. were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela at 10:30 a.m. December 8th. A beautiful ceremony was performed by the grooms father, Elder John Ross.

Best man was the grooms brother Anthony Ross; Maid of honor was the brides Sister Carol Fuller. The brides maids were Hilda Carson and Inez Knight. The two flower girls were cousins of the groom. Dale Taddeo and Matthew DeLuca served as ushers. It was a double-ring ceremony and was witnessed by a large group of friends. The bride was employed by the Prudential Insurance Company here in Monongahela.

The reception was held in the afternoon in the Grange Hall at Ginger Hill. Also a reception was held in the evening at the home of the grooms parents in Aliquippa. The wedding dinner was held at the brides home.

The young couple later left for Florida on their honeymoon, and on their return, will reside at the home of the groom's parents in Aliquippa. We all wish them a long and happy life together.

**MRS. CARMELA NOLFI
PASSES ON.**

Sister Carmela Nolfi of Glassport, Pa. died at her home on Dec. 9, 1956. She was born in Italy Nov. 2, 1892 and had lived in the Glassport area for 38 years and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport. She has been a very faithful sister in the church. She was baptized into the Church along about the year of 1919. Her husband passed on a few years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, Alfred of Duquesne and Alma of Glassport. Two daughters, Mrs. Frances Chavis of Duquesne, and Mrs. Norma Wierbicki of Glassport, nine grand children, three sisters in Italy, and a brother Peter Gennaro in Canada.

Services were conducted in the Church at Glassport, Bro. A. Di-Battista in charge and assisted by Bro. W. H. Cadman. Singing by the young people of the Glassport Church on Dec. 12th. Interment in Versailles Cemetery in McKeesport. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family. May the Lord comfort them all.

**Lockport, N. Y.
ALEXANDER MALAHOSKY
PASSES ON.**

Brother Alexander Malahosky passed away in October, 1956 after a brief illness. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ since June, 1949 and remained very faithful till death. Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ in Lockport with Brother Paul D'Amico officiating. The Lockport Branch along with the family of our late Brother mourn his loss. He was always willing to extend a helping hand. He was dearly loved, and is greatly missed by all.

**BROTHERS LAMANA,
CIANFILONE, AND VENUTO
PASS ON.**

Edison, N. J. had cause for sadness lately with the decease of three brothers. First to depart was Pasquale Lamana. Brother Pasquale was a long time member of the church and well known for speaking in tongues. He died November 8, and was buried two days later. The funeral was in charge of Elder Rocco Ensana.

Less than a month had elapsed when we learned that another faithful brother, Frank Venuto, had passed on. Stricken with nearly crippling illness, Brother Frank struggled to church each Sunday until only a few weeks before his death. He was baptized in 1928 and came to this country from Italy.

Most recent to go to his reward was Brother Marcantomo Cianfilone, of Dunellen. He was in the church twenty-five of his sixty-five years and was active in the early establishment of the church in this locale. It was sad to see Brother Marcantomo, and the others, go, but we are consoled in the thought that we are one step nearer re-uniting.

**A Card From Sister Delaray
As Follows.**

Brother Editor:

I have been getting the Gospel News. I thank you very much. I would like to have sent you some money, but right now I can't. I have been crippled with a broken foot, got the cast off the other day, but I can't walk very good, still sore but I hope and pray that I will be walking again good as ever. I know God heals. God bless you and Sister Cadman.

Sister Olive Deleary.

P.S. This is the first news I

have had from Sister Deleary for a long time. Some of you will remember her when she lived on the Indian Reserve at Muncey, Ont. Her husband Bro. Joseph Deleary died at Muncey, and we buried him from our farm home at Muncey. After his death she went to make her home with her people on a Reserve near Orillio Ont. much farther north in Canada. I am sorry to hear of her accident. May God bless Sister Olive. Her address is as follows Mrs. Olive Deleary, Longford P.O. Ont. Canada. Brother Cadman.

A Christmas Program

The Monongahela Sunday School held it's annual Christmas service on Sunday Evening Dec. 23rd. Our small auditorium was well filled, many from the immediate neighborhood and many visitors from other parts of the Church. It is useless to try to go into details, but suffice it to say we had a wonderful evening, in response with a few complimentary remarks, I was obliged to say, "I could not see how it could have been better." I thought it was perfect. I believe everybody present felt the same way.

I am always opposed to anything of a foolish nature in our service in commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, and I do not think there was any room in the least, for criticism. Our young people including the little tots acquitted themselves wonderfully. For many years past the concluding part of our program has been the singing, and I might add the climaxing part of the program, is the singing of Hymn No. 483 by the men who are present. There was about 75 lined up in front and around both sides of our auditorium, who raised their voices with the following words:

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,

Cold on His Cradle the dew-drops are shining,

Low lies His bed with the beast of the stall;

Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,

Maker and Monarch, and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield Him in costly devotion

Odors of Eden and off'rings divine?

Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;

Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;

Richer by far is the hearts adoration;

DEARER TO GOD ARE THE PRAYERS OF THE POOR.

P.S. What a wonderful composition matterless who it may have been, that gathered together those Godlike words. The good and joyful spirit certainly abounds in our service when sang with the male voices that were present. Sincerely Brother W.H. Cadman.

The Little Things of Today

There are those who say that the truths of religion and the truths of dynamic psychology nobly augment and buttress each other; that truth from heaven and truth in the form of man's knowledge of himself, when properly combined, are like twin angels bending in unison to lift up ailing, bewildered man.

Like the religionist, the psychologist has much to say about love. His discoveries of the effect of love, or the lack of love, in the development of infant children, for example, are truly amazing. The story is told of the Alorese, primitive inhabitants of the Dutch East Indies, who deprive their children of any love or care. The parents unconsciously hate their children because they themselves never received any love from their elders. The vicious cycle devours the centuries with monotonous repetition. Receiving no love as a child, the parent cannot give what he had never received which demonstrates a truth as profoundly significant in the natural life as it is in the spiritual.

"We love Him, because He (Christ) first loved us." 1st John 4:19.

In direct contrast to the Alorese are the Comanche Indians, a primitive but loving society in which the children have wonderfully developed personalities because the parents lavish with affection and interest. The Comanche figuratively abides in the attitude that when a child speaks the sun should stand still; a hush should descend to blanket even the voice of mother nature. The man or woman brought to adulthood by

such parents are equipped to serve God as no other system can possibly produce. His capacity to love is an exact proportion to the amount of love and interest he received as a child. He loves all men because his parents first loved him. His parents might command him as Jesus commanded His disciples: "Freely ye received, freely give."

The mortality rate among infants reared in institutions is appalling. Deprived of mothers love they soon pine away and die. The ingredient love is almost if not altogether equal to the ingredient food. The one nourishes his physical body, the other his spirit. When the spirit disintegrates the body must inevitably perish. Those few unfortunates who survive are unable either to give or receive love. Hostile, aggressive, suspicious, he is unable to feel that he is one of the essential cogs in the great wheel of mans togetherness.

The book of Mormon teaches us that God made a covenant with the American Indian because he, like his great forefather, Joseph of Egypt, had always kept the marriage state inviolate. In reprimanding the Nephites for their practice of polygamy, the prophet Jacob cried:

"Behold, the Lamanites your brethern, whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which hath come upon their skins, are more righteous than you, for they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our fathers—that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none, and there should not be whoredoms committed among them.

"And now this commandment they observe to keep; wherefore, because of this observance, in keeping this commandment, the Lord God will not destroy them, but will be merciful unto them; and one day they shall become a blessed people."

Behold, their husbands love their wives, and their wives love their husbands; and their husbands and their wives love their children; and their unbelief and their hatred toward you is because of the iniquity of their fathers; wherefore, how much better are you than they, in the sight of your great creator?"

The foregoing, like the swift flight and hard impact of an ar-

row, drives straight to the heart of a great fundamental truth. This pattern of things, this capacity to give and receive love, this desire to serve humanity without seeking to make himself the master over others or the slave of others, is a natural prerequisite to true spiritual greatness. He who walks in its pure white light is capable of leading the world into the inner sanctum of spiritual maturity. These attributes are, indeed, as the horns of unicorns. With them "Joseph shall push the people together unto the ends of the earth."

You will reason correctly that the seed of Joseph is until this very day an idle people. When judged by the white mans standard of living, he is manifestly an inferior. Just how he might arise to occupy the pedestal of greatness is to the average American a great mystery. We do not at this time look for greatness in one whose abode is in the nethermost part of God's vinyard, but the "SEEDS" of greatness are there. He keeps the law of God as it applies to the marriage state unconsciously, naturally, as to the manner born. He takes no thought for tomorrow, what he shall eat or what he shall drink or what he shall put on as if he were the very embodiment of the living word. He looks upon the world objectively, seeing things not through the hazy, "darkened glass viewpoint of self interest, but seeing things as they are. Men will one day observe that he has the gift of sight, which is undoubtedly the greatest of the gifts of the He alone of the earths peoples is capable of producing the Choice Seer, the latter day Moses, whose clear vision of God's world and God's purpose will bring to pass the restoration of the House of Israel.

I repeat that we do not at this time look for greatness in one who has as yet seen only the twilight of the latter day dawning but let us remember that all that develops in the tree is first inherent in the seed. "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow." The little things of today shall be the great things of tomorrow.

By James Curry.
Elizabeth, Pa.

December 3, 1956

Dear Sister Cadman;

I have already written to the secretary of the Class of Ruth, telling her that we have received the five dollars for our Sunday

School children. We thank you so much for the five dollars.

We are all fine in health and are doing fine in our work for Our wonderful Saviour Jesus Christ, amen. Again and again I thank Our Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, for guiding us unto His, true church of Jesus Christ.

It is so wonderful to know how great and wonderful God, is through Jesus, to give us an understanding about His, church and also His, teachings and works. Jesus, has made us realize that we have to be righteous every day of the week not just once a week but every day. Jesus, is also making us meek and humble. I want to do, say, and be, what He, wants me to be so I will please Him, who is above all. I am also thankful to Him, because He, has taught me to fear Him. Everyday I want to do all things right so I will please Him. as I have said many times that Jesus sees everything, Jesus knows everything, and Jesus hears everything. I am praying and hoping for my people that they will all want to be good so we will not lie and gossip about one another but that we will be all good to one another, help one another, pray for one another, and love one another as Jesus, said we are to do.

Sometimes I get a little discouraged but on bended knees I take my troubles and worries and leave them at the nail scarred feet of my wonderful Savior Jesus, and He, straightens them all out for me. I praise God, to the highest in the name of Jesus, amen.

Jesus, suffered, shed blood, and died for us sinners on calvary's cross and today I who once was one of the worst sinners in our little town now have this wonderful chance to be born again of the water and of the spirit. Jesus, has said that is the only way we will be saved. I am thankful to know that we are serving a living Jesus, and that He, is sitting on the right hand of the Father, today. I want my anchor to hold and grip to that rock which is Jesus Christ, amen. I want to be by my husband helping him in his service for Jesus, on this rock, Jesus Christ, amen. We want to keep telling others about Jesus, and the gospel so they may come and help us worship Him, in truth and in spirit.

Dear sister, we will let you

know when we get started in the Ladies Uplift Circle. Thank you also for the booklets that you had sent.

Sister - Mrs. Earl DeMarrias Sr.
South Dakota

News From Muncey, Ont.

Dear Editor:

On Sunday Dec. 9th Brothers Joseph Collison, David Campitelli and myself made the trip to the Muncey Reservation. As we went around to pick up the members to take them to Church, we stopped in at the home of Bro. John Hall. He lived in a little shack by himself. We found him dead on his bed. He passed away two days before on Dec. 7th.

He was born July 13, 1879. He left behind a brother Edward Hall of Middlemiss, Ont. and a sister—Sister Weiner of Windsor, Ont. Both him, and his wife (now deceased) was baptized by Bro. W. H. Cadman on his first trip to Muncey in 1932. A couple of weeks before he died, he testified in the Sunday afternoon service that he did not have long for this world.

Bros. Coumo and Collison and myself conducted the funeral services in our Church in Muncey on the following Tuesday.

The work in Muncey is progressing very well. (I am glad to hear news like this, Brother Gerace, and may God bless you brethren. W.H.C.) We have a good attendance in our Sunday services. To listen to the Lamanite brothers and sisters stand up and testify of the goodness of God and their faith in Christ, certainly does the heart good. The work among the Lamanites (Indians) is a great work, but sad to say: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Never-the-less, for those who work, there is a great blessing for which we are thankful. Bro. Anthony Gerace.

P.S. On a recent visit with brother Bologna to Muncey, we met Bro. Hall and his sister. They had met with discouragement and had become undutiful in the church. We advised them to go to church and to take up their cross, well I am glad to hear that brother John was attending church again. I baptized him and his wife in the Thames River years ago. I was at his wife's bedside in their humble home a few days before she passed on. I thought very well of her. She told me that she was ready to go, or stay here, just as the Lord willed. Brother

Gerace, may God bless you brothers abundantly, for your thoughtfulness of the poor Indian people. Bro. Cadman

Lockport, N.Y.

Dear Bro. Editor:

We, here in Lockport, N.Y. have certainly been blessed abundantly in the past six months. The Lord has answered the prayers of many and a wonderful spiritual movement has been manifested in our midst.

Since the month of June, we have made ten trips to Bond Lake and have baptized thirteen souls, mostly young people. Among those who were baptized, we are glad to say that two of them are from Niagara Falls, Ontario, and two of them are from Niagara Falls, New York. There are now five people baptized in Niagara Falls and it is hoped that in the near future that we may be able to establish a mission in that part of the vineyard. We are going there and preaching the Gospel and some are showing interest. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts in this coming year, so that we may see a great reaping of the souls of men and women.

We, of the Lockport Branch ask an interest in your prayers that God might continue to increase us in His Spirit and also in number. God bless you one and all.

Bro. John Moore

A Wonderful Experience

Dear Brother Editor:

God is the same to-day, yesterday and forever— I want to relate an experience I just had yesterday.

I was giving my a home a general cleaning, everything was in the middle of the room. I moved the table where the Bible and the Church History were layed, and a very strong feeling came over me to drop all things and read the History Book. I had read the book from cover to cover, but I obeyed the command and dropped everything, picked up the book and sank into an easy chair. I had the Spirit guide me to where I should read and I opened at the Conference of 1903. It seems I had never read those words and I was enjoying it like a new book. But as I read on I came to the chapter 8 on Page 111 and a greater interest filled my soul. I found myself not in my room but actually on that spot, and receiving the same bless-

ings that the saints of old had received. I was overwhelmed. I cannot express the joy my soul was in. When I came to, I was like floating on a cloud, work mattered not anymore. I left all things, sat at the piano and sang praises to The Lamb and Thanking God for the blessing I was feeling, and thanking Him on and on. I noticed that I read for three hrs. felt like I had only sat down for a moment.

All that afternoon I walk as in a cloud, even to the night. Upon awakening this morning I still felt the blessing. My neighbor came and I told of the experience and she too, felt what I told her. So a voice spoke to me again — write to Bro. Editor what I have experienced. To myself I said I will; but the day was going by and I had picked up where I left off yesterday, until my mail man came late this afternoon and I received The Gospel News. To my surprise my eyes rested on the very same article that I had read in the History, and it was the cause of many happy blessings within my soul, and even now is as I jot down these words through tearful eyes that I can't write good.

God works in a mysterious way and I pray that we the saints of the most High prove ourselves faithful, that when that day comes He shall call His own. Lets take time off now and then, that He may have a little chat with us. Sister Mary Spata, Bell Branch Calif.—A very nice experience sister Spata. Editor.

Indian Depositor Surprises Teller

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. —(AP) —Lee Marmon dropped in at an Albuquerque bank to make a deposit. The teller politely handed him a blank and suggested he fill it out. He did so, right at the window. She gasped. It was a deposit for \$153,000. When the teller got her breath back, Marmon, treasurer of the Laguna Tribe, explained the money was from the tribal fund.

Fredonia Mission, Pennsylvania

News of interest to the Gospel News Readers concerning our meeting at Fredonia, Pa. I had mentioned in the last report of the good meetings we had on Aug. 26th. when we had one baptism.

On Oct. 14th. Bro. and Sister

has since passed on.

Dan Picciuto, Bro. Tony Picciuto and Bro. and Sister Gene Kline of Painesville, Ohio met with us. We had a very wonderful meeting in which they told of their experiences of meeting with the Gospel, the spirit of God was poured out in our midst. These Brothers were here building our new church building, we were also assisted by Brothers from Niles, Ohio and others interested in the work of the church.

The following Sabbath, Oct. 21st our Painesville Bros. and Sisters were with us again. Bro. Dan Picciuto opened the meeting and gave us a very inspiring sermon, he spoke much encouraging the youth to embrace the Gospel, also followed by Bro. Gene Kline who also gave much encouragement in obeying the Gospel in their youth. Our young folks were moved upon to obey the Gospel and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gehly (Carolyn Cadman), Mrs. Lloyd Knapp (Patricia Sproul) and Ruth Ann Love requested baptism. They were baptised in the Shenango River by Bro. William Love, Bro. Russel Cadman and Bro. Dan Picciuto, after which they were confirmed into the church. All rejoiced to see our young people join with us here.

On Nov. 4th. because of the large attendance expected we met in the Stony Point Grange Hall, there were visitors from Imperial, Pa. Painesville and Youngstown, Ohio. Bro. Domonic Bucci spoke much on the falling away and restoration of the Gospel.

The building of our church is progressing satisfactory and we hope to occupy it before too long. We take this opportunity to thank all who have donated, and helped us in the building of our church. May God bless all of you.

Sister Rebekah Love.

News Item

; In a letter from Brother De Marrias of Wapala, S. Dakota he informs us that he is holding services every Sunday and a mid-week prayer service as well. In their meeting on Dec. 16th a child was blessed. On Dec. 20th they cut a hole in the ice and baptized Sister Hilda Tiyona. Brother DeMarrias is much pleased to see his people (the Sioux Indians) obeying the gospel. And as He has guided us into another New

Year, we are going to work that much harder for Jesus. He has made us firmer on that ROCK, Jesus Christ. We will keep on proclaiming the glad tidings to all who will come and hear. Jesus Jesus has given us the understanding that we must live for him.

Amen.

In a letter from Bro. Joseph Benyola of New Jersey he says: We had 18 baptisms and 4 renewals as a result of the G.M.-B.A. gathering in New Jersey.

In a letter dated Jan. 2, 1957 from Brother and Sister Perdue and Sister Norma Kennedy of Whittier, Calif. Who are laboring among the Mexican Indian people baptized three more converts last month, making a total of 17 to date in their little mission. May God continue to bless and prosper you in your humble efforts to preach Christ. It seems evident that the Lord moves with those that move, and He may let set still, those who would sooner sit.

In a letter from Sister Barnhart, she tells us of a New Years Meeting held in the Vanderbilt Church. She reports that they had a very nice time in gathering together. The Monongahela Branch spent New Years evening together in service in their church. Our young people had prepared a program for the occasion and a very nice time was enjoyed by all. We were all on our knees when the old year passed on, and the new one entered.

I was glad to receive some Christmas Cards from old friends among the Indian people on the Tonawanda Reservation in New York State. Sorry, but I have not had the privilege of visiting there for a few years past. Br. Cadman.

Southworld Ont. Dec. 20, 1956

Dear Sister and Brother Cadman Excuse me for sending this card as a letter. I am quite well and hope you are both the same. I am left alone as my husband died on Oct. 28th. A little lonely, but I am glad to know that he passed away so nice. He left this world with a smile. I will try and be good the rest of my life, so God bless you all. Sister Alice Seth George.

P.S. On my recent visit to the Muncy Reserve with Bro. Bologna, we visited brother and sister George. He was very feeble and has since passed on.

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FORGIVENESS

If upon your heart is written
Some old grudge you mean to pay,

Just don't keep it an longer s
Pray it leaves you right away.
If you have a thought of anger
Let it's voice forever cease,
May this be a day of kindness
Let it be a day of peace.

Be so large in thought and purpose
Be in firm resolve so strong

That with full and free forgiveness
You can overlook a wrong.

Bid farewell to gloom and malice.
Hate and discord strife and sin,
Just forget all spite and grudges

Let the Christ like spirit in.
H. F. Kennedy

THE FIRST PSALM (Good For Young & Old to Read)

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful:

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are no so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." By request.

January 28 - 57 FREEZING WEATHER HITS WEST COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27 (AP) —Cold weather — ranging from below zero at the Oregon border to a freezing 32 at Bakersfield—gripped a 500-mile stretch down the center of California early today, even the coastal areas got a taste of winter.

The heaviest snowfall since 1949 closed the highway 99 ridge route between Bakersfield and Los Angeles. Eight inches of snow fell at King City, 140 miles south of San Francisco. King City is only about 30 miles from the Pacific shore.

It got down to a freezing 32 at Oakland and 37 at San Francisco. Just north of San Francisco, Santa Rosa recorded 25.

CHURCH HOLDS RIVER BAPTISM

(From "The Daily Republican.")

During these times when various churches throughout the land have been observing a week of prayer, The Church of Jesus Christ, Lincoln and Sixth Streets this city, has also been very diligent in its services. The time was not for prayer alone; members enjoyed a good attendance and the time devoted to the worship of God in songs of praise, prayer, testimony and the preaching of God's word.

The Pastor, William H. Cadman, stated today: "It was very gratifying indeed, to see our labours rewarded with success, in that on the past Sunday four converts asked to be baptized, and on the Sunday before, five requested baptism.

On each of these days there was a large crowd gathered on the local river shore, though it was cold, to witness the nine converts being baptized in the river, as the Bible teaches, for the remission of sins. The converts ranged in age from 14 years old to past 75. It makes one think of the words of Peter on one occasion when he said "Lord it is good for us to be here."

THEY CLAPPED THEIR HANDS FOR JOY.

In the Book of Mosiah (In the Book of Mormon) 18th chapter beginning with verse 8, I read as follows: "And it came to pass that he said unto them: Behold, here are the waters of Mormon (for thus they were called) and now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called His people, and are willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light; Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that

mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, (Christ's resurrection WHC) that ye may have eternal life — Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord, as a witness before Him that ye have entered into a covenant with Him, that ye will serve Him and keep His commandments, that He may pour His Spirit more abundantly upon you?

And now when the people had heard these words, they clapped their hands for joy, and exclaimed: "This is the desire of our hearts." The 16th verse reads as follows: "And after this manner he did baptize every one that went forth to the place of Mormon; and they were in number about two hundred and four souls; yea and they were baptized in the waters of Mormon, and were filled with the grace of God."

I brother Cadman W. H. always liked this scripture. It plainly shows us the duty we owe to all who stand in need of a helping hand, Yea a word of sympathy to poor souls, a heart filled with love, even to those who may not love us — yea ready, to turn the other cheek if necessary and if we as professed followers of Christ, cannot forgive those who may trespass against us, how can we expect God to forgive us, and as John says: "If we cannot love him whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen."

THE SEALED BOOK

There's a record sealed, on this land revealed, Of a truth that was found that has come from the ground. It tell's of a nation once existed, and from God's love they've resisted. Twas Moroni that sealed up the record those days, Till the time when the Gentiles shall give God praise.

For the prophets have told of those records of old, To come forth on this land through the power of God's hand. And when

Israel shall believe the sealed book is God's word, and this gospel is preached all over the world. Then the saints shall gather on a mountain called Zion, where the Lamb shall lie down with the Lion. The child shall play on the hole of the asp, where the Devils power shall have no grasp.

And men shall live as old as a tree, after this earth is cleansed as pure as could be. What a wonderful time for the saints it shall be; Then we'll live with our Lord through Eternity.

Bro. Frank Calabro,
Hopelawn, N. J.

A GRATEFUL FATHER

My name is Sammy Thomas, a son of Oron Thomas of Vanderbilt, Pa., and the Presiding Elder of the Bethelboro Mission. I would like for all my brothers and sisters to know how good God has been to me and my family.

I have three sons, I was baptized by Brother John Ward about three years ago. I have one brother and three sisters and they all belong to the Church. My father and mother always took us to Church. I love the Church and don't know no other.

Well, this is my story. On Dec. 16, 1956 my ten year old son took sick, and was very sick for three days. I went to work on Sunday morning, and later my wife tried to get him up and he couldn't walk nor move. My wife's mother was there and she called the Dr. He said my son had a ruptured appendix and had to be rushed to the hospital. He was operated on right away, and the Dr. & Nurses had no hopes for his recovery. My mother was there and she prayed. The brothers and sisters of Bethelboro Mission prayed for him. We know God heard our prayers.

My wife did not call me from my work, for I work in Pittsburgh, and my son was so bad he had to be rushed to the hospital.

I feel that I should thank God for His wonderful goodness to me and my family, for I know I am serving the true and living God. May He bless you all, and make me stronger in the Lord.

SIRS, I WOULD SEE JESUS

Even members in the Sanhedrin began to find interest in His teachings most with feelings of aversion, a few with kindly affection and one at least wanted

to hear Him, that one was Nicodemus. There must have been others whose observations had led them to desire to know more about Jesus, among them was Joseph of Arimathea, who later became one of His disciples, though secretly for fear of the Jews. How many more men of note, we have no knowledge. John says in chapter 12-42 that among the chief rulers many believed on Him. Of these we take note of Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee as to his faith, and a member of the Sanhedrin. As to position this man came to Jesus by night. John is the only one who mentions him; Jesus laid before him one of the greatest commandments for to get him into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This doctrine was for all men whether rich or poor. Timid and afraid of the banishment that might come upon him—but if we look around us today, we can hardly get anyone to hear us in a land of free religion—Candid loving truth seeking a sure footing. He felt himself bound to give a fair hearing to every new word and to all claims. He had not yet classed the hypocrite with the infidel, or the Pharisees with the Sadducees.

Nicodemus saw more in Jesus than most of the Pharisees did. He calls Jesus Rabbi, the title of respect to an acknowledged teacher. We know that Thou art a Teacher come from God, for no man can do the miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. No man would make such a confession without his heart was open to receive more. Well did he acknowledge He was a Rabbi and that God was with Him. When we go that far we are ready for what comes next. His heart was ready for a new doctrine. John the Baptist had not made too much of an impression because he performed no miracle, but Jesus performed miracles from the beginning of His Ministry, for no man can do those things that Thou doest except God be with Him.

Looking down into the eyes and heart of the learned Pharisee, He says solemnly, Verily, Verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the KINGDOM OF God. Jesus knew the general feeling among the Jews as regards to the coming kingdom but that He would come as a King, and the feeling of the Samaritan woman in the next chapter—I know when Messiah comes He

will tell us all things, but to enter the Kingdom by being born again, was a puzzle to this man. Hence the question: How can these things be? It was something new. A life comes by a new birth—no man putteth new wine into old bottles else the bottles burst and the wine is spilled—it must be completely new not made over. Neither do men put a new patch on an old garment, else the new pulleth away from the old and knowest not these things? There the rent is made worse.

Art thou a master in Israel and knowest not these things? There is no doubt but what he accepted this new doctrine. He was there at the crucifixion. Jesus had impressed the mind of Nicodemus with the central truth whereby all men could enter the kingdom of God. It is not by knowledge but by a new life, even as a new born babe comes into this life, so it must be to enter the Kingdom of God.

What simplicity, tenderness, Loving forgiving, without hatred, malice, envy and strife. No wonder Jesus said: Except we become as a little child, for of such is the Kingdom of God. Jesus said: except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God—marvel not that I said unto you, Ye must be born again. That saying turned all Jews, Gentiles, Rulers, Pharisees and Scribes out-doors to seek admittance afresh, or anew. Some say that this word BORN of the WATER means born of the word. How can you be born of the word? Can you be buried in the word? Paul says: we are buried with Him in baptism. Jesus said the wind bloweth where it listeth. You cannot see the wind, but you can feel the effects of the wind. A man may never see a spirit, but he surely has felt its effects. And so in conclusion, I wish all the world was born again; there would be no wars, no blood-shed as we have heard about in Hungary. May God help us to keep that childlike spirit, which only comes through being born again. Bro. James Heaps.

A TESTIMONY FROM BTHEL BORO MISSION.

I, Sister Thomas will say that this is a true testimony as to how God has helped my family.

My grandson was so bad sick on Friday before Christmas and I was working in the same hospital that he was in. A girl that works

there called me one day and said: Mrs. Thomas there is a man here wants to tell you something. My Sammy was in this man's shop and dropped \$10.00. Another man came in later and found it and turned it over to the owner of the shop. Sam had mentioned it to the owner that his son was operated on. So he tried to call him on the phone, and finally discovered that he could find some of the family at the hospital. The man gave me the money and said that he knew Sammy needed it, and that he would not have any luck with it.

I thanked him and wished God's blessing upon him. We were crying and I thanked him over and over again. I knew that my son really needed that money. I took the money into the room where the boy was with his grandmother, and I praised God and told her the story. — I said, to think that some people say there is no God and no miracles today. This certainly is one. And also a greater one, because my grandson is coming along fine. I prayed and thanked God, — for He lives in my heart. Bro. and Sister Thomas & family.

NOTICE

To all branches and missions:

The Sunday School Constitution and By-Laws can now be obtained from the General Church Librarian, brother James Campbell, 807 Fourth St. Monongahela, Pa.

All Sunday Schools are to be governed accordingly.

Gorie Ciaravino,
Gen. Ch. Sec'y.

P. S. Please take note: The 'fact' that both our Sabbath School and the Missionary Benevolent Association has their constitution and by-laws to govern them, does not give independence from the various Branches of the Church. You are still 'subordinates' of the church. Your Branch of which you belong is the supreme Authority and you are subordinates thereunto, but your own affairs are governed by your constitution and by-laws.

Keep in mind that in The Church of Jesus Christ, that we are ONE GROUP, Not many groups. President of the Church.

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Contemporary is a much used word today. Applied primarily to the arts and literature, this overworked adjective is also a tool of critics and advocates of the world churches. By definition contemporary means present day, current, up to date; by a contemporary church we mean one which is geared to modern society and theology.

The supporters of contemporary religion argue that the complexities of today's living necessitates an up-to-the minute church. They insist that doctrine alterations, concessions to pressure groups, and recognition of mass media (TV, RADIO, 'cheap' magazines) as necessary evils, are the only ways modern man can be brought to redemption. A little good overcomes much evil', says the modern, but Paul in his epistle to the Romans wrote "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:21)

But those of us — 'us' here including The Church of Jesus Christ — that clearly see the total failing of the world churches realize that their endeavor to regain social prominence has completely dissolved spiritual effectiveness. As their buildings are crowded with membership so are the prisons and mental institutions bursting with inmates. Lost in the maze of intricate theological complexity is the sole purpose of what the church should really do: preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and save men's soul. They are lost in the HOW, the WHAT has been forgotten.

This over-emphasis on the material aspects of the church has had its effect on the clergy also. The contemporary organization has demanded more of his attention for executing estates, raising funds, and attending social affairs then they permit him for preaching the word of God.

In a recent issue of Christianity and Crisis, Roy Pearson pointed out that these other than spiritual duties are increasing to the point of causing many ministers to collapse in nervous break down. Little wonder. The contemporary church and ministry are busy laying up treasures on earth while the 'thief' is stealing their mind and soul. — "but lay up for your-

self treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." (Matt. 6:20)

And speaking of words, a new one is coming into use — euthanasia. This is the technical medical term applied to mercy killing. Legal right to kill patients afflicted with incurable disease is being petitioned for by 166 New Jersey doctors. The signed petition was circulated among legislators recently and the response of law makers was varied. Before any of these gentlemen sign anything into law perhaps they had better re-read Exodus, 20th chapter, 15th verse. It says simply, without exception, "Thou shalt not kill."

Origination of religious sects and creeds has always been hard to understand. Effect is obvious with the new organization in being but cause is usually lost in the shouting tumult. Lutherans recently had cause, the effect is to come.

The split in the Lutheran Synodical Conference was so great there was danger of dissolution of the conference. One group accused another of doctrinal deviations and suspended relations

The 'deviations' turned out to be the sponsoring of Boy Scout troops. Small cause indeed to forget spiritual ties and give so much import to the material.

This is typical of the continual disharmony in churches, giving rise to names such as Sixth Reformed Something. A clergyman once explained to me that this is the churches effort for betterment and truth. I inquired as to how they would know when rightness and righteous had been achieved. No answer was forthcoming.

A nation wide plan to maintain Sunday as a day of rest and worship has been launched by the Lords' Day Alliance of the United States. Spokesmen for the aggregation attest propaganda put forth by liquor forces, gambling forces, and anti-Sunday forces is turning the Sabbath into just another work day.

The truth of their findings is painfully visible. More and more

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THE GOSPEL NEWS

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EDITORIAL

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please him: (meaning God) for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:1,6. I read in Ephes. 2:8 that faith is the gift of God. And we are taught in the scripture that God is not a respecter of persons. I undersand from this that God will bless any soul whom He sees fit, matterless of who he is, or where he may have come from. And He, (God) changes not.

We are taught that God was made manifest in the flesh, meaning Jesus Christ. Hence, we look to Jesus Christ while He was here on the earth, for the true manifestation of the character of His Father who is in heaven. And the fact that all power was given unto Jesus while He was here on earth, should be sufficient ground for us mortals to acknowledge His teaching and His examples, absolutely above all others.

In Matthew 9:12 Jesus said, "Daughter be of good comfort: THY faith has made thee whole." We have no other information about this afflicted woman, but she did have a LIVING faith in her soul and through it she was healed. Remember God is still the same.

In Matthew 9:29 (relative to the two blind men) it is written, "According to YOUR faith be it unto you." and their eyes were opened. Can any professed worshipper say that these men did not have LIVING faith in their souls? Surely not. And yet the blind men would not know of Jesus, except what had been told them.

In Luke 17:19 in speaking unto this stranger He says, "Arise, go thy way: THY faith hath made thee whole." Even this poor stranger had LIVING faith in his soul can it be denied? The living faith in his soul opened his eyes. I praise God for my faith in an impartial Being.

There is an instance in the Book of Mormon I wish to draw attention to. How wonderful it is to find the witnesses of Christ agree, though one of them lived long before Christ was born in the flesh. Take note of the man named Zeezrom in Alma 15th Chapter. In verse 10 Alma asks God to heal this man according to his (Zeezrom) faith. Not the faith of Alma, no, but in the soul of him who's mind was so much troubled because of his iniquities. Read verse 9. Zeezrom exercised the faith that was in his soul—the faith he had in his God, though he had not yet been baptized for the remission of his sins. The LIVING faith in his soul caused him to leap upon his feet and walk and no doubt he praised his maker.

Now look at the contrast as recorded by Luke in 18th chapter In verse 22 Jesus starts out on a voyage with his DISCIPLES, (not strangers) but those whom He acknowledged as His friends. The story is commonly known—He fell asleep and a storm arose, and they, the boat was filled with water, they awake the Master and says unto HIM: Carest not that we perish? He rebuked the wind and the raging water and there was calm. And He said unto them: WHERE IS YOUR FAITH? In the previous instances that I have drawn your attention to, they had living faith in their souls—Thy faith has made thee whole.

The unchangeable God that I read of in my Bible and Book of Mormon, is such a God that He cannot be pleased with His creatures, unless they have faith in Him. Undoubtedly there is a living faith in many souls who know nothing of the Restored Gospel, and one may justly ask the question of many who profess the Restored Gospel: WHERE IS THY FAITH. For I am taught that Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday, and forever. I say again: may I always praise the God who acknowledges the LIVING faith of His creatures, here there and everywhere, including his creatures who gave and are giving their lives as a living sacrifice to their God. Editor.

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businesses are opening on Sunday and the do-it-yourself workers are most active on the seventh day. I once heard a minister say that his toughest competition was the paint brush — active on Sunday. Disregard for the Sabbath, the

law, and God is on the increase. A very definite, and terrifying, sign of the times.

Contributions for this column are welcome and requested, as are comments and suggestions. Address correspondence to G. L. Funkhouser, Washington Valley Road, Pluckemin, N. J.

SIMILARITIES

In my previous article I had mentioned that I would write further of how God has worked in our day and time as well as how he has promised to work in the days to come.

In the beginning we read that God put man in the garden of Eden to "dress it and to keep it" He also gave man dominion over the fowls of the air, fish animals, and every creeping thing. (There is no where written where God intended man to have domination over man.) After Adam's expulsion we read that he began to till the soil, no doubt in a very crude and laborious fashion, one of his sons doing likewise while the other was a keeper of sheep. Soon afterwards we read that men learned to handle the harp and the organ, and in the process of time one by the name of Tubalcain became an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron. Gen 4:22. Man has since continued, steadily increasing his knowledge and his craftsmanship abilities, and of late has made great strides materially. All of these achievements are an honour and glory to our great Creator, especially so when men recognize the fact that God is the giver of all knowledge and talents. These achievements if properly used, that is to the honour and glory of God, would be a great blessing to humanity. (But it looks as if some of them may be used just oppositely, that is, for great destruction.) So we conclude that man has indeed achieved much materially. Sad to say though that progress spiritually and spiritual achievements have not kept pace. However it will not be always so for God has created man for a definite purpose or purposes. One of them being that he might have joy, and also that he might reach a high degree of spiritual attainment. When this will be reached, then man will be an honour and glory to his Creator. Concerning the remainder of God's creation David the

Psalms said, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork," they have always done this and always will. With man it has not been so, but in the days to come it will, otherwise, the Creation and the coming of Christ into the world would surely be inglorious.

At the birth of Christ we read that as the angel of God was declaring Christ's birth unto the shepherds, as they were keeping watch over their flock by night, that suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. "The proclamation of these meant that the birth of Christ and his coming, and labor would bring about a condition on earth, that there would be peace, good will and brotherhood abundantly among men. This has not as yet been fulfilled excepting to a small degree during the apostolic era. At that time we know that conversions caused great changes to come to men and women. These were to such a degree that they were filled with the love of God; and the brotherhood displayed by those men contained a love superior to a natural brotherly love. Yes the love of God filled their hearts and their souls to overflowing. But these were only a small group, and the world is large! Is this all that Christ is able to do? Thank God it isn't. We believe that the days will come that this same divine love will yet fill the hearts of many men and women of every tribe and nation. Sad though that before this takes place the world may pass through chaos and destruction, such as has never been in the past. A time when men's hearts will fail them, and they will be fearful exceedingly, because of what will take place upon the earth. The Lord though will say to his saints as he has said to his servants of old "fear not, nor be not dismayed, I am thy God and will still give thee aid." As we now live in the latter day dispensation we look for the fulfillment of these promises, and the remaining unfilled prophecies.

We look for the fulfillment of Micah IV, also Isaiah II, and Joel III, when the time is promised that "men shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks and

shall learn war no more", at which time there will be but two groups of people. Those of Zion who are faithful, who will walk in the name of the Lord their God, and unbelievers who will walk in the name of their God. At this time the wolf and the lion shall lie down with the lamb. Concerning his ministers it says, "they shall see eye to eye" when this condition dawns upon the earth. Quite a contrast to what exists on earth in religion today, with its many sects and denomination.

During this time peace will reign, for a true brotherhood will exist. No need anymore for a "brotherhood week," etc., for this brotherhood will be perpetual. The spirit of God will abide in all men and in all women of Zion. They will dwell in safety and security. Selfishness gone, greed gone, with their grievous effects. Nothing shall hurt or destroy "and my people shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble." Men and women shall attain to unbelievable ages as was in the beginning. During this time spiritual gifts will be given to men abundantly as were given the apostles. Men and women will have visions and will dream dreams, similarly as did the disciples as well as God favored men and women of old. Israel will have come to the knowledge of God, and to believe and accept Christ as their Messiah. To them will be given great power as was given to Peter, James, and John, for unto the Jews "Pertain the adoption, and the glory, and the covenant", etc. Romans 9:4. The seed of Joseph also will bloom forth in God's power, a great wonderment to the world. The kingdom of God will have come, and God's will verily is done in earth as in heaven. The blessing that will come forth are so numerous and so great. The people of God will long enjoy the labors of their hands, for everyone shall work righteousness. Should however evil try to creep into Zion, undoubtedly God will deal with them as he did with Ananias and Saphira. "that others may fear." Should any outsiders try to molest them, the scriptures say that they who fight against Zion shall be destroyed, receiving the same promise as did Israel, "one man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you." Joshua 23:10. God's favor and blessings then will

be divers, and many, and in various ways similar to his dealings with his servants from the creation of man. Similar because he is an unchangeable, wise, omniscient loving and faithful Creator. May each of us strive to serve him with all honesty, and faithfulness, which is but fitting, proper, and due our great merciful Creator, is my hope and prayer.

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Pa.

NEWS ITEMS

In the Monongahela Branch of the Church on January 13th we had a very nice day in the service of God. Our Sabbath School was well attended, visitors present from Detroit, Windsor, Ont. Ohio and various places here in Penna., and the visitors spent the day with us. Bros. Thomas of Detroit and Calabrese from Tiffin, Ohio occupied the pulpit in the morning session. It was known prior to this day that there was going to be four of our young people baptized.

It was a cold day at the river shore, but before the day was over, five of our young people braved the chilly waters and was immersed therein. They were all confirmed in the afternoon meeting. While it was cold standing on the shore of the river, yet a very large crowd gathered for the occasion.

Again on Sunday January 20th, the Monongahela Branch gathered at the river shore and baptized four converts, the youngest one was past 14 years old while the oldest one was past 75. The weather had been cold, but still on this day, the sun was shining.

I received a letter from Brother Dick on January 22nd informing me that he had made a trip to Lagos, the Capital City of Nigeria, and baptized 22 converts. There is lots of work to do in Nigeria. The harvest is plentiful, but the labours are few.

Again on February 3rd the Monongahela saints gathered on the River shore and baptized six converts, three of these happened to be a father and mother and their son. They were all confirmed in the after noon meeting, and we also attended the ordinance of feet-washing in the same meeting. We had a large crowd present at the meeting.

According to a letter I have received from Secretary Akpan he tells me of a letter he

received from Bro. Dick who is away from his home on Missionary Work and he quotes Bro. Dick as follows: "God is working miracles among this people. I have 30 more to baptize, so I wish to ask any of the Elders to come and assist me. God bless you. Dick." Understand this is in Nigeria. Bro. Cadman.

Note: The Ladies Uplift Circle will hold their general meeting on March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Sister Sadie Cadman in Monongahela, Pa.

ATTENTION PLEASE

In conversation with the Treasurer of the Church, I learn that we have thus far fallen far short of our goal relative to buying a piece of property in South Dakota, which is to serve as a Church for our Indian members in the Wakpala district, and also to serve as a place to house our missionary workers who may labour in those parts of the vineyard.

May I ask you all to contribute as best you can towards this project, and as soon as you possibly can, in order that we might close the deal. Said property will be an asset to the church in our missionary efforts in preaching the Gospel. Brother Cadman.

FROM THE ROSCOE BRANCH

Sister Maud Densmore, aged 78 of Crescent Heights, Daisytown, R. D. 1, died January 8, 1957 in Washington, Pa., after a long illness.

She was born at Lemont Furnace Sept. 17, 1878.

She was baptized into the church of Jesus Christ June 28, 1953 by Bro. Henry Johnson.

Surviving are three sons, Clifford, Daisytown R. D. 1, Robert, Cleveland, O. and John, Bellaire, O; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Elders Geo. Johnson and L. O. Waltz at the Greenlee funeral parlors. Bealsville, Pa. Burial in Bealsville Cemetery.

JOHN E. WILSON PASSES ON.

John E. Wilson, 27, of Dunbar R. D. 1 died at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in Connellsville State Hospital after a lingering illness. He was born May 29, 1929 in Dunbar Twp. a son of Arthur & the late Nora Layhue Wilson. He was a member of The Church of Jesus

Christ.

He is survived by his father and step mother and three brothers, and several half brothers and sisters. His mother preceded him in death in May of 1939. Interment took place in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Brother Oran Thomas officiating.

SAMUEL PALERMO PASSES ON.

Sam Palermo died on January 15, 1957. He was born in Italy on September 23, 1889, immigrated to America in 1912. Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 3 Detroit on January 18th. Services were conducted by Elder Fred D'Amico, and interment was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Brother Palermo leaves to mourn his passing his wife, four daughters, two sons, one sister and numerous relatives. May God bless those who have been bereaved of their loved ones.

SP. 2 CHARLES G. WHITE PASSES ON.

Charles G. White was born on April 25th 1931 in Tunica, Miss. He entered the Army in Nov. of 1948. He received several medals while in service. Funeral services were held at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., interment at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Charles is a nephew of Sister Maude Stallworth of Branch No. 3 in Detroit. Sister Stallworth raised this boy as her own child. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and may God comfort her.

9374 WOODLAWN ST. DETROIT 13, MICH.

Dear Editor:—

Greetings from all bros. and sisters here in this section of the Vineyard. I sincerely hope you, sister Cadman, and all saints everywhere, are endeavouring to live to our fullest privileges in the Church, so that Jesus could lead us all the way. Thank God we are fair, and look optimistically, that as our Heavenly Father, spares us from Year to Year, we may become better men and women, and can work for the real goal of our ambition, the Evangelization of the whole Human family. Won't it be marvelous, as is said in Revelation 11th Chapter and 15th. verse, where John heard voices in Heaven, saying, The

Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. There is much Uprising in the world today, but we who are in the Church are not dismayed, it is said in Matthew 24th. Chapter and the 15th. verse, When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the Holy Place (whoso readeth, let him understand:) I understand by this, that it is high time, that the saints be fully aware of what God is doing, and assert ourselves, so that He can use us in His Purposes, and not destroy us with the world. In this year, 1957 would n't it be grand, if we could so live, that there would not be a misunderstanding between any of us, not a weak link to the chain, but that tie that binds believers hearts in one, will be so firm, and steadfast, even as the Rock of Gibraltar, I tell you my dear bros. and sisters, this is the way the ancient saints were, and God has promised us His aid, when we united be. I will now tell some thing of what I have experienced going to the different Branches this month, 1st. Sunday was spent in Branch No. 3, Main subject carried forth that day was found in Ether the 12th Chapter, God gives weaknesses that men may be humble. This brought up quite a discussion, and even until now, the blessings I received, are still fresh within me, and rejoices the soul. The Second Sunday was spent in Branch No. 2 and Inkster, our discussion then hinged around the 4th Chapter of Zechariah and the 6th verse, Then He answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel saying, Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. This subject with others, for the day, supplied much food for thought, and caused us to realize that of ourselves we can do nothing, but can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth us. I found out that Sunday that the bros. and sisers of Branch No 2 had a bro. baptized there that week and since then have had three more brothers baptized, and two sisters. The 3rd Sunday was spent at Belgian Hall, the topic there, Matthew 24th. Chapter 34th. verse to the end. The subject, The wisdom of watching like good servants, expecting every moment our Lord's coming. Bro. Concetto Alessandro, also spoke on the subject, a good spirit

being felt in our midst. In the Young Peoples meeting in New Jersey, there seemed to have been quite a blessing, two were baptized from branch No. 3, and a sister from Branch No. 1. The 4th. Sunday a car load of us visited Port Huron and Sarnia. We found the saints in Port Huron, quite peaceful, serving the Lord, Sister Johnson is out the Hospital but is not good at all, may all saints join in prayer for her. We had a grand time in Sarnia, a miracle is reported there of a friend that was anointed by Bro. Nick Pietrangelo. Bro. Maness was anointed for illness. We heard from bro. Dick. On the 1st. Sunday of November, he had two hundred and thirty souls baptized, and his wife seems to be feeling some better. May God bless you. With much love to all bros. and sisters in Christ. Your bro. Matthew T. Miller.

The Most Beautiful Story That Can Never Be Told—Never

Dear Brother Editor:

While singing the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story", we were given much thought to this beautiful story of all stories. Our thoughts usually go first to the beautiful Christmas Story of Joseph and Mary going to Bethlehem to pay their taxes and how they found there was no room for them in the Inn. They were turned to the Manger where Jesus was born. And how, as the shepherds watched their flocks by night, an Angel appeared to them and the Glory of the Lord shone around and the shepherds became afraid. But the Angel said, "Fear not, I bring you good tidings. To you this day is born, in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." How they rejoiced—and the heavenly choir sang "Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth, good will toward men." and of the visit of the shepherds and wise men, and the gifts they gave Him.

But is this the beginning of the story? My mind goes to the Book of Ether in the Book of Mormon, where hundreds of years before Christ came into the world and what we know as the "Christmas Story" happened. How Jesus appeared to the Brother of Jared and said, "I am He, who was prepared from the foundation of the world, to redeem my people, Behold, I am Jesus Christ; In me shall all mankind have light."

We know also that the story was told over and over by the

prophets—a story of this same Jesus and how He would come in the world. Then we think of the story of Jesus at the age of twelve. How Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple after three days, in the midst of the doctors and how they were astonished at the understanding and answers he gave to them.

Then we think of His Ministry and all the wonderful miracles He performed. And of His wonderful teachings and the perfect plan of salvation He laid down for us to follow.

Then we think of the Easter Story. Of how He was judged so unjustly, and cruel hands tortured Him and nailed Him on the Cross. Of how He arose from the tomb. This is the end of the story for many. But we also love the story of the two brothers, walking along the road on the third day after Christ's death. Being very cast down because this Jesus, whom they loved so much, was dead. They thought it was all over—and they had had such high hopes that this Jesus was the Redeemer, now they thought they had been wrong. While they were talking over these things, Jesus appeared with them and walked along with them. It wasn't given to them to know it was Jesus, so He asked them "Why they were sad", and they asked Him if he was a stranger here that He didn't know that Jesus was crucified—this Jesus, whom they thought was sent to redeem Israel, and now He was crucified and all was lost.

But then Jesus began with Moses and the Prophets and He expounded the scriptures to them and their hearts burned within them. As they reached the village, it was late in the day, and they asked Jesus to stay the night with them. And we like to remember how Jesus sat down to eat with them, He took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them and their eyes were opened and they knew Him. And then He vanished before their eyes. And they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked and walked with us?"

To me, this is the answer of how we know Jesus is near and how we know Jesus. For haven't we felt our hearts burn and leap within us many times?

We know the story of Jesus can never be told, because it is an unfinished story. Because Je-

sus still lives, and each time we bear testimony to some healing or how Jesus called us into The Church, we also become a part of the Story of Jesus, and as we tell our experiences in His Church we tell another part of the Story of Jesus. How wonderful to think we are part of that beautiful story, and so the story goes on and on, with each testimony of His children.

Brother Bud Martin
Roscoe, Pa.

M.B.A. GATHERING

The M. B. A. gathering for district of California was held on Dec. 15, 1956 at the San Fernando Valley Church. The morning meeting was for the officers only. charge of the M.B.A. gatherings Bro. Rudy Meo of the Bell Branch from G.M.B.A. suggesting that we set up a committee to take charge of the M.B.A. gatherings Bro Rudy Meo of the Bell Branch was elected as chairman of this committee.

We all agreed to the suggestions of Bro. Rudy Meo, that we devote our gatherings to spiritual and social uplifting only. The secretary of the hostess branch shall record the minutes of that meeting and also send a report to the Gospel News. Our next gathering will be held on August 31, 1957 at Modesto. Closing prayer by Bro. Richard Castelli.

Our afternoon meeting began at 2:00 o'clock by singing hymn "Welcome Best of all Good Meetings." Prayer by Bro. Leonard Lovalvo of Modesto. Bro. Nick Liberto spoke a few words expressing his desire to uplift and draw together the young people. Bro. Rudy Meo spoke encouraging each of us to do our part in these M.B.A. gatherings and that each branch may have prayer several days before the gathering asking the Lord to be in our midst.

We then sang hymn "All that Thrills My Soul". Bro. Leonard Lovalvo gave a wonderful testimony of how the Lord worked with him when he was baptized.

Bro. James Heapes spoke of the great need of the Holy Ghost to be with us in all we do. Many testimonies were enjoyed and several hymns were sung during the afternoon. The closing hymn was "The Heavenly Vision." Prayer by Bro. Ray Saczko.

A good lunch and dinner were served at the church. The evening program consisted of songs

and poems by the little children and also the junior group. The bell choir sang a beautiful hymn. The Valley branch presented a musicale entitled "Christmas Oratorio."

Many visiting brothers and sisters remained for the Sunday meeting and a good time of fellowship was had by all.

San Fernando valley Branch
Sister Pearl Nester

NEWS FROM DETROIT

Dear Editor:

February 1, 1957—Last Sunday was my first experience of seeing any one baptized in the winter when the water is frozen over.

Bro. Tony Leopoldo asked to be baptized, but I never gave it a thought about the ice until we arrived at the lake and saw the condition it was in.

It was cold and windy on Lake St. Clair. In order to have the car near the place of baptism it was driven out on the lake. There were several tries to find the water and I was amazed at the co-operation, and how smoothly the ice was broken and a hole cleared, then seeing brother Silver Coppa, the officiating Elder get into the water with the candidate, it was a wonderful sight and one I shall never forget. By Sister Ilene Coppa of Branch 3.

THE INDIANS GATHER

On October 11, 1956 the Indians of many tribes gathered at Hotevilla, Arizona in an effort to unite their people as they have referred to it in, "one great central plan of life for this land. This plan was laid down by the Great Spirit."

In a speech delivered by Don Kathongwa, this statement was made, "Now is the time we will discover the people of strong faith. Now is the time we will find who will unite the Indian tribes as brothers."

"In order to find these brothers, I called this meeting. It was instructed to us that when we reached a place where we could go no further, we must make a call and get together as religious people and find out the ONE CENTRAL PLAN of the Great Spirit, and we find it we will follow it according to His instructions. We must not lose it."

Another speaker, Thomas Banac ya spoke thus, "All religions I contacted pointed to one God, a God revealed by good prophets whose words were later perverted. So after finding so much good in other religions of the world, I turned again to look at the religion of my own people. I found them waiting for a great leader who would come and establish world-wide peace and righteousness. I found a group of about 300 of most sincere Chippewa religious people gathered under a very spiritual leader named Red Cloud. He rises every morning to pray at sunrise; he bathes in cold water, he remembers and practices the instruction given to the Chippewa by the Great Spirit. Missionaries come to him and present their views. The Chippewa believe them to be good but won't accept them for the Chippewa have their own religion. Red Cloud and people are very patiently waiting for the Great White Brother. They realize that this world is the testing ground for mortals and that the next world, the spiritual one is the real one. We cannot follow a man for we must follow the Spirit — and it is the duty of each person to find that Spirit for himself.

Chippewa prophecies speak of a great leader and feel just as the Hopi and other righteous peoples, that now are the last days. I believe that now the tribes are coming together." (Taken from the "Voice of Peace.")

PAUL FRANCIONE WRITES FROM SOMEWHERE

Feb. 4, 1957

Dear Bro. Cadman

Even though I correspond with a great many brothers and sisters throughout the Church, I know that through the Gospel News I'll be able to reach many more.

First, my prayer is that you at home and also all the brothers and sisters everywhere might be enjoying good health along with God's richest blessings. I thank God for all His tender mercies toward me.

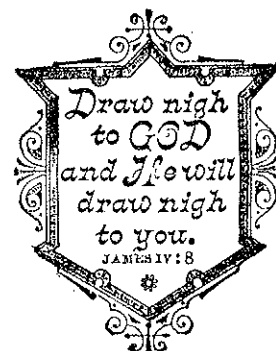
As I set here reflecting about the past, I can't help but be so grateful to God that He has made me a part of this wonderful Gospel. Not only has it brought peace

and joy to our hearts, but it is the means whereby we may obtain spiritual and eternal life. I could enumerate many ways that God has been with me, but it sufficeth me to say: that He has not left me alone, but has been ever present. May I thank all the brothers and sisters who have prayed to God on my behalf and for their concern of my spiritual welfare.

The opportunity we had to visit the churches in Italy, certainly will never be forgotten. Bro. Frank Morle's letter covered the trip very well. However, the brothers and sisters there, were so glad to see us, and for us it was a great joy to know that the dimensions of the Gospel had spread so far from home. May God bless them all there, that through the work which they have started, many might be brought to the Restored Gospel.

What a wonderful thing it is to read about so many baptisms which have taken place recently. God has certainly answered our prayers, because so many of these are children of the saints. May they all place their faith and trust in God, that the remainder of their lives might be spent in His service and doing His will.

The Lord willing, it won't be long until I'll be able to see and meet with you all once more. Even though my experience here has been both interesting and enlightening, my thoughts have always been of home and the Church. I'll close now, extending my very best regards to all the brothers and sisters everywhere. May God bless you all with His wonderful love. Your brother in Christ Paul Francione.



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THE DARKENED SUN

Now tis high noon and solemn
night,
The Sun withdraws his face.
And shadows over all the land
The beams of day replace.

All night wrapped in solemn awe,
Stood shuddering for dismay.
As hours of stern, Almighty
wrath,
Passed tediously away.

Once from the cross an anguished
voice,

Came languidly, "I thirst"
And then a cry as though the
heart

So full of love had burst.

"Eli, Eli." these were the words,
"Lama Sabachthami."

Oh what acutest agony,
Wrung forth that mournful cry!

Meanwhile a sponge in vinegar,
One standing near Him dips;
And putting it upon a reed,
He lifts it to His lips.

He then, with exclamation loud,
His voice aloft doth send
Saying, Father now into Thy
hands

"My Spirit I commend."

And then, behold the temple vail,
From top to bottom rent,
And earthquake shook the city
wall,

The rock to pieces went.

And the centurion with his guard,
Seeing these signs abroad,
Exclaimed in fear, Now of a
truth,

This was the Son of God.

(Selected)

Author Unknown.

THE EASTER SEASON

THE LORD HATH RISEN

The angel said unto the women:
"He is not here: for He is risen,
Come, see the place where the
Lord lay." Matthew 28-6.

And he (a young man) saith
unto them, "Be not affrighted:
Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which
was crucified: He is risen: He is
not here: behold the place where
they laid Him." Mark 16-6.

The women go to the sepulchre
early in the morning, and behold
two men stood by them and said:
"Why seek ye the living among
the dead? He is not here, but is
risen: remember how He spake
unto you when He was in
Galilee." Luke 24-5,6.

The women seeth two angels
in white: "Jesus saith unto her,
Mary. She turned herself, and
saith unto Him, Rabboni: which
is to say Master." John 20-16.

It is noted that there is some
variations in the story of the
resurrection of Christ as related
in the four gospels. The signif-
icant part of their testimony in
which all are one, is — He Is
Risen.

HE IS RISEN

"He is risen," the wonderful
words spoken to Mary Magdalene
and the other Mary by the angel.
It was at the end of the Sabbath
as it began to dawn toward the
first day of the week that they
went to the sepulchre where the
body of their saviour lay. There
had been a great earthquake and
the angel of the Lord descended
from heaven and rolled back the
stone from the door. The angel's
countenance was like lightning
and his raiment white as snow.
The keepers were so frightened
that they became as dead men.
The angel spoke to the women
and said, "Fear not ye: for I
know that ye seek Jesus, which
was crucified — He is not here:
for He is risen."

One of the other writers states
that when the Sabbath was past
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the
mother of James and Salome
came very early in the morning
at the rising of the sun, to the
sepulchre, bringing spices to
anoint the body of Jesus. As they
approached the sepulchre they
were discussing who would roll
away this stone from the door
as it was very great. As they
came near they saw the stone was
rolled away. Upon entering they
saw a young man sitting on the
right side, clothed in a long

white garment. They were afraid,
but he said to them, "Be not
affrighted: ye seek Jesus of
Nazareth, which was crucified:
He is risen."

The other writers in the Bible
tell us the same story but it
always ends with the same won-
derful expression, "He is not
here, but is risen." Jesus had
told them beforehand of His
crucifixion, death and burial and
that He would rise on the third
day but it was not understood.
When Jesus appeared to Mary
as she was weeping and won-
dering where they had taken
her Lord, she didn't recognize
Him. She supposed he was the
gardner but when he said unto
her, "Mary," she knew her Mas-
ter's voice. Jesus said to her,
"Touch me not: for I am not
yet ascended to my Father: but
go to my brethern and say unto
them, I ascend unto my Father,
and your Father and my God
and your God." (St. John 20-17.)
Mary told these glad tidings to
the disciples. Jesus then appeared
unto them that evening, when
the doors were shut. His words
of consolation were, "Peace be
unto you." He showed them his
hands and his side. One of the
disciples named Thomas was not
present and when told of this,
would not believe. Eight days
later, when they were assembled
together again, Jesus appeared
in their midst. This proved to
Thomas after seeing Jesus'
wounds and thrusting his hand
in his side that "He is risen."

Jesus appeared again to the
disciples at the sea of Tiberias
as they were fishing. During all
these events the words, "He is
risen," took on a new meaning,
they became real and full of
joy. We too who have heard
this wonderful Easter story and
are followers of the Lord Jesus
believe as Jesus said, "I am the
resurrection and the life, he
that believeth in me, though he
were dead, yet shall he live; and
whosoever liveth and believeth
in me shall never die."

SIRS, I WOULD SEE JESUS

(Continued by Bro. Heaps.)

The sermon on the Mount. It was fitting and in place, that Jesus should set forth at once to this work. This discourse is known as the Sermon on the Mount. It could not be very far from the lake Gennesaret. It was a natural resort, both to Jesus and His disciples, and seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him and He opened His mouth and taught them saying the wonderful things He had to say; one who had spent a quarter of a century in the Holy land says, "One seems to look to the bottom of heavens profoundest assure, where the everlasting stars abide. The snow on lofty Lebanon thirty miles away." And yet you could almost read your name written on its cold brow. The congregation was great, the expectation was great, the teacher was great, no discourse ever delivered is so worthy of study as this. He has no announced plan, no introduction, no apologetic remarks — Blessed are the poor in spirit.

He penetrates right to the core, riches, rank and honors do not make the supreme distinction among men, but that humble spirit where men inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Better it is to be an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the great. The fear of the Lord are riches and honour and life. A man's pride shall bring him low, but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. He hath shewed thee O man what is good and that which the Lord requires of thee; but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

My Dad used to say that he that is low has no need to fear, lest he fall. Likewise ye younger submit yourselves unto the older, yea, all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility. For God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Is it any wonder that

Jesus starts His sermon with: Blessed are the poor in spirit? Or in another sermon He said, Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be humble and be blessed than it is to be proud and fall. Alma says blessed are they who humble themselves without being compelled to be humble. Blessed is he that believeth in the word and is baptized without stubbornness of heart, yea without being brought to know the word or even compelled to know before they believed. It is not sufficient to be Abrahams seed or Aarons lineage. What a difference in the life of Samuel and that of Saul and Sampson. What is the use of wearing the High Priests breastplate or the Bishops mitre, or reading the Urim and Thummim and bring people into bondage. Moses said of Joshua and Caleb, there is a different spirit in these two men and they were the only two that came out of Egypt over 20 years of age that went into the land of Cannan.

It is that blessing that comes from the humble in spirit. It was a reversal of the three Rabbis and conquerors had impressed upon them. The law says An eye for an eye, but it is only the spirit of humility that can turn the other cheek. The Roman that had power and might, was not happy or blessed. Jesus opened His mouth and taught. There has been much diversity of opinion as to the meaning of being poor in spirit. Poverty, lack of material wealth has nothing to do with the Spirit. Paul says though he were rich yet he became poor that through his poverty we might become rich. God will bless our fields, our crops, our dollars and our tables. He has promised never to leave us alone, Deut. 28. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord. Bro. Cowan asked God to heal his cows. Bros. Cherry and Cowan knelt down in the middle of a field that would not

grow anything and asked God to bless that field and God did so it produced the best crops. Bro. Moore took me to look at his fields and kept saying: look bro. Heaps how God has blessed the crops—Blessed are the poor in spirit for they shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

So Jesus taught His disciples to pray that thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God blessed the land of Cannan because of the covenant which He made with Abraham. We are living in a good land that has been blessed. Nephi says: And I saw the Gentiles that they crossed the many waters and they did prosper, and they did humble themselves before the Lord, and the power of the Lord was with them, and the wrath of God was upon the seed of my brethren because they would not humble themselves. May God bless our people and keep them humble—this is the secret of success naturally and spiritually.

FROM THE
"AFRICAN CHALLENGE"
MAIL BAG, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

God longs for the church be revived. He is ready when we are. He said, "If my people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Are we as a Church, a nation, and individuals ready to be revived? Do we see the danger of our course, and are we prepared to call upon God to stir us up to our spiritual responsibilities?

If we are, then let us humble ourselves and call upon Him and know His power to save us. If we refuse to acknowledge Him in our material progress, we surely will see His writing on the wall: "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it" (Daniel 5:26).

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

One of the most controversial portions of scripture is James 15:14. "Is any sick among you? Let him call the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Through the centuries since Paul scribed those faith demanding words mankind has devised countless rituals to evoke the supernal for miraculous healing. Today, altered by time and geographical and sociological mutation, we have inherited an over simplified version of the healing process—faith healing.

Theologians and church analysts claim the world is experiencing the greatest religious upsurge of all time, with the United States as its center. The loudest cries in support of this come from the faith healers doing a land office business in money and gigantic audiences.

Looking at the faith healing picture with a world wide scope is a three-phase view. By far the most audacious, and of course the oldest, claims come from the Roman Catholic System. Protestant counter-part is reflected in such as Mary Baker Eddy (Christian Scientist) and non-sectarian prayer services. Loudest and most colorful of the 'healing line' operations is the independent, evangelistic preacher boasting scores of cures and no end of power. As a sign of the times let us take a closer look at each of these factions professing the gift of healing.

The Roman Catholic attests that only after all available material methods of healing have been tried can their members appeal to the saints. Major emphasis is put on repetitious prayers of novenas such as that to Our Sorrowful Mother. In twenty years of operation this novena in Chicago has received 7,000,000 letters of gratitude, with a third having to do with physical healings.

They also stress miraculous happenings in certain places — such as a gushing spring or at a gleaming figure in a grotto. The occurrence of any hard-to-explain event, imaginative or otherwise, immediately deems the place holy and produces throngs with prayers and money. The gifts are benignantly accepted and a good portion forwarded to Rome.

Catholicism stops at nothing in its claim of healings. Case records can be found for every type of cure from cancer and tuberculous to broken limbs and mental illnesses. And what does it prove? Let us go on to our next view.

Organized Protestantism also is in the full swing to draw crowds with healing services. Christian Scientists have taught 'spiritual healing' for nearly a century since it was discovered by Mary Baker Eddy. Only recently however, have the other large denominations caught up the trend.

In Philadelphia, Dr. Alfred Price of the Episcopal Church conducts weekly faith healing services. It is reported that many of the participants are sent by doctors. A Methodist minister, Dr. Albert Day of Baltimore, holds faith healing meetings in what he calls his New Life Clinic. Claimed results are amazing.

These are but two examples of the growing work of larger factions to get in on the healing line. For those of the ministry not familiar with the techniques of healing, there is special educational center in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. Clergy of many faiths have attended and the purpose of the center is "to explore the kind of prayers, services, rituals and attitudes which prove most successful." This is indeed getting it down to a science. It is reminiscent of the man who asked Christ how he could purchase the gift of Power

so he could be great among men.

Attracting the most attention with the 'gift of healing' is the radio, television, canvas top type of healer. Regardless of his (or HERS, God forbid) boasts of unfailing power, this is the lowest kind of religious business. Business is the correct word; some require a staff of three-score or more to keep operations going. One of our elders recently mentioned such a man that GUARANTEED to heal, despite the ailment.

The real purpose, other than mercenary, of these independents is hard to understand. The cured are not sent away 'to sin no more'; dedication to Christ is not asked; recommendation is not made of any church. After witnessing one of these boisterous, gesticulate individuals at work, one is left with the burning question: "Where to, thus?"

Effect is evident. I recently inquired of a young lady why she so protected a certain church. She answered that once her father was ill near death. In a prayer to God she promised to serve Him the rest of her life if He would spare her father. The man recovered and the girl took this to mean the church they were in must be correct. It would have been even more impressive if the recovery had been instant. Convincing, but assumptive.

To Summarize: Modern day faith healing (or claim thereof) has mushroomed into an out of proportion part of the contemporary world churches. The catholic holds healing medals, materialism; the protestant conducts healing services, experimenting; and the evangelist continues to shout the Billy Sunday chant "hit the trail." We reply: to what end? It will bring many to the church building, few to God the Creator.

— "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and LYING WONDERS." 11 Thess., 2:9

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EDITORIAL

The Editor of The Gospel News was invited to attend the annual "retreat" of the Monongahela Ministerial Association at Ghenne's Restaurant, located one mile off Rt. 88 back of Charleroi, Pa. It occurred on Monday March 9th at about 11 a.m. and continued till about 3:30 p.m. The Restaurant is closed to the public on Monday's. But a good dinner was served to us all.

I have been an invited guest to this affair for the past few years, and have always enjoyed myself with the others present in the various things which are brought forward — the things which I might say are causing much confusion in the Christian world today, and things that are not necessarily original with the Ministers which were present on this occasion. All present had the liberty of expressing their views on the subjects presented, without ill feeling or argument with one another. With a spirit of that kind prevailing, there is much opportunity to get the good out of what is discussed. But I must add, there are strange things being introduced today concerning that which is written in the word of God. And I will add too, things that are not intended to save the soul, but to my mind is just another way the soul's enemy has to throw one off the track that is narrow, on to the broad way that leads to destruction. — For instance there is a small paper being sent to me named "T M" evidently edited by a very brilliant man, and an advocate of the Restored Gospel. But I wonder what the Editor expects to accomplish

with his little paper. It seems to me that the 'Simplicity' of the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the fulfillment of prophecy is being lost sight of, and instead of administering 'Bread of Life' to hungry souls, confusion is administered instead — and what a pity.

It is hardly possible for me to discuss the many questions that were on the list to consider, but I want to draw attention to one that was presented, it is as follows: "If Jesus was really God, did God actually die? Was this universe temporarily minus a ruler? If the answer is, "No," then is it not true that Jesus was only "partly" God?" End of quote.

In discussing this matter along with the others of course; I drew attention to the fact, that the scripture very plainly teaches that "Jesus Christ created this world." And as the Son, He prays 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." (A very plain statement that the Son was with His Father before He was born of the Virgin Mary.) It is true that the Son is referred to as God. The Father is referred to as God, and some people speak of "God the Holy Ghost." But the scripture teaches us that the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost are ONE GOD. Therefore the Son on the cross prays to His Father in Heaven, also in the Garden of Gethsemane as well as in other instances. He declares He was with the Father before the world was, and even though He was born of the Virgin Mary about six months after John was born to Elizabeth, yet John declares that He (Christ) "was preferred before me, for he says He was before me." As far as the scriptures is concerned then — When Jesus Christ the Son, was on the cross, the Father was still ruling the universe.

What wonderful words are uttered by Peter in Acts 2-23,24 "Him, (meaning Christ) being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by

wicked hands have crucified and slain: (the Jews in counsel were determined to deliver Him up, and did so.) Whom God raised up (yea the Father raised up His Son) having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He (the Son) should be holden of it.

Yea, let all men hold to the simplicity of God's word. Editor.

FROM NIGERIA,

By Bro. N. Jeremiah Umoh

My Personal Views in Respect of the Name of "The Church of Jesus Christ."

Dear Brother Editor:

There is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven, according to Eccl. 3. Therefore in view of the chapter quoted above, I feel it is time for me to say a few words after I have been reading with interest some copies of the Gospel News, received from Brother W. H. Cadman; trusting that you will be kind enough to allow me a little space in your column.

Now before I write what I am about to do, here is a short story and with the help of this story, the Editor and the Readers will be able to understand my points clearly.

About 1800 years ago, some Englishmen came to the West Coast of Africa and they sailed through a river called "Qua Iboe River" and arrived at Calabar Province in Eastern Nigeria. The purpose of their coming out, was on Trading. After they had settled down, they built a church and called it after the name of the River on which they had sailed through. A lady among these leader was called Mary Slessor. She was kind to the people of Calabar and mostly children. Unfortunately, Mary Slessor died and was buried at Calabar. A few years after her death, a school was opened and was called after her Name — "Slessor Memorial Home."

Now my dear Editor, there are two points to be noted and these are—(1) A Church named after a River:—i.e. Qua Iboe Mission

Church. (2) A School opened and named after a Lady and because she was kind to the people:— i.e. "Slessor's Memorial Home."

Therefore my dear Readers, Brothers and Sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ every where, let us reason together and consider deeply and as far as the Name of The Church of Jesus Christ is concerned. Where as any true Christian knows something about Jesus Christ. He was a Simple Man, He loved, He suffered on the Cross so that the whole world may live peacefully. Where as Our Lord Jesus Christ was the most faithful and the most Obedient Son to the Father, God the Almighty, where as with Pains while on the He even prayed to His Father to forgive them, for they know not what they do. Oh! What sincere Love: Where as through Jesus Christ, we automatically become the Sons and Daughters of One Father, The Almighty God.

Dear brothers and sisters, if I say to the Founders of The Church of Jesus Christ "thank you", it will seem rather too mean, therefore I say to them "WELL DONE INDEED." Again I have a question to ask them, i.e. "Why and What made this Church be called The Church of Jesus Christ?"

Remember the instructions during the Last Supper, "Do this in Remembrance of Me." (Jesus Christ). Now my beloved, what are your thoughts before you, the Bread and Cup with Wine? The same thought must be brought into consideration whenever you want to enter into The Church of Jesus Christ. For to the best of my personal opinion, I feel that The Church of Jesus Christ is built in Remembrance of His Name, and for the Love for the whole world. Who can tell where we should have been if Jesus Christ should not have died for us? Therefore the Name of this Church and the Last Supper are both in Remembrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, in view of these points, I hereby appeal to the brothers and sisters every where in The Church of Jesus Christ to stand firm or gird up now their loins

like men and women and make it known to the whole world the Value of the Name of The Church of Jesus Christ and so point out to the whole world that this Church is Named in Honour or in Remembrance of our Dear Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord, Sing Praises to the Name of Our Lord. Oh! what shall I render unto the Lord for all the Blessing?

A Song

How sweet the Name of Jesus,
Sounds in a believers ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds
And drives away his fears.

It makes the wounded spirit
whole,
And calms the troubled breast.
Tis manna to the hungry Soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which
I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury filled
With boundless Stores of Grace.

Jesus my Shepherd, Husband,
Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my
End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thoughts;
But when I see Thee as Thou
art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy Love
proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my Soul in death.

Amen. Brother Umoh of
Nigeria, Africa.

(Glad to have a Jeremiah among
us. Editor)

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear bro. Editor:

Here I come with sincerest
Greetings to one and all of our
dear bros. and sisters through-
out the Church, hoping that
when this article reaches your

loving hands, it might find you
functioning fully in the Church,
and your spirits may blend with
mine to give us the persuasion,
that we are the children of God,
and endeavouring to live up to
our privileges, in the Church,
and are just loaded down with
blessings untold. At Conference
time, our dear sister Cadman,
was not too well, I sincerely hope
she has fully recuperated, by
this time, you are both feeling
fine, and carrying along the
work of the Lord with gladness.
I am grateful indeed, I had the
pleasure of making a short visit
to Lock-Port, New York, at our
recent Conference. Bro. Paul Da-
mico and his colleagues there,
in the priesthood, and others,
are making quite a contribution
to the spread of the Gospel in
that locality, may our dear Heav-
enly Father abundantly bless
them. I had a great thrill in
conference to see bro. and sister
Ishmael Damico, who I had not
seen for a long time. I think our
Conference in Rochester, was
very enterprising, I must admit
that I was fortunate in receiving
manifold blessings, sincerely hope
all else did so likewise. The fol-
lowing Sunday, my wife, myself,
and Lloyd Robotham, went to
Grand River with bro. Burgess
and sister Loretta Garlow. The
bros. and sisters are concentrat-
ing quite an effort on our Church
Building there, and it is coming
along very nicely. We had serv-
ice in it, and received a great
blessing, our aged sister Susan
Lewis of Ohsweken, has been ill,
and in the Hospital for a long
time, but is just as pleasant,
and can smile, as well as she
ever did. The 3rd Sunday of the
month, we were in Belgian Hall,
our Branch, and had a great
blessing, we have recently had
three more baptisms and the
saints are brimful or rejoicing.
The last Sunday was spent be-
tween Port Huron and Sarnia,
Ont. Canada. We also had sister
Eva Lambert of Windsor, Ont.,
and one of our recently baptized
sisters, Florence Mazzola with us,
and had a day of great rejoicing.
Sister Maness's daughter Sandra,
was anointed for illness, also
Sister Mazzola's son, and we had

prayer for three others, not in the Church, who are ill. We wish everyone will join with us, in praying for those who are ill, throughout the Church. We received a very nice letter from bro. Dick also, when he wrote his wife was very sick. We've been praying for her also. We are now having our Church Building plastered, but do not think we will be able to move in until some time in December. The address is 16, 241 Harper, between Bedford, and Courville, near the 3 mile road. Bros. Emilio Carlini, and Joseph Straccie of Branch #2, are giving us unqualified aid, in the plastering of our building. May God abundantly bless them. As we close out the old year, may God help us to go into the New, renewed and strengthened, with reservations that the mistakes we've made in the past, may not be repeated, for the future, but that we will learn by them, to be more wise and serve God better. Your bro. in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller.

THE NEED OF THE BOOK OF MORMON.

Many people, who come in contact with the restoration movement, ask the question, "What is the need of the book of Mormon?"

They will concede that there was a possibility there had been a falling away from the pure doctrine and fruit of the spirit of the church of the apostles time. The people have been subjected to the constant reiteration of the doctrine of no more revelation, that when the idea of a revealing God is taught it seems to shock them.

They will admit that they expect God to hear them, when they pray, or there would be no sense in praying. They imagine in some vague way they will receive their desire. This is the outcome of years of receding from the pure principles of the gospel.

The Christian conception of God is of the greatest idea that

is among mankind. The high standard of purity and love that sacrifices life for our fellow man. The principle of justice and service, devotion to God with out reward in this life is of the highest standard, and is even opposed to our nature, thus the human race is unable to have this selfless love and devotion to their fellow man and to God, unless we receive a change of heart, and a gift from God, which strengthens our weak determination.

This rebirth and gift of God is the true working of God's kingdom, upon the earth. This kingdom and no other has the means to bring about a state of peace and security to all mankind.

The prophet Isaiah says that the Lord gives line upon line, precept upon precept, to those who diligently serve him and believe those precepts as we continue in faith relieving these precepts our understanding in increased and broadened until we become perfect in Christ.

Christianity as we know it has done much good, and has preserved the knowledge of the saviour, and the word of God is established.

We have a good illustration of it in the 5th chapter of Jacob in the Book of Mormon. He compares the church to an olive tree.

The same tree represents Israel and the wild branches the Gentiles. The tree had began to die. The few Jews that had embraced the gospel were all who would believe. The apostles found it hard to convince any more, so they turned to the Gentiles. The church would have perished had not the Gentiles been brought in. The Gentiles received it with gladness, and the prophet saw how these wild branches grew and brought forth tame fruit. (B. of M. Jacob 5:29 says) "And it came to pass that a long time passed away, and the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant; come, let us go down into the vineyard, that we may labor again in the vineyard. For behold; the time draweth near, and the end soon cometh;

wherefore; I must lay up fruit against the season, and it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the servant went down into the vineyard; and they came to the tree whose natural branches had been broken off and the wild branches had been grafted in; and behold; all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree. Notice not one kind of fruit but all kinds.

It is remarkable how the gospel had brought such a difference in so many people. Let us look and see if God was pleased with the different kinds of fruit. The 31 verse reads thus, "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said; Behold! this long time have we nourished this tree, and I have laid up unto myself against the season much fruit. But behold, this time it hath brought forth much fruit and behold there is none of it which is good.

If we can honestly search the history of christianity after the death of the apostles and on into the reformation period we can easily see the truth of this word. Therefore, if it be true that the people who made up the christian church fell so far short of experiencing the great change of heart in embracing the gospel, it was needful and necessary for God to bring about a restoration of those things that were a part of the primitive church.

Our mind is broadened in our understanding and God proves unto us that He is the fountain of all knowledge and wisdom, and that He is an unchanging God. To show that He is God over all the earth, He brings more of His word, from another nation separated by 3,000 miles of water and their testimony does not conflict with those of Jerusalem, and we have a second witness established. Does this second witness say that God has done his work? No! It says that He is a living God and that He speaks to His servants now as He did in times gone by. It does not condone any of the thought that is prevalent to day, that all roads lead to the same place. It lays down the same rules that were given by Jesus

and because they knew the things that would be among the Gentiles, it makes clear some of the doctrines that are not clear in the Bible. It establishes a higher standard of righteousness than what we have been accustomed to. It demands all our strength and Power of faith, and lifts our hope to the high heavens.

It gives us a knowledge of the great plan of God concerning the gathering of the house of Israel, truly a marvelous work and a wonder to those who are humble and believe, but to the learned and the proud and the stiffnecked they are counted as foolishness because they see not.

The words of the poet; "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace." Greater things than these are yet to be done before the great and last day. Let us rouse ourselves from the dust, and begin to exercise faith, and let this gift of God have full sway in our hearts, and we will receive greater blessings than this.

George Johnson,
Grindstone, Pa.

EXPERIENCE FROM DETROIT.

"I was among the bros. who first commenced working on our New Church Building. I was high on a ladder painting, when I felt a severe pain in my chest, which caused me to gasp for breath. With the help of God, I was able to get off the ladder, and asked an Elder to anoint me. The bros. had to take me home then, as my breathing became more difficult. At home, we were told by the Dr. to call an ambulance immediately; because I had a severe heart attack. I was in a serious condition for three days, after which the Dr. said, I was a lucky man to be alive. I told him that I had, many bros. and sisters, praying for me. After three weeks, I was sent home and told to rest, which I did. It was about four weeks later, that I had another attack. Once again, I was rushed to the Hospital, where my condition was so bad that the Dr. told my family, that I had only a few

hours to live, and there was nothing more that he could do. My wife then called three sisters, and asked them to spread the word, so that all who knew, could pray for me. Within an hour, I think the majority of the bros. sisters in Detroit, were praying for me. On the following day, bro. Paul Vitto, of Branch #3, came to my bedside. From my Oxygen tent, I asked him to tell the Saints of my condition, when he went to the M. B. A. that night. Later he told me how they poured out their hearts to God in prayer, and how many had felt that my life would be spared. When my bro. returned that same night and found me much better, he asked when the improvement had come? It was not surprising to learn that, it was about the same time, the bros. and sisters, were gathered in prayer. At the Hospital, the Drs. and nurses expressed amazement at my quick recovery. It has been several months now, and I am regaining my strength daily, and feeling very well. I thank God for His mercy, and also all the bros. and sisters, for their prayers.

Bro. Frank Amormino.

AN EXPERIENCE

I returned home from the G. M.B.A. Conference in New Jersey, with my heart full of the spirit, and thankfulness, for the wonderful blessings we received, and how the spirit of the Lord was made manifest among our young people at these meetings, yet my heart became troubled as I thought of how young some of the converts were, and I felt to pray to God in their behalf that they would be given strength and protection from the many temptations that would be sure to come their way; so I knelt beside my bed and poured out my heart to God, that he would keep them always faithful in the church. After I went to bed, I lay for some time in meditation on the matter when a voice spoke to me saying, "Your heart is troubled because you have

thought these young people may have come into the church because of their friends or the desires of their parents, but these young people have come into the Church, not because of their friends or their parents, but because they discovered salvation for themselves." Needless to say this gave me much relief and happiness and we still rejoice in the blessing.

Brother Gasper Karelli,
Roscoe, Pa.

INSPIRATION

Brother Editor:

The greatest movement of a restoration that one could ever witness in this life, is the restoration of Perfection, that is, of restoring the members of the body back into the presence of God to be used instrumentally in His Hand.

This is the first Restoration that must take place before we can accomplish any work of the Restoration of the Gospel. We were born as David said in Psalm 139—that all the members of our body were written in his book, while the substance was yet unperfect. Whomsoever we yield our selves to, we are the servant thereof. While in this state we yielded to the power of the Devil, and he used the members of our body to abound, from iniquity unto iniquity. Therefore, being a servant of sin, we were free from all righteousness. Since we believed and obeyed from the heart the doctrine we heard, by an act of obedience, we were baptized into His death, and raised a new creature in Christ Jesus, a perfect child of God.

Therefore, all our members of the body has been restored back to God, because as He gave His life, so we in turn give Him our whole life. The members of the body are now abounding in righteousness unto holiness. What a restoration takes place here on earth while in this state of probation—trying to conform to the image of His Son; that we may bear His image in our countenance. The hymn we often sing,

says: "He views His children with delight, And looks and loves His image there." Amen.

The work of the Restoration of the Gospel must be accomplished by those who have been restored back into the presence of God, through the new-birth, thus allowing us to become an heir, and a servant to the plans of God. — Bro. Rocco Tassone, Glassport, Pa.

P.S. According to Bro. Tassone's letter, he received inspiration to write this article while reading and meditating on the word of God.

AN EXPERIENCE from Imperial, Pa.

Dear Editor:

I have been requested to write to the Gospel News of our latest experience. My husband and I obeyed the gospel 15 years ago and have tried to raise our three children up in the ways of the Lord. Our two daughters and their husbands already have been baptized and our son was baptized Jan. 6th.

I will tell you of his conversion, hoping it will help some other teenager realize that "God's Way Is The Best Way." Our son was four years old when the gospel came our way. After my husband and I were baptized, a woman came to our home representing another faith. I said to myself, this sounds just like our Church, but how could it be, it has another name. That night I dreamed I saw a picture of our little boy holding an old time scroll and written under this picture were these words, "The Everlasting Gospel." Then I knew we did have the real gospel and the woman had the imitation.

Our son grew up to the age of sixteen, desiring always to be among the brothers and sisters of the Church and hearing their testimonies. At this age he became fascinated with worldly pleasures, and owning his own car, he gained many worldly friends. It was heartbreaking to see him gradually losing interest in Godly things and taking on

worldly things. This continued for three years. Many times I lay on my pillow wet with my tears and I would tell God, "Lord we did the best we could, you take charge now."

Then one night I had a dream like this—we had just returned home from a visit to a sick woman; I threw my coat down and ran up stairs to my son's room. He said "Mum" where have you been? I'm sick. I said "yes I know," but we have to be about the Lord's work first," and I awakened. I knew then I must not worry so much about my boy, that God will care for him.

On Jan. 4th I was standing at my kitchen window kneading dough, when I saw our son coming down the drive-way and I wondered why he would be coming home from work at one o'clock in the afternoon. He drove to the back door and came in, tears streaming down his cheeks singing "Shall we gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God." I said, Jimmy "what has happened to you?" He said "Mum I want to be baptized, where is Dad?" I thanked God over and over. I embraced my boy and wept for joy. I said "Jimmy your Dad is up in the barn repairing some machinery, so he took off and I realizing I might miss a blessing, left my dough (ready for the pans) and went too. What a wonderful time we three had, Jimmy again singing with the Spirit to his father "Shall we gather at the river." Then he said "Dad I want to be baptized."

We then came down to the house and Jimmy said, "Dad kneel down and pray that I never leave the Gospel." We got on our knees, thanked God and asked Him to seal this desire upon our son." Then Jimmy said let's sing "Love lifted me." We sang with all our hearts, then Jimmy said I want to go and tell Arlene and Kathleen, (his sisters) He left for their homes. My husband and I left alone, marvelled at the wonderful work of the Lord.

When Jimmy returned home

he said let's sing let us pray; let's call somebody else. Being only 2:30 p.m. I said, let's have a gathering for the evening-time. We called brothers and sisters and had a wonderful time of rejoicing because "that which was lost was found."

Sunday Jan. 6th Jimmy's father took him down into the waters of baptism. Bro. Teaman Cherry confirmed him a member of the church of Jesus Christ.

One more soldier has been called to the Lord's Army, thank God for His love and mercy. Sister Eva Moore.

HARPER WOODS, MICH.

Feb. 1, 1957

Brothers & Sisters:

I write to tell you of my accident and of the goodness of God towards me.

While at work on Dec. 13th last, I was driving a Fork-Lift Truck, this is used to transfer stock for mone place to another. I had a load of groceries in cases loaded on the truck. I was in the process of lifting these groceries. While it was high in the air, the truck hit a low spot in the floor, causing the groceries to tip, and in turn, tipped the truck over. At that moment I jumped to try to clear myself; however, the truck landed on my legs and I was taken to the hospital.

God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. After being on the operating table for a period of four hours and having my arms strapped down, while my legs were being taken care of. Upon returning to my room I found I was unable to move my arms. As the day was passing, I was in much pain and I hoped the Lord would send somebody to me. I was so happy to see my father-in-law, brother Vito Ausilio walk into my room. I could not raise my hand to shake his. He felt such a compassion that he took the blessed oil and rubbed both of my arms without being ask to do so.

In the meantime other brothers of the Church came into see me and again I was unable to shake

their hands. I asked them to help me. Seeing so many in the room, brother Ausilio left the room, and I know for sure was inspired by the Lord, he asked one of the brothers to anoint me.

During all this, there were two neighbors of mine present. As brother Joseph Milantoni began to pray, I felt my blood circulating in my arms and I felt the power of God raising my arms up and down. Upon the completion of the prayer, I was so happy that I clasp my brothers hands and began to sing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow" and then we all began to sing. Also I sang "God's way is the best way."

We certainly felt the blessing of God and, looking at the two neighbors afore mentioned, I could see tears rolling down their faces.

I am happy for the Gospel of Love, for love was shown towards me—fulfilling the words of the Saviour. "By this shall men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." — Your brother in Christ, Jack F. Pontillo. (May God continue to bless you my brother. WHC.)

SISTER ELSIE H. JOHNSON PASSES ON.

Sister Elsie H. Johnson, the wife of Brother Jesse V. Johnson pass away at the Fort Huron Hospital on the 9th of February after a year illness. Sister Johnson was born at Deckerville Mich. in the year of 1899, And has been a resident of Port Huron for the last 50 years.

Sister Elsie became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in the month of June of 1948. Baptized by Brother Allen Henderson of Windsor. She was survived by her husband; a sister, Mrs. Mary McCarten, and a brother William J. McGahey. Services were conducted from the Arthur Smith Funeral Home with Brother Clifford Burgess in Charge, Assisted by Brother Allen Henderson.

Music was by Brother Clifford Burgess. Burial was in the Lakeside Cemetery, at Port Huron, Mich.

THIS IS MY PRAYER (By Bro. V. J. Lovalvo)

When often-times my heart is
pained within,
He comforts me.
Though days seen sad and long,
He leaves me with a song.
His spirit makes me strong,
He walks with me.
In paradise so fair,
He'll take away each care.
He'll smile and greet me there,
This is my prayer.
Though I be tempted, sorely
tried,
He will comfort and abide.
And gently wipe away each tear,
Gently erase all fear.
Near Thee O Jesus let me stay,
Near Thee, O Lord from day to
day.
Near Thee 'til my labor is
through,
Keep me faithful and true.
And this I know,
I'll never walk alone, if though
art near.
I'll never walk alone,
No matter when or where,
As long as Thou art there.
Near Thee, I'll always find
sweet rest,
Near Thee, There's joy within
my breast.
Near Thee, like the rivers that
roll,

Is the peace in my soul.
When life is o'er, my race on
earth is run,
Take me with Thee.
To that eternal home,
Thou has't prepared for me.
To rest, and endlessly find joy
with Thee.
In paradise so fair,
Thy love and mercy share,
And find Thee waiting there,
This is my prayer.
This is my prayer.
This is my prayer,

P.S. The above is a song written by Bro. Lovalvo and also he set the music for it, and sang it at their Conference in the San Fernando Valley in November.

He had received a letter from his brother Joseph while out on his Missionary work, and the contents of brother Joseph's letter gave brother James inspiration to write the song. Bro. Editor.

NEWS ITEMS

On March 9th we had as visitors here in Monongahela the General Church Secretary Bro. Gorie Ciaravino and his assistant Bro. Pietrangelo of Detroit, Mich. They wished to consult with Brother W. H. Cadman prior to the convening of our approaching Conference. Bro. D. Moraco also accompanied them. We had a very nice visit together in the afternoon and evening, and they remained with us for Sunday morning service in which the three of them occupied our rostrum and entertained very well. A large audience had gathered for the occasion. Also in the afternoon Brother D. Giovannone and his son Frank attended our meeting here. The reason for his visit on this occasion was that Bro. Giovannone is preparing to make a trip to his native land of Italy. After an absence of 44 years he expects to leave N.Y. on April 9th by Plane for Rome. We wish him a safe and pleasant trip. He has a sister in Italy that he has not seen in all these years. It should be a happy meeting.

Also on March 9th brother and sister George Funkhouser of New Jersey paid us a visit. The reason of this visit was to make final arrangements between Bro. Funkhouser and Bro. Cadman for him to take over the printing of the Gospel News. The paper will still be edited here in Monongahela, at least for the present, but bro. George will take care of the work in printing which I appreciate very much. AND PLEASE, all take notice that if we can get sufficient material the paper from now on will contain 12 pages instead of only eight. This means that I will need one half more news to fill up than what I have been receiving. Also, bear in mind that the subscription price will not be raised, at least, that is our determination. But we will need 200 more subscribers to keep the paper paying for itself. So every body get busy and increase our subscription list. I mean you. Sincerely Brother Cadman, Editor.

OHIO M. B. A. GATHERING

The first area gathering of The Missionary Benevolent Association in the State of Ohio was held in Lorain on January 26, 1957.

We were very happy to have been the host and hostess to such a fine large group of young people and older brothers and sisters as well. They came from various places in Ohio, Detroit, Mich., Windsor, Ontario, and Pennsylvania.

Our first gathering was a wonderful success with the feeling of God's spirit prevailing from the very start to the finish. We felt the gentle spirit of Jesus calling and beckoning to all of us to do our very best in following the footsteps of Jesus and using our faith, as small or as large as it may be, in every phase of our life. We listened to the sweet testimonies of our latest young members who were present and felt so good in their sincere expressions. May God bless each one of them in their efforts to serve the Lord. There were a number of parents of the latest new members present who also expressed their gratefulness to the Lord, and our hearts were glad for them. God has repayed these fine parents with such a precious gift; that of young people who are willing to let Jesus come into their life and who are embracing the gospel in their youth.

Our thoughts were carried back to our departed Bro. Charles Ashton who thought so highly of our M.B.A. and our young people. How he would have rejoiced to see so many of our young people developing such an interest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a fulfillment of one of his dreams or visions on what the M. B. A. can do for the Church spiritually as well as temporally.

Throughout Saturday evening and Sunday we listened to the persuasive and inspired voice of God's spirit through Bro. Dominic Thomas and felt Christ's spirit of an understanding heart. We felt the gentle and sweet spirit of Christ through Bro. Idris

Martin's words; the spirit of the "wise counselor" through the words of Bro. Gorie Ciaravino; the sureness and calmness of Jesus through the words and appearance of Bro. Don Curry; the desire of evangelism through Bro. Dominic Giovannone's desire to go to Italy; the faith of those who will trust in God in times of distress through the words of Bro. Joe Gennaro; the humility and sincerity of Christ through the prayers of Bro. Joseph Milantoni; the spirit of Christ's stewardship in the words of Bro. Dominic Moraco; and last of all, Christ's spirit of good and holy fellowship under the supervision of the chairman of the Ohio M. B. A. area and presiding elder of our Branch, Bro. Joseph Calabrese and all of those who assisted him.

We felt so good in the two hymns sung by young Catherine Lombardo Hornberger from Detroit and hope that God may bless her that one day soon we may also call her Sister Catherine. Such a beautiful gift of expression can be put to good use for Christ, for we can tell the story of Jesus in song as well as in speech.

The best part of all came when six souls asked for their baptism. The condition of the beach and lake was treacherous, but praise God for the great spirit of faith and courage and love displayed by all who took part in the baptisms. Five candidates were from Ohio.

The gentle and sweet spirit of Jesus which prevailed throughout this weekend was a wonderful blessing and should be an inspiration for continuation of service to God, and willingness to help implant the warmth of the Gospel of Christ in the hearts and souls of our fellowmen.

Josephine Dominico

Assisted by

Betty Alessio

MARTIN-ROUSE NUPTIALS

Miss Carolyn Rouse, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Rouse of 4th Ave. this City, and Mr. James Martin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Idris Martin of R.D. 2 Belle Vernon,

Pa., were united in marriage in a beautiful service in The Church of Jesus Christ, also in this City, at Sixth & Lincoln Streets, 6:30 p.m. on March 9th. The grooms father, Elder Idris Martin, performed the ceremony.

Attendants were, matron of honor Jean Rouse, sister-in-law of the bride; brides maids, Virginia Martin sister of the groom, Barbara Hull and Audrey Mellinger, friends of the bride.

Best man, Gerald Roberts, a friend of the groom; ushers, George Rouse, brother of the bride, Richard Scagliene and Jerrett Koontz, friends of the groom. Sarah Neil presided at the piano, while John Majoros sang.

The bride is a grand daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Ann Tucker of this community. The groom is a grand son of Augustus and Amy Martin of Roscoe, Pa. The bride and groom are descendants of very large families, which were well represented at the wedding. Friends and relatives filled the church and many had to stand during the service.

Jimmie and Carolyn are both members of the church here in Monongahela, and are well and favorable known. Jimmie was released from the U.S. Service recently. After a reception in the Grange Hall at Ginger Hill, they left on a short honey-moon trip, and on their return will be at home in their newly furnished apartments on Second Street in this City.—Brother and Sister Martin, I feel sure that all of us wish you a long and happy life together. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

GOD'S WORD IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

Book of Alma 34:32, 33, 34. — "For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.—And now, as I said unto you before, as we have had so many witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is

given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed.—Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay ye cannot say this; for the same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world."

We also read that sin is the transgression of the law, First John 3-4. Transgression brings condemnation to the soul, surely where there is no knowledge of transgression, there can be no condemnation and I do read that God's mercy hath claim on such. Our Saviour declares that without baptism of water and the spirit man cannot be saved in the Kingdom of God. Both Bible and Book of Mormon teach the same thing—the necessity of being born of water and the spirit for eternal salvation.

THE DOINGS OF THE LORD, ACCORDING TO HIS PROPHETS.

Zephaniah 3-8

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy."

Might not the conditions that are surrounding Jerusalem today, be verging on the time when the nations will gather around the city, when half of the city shall fall and the Lord Jesus Christ shall appear upon the Mount of Olives and fight their (the Jews) battle for them? Yea, the day when the feeble shall be as David: (you know he slew the lion, also Goliath) and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. What, may I ask, are Davids offspring to become strong again? The prophet certainly implies so.

May I ask again, is the day at hand when the Jews will look upon Him whom they PIERCED? Yea, is the time near when a FOUNTAIN is to be opened to the house of David? (the Jews). Will they soon be asking Him "What are these wounds in thine hands?" He answers: "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." "Yea in that day there shall be great mourning in Jerusalem." There is no doubt they will have much to mourn for, when they see Him whom the have pierced and with the wounds in His hands. They may think of that fateful day when pilot ask: "What shall I do with Jesus?" their answer: was: "Crucify Him, let His blood be upon us and our children." No doubt the day of redemption is near at hand for those, whom have suffered so long because of the sins of their fathers.

May it not be well for our government to act cautiously in the great drama that is now at our doors? The Church of Jesus Christ has proclaimed that the feet of the great image which the king of Babylon saw, is this the United States of America and the little stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands is going to smite us, and smite hard:

May not the trouble of today for possession of the Holy Land, be the very threshold in the time when God shall gather the nations and assemble the kingdoms and pour out His wrath upon them?

Remember Gentiles of today, especially you on this land of America, wherein you are blessed above the whole—yea an abundance of every thing for our comfort and happiness, and yet we have trampled under our feet as a nation of people, the message brought forth by the angel of God from Cumorah's Hill — the Book of Mormon. And, as a nation of people, we are going to pay the penalty of the transgressors for our doings, just as much so, as the Jews and all Israel has had to reap what they have sown

But with it all, the Jews have survived through the centuries that which has been imposed on

them. Likewise the American Indians (the offspring of Joseph who was sold into Egypt) have survived through the ages of privation as I might say, only God knows the depths of their sufferings. I have confidence that He has reserved at least a remnant of the ten lost tribes some where, who's whereabouts will yet be revealed in the open.

Yea, the prophet Nephi sees deliverance not only for Josephs seed, but for all Israel: when he declares in his vision as contained in First Nephi 14 and verse 3 wherein he says: "And that great pit, which has been digged for them by that great and abominable church, which was founded by the devil and his children, that he might lead away the souls of men down to hell—yea, that great pit which has been digged for the destruction of men shall be filled by those who digged it, unto their utter destruction, saith the Lamb of God; not to the destruction of the soul, save it be the casting of it into that hell which hath no end." A warning voice should be sounded to all nations: Remember you are living in a day when the great God has set His hand a second time to recover His people, the whole House of Israel, who were and still are the apple of His eye, His gifts and callings are without repentance. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

NEWS ITEMS

In a letter from brother De Marrias of Wakpala, S. Dakota dated Feb. 14th. He says they made a trip to Butte, S. D. and visited with Bro. Useful Heart and others, and says they had a wonderful prayer meeting. Also says the sisters there have organized a Ladies Uplift Circle. I understand that this is the first Circle yet organized among our Indian sisters. May the Lord bless them.

In a recent letter from Sister Violet Thomas of recent date, she informs me that their Branch had a baptism the following sunday after my short visit among them a short time ago. She also informs me of them

visiting among the Indian people in California, and had a very pleasant visit with them. They were invited in their home to have prayer with them. Also they have had several visitors among them from the east.

In a letter from Sister Ivy Fisher of New Jersey, dated Feb. 17th. She informs me that they had two baptisms at Freehold, N.J. yesterday afternoon.

On Sunday Feb. 25th we in Monongahela gathered at the River shore and baptized six converts. It was a lovely day, the sun shining and a large crowd gathered together for the occasion. Our meetings throughout the day were well attended—visitors present from Detroit, Mich. Lorain, Ohio and from various places in Pennsylvania. In the morning session the rostrum was occupied by brothers Ciravino, D. Thomas and Joseph Calebrese.

A card received from Sister Ford of Windsor, Ont. who is visiting in California along with Sister Loretta Garlow and who attended services at the Bell church in Los Angeles on Feb. 17th, reported two baptisms taking place there.

NEWS FROM CLEVELAND

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid. Psalms 27-1. For it is written as I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me and every tongue shall confess to God. Romans 14-11. For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. Romans 3-23. So every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14-12. For we cannot do nothing against the truth but for the truth. II Cor. 13-8. There is no weapon strong enough to tear down the truth of God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more, but judge this rather that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brothers way. Romans 14-13.

The pattern of God has many beginnings, but each has the

same destination, Love of God in our hearts, faith and trust and hope we may all gain life everlasting. We of the Cleveland Branch are having wonderful meetings. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Same God yesterday, today and forever.

We have had of recent times, visitors from Ohio, and Michigan and their sermons was enjoyed by us all. Some visitors also from Aliquippa, Pa. We have rented a hall at 13511 Lorain Ave. West Cleveland and are holding meetings there. We have 5 or 6 families located there. We have had two or three letters from Brother Dick thanking us for offerings that was made to him. We have sent them some clothing. Brother Milano of this branch is expecting a visit from his brother in Italy sometime in the spring. May God bless all my brothers and sisters every where. Bro. Oliver Lloyd.

A BLESSED WEEK-END

A chartered bus consisting of 37 passengers left Aliquippa, Pa. on Friday Nov. 9, at 10 o'clock in the morning for the G.M.B.A. being held in New Jersey. Before departing, Bro. John Ross offered a prayer for our safe journey.

We spent a great deal of time singing hymns enroute. The young men held their weekly Bible study class also.

We arrived at New Brunswick at 8 p.m. and were met by Bro. and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo along with other members who were to accomodate us for the week-end.

We attended the G.M.B.A. business meeting Saturday morning and afternoon. The Aliquippa branch was cordially welcomed along other locals. We were served a wonderful turkey dinner for lunch. At the close of the afternoon session Bro. Domienic Thomas gave some wonderful exhortations for the young people. After the close of the afternoon session, two young men from Youngstown, Ohio asked for their baptism.

The attending congregation witnessed a battle between the power of God and that of evil. After anointment and prayer the power of evil was defeated again and the young man in whom the conflict raged asked to be baptized.

At the evening service the hosting branches presented a wonderful program titled "The Harvest Is Ripe, Reapers Are Needed". Bro. Thomas suggested instead of the usual singing from the different locals, that we have our newly baptized members of the past six months give their testimonies. The entire congregation received a wonderful blessing throughout the evening from the testimonies. Two girls from Monongahela and Mary Tamburino from Aliquippa asked to be baptized.

In the Sunday morning meeting, the speakers gave an inspiring sermon on the parable of the prodical son. At the close of the meeting several young people surrendered to the Lord's word.

We departed from home with a touch of regret in our hearts at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Bro. Domienic Merraco offered a prayer for our safe return.

We sang many hymns and heard many experiences on the bus. A wonderful blessing prevailed on the group until we arrived home at 1:15 a.m. Monday morning. We dismissed after a prayer by Charles Jumper. One of the girls, Ruth Jumper had pledged her baptism for Monday morning at 11 o'clock, as a result her husband Charles Jumper and Eleanor Palmieri were also baptized. Confirmation was held at the home of Bro. Thomas Ross and again the spirit of God was with us.

On Saturday night of the same week we had two more baptisms, Betty D'Antonio and Joe Ross. They were conformed on Sunday afternoon of the following day.

We thank our Bros. and Sisters of New Jersey for the hospitality which we received from them. God bless them.

Bro. Joe Ross.

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TO THE GREATEST MOM IN THE WORLD

We hope we can express
The love that fills our hearts.
Our desire to be nearer you
To be able to take part.
On this day when you are honored
By the children you have loved.
There were six of us you
prayed for
And asked guidance from above.
Now your family has increased
some
And your great love includes
them all.
Their burdens you help carry
And always watchful, should
they fall.
We only pray it helps some,
To know we understand
How truly God blessed us,
When He left us in your hands.

Bertha May Heaps Trujillo to
her Mother.

MOTHER'S DAY

More millions of sons and daughters than anyone could count will observe Mother's Day. For living mothers there will be visits and greeting and gifts. For the dead there will be some special act of remembrance. And these proofs of affection and appreciation will be given despite those who hold that the day is the product of nothing more than sentimentality.

They will be forthcoming because these sons and daughters feel in their hearts that those who make this charge are wrong. Or believe that even if they are right it is still good to try to make their mothers happy on this day set apart for this purpose.

Surely the tie between mother and child is one of the strongest of the bonds that hold human beings together. Those who cannot recall the warm love that no act of theirs could destroy, the patience, the self-sacrifice, the faith of a good mother, have been deprived of one of the greatest blessings anyone can be granted without earning it. And the glory of mother love is that it need not be earned.

To understand this is not to yield to sentimentality but to see a simple and profound truth in its true proportions. To acknowledge the debt owed to mother by some token of regard is to offer a gift that blesses the giver. That is why Mother's Day has become a permanent institution.

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A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

In 1907 Miss Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia urged that on the second Sunday of each May, a carnation be worn in honor of Mother. The day was first observed in Philadelphia, May 10th, 1908 and is now widely celebrated. In England Mother's Day was first observed in 1913, although there already existed an ancient rural custom of visiting one's parents on Mothers Sunday in Mid-lent on the fourth Sunday of lent. For living mothers a carnation of any color may be worn; for a mother not living the flower should be white. Gifts are now also presented to mothers on that day.

This is what the encyclopedia states about Mother's Day. But to you and me, just what does Mother's Day mean? Mother's Day should be a day when we know the most outstanding person in our lives. She has taught us by love, by deeds, by actions, by words all that is right and good. Her voice, the tone always sweet, firm but never angry, steady but never irate, a voice which commanded respect.

She is truly a saint of God; one who has taught us to pray and read our Bible, one who has watched over us since we breathed our first breath of worldly air. We owe her a debt which can never really be paid in full. A mother's life is lived with disappointment, troubles, worries and surprises. Mother is a woman who leads us through a storm, her head high, full of courage, her eyes clear, her heart true, warm and unafraid. This is truly a person to acknowledge. For rich or poor, great or humble, every person loves their own good mother.

Mother's Day is a gentle reminder that we should show this love and appreciation, if we are fortunate enough to still have her with us in this world of the living, not just one day of the year, but the year around. And if she has gone on to the other happier world, we can honor her memory reverently. Abraham Lincoln once wrote a verse dedicating to his mother saying:

She sits by our side in sickness;
She comforts our every pain;
She shares our joy and sorrow;
Her kiss heals the hurt again.
Then when you stop to consider
The mother of truest worth
Is the truly Christian mother—
The dearest mother on earth.
Her prayers that ascend to heaven,
Her love of God's holy Word,
Prove to me she's the dearest
mother—

THE DEAREST MOTHER ON EARTH!

Are we making everyday
Mother's Day, or is just a Sunday
in May a Mother's Day to us.

Bro. Melvin Mountain.

CONFERENCE NEWS

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ convened in the Church here in Monongahela, Pa., at 2:00 p.m. on April 4th and continued until the evening of April 6th in business sessions. The meetings were very well attended from various places, namely, California, Michigan, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Ontario, North Carolina was represented by Bro. Jonathan Mollinatto and an Indian friend from Cherokee in said state. Our own State of Pennsylvania was well represented from various places. Our business sessions were only open to the Elders of the Church, with the exception of Saturday Evening's session which was open to all members of the Church.

Our order of business was carried on as usual, and as always there was much interest in hearing the reports from different parts of the vineyard of the labours of our brethren and sisters in their endeavors to spread the gospel

among the children of men. News of the progress among the Sioux Indians in South Dakota, and Ontario, Canada are always interesting. Both at Wakpala, S. D. and at Oshweken, Ont., buildings have been purchased by the Church and have been remodeled for places of worship. Also, rooms have been provided therein as places for our Missionaries to reside when labouring in those districts. The news from Africa and Italy was interesting and encouraging. Minutes were read of a Conference which was held in Nigeria on March 5th. Our folks there are very energetic in the field of labour. They are baptizing many converts among their people in that country.

Election of General Church officers and the presiding Elders of the different Branches of the Church were attended to as usual. On the eve of this Conference I received a phone call from California, informing us that Sister Mary Lovalvo was seriously hurt in an automobile accident, her car being demolished. We offered up special prayers in her behalf, also for various ones who are afflicted among us. May the Lord hear our prayers. Our business sessions closed at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night.

Owing to the anticipated crowd expected to attend our services on Sunday, we rented the Firemans Hall in the New Eagle Borough adjoining the City of Monongahela. It was well that we did, for the Monongahela Church would not have accommodated the large congregation that was seated in the Hall, which numbered about 800 persons. The singing service began at 9:30 a.m. and preaching at about 10:15 and we closed our service at 12:45 p.m. Quite a long session, but I believe it was enjoyed by all present.

The service was opened by Elder Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J. who gave us an interesting discourse. At the close of his message, the large audience rose to their feet and gave vent to their feelings in a song of praise to their God.

Elder James Heaps of Los Angeles was our next speaker, and he entertained the large audience very well, and at the conclusion of his talk, we again sang a song

of praise to the Lord.

Elder Allen Henderson of Windsor, Ontario was our next speaker, and his message was enjoyed by all present I am sure. At this juncture an afflicted child of Brother and Sister Costerella from Ohio was annointed. The 12 year old boy, afflicted with cancer, is given no hope by doctors. Our hopes are that the Lord will intervene and spare the child to its parents.

A short address was then made by Bro. A. B. Cadman of Monongahela and we then closed our long session of worship. You all know that the weather has been very unpleasant, but the Good Lord gave us a day of sunshine, not only on the outside of the Hall, but inside as well. Praise His name. Sincerely, Brother W. H. Cadman.

P.S. At the conclusion of this meeting a young man of Glassport was baptized here in the Monongahela River. He was confirmed in the evening meeting in our Church here. At the close of this meeting another convert asked to be baptized which will be attended to on Tuesday evening. Bro. Heaps will conduct a series of four meetings this week while visiting with us here in Monongahela. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

OUR GOAL

No one knows the time nor the hour
When God shall show unto men his power
So let us work towards our goal
For only God can save our souls.
Lets lead a life that is worth living
And show our love to God by giving
Unto Him our whole life and soul
For this will take us to our goal.
Most people take religion lightly
Someday they will change their words slightly
When before God in Heav'n they stand
And told the way to take his hand.
Heaven is our destination
Earth is where we're at the station
Waiting for our ticket home
Where God will be sitting on his throne.

Sister Gail Collison
Windsor, Ontario

WOOLEY-SANTILLI NUPTIALS YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Chapel of Friendly Bells was the setting on November 22, 1956, for the wedding of Ruth Wooley, who became the bride of Nephi Santilli. Ruth is the daughter of Bro. Frank Wooley and the late Sister Jessie Wooley. Nephi is the son of Bro. Sam and Sister Gemma Santilli. Bro. A. A. Corrado united the couple in marriage.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by Joan Konesky as Honor maid, and Esther Santilli, Sister of the Groom, as Bridesmaid. Elmer Santilli was his brother's Best man, and Carl Damore served as Usher.

Later, the couple were congratulated with a reception at the Kreider hall.

They are now making their home with the Bride's father, at 221 S. Jackson Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

Sister Dorothy Damore, Editor

Amateur Turns Up Archeological Finds Dating to 3,000 B.C.

HONEOYE FALLS, N. Y. — Hundreds of relics dating back to the Laurentian culture, 3,000 B.C., are reported in a rich archeological find at Honeoye Lake.

Original work at the site, an 85-acre tract about one-half mile south of U. S. Route 20A, was carried out by Harry Schoff of Holcomb, an amateur archeologist.

Schoff turned up some 20 burial pits which produced skeletons of a people described as of the Point Peninsula culture, dating to the time of Jesus Christ.

In addition, Schoff found remnants of a forth believed to have been established by Gen. John Sullivan during his famous march through western New York in 1779.

Dr. Alfred K. Guthe, anthropologist, and the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences were given all rights to excavate the area by the Honeoye Lake Development Corp. which owns the property.

Further excavations are expected to uncover valuable data that will enable archeologists to piece together the story of the people who inhabited the area 5,000 years ago.

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

We hear repeated claims today of various faiths about missionary work and countless conversions. Christianity, on the whole, appears to be sweeping the globe. But such is not the case. As congregations grow, so do the ranks of 'free thinkers' (a newly applied name to atheism) and idol worshipers. "Watch and pray," we read in Mark 13:33.

According to Eugene L. Smith, foreign mission executive, rival faiths are moving into the heartlands of Christianity. One example cited was how Islam has grown from 175 to 300 million followers in less than fifty years. Close behind in growth is the Hindu and Buddhist religions.

These three great factions have all but froze protestant operations in certain areas, Asia in particular. They have launched missionary campaigns of no small scale and even have temples and places of worship in the United States! This, combined with the Communists' determination to stamp out all religions, makes spreading the gospel a herculean task. That is why we must pray. As the signs of evil in the world increase it will take the power of God in The Church of Jesus Christ to extend the Latter Day work.

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It has often been said the most miserable people in the world are the richest. Behind their glittering curtain of security and false peace of mind lurks a fear of poverty and realism. In the case of a certain television performer, the fear has developed into an obsession about the hereafter.

This particular man is one of the entertainment world's richest men. With the coming of financial independence (he controls a multi-million dollar business) he has developed an all consuming concern for what happens after death. His personal physician says: "The more he is convinced he cannot run away from death, the more he must find an answer to what happens when life ends. In his search for a good answer he delves more and more into mysticism and

psychic phenomena."

Here we have a good example of the fear that grows in a man's heart when he parts from God. The celebrity described above is trying to unlock the secrets of the beyond so he can purchase his eternity. His plight is clearly depicted in the hymn 'Have You Thought?' "Have you thought what it means to be lost?"

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An editorial in The Watchman-Examiner (Baptist) pleaded for the churches of that denomination to give more attention to the gift of prophesy. Demand as well as exposition of prophetic truth seem to be fading away, said the author. He was concerned that Christian scholars in the main are afraid of writing on the field of prophesy.

The writer of this article neglected to say that the gift of prophesy is but one of several all given by the same Spirit. I Cor.: 12.8-10. These gifts were given to the church and as the church, and its people, fell away, the gifts disappeared. The contemporary church of today is going further and further from God and the gifts have all vanished. Eminent world church authorities reply that God does not work today as in days of old. It is their only argument, with no gifts to show otherwise.

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A recent report from France claims the champagne output for 1956 was the highest in history. The significant part of this is that the second largest buyer of French wines is this country. In fact, United States imported more than two million bottles of the '56 production. Little wonder that at the top of the list of countries leading in cases of alcoholism is France and America.

Statistics are dry and make poor material but one was made known lately along this same line. It was revealed that drunkenness or excessive drinking was a major problem in more than ten million homes in the United States! This is but a sign of the price the Gentiles on this land must pay for their transgressions.

JEWISH POPULATION SET AT 11,900,000

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—The 58th annual edition of the American Jewish Year Book estimates the world's Jewish population at 11,900,000—a slight increase over last year.

The Jewish population of the United States is put at 5,200,000.

More than 6,000,000 are reported to live in North and South America, more than 3,460,000 in Europe, more than 1,750,000 in Asia, about 600,000 in Africa, and 58,000 in Australia and New Zealand.

P.S. The scriptures teach very plainly that the House of Israel must yet be gathered back to the lands of their possessions — the lands that were given them by the God of Israel.

The House of Israel was composed of twelve tribes, and while the Jews are getting to be a very numerous people, and to, a people that have been persecuted by most all nations of people, yet they have survived throughout the ages, and with it all, they have maintained their identity and retained their faith in being gathered back into their home-land. Eventually, the Nazarene, Him, whom their fathers slew, judging Him to be a blasphemer, shall appear on the Mount of Olives and fight their battle for them and deliver them from their enemy. May I ask, how long oh Lord must they suffer for the error of their fathers? So we read that not only the Jews, but the whole House of Israel must be gathered back home again.

Yea, thus saith the prophet: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straightway, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a Father to Israel and Ephraim is my first born." And as Paul says: "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" Editor.

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EDITORIAL

In the vision of Nephi as recorder in the First Book of Nephi 14 ch. beginning with verse 9, he says: "Look and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose founder is the Devil." And in verse 10 he says: "Behold there are save two churches only: the one is the Church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the Church of the devil: wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the Church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth."

Take note, Nephi does not say that there WAS only two churches, neither does he say that there WILL only be two churches, but he says there ARE save two churches. And we either belong to one or the other.

In Verse 11 the great and abominable church is styled the "WHORE of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters; and SHE had dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindred, tongues, and people." According to this vision the whore has become a powerful being and is exercising dominion among all people. Its power is easily to be seen today, by those who may understand the times and seasons of our present day. Jesus taught that the way of Eternal Life was narrow, and few there be that find it.

In verse 12 he says: "I beheld the Church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the WHORE who sat upon the many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that the Church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the

great WHORE whom I saw."

Verse 13 shows that the great mother of abominations did gather multitudes upon the face of all the earth to fight against the Lamb of God (meaning the true church of course). In verse 14 Behold the power of the Lamb of God descended upon the saints of the Church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, (the American Indian race, as well as the whole House of Israel including the poor struggling Jews) who were scattered upon all the face of earth; and they (the saints and the house of Israel) were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great Glory. Not armed with atom bombs.

Verse 15 says "And I beheld the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of war among all the nations and kindreds of the earth, and in verse 16 the angel spake unto Nephi saying: "Behold the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots (yea the great and abominable church, WHC) and behold thou (Nephi) seest all these things."

I have been quoting out of the Book of Mormon, the book that came out of the ground as spoken of in Isaiah 29, and in Ezekiel 27 as the stick of Ephraim, which is known to us as the Book of Mormon, and as for truth, and veracity is second to none. American people that love freedom wake up, not only Americans, but all people. Paul warns you all in Second Thessalonians 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, showing himself that he is God." Undoubtedly the power that rules in the great abominable Church is seen by faithful Nephi.

Editor.

A WARNING VOICE TO THE GENTILE NATIONS

I quote from the Book of Ether in the Book of Mormon, chapter 8 beginning with verse 20.

"And now I, Moroni, do not write the manner of their oaths and combinations, for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people, and they are had among the Lamanites (forefathers of American Indians). And they have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking (Jaredite people, and also the destruction of the people of Nephi. And whatever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto Him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet He avenge them not. Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things (in the Book of Mormon) should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be. Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up. For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, yea, even that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning."

The foregoing is taken from the Book of Mormon. The book is a record of the dealings of God

towards the Nephite and Lamanite Nations, who occupied this land of North and South America previous to the days of Columbus and who were the forefathers of what is known as American Indians. Also the once strong nation, known as Jaredites who was directed to this land we call America, from the confounding of languages at the tower of Babel. The Book of Mormon shows how mysteriously the God of heaven brought them across the seas to this land. He warned them through His prophets of their destruction if they did not serve Him. Eventually they forgot God and became a wicked people, and their destruction was inevitable, for our God will not always suffer wickedness to prevail. He decreed to them, that the people who would inhabit this land (known to them as the land of promise) must either serve Him or be wiped off the face thereof. The two strong nations who once flourished on this land we call America, have paid the penalty of their sins, and the decree of God applies to this powerful U. S. A., and if we do not mend our ways, this great nation shall go into oblivion. The little stone that Daniel saw, will yet smite it and the nations shall tumble and become as the chaff of the summer threshing floor, and our Atomic power along with that of the Soviet people, shall not frustrate the doings of our God.

Yes, His will shall be done, this land was given to Israel, the forefathers of what we call Indians, and it shall be restored back to them, even if the Lord has to overthrow our nation, in order to fulfill His covenants to Israel and their descendants, He will not disregard his covenants to His people, as we are inclined to disregard our treaties to their defenseless remnants, as the American Indian has been treated, likewise the nations attitude towards the Jewish people. In spite of the world and all its powers, the tribe of Juda shall yet possess the land that was given unto their fathers by the Almighty God.

My counsel is, that the Gentiles, and especially those on this land of America, better wake up, and go to God in prayer about the truth of the Book of Mormon, and cease to cast it aside as a thing of naught.

Editor.

MONONGAHELA, PA.

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held Sat., March 23. The morning meeting convened at 10:00. The President gave the opening remarks, and mentioned about what prompted the organizing of the Ladies Circle, and how it has grown from that time on, and how God has blessed us in this work.

Sister Thelma Campbell read the 95th and 96th Psalms. Some time was spent with testimonies—then business was taken up.

We have 26 Circles now—and promises of more to come. The reports are interesting to hear—it lifts us up to know of the good work going on in the different Circles. We always look forward also to the letters from the brethren who take care of the work at the Indian Reservations, and we know they will be well repaid for their labors.

The General Circle has sent several bicycles to the saints of Nigeria, Africa to help them get from place to place in their labors there, and we supply them with Bibles—Books of Mormon and Hymnals when needed. We also pay for Sunday School supplies for our people in South Dakota.

There were quite a number of Sisters present—some came from Windsor, Ont., Canada—Detroit, Mich. Warren—Lorain—Niles and Kinsman, Ohio and a good representation of Sisters from nearby Circles. All in all we had a wonderful day, even the weather was in our favor, it being a very pleasant day for this time of the year. Brother Burgess spoke of the work at Grand River.

Our dear sister Bell Cromlish of Donora, Pa. who is past meeting with us now, always remembers us with a note hoping God will bless us at our assembly—and also sends a donation for the Indian Mission Fund. May God bless her. The next General Circle Meeting will be held June 15th at the Church at Monongahela, Pa.

Secretary, Mary E. Wilson

SISTER SCHILLACI DECEASED

Sister Theresa Schillaci of Glassport, Pa., died in her home on March 5 at 8:00 P.M. Born in Italy she came to the United States over

forty-five years ago. She is survived by three children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was baptized into the Church in 1919 and remained a faithful member to the end. She was outstanding in her faith in anointing and testified that she was never anointed that she did not receive relief. Her prayer to God in the last years of her life was that she would not linger in sickness before death—she became sick on Sunday after returning home from afternoon services and died on Tuesday. Brother Anthony DiBattista conducted the funeral services from the Glassport Church.

SIRS WE WOULD SEE JESUS

In reading the beattitudes we get a good look at Jesus, His teachings, and his character. No natural man can keep these teachings. He came to show the world that even the moral law written on Mount Sinai was imperfect. He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. **BLESSED ARE THE MEEK FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.** The Jews had lost Judaea. They were a conquered people and were put under the yoke. They saw others rule that which they once possessed. They were far from being meek. There never existed a people who had a more desperate and fanatical attachment to the soil upon which they were born than the Jews. Their patriotism was their religion. The Land of Abraham was Heaven on earth. Their land was a Holy Land. All they loved was going to decay before their eyes. Proud, violent men believe that happiness is in high position and fame and being in a position to lord it over their fellows. It is all a mistake. A man that has a meek spirit, easy to be interpreted, mild, not easily provoked, forbearing one another in love, easy to be reconciled shall inherit the earth. A meek man is not a weak man. The Word says Moses was the meekest man above all men on earth. Num. 12:3. But he was not a weak man. The meek shall eat and be satisfied says David. Jesus said, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden. Take My yoke upon you for I am meek and lowly in heart." Paul says,

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." Against such, there is no law. The meek shall inherit the earth. An ambitious, selfish, ill-tempered, weak man will not be blessed anywhere and would not make any difference if he owned all the earth. A meek man is one who has strength to hold himself as one with a bridle holds a fiery horse. He will inherit the earth. If these people that Jesus addressed thought that Jesus was going to give them riches, and lands, they were mistaken. Peter says, "Silver and gold have we none, but such as we have give I unto thee." It was more than silver or gold. The kingdom that He set up was in the hearts of His people. I will put my laws in your minds and in your hearts.

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED. Spiritual thirst. In the coal mines, the men take a limited supply of water or tea in their dinner pails and there are times when they run out. Often when other men would be going home a little early they would ask them to give them a drink. How a drink of water tastes so good when men are real thirsty. Men in the desert would give anything they owned for a drink of water. "Behold the days come saith the Lord God that I will send a famine in the land. Not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but a hearing of the word of the Lord. Almost every phrase Jesus used must have recalled some well known expression in the prophets, the psalms, or the law. In the East, thirst implied the most intense desire and to a people who dwelt in lands where water was scarce, it was the more so. David had a great desire for a drink of righteousness when he said as the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. The cry of Isaiah, "Ho everyone that thirsteth come ye to the waters and drink." And then to hear the words of Jesus in the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, "If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink. He that

believeth on Me as the scripture has said "out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water. Said He to the woman "If thou knewest who I am thou would ask of me and I would have given thee living water." Oh that people would be like this woman when she said give me this water. It seems to me there is not many thirsty and hungry people today. Everyone seems to be satisfied with what they have. You do not see that longing and waiting on the Lord. As the prophet says, "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. **BLESSED ARE THE MERCYFUL FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.** Prov. 11:17. The merciful man doeth good to his own soul but he that is cruel troubleth His own flesh. Mercy makes salvation possible. Tit. 3:5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy. He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Christ had mercy for the thief on the cross, the adulterous woman, Mary Magdalene, and on you and me. As Paul says, "I was the chiefest of sinners." My dad used to sing a hymn about justice and mercy. Justice says cut the tree down, why cumber it the ground, it is taking the place where another tree may be found. But mercy says spare that tree one more year. Lets prune it and water it and perhaps it might bring forth fruit. I know that mercy cannot rob justice neither can justice rob mercy. I would rather be on the side of mercy. Oh it is so easy to find fault with someone else, but let us put the looking glass on ourselves and see what manner of men we are. Lord, we come before thee now, at thy feet we humbly bow. By thy reconciling love, every stumbling block remove, give us mercy oh Lord that we might be merciful unto others. May God bless all our bros. and sisters all over the land.

Your Brother in Christ
Jim Heaps

RITZ-SUROWIEC NUPTIALS YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Chapel of Friendly Bells was the setting, February 16, 1957, for the wedding of Miss Shirley Ann Ritz, daughter of Bro. Nick

and Sister Pauline Ritz, who became the bride of Mr. John M. Surowiec, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Surowiec Sr., at a 2 o'clock ceremony conducted by Bro. T. Dom Bucci.

The bride's sister, Miss Eileen Ritz, was the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Rita Damore, Mrs. Robert Lewis, and Miss Julie Surowiec, sister of the bridegroom. Gene Surowiec was best man for his brother, and ushers were Robert Fusco, Donald Nichols, and William Ritz, brother of the bride.

After a reception in the church parlor, and a dinner at the Golden Drumstick, the couple were honored at an Open House at the groom's home.

Following their honeymoon at Miami Beach, Florida, the couple are occupying their new home at 741 E. Florida Avenue.

Sister Dorothy Damore

CONFERENCE NEWS CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Conference was held at the Bell Church at Los Angeles, February 2nd and 3rd, 1957. Brother V. James Lovalvo presided over the Conference. Saturday was occupied with district business principally.

A report was given on the completion and dedication of the Modesto Church Building. A total of two hundred and eighty five persons were reported in the four Branches and the three Missions in California. Brother Joseph Lovalvo requested to be relieved from missionary duties, which petition was accepted by Conference, although with regret. He wishes at this time to locate employment. A motion was made and carried that he continue on with missionary activities until he finds suitable work.

Three dreams were reported. One was by Bro. Robert Watson Sr., another by Sister Annette Lebanowskas, and a third by the five year old son of Brother Alex Cavallero. It was felt that all three dreams were from God and were for the edification and instruction of the Saints. It was felt that all three dreams should be sent to General Conference. The first two were primarily related to the Ministry. The last was as related by this five year old boy. "I dreamed my grandfather and I

were digging in the ground for an iron pipe. After we found it a man appeared and tried to take it away from me. He pulled and I pulled but I won. Do you know why he could not take it away from me? Because his hands were dirty and muddy and slipped off the pipe. Do you know who this man was? He was the devil." An interpretation was given that the iron rod was the word of God, but it could not be taken from those who were innocent and had clean hands.

The District of California has purchased a tape recorder and keeps a record of all conference proceedings.

Sunday morning service was opened with prayer by Bro. Joseph Lovalvo and followed by Bro. James Heaps, who gave a discourse on the love which Isaac had for Rebecca, the wife whom the Lord chose for him. Bro. Joseph Lovalvo followed and dwelt upon the subject of the love which God has for us.

In the midst of the congregation were about twenty Mexicans (Lamanites) from Los Nietros Mission which Bro. Edward Purdue is in charge of. It was beautiful to look over the congregation and behold these divers origins and background who have been called into the Gospel of Jesus Christ and been given a testimony of God's grace. The Bell choir presented two lovely hymns before the preaching service began. Morning service was concluded with hymn, "My Hope is Built," followed with prayer by Brother John Dulisse.

In the beginning of the afternoon meeting, Sister Clara Lozano from Los Nietros Mission sang a hymn, the words and the music of which were given to her in a dream. Meeting was opened by Bro. Peter Capone who was visiting us from Detroit. He spoke on the subject of the responsibility of every individual to nourish and water the Gospel seed that was planted in our hearts. Also he brought out the need for man to humble himself willingly before God, not waiting for misfortune.

The minutes state "Many very inspiring words were spoken through testimonies of both Elders and Brothers and Sisters, whether in English, Italian or Spanish, God's spirit was felt by all. Thank God He understands all.

"It was revealed to one sister that by the Grace of God there were many children spared death by the presence of the Saints children in Pacoima (where recently an airplane crashed into this San Fernando Valley School).

"God's spirit prevailed throughout our testimony meetings and we could say in conclusion 'It was good to be there'."

The meeting was closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again." Closing prayer by Bro. V. James Lovalvo. — By Alexander Robinson, District Historian.

LETTERS of OLIVER COWDERY 1834-35

The first of a series of letters written by Oliver Cowdery, a very close associate of Joseph Smith in the Restoration of the Gospel.

Norton, Medina Co., Ohio

Sabbath Evening, Sept. 7, 1834
To W. W. Phelps; Dear Brother:

"Before leaving home I promised, if I tarried long, to write; and while a few moments are now allowed me for reflection, aside from the cares and common conversation of my friends in this place. I have thought that were I to communicate them to you, might, perhaps, if they should not prove especially beneficial to yourself, by confirming you in the faith of the gospel, at least be interesting, since it has pleased our heavenly Father to call us both to rejoice in the same hope of eternal life. And by giving them publicity, some thousands who have embraced the same covenant, may learn something more particular upon the rise of the church in this last time. And while the gray evening is fast changing into a settled darkness, my heart responds with the happy millions who are in the presence of the Lamb, and are past the power of temptation, in rendering thanks, though feebly, to the same parent.

Another day has passed into that, to us, boundless ocean, eternity, whereby nearly six thousand years have gone before, and what flits across the mind like an electric shock is, that it will never return! Whether it has been well improved or not; whether the principles emanating from Him who "hallowed" it, have been observed;

or whether, like the common mass of time, it has been heedlessly spent, is not for me to say. One thing I can say—it can never be recalled; it has rolled in to assist in filling up the grand space decreed in the mind of its Author, till nature shall have ceased her work; and time its accustomed revolutions—when its Lord shall have completed the gathering of His elect, and with them enjoy that Sabbath which shall never end.

On Friday, the 5th, in company with our Brother Joseph Smith, jun., I left Kirtland for this place (New Portage), to attend the conference previously appointed. To be permitted, once more, to travel with this brother, occasions reflections of no ordinary kind. Many have been the fatigues and privations which have fallen to my lot to endure, for the gospel's sake, since 1828, with this brother. Our road has frequently been spread with the "fowlers snare," and our persons sought with the eagerness of the savage's ferocity for innocent blood, by men either heated to desperation by the insinuations of those who profess to be "guides and way-marks" to the kingdom of glory, or the individuals themselves. This, I confess, is a dark picture to spread before our patrons, but they will pardon my plainness when I assure them of the truth. In fact, God has so ordered, that the reflections which I am permitted to cast upon my past life, relative to a knowledge of the way of salvation, are rendered "double endearing." Not only have I been graciously preserved from wicked and unreasonable men, with this our brother, but I have seen the fruit of perseverance in proclaiming the everlasting gospel, immediately after it was declared to the world in these last days, in a manner not to be forgotten while heaven give me common intellect. And what serves to render the reflection past expression on this point is, that from his hand I received baptism, by the direction of the angel of God—the first received into this church, in this day.

Near the time of the setting of the sun, Sabbath evening, April 5th, 1829, my natural eyes, for the first time beheld this brother. He then resided in Harmony, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. On Monday the 6th, I assisted him in

arranging some business of a temporal nature, and on Tuesday, the 7th, commenced to write the Book of Mormon. These were days never to be forgotten—to sit under the sound of a voice dictated by the inspiration of heaven, awakened the utmost gratitude of this bosom. Day after day I continued, uninterruptedly to write from his mouth, as he translated, with the Urim Thummim, or as the Nephites would have said, "Interpreters," the history, or record, called "The Book of Mormon."

To notice, in even few words, the interesting account given by Mormon, and his faithful son Moroni, of a people once beloved and favored of heaven, would supercede my present design. I shall therefore defer this to a future period, and as I said in the introduction, pass more directly to some few incidents immediately connected with the rise of this church, which may be entertaining to some thousands who have stepped forward, amid the frown of bigots and the calumny of hypocrites, and embraced the gospel of Christ.

No men in their sober senses could translate and write the directions given to the Nephites from the mouth of the Saviour, of the precise manner in which men should build up His church, and especially, when corruption had spread an uncertainty over all forms and systems among men, without desiring a privilege of showing the willingness of the heart by being buried in the liquid grave, to answer a "good conscience by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

After writing the account given of the Saviour's ministry to the remnant of the seed of Jacob, upon this continent, it was easy to be seen, as the prophet said would be, that darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people. On reflecting further, it was easily to be seen, that amid the great strife and noise concerning religion, none had authority from God to administer the ordinances of the gospel. For, the question might be asked, have men authority to administer in the name of Christ, who deny revelations? When His testimony is no less than the spirit of prophecy? And His religion based, built, and sustained by immediate revelations in all

ages of the world, when He has had a people on earth? If these facts were buried and carefully concealed by men whose craft would have been in danger, if once permitted to shine in the faces of men, they were no longer to us; and we only waited for the commandment to be given, "Arise and be baptized."

This was not long desired before it was realized. The Lord, who is rich in mercy, and ever willing to answer the consistent prayer of the humble, after we had called upon Him in a fervent manner, aside from the abodes of men, condescended to manifest to us His will. On a sudden, as from the midst of eternity, the voice of the Redeemer spake peace to us, while the veil was parted and the angel of God came down clothed with glory, and delivered the anxiously looked for message, and the keys of the gospel of repentance. What joy! What wonder! What amazement! While the world was racked and distracted—while millions were groping as the blind for the wall, and while all men were resting upon uncertainty, as a general mass, our eyes beheld—our ears heard, as in the blaze of day; yes, more, above the glitter of the May sunshine, which then shed its brilliancy over the face of nature. Then His voice, though mild, pierced to the center, and His words, "I am thy fellow-servant," dispelled every fear, we listened—we gazed—we admired. 'Twas the voice of the angel from glory; 'twas a message from the Most High. And as we heard we rejoiced, while His love enkindled upon our souls, and we were wrapped in the vision of the Almighty. Where was room for doubt? No where; uncertainty had fled; doubt had sunk, no more to rise, while fiction and deception had fled forever.

But, dear brother, think, further think for a moment, what joy filled our hearts, and with what surprise we must have bowed, (for who would not have bowed the knee for such a blessing?) When we received under His hand the holy priesthood and this authority, which shall remain upon earth, that the sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness."

I shall not attempt to paint to you the feelings of this heart, nor

the majestic beauty and glory which surrounded us on this occasion; but you will believe me when I say, that earth, nor men, with the eloquence of time, can begin to clothe language in as interesting and sublime a manner as this holy personage. No; nor has this earth power to give the joy, to bestow the peace, or comprehend the wisdom which was contained in each sentence as they were delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit. Man may deceive his fellow man; deception may follow man; deception may follow deception, and the children of the wicked one may have power to seduce the foolish and untaught, till nought but fiction feeds the many, and the fruit of falsehood carries in its current to the grave; but one touch with the finger of His love, yea, one ray of glory from the upper world, or one word from the mouth of the Saviour, from the bosom of eternity, strikes it all into insignificance, and blots it forever from the mind. The assurance that we were in the presence of an angel; the certainty that we heard the voice of Jesus, and the truth unsullied as it flowed from a pure personage, dictated by the will of God, is to me past description, and I shall ever look upon this expression of the Saviour's goodness with wonder and thanksgiving while I am permitted to tarry, and in those mansions where perfection dwells and sin never comes, I hope to adore in that day which shall never cease.

Today the church assembled in this place, and was addressed on the great and important subject of salvation by Brother Jared Carter, followed by Brother Sidney Rigdon. The cheering truths ably and eloquently advanced by these brethren were like "apples of gold in baskets of silver." The saints listened with attention, after which bread was broken, and we offered another memorial to our Lord that we remembered Him.

I must close for the present; my candle is quite extinguished, and all nature seems locked in silence, shrouded in darkness, and enjoying that repose so necessary to this life. But the period is rolling on when night will close, and those who are found worthy will inherit that city where neither the light of

the sun nor moon will be necessary." For the glory of God will enlighten it, and the Lamb will be the light thereof."

O. Cowdery

LETTER FROM SELINGSGROVE, PA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I feel it my desire and peace of mind to tell you as I did before what a kind and Blessed Saviour my Lord has been to me and I couldn't find no other such as He. I can't exactly explain the reason of such a difference between my taking on to our blessed Gospel News this month (March) than before, but truly I felt God's love and His Almighty Kindness to me on Saturday when receiving the Church paper. I took to it like I never had before, and I am indeed so happy to read and know about the baptisms within our Church, sincerely thinking of home and soon again seeing you one and all. It indeed gives me much to praise and thank my Lord, for as He is continually with me, helping and healing my wrong as well as my sickness.

It is truly hard to keep from doing sin of any kind up here, but I as with all of you realize and understand it can be done if we are determined and try harder than ever before. There is no reason for me not living as my Lord wants me to, when He is each and every day blessing me. I liked the poem in the Gospel News and so it caused me to write one. I wrote six verses, I hope you will like it. Give my best regards to all.

Sincerely Sister Betty Griffith.
Box 500 Cott. E-2.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Dear Bro. Editor:

In the last few months the Saints of Youngstown have indeed been blessed and I noticed also by the Gospel News that other branches have also been blessed with a lot of young people coming into the fold of Christ. We feel that we will never have enough of them and we pray that more and more will come.

We are still meeting in the Union hall, but we hope that in

the very near future we will be able to meet in our new building, which is nearing completion. Nevertheless, we have had some wonderful meetings and one Sunday we all rejoiced when Bro. Corrado called all our new brothers to the rostrum and we heard their wonderful testimony of how wonderful it was to serve the Lord. Our only prayer now is that we may feel that same spirit again soon, for what more do we have except the fellowship of our Brothers and Sisters. It certainly is meat and drink for us.

In the New Jersey G.M.B.A., we were blessed with two new Brothers from our branch, who were Bro. Donald Pandone and Bro. Elmer Santilli. Later, in Lorain, we were blessed with the Baptisms of Bro. Elmer's brother, Anthony Santilli, and Anthony's wife, Mary Santilli, and also Brother Elmer Santilli's sister, Esther Santilli. It was really a blessing to see these young ones come into the fold. The following Sunday we were again blessed by having another one of the Santilli Family, join the Gospel, being Bro. Nephi Santilli, a recent Bridegroom. Then, another brother, Bro. Richard Santilli and his wife, Annabelle were baptized. Bro. Sam Santilli and his wife, Sister Gemma Santilli can certainly rejoice, for now there remains only two more to make the family complete in joining the fold of Christ. May I add, God Bless You, Bro. Sam and Sister Gemma.

Sister Dorothy Damore

AN EXPERIENCE

Bro. Editor:

One Sunday afternoon Bro. Dan Corrado introduced the afternoon meeting and read from the 11th chapter of First Corinthians concerning sacrament or the Lord's Supper. As he read the verses from the Bible, I received a wonderful experience of God, giving me to understand the meaning of the bread and wine which we partake of on the Sabbath day.

It was revealed the bread is or represents the body of Christ, which is the word of God made flesh. As we take of the bread and eat, so should we eat spiritually of the Word of God and do His commandments.

It was revealed that the wine is or represents the blood of Christ which is the new testament which gives us the life of Christ and the sufferings He bore even unto death, that the will of the Father be done.

It was also revealed that we cannot fix troubles, but we must teach one another to live in the love of God. Sister Edith Genaro, Warren, Ohio.

SCRIPTURAL QUOTATIONS

"In whom (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image (Christ) of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: For by Him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him (Christ) and for Him: And He (Christ) is before all things and by Him all things consist. And He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead: that in all things He (Christ) might have the preeminence." Col. 1-14, 15, 16, 17, 18. And in Rev. 1-8 I read: "I am Alpha and Omega, the BEGINNING and the ENDING, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, (Christ) the Almighty."

"In the beginning was the Word," John 1-1 (And that Word was the Christ and He was in the beginning.) "The same (Christ) was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: (Christ) and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Editor.

Rev. 1-1, 2, 3, "The Revelation (not revelations) of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he signified it by His angel unto His servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand."

Chapter 22-18, 19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, (Book of Revelation) If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: (Book of Revelation). And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book." (The Book of Revelation, and not the Book of Revelations.)

There may be things in the Book of Revelation that we may not understand, but my advice is, that all men be careful and do not add or detract from the plainness of that which is written therein. Editor.

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES FOR YOU

BY BETTY GRIFFITH

Whenever becoming down hearted,
Feeling so sad and so blue;
I advise you to open your Bible
And read a chapter or two.

Don't do it because its all,
That you might have to do;
But, believe and have faith my
friend,
You will find it all to be true.

Our Lord He loveth one and all,
Including the evil ones too;
Regardless of the past we've lived,
He is still willing to help us thru.

So let us prove our faith in Him,
To be truer and truer each day;
The harder we try and the more
we do,
We will find it always pays.

Whenever reading our Lord's
Bible,
Believing and trusting His word;
Lets ever live closer to Him,
And show it with sweet accord.

DETROIT, MICH.

Detroit, Mich.

March 3

The Lord blessed us this day with a beautiful and fruitful meeting. The presence of Bro. Joe Lavalvo from California brought many visitors to swell our small group and half of the building seemed to be filled with young people.

Bro. Moroco turned the meeting over to Bro. Lavalvo and he spoke on the words of Jesus; "The foxes have holes; and the birds of the air have nests but; the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." He spoke of many times during the life of Jesus which bore out the sad truth of these words. In concluding he asked Sister Connie Moroco to relate a dream she had in which she was visited by Our Lord.

God visited the Elders with a great portion of His spirit and as the meeting progressed He pleaded with us through the elders to hear the Spirit, open our hearts, and make a place for the Son of Man to lay His head.

This day God touched the hearts of three of our young people; Yvonne Capone, Billy Gioia, and Leonard Lavalvo. They asked for baptism and we gathered at the river to witness this joyful occasion.

We returned to the Church building and combining our various lunches we enjoyed a good fellowship meal.

The group from Branch No. 4 met at Branch No. 3 for the confirmation and afternoon meeting.
Sister Betty Capone

LETTER FROM RESEDA, CALIF.

Editor:

We in the San Fernando Valley are quite well and enjoying the blessings of God very much, and hope to hear the same from all our Brothers and Sisters.

We feel that the Gospel News is a wonderful means for us to keep in touch with one another in the Church. We are trying our best to serve the Lord, and to draw near to Him. We find in doing this, the Lord's blessings are with us. We are still continuing our fasting and prayer. Each day two officers of the Branch, along with the other brothers and sisters as they feel, fast and pray and we have a continual prayer to the Lord throughout the week, petitioning the Lord to bless us; especially with the gifts which He gives to His children as He sees fit. We feel that we are very much

in need of these spiritual gifts in order that the Lord may work and speak with His people. So we are determined to keep on knocking until the Lord sees fit to answer us.

We have had a little sickness in our branch recently. Sister Millie Ciarochi was operated on, and thank the Lord she is recovering. Bro. Peter Pasqua is quite a sick man and needs the prayers of the saints. There has been quite a few visitors with us in the Valley. We enjoy very much having them in our midst. We all here in the Valley extend our love in Christ to all of the brothers and sisters throughout the Church. Remember us all in your prayers. Sister Grace Brutz.

NEWS ITEMS

A card from Brother Ansel D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y. dated on March 15th informs us that they had two baptisms on the last Sunday. He says the first for a long time. He also tells us that his wives mother is very sick.

Nigeria, Africa — In a letter from Nigeria dated March 9th from Bro. Imeh John Akpan he says, "We had rain yesterday very heavy and some ice fall. That is the first time for us to see ice, it was cold, 40 degrees. We have to warm ourselves with fire.

Monongahela, Pa. Quite a number of visitors from various places attended the Ladies Uplift Circle meeting on March 23rd. Among them were Bro. Burgess and others from Windsor, Ont. who stayed over for our Sabbath Morning Meeting. Brother Burgess occupied our pulpit on the occasion, and a nice audience was present and enjoyed his talk. We are always glad to have visitors to come and meet with us. For the evening meeting there were some present from Greensburg, Pa.

Monongahela, Pa. April 1st. We here in this Branch of the Church gathered at the river shore yesterday afternoon and baptized three more converts, two of them will be members here while one will belong to the Roscoe Branch. It was a lovely day for the occasion.

NEWS FROM McKEES ROCKS, PA.

Brother Editor:

We of the McKees Rocks Church extend greetings to all the brothers and sisters throughout the church. May God bless one and all. We rejoice in how wonderfully the Lord is moving upon the young throughout the church. It is undoubtedly a surprise to every one, and once again substantiates the truth that we so often sing about that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Job says on one occasion that God's ways are past finding out, and how true this is.

We of the McKees Rocks Branch have also received a portion of this recent blessing, for on Sunday, Feb. 3, 1957 both daughters of brother and sister Casasanta went into the waters of baptism and were confirmed members of The Church of Jesus Christ, by the laying on of hands of the Elders, as is the Holy Order of God.

The following Sunday a grand daughter of brother and sister Tony Nolphi was present to be blessed. Brother Nolphi asked God's blessing on the babe, and a good feeling prevailed. The mother of the babe who is brother Nolphi's daughter-in-law, who has known the church a few years now, and who is becoming interested in it, reports a very pleasant effect of the blessing prayer on the child. She says that up until that time the child had great trouble in falling asleep, but after that moment the trouble left the child, much to the mothers relief and gratification. We praise God for this and many blessings.

We of the McKees Rocks Branch are small in number since the brothers and sisters in Imperial have organized a Mission, and we invite visitors to help us along in rolling "that stone which was cut out of the Mountain" in this part of the vineyard.

We were however, favored in having the Aliquippa Branch fellowship with us on Sunday, March 10th. We were indeed happy to have them and to witness their enthusiasm and whole heartedness, coupled with a nice spirit of humility. We look forward to the time when they will come

again. On this same day we witnessed two more young men making a covenant, brothers Frank DiAntonio and Chester Nolphi. They reported that though the waters were chilly, a warmth came to their souls, upon coming up out of the waters.

Sincerely Bro. Michalko

HOPELAWN, N. J. DOUBLE WEDDING

On January 31st at 7 p.m. a double wedding was performed in the Hopelawn Branch, with Brother Joseph Benyola officiating in the double ring ceremonies.

Jeanne and Mary Purkall, daughters of Sister Jennie Purkall and the late Sam Purkall, of 139 Howard Street, Hopelawn, N. J., were the brides. Jeanne was married to Nicholas C. Davella of New Brunswick, N. J. Mary was married to Bro. Joseph Faragasso, son of Sister Philomena Faragasso and the late Brother Nicholas Faragasso, Jr., also of New Brunswick, N. J. After the double ring ceremonies, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother.

Both couples spent their honeymoon in Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Davella as well as Mr. and Mrs. Faragasso are presently residing in Hopelawn.

We extend best wishes and God's speed to both couples.

WE MUST BEAR FRUIT

The beauty of the parables of Christ is the way they cause the mind of man to reach out and to search, for as one Brother is given one lesson out of a parable, to another is given another, and each lesson given is good and causes each of us to search more, and our minds are lead out into the wonderful teachings of our Saviour.

My mind this morning is taken back a few months ago to what I found for the first time, in three parables in Matthew, first, The Sower, second, The Talents, third, The Workers In The Vineyard. In the Parable of the Sower of the seed, I was given much thought to the last part of the parable, "But others fell on good ground and brought forth fruit, some a hundred fold, some sixty fold,

and some thirty fold." We like to think of this seed as those that have obeyed the Gospel, showing us that we are all to bring forth fruit, some not as much as others, but to show the mercy and justice of our Lord, that where much is given, much is required, and that we are to produce fruit, according to the strength given us by the Lord, and though some of us may only be required to bring forth thirty fold, yet thirty fold we must bring, which also applies to those that are to bring forth sixty fold or a hundred fold, and as I said before I discovered something new to me about these three parables and that is the way they go together, one seems to bear the other out.

The parable of the Talents where one was given five, one was given two, and one was given one talent. This is proof to us that one is given more than another, and also the story of the talents show that more is required of him that is given more, yet we see again the mercy of our Lord, for each of us receive the same pay if we bring forth the talents which are required of us according to that which is given us, which makes us think of the last parable, "Some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty," but the parable of the talents shows what will happen if we don't bring forth what is required of us, for as the one given five talents, brought forth ten talents, "His hundred fold," he received his reward from the Master for He said unto him, "Well done my good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." The one that received two talents, brought forth also two more, "His Sixty fold," and the Master gave him the same reward as the one that brought forth five, for if you will read Matt. 25th Chap. from the 21st to 23rd verses, you will see the Lord speaks exactly the same words to each of these workers, but the one that was given one talent and buried it was rebuked by the Master and was called a wicked and slothful servant and did not receive the reward the other two received, but we believe if this one would have brought

forth only one more talent his reward would have been the same, as those that brought forth many, through the mercy of our Lord, for the justice of our Lord teaches us we must bring what is required of us, thirty, sixty, or a hundred fold.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard also bears out these other two parables, for as some were hired the third hour, some the sixth hour, some the ninth hour, and some the eleventh hour, each received the same pay at the end of the day, though some murmured, who had worked through the heat of the day, and thought they should have received more than those hired at the eleventh hour, yet we know that this could not be, because if we notice, He paid to the last that were hired first, a penny which we know that the pay at the end of the day, means eternal life. How then, could He pay anyone more than this? We will all receive this same pay if we bring the fruit, the talents, and the labor that is required of us. This we must do. For those hired at the eleventh hour had one hour to work. Surely each of us must marvel at the mercy and justice of our Lord. May we all live in thankfulness every day.

Brother Bud Martin
Roscoe, Penna.

I THANK THEE Bro. Wm. Kunkle

Dear God, my Father above,
I thank Thee for Thy tender care;
Keep us God, in this true love
And our lives we ask to spare.

Of Thy mercies, Oh so great
Keeping us from day to day;
Our second birth Thou did create
Which is the greatest, I can say.

We have passed into a new life,
Leaving this vain world behind;
Being able to overcome strife,
And have one purpose in mind.

To serve Thee with all our hearts,
And to be faithful to the end;
Make us as one of THY heart
And through the world the Gospel send.

SARNIA INDIANS MAY SELL THEIR LAND FOR \$9,000,000

There will be no exchange of wampum but good hard cash when the Chippewa Indians in Sarnia sell their 3,400-acre reservation within Sarnia's City limits.

In case you've never had the occasion to use wampum—it is beads of shell used by the North American Indian as money.

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The Indians are negotiating with New England Industries of New York, real estate dealers, to sell their land for some \$9,000,000.

Included in the proposed agreement is that a portion of the present reservation be set aside, and the purchasers build a model village on it.

The Indians plan to use this model village as a tourist attraction where they can sell hand-made wares.

It is expected that the land purchased from the Indians will be resold by the real estate agents to chemical firms for industrial sites.

Some 450 Indians live in the Sarnia reservation, believed to be the only one in North America within the limits of a city.

This reservation is one of three established in the area by a treaty of 1827.

P.S. This Indian land is located in Ontario, just across the river from Port Huron, Mich.

LOTS OF BIBLES SOLD

According to a UPS Correspondent, Americans bought more than eight million Bibles last year. A new record for the best selling book in history. About 10 per cent above 1955. King James Version easily held its place as the most popular favorite. Its total sales estimated at more than six million complete editions far outstripped all other translations combined.

The Revised Standard Version of 1952 took second place with sales running close to the million mark. Next was the Douay Version (Catholic Bible) 750,000; Jewish Bibles 70,000; Modern translations including Moffatt and Goodspeed, about 25,000.

Besides the complete Bibles sold

through regular book channels, hundreds of thousands of Bibles are distributed free each year by such organizations as the American Bible Society and the Gideons.

The sponsors of the R.S.V. of 1952, hope and believe that the Revised Standard Version eventually will replace the King James as the "standard" Protestant Bible in American homes. But the 1956 sales figures, show that it still has a long way to go.

TAKE NOTE!

The following is a short note I received through the mail this day:

March 13, 1957

Brother Cadman:

I was over at my mother's house to pay her a visit. Going home that night mother told me to take the Gospel News and said read it, and you will find lots of nice things.

I will like that God should not forget me also. I hope the brothers and sisters don't mind praying for me.

I am enclosing a small token of \$10.00 for the church to be in South Dakota. Also \$1.50 for one year subscription, thank you. God bless you all. Signed.....

P. S. My friend, you address me as Brother Cadman. I do not know if I have ever met you or not. It is possible that I have met your mother. Little notes like yours make an Editor feel good, thank you, and may the Lord bless you and yours.

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

AN UNSIGNED LETTER

"Dear Brother Cadman, I'm almost a stranger, but I'm not a stranger. This \$1.00 enclosed is toward the Wakpala District for the Indians. \$1.00 from each member would surely be helpful. It would only take a little effort and a nice sum of money would be raised. Every time I donate to the Church I gain it back double in a few days. This happens every time, so I must be living pretty good."—No name given. Post marked Charleroi, Pa.

Thank you and may the Lord bless you. Brother Cadman.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Hark! the voice of Jesus calling,
Who will go and work today?
Fields are white the harvests
waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"
If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door.
If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite,
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight.
Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly, when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

Jesus says: "The harvest truly is
plenteous, but the labourers are
few;"

COLOMBIA AND THE VATICAN

It was a sad day for freedom—
freedom of religion specifically, but
all freedoms certainly—when the
government of Colombia entered
into an agreement with the Vatican
which "violates Colombia's obliga-
tions under the Declaration of Hu-
man Rights of the United Nations,
breaches its agreements for equal
treatment of citizens with the
United States and other neighbor
nations, and compromises its sov-
ereignty as an independent na-
tion."

The fact that the Vatican did
bring pressure to bear to secure
an agreement is both significant
and ominous. Under the agree-
ment, the Roman Catholic Church
in Colombia has not only the ex-
clusive right to carry on religious
and educational work in three-
fourths of the country but many
Protestant churches—20 of them
in 1956—were closed by govern-
ment action.

Also, the rights and the prop-

erty of citizens of the United
States have been flagrantly dis-
regarded. There have been re-
peated instances of violence and
property destruction. Our State
Department is making every pos-
sible effort to remedy this pro-
vocative and indefensible situation.

Should not the censure of all
men and women of good will for
these existing conditions in Colom-
bia be equally upon the Colombian
government—and the Vatican?

(By Daniel A. Poling, Editor of
the Christian Herald.)

P.S. Instances of this kind only
go to prove what the Roman
Catholic Church will do; when and
where she can. (Editor Gospel
News)

Monday, May 6, 1957

BIRTHDAY WISH FOR ISRAEL

Israel is nine years old today.
The years have been eventful—full
of struggle, anxiety, hope, frustra-
tion and crisis. As recently as last
fall, the young state was involved
in a crisis which could have
touched off World War III.

Our country has from the start
taken a paternal interest in Israel.
There is, in fact, no other way
since this country is to a consider-
able extent responsible for Israel's
existence.

With substantial financial and
moral support from the United
States, Israel is making much pro-
gress in many directions. In less
than a decade its population has
tripled, its trade has expanded and
the foundation for thriving indus-
try and agriculture have been laid.

This progress can and should
continue, providing a homeland for
people who have dreamed of it for
a great many centuries. But the

future is still perilous. Israel is
surrounded by hostile neighbors.

In this atmosphere, she will need
all the courage, statesmanship and
world support she can muster. The
worst thing she could do would be
to alienate the friendship or im-
peril the security of the United
States. If she will sit steady in
the boat, continue to seek a peace
treaty and stand prepared to ne-
gotiate just solutions to vexing
Middle East problems, then there
will be good hope for many, many
happy returns of this day. The
best birthday wish anyone could
have for Israel is summed up in
one word, "peace."

Taken from the Editorial page of
the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

NEWS ITEMS

After the close of our recent
Conference, Brother James Heaps
spent the week with us here in
Monongahela. We held four nights
of meetings while he was here, of
which he was the speaker. Owing
to his physical condition he was
not able to be present at one of
the meetings, but the other three
nights he was in our pulpit, and
the meetings were enjoyed by a
nice congregation of people, in-
cluding visitors from other
Branches of the Church. At the
close of Friday night's meeting,
brother Casasanta of McKees
Rocks church took him home to
spend a few days with them. He
expects to spend a few days at
various Branches of the Church,
and after arriving in Detroit, he
will leave there for his home in
Los Angeles. Jimmie is not too
strong any more since going
through an operation about one
year ago. May the Lord be with

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him in his travels.

At our meeting on Conference Sunday night, we had another convert ask for baptism. Editor.

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On this date April 23rd. I received the following card: "Salute from Italy from Brother D. Giovannone, I'm preaching the gospel here, Salute all the brothers, sisters of the Church. Brother Giovannone." Brother Dominec of Warren, Ohio is visiting in his own native land after an absence of 44 years. According to the card he has sent me, he is preaching the gospel among his people in Italy. May the Lord bless his efforts. Editor, WHC.

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On April 22nd Brother Nicholas LiBerto of San Diego, Calif., called at my home for a short visit. He was accompanied by Brother James Curry of the Glassport Branch of the Church. Brother LiBerto went to California about nine years ago, and this is his first trip back here, and he is enjoying it visiting among the saints, also visiting among his own people in Pittsburgh, and he expects to visit a sick sister in Philadelphia. May the Lord bless Brother LiBerto on his trip back here. (Bro. WHC)

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On Sunday morning April 28th, Brother and Sister John Buffa and their children attended our meeting here in Monongahela. Brother Buffa occupied our pulpit and we enjoyed his message to us. After having dinner at brother and sister A. B. Cadmans home, they continued on their journey from a short vacation at the home of Sister Buffa's in New Jersey, to their home in Detroit. On this same day, quite a delegation from the Glassport Church attended our evening meeting. Come again.

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In our recent Conference, I reported having a phone call from Brother V. J. Lovaivo of Northridge, Calif., informing me of his wife 'Mary' meeting with a serious accident on the Highway. I have since received a letter from him dated April 25th and he says: "My wife was seriously hurt in the accident, and I am grateful to God He has spared her life. An 82 year old woman drove through a red signal light and struck my wife's car on the drivers side. The

impact caused my wife to strike her head on the window which resulted in a head-on concussion, she also received a neck and back whiplash and her limb and right arm were injured. She was in the hospital two weeks where she underwent many tests to determine the extent of her injuries. She has no broken bones, however, at present though she feels a little better, there is still considerable pain. She is home now and we are praying that she will soon recover completely.

She received scores of cards from the saints everywhere, which have been a comfort to her. She intends to write a letter through the Gospel News as soon as she feels better and thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness towards her." I will add that this matter interfered with brother Lovaivo coming to the Conference.

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In our meeting on Sunday afternoon April 28th Sister Marek announced that Sister Evans (formerly of our Church here in Monongahela) had suffered a fall and had broken one arm and the other one very bad hurt, necessitating several stitches to sew up the wound. We here are very sorry to learn of this accident to our aging sister, and our prayer is that God will comfort her and give her a speedy recovery and make her strong and well again. Sister Evans lives somewhere in California. May the Lord bless her.

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On June 29th, 1957 the New Jersey M.B.A. will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. Our Brothers, Sisters and friends are cordially invited to join us.

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Take Notice: The following is credited to the famous man Spurgeon: "The question is not, 'Will the heathen be lost if they do not hear the gospel?' but, 'Shall we be saved if we do not take it to them?'"

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Trip to Cherokee, N. C. Brother Richard Christman and Brother James Moore Jr. having a long weekend off, made a trip to Cherokee, leaving here on May 3rd, and took me with them, we arrived at Brother and Sister Molinatto's home about noon on Saturday the 4th of May. Our time was

short, but we had a nice visit with our brother and sister. We found them all very well, and they are very much satisfied in the move they have made to North Carolina. On Sunday we met in two different Indian homes in which Jonathan is holding services in. We also visited other Indian people that we had previously met on our visits to that place. We also visited the Rock Springs (Indian Church) and met some old acquaintances there.

Though a short trip, we enjoyed it. The scenery is wonderful. The mountains are white with Dogwood blossom. Every thing considered, it is a lovely place to spend a few days. We bid brother and sister Molinatto adieu about 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, and having two young brothers to drive the car, we came almost flying back home, arriving at 10:30 a.m. on Monday.

Brother Cadman

ATTENTION PLEASE

I have been approached about the lawful or correct order of procedure, in attending to an "Ordination."

In ordaining a Deaconess, Deacon, Teacher, Evangelist, Elder, or an Apostle; they should be set aside by the washing of their feet, anointing their heads with oil; hands laid on their heads by those officiating and, an appropriate prayer offered up to our Heavenly Father in their behalf; asking Him to bless them with the spirit of the Office in which they have been called.

Elders have the Authority to ordain Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, and Teachers. It is very good order for Evangelists to ordain brethren as designated, into their own Quorum. It is necessary for those who are ordained Apostles, to ordain their brethren as designated, to that high Office.

If it happens that it is not convenient for the Evangelists to ordain one into their Quorum, then an ordained Apostle may ordain an Evangelist.

If conditions or circumstances be such as to inconvenience in any way, then the President of the Church, or his Counsellors may, like Apostles of the Quorum, ordain any designated person to any office in the Church. (President Cadman.)

LYNN-MEEKS NUPTIALS

Ferns, white gladioli and stephanotis were the altar setting in The Church of Jesus Christ, at Bethelboro Church for the marriage on Saturday, April 20th of Vivian Marlene Lynn, daughter of Mrs. Audrice Lynn, of Republic, Pa., and Orville Meeks of Cleveland, Ohio, son of Mrs. Lucille Meeks of Coalmont, Tenn.

Vows were exchanged at six o'clock in the evening. Brother Oran Thomas of Vanderbilt officiating. Karen Lowe, organist, presented a recital of Nuptial music and Violet Lint was soloist, sang "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." The bride was given away by her brother Charles Lynn. Mrs. Freda Mae Smith of Cleveland, Ohio was her sister's matron of honor. Ralph Rice was best man.

Supplementing the double ring ceremony, a reception for 100 guests was held at the Morning Star Grange Hall at Laureldale. Following an unrevealed honeymoon destination, the couple will reside at 14907 Aspinwall, Cleveland, Ohio.

By Sister Virginia Bokulich

A LETTER OF THANKS

Brothers and Sisters, I wish to thank you all, for the prayers and the beautiful Get-Well cards you sent to my mother. For the prayers did change things—my mother is recovering daily with God's help.

Thanks be to the Restored Gospel for such a great tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love. Sister Carmella D'Amico, Rochester, N. Y.

NOTICE

In behalf of the Brooklyn Branch of the church, which has gotten into considerable debt in building their church, and their membership low in numbers, I ask you all that possibly can, to try and give them a lift with a nice offering, they have built a nice church, but they have a bigger debt than was anticipated. Send your offering to Joseph Benyola, 80 New Brunswick Ave., Hopelawn, N. J. Brother Cadman

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Competition for souls is becoming intensely vigorous. The demands, particularly financial, of the modern-day world church are becoming so great that large membership is imperative for survival. This necessity has given rise to the 'get 'em young' drives and vast social activity program. All major denominations are engaged in a giant game to lure new members. No longer do we hear the plea, "Come and pray with us." This has given away to, "Come and PLAY with us."

I recently discussed this situation with an old 'church pillar' of the Methodist faith. He was most upset and cited how the local Presbyterian church had so increased its youth recreation program that the Methodist faction was hard pressed to retain the favor of their own younger members. His church alone was forced to spend thousands of dollars to establish and maintain recreational facilities that would attract and hold the youth in the church. "It is a most disheartening truth," said he "that we must first lure the young in with fun and sport and then try to win them over to Christ."

The above is not a local condition. I have before me at this writing a newspaper clipping stating that a particular church has started regular Wednesday evening recreation programs. Open to all, without charge, are instructors and equipment for—not bible study or worship—but checkers, shuffleboard, etc. Reading further it was interesting, perhaps ironic, to note that the programs are to be held in the "Sabbath School Building."

No where in the contemporary church structure of today is the parable of building on sand more clearly depicted than in the modern means of getting the young to church. "— which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell —." Matt. 8: 26, 27.

How can the young and spiritually immature possibly stand the temptations of early life when on such a false footing? The answer is all too obvious; they cannot. It is reflected in rising crime rates, soaring alcoholism, crowded divorce courts and increasingly lax morals. How much better if the teenager were fortified with the true, realistic Gospel of Christ as taught by His Church. His word should be taught in purity, and the place where it is taught sanctified Holy. (Eph. 5: 26). It must be presented with BIBLE in hand, not a basketball.

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Billy Graham, in his sweep of the East has delivered countless sermons climaxed with appearances before thousands in New York City. It is said that his stand is positive, dynamic, just what is needed today. Certainly these are accountable traits when recognizing his drawing power, but scripture-wise his stand is more general than definite.

Mr. Graham does not believe in any 'one' church. His contention is that the saved may go to the church in which he feels best. He does not think baptism, washing feet, laying on of hands, or divine revelation are necessary either. These ordinances are known as the Gospel of Christ and when B. Graham announces he "will go anywhere, sponsored by anyone, to preach the Gospel of Christ" people are confused as to what he means by gospel and what Christ he preaches.

An interesting sidelight to the Graham escapade is the Roman Catholic stand. They have declared Billy "a danger to the faith" and all Roman Catholics are forbidden to see, hear, or read him. One can challenge the constitutionality of such a decree but at best it might prevent disillusionment of looking for who knows what or where after Mr. Graham has moved on and the peals of flowery oratory died away.

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Editorially Speaking . . .

William H. Cadman

Elsewhere in these columns is an article by Mr. Rimmell, a staff writer of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. When I read it I felt impressed with it and I wrote to him, asking for the privilege of publishing it in The Gospel News. Permission was freely granted me to do so—thanks to Mr. Rimmell. It surely should give readers lots to think of, and especially men who stand in their pulpits Sunday after Sunday preaching Christ, who was condemned to death because of blasphemy, judged as one not fit to live and regarded as such by the leading ones of the day. With all the faults there are in the world—what a terrible world it WOULD be if there was not ONE who knows all things, nothing closed to His all searching eyes.

The Saviour in what you might call the introduction of His mission on earth when He was in the Synagogue, read as is recorded in Luke 4-18 as follows: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus died for sinners and we are taught that all were sinners, and the great Apostle styles himself as chief. What a terrible thing, yea what a horrible condition in this world if the poor prisoner has no hope beyond this world. Many a poor soul has been raised in environment of which he has never known any good, and how quick we are to judge a poor unfortunate being.

Many a poor soul in the spur of the moment has gotten into serious trouble and is thrown behind the

bars, and never has an opportunity to make himself right with his fellow man. His faults has been such that he must stay behind the bars. No doubt many a poor soul would do anything to make right, or undo that which he did, penitent may I say, and yet very little chance to enjoy a hope that reaches beyond the prison doors. The man named Jimmie in this article has certainly lots of good in his soul, all his friends are in the prison. It makes me think of the words of a hymn: "Down in the human heart, Crushed by the tempter. Feelings lie buried that grace can restore; Touched by a loving heart, Wakened by kindness, Chords that are broken will vibrate once more."

Jesus says to His own, "I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me." Matthew 25-36 and in verse 40 in response to their question, He answers: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." And in verse 45 He answers others as follows: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it NOT UNTO ME." A wonderful verse for all to read is as follows in the first chapt. of James last verse: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself UNSPOTTED from the world."

Editor.

LIFE

It seems so hard to face life's ways,
Of hardships trials and foes.
But yet we onward haste each day
To accomplish something for our souls.

Live, and let live and be satisfied
With all our problems here:
For there's one thing sure,
we can rely
On our faith, in God to us so dear.

Faith, Hope and Charity, go hand in hand,
To possess these three we would be rich;
In heart and soul, a musical band
And wrapped in heavenly bliss.

Sister Anna Nastasia

FRIENDLESS

By William M. Rimmell

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

The prison library was where Jimmie spent most of his wakeful hours. It was here that he became a friend of the men who had lost their names and were known only as numbers. He not only helped them select their reading but offered them words of comfort and cheer.

Even a lifer, sentenced for the murder of his wife, who never smiled or spoke to a soul in 15 years of confinement broke his silence the first time he encountered Jimmie. Before that he had shunned not only the library but the chaplain who had offered him spiritual comfort.

When the terrible temporary madness known only in prison and commonly called "head work" struck the prisoners, Jimmie was called to help soothe the afflicted.

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Prison officials, who knew it was inhumane to punish a man when the head is working during this temporary insanity, were glad to have Jimmie at their side. For he had the ability not only to comfort these men but also to help nurse them back to mental health.

Sometimes this "head work" would strike a short termer worrying about his wife and children. Then again it was a man proclaiming his innocence or a lifer who was worrying over the long days and nights of confinement. But with the aid of Jimmie and the prison doctor, they were all nursed back.

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This earned Jimmie the name that every prisoner used when they met—Friend.

Jimmie worried about everybody behind those cold, gray walls, but nobody ever thought to inquire about his troubles. Even the chaplain knew little or nothing about him. He spoke only once about his family and that was when he received word that his wife had died.

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But one day after Jimmie had devoted many long hours to soothing a fellow inmate who was suffering from "head work," the doctor spoke up for Jimmie. He not

only went to the chaplain but also to Warden John Francis.

"Something should be done for Jimmie," he told the warden. "He's always helping others. It's about time that somebody helped him."

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The next day Jimmie was summoned to the warden's office. The prison head told Jimmie that he was going to recommend his release.

Jimmie was silent for a moment and then he spoke up. "I don't know how to thank you, Warden, but I don't want to leave. This has been home to me for so long I wouldn't know what to do outside."

"All my friends are in here, Warden. If I went outside I'd be friendless."

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AN EXPERIENCE

March 26, 1957

Dear Editor:

About three o'clock in the morning I was transported in Spirit and found myself in the country. I saw many people working—planting seeds. In two or three minutes the seeds began to grow and grew very tall. I was watching and rejoiced how fast the plants were growing, when I noticed there was a great commotion among the people. They were arguing and saying, "My plant is taller than yours or my plant is better than yours."

They argued so and began to beat each other. In noticing this I became sorely afflicted. I saw a man walk towards me and he said, "Brother, what are you doing here, come with me and you will rejoice in seeing where is the true love of God." I followed him and we walked a short distance, when I saw a small group of people filled with God's love. They were among many beautiful flowers of all colors. I rejoiced to see them. Suddenly, this man disappeared and I found myself in my home in bed. I wondered what all this meant, but had no idea. Then I was inspired to offer up a prayer, so that I might get some understanding on what I had seen. While praying, a voice spoke to me—"Those plants you saw are

nothing but the vain things of this world. How can they love each other when they argue so and beat each other? The small group who have the Love of God are the ones who walk righteously before me—they dwell among the beauty of flowers which are the BLESSINGS received day by day. Their joy is Eternal." A Brother in Christ.

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

Isaiah 6th chapter 9 and 10th verses. And He said go and tell this people. Hear ye indeed, but understand not, and see ye indeed, but perceive not. "Make the heart of this people fat and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed." When He (Jesus) was come near the city, He wept over it, saying, if thou hadst known even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong to thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes. With the eyes we see the beauty of the things in this world, but with our spiritual eyes we see the beauty of spiritual things. Jesus said, "I must need go thru Samaria." What for to see a woman? No, for a woman to see Him. We know that the Samaritan was publicly cursed in the synagogues of the Jews and that he could not appear as a witness in a Jewish court. What he had touched was considered as swines flesh, and that no profession of faith upon his part would admit him into the temple. The Jew thus striving to cut him off from the hope of salvation. "Thou art a Samaritan and has a devil," was the ordinary Jewish form for expressing utter contempt for any one. "He who receives a Samaritan into his house and entertains him deserves to have his own children driven into exile." We hear so much today about the Jews and the Arabs. The veil is still on their eyes. Oh if they could only see the peace that belongs to them and open their spiritual eyes to behold the beauty of Jesus.

Jesus sat thus on the well. It was Jacobs well. No doubt many thoughts passed through His mind about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the sayings of the Jews, "we

have Abraham to our fathers." Here he paused to rest on a parcel of ground that Jacob bequeathed to his favorite son Joseph. The well is still there. It is nine feet in diameter and one hundred and five feet deep. That is the reason the woman said, "the well is deep and thou hast nothing to draw with." While He sat there weary of body His disciples had gone to buy meat, and when they came back and saw Jesus talking to this woman, they also marvelled that he had talked to the woman.

I remember some years ago our neighbors told me that my wife had been talking to a woman that did not have a very good reputation. I told her to quit talking to her but my wife said to me, "who did Jesus come to save?" There is no doubt that the Samaritan woman was a sinner, but who did Jesus come to save. Jesus said, "I came not for the righteous, but to call sinners to repentance. Between Jesus and this woman there occurred a conversation remarkable and for its effects. This was not a learned doctor as Nicodemus of a high moral character, but a simple woman with low morals. Our curiosity is aroused to learn how this remarkable teacher deals with a case as this. He arrests her attention by the request, "give me a drink." The woman looked at Him and his general appearance, had a suspicion that He was a Jew, He had transgressed the line marked out by His people as dividing them from the Samaritans. Food might be purchased, but a Jew might not drink water from the waterpot of a Samaritan. Thus the question, "how is it that thou being a Jew, ask of me a Samaritan for a drink?" This gave Jesus the opportunity to deepen her interest by a spiritual remark. "If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, give me a drink, thou wouldest of have asked of Him and He would have given thee living water." So intent was He upon His mission that He had forgotten His thirst. Water is one of Gods freest and fullist gifts to man and nothing but meanness would deny a man a drink of water. She had met a Jew that was no ordinary Jew, but one who had the gift of Life. "If thou would have asked me, I would have given thee living water." The woman

said I know when Messiah comes He will tell us all things. Jesus said unto her, "I am He that speaketh to thee." The woman forgot her waterpot and ran into the city saying come and see a man that told me all things. Is not this the Christ? Jesus had pressed home the fact that this water would only quench the natural thirst but the spiritual water which He would give unto her would quench the spiritual thirst that comes from the soul. So the sermon on the mount says blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. The woman said give me this water that I thirst no more nor come to this well to draw. But Jesus said the water that I shall give thee shall be in thee a well of living water. She saw that this man was a searcher of hearts. Go tell thy husband. I have no husband. Well spoken, you have had five husbands and the one you are living with now is not your husband. You must be a prophet. "Has anyone given Him anything to eat?" Asked the disciples on returning. I have meat to eat that you know not of. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me. Just a little while ago He had planted a seed in a womans heart. She ran and told her people, "Come see a man that told me all things. Is not this the Christ?" "Look," said Jesus, "you say four months then cometh the harvest. Look it is already white unto harvest. You have a proverb 'one sows and another reaps,' I am sending you forth to gather in the harvest for which you have not toiled." Ho, Brothers and Sisters the harvest is ripe and the labourers are few.

Your Brother in Christ
James Heaps

NEWS FROM BETHELBORO

The Children from the S. School Class presented an Easter Play on Easter Sunday evening, which was very successful. The church was filled to capacity with many visitors from various Branches.

We also had a baby blessed the same evening (Daniel Lowe) a grandson of Brother Oran Thomas. On Sunday after our Conference we held our Feet Washing Service. The Lord's Spirit cer-

tainly prevailed with us all that were present. We had a wonderful meeting and His spirit flowed through our hearts. Brother John Thomas also was ordained an Elder in the Bethelboro Mission.

Sister Virginia Bobulich

CONTINUATION OF OLIVER COWDERY'S LETTERS Written in 1834-35

Letter No. 2

To W. W. Phelps; Dear Brother:

In the last "Messenger and Advocate" I promised to commence a more particular or minute history of the rise and progress of the church of the Latter Day Saints, and publish, for the benefit of enquirers, and all who are disposed to learn. There are certain facts relative to the works of God worthy the consideration and observance of every individual, and every society:—They are that He never works in the dark—His works are always performed in a clear, intelligent manner; and another point is, that He never works in vain. This is not the case with men; but might it not be? When the Lord works He accomplishes His purpose, and the effects of His power are to be seen afterward. In view of this, suffer me to make a few remarks by way of introduction. The works of man may shine for a season with a degree of brilliancy, but time changes their complexion; and whether it did or not, all would be the same in a little space, as nothing except that which was erected by a hand which never grows weak, can remain when corruption is consumed.

I shall not be required to adorn and beautify my narrative with a relation of the faith of Enoch, and those who assisted him to build up Zion, which fled to God—on the mountains of which was commanded the blessing, life forever more—to be held in reserve to add another ray of glory to the grand retinue, when worlds shall rock from their base to their Center; the nations of the righteous rise from the dust, and the blessed millions of the church of the first-born shout His triumphant coming, to receive His kingdom, over which He is to reign till all enemies are subdued.

Nor shall I write the history of

the Lord's church, raised up according to His own instruction to Moses and Aaron; of the perplexities and discouragements which came upon Israel for their transgressions; their organization upon the land of Cannan, and their overthrow and dispersion among all nations, to reap the reward of their iniquities, to the appearing of the Great Shepherd, in the flesh.

But their is, of necessity, a uniformity so exact; a manner so precise, and ordinances so minute, in all ages and generations whenever God has established His church among men, that should I have occasion to recur to either age, and particularly to that characterized by the advent of the Messiah, and the ministry of the Messiah, and the ministry of the apostles of that church; with a cursory view of the same till it lost its visibility on earth; was driven into darkness, or till God took the holy priesthood unto Himself, where it has been held in reserve to the present century, as a matter of right, in this free country, I may take the privilege. This may be doubted by some, indeed by many, as an admission of this point would overthrow the popular systems of the day. I cannot reasonable expect, then, that the large majority of professors will be willing to listen to my argument for a moment, as a careful, impartial, and faithful investigation of the doctrines which I believe to be correct, and the principles cherished in my bosom, and believed by this church, by every honest man must be admitted as truth. Of this I may say as Tertullian said to the Emperor when writing in defense of the saints in his day: "Whoever looked well into our religion that did not embrace it?"

Common undertakings and plans of men may be overthrown or destroyed by opposition. The systems of this world may be exploded or annihilated by oppression or falsehood; but it is the reverse with pure religion. There is a power attendant on truth that all the arts and designs of men cannot fathom; there is an increasing influence which rises up in one place the moment it is covered in another, and the more it is traced, and the harsher the means employed to effect its extinction, the more numerous are its votaries.

It is not the vain cry of "delusion" from the giddy multitude; it is not the sneers of bigots; it is not the frowns of zealots, neither the rage of princes, kings, nor emperors, that can prevent its influence. The fact is, as Tertulian said, no man ever looked carefully into its consistency and propriety without embracing it. It is impossible: That light which enlightens men, is at once enraptured; that intelligence which existed before the world was, will unite, and that wisdom in the Divine economy will be so conspicuous, that it will be embraced, it will be observed, and it must be obeyed.

Look at pure religion whenever it has had a place on earth, and you will always mark the same characteristics in all its features. Look at truth, (without which the former could not exist), and the same peculiarities are apparent. Those who have been guided by them have always shown the same principles; and those who were not, have as uniformly sought to destroy their influence. Religion has had its friends and its enemies; its advocates and its opponents. But the thousands of years which have come and gone, have left it unaltered; the millions who have embraced it, and are now enjoying that bliss held forth in its promises, have left its principles unchanged, and its influence upon the honest heart, unweakened. The many oppositions which have encountered it; the millions of calumnies, the numberless reproaches, and the myriads of falsehoods, have left its fair form unimpaired, its beauty untarnished, and its excellence as excellent; while its certainty is the same, and its foundation upheld by the hand of God.

One peculiarity of men I wish to notice in the early part of my narrative history extends, it has been the custom of every generation, to boast of, or extol the acts of the former. In this respect I wish it to be distinctly understood, that I mean the righteous—those to whom God communicated His will. There has ever been an apparent blindness common to men, which has hindered their discovering the real worth and excellence of individuals while residing with them; but when once deprived of their

society, worth, and counsel, they were ready to exclaim: "How great and inestimable were their qualities, and how precious is their memory."

The vilest and most corrupt are not exempted from this charge; even the Jews, whose former principles had become degenerated, and whose religion was a mere show, were found among that class who were ready to build and garnish the sepulchers of the prophets, and condemn their fathers for putting them to death; making important boasts of their own righteousness, and of their assurance of salvation, in the midst of which they rose up with one consent, and treacherously and shamefully betrayed, and crucified the Saviour of the world. No wonder that the enquirer has turned aside with disgust, nor marvel that God has appointed a day when He will call the nations before Him, and reward every man according to his works.

Enoch walked with God, and was taken home without tasting death. Why were not all converted in his day and taken with him to glory? Noah, it is said, was perfect in his generation; and it is plain that he had communion with his Maker, and by His direction accomplished a work the parallel of which is not to be found in the annals of the world. Why was not the world converted, that the flood might have been saved? Men, from the days of our father Abraham, have talked, boasted, and extolled his faith; and he is even represented in the scriptures as "the father of the faithful." Moses talked with the Lord face to face; received the great moral law, upon the basis of which those of all civilized governments are founded; led Israel forty years, and was taken home to receive the reward of his toils—then Jacob could realize his worth. Well was the question asked by our Lord: "How can the children of the bride chamber mourn while the bridegroom is with them?" It is said that he traveled and taught the righteous principles of His kingdom, three years, &c. The people saw and heard—they were particularly benefitted, many of them, by being healed of infirmities, and diseases; of plagues, and

devils; they saw Him walk upon the water; they saw the winds and waves calmed at His command; they saw thousands fed to the full with a pittance, and the very powers of darkness tremble in his presence—and like others before them, considered it as a dream, or a common occurrence, till the time was fulfilled, and He was offered up. Yet, while He was with them He said: "You shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and shall not see it." He knew that calamity would fall upon that people, and the wrath of heaven over-take them to their overthrow; and when that devoted city was surrounded with armies, well may we conclude that they desired a protector possessing sufficient power to lead them to some safe place aside from the tumult of a siege.

(To be continued)

Two Friends In Conversation (From Nigeria)

Dear Editor:

Two friends were conversing going across a bridge. The government of the States passed a law that before anyone crosses the bridge, he must have testimonials from the Elder or a Teacher of the Church. When one of them read the notice, they question themselves. Mr. R. T. Jones says to Mr. S. T. Thomas, that he was baptized on April 1, 1886 by Apostle H. Anderson. Mr. Thomas said to Mr. Jones that he was baptized on October 22, 1952 by Elder D. Hill. Also that he has attended five meetings in a week. Mr. Thomas said that he attended one meeting since he was baptized on April 1st, 1886.

When they reached the bridge the one who was baptized October 22, 1952 was allowed to pass over the bridge. The other one who was baptized on April 1, 1886, was warned to go back.

When I heard of this story, why was he warned to go back, for he was baptized since April 1, 1886, and the other man was baptized on October 22nd, 1952 and was allowed to pass over the bridge. The answer came to me like this: please be not deceived that long service will help you or promote,

if you do not prove yourself faithful.

I tell him that I have been baptized for a remission of my sins. He said have you brought forth fruits meet for repentance? Baptism without repentance is just like faith without works, which is dead because of being alone.

He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. If thou shalt see me when I am taken up, it will be so unto you—Said Whom? and to Whom?

When we read an English word let us think it over and over, in order to understand the matter. I ask you again, why was the man not allowed to pass over the bridge; because of his friend? He said no to me. No, you will not be saved because of your friend, etc.; But whatsoever a man plant, the same shall he reap. Therefore, I take this time to tell you that we must bring forth fruit meet for repentance or else we are lost.

Bro. A. A. Dick

**A Letter Addressed To
The Gospel News
From Germany**

Baden-Baden
Germany

The Church of Jesus Christ:

Dear Friend in Christ, we should be very glad to come in connection with you.

I have read about your Church and I will ask you if you are interested in the work among Russians. Here in Western Europe are many Russian refugees from Soviet Union. The spiritual need among Russian refugees in Western Europe is great. You do certainly know about the atheistic tyranny and slavery in the Soviet Union—Russia of today.

After the liberation of Russia from communism, there will be needed a great, a gigantic spiritual work.

I should be glad to hear from you.

With our regards

Signed

P. S. Myself I am a Russian, born in Russia. To Western Europe I came in 1944. Here I did studies at Universities in France and Germany. Now I am 34 years of age.

I. P.

OBITUARIES

MARIA INTERLICCHIA

Sister Maria Interlicchia, aged 73, of 231 Skillman Street, Brooklyn, New York, died on Saturday, December 29, 1956, as a result of a heart attack.

She was born in San Demetrio de Corona, Italy, on October 28, 1883 and came to the U. S. A. in 1903. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on May, 1928, by Elder Salvatore Valenti, in Brooklyn, N. Y. She was a member of Hopelawn, N. J., Branch of the Church, attending services at Mission No. 2, nearest to her home. For 28 years she was devoted, faithful, generous and a loving sister in the work of the Lord.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder Dominick Rose, assisted by Elders John Galanti and Salvatore Valenti, at the Church of Jesus Christ, 404-A Willoughby Av., Brooklyn, New York.

ANGELA BOMMARITO

Sister Angela Bommarito died on March 27th, 1957, in her 73rd year. She was born October 10th, 1884, and baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ August 13th, 1939, and was a faithful member to the end. She leaves to mourn her passing, one son, three daughters, five grand-children, and one great grandchild. J. A. DeSantis was Funeral Director. Funeral in Church of Jesus Christ, on Harper, conducted by Brother Nick Pietrangelo. Burial at White Chapel Cemetery. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

CONCETTA TOTO

Sister Concetta Toto, aged 80, of Niles, Ohio, died April 9, 1957 at her home after a long illness, having been confined to a wheel chair for the past several years. She was born in Bugnara, Italy, March 12, 1877, emigrated to this country in 1904 and on Nov. 5, 1922 became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. Surviving are her husband, Brother Damiano—two daughters, Sister Mary Giovanonne and Sister Anna Nastasi—one son, Samuel—thirteen grand-children and 19 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Frank Genaro and Dan Corrado. Burial in Union Cemetery, Niles, Ohio.

SAMUEL COSTARELLA

Samuel (Sammy) Costarella, age 13, of McDonald, Ohio, died April 9, 1957 at his home, after an illness of ten weeks. Sammy was born in Youngstown, Sept. 21, 1943 a son of Sam and Ann Costarella. He was an eighth-grade pupil at McDonald Jr. High School and a very active member of the Sunday School of The Church of Jesus Christ at Niles, Ohio.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, JoAnn and his grandfather, Brother John Costarella and a host of Brothers and Sisters and classmates who loved him very much.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Travis Perry and Frank Genaro. Burial in Liberty Union Cemetery, Girard, Ohio.

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Dear Brother Editor:—

I was overjoyed in our recent conference, along with four other brothers, to have had the pleasure of visiting, dear sister Cadman. We rejoiced greatly to find her in fair health, and anticipating such a visit; our hearts were filled with unspeakable joy to hear her views regarding the future, and do hope they will all be realized in due time. I enjoyed our Conference on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and on Sunday, I was just thrilled when we met in the Fire Men's Hall, New Eagle, Pa., to see the blessing that is coming to the Church, in so many of our Young People, rallying to the cause of Christ. May God abundantly bless them one and all, and cause them to have a thorough understanding, of what it means to be ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven. I read in 1st. Nephi 22nd. Chapter and 17th. verse, these words, "Wherefore, He will preserve the righteous by His power, even if it so be that the fulness of His wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet, they shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire. This is one of the

promises of God to the faithful, and we can rest assured, that if we carry out our part of the contract, His promises are sure. We spent the second Sunday of the month between Branch #2, and Inkster Mich., and had an enjoyable time indeed, the last Sunday we were at the West Side, the saints were ardently praying for sister Annie Carlini, who had been seriously ill, this time she had recuperated sufficiently to play the Piano for us, and Oh, what a joy it was to have had her back in our midst. The 3rd. or Easter Sunday, was spent in Branch #1. Two of our young sisters, Mary Dichiera, and Jenny Pietrangelo, had well practiced the Sunday School Children for an Easter Program, which was given between 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.; which was enjoyed by all. The speakers for the morning were brothers Anthony Gerace, myself, and brother Nick Pietrangelo, and a great blessing was felt. After our morning service two candidates were baptized, sister Maness's sister, and brother-in-law, from Sarnia, brother and sister Maness also being in our midst. In the Afternoon Service, when these candidates were confirmed, there was a great blessing, a sister saw the Son of God, standing in our midst, this was also confirmed by another sister, who saw the same thing. The 4th. and last Sunday, my wife and I, were taken to Port Huron and Sarnia, by brother and sister Joseph Castelli, we found the few faithfuls in Port Huron, on the job as usual. In Sarnia, we had feet-washing, and experienced a great blessing, Sister Mary Criscuolo, and three of her children, were in our midst, and had an enjoyable time. Sister Jackson is back home from the Hospital, but still has a pain in her side that the Doctors cannot detect, Sister Randazza of Branch #3, is troubled with her eyes, and otherwise. May all brothers and sisters, throughout the Church, pray for these sisters, and the rest of the sick, that our dear Heavenly Father will kindly heal them. We just got word that brother Dick, was hurt, and is in the Hospital, I do not know how serious he is. Let us all pray for him. Your brother in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller

What Manner Of Man Is This?

These were the words spoken by the disciples when they were aboard a ship, going to the other side of the Lake. (Luke 8:25). A storm arose and the disciples became frightened. Then Jesus arose and rebuked the winds and the waters and they obeyed him.

It is also written in another place where Jesus said, "The disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his lord: but everyone that is PERFECT shall be as his Master" (Matt. 10:24—Luke 6:40). The Apostle Paul points out to us to see Jesus; telling us that, (Hebs. 5:9) "And being made PERFECT he became the author of Eternal Salvation." Also (Hebs. 2:10), "The Captain of our salvation was made PERFECT through suffering." I am well aware of the fact that we cannot add anything by writing or speaking to the character or personality of Christ. I have only tried to focus your attention to the fact, with proof, that this man is a PERFECT MAN.

Now then, this PERFECT MAN has planted a PERFECT SEED in everyone that has been truly and spiritually born again. If the Seed of Christ has been planted in us, we are told in the first epistle of John (I John 3:9), "Whosoever, is born of God doth not commit sin; for HIS SEED remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." This right and holy Seed must then be cultivated and nourished until we as sons and daughters of Christ, measure up to the PERFECT stature of the fullness of Him. Then we, as members would be in that state of condition, whereby, the ROYAL Priesthood would like to present us as a BODY back to Christ (II Cor. 11:2), to be presented back to the Father as a Chaste Virgin. If the priesthood of reformation could have perfected the Saints, it would not have been necessary for God to restore another Priesthood in 1830 under the Restoration of the Gospel (Rev. 14:6); which would be able to perfect the Saints, (Ephs. 4:11-14).

John Devine tells us, (I John 4:2), "Hereby know ye the spirit of God: Every spirit that confess that Jesus Christ, (a Perfect Man)

is come in the flesh is of God." Here in is a Mystery. Ask the sinner in the street whether he believes Jesus came in the flesh and he will say yes. But ask this same sinner whether or not HE has come in HIS flesh, (the sinner), he cannot truthfully say yes. Some might say I can't see how Jesus Christ can come within our flesh, because Stephen saw him standing on the right hand of God. Truly he saw him standing as a being. But where was Jesus when Saul of Tarsus was persecuting the Saints? You remember when Saul asked: "Who art thou Lord?" and the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecuted. Think of This—Thirty-five years after the death of Jesus we find Saul still fighting against the BODY (church) of Christ. (Acts 9:5) So we can better understand now that which is written; "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."

It is then no small wonder why some are afraid to confess that Jesus Christ (a Perfect Man) has come within our flesh. If we do confess that HE is in us, we are on the spot, because we are carrying a great responsibility around with us. If we don't confess that HE is in us, we have the spirit of ANTI-CHRIST. What a decision we have to make!

My dear brothers and sisters, what manner of men and women ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness? What kind of Saint should we be in these last days? Should not we take heed, and pattern our lives after the words of the Psalmist, David? (101:2 and 6 verses). Should not we then purify ourselves even as he is pure; and walk even as HE walked? Brothers and Sisters it can be done and I mean in this present world. John said, "Because as he is, so are we in this present world" (I John 4:17) Jesus told a man once, (Matt. 19:21) "If thou wilt be PERFECT go and sell all that thou has and give to the poor." Also in another place Jesus tells us to, "Be ye therefore PERFECT as your Father in heaven is PERFECT, (Matt. 5:48). And last but not least take a glance at the final words of Moroni (Chap. 10:32-33).

I sincerely believe that if we are to be successful in catching fish (Souls of Men), on the other side of the lake, we as individuals and collectively as a Body must come to this standard of PERFECTION; unblamable, unreprieveable, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.

Be it known unto all that read this article, I write these words not as though I have arrived at Perfection, but I am striving to reach the mark. But as many as are PERFECT, they should be of this same mind, (Phil. 3:15). Having the mind of Christ. If we can't be like Him, we should stop singing Hymn No. 237, (More Like The Master). This is the conclusion of the whole matter. There is nothing perfect about this old flesh of ours. It shall go back to mix with the elements of the earth. It is the Spirit that gives life. Every good and Perfect gift comes down from above. What Manner of Children then ought we to be?

Brother Harry Robinson
West Elizabeth Mission

LOOKING BACK

In reading the article in our Church paper, concerning the miracle on the river at Green Oak, Pa., in the early days of the Church, I began to meditate on the scripture, "He that taketh hold of the plow and looketh back is not worthy of the Kingdom." Some believe we are not to look back on any of our past life. But as we read of this experience of our brothers and sisters of the past century, how the Lord rebuked the storm that was about to destroy this river craft and all that were on it, and the faith they had as they sang "Fear not brethren, lo 'tis Jesus, holds the helm and guides the ship." My heart was filled and the tears ran down my face. Now if we can receive a blessing in reading of these things, how much more blessed was this experience, to our old Brother Cadman; he knows that his mother and father were on the boat and he says he has heard them speak of it many times. I believe if we did not look back and treasure these experiences, and what God has done for us in the past, yes even in our youth before we came

into the Church, we can see where God's hand spared us from certain death many times, if we did not look back and treasure these things, it would be counted as sin against us. But as we think along these lines we are given other thoughts of the present, that we are to count our blessings we have; and we are to stop and value our brothers and sisters of today, and how God is working with us. It seems that many live in the past, and rob themselves, by saying, "there are no Nephis or Pauls in the Church today, or to use the names of other brothers of old, to try to make us come to the state of mind that we would think that the Church is not what it should be, or not what it has been. We know that this is not so, and we still serve the same God, and we have as many wonderful brothers and sisters in the Church of today as they had in the past. I feel to make a little outline before you, as was given to me this morning. This same Nephi we speak of, did not many find fault with him? and no doubt did find fault and murmur many times, as we often do today. And they no doubt spoke praise of the Patriarchs before him, such as Abraham, Moses, David and others. Yes, and in the days of Moses they found fault with him also. And as it was in the days of old, so it is today we look back to the past generation, and count the many miracles of that time, and this is good and is a blessing unto us, to remember these things. Yet it will be counted against us, if we do not cherish the blessings we have today, and the wonderful brothers and sisters we have with us in the Church today. I am sure that when our generation is past, our successors will not say, "There were no miracles, blessings, or great men among our fathers," and we have assurance that they will tell and retell, many of the blessings, of this, our day, and many of our names will be spoken of with love, by our children of the future. When a man or woman is called of God, it does not matter in what period of time it may be, they become a wonderful example to all. My prayer is that we may all count our blessings, of the past and present. Our God is just as great and good now as He

ever was and I hope we will always remember that this is so.

Brother B. Martin, Roscoe, Pa.

135 Yates Street
Rochester 9, New York
May 5, 1957

Dear Brother Cadman:

This afternoon having paid a visit in the city of Lockport, I have asked my son Paul to write you these few lines for me, hoping and trusting that you and all there are in good health, and still with a vivid determination to press forward in the Gospel in view of the Prize which is awaiting the faithful.

I am still about the same as far as my physical condition is concerned, but in spirit I feel to thank God that up until this moment, my desire and determination is still to serve the Lord knowing that He has been so good to me in all the years passed and gone. I feel like Job of old, and I trust that I can be like him even until the end. I am not looking for any earthly reward, but I know if I prove faithful, my reward in Heaven will be certain along with all the faithful.

It grieves my heart to know that I cannot travel about as I used to. Neither can I speak that which my heart would like to say, but be it as it may, I have resigned myself to the Lord and am "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS."

Very forcibly in my mind at this moment are the words of Hymn No. 14 in our Saints Hymnal which your wife, Sister Sadie Cadman composed. To me the Words are the true description of the Sufferings of the Son of God which He bore for all Mankind.

With these concluding remarks I pray that I along with all the saints can always remember the Lord's sufferings and be willing to die for Him if necessary, knowing that we will one day reign with Him forever more. With love from all to all, I will close extending you my deepest love.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ishmael D'Amico

P.S. Poor brother D'Amico, he was always so active in preaching the gospel. Brother Cadman

MR. HUTTNER WRITES

To the Editor

The Gospel News:

After attending a conference held by The Church of Jesus Christ, at the Firemens Hall in New Eagle, Sunday, April 7th, I stopped on my way home at an ice cream parlor for a cold drink. There I met a Christian friend of Catholic faith. In the exchange of some remarks about worldly matters, such as the beautiful sunshine on that Sunday, then we elaborated on military affairs and finally our conversation touched on religious matters.

My friend told me that he and his wife attended church that Sunday, and he wasn't feeling so good so he left her at church that morning and he is trying to get some medicine at a drugstore after it opens for business 2:00 P.M. I told him I was at a conference to which I was invited by a friend, a most inspiring meeting that I have ever attended at any religious gathering, a meeting held by a sect known as The Church of Jesus Christ. Oh, yes, I heard about them; they are the Mormons. They believe in things that don't mean anything, he remarked.

Let me ask you Jim, what do you know about your own religion? Did you ever study the history of the Catholic Church and its Crusaders? Did you ever read about the lawless activities, persecutions, destruction and murder waged against non-Catholics during past centuries? Did you ever read the third degree in the rituals of the K.C. You may not believe me Jim, but it is a matter of fact that about one third of its membership of The Church of Jesus Christ, are men and women who left the Catholic Church.

Let me tell you Jim; I have been in many churches of a number of denominations including the Catholic Church, in fact I have attended a Parochial school in Europe and studied Catholicism. It isn't the Church with its vestments and colorful regalia that imparts a Godly atmosphere. To believe this, you will have to see for yourself. The people in the church are different from any Christian or Jewish denominations I have ever visited in any church or Temple. The friendliness, inspiration,

brotherly affection to each other and the general atmosphere in their midst make you feel that you are of the House of God. It is unlike any other house of worship I have attended. I suppose you will want to know why I don't belong to that church; Well, I personally believe that people can do just as good in any other church except the Catholic Church where there is a colossal dictatorship. Frankly, The Jewish Synagogue or even the Reform Temple to which I belong houses no spiritual atmosphere. It is merely a cut and dry religion even though it is the basis for the three principal religions, Catholic, Protestant (Christian) Moslem and Jewish. I find it an inspiration in a spirit of sentimentality in The Church of Jesus Christ, even though there are a number of passages in the Book of Mormon I do not take for granted. In my heart however, I feel that the members, that is most of them, in The Church of Jesus Christ are the kind of people God wants us to be. Go and see for yourself.

A GREAT TIME AMONG OUR PEOPLE IN NIGERIA

The Editor has received a program of the Easter Season Services at the Headquarters of the Church in Ikot Ebak, Nigeria. This is where Brother Bittinger and me made our stopping place while we were there in 1954. I will give you what I might call the "highlights" of the occasion. Many took part as characters representing the various ones as are in the scripture.

Editor:

The services started on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., and did not close until 11:00 a.m. on Friday. There was much in the program that I will not refer to, as it was carried on by persons representing persons in the Bible. For singing they used the Saints Hymnal and also their own native Hymns. Bible reading by Brother Dick Akpan. Three Aladdin Lamps were lighted. The field (large church grounds) of the Church were crowded by visitors of various Churches. The program presented by the brothers and sis-

ters drew many souls to remember Christ. Though many felt sorrowful, yet it drew our mind to remember the painful cross which our Saviour bear. At this point many of the Missions taking part are mentioned.

Attention of many was drawn by Brother Dick Akpan—telling us that Christ was very kind to people, and yet for the scripture to be fulfilled, He was crucified for our sake. He further told us that we must love Christ, and our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves, according to His commandments. Prayer by Brother N. Akpan.

Ikot Akpabin singing party sang Hymns 255 and 208 from the Saints Hymnal, and the school children had prepared a place called Golgotha, and the 15th chapter of Mark was read. The meeting was adjourned with singing hymns No. 337 and 67.

On Friday evening the visiting brothers took part in leading the meeting. Singing of hymns in our Hymnal. We did enjoy ourselves. In fact frankly speaking it made one feel as if Christ was crucified at the moment. Brother M. Ekereke brought a map of Palestine and showed us Calvary and Golgotha.

Brother B. O. A. Ekpuku further told us that when he joined the World War No. 2 he was at the place "Golgotha" where Christ was buried. He said at present, soldiers are still watching that place. We felt as though we saw the place. Closing hymn No. 191 was sung and prayer by Brother M. G. Udo.

On Sunday, 21st April, 1957, Sister Mary Udo went to the place with other sisters where we left Brother Dick. (I presume this would be the hospital where Brother Dick was confined after being attacked by a Mad-Man.) The meeting was opened at 7:30 a.m. (kind of early for us Americans, is it not?) Various Hymns were sung and Bible reading. Sister E. A. Dick leads singing party to the Church. Brother S. U. Bassey gave a very good, encouraging testimony which we believe caused many souls to turn to Christ. At the end of his testimony five young folks asked for baptism. Brothers A. Udom and W. Akpan's singing party were asked to lead the five

young folks to the waters of baptism. (Brother Bittinger, you and me are missing much by not being in Africa.) The meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

The saints at Ikot Obong Mission were assembled at Abak Ikot Mission Haven. The meeting was conducted as usual. All the saints were assembled at Eka Abia Okpo Mission in the afternoon where all partake at one table. Services of introduction. Opening with Hymn 167 and 168 in the Efik language, and 161 of the Saints Hymnal was sung. Prayer by Brother S. Udofa. Bible reading in John, Chapter 18. Choir sang No. 264. Testimonies were given by the brothers and sisters and all enjoy the wonderful testimonies given by our folks. Hymnal No. 115 was sung, Book of Mormon was read, Alma, Chapter 7. All enjoy the service. A brief introduction of the present Christian Life was given by Brother F. E. Umanah. The Sacrament was served, four Elders taking part. More than 600 folks share at the Lord's Table. Closing Hymns were in Efik, prayer and benediction by Brother S. U. Bassey. The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria.

NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

April 20, 1957

Dear Sister Cadman, Brother Dick was cut on April 16th, 1957 by a Madman, a member of the African Mission. I have received a letter from Sister Ford in California and I have reported this to her about Brother Dick's trouble.

We would be very grateful if Brother Bittinger can come to us. I am not the headmistress in the school, but S. M. Ndem is the headmaster and the School Board wants me to go for training as a Domestic Science Mistress. It will be of help to the school.

If Brother Dick comes out of the hospital on Friday 26th, I and the Secretary will leave the 27th for Lagos. We will remain there till May 2nd. I will have a group picture of the Sisters there. Give my love to all the saints, Sincerely Sister E. A. Dick.

P. S. I am very sorry to hear of

Brother Dick's life being attacked by an assassin, or as is reported "a madman." Evidently he has not been too seriously hurt, but was hospitalized, and according to his wife's letter, they expected him home on April 26th. We hope he will be all right again, and that the Lord will protect him from further attacks of this kind. The devil is busy every where, seeking to destroy those who will spend their lives to the work of God. May God bless you Brother Dick with greater courage than ever.

In a letter from Secretary Akpan this day, he speaks of them baptizing twenty young people just recently. Also says that Sister Dick, Elder Bassey, and himself expect to visit Brother Dick in the hospital this day. May God bless you all. Brother Cadman.

FREDONIA MISSION NEWS

Where is the house ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? To answer this I will take you back a few months. October Conference at Rochester, N. Y., approved our plans and specifications for building a small cement block church at R. D. No. 2 Fredonia, Pa.

With the help of many of the Brothers and the generous donations from the Branches and Missions from coast to coast our building was completed, and Sunday, Dec. 30th, we held our first meeting. Brother Travis Perry was the first to occupy our pulpit.

We are grateful to all and pleased that our dreams and plans of having a church building have been fulfilled. The inside dimensions are 24x36 ft., there are two rest rooms, a Sunday School room and an auditorium that would possibly seat one hundred.

Our request to the April Conference to be an Established Mission was granted. We held our organization meeting Wednesday, April 17th, with several Brothers from Youngstown coming to assist us.

For the years we have been under Youngstown Branch, they

have been wonderful to us. We wish to thank them all for their help.

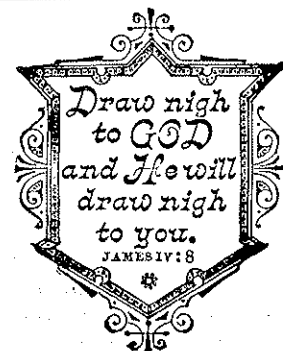
Also Friday of this week Brother Heaps honored us with a visit. He spoke to us on the second chapter of Corinthians, among many good things, he cautioned us that there are many spirits in the world, but to seek that spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Three couples from Niles, Ohio, and a few outsiders were present.

Monday, April 22nd, Brother and Sister Furnier arrived. Brother Furnier held five nightly lectures on The Seventh Day of Rest. We heard many wonderful words on what the people of God have to look forward to. There were visitors from Painesville, Niles and Youngstown to hear these lectures also some local people.

Sunday we held morning and afternoon meetings, the Erie Mission met with us. Brother John Mancini opened the morning meeting by reading the 20th chapter of The Acts, again we were blessed with hearing the word of God. He told us of the high valuation Paul put on the Gospel and for us to treasure the Gospel we have, for it is the same Gospel Paul and others died for.

We served lunch to 45 at noon. Brother William Love opened the meeting for testimony in the afternoon. We also had feet-washing, this is the first time we performed this ordinance in our Mission. It was a day very well spent and we hope there will be many more like it. We would like to extend an invitation for all to visit us.

Sister Eleanor Sproul



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FAITH

When you wish some feat
performed,
When to success you're inclined,
When you're down and hope
to rise
Have some faith, it is the Key.

Be it rock on mountains high,
If you wish to make them fly
Even the sea you wish to dry
I—have some faith, it gives
the pow'r.

Work alone may not suffice,
Whatever your new device
Money cannot pay the price;
Have some faith, 'twill do the job.

If you aspire to heights unknown.
When you want a name renown,
Prayer is the key of heaven
Have some faith, it opens the door.
Bro. Sunny Akpadiok
(Lincoln University)

NEWS ITEMS

In a letter received from Brother Elder Ansel D'Amico of the Rochester, N. Y. church, he informs me that they baptized a convert at 9:30 p.m. under Flash-Light, the second one of a family which lately came from Italy. He says: this young man is a son of the new sister who was baptized a couple of months ago, they came from Italy about two years ago and they have been fortunate to have come and obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in just a short time in this land of America. P.S. The Italian people may not have the liberty of selecting a Church of their choice in the Catholic ridden country of Italy, but let us all give praise to God for the land of America, the land of Liberty and Freedom, and above all lands, it is the land of Promise to the people of God and the land of Restored Israel, wherein the Kingdom of God shall yet flourish. Let us praise God for the once hidden record, known as the Book of Mormon which has come forth in these last days, revealing unto those who would worship Him in Spirit and Truth, the wonders of our age.
(Editor)

Take Note: In one of the Western States I read that there is a sign that reads as follows: "In this state last year, 4,029 people died of gas. Two inhaled it, 27 put a match to it, 4,000 stepped on it."
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I notice in my morning paper this May 21st, that the crusade of Billy Graham in New York City for six days, the attendance has reached the 100,000 mark, and that 3,946 have made decisions for Christ. Mr. Graham, it is wonderful how you are stirring up the souls of men and women for Christ—but is that all? The great man Peter commanded those in his day as follows: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." And a little further down in the chapter I read, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." May I ask all Ministers who preach Christ, to remember that He who died on the cross—taught: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."
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Brother and Sister Nicholas Ritz of Youngstown, Ohio and Brother and Sister Wm. Gennaro of Warren, Ohio have enjoyed a trip to the west coast. We visited every Branch and attended the Modesto Conference. We enjoyed the love and hospitality of the saints, also many wonderful sights.
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Brother Ritz
I am in receipt of a letter this day, May 23rd from Brother Tony

Picciuto, a student in Kent State College at Kent, Ohio. I do not know what his studies are in school, but he is spending much of his time in talking to friends he is making about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He writes a very interesting letter of experiences of a man and his wife concerning the Church, which has caused the couple to be baptized just recently. P.S. A good way to spend some of your time Tony. Bro. Cadman
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On May 26th we gathered at the river shore and baptized a young convert from our little Mission at Eldora. Brothers Mel Mountain and Walter Anderson are the Elders in charge of the work there, and them along with their brothers and sisters are reaping the rewards of their faithful labors.

EDISON, N. J. HOST TO ALMA CADMAN

FOR WEEK OF MEETINGS

The last week of April was a busy one here at the Edison, N. J. branch with meetings evenings and Sunday headed by Brother Alma Cadman. Well attended by Saints from surrounding branches and missions, the gatherings were a marked success. Brother Alma was invited here especially for this series of revival meetings.

Although his subjects were varied, Brother Alma referred frequently to the shortness of time before the commencing of world-wide events that are to God's plan. He did implore all people in general, and the brothers and sisters in particular, to pray unceasingly and draw nearer to the Lord. "The

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time is nigh; iniquity is ripe," said the head apostle. "As world doctrines have fallen away, only The Church of Jesus Christ has remained pure. Let us strive to be worthy to do the work when He moves His hand."

We of the central New Jersey area cannot thank Brother Alma enough for coming. His talks were inspirational and demanding. Between meetings he patiently answered questions and led discussions. Such visits are all too rare and the brothers and sisters of Edison look forward to more of the same.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA

MAY 15, 1957

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I am sorry that I didn't get this answered sooner but I was in the hospital. Easter Sunday I felt ill, and my stomach hurt. We waited and waited and finally my husband decided to take me to a doctor even though it was a holiday. They rushed me to the hospital and operated that evening. It certainly was a blessing for me; but I wasn't afraid after I said "Dear Lord, I put my life into your hands." He was right with me the whole time.

Venezuela is quite a country! Most of it is jungle and farmland. The people are backward and uneducated. There are about 6 tribes of Indians. Their names are: Las Teques, Caribes, Timotocucas, Arawak, Quajiras and Motilonas.

They live in huts, with poor sanitation and a limited food supply. They are uncivilized and kill, steal, etc. In definite contrast to this we have cities like Caracas, Ciudad, Bolivar, Maracaibo, and Porto la Cruz. Caracas is the biggest and probably Valencia or Maracaibo are 2nd. Caracas has about the most modern architecture in the whole world. It is only about 8-10 years old. The discovery of oil gave the government much money, and therefore they are putting it into buildings, hospitals, parks, roads and all sorts of fine and beautiful public works. The buildings are very colorful and many times you see mosaics on the sides of the edifices.

It is a very cosmopolitan city where Americans, Germans, Dutch, Spanish, Italians, and French work

side by side as brothers. The language is Spanish although many of the people speak English. Most of the doctors are European and excellent. It is not uncommon for these doctors to speak 7, 8 or 9 languages equally well. Normally they will not hire a nurse or technician unless she too can speak as well if not better.

Caracas is built in a valley surrounded by very beautiful and majestic mountains. The temperature stays about 80-85 all year. The nights are cool and there are mainly two seasons, the rainy from May to October and the dry season from October to April. The tropical fruits, and many colorful flowers flourish rapidly in such a climate as this. From 12 until 3 is siesta time. All of the stores are closed. Around 3:30 the streets are alive and gay again; Then when it begins to get dark everyone goes indoors. One never sees a woman out unescorted. Women do not go to the movies alone, or anywhere else alone. Teenagers do not date until they become 17 or 18 and then it is only with the whole family present. Girls are engaged 3-4 years and marry about the age of 20-21. Most of the young adults have gone to school here and if their parents have enough money they are sent abroad to study from the age of 12-13 to the age of 16-17. Of course the boys are sent to college and most of them go to the U. S. to study.

As for my husband and I, Bruce works in a dairy. He has learned much from his work here. I have attended painting and Spanish classes. I am also a teacher for the Luthern Mission School. I love my work and the children are very interesting to work with. Both my husband and I are grateful that God gave us this opportunity and we are trying our best to learn and to benefit from this experience. We attend the Luthern Mission Church and give Him our humble thanks. It was very difficult in the beginning to adjust to our marriage, and the new language, and country. After nearly a year for him and 8 months for me we are completely at home here. People are so understanding and the prejudice that one finds at home is not here. At least we have not found it. My friends are Australian, British, French, Belgian,

Dutch, Swedish, Finnish, Hungarian, Austrian, German, Scotch, Argentinian, Venezuelan, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Greek, Arabian and Lebanonian. It is truly wonderful to meet and talk with these people, to share ideas, and to be friends with them. They are Christians and are as sincere as we. God is love, and is alive and real to them also. Only when one meets all of these people does one realize that He is there for the whole world to love. God is love. He surely is wonderful. And when one can find Him among unfamiliar things one can say He is even more wonderful.

May God be with you always and touch your hearts as he has ours. God be with you 'til we meet again.

Fondly and Sincerely,
Sister Darlene Large
(former Darlene Dintino)

PENNSYLVANIA ENJOYS FELLOWSHIP IN M.B.A.

AREA GATHERINGS

The M. B. A. locals in the Monongahela-Ohio River Valley have been enjoying the blessings of God through their M.B.A. area gatherings. Thus far the six area locals have met together three times—in Monongahela, West Aliquippa, and Roscoe, respectively. At each meeting a program with a spiritual theme was presented by the host local, while the latter part of the meeting was devoted to an inspirational session which followed the dictates of the Spirit. The attendance have been exceptionally high with estimated crowds of over 300. These meetings have been an encouragement to all, especially the young. The spirit of testimony and fellowship has been felt very strongly in these gatherings, and two young people were moved upon to ask for their baptisms during two of the meetings. We hope that we will continue to be blessed in a manner such as this, for we know that whenever men and women meet together with the true Spirit of Christ that His Spirit will bear witness of Itself. May God continue to bless the Church of Jesus Christ in its present and future growth and development.

Brother Donald J. Curry

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Vacation time! This is one of the most embarrassing times for the world churches. Following Easter there is a sharp fall-off of attendance until mid-summer absenteeism forces many churches to close for the season. The clergy will give several logical sounding reasons for the vacant pews; none completely dispell the dishonor to the church. The only tolerable excuse is that many church workers are called away to serve in non-local churches. Such rationalization accounts for only a proportionately small number. The other missing members have but one thing in mind by not attending: self-indulgence.

Almost every weekend a trip is planned, regardless of whether it is necessary or not. The journey usually extends through Sunday and no thought is given if church can be made for the service. When the weather is nice and the outside beckons God does not seem as important, nor as dangerous. Not until the rigor of fall life when the demands of text-book and job make life less pleasurable is the gospel of Christ worthy of even one day's attention. This is all a part of the modern world church and if one questions as to why, they are met with red-faced silence.

Not being able to outsell the lure of mountain and shore the church leaders at home band together in 'union services' in an effort to keep up face during the summer exodus. Ten months of the year various factions are contending on issues and in competition

for members but in July and August they sit side by side. Together they pray to the same God for unity and brotherhood and only days later are bitter enemies as to whether baptism is good, bad or necessary.

The 'union service theme' is very general. Most often the scripture is from the old testament, thus avoiding the danger of further depleting the congregation over subjects of doctrine. And each Sunday the service is presided over by a minister of diverse denomination. A semblance of unity is achieved, but it is no more real than the reasons for absenteeism. As I said before, it is most confusing.

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I for one was of the opinion that polygamy (legal) was a dead issue in this country. Sen. Harlan Dodson of Tennessee would have it otherwise. He has introduced a bill to permit polygamy to "alleviate the surplus of women." His reason was that every woman has the right to marriage but the shortage of men makes it impossible.

Perhaps the surplus of women is a problem. (Though unlikely of any magnitude.) The subsequent problems of plural marriage would tend to dissolve American home life. When home bonds are broken, a nation disintegrates and it is extremely difficult to hold a family together today under God's law. It would be well for the governing bodies of our country to look to God when considering legislation that affects the very core of our being.

they can do so much. It is truly great to be able to give the strength of your youth to the Lord. There is so much to be gained, nothing to lose.

We in San Fernando Valley are getting along well thank God, and are enjoying His blessings. Our desires are to continue serving the Lord. We just hunger more and more, and we pray that we may see more of His gifts manifested in our midst.

We enjoyed the visit of Brother and Sister Genaro of Warren and

Brother and Sister Ritz from Youngstown, Ohio. We were glad to have them at our Conference which was held in Modesto. The Lord was in our midst. His spirit prevailed in our meetings. The saints in Modesto were wonderful to us all.

The past Sabbath was a glorious one to remember, and I would like to tell you about it. First of all, we have been praying for new souls to come unto the Lord, and thank God we are seeing new faces in our midst. In the morning service, Bro. V. J. Lovalvo gave us a wonderful sermon: dedicated it to the Mothers, who have certainly set us a wonderful example. We had feet-washing service in the afternoon and the Lord's spirit was with us.

In the evening meeting after having a bite to eat, a few of us went to visit the home of Brother and Sister Buffa, and we enjoyed a wonderful evening. Sister Lydia Cavallere was anointed for an affliction in her throat. Not able to speak at times. We noticed a difference in her voice that night. It was an evening that will not be forgotten. Surely the Lord directed us to visit Brother and Sister Buffa.

We thank God that Sister Mary Lovalvo is recovering from her accident, but she still needs our prayer. Also remember Bro. Lovalvo in your prayers, for he is an afflicted brother. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful brother in the Church.

We ask you all to remember us in the Valley. Sister Grace Brutz

STRENGTH

Have you felt the surging power?
Of his spirit, in your breast,
In the midst of trial and turmoil
Has your soul sweet peace
and rest?

Do Satan's darts upset you?
Or do you stronger grow?
With each trial when your tested,
Does your metal brighter glow?

Or just what are you made of?
Wood, hay, stubble, or such?
I pray this is not so, my brother
But of much, much better stuff.

For 'tis gold that stands the fire,
And it is pure, thru and thru;
It is this the Saviour wishes
To be found in me and you.

Margaret Heaps

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA

Greetings to all brothers and sisters. Hoping that these few lines will find you well and enjoying the blessings of God in endeavoring to do His will.

We enjoy very much reading the Gospel News of all the wonderful blessings our people in the east are having. And of all the young people who have made a covenant with the Lord. It does our souls good. It is wonderful to see a soul surrender to the Lord, especially in their youth when

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Editorially Speaking . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

In the year of 1902 the Church sent Brother Alexander Cherry, who was at that time First Counsellor to President Wm. Cadman (both are now deceased) to St. John, Kansas to endeavor to reconcile a few brothers and sisters to the Church who had been at variance with the Church for quite a number of years.

The mission of Brother Cherry was successful; these folks were all re-united with the Church and in the transaction they turned over their records to the General Church. These records of course were of no material value to the church, but nevertheless they became the property of the church.

Some years later, one of these books or records disappeared, and eventually in some way it fell into the hands of one who had been out of fellowship with the church for a long time.

The same person loaned this book to Brother Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio who had been baptized into the church in very recent years, and in persuing through the book, he discovered some things that were not very good. It looked as though

the book was being used in a way to cast reflections on The Church of Jesus Christ, of which said church was not in any way responsible.

Brother Biscotti, not knowing about the differences with those who had been astray from us for so many years and then reconciled in 1902, turned the record over to me, President W. H. Cadman. In persuing its contents I found things therein that were not very good. Having received two or three letters sometime previous from the disfellowshipped brother who had referred to the book in his letters I, as president, became convinced that the contents of the book were being used in a way to cast reflections on The Church of Jesus Christ, which was organized in 1862 at Green Oak, Pa. And I, W. H. Cadman, will add that it looked as though seized property had eventually wandered back into the hands of the owners.

I, W. H. Cadman, seeing the situations or conditions this book could cause, and especially among younger baptized members who were not conversant with the facts of the past, I laid the matter before the General Church Conference. The conference authorized me to burn the book and I destroyed it.

This is written to clear up any misunderstanding that is or may be circulated about Brother Biscotti, and further, the disfellowshipped member who was in possession of the book, was in no way the lawful owner of it. The book or record was turned over to the Church by those who became reconciled to the Church in the year 1902, and it was taken out of our possession in some way without the permission of the Church. I am soory that matters of this kind must be brought up. I hope this will be sufficient at least, to clear the minds of reasonable people.

Editor, and President of the Church, W. H. Cadman

O. COWDERY LETTER NO. 2
(CONTINUED)

Since the Apostles fell asleep all men who profess a belief in the truth of their mission, extol their virtues and celebrate their fame. It seems to have been forgotten that they were men of infirmities and subject to all the feelings, passions, and imperfections common to other men. But it appears that they, as others were before them, are looked upon as men of perfection, holiness, purity and goodness, far in advance of any since. So were the characters of the prophets held in the days of these apostles. What can be the difference in the reward, whether a man died for righteousness' sake in the days of Abel, Zacharias, John, the twelve apostles chosen at Jerusalem, or since? Is not the life of one equally as precious as the other? and is not the truth, just as true?

But in reviewing the lives and acts of men in past generations,

whenever we find a righteous man among them, there always were excuses for not giving heed or credence to his testimony. The people could see his imperfections; or if no imperfections, supposed ones, and were always ready to frame an excuse upon that for not believing. No matter how pure the principles, nor how precious the teachings, an excuse was wanted, and an excuse was had.

The next generation, perhaps, was favored with equally as righteous men, who were condemned upon the same principles of the former, while the acts and precepts of the former were the boasts of the multitude; when, in reality, their doctrines were no more pure, their exertions to turn men to righteousness no greater, neither their walk any more circumspect—the grave of the former is considered to be holy, and his sepulchre is garnished while the latter is deprived a dwelling among men, or even an existence upon earth. Such is a specimen of the deprav-

ity and inconsistency of men, and such has been their conduct toward the righteous in centuries past.

When John the son of Zacharias came among the Jews, it is said that he came neither eating bread nor drinking wine. In another place it is said that his meat was locusts and wild honey. The Jews saw him, heard him preach and were witnesses of the purity of the doctrines advocated—they wanted an excuse, and they soon found one: "He hath a devil." And who, among all generations, that valued his salvation, would be taught by, or follow one possessed of a devil.

The Saviour came in form and fashion of a man; He ate, drank and walked about as a man, and they said: "Behold, a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." You see an excuse was wanting, but not long wanting till it was found. Who would follow a dissipated leader? or who, among the righteous Pharisees would acknowledge

a man who would condescend to eat with publicans and sinners? This was too much—they could not endure it. An individual teaching the doctrines of the kingdom of heaven, and declaring that that kingdom was nigh, or that it had already come, must appear different from others, or he could not be received. If he were athirst he must not drink, if faint he must not eat, and if weary he must not rest, because he had assumed the authority to teach the world righteousness, and he must be different in manners, and in constitution, if not in form, that all might be attracted by his singular appearance; that his singular demeanor might gain the reverence of the people, or he was an imposter, a false teacher, a wicked man, a sinner, and an accomplice of Beelzebub, the prince of devils.

If singularity of appearance, or difference of manners would command respect, certainly John would have been revered and heard. To see one coming from the wilderness, clad with camel's hair, drinking neither wine nor strong drink, nor yet eating common food, must have awakened the curiosity of the curious to the fullest extent. But there was one peculiarity in this man common to every righteous man before him, for which the people hated him, and for which he lost his life—he taught holiness, proclaimed repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, warned the people of the consequences of iniquity, and declared that the kingdom of heaven was at hand, all this was too much. To see one dressed so ridiculously, eating no common food, neither drinking wine like other men; stepping in advance of the learned and reverend Pharisees, wise doctors, and righteous scribes, and declaring at the same time that the Lord's kingdom would soon appear, could not be born—he must not teach—he must not assume—he must not attempt to lead the people after him—"He hath a devil."

The Jews were willing (professedly so) to believe the ancient prophets, and follow the directions of heaven as delivered to the world by them; but when one came teaching the same doctrine, and proclaiming the same things, only that they were nearer, they would not hear. Men say if they could see they would believe; but I have

thought the reverse, in this respect. If they cannot see they will believe.

One of two reasons may be assigned as the cause why the messengers of truth have been rejected—perhaps both. The multitude saw their imperfections, or supposed ones, and from that framed an excuse for rejecting them; or else in consequence of the corruption of their own hearts, when reproved, were not willing to repent; but sought to make a man an offender for a word; or for wearing camel's hair, eating locusts, drinking wine, or showing friendship to publicans and sinners.

When looking over the sacred scriptures we seem to forget that they were given through men of imperfections, and subject to passions. It is a general belief that the ancient prophets were perfect—that no stain or blemish ever appeared upon their characters while on earth, to be brought forward by the opposer as an excuse for not believing. The same is said of the apostles; but James said that Elias (Elijah) was a man subject to like passions as themselves, and yet he had that power with God that in answer to his prayer it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and a half.

There can be no doubt but those to whom he wrote looked upon the ancient prophets as a race of beings superior to any in those days, and in order to be constituted a prophet of God, a man must be perfect in every respect. The idea is, that he must be perfect according to their signification of the word. If a people were blessed with prophets, they must be the individuals who were to prescribe the laws by which they must be governed, even in their private walks. The generation following were ready to suppose that those men who believed the word of God were as perfect as those to whom it was delivered supposed they must be, and were as forward to prescribe the rules by which they were governed, or rehearse laws and declare them to be the governing principles of the prophets, as though they themselves held the keys of the mysteries of heaven, and had searched the archives of the generations of the world.

You will see that I have made mention of the Messiah, of His

mission into the world, and of His walk and outward appearance; but do not understand me as attempting to place Him on a level with men, or His mission on a parallel with those of the prophets and apostles—far from this. I view His mission such as none other could fill; that He was offered without spot to God a propitiation for sins; that He rose triumphant and victorious over the grave and him that has the power of death. This, man could not do. It required a perfect sacrifice—man is imperfect. It required a spotless offering—man is not spotless. It required an infinite atonement—man is mortal.

I have, then, as you will see, made mention of our Lord, to show that individuals teaching truth, whether perfect or imperfect, have been looked upon as the worst of men. And that even our Saviour, the great Shepherd of Israel, was mocked and derided, and placed on a parallel with the prince of devils; and the prophets and apostles, though at this day, looked upon as perfect as perfection, were considered the basest of the human family by those among whom they lived. It is not rumor, though it is wafted by every gale, and deiterated by every zephyr, upon which we are to found our judgements of one's merits or demerits; If it is, we erect an altar upon which we sacrifice, the most perfect of men, and establish a criterion by which the "vilest of the vile" may escape censure.

But lest I weary you with too many remarks upon the history of the past, after a few upon the propriety of a narrative of the description I have proposed, I shall proceed.

O. Cowdery

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Beginning May 12, 1957 we will start to hold our services in our new building at 2750 Gibson St. The church building is at the corner of Gibson and Marmion Sts. We will not have the dedication until we get our pews installed.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the saints that as we enter our new building, we may allow God to enter into our hearts to serve Him in spirit and truth that we may be a shining light to those we come in contact with.

Bro. Donald Pandone

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

APRIL 7, 1957

Our trip to Ikot Ebak: On April 7th, 1957 Brother I. J. Akpan and I visited Ikot Ebak Branch. We arrived there at quarter to ten a.m., few minutes after our arrival they opened their Sunday School with hymn No. 109 "Sun Of My Soul." Though we were disappointed on our visit to the folks at Ikot Ebak. Our main aim of visiting there was to meet Bro. A. A. Dick and have a talk with him concerning our little groups and missions, but unfortunately we learned that Bro. Dick left this morning for Nung Okono Church of Jesus Christ. Of course we enjoyed our visit with the folks at Ikot Ebak. Seven young folks were baptized, we felt the blessing of God in adding more souls day by day to us.

In the preaching Service they requested us to lead them in the meeting. The service was opened with hymns No. 424, 318 and Bro. S. U. Bassey leads us in prayer. The Choir was led by Sister E. A. Dick and Bro. M. G. Udo, the Sunday School Supt. sang hymns 498 and 348. Prayer by F. E. Unanah, preaching from the Book of Acts 12—verses 1 to 25, Text from verse 5. The folks at Ikot Ebak enjoy our visit. Other brothers from the Ministry gave their testimonies. The service came to closing with hymn No. 191.

The afternoon meeting was led by Bro. S. U. Bassey, Hymn No. 60 in Efik was sung, prayer by Bro. M. G. Udo. We enjoyed the afternoon meeting. Brothers and Sisters in the Gospel gave sound testimonies, also all felt the blessing of God. Though it was raining, yet we feel like doing the Lord's will; We enjoy the Lord's table with them, some little children singing Hymn No. 36 in Efik. We enjoy them singing to us. The meeting came to a close with Hymn No. 161. Benediction by Bro. S. U. Bassey.

Bro. F. E. Umanah

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

On Sunday, March 31st, 1957, three visiting brothers arrive at Ikot Ukup Mission, Uyo Division about passed eight. Brother Sampson Akpan invited them to come and visit his mission.

Sunday School was opened with hymns No. 348, 115 and 161, prayer by Bro. S. Akpan also followed with hymn 26 in Efik. Teachers took their classes. The adults have their lesson from the Book of Mosiah chapter 1, the young folks have their lesson from the Book of Alma chapter 4, children have their lesson from the Bible, Genesis chapter 1. All done very well in their classes. The Sunday School came to a close with hymn 67 prayer by Bro. I. J. Akpan.

The service was conducted as usual. Opening with hymn Nos. 337 and 318, prayer by Bro. M. G. Udo. The visiting brothers who took part in the preaching service were Bro. A. A. Dick, Supt. of the Church; Bro. I. J. Akpan, the Secretary of the Church; Bro. M. G. Udo, Sunday School Supt. of Sunday Schools and Bro. S. Akpan, the presiding Officer of the Mission, while Bro. A. A. Dick addressed the house telling how American Brothers cared for him while he was there with them. Twenty one young folks stand up crying asking to be baptized by Bro. Dick.

The testimony of Bro. Dick was enjoyed and all felt the blessing of God for us to have a brother among us who visited the blessed land of America. Brother I. J. Akpan drew our attention to the word of Christ, referring to the speech of Brother Dick. In his speaking he said we should love one another as the American brothers and sisters love us. This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you. We enjoy him preaching. The testimonies of other brothers were also enjoyed.

After preaching service the Choir sang hymn of welcome to Brother Dick for his first visit to us since he returned from U. S. A. The service was dismissed with hymn No. 191 Benediction by Bro. A. R. Dick.

Cecilia S. Udo, Secretary

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

While in Cana, Jesus received a visit from a Nobleman of the Court of Herod Antipas—a high military officer. His residence was at Capernaum on the lake shore twenty five miles from Cana. Learning that Jesus had returned to Galilee, he came to Jesus with

the request that He would heal his son who was at the point of death. Jesus said: except you see signs and miracles ye will not believe. The Samaritans believed because of the word; the Jews had to see a sign. Jesus told them on another occasion that there would no sign be given, only the sign of the prophet Jonah. Speak the word says the Centurion and my servant shall be healed for I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this man Go and he goeth, and to another Come and he cometh. When Jesus heard this He marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. Go thy way, and as thou hast believed so be it done unto thee—and his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

There was a Syrophenician sought Him that He would cast an unclean Spirit out of her daughter. Jesus said it is not meet to give the children's bread unto the dogs. But the woman answered, yes Lord, but the dogs eat the bread that falls from the table. For this saying go thy way, the Devil is gone out of thy daughter—and when she was come to her house, she found the Devil was gone out. I am drawing your attention to these healings, to show you that God does not give signs and miracles, just for you to see a sign, but according to our faith He works.

Jesus said all things are possible to them that believe—all good comes from God. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, forbearing one-another in love. The works of the flesh are hatred, malice, envy, strife and so forth. Some signs have been given to people's sorrow, such as was to Annanias and Sapphira. Jesus said these signs shall follow those that believe, and not because people would want a sign. Thomas wanted to see before he would believe, but Jesus said unto him—because thou hast seen thou hast believed, blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed. Many signs truly did Jesus which are not written in this book. Signs are given to confirm those that believe.

The Nobleman believed, the Centurion believed, the Syrophenician

believed and signs were given because they believed. When did the child begin to amend? Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. The identity of the hour and the recovery of the boy added this Nobleman and his family to the discipleship of Jesus. If this Nobleman was Chuza, Herod's steward, his wife Joanna became an ardent supporter of Jesus.

I do not believe we should keep looking for signs of all kinds when we have the word of God to direct us in the Bible and the Book of Mormon. The Angel told Joseph Smith to rely on the word that is written, and I don't believe they would have gone so far into error, if they had not wanted so many revelations and some of their revelations did not comply with the written word. The Book of Mormon condemns polygamy, but some one got some kind of a sign or revelation on the matter, and we see how far some people can go wrong. There is no such thing as baptism for the dead either in the Bible or Book of Mormon, but somebody got a revelation on the matter. In the 15th chapter of First Corinthians it has no reference to baptism for the dead. If we understand the scripture, the whole chapter is on the resurrection of Jesus. So Paul says in Romans 6-3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized unto Jesus were baptized unto His death. Fifth verse, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection." If Jesus did not rise from the dead, why are we baptized unto His death and rise like unto His resurrection? Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, why are we baptized unto His death? If He did not rise we are yet in our sins and our faith is vain.

We as a people believe in signs and revelations—but if they are not according to the word of God, we reject them. May God help us to desire the best gifts, and yet I show unto you a more perfect way, which is charity, the pure love of God.

Bro. James Heaps

OBITUARY

SAMUEL SANTILLI

Detroit, Mich.

Brother Samuel Santilli was born April 6, 1884 in Picinisco, Italy.

Married Santa Frottoroli May 20, 1907 and came to America in 1909. Was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on May 19, 1935. His wife expired in Dec. 1939.

Brother Sam remarried in 1942 to Sister Rose Pizzuti who expired March 28, 1954.

Left to mourn him are two daughters, four sons, nine grandchildren and then three step daughters and one step son, eight step grandchildren.

We pray God will comfort his family. Brother Sam will be missed by all.

Interment was in the Gethsamane, after services held at Branch No. 3 of the Church of Jesus Christ, Bro. Alfred D'Amico officiating.

CATALANO-CAMARDA

NUPTIALS

Miss Nancy Jane Catalano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Catalano of Manteca, California and Mr. Vincent S. Camarda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Camarda of Detroit, Michigan, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ on April 6, 1957 in Modesto, California. Brother Mark Randy officiating.

Attendants were, maid of honor Josephine Catalano, sister of the bride, best man Jimmy Cipponeri of Modesto.

Vincent served in the Navy for four years and upon returning home from service came to California. The young couple left on their honeymoon immediately after the wedding for Detroit, Mich. On their return, a reception will be given in their honor on May 25th.

They will make their home in Manteca, Calif. May the Lord bless the young couple.

THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE

By Bro. T. D. Buccia

On April 17 a few days before leaving for Indian territory in the state of Oklahoma, I dreamed that I was entering a new church building very similar to our church we have built in Youngstown, O. As I entered the building I saw Brother Charles Ashton, now deceased, and former Counselor to W. H. Cadman, standing in the vestibule. I approached him with an outstretched hand attempting to shake hands with him, but he shook his head no and also gestured with his hands no. I immediately remembered that he was dead and for me to shake hands with him I must be of the same world he was in. Then I questioned him HOW IS IT THERE? and he answered (IT'S WONDERFUL, IT'S WONDERFUL). I then said to him THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE and he replied YES, there is much to be done and it was even so from the beginning. That concluded the dream.

When we look around about us and observe the condition of the world, the increase in vices, juvenile delinquency, corruption in high places as well as in low places including the morals of today, we can surely say THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE. We are taught in the word of God except the Gentile repent and be baptized WO WO unto them.

The Lord has set his hand the second time to restore his people the house of Israel which also includes the American Indian for they are of the house of Israel, some times referred to as the SEED OF JOSEPH, the descendants Joseph who was sold by his brethren and later became governor of Egypt. We thank God for revealing in these last days by the divine record called THE BOOK OF MORMON which is widely misunderstood and misrepresented, containing the origin and destiny of the American Indian. It also contains the FULLNESS OF THE GOSPEL. Having access to this wonderful revelation should we sit idle, or should we say it is not time for the gospel to go to the Indian or Jew. It is always time to preach the gospel whether they receive it or reject it, didn't Jesus say (GO YE INTO ALL THE

WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE). Let us pray that the gospel may go forward.

Sunday, April 21, I took a train for Tulsa, Oklahoma arriving there on Tuesday afternoon. In Tulsa one cannot help but seeing Indians walking along the street. The very first Indian I met was at the bus station, the man about 48 years of age of the Creek Indian tribe. Introducing myself I informed him of my brief mission in Oklahoma. Mr. Conner Dick was waiting for a bus at the time for his home which was about 50 miles south of Tulsa, a place called Okmulgee. I told him I would like to visit him and he invited me to do so.

After obtaining information concerning the Indian people I went to a place called Pawhuska, about 40 miles north of Tulsa the county seat of the Osage Indian tribe. There I visited a small reservation consisting of about 50 families on a tract of land about 160 acres, federally operated. I visited as many homes as possible, speaking where permitted and distributing literature. Here I had a very interesting conversation with a young Indian, Oliver Abraham, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y. whose parents still reside there. I gave him the Book of Mormon hoping that he may read it.

Spending two days in Pawhuska I returned to Tulsa and from there I took a bus to Muskogee, the Indian capital of the world which is about 40 miles south-east of Tulsa. Here is located the Indian agency for the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES. I wish to convey my thanks to Mrs. Coombs at this time for the valuable information concerning the Indian people.

Following the emigration of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES to what is now Oklahoma, separate agencies were maintained among the several tribes until Congress, in 1876, ordered the consolidation of these agencies into what became known as Union Agency to be located at Muskogee. She, the representatives and individuals of the tribes came to transact such business as their relations with government made necessary.

The question is often asked: "Who were the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES and why were they so called! FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

was a term used both officially and unofficially in modern times to designate collectively the CHEROKEE, CHICKASAW, CHOCTAW, CREEK and SEMINOLE TRIBES in Indian Territory, applied on account of the advance made by these tribes towards civilized life and customs. The term appears in the reports of the Indian Office as early as 1876, when the agent reported that each tribe had a constitutional government, with legislative, judicial and executive departments, conducted upon the same plan as our state governments, the entire expense of which are paid out of their own funds. Most of the tribes have had their laws and the acts of their councils printed, part in their own language and others also in English.

The state of the Indian in Oklahoma is not very bad except in some remote places, but as I was informed that in other states there are still extreme poverty and despair. May the Lord remember them.

From Muskogee I went to Okmulgee, a small Indian town. The home town of Mr. Conner Dick the Creek Indian I first met on my arrival in Tulsa, I met his wife, a wonderful woman, and his little girl. Mr. Dick has three children married residing in California. We had quite a conversation concerning the restored gospel. I had Mrs. Dick read the 14 Chap. 6 & 7 verses of Revelation in the Creek Indian language. Before leaving Mr. Dick's home we had prayer. May the Lord bless him and his family.

Returning to Tulsa I visited a sister, formerly of N. J., Sister Pallagi and held a brief service in her home on Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon I took a bus for Anadarko, about 170 miles S. W. of Tulsa, the home town of my good friend Walter Tecumser Morgan, the Cherokee Indian who now resides in Youngstown. Many of you have heard Walter sing at several of our conferences, and a very fine voice. I visited the Indian Agency there and obtained considerable information. If any one wants to meet Indians that's the place to go. While in Anadarko I witnessed a rain storm of which I was told that it was the most rain they have had in five and a half years. Time was running short I distrib-

uted some literature and conversed with some on the street. In Tulsa, Muskogee, Pawhuska and Anadarko. I placed an ad in their local newspaper. Returning to Tulsa I then took a train for home.

What little I have done on this trip, contacting and distributing literature I hope and pray it may have done some good. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE. Let us remember the American Indians and the whole house of Israel in our prayers. Peace and Grace be with all of them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

WINDSOR, ONTARIO

Dear Brother Editor:

Just a few lines to tell of a wonderful Sabbath enjoyed by all in Windsor.

While closing our Sunday School, we were happy to see our Brother Paul Vitto and family and his brother Louis come in our midst. As we were beginning our meeting Brother Tulio Lusivitta, wife and son came in. It seemed as if the blessings of God arrived as our visiting Brothers and Sisters arrived.

Brother Paul opened our meeting choosing as his text the 26th chapter of St. Matthew from verse 36 to verse 46. Christ asking the three disciples to tarry while he went and prayed, asking the father that if it be possible to let the bitter cup which was before Him to pass from Him, but nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt, and further on in these verses He uses another expression "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." Our brother used this as the main theme of his talk to us. "Thy will be done." He was able, by the inspiration of God's Spirit to bring forth much in the way of instruction, and spiritual education in submissiveness to the will of the Father. He cited men such as Abraham, in yielding to the command of God to get up on the mount and offer his son as a sacrifice without question as to why or how, but saying "Thy will be done," even to the point of being poised to make the final move in slaying his son. The angel then spoke and said, "Abraham stay thy hand, now I know how much you love God and how far you will go

in serving Him." Also appealed unto Daniel when he was sentenced to the lions den because he would not stop praying to his God with his face toward Jerusalem. He said unto the king he feared not the lions, but he knew in whom he believed and knew that He was able to deliver him from all evil. He also used the three Hebrew children and Joab as wonderful examples of obedience to the Lord in saying "Thy will be done."

I felt somewhat prompted and inspired to follow our brother on this subject and I can say that never before did I feel so overcome by the Spirit of God as this day. It seemed as if the windows of heaven were opened wide and the blessings descended upon us in abundance.

We returned back for afternoon meeting and to our surprise Brother David Campitella walked in our midst. Brothers Campitella and Tulio Lusivitta were called upon to open our meeting and such sincerity and humbleness was pleasing to see. A nice spirit prevailed in songs of praise and words of testimony. To climax our meeting a young lady (Olanda Peltier) came over and said, "Brother Joe this is my day." Once again the blessings of God were rained upon us, that a wandering child had come home to the Lord. We went to the river where the ordinance of baptism was taken care of by Brother Sam Cuomo. We then returned to the church to confirm our sister and serve her sacrament.

When we finally closed our meeting the hands of the clock showed a quarter to six, and so ended a wonderful Sabbath day. May the Lord add many more days such as this in the days to come.

Brother Joe Collison

FROM CALIFORNIA

Editor:

We thank God for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for the love He has placed in our hearts. We can feel joy for those who are joyous, and sorrow for those who are sad.

We have a mixture of feelings here in San Diego. For the joyous feeling, we were happy to see Miss Louise Lombard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lombard of San Diego and Mr. Anthony Nanfita, the son of Mr. Samuel Nanfita of

Omaha, Nebraska were united in marriage in a beautiful double ring ceremony in The Church of Jesus Christ at 11:00 A.M. on June 1st. Brother Felix Buccellato officiating.

Music was furnished by Rita Poma. The bride's attendants were Jo Ann Smith, maid of honor, Nancy Nanfita, the bridesmaid. The groom's attendants were Jared Lombard, best man, S. Myers, usher.

After the ceremony a reception was held in honor of the young couple. We are indeed happy for these two young people. May God bless them.

For the sad note in the Scales of Life, we have our beloved Brother Guildo Ciccatti, formerly of Lorain, Ohio, very ill. He underwent a surgery only to find it more discouraging. He has an incurable affliction. The doctors do not give him long to live. He suffers very much. We ask you all to remember him in your prayers. He truly needs help. Also remember his never tiring companion that she may have strength and courage in her hour of trial.

Brother Ciccatti is an Elder in the Church and is the father of twelve children. Our hearts were filled to overflow this last Sunday to see all his children from Lorain, Warren, Ohio and Detroit, Mich. all at Church.

All of you please remember him with a card and also in your prayers. His address is: Mr. E. Ciccatti, 27 Lanoitan, National City Calif. Sister Chris Thomas

WAKPALA, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Editor is in receipt of a letter from Elder DeMarrias, informing me that they started to meet in their newly purchased church on April 28, 1957 and from the account he gives me, they are making good use of their place of worship.

Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.; Morning Worship at 11 A.M.; Testimony Meeting at 2:00 P.M., and an Evening Service at seven o'clock. Also a meeting on Wednesday evening. Apparently they are short on seats, but their Indian Ladies Circle bought them three benches which help them out for the time being.

Before this issue of the paper reaches them, Brother and Sister

Furnier and two of the young brothers from Painesville, Ohio, will be with them in Wakpala. They intend to do some remodeling of the building, building an outside chimney, and in some way help them build some seats—and prepare a couple of rooms in the building for a place for Missionary Workers to live in when out there. May the Lord bless our Sioux Indian people. Cadman

G.M.B.A. CONFERENCE DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The General Missionary Benevolent Association convened in Detroit, on Saturday morning, May 18. Representatives were present from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The morning meeting was devoted to new business and the officers' reports. Bro. Dominic Thomas announced that he had appointed Bro. Joseph Calabrese to the Vice Presidency to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Frank Mazzeo who was inducted into the Armed Services. The organizers gave their reports, and it was reported that two new locals, Imperial and McKees Rocks, have been organized in Pennsylvania. It was passed by motion that G.M.B.A. pay four years' tuition of \$45. per semester for the schooling of John Dick from Africa.

In the afternoon session the delegates gave their reports. The committee for the organizing of M.B.A. Areas gave its report. The plan of area organization suggested by the committee was adopted by motion on a temporary basis for the next six months.

In the evening Detroit Locals No. 2 and No. 4 and the Windsor Local presented an inspiring program of song, poetry, and narration entitled "The Master Is Coming."

The Detroit branches held a joint service on Sunday morning in which the Spirit of the Lord moved upon three young women to ask for baptism. Visiting M.B.A. members swelled the crowd in this meeting to an estimated seven hundred. This was not only the largest G.M.B.A. we have ever had, but it was certainly one of the most enjoyable also.

Sec. Sister Ruth E. Akerman

COMMENTS ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

I have been requested to write some on the "Book of Revelation." I realize that it will be quite a task, and no doubt in doing so I will throw myself open to criticism by some of our readers.

The first thing I will draw attention to is: this book is often spoken of as the Book of Revelations, using the plural which is a mistake. It is simply the revelation of God to the servant John, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. Another thing I will refer you to: In First Nephi chapter 14 and beginning at verse 18 in the Book of Mormon, the balance of Nephi's experience, he is forbidden to write, but he (meaning John) shall write the remainder of these things; yea, and also many things which have been. And he shall write concerning the end of the world. Nephi was not permitted to write more, but he was permitted to see the things that John would see. May I ask you, read the 14th chapter of First Nephi which I have referred to, beginning at verse 18.

We learn thus far that John writes of the past, the present and the future, even to the end of the world. He writes the things that were shown unto him from heaven. And, in verse 3 of Rev. 1 he says: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

In verse 4 John writes to the seven churches which are in Asia. I one time heard this scripture referred to as if there was no other churches in that day. If you will refer to one of the maps that are usually found in most Bibles, you will find the names of these places where these seven churches were located. Paul and others had preached the Gospel throughout the world at that time, and had established churches in many, many places—Italy, Greece, Europe, Africa and so forth, but John was directing his words unto the seven Churches in Asia.

He refers to Jesus Christ as the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead—the resurrected Christ. And John says has made us, (the followers of Christ) kings

and priests unto God. I might ask, what kind of people should we be? kings and priests, should be at least, persons to be looked up to, especially in the household of God.

In verse 7 John speaks of the coming of Jesus Christ when every eye shall see Him, they also which pierced Him and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. In verse 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, and He (Christ) describes Himself as the Almighty. Alpha is the beginning of the Greek Alphabet, and Omega is the ending or last letter. Therefore, Jesus Christ is spoken of as being from eternity to all eternity—no beginning nor ending.

In verse 9 John identifies himself as a brother and companion of his brethren in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus and was in the Isle that was called Patmos for the word of God, and for his testimony of Jesus Christ—in other words because of preaching the gospel of Christ, which includes that the despised Nazarene (Jesus) who was nailed on the cross, was really the Son of God. For this cause he was exiled on the Island named Patmos.

In verse 10 he says I was in the spirit on the Lord's day (the day that we call Sunday) and He hears behind Him a great voice, as of a trumpet. I would say a very loud voice. You know that when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, it is written: "that He cried with a loud voice." So John hears the voice of Jesus very loud. And it says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:" and tells him to write in a book that which he sees, and send it to the seven Churches in Asia. These places are named in verse 11 and as I have previously stated are found on the map.

In the next few verses beginning at verse 12 John sees seven golden candlesticks, and one like the Son of man in their midst. The description given of this Son of man undoubtedly is Jesus Christ, which is made very plain in verse 18—He lives though He was once dead, and is alive forever more. May I ask: If he is not Jesus Christ, who could he possibly be? In verse 20 a mystery is made plain, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, no doubt the men of God

presiding over the churches, and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches, which are located in the various places as mentioned in Asia.

As requested, I have written this piece from the first chapter of Revelation.

Sincerely, Your Brother in Love.

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Bro. Editor:-

I sincerely hope that when this article arrives, you, sister Cadman and all bros. and sisters, everywhere will be found in the sweet peace and love of God, and endeavouring to live up to our privileges, so that the current trend of unfaithfulness in the world, will not even touch us, and like all the ransomed before our day, we could always be found with our lamps trimmed and burning, so that when the Bridegroom cometh we will be ready for the Supper of the Lord. I have noticed, that with all the Lord is doing to awaken the people to a knowledge of His implicit will, they do not change their ways very fast, the world will not do this, but those of us who have taken it upon us to be called the children of God, must be the Light, the Leaven, the seasoning Salt of the world, and this I mean in reality. One thing Jesus told His disciples, in John 15th Chapter and the 12th verse, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you, and also 13th Chapter, 35th verse, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another." There are many things happening in the Church today, but these great principles, we cannot over look, they form the nucleus of the Church, and we must exercise ourselves in them, if the Church would grow to be the great Magnet, it is supposed to be, to attract the Kingdoms of this world to become the Kingdoms of our Lord. Rev. 11th Chapter, 15th verse. I will now tell a few things which transpired in our midst, in the past month, the 1st Sunday, Bros. Paul Vitto, John Visconti, and their families, also Bro. and sister John Veltman of Windsor, sister Maude Stallworth, my wife and I, went to Port Huron, and had a delightful time, among our

brothers and sisters. The second Sunday we visited Branch No. 2, and also went out to Inkster, where with Bro. John Gammichia and others, we enjoyed the blessings of God. On Thursday night, the 16th, having Bro. Alma Cadman, and other brothers from various places in our midst, we converted our M. B. A. meeting to a preaching service. Bro. Alma Cadman was the speaker and he surely gave us a lot of food for thought, everyone was abundantly blessed, we do hope and pray, the Lord will ever hold, our older brethren, in our midst, to strengthen, and refresh us. On Saturday the 18th, I did not get to the G. M. B. A. meeting, through work, but understand, that they had a grand time. They also had a wonderful Program entitled "The Master is Coming," which was well spoken of, even on Sunday. The 3rd Sunday all the Branches in Detroit, and Windsor met in the Post Intermediate School, along with many brothers and sisters from various parts, where the Church is represented. The 1st part of the service was taken up with the most melodious singing. Prayer was offered by Brother Nick Persico of New Jersey. Bro. Patsy Marinetti read a portion of scripture found in Acts 2nd, Chapter 1st to 8th verse, also 41st verse. Bro. Marinetti endeavored to depict the kind of people who were gathered together, on the Day of Pentecost, who seemingly sensed the magnetic power of our Heavenly Father. All the people of the various occupations, forsook their tasks, to listen to the voice of Peter, speaking through the power of the Holy Ghost. What a wonderful impulse must have struck those people when the words of Peter, brought conviction to their souls, to the extent that 3,000 people began to be concerned and cried out, men and brethren what shall we do? Being told by Peter to repent everyone of them, and be baptized. Bro. James Campbell, in his expressions, declared that the Peter of the Day of Pentecost, was not the Peter of the flesh, but the man of God, to convey, the glad message of salvation to the souls of men. He said, has the Gospel changed? No, it has not changed, so it behooves us one and all, to exercise ourselves to the fullest extent, that God may

use us for the extension of His cause. Bro. Meredith Griffith also spoke with a wonderful spirit, saying that when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all gathered together, in one accord, and suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the House where they were sitting. He wanted to know were we in one accord today? He also said, this is our Day of Pentecost. He read an article, regarding an Electrical storm, wherein the prayers of the saints were answered, and an individual, turned to God to serve Him in spirit, and in truth. Different ones spoke, I Surrender All was sung. A sister declared, we would now have some, offering themselves for baptism. Three young sisters did so. Bro. Alma Cadman spoke a few words and meeting closed with prayer by Bro. John Curry of Glassport, Pa. On the 4th Sunday, the following Brothers, Julius Sipos of New Jersey, Valentino Fernandez and Sebastino Piccolo of Glassport, also another car load from our Branch, visited Port Huron and Sarnia. We found a few in Port Huron, seemingly enjoying themselves, and had a Heavenly time in Sarnia. Two were anointed for illness and Sister Jackson reported that the Lord had healed her of a pain in her side, which the doctors could not touch. May the Lord abundantly bless all my dear brothers and sisters.

Your brother in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller

LORAIN, OHIO

Bro. Editor:

Having felt inspired to write to you, I trust that God will guide me in doing so now. We feel as the poet says, "some food for tho't" or "a word to the wise is sufficient" in what we are going to write. I do feel, also, it may be of some good to all who may read it, knowing of course, our reward is sure, if we live by His teachings. On the second day of April, our mother (Vincenza Calabrese) was taken from this life. Her faith and prayers were indeed strong, feeling the presence of God near her. While in a sleep for a few days previous to this, she was given strength to open her eyes

and exhort words of warning to us around her. She was blessed with strength to sit up in a chair and declare:

"I see God before me and He has two little girls all dressed in white on each side of me."

She then requested to be put back in bed, after which she fell into a sleep. Then, on the Saturday evening, after having taken her medication, she opened her eyes and spoke to one of her daughters, who was there at the time. But mother having been in close communion with God said, "Don't give me any more pills for now I will sleep for two days and two nights and then I will go."

It was indeed fulfilled, for on the Tuesday she was taken peacefully. Surely, a more closer communion with God would not be had, unless our faith in Him were strong. A more wonderful example left behind could not be had. Her eyesight was completely taken away from her in November of last year and since then her health had been failing faster and faster. It was during this time, our young people here gave me more encouragement to work toward our goal, by the cooperation and understanding of trying to bring forth a program entitled, "Linking the world to Our Church." The various links were faith, vision, eagerness to learn, communion with God, etc., in which were words of wisdom, and all fulfilled through the word of God.

We can't help but feel to thank God for His inspiration in the efforts of the honest in heart, and how one can gain strength and courage at a time like this. He surely sees our need and through our efforts rewards us immensely. My mind was blessed with a song, "Mustard Seed Faith," which draws a picture of what our life here on earth contains. "The Mountains of Doubt, The Mountains of Fear, The Mountains of Sickness." and how we can overcome them, if we but can have the Faith of this small mustard seed. A wonderful thought and a feeling of growing more closer to Him who makes this possible.

How else can one explain these things? God, Himself, instills them within our hearts, His plan, His way, most of all the joy of serving Him, in working toward our goal of eternal life. The rest is up to us.

Permit me to say, God Bless Our Youth here, who have given so much, not knowing in what condition one may be, and with the love of God have encouraged us, lifted our spirits.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers and Sisters everywhere who have sent us words of comfort and cards. May God Bless You All.

May God Bless You, Bro. Cadman for your grand work in putting out our paper, which is an inspiration to many, and we feel to thank God for our older Brothers and Sisters. May we never fail to see the path that has been laid before us, and the work we must all do in the bringing forth of our Faith and Church.

May God Bless You All.

Sister Vera Naro

DETROIT

Dear Editor:

We are still striving to reach the goal we set out to attain when we stood at the river shore and promised God to serve Him in spirit and truth.

Branch 3 has had some wonderful meetings in the past few months. Had our feet washing services at which time Sister Mary Vitto was ordained a Deaconess in the church.

Two weeks previous to this I had the opportunity to visit the Mon City branch of our great church. Upon entering the church building I stood in a kind of awe thinking of the many things that transpire there. Both great and small, all for the welfare of the church as a whole.

The building itself was very nice, however it was those who worship there that made it the thing that it is. The Elders were singing hymns of praise and the sound of the vast number of male voices gives one a warm feeling. I had a grand time visiting the Brothers and Sisters in that part of the vineyard. I now can see how the Elders always seem to come home with their spiritual lives strengthened.

While our Brother Jack Pontillo was unable to get around due to his accident, we went with several of our Elders to visit his home. While there we held a meeting which consisted of singing hymns and testimony. There were about

thirty young people present and each went away feeling the wonderful goodness of God to give us the opportunity to cheer our Brother. I know he was very happy to see us.

A group of our young people went to Alliquippa to visit the Saints there and came back filled to the overflowing with blessings. They just couldn't express the joy they felt in their hearts. Only the love of God could do this.

G. M. B. A. was here in Detroit this last weekend and once again we were able to see our Brothers and Sisters. There is nothing on earth that can replace the love God has placed in the hearts of the Saints. Along with the business, Branches 4, 2, and Windsor gave a very good program. We all enjoyed ourselves and want to thank those responsible from the depths of our hearts.

We have acquired a new Brother Peacock in the church, he being baptized three Sundays ago.

I pray God will continue to Bless you each and keep you faithful, along with us as we all want to see each other when we come to meet our Saviour face to face. We are remembering you all in our prayers.

Love, Sister Ilene Coppa

FROM NIGERIA

Dear Editor:

Kindly allow the few words below to be published in the Gospel News—Dearest Beloved Saints.

Our Restoration Day of The Church of Jesus Christ, Nigeria, West Africa, will take place on the 15th, 16th and 18th of August 1957, being the 3rd year since this Church was organized here.

We gratefully request any of the saints who are interested in the Restored Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ—which brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger both of Pennsylvania brought to us through the correspondence of Bro. A. A. Dick to send to us a letter explaining his or her desire in the Gospel—C. S. Udo, Box 53, Abak P. O., Nigeria, W. Africa.

DEAR EDITOR,

Here is a note in regard to sending clothing to North Carolina for distribution. At present we have sufficient on hand to take

care of any needs that may arise. We are not equipped to store and handle a large collection of material, so we ask that you who wish to send clothing to hold it until there is a request made. A request will be made by us through the "Gospel News." In the event that an individual should make a request and someone wishes to fulfill it, send it directly to that person making the request. We will appreciate the cooperation of all in this matter.

Brother Jonathan Molinatto

ROMAN'S 7TH CHAPTER

Verses 15-16-17

My wishes are lofty,
My thoughts are so pure;
And what I'd accomplish
Would please heaven, sure;
My prayers, in the morning,
And those of the night,
Are always requesting
A greater insight...

In my meditations
I long to be free
Of malice and anger...
...I seek Charity.

But, what I desire,
And that which I do,
Like Paul, are not always
In harmony, true.

So, then comes the one
Who was flung from the sky,
Saying, 'You'll never make it,
So why even try?'

But take courage, Soul,
Do not ever bewail,
God knows you are trying...
His mercy won't fail!

Catherine Poma

THIS IS FAITH

To live one's best today, believing that God will give us strength for the responsibilities of tomorrow when they come.

To use one's best judgment in each emergency, refusing thereafter to reproach one's self for not having used better judgement.

To invest all one has on the side of right, confiding in God, that the investment shall be eternally safe.

To meet each rising sun with the knowledge that no temptation will come during the day which will be more than we can meet, if we talk with Christ at our side.

To do the duty that I now see clearly trusting that each new duty will be clear when I come to it—This is faith!

—Christian Union Herald

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Our Conference was held in our church in Modesto on May 4th and 5th. This was the first one held in our new church. Attendance was good, there being about 160 people at the Sunday meeting. Brother and Sister Wm. Genaro and Brother and Sister Ritz, all from Ohio were present.

Saturday was mostly devoted to the transaction of church business. However, late afternoon when attention was turned to spiritual considerations, Bro. V. J. Loyalvo, who was presiding over the conference was exhorting the saints toward greater spiritual endeavors, Bro. Joseph Loyalvo arose under the influence of the spirit of God and spoke these words: "When the Gentiles shall become clean as the brother of Jared, there will be some among the Gentiles, who will not taste of death."

Sunday morning meeting was opened with prayer by our visiting brother Genaro who expressed himself so humbly that it brought a good spirit into the conference. He was followed by Brother John Dulisse whose ministrations was accompanied by the out pouring of the Holy Ghost which surely melted all hearts and kindled a flame in the bosom of those present. Both brothers related aspects of their experience in the gospel and ways in which the Lord had worked in their lives. Brother V. J. Loyalvo and Bro. Heaps sang a duet which was enjoyed by all. The Modesto choir also presented some unusual numbers. One young brother was raised to his feet by the power of God and proclaimed that Christ was present.

Some visitors attended, including two families from Fresno, who were relatives and friends of a Mexican Sister from San Fernando. Our elderly Brother and Sister Tessi from Richmond, California (near San Francisco) were present. A sprinkling of the saints from other cities also was present.

During the afternoon service two chapters from the book of

Hebrews were recited by memory. The meeting was turned over for testimony and several brothers and sisters expressed themselves relative to finding the gospel and subsequent experience in God's service. A good spirit prevailed throughout the day, and some altered their plans to enable them to remain overnight so they could visit longer with the saints in Modesto.

Bro. Alexander Robinson

GREENVILLE, PA.

Dear Editor,

Brother and Sister Bittinger arrived today for the weekend, June 8th. So they were with us in the fasting and prayer service for our Brother in California. We are grieved for the affliction that has come upon Brother Ciccatti but are grateful we have a heavenly father we can go to when our hearts are heavy. A God that is merciful and just.

We have never met Brother Ciccatti but later in the evening Brother Bittinger showed us some slides and we saw his picture. We viewed our churches in different localities and also the arrival of Brother Dick in New York City, also pictures taken in South Dakota.

Sunday morning Brother Bittinger brought us wonderful words from the first chapter of The Acts, and in the evening we gathered at the river and witnessed another making her covenant with God. Brother Russel Cadman baptized Mrs. Elsie Gehly she is the mother of Brother Russel's son-in-law. It was something beautiful to see, the water was so nice and the sun was shining so brightly. We feel God has been good in giving us six new members in the last year. Brother Genaro offered a beautiful prayer in confirming Sister Gehly.

We have been having a series of special meetings, with different Branches in charge. I will tell you about them in my next article.

Sister Eleanor Sproul
Fredonia Mission

NEWS ITEMS

On June 9th we here in Monongahela gathered at the river shore and immersed three converts in the water, that their sins might be washed away as the scripture teaches us. It was a very nice day and a large crowd was on the shore where hymns of praise were sung witnessing the step taken by our new brother and sisters. They were confirmed in our afternoon meeting and a large audience was present. Brother Idris Martin was ordained an Evangelist in this same meeting. Our morning meeting was also well attended.

The evening service until 8 p. m. was an observance of Children's Day, and a very nice service was had. Our sisters deserve to be complimented for the training of our young children the way they are.

Brother Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio occupied our pulpit from 8 o'clock until 9 p. m. and gave us an interesting discourse including a short account of a trip he made recently among the Indian people in Oklahoma. We had visitors from Glassport, McKees Rocks, and other places.

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In a short letter from Brother Martin Michalko dated June 8th he says: "We of McKees Rocks Church extend greetings to you as well as to all brothers and sisters throughout the church. We rejoice in hearing continued good news throughout the church. Being that we are all members of that heavenly family, we not only rejoice with those who do rejoice, but are also desirous of sharing one another's burdens and sorrows. Brother Cadman, we have had eight baptisms thus far this year

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—it is the best year we have had here and the year is not even half gone." Brother Martin, and all of you of the McKees Rocks Church, may the Lord continue to bless you in your labours.

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June 16th, we in Monongahela gathered again at the river shore and baptized another convert. It was a very warm day and as usual a nice crowd was present for the occasion. The young man was from Roscoe and will make one more member for that branch of the church.

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Benjamin Franklin once said: "I have always set a greater value on the character of a doer of good than on any other kind of reputation."

Spurgeon said: "The question is not, 'Will the heathen be lost if they do not hear the gospel?' but, 'Shall we be saved if we do not take it to them?'"

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Recently my son-in-law, Bro. Landrey had a new car to deliver to a customer in Atlanta, Georgia. So he took his wife and family and his inlaws with him for the trip. It was a two day wonderful drive to Atlanta, where he delivered the car and obtained another in exchange. (rented cars) After spending the night there we headed for Cherokee, N. C. and arrived there on Saturday evening, June 22nd. We stayed there over night and spent Sunday with Brother and Sister Molinatto, and also Brother and Sister Iorio from Warren was with them. On account of my wife being in a wheel chair and not able to get around well in that mountainous country, I left them at a Motel while Brother Molinatto, his wife, and his in-laws and myself attended two different meetings on Sunday afternoon. One was in a Gentile home and one in an Indian home. These meetings were out in the mountains. Sister Molinatto and her mother, Sister Iorio, had taken with them some dinner already prepared and we all gathered at a parking lot table and had a late Sunday dinner together. We then bade each other good bye. My crowd then attended an Indian Church in the evening where I occupied the pulpit for about half an hour.

The next day, Monday, we started for home, taking our time on the way, and arrived home on

Wednesday evening, none the worse for the trip, except we were tired. Brother and Sister Molinatto seem very well satisfied with their move, and they are interested in spreading the gospel in that community. Bro. and Sister Iorio seem at home down there too. May the Lord bless them all.

Brother Cadman

UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held on Saturday, June 15th, in the church at Monongahela, Pa. The morning meeting was opened with remarks by the president, Sister Sadie Cadman. Sister Hilda Di-piero of Glassport read the 34th Psalm. Various hymns and testimonies were given before starting the business sessions. All the officers were present.

Reports were given from the different Circles, some by delegate, others by letter. Since the last general circle, two new circles have been organized: one in Hopestown, N. J., the other in Wakpala, South Dakota. This is the first organized among the seed of Joseph (Indians). There are now 42 Circles organized at various places.

A communication was read from the sisters in Africa requesting financial aid to enable them to attend their Restoration Day Meeting in August at Ebak, Nigeria. This day commemorates the bringing of the Restored Gospel to Africa by Brothers W. H. Cadman and Joseph Bittinger three years ago. They are in need of material to use in their sewing courses in their school. The Circles will take care of this request.

A letter we read from Sister Dick that she and the secretary had traveled about 800 miles to Lagos, their capitol city, to organize a Ladies Uplift Circle there, with 15 sisters enrolled. This now makes 14 Circles over there with a membership of 594 sisters.

The morning meeting was dismissed with prayer by Sister Ali of the Glassport Circle. Lunch was served by the sisters of the Monongahela Circle.

The afternoon meeting was opened with hymns 355 & 389 and

prayer by Sister Davidson. A letter was read and enjoyed, from Brother Reno Bologna of the work at Muncey Reserve in Canada.

The following new officers were elected: President, Sister Mable Bickerton; Vice-president, Sister Ruth Akerman; Sister Ilene Smith financial Secretary; and Sister Sylvia Curry, assistant. The officers retained were, Secretary Mary Wilson, assistant Secretaries Sister Clara Stevens and Ruth akerman; Treasurer Sister Sara Vancik, and Indian Mission Treasure Sister Clara Stevens; Sister Sadie Cadman, Historian.

Sister Sadie asked to be relieved of her office as president of the Circle because of her physical condition. She can no longer go, as she once did, and felt it would be for the best of the Circle. Sister Cadman and Sister Mary Wilson have held their offices as President and Secretary since the organization of the Circle in 1920, completing 37 years of service. Sister Wilson is a very efficient secretary and along with Sister Cadman is to be congratulated on their untiring efforts.

During these years Sister Cadman has become endeared to the hearts of all the sisters throughout the Church. She has been an inspiration, "to give of your best to the master," regardless of afflictions. It is written, "She hath done what she could," also "A woman that feareth the Lord, she will be praised." In appreciation of these many years of service the sisters elected Sister Cadman an honorary President and Sisters Elizabeth Davidson and Hannah Shillen honorary officers of the General Circle.

The four sisters elected to the new offices requested the brethren who were present, to lay hands on them for strength and guidance in their new work. Bro. Alma Cadman, Joseph Shazer, Dominic Thomas and Dominic Moraco officiated. Sister Cadman was anointed by the brethren for her affliction and then spoke of the blessings of God toward her. Meeting was closed, after a very enjoyable day, by singing a doxology and prayer by Bro. D. Moraco of Detroit, Mich.

The next General Circle Meeting will be held in Branch No.3 in Detroit, Sept. 21, 1957.

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Every game needs a book of rules. From the most simple past time with instructions printed on the box, to the human calamity of war governed to an extent by the Geneva Conference, there are set regulations as to what the participants can and cannot do. Life is not a game (the end is too serious to 'play' with) but it does have a book of rules. When these rules are not adhered to, chaos and eternal death result.

If ever there was a rule book of life, it is the bible. But today the world denominations question and denounce its authenticity as well as its authority. It is used by preachers and 'reverends' in piece-meal quotation with disregard for completeness or jurisdiction. They expound from it to further their own ends but not to clarify the complete gospel of Christ.

In central New Jersey there is a religious organization claiming biblical fact for all their teachings. Their broadcasts—they have their own radio station—are against smoking, drinking, etc., and for repentance, devotion and working for Christ. Over and over they implore the sinner with Acts 3: 19, "Repent ye therefore and be converted." Never have they been heard to preach on Acts 3: 38 "Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptised everyone of you . . ." One part is claimed as truth by this clan and yet only one page away in the same book and spoken by the same man are details of what to do to be converted that are ignored.

This dissection of the Holy scripture is typical today; it is the modern mode of preaching. The Roman Catholics continually recite Mat. 16: 18 " . . . thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." But the same group will not accept, or even acknowledge, Mat. 23: 9 "And call no man your father upon the earth."

The above mentioned instances of scripture fragmentation and refusal to recognize complete authority and authenticity, has another side in world church teachings. Theological associates and religious workers will quote

modern writers such as Niebuhr, Schweitzer and Sheen rather than the bible itself. Many students claim that men such as these are more 'informed' (they dare not say 'inspired') than the original authors. They explain further that, so informed, they are better equipped to apply the scriptures to modern life. Thus the authority of the bible—the New Testament in particular—is not only being denied, it is being refused.

This departure from beneath the protection of the inspired word of God is not a product of the modern generation. Protection? From what? The evil one of course. He started the separation centuries ago and when God provided a true text through the James Council satan retaliated with adulteration, omission, and now finally, revision and disuse. Protection? Man thinks he no longer needs protection. He knows the way alone.

Where ever applicable, and there are few situations or circumstances where they are not, the scriptures are a guide above reproach. Paul in Timothy II 3: 16-17 wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good things." By deviating from the Holy word man has thrown away his rule book of life and his guide book to heaven. Only by returning to it completely can he perfect the one and attain the other.

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The Reader's Digest is to be commended for the article, "The Facts Behind Filter-Tip Cigarettes" in the July issue. The article is exactly what the title indicates and smokers who read it will understand that filters on cigarettes are worthless far as protection is concerned. Poor filters combined with increasingly inferior materials used in tobacco manufacture have led to proof that "cigarette smoking is a cause of the rapidly increasing incidence of lung cancer."

Smokers will do well to read this article but probably will be

little impressed. They will spend countless dollars to treat a cold or headache but make no effort to abstain from smoking "Why should I stop smoking?" is the reply." Priests and ministers smoke and they are the religious leaders." True, they are the leaders, and from the condition of society—especially the young—it is apparent that leadership today leaves something to be desired.

A mother recently expressed concern to me that her fifteen year old daughter had taken up smoking. I agreed that she should be discouraged from becoming completely engrossed in this vile habit and asked if she had read the Digest article. It so happened she had and had made her daughter read it too. After reading the condemning words on cigarettes and their disastrous effects the young girl simply replied, "I don't care."

Typical? Perhaps, but definitely a sign of the times.

SALINA, KANSAS

June 26, 1957

Dear Bro. Editor:

I would like to contribute a small news item about the Saints here in Kansas. As you know, there are over 100 miles between our groups and it is difficult for all of us to meet together often.

On Sunday afternoon June 16th, we all met in St. John to participate in the feet washing ordinance. We had a short preaching service with Bro. Cox, Bro. Jones, and Bro. Sanders speaking in that order.

We then partook of the Lord's Table. After this we held our feet washing services. A good spirit of humility and love prevailed and it was decided to have a short testimony meeting before our departure. We sang several hymns then were dismissed with prayer.

The following are the members present and their home towns: Bro. Reece Jones, Sis. Maudie Jones, Bro. & Sis. Wergin and their daughter, Sis. Amelia—all from Wichita. Sis. Mary Rich of Great Bend. Sis. Kunkle and Sis. Teach from Lincoln. Bro. Sanders, Sis. Eva Delp, Sis. Gertrude Burnett, Sis. Maud Budge, Bro. and Sis. Giles—all who live in St. John. Bro. & Sis. Cox and family from Salina.

Sister Katie Cox

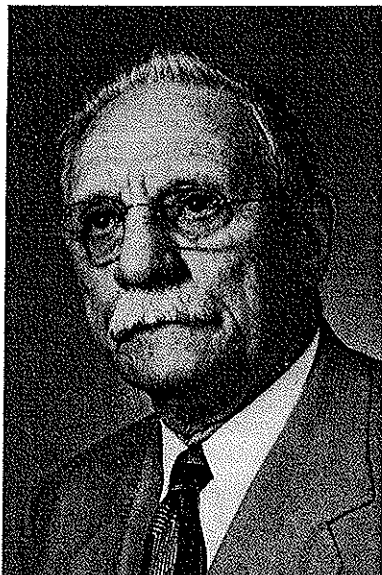
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William H. Cadman

EDITORIAL

It would seem as though my dreams are coming true. In this issue of The Gospel News is a display of our Linotype along with a statement of our aims and objects. My hopes are that by the time we pay for the machine that we will be looking into the purchase of a Printing Press suitable for our purpose, for it is becoming needful for us. I had no experience whatever in the printing business, but in looking after church printed material I became interested in starting a paper. While I do not want to write in a way to reflect honor towards me, I do not hesitate to say that I firmly believe The Gospel News has done a lot of good. It has almost gone to the four quarters of the world.

It is my hope that we—The Church of Jesus Christ—will soon be able to set up a printing shop of our own.

Knowing the natural trend of life—that is, a fellows hair getting more gray—and having the job of getting out the paper, I was naturally concerned about some one to eventually 'take over' the job. In prayer I asked the Lord in some way to send me help to that end. It did not seem very long until I received a letter from George L. Funkhouser, Jr. from New Jersey. He made proposals toward helping out in some way with the paper—he felt he wanted to do something, or at least more than he was doing. The display in this issue, I believe, will speak for itself as to the accomplishments thus far. The present and future for our printing business looks very encouraging to me, and I hope to the rest of you.

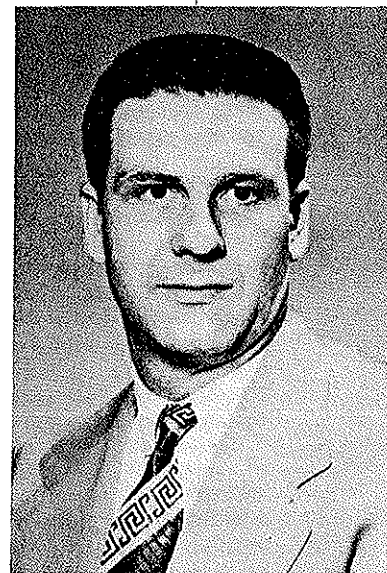
One more thing I want to mention: while I was visiting some where not too long ago, one of the brethren said to me—"Brother Cadman, Moses' mission work did not start until after he was eighty years old." And of course he stayed around for another **fourty years**, liked or disliked. So I wish to warn you all—it is possible that you may have to worry along with me for a little while yet.

Brother Cadman

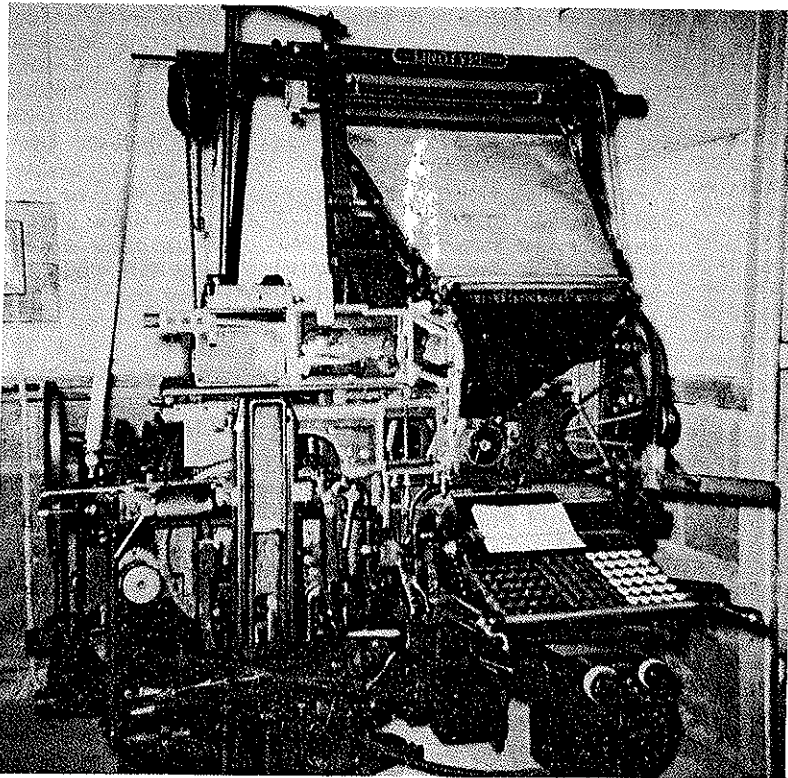
As I have assumed my new role of Assistant-to-the Editor, no doubt many of my brothers and sisters are concerned as to my exact duties. Generally speaking, I am to be of as much help as possible to Brother Cadman in producing a more effectual Gospel News, but more concisely I am committed to a very pointed end. The accomplishment of this mission will depend on several things: prayers; God's Grace; saints support and cooperation. And let us never forget that the entire operation must revolve around the fulcrum of winning souls to God.

Being a printer I am expected to transform The Gospel News type-written copy into The Gospel News publication. Since early this spring I have been doing the actual printing, now I am relegated to do the typesetting also. From layout, to typesetting,—this entire issue was set on our Linotype by myself—to printing, it is my responsibility to produce our paper at the minimum cost. With this expedited I am further committed to an allied task of equal importance. It has become my personal dedication to combat one of the churches most vile and harmful enemies—waiting. I feel compelled to rise up against the attitude, "We must wait." This is not the time for waiting. Now is the time for a better Gospel News; now is the time to preach to every creature; now is the time for the church to become more evangelical. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is God's, but today has been entrusted to us. We are expected to endeavor to make it fruitful for Him or we will answer for our laxity. To impress this dedication I will exercise every faculty in both the spoken and printed word.

So my position is obvious; I am engrossed in God and Church, or transversely, I am obliged to Christ and my brothers and sisters. If my commitments could be generalized they might be stated thus: I am dedicated to serve those who serve.



George L. Funkhouser



Pictured above is the model 5 Linotype recently purchased by the church. In the front can be seen the typewriter like keyboard on which the operator 'sets' the lines. As the lines are typed, the machine automatically casts them into linotype 'slugs' ready for printing. About 2500 of these slugs are required for one issue of The Gospel News. The Linotype is presently located in the basement of the home of Brother George Funkhouser (Edison Branch) in Pluckemin, New Jersey. The Gospel News is now set by Brother George on his own time.

WHAT IT IS . . .

The Linotype is a machine that automatically casts lines of type that, prior to its invention, had to be set by hand, one character at a time. This is done by the assembling of tiny letter molds, called matrices, into which is forced molten lead. When hard and the mats removed the cast letters are in raised relief and the whole line is in one piece, ready for printing. The mats are then distributed into the machine and the cycle repeated for the next line. The operator need only manipulate the keys at the keyboard and the machine does the rest. With the Linotype an operator can set a job like The Gospel News into type in about fifteen hours.

WHAT WE EXPECT OF IT . . .

The primary purpose of the Linotype is to produce an improved and enlarged Gospel News with a minimum increase in cost. If successful, this policy is to be followed with all future printing for the church. The aim is not so much to save money as to enable the church to expand its efforts in the printing field to produce more literature of a missionary nature.

In the modern world printed words are as important as those spoken, particularly where the Gospel of Christ is concerned. The Church of Jesus Christ, in purchasing a Linotype, is hoping to better equip itself to put the printed word of God into all the world. There is need for more publication of the churches views, history, and doctrines. Qualified writers in the church are to be encouraged to produce more active and definite compositions. With such evangelical ambitions in mind, it is hoped the Linotype machine will be a stepping stone towards winning men's souls to God and hastening the 'Lord's kingdom come'.

OUR LINOTYPE

At the April Conference of this year the officers and eldership of the General Church voted to purchase a type-setting machine. Growth of the church, need of more printed literature, and increasing costs for an enlarged Gospel News, were matters considered in arriving at such a decision. Type-setting comprises about 60 per cent of printing costs and the church is endeavoring to save as much as possible of this phase by having its own Linotype.

The machine itself is very intricate and so rather expensive. For the church work it was decided a rebuilt would suffice and the extreme high cost of a new model avoided. Even so, the total cost with auxiliary equipment came to \$1700. This cost may sound exorbitant to the uninformed but it is some \$200 less than originally asked for by the selling concern. It is only fair to state that the company from whom the machine was purchased was the only one willing to cooperate with the church in launching its without precedent venture. Though the purchasing transaction is closed, Rich and McLean of New York City is continuing to stand by their sale.

The Gospel News will be the largest user of the Linotype and it is anticipated that the type setting savings on this worthy publication alone will 'pay for' the machine in about three years. It is further hoped, prayerfully, that other church work will offset maintenance costs and realize profit for expansion of church printing facilities. Most church officers agree that if the church is to become more active in evangelical work it must become more flexible in the printing line.

Still another advantage to owning a Linotype should not be overlooked by the people of the church. Though not actually in the printing business, it is now possible for the church to do certain kinds of printing at very reasonable rates.

Procurement of a Linotype was the result of planned, stringent effort on the part of several Saints. In their determination to actively serve the church more, they solicit the support of all brothers and sisters. Let us all pray that 'His will be done'.

By Bro. George L. Funkhouser

FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today is Easter Sunday and we have had a very nice day with the brothers and sisters of Bell Branch. Many sermons on the resurrection of Christ will be preached through out the world this day. If there had been no resurrection we would not have the hope that we do have because we know that God is faithful and true and will finish the work he has purposed to do, even in our lives, if we let Him have His way.

Strangely enough as I sat in church my mind kept going to another resurrection. That of Lazarus. I took my bible and turned to John II and as I read the spirit opened my eyes to a very personal message in the resurrection of Lazarus. I want to try and convey and share with you the blessing and stirring in my soul that I received from God as I read His word and it was opened to me.

Sin brings death. I saw mankind dead in sin and as Mary told Jesus when he told them to roll the stone away, that Lazarus was dead four days and by he stinketh. Some of us were so steeped in sin I am sure it must have been a stench to his nostril. We were bound hand and foot in trespasses and sin and had our eyes blinded and heads covered with a napkin of self righteousness thus we were, when Jesus came near, and called us by name, and loosed us, and set us free with a new life, new hope and the joy of salvation in our hearts.

Because of this resurrection many Jews believed on Jesus and followed him. There was much rejoicing in the home of Mary and Martha as there is in our homes when one of our loved ones are turned from their sinful way to a new life in Christ Jesus. This is the spiritual resurrection Paul speaks of as life from the dead. Romans II.15.

The chief priests and pharasees assembled at once to determine what should be done with Jesus, for if this kept up, more Jews would believe and follow Jesus and their positions and even their nation was at stake, so they decided Jesus should be put to death.

Six days before the passover Jesus returned to Bethany and sat at meat with Lazarus and many Jews came there, not for

Jesus' sake only but that they might see Lazarus who Jesus raised from the dead and then the chief priests and pharasees saw that the Jews came because of Lazarus they determined that he too should be put to death.

I looked at myself and wondered. Has our lives been such since our spiritual resurrection or new birth, that we have inspired others to follow Jesus in so much that those that resist the truth deem us worthy of death for the sake of Christ? Is that spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead abounding in our lives that our fellowmen can see Jesus in us insomuch that they come and see how the miracle was performed and desire to be partakers with us?

As I pondered over these things I could see so many short comings in my life even when I try and do my best. I realized my best was not good enough, it must be God's best in my life that will draw souls to Him. I desire with all my heart to yield myself wholly to him and let him have his way. Let us pray that this spirit may prevail in every heart and that his gospel may abound to every honest heart every where. Help us in prayer that we may help others.

To know Jesus is to love him, to love him is to serve him. In service we become joint heirs with Him. Praise His name.

We want to add that we are so thankful and rejoice with all for the many baptisms we have had throughout the church both old and young. May the Lord keep them all under his wings as reads Psalm 91. We have had several baptisms lately and expect more. Pray for us on the West coast as we remember the saints everywhere.

Our love to all, Sister Heaps

LETTER FROM ITALY

Dear Bro. Cadman (In Jesus Christ)

I have received the Gospel News which you sent me, and words cannot describe how happy I was to receive it. Brother Zarafarri read it for me, because he can read in English and I am not able to read or understand English.

Dear Brother: I am hoping that this letter will find you and all the Spiritual Flock in good health. Out here I can say that we are fine, thank God.

Today was Sunday and we got together to worship as the Lord guided us. Letting you know that Brother Dominic Giovannone is here in Italy with us, you can never imagine the joy that we have in our hearts to have our Brother with us for we know that he has come from a distance to see us. We are young in this gospel but God is great and He is very good to us. I cannot tell you in writing all my wonderful experiences but I have related my whole testimony to Brother Giovannone. I am a very much afflicted sister in body, and am very much persecuted by my family, relations, and friends because of this Church of Jesus Christ to which I belong. I know that one day God will have mercy upon me. During my life I have had a lot of hardship and trials but God has seen me through thus far. I have been baptized now for eight years, and am the only person baptized in this town of Macchia Albanese where I live. At one time there were here about 40 baptized in the church but slowly all of them drifted back into the world of sin.

Therefore dear brother, while I do not feel to write you any further, I ask an interest in your prayers and when you have time write to me. I will appreciate hearing from you. We are not within distance to see each other but a letter from you will really uplift me. Since my own family have turned against me, I look upon The Church of Jesus Christ as my family. The brothers and sisters who desire to serve God are my family. Let me know if you know Bro. Natale Sammarro from New Brunswick, New Jersey. He is my uncle. He brought us the treasure of the Gospel here in Italy, and recently I dreamed that he was here in Italy with us and had brought us a lot of bread to eat. We all ate his bread with a great appetite. If you know him and if you talk with him, he will tell you more of what I have undergone in the years passed.

I will close now with my sincere regards and the regards of all the saints out here to you and all the saints in America. The peace of the Lord be with you all, Amen.

Sister Marie Teresa Sammarro
Macchia Albanese
Province Cosenza
Italy

OBITUARIES

JOHN FALOBA

Youngstown, Ohio

We regret the passing of Bro. John Faloba. To those who knew him, he was a humble devout man.

Bro. Faloba was born June 29, 1881 in the country of Romainia and came to the United States many years ago. He married Catherine Sowartze.

He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, August 9, 1925 and passed to his reward Sunday, May 19, 1957. His wish was to see all his children in the Church. May we always continue to pray for all the children of the saints.

Bro. Faloba is survived by his wife, Sis. Catherine, 3 sons—Bros. John, George, and Samuel; 4 daughters—Mrs. Elizabeth Leek, Mrs. Mary Scarbino, Mrs. Christina Thomas, and Mrs. Ann Small; and 16 grandchildren.

DORA SATTLARO DESOSA

Hopelawn, N. J.

Sister Dora Sattilaro DeSosa passed away on May 31, 1957. Sister Dora was born on March 15, in Budapest, Hungary, and came to America in the year of 1902. She was married to John Sattilaro in 1905 and was the mother of four children. She became widowed in 1918 and married later in 1929 to John DeSosa, where she became a widow again in 1950. She remained in this status until her death.

Sister Dora was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ in 1935 and exercised herself faithfully to the best of her ability. She leaves to mourn besides her four children, two sisters and 7 grandchildren and a great grandchild. Services were held at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords, New Jersey and in the Church of Jesus Christ, Hopelawn, N. J. at 2 P. M. on Tuesday, June 2, 1957. Brothers Joseph Benyola and Nick Persico officiated at the ceremony. Burial took place at the church cemetery.

MILTON BARNHART

Vanderbilt, Pa.

Brother Milton Barnhart aged 58 died on Good Friday April 19,

1957 at his home in Penncraft, Pa. after a lingering illness.

He was born in Masontown, Pa., on May 6, 1899. He was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ in 1916 by Bro. Furnier in Martin, Pa., and ordained an Elder on July 18, 1948. He held that position in the Vanderbilt Branch faithfully to the end.

Funeral services were conducted on Easter Sunday by Elders Joseph Shazer and George Johnson. Burial was in LaFayette Memorial Park. Bro. Barnhart is sadly missed by his wife, three sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and his brothers and sisters in Christ and many friends.

May God comfort all who mourn for their loved ones.

VINCENZA PERRI CALABRESE

Lorain, Ohio

The soul of Sister Vincenza Perry Calabrese (who would have been 76 years old July 27) slipped quietly and peacefully through the sunset gate of this life into the waiting sunrise of God's heavenly tomorrow on the evening of April 2 1957.

She was born on July 27, 1881, at Rogliano, Italy, where she later met and married Bro. Ralph Calabrese on May 16, 1902. They came to the United States to make their home here on December 21, 1907. She was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ on July 1, 1923, here in Lorain, Ohio.

She remained a faithful and loyal member to the Church throughout her fading years, and throughout her late illness until the Master's tender voice called her soul to rest tranquilly and in peace at the end of her long days of toil and care.

She leaves behind those who will mourn her passing, her husband Bro. Ralph Calabrese, five sons and five daughters of whom three are members of our church. They are Sister Vera Naro, Sister Mary Sorino and Brother Joseph (Ralph) Calabrese. Also, twenty-four grandchildren and four great grand children.

The funeral service was in charge of Bro. Alfred Dominico and Bro. Joseph Altomare. Her body was laid to rest at the Ridgehill Memorial Cemetery.

TUCKER-WARREN NUPTIALS

Before an altar banked with

white gladoli and ferns on Tuesday, June 11, Sister Norma June Tucker, daughter of James Tucker, of Monongahela became the bride of A 2-c William M. Warren, also of Monongahela. Brother Idris Martin officiated at the double-ring ceremony which took place at half after six o'clock.

Sister Sarah Neill played a half hour recital of organ music prior to the wedding, while Mrs. Herman Mikec of Bethel, a cousin of the bride, sang four solos, "O Promise Me," "I Love You Truly," "O Perfect Love," and "The Lord's Prayer."

June was given away by her uncle, Brother Harry Tucker. Sister Martha Sue Cowan, cousin of the bride was the maid of honor, with Sister Audrey Mellinger as bridesmaid, and Sharon Patterson as junior bridesmaid. Norman O. Strang of Webster served as best man, and John Warren, the groom's brother, as usher.

Approximately 200 attended the reception which followed at the Ginger Hill Grange. Following an undisclosed honeymoon trip, the groom returned to the F. E. Warren Air Base at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where June expects to join him in the near future.

MICALE-GOGGIN NUPTIALS

The marriage of Mr. Charles Micale, son of Brother Anthony and Sister Jenny Micale of Edison, New Jersey, to Miss Barbara Goggin of South Amboy, New Jersey was consummated at the Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch on Saturday, May 11, 1957 with Brother Joseph Benyola performing the ceremony.

FROM NIGERIA

"Ask What I Shall Do For Thee."

And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

And it came to pass, when they were gone that Elijah said unto Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." And Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."

And he said, "thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto

thee, but if not it shall not be so."

If Christ would appear today and ask any of the so called Christians of the many denominations the above question, they will not ask as Elisha did; many will ask for money or will ask Christ to see that their enemies are destroyed, but they will be away from the word; "Love all as I have loved thee."

King Herod said to Herodias: "Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it to thee, unto half of my kingdom." And she went forth, and said unto her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John The Baptist, why?" And she came in straightway with haste unto the King, and asked, saying, "I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John The Baptist." And the king was exceeding sorry, yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

What made the mother to tell her daughter to ask the head of John The Baptist? It was because John The Baptist had rebuked them for what they did, for John The Baptist had told them of the reproach of their sins. There comes the hatred. This was caused by the devil; if the saints of nowadays would live the life of which Elisha lived with Elijah, they would enjoy God's blessing. The son's of the prophets who came out forth to view Jericho saw him; they said the spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha and they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

If Elisha would have asked, anything else would the sons of prophets bowed to him? No! To me, I prefer asking for the blessing of God to be upon me. I know if I am blessed, all other things, including heavenly riches will be upon me. I should seek first the kingdom of God, and all things will be added unto me.

Let us refer to the two thieves on the cross, one of the thieves said: "Lord, if thou be the son of God help thyself and help us." The other one at the right hand rebuked him, saying, "Dost not thou fear God, as thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we received the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, 'Lord re-

member me when thou comest into thy kingdom.'" Who among the two thieves received what he asked for?

As soon as the saints of now-a-days will allow the devil to be near them, they are confused. They will not know what to ask when they are praying. Many ask and receive, many ask and do not receive. Why? Do you ask yourself a question, why?

Elisha ask in ten minutes and received. Do you ask and in ten minutes receive? Why? You are confused by the scripture which said what-so-ever thou wilt ask in my name thou wilt receive. One man cannot serve two masters and expect some good from them.

Just compare with the world Sarah Freeman is your girl friend you often saw her walking with Thomas John after a day or two she came to you and request a few dollars from you to buy her needs. Will you give it to her? Therefore know ye that if you will not grant her request; Our Heavenly Father through Christ Jesus will not grant your needs; except you faithful serve Him.

In asking anything, do ask what you will receive, Elisha in asking the double portion of Elijah's spirit. This word follows: "Thou hast asked a hard thing nevertheless if thou see me when I am from thee it shall be unto thee. Did he receive when he asked? So it is with those who asked and do not receive. When they ask or request this word follows. If thou will love thy neighbor as thyself also obey all my ordinances thy prayer or request will be granted. If thou will not walk upright to the end my blessing will not be upon thee, saith the Lord.

What great honor will be more than this for the sons of the prophets to bow for a man who ask and received. A. A. Dick

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COMMENTS ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION, (Con't.)

I repeat again that I have been requested to write upon the Book of Revelation, but I realize that I may throw myself open to much criticism, but with it all I will endeavor to use all simplicity possible on my part. You will have noticed in my last article of comments, that I took issue with the term "Book of Revelations" in-

stead of "Revelation", the plural being used so much instead of the 'singular'.

The second chapter is directed unto the angel of the church of Ephesus. This is still one of the seven churches in Asia which John was commanded to write to. There is much need of using a bit of reasoning relative to the expressions in use in that day. I believe it is generally accepted today that when he writes to the angel of the church, that it is directed to the head of the particular church of that day. With us the earthly head of the church is known as President, while we refer to the head of the various branches of the church, or our various churches in the various cities in which they are located, we have a Presiding Elder. Hense John writes to the angel of, or head of that particular church. Hense if there is evil creeping into the church in any way it seems reasonable the head of the organization be notified of such. He who holds the seven stars or angels in his right hand, undoubtedly is the Lord; He also walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks or the seven churches.

In verse 2 it is plain that the knowledge of the Lord knows no bounds, for He knows all that is going on in the church. He recognizes the fact that there is some that cannot bear those that are evil. He is not referring to the evil on the out side of the church, but that which is creeping in, even to some who say they are apostles, but are found out to be liars. But in verse 3 he gives credit to some who have been patient, and for His names sake has laboured and hast not fainted, yet in verses 4 and 5 he shows them that they have done wrong. For instance, they have departed from their first love, (the love we all profess especially when we first obey the gospel we feel love for every body). It is evident that their first love had grown cold, they had fallen from it, therefore they are commanded to repent, or else—I will remove thy candlestick (their church) out of its place. Their church would cease to be, unless they made themselves right with God. In verse 6 he gives them credit for the good in as much as they hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, of which the Lord himself hated. It is written that the Nicolaitanes were Gen-

tile Christians who along with others, rejected the decision of the Jerusalem Council (the church) with regard to food, and its prohibition of unchastity. One of the troubles in the church at Ephesus was their insubordination to what we would call today: refusing to keep harmony with the decisions of the General Church. The results are contention and strife, which the Saviour says is the Devil. We must remember that the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are still the same, and if we of modern times are not careful we might easily lose our candlestick—the church.

There is much consolation in verse 7 to them which will hear, and of course obey—for to him (any body) that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

The balance of this chapter is written to the various churches of the seven first referred to. The conditions of which they are charged with are very much alike, and I will not comment upon them too much. But I will draw your attention to what the church in Smyrna is charged with. There are some among them who say they are Jews (humble followers of Christ) but they are not. I might add they have tried to deceive and instead of being Jews alive in Christ, they belong to the Devil, and he warns the Smyrna church that the Devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and so forth. But in verse 11 he assures them that will hear, that he that overcometh shall not be hurt (suffer) the second death—that is, shall not be cast into utter darkness.

To the church at Pergamos in verse 12, it would seem was in a very wicked place, even where the Satan seat is. I read that on top of a hill there is the ruins of the temple of Rome which it is said identifies with the "throne of Satan"—apparently his headquarters. I remember of brother Ashton paying a visit to Richwood, W. Va. and he thought that was the Devil's headquarters. Evidently a very wicked place in the eyes of our deceased brother. In the midst of all evil in Pergamos, yet it was possible to serve God if they would for Antipas was a faithful martyr, being slain among them. In verses 14 and 15 even the doctrine

of Balaam who taught Israel to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols, was taught among them, and also held to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans; (unchastity) which thing God hates. The rest of this second chapter is pretty much the same thing that I have thus far commented upon, so I will start the next article with the third chapter. Your Brother in love.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

Brother Editor

To all readers of the Gospel News: The saints of California send love to you all in the name of Jesus. We thank God for all the blessings He gives us, for He surely is blessing his children.

Last month five souls surrendered to his call. These five young sisters will surely be a blessing to us all. Much rejoicing we have in our hearts when one soul comes to Christ. We are ever so happy to hear of all the baptisms back east. God is really wonderful to us.

We have a wonderful work started here in the Bell Branch. The sisters of the Uplift Circle are going out from door to door with our Church literature and inviting people to come to our meetings. All those that show some interest they plan to send Elders to visit. Pray for this movement that God will bless the efforts of our sisters. I am sure that through your prayers, many doors will be opened. Our bros. are not sitting idle, for they are also out spreading the gospel. There is much missionary spirit among them, they want to spread the gospel to strange ears ever so much of late. There are so many just around us that are seeking for the truth. Our presiding Elder James Heaps is forever telling us that there are many souls to be saved, even in our back yard—go tell them—our friends, our neighbors. If they don't come, we at least did our part in trying.

I visited the Valley Branch several weeks ago and the spirit of going out to tell others is there also, and no doubt it is in San Diego and Modesto. Bro. Joseph Lovalvo's reports to our Conferences are wonderful. God has opened many doors for him. It has not been easy going into a

strange city knocking on doors and facing strange people who may have never seen you before and giving testimony of Jesus. Many a night he knew not where he was going to sleep—sometimes it was in a basement on a hard cot. God will surely bless him for all the discomforts he may endure for the sake of Jesus. His reward is 23 souls for the Master. Keep up the good work Brother Joe for God is with you.

Our Mexican Mission is doing very well and is growing in numbers. We pray that it will become another branch of the church.

We are very happy because of our brothers and sisters who come out from the east to visit us. At present we have Sister Ford of Windsor, Canada who is staying at the home of Brother and Sister Watsons Sr. It is wonderful to have her with us, for her visits out here are a blessing to us. We hate to see the day come when she has to return home (watch out Windsor, 'prayer changes things') We do not want her to stay away from us. Brother Peter Capone and family and brother-in-law have spent some time with us. We had also brothers and sisters of Warren, Ohio visiting with us. So many, I hate to see go away again.

I am about to close, but I want to come back again, soon with more news from the saints who are so far away from the main Vine. I ask an interest in all your prayers for my daughter-in-law who is also a sister in Christ, Mary Ann Nicosia. She is in the City of Hope Hospital at Duarte, California. She is in the first stages of T. B. Please pray for us.

Sister Sadie Nicosia

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

On Sunday April 7, 1957 the blessings of God were showered upon all the congregation privileged to attend services held at the Aliquippa Branch of the church. Gathered together were the saints and friends of McKees Rocks, Aliquippa, some from Lorraine and Monongahela. Included in the services were the ordination of one evangelist, one elder, and two deacons, feet washing, testimonies, and preaching and fellowship. The Lord surely blessed us on that Sabbath day,

for the spirit of humility and love for each other was felt by all present.

The morning meeting was opened by Bro. Frank Giovanni of Warren, Ohio and he spoke on the joy and satisfaction of serving God, compared to the emptiness and dissatisfaction of our lives before entering the gospel, where a man may be clothed but not warm and fed but still hungry. He was followed by Bro. Dan Casasanta of McKees Rocks who expressed himself in the same joys he had received since joining the gospel. Before the morning services were closed a few more of the elders spoke.

After the opening of the afternoon meeting by Brother Tony Nolfi of McKees Rocks in which he thanked God for him calling him into His service, the ordination of our brethern followed. Our presiding elder Brother John Ross was ordained an evangelist by Brother Frank Giovanni and the prayer that he offered touched every heart with a love for each other. Our Brother Dominic D'Antonio was ordained by Bro. Anthony Palmieri of Aliquippa as an elder and he also offered a wonderful prayer. Our two young brethern Brothers Ben Palmieri and Anthony D'Antonio were ordained in the office of deacons.

Following the ordinances, all the saints present participated in the ordinance of feet washing and the spirit of God was felt in our midst. Speaking for myself (Bro. Joe Ross) while my feet were being washed, I looked down the row of chairs at all my brethern in the act of feet washing and I could see the humility in our midst so much that I could not contain myself. We thank God and praise his name for all the blessings He shed upon us that day.

Before singing the closing hymn "God be with you 'till we meet again" the entire assembly formed a large circle and joined hands. There was a feeling towards each other that cannot be described, and there wasn't a dry eye in the building on that wonderful day. Bro. Frank Giovanni closed with a prayer to God to always keep us close together as we were that day. The Lord is very patient and merciful to us brothers and sisters so let us strive to do that which is pleasing before Him that He may bless us more often as He

did that Sabbath day.

Bro. Joseph Ross

TRUTH AND FREEDOM

The words truth and freedom, like so many other abstract terms, defy definition, and if an hundred able and learned men were to define them, the result would very probably be a hundred definitions all different in one or more aspects. I have chosen to discuss these two concepts not because I think that I can give a better definition of either than has already been offered, but because these two forces that have been of such profound significance in the lives of men are worth our consideration.

We must of necessity make a feeble attempt to define our terms. The word truth means many things to many people. To the ordinary layman it will mean a clear understanding of the events and occurrences of life about him. To the man of science truth will mean an insight into the laws of nature—how the world and universe are put together, how they function, and how we can control the elements and laws of nature for the good or destruction of mankind. To the religious man truth will mean a comprehension of God and His creation. The fact is that all of these are definitions of truth, because each has a common element essential to truth—understanding. A thing may exist, but unless it comes within the recognition and grasp of the human mind it is not truth in the human sense. The heart pumped blood through human veins since the fall of Adam, but this was not truth to men until Harvey first understood it to be so.

Freedom is an even more elusive term than truth, because there is actually no such thing as absolute or complete freedom. To the human family freedom generally means being released from harmful restrictions. If we are free from one thing, however, we will fall under the law of another. For example, even freedom of will and movement is governed by the law of self control and self restraint.

How do these two, truth and freedom, fit together, and why are they so important to men? Christ said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall

make yuo free." John 8:32. We need to look no further for answers to our questions. "The truth shall make you free." The gaining of the first, truth, makes possible the second, freedom. An understanding of things as they exist will make it possible for one to release himself from harmful restrictions. An understanding of conditions and of how things ought to be will avail one of the means and opportunity of taking himself out from under harmful conditions and placing himself in a better, more favorable situation. The truth has enabled him to become free.

We need to consider further, however, and enquire, "What truth will lead us into what freedom?" The law of truth and freedom is universal in the lives of men both naturally and spiritually. Today as Americans we take great pride in the fact that we are free citizens of a free nation. We often take our freedom for granted, but freedom does not just happen without cause. We are free—free from such things as ignorance, superstition, prejudice, want, starvation, privation, disease, suffering, tyranny, and oppression—because staunch men of the past have fought and died to discover and uphold truth. We are free because men like Columbus, and Luther, Gutenberg, and Isaac Newton, and Washington, and Lincoln offered their fortunes and lives on the alter of human struggle that men through understanding might be set free to enjoy the rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Christ also offered His life to set men free. We of The Church of Jesus Christ today not only enjoy natuarl freedom, but we enjoy spiritual freedom that comes through spiritual truth. "The truth shall make you free," said Jesus. He, Himself, was that truth—He and the plan of eternal salvation that He proffered to the lost souls of men. We today have the truth, because God has shown us what His plan is, and because He has allowed us to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, becoming sons and daughters to God through Christ, capible of arising spiritual beings before the throne of God. We have been set free from the restrictions of the flesh, which cannot enter into the presence of God. We have been set

free from the condemnation of sin and death that was placed upon the human family through the fall of our first parents. Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are able to conquer and subdue sin, and through the spirit of the power of resurrection that we receive through being born again in Christ we are able to escape the awful spiritual death of the soul. The truth has made us free—free in Jesus Christ. There is no greater freedom.

Bro. Donald J. Curry

WINDSOR, ONTARIO

Dear Brother Editor,

"I sent you to reap that whereon ye boasted no labor. Other men laboured and ye are entered into their labours." (John 4 chapter, 38 verse). This portion of scripture has impressed me considerably of late and therefore with God's help I would like to write a few lines on this subject.

We might begin by referring to the life of Moses who was used instrumentally, and extensively in God's hand in performing many miracles in delivering the people of Israel from the bondage of the Egyptians. He was used to bring the Israelites right to the border of the promised land, and the Lord also allowed him to view the land, but deprived him of entering in. God rather chose a young man, Joshua, full of faith, in bringing back a true report to lead them into the promised land. So we see that Joshua entered into the labours of Moses.

We would also like to refer to Elijah who was used of the Lord in many ways to prove that he was serving the living God. Elisha made a request of Elijah, that a double portion of the spirit of God would fall upon him. Elijah said if you see me leave then your request will be granted. When Elijah was taken up in a fiery chariot, the mantle he wore fell upon Elisha. Therefore we see that Elisha entered into the labours of Elijah.

To mention a few others, Alma entered into the labours of his father Lehi; Isaac and Jacob entered into the labours of Abraham. The Apostles following in the work that Christ began inasmuch as Christ told them, "Greater things shall ye do than

I have done." This was accomplished in part at the day of pentecost when about three thousand souls surrendered to the Lord, yet in the few years of Christ's ministry there were only 120 souls in one accord on the day of pentecost.

Paul in writing to the Hebrews rehearsing the faith of those gone on before made this statement, "And these all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect". (Hebrews II chap. verses 39 and 40). This also reveals to us that where others laboured we have entered into their labours.

A falling away of the truth took place, and the time came when there were no true followers of Christ left. Through the dark ages there was a gradual progression in Christianity again, from this form of Christian worship came the first break away in Martin Luther which brought forth Reformation. From the many forms of Christian worship under the heading of Reformation, came a young man, honest, sincere, humble, and with a desire to serve God in spirit and truth and not in a form. This young man (Joseph Smith) was instrumentally used in restoring once again the true way of service that God wanted among the children of men. This too reveals to us that where some men laboured to the best of their ability to bring forth the true way of worship, others entered into their labours until purity and truth were taught again.

Since the restoration we can see where many have gone into error, but through the faith and diligence of some we still hold fast and maintain the truth that was once delivered to the saints. Now as time has moved rapidly along, we are looking forward to Zion being established and the peaceful reign to be ushered in, even as the children of Israel were looking to enter the promised land. Let us allow the flag of liberty to be unfurled, that all might see the glory of God, and also the promises that He has made to the children of men, that in as much as we would serve Him, this would be the promised land to us. Let us enter into the work whereon we bestowed no labour and be like

unto Moroni of old in going through the land proclaiming liberty and freedom for all who will come unto the Lord. May we, as young men and women, hold fast to the truth which has been handed down from generation to generation to our day.

May we be able to capitalize on the wise counsel of our elder brothers and sisters, that we the young of the church might enter into their labours, to do our part in bringing peace on earth and good will to all men. May God bless us in service to Him.

Brother Joe Collison

(A very nice article—Editor)

WHY I CHANGED MY RELIGION

Dear Editor:

I had no enemies in my "mother religion," the church I belonged to before I joined The Church of Jesus Christ. I was loved and respected by all. There was no man or woman that caused me to change; I sought not for gold or silver, neither did I join The Church of Jesus Christ through being told that this was the Church. It was not pride and love of earthly things that caused me to repent and be baptised for the remission of my sins. No, I had no earthly reason to join this church.

When I entered The Church of Jesus Christ in Youngstown, Ohio on Nov. 5, 1922, to me it seemed that I entered Paradise—I heard angels sing and my heart was quickly illuminated by the glory of God; that my tongue cannot express that which my heart felt within me that day. My heart had been sad and I carried a heavy burden—I never had a smile on my face. But the instant I entered this Church I felt a load taken from me. I was illuminated within the depths of my heart and soul, so much that my grief was turned into joy.

I fell greatly in love with this church and that love is just as fresh today as it was then. I also met with the enemy of my soul that day, you know my mother did not want me to be baptised, but I was a volunteer. I offered my soul to God and even though I have battle after battle with the prince of this world, yet until this day I have survived all things that have troubled me, because I

joined this church. I have had trouble that even death would have been far sweeter than the obstacles that have come before me, but nothing can make my heart sad in any way.

It has been revealed unto me that this is the Church that leads into Eternal life, because God has inspired His Spirit within me and causes me not to yield to temptation, or to care for earthly things. I do not seek for the things that last for a short time, but I seek Eternal Life, which will cause me to live eternally with my Creator, and I know that there is a God, for He has helped me with His power until this day, through much affliction and tribulation. My heart is always filled with heavenly Psalms or a heavenly melody. With my affliction, I have no anger within me. I don't lose my temper and become irritable; I do not seek to win my point or argue—no, I don't engage in arguments or fight to win my desire. I take things with the patience which God has given me. This is my testimony before God.

Sister Anna Nastasia
Niles, Ohio

THE FALL OF MAN

Romans 5:12—"As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." These were the words of the Apostle Paul given by the inspiration of God for our learning. The man "Jesus Christ" has become the focal point of human history. For nearly 1900 years his words have influenced the world more powerfully and has become more effective than any other man that has been on earth. We take notice of only two men that have caused the great conflict of today and will yet remain until the end of this 6000 year reign. The first Man Adam has caused the downfall of this universe. This man Adam and all those of his flesh and blood through sin has ruined the world: man wrecked his happiness; and sold his life for death. This

misery he could not repair, nor undo the damage his sin had caused. Man is now demonstrating as clearly as in past ages, his unfitness to rule the earth. God has allowed man to prove himself; also given him full time to work, a large opportunity, and God has not hastened nor hindered his attempts. Man's progress in trying has never been downward. Since man ruined the world, he is now demonstrating whether he can rebuild it. The first man Adam ruined it in his attempt for all in a moment. Since then he has had almost 6000 years to try to reconstruct it. Since the time God has turned this world over to man to govern and rule, he has failed. Let us now examine the first man Adam's progress. Here at the close of this 6000 year trial of probation, we find peace not reigning among nations, Righteousness is not ruling the world, Holiness has not been the beauty of man, and thus we see 'The Heart of Man' is yet desperately wicked and deceitful above all things. Appression, cruelty, sedition, hatred, strife, envy, and murder still rages on and on and yet man cannot stop it. We find grief and sorrow are still yet the memories of many because of the sting of death. The grave still yet receives the old as well as the young, the rich, as well as the poor, and none can yet stop the curse of sin, and thus the penalty is death according to God's word. These all are the fruits and doings of Adam's wrongs, and all his children are powerless to stop the course that all are going. Yes, since the day we were born of this man Adam (flesh and blood) we have been walking toward the grave. Thus we see Man has reached his limit, therefore we will now see the change for "Thus Man's extremity has now become God's Opportunity." The second man Adam is now come, and he proved it could be done by disrobing himself of his glory and putting on a robe of this flesh and blood and uttering the words, "Follow me." In only 3½ years he proved himself being tempted in all points like we were; yet

without sin.

Hebrew 4: 15. This man Christ taking upon himself as a sin-bearer was made to be sin for us, and paid the penalty of all. Thus we see God provided the remedy, "His own arm brought salvation. Now to Whosoever Will may become a partaker of this tree of Life (Christ) by becoming obedient to the commandments of this second man, Christ.

NOTE: "He said ye must be born again." Let all believe, repent, and be baptised for the remission of their own sins, and receive the holy spirit, now strive toward the goal of perfection, for the man Christ, said, "Be ye therefore perfect even as I am perfect." The contrast; the first man and his children were imperfect, the second man Christ was perfect, and all his children must be perfect by his grace.

by Bro. Rocco Tassone

ORIGIN OF A FAMOUS HYMN

The origin of the celebrated hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way, His Wonders to Perform," was a curious incident in the life of its author, William Cowper, the English poet. Cowper a deeply-religious man, was subject to attacks of the blackest melancholy. During one of these attacks he determined to end his life by throwing himself into the Thames River. He hired a cab to take him to the river, but a dense fog so confused the cabman that, after driving about for an hour, he admitted to his passenger that he was lost. Cowper, alighting from the cab in order to give the driver more careful directions for reaching the bridge found that his wandering had brought him back to his own door. Strongly affected by what seemed to him almost a divine inter-position, Cowper dismissed the cab, hurried to his room, and wrote his famous hymn.

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POEM

This ring we form with heart sincere,
That all the Saints of Christ draw near;
To hear the sound which angels bring
Salvation thru' our Heavenly King

O may our hearts be satisfied
That we may stand at His right side,
Accept the truth that we may share
Eternal joy with Christ up there.

The angels too we know do share
The Heavenly Ring they form up there
To sing aloud the Saviours praise,
Oh! blissful hope of endless days.

by Sister Anna Carlini

DOES YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE?

While at the Six Nations Reserve attending the dedication of our church, I remained there for three nights holding meetings in the new building. The attendance was not large, but still I enjoyed myself in speaking to the Indian people. While in the home of one of our Indian members, I noticed a motto on the wall. While I was reading it the mistress of the home—one of our Indian sisters who has worked very much in the homes of white people—told me that she had taken care of an invalid lady for a long time. After she was well again and was getting ready to leave her home, she gave her a package and told her not to open it until she got home. When home she was to open it and she added words to this effect: "This is about the way I feel towards you." In the package of course was the motto I had been reading.

It is titled 'Things Worth While', and reads as follows:

Not what you get, But what you give:
Not what you say, But how you live:
Giving the world the love it needs,
Giving a life of Noble Deeds.

Not whence you came, But wither bound,
Not what you have, But whether found.
Strong for the right, the good, the true:
These are the things worth while to you.

by Ludwig S. Dale

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—WRITERS

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In our effort to build The Gospel News into a more effectual journal, we are in continual need of printable material. Poems, articles, essays, experiences, or just letters; send them to Finley Street for evaluation and possible publication. It takes a lot of work to produce this paper—it will take a lot of help to make it better.

This invitation is by no means only for those of the Church. We welcome correspondence from outsiders as well as the saints. Our publication is open to all who are interested in the word of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Staff

BRIGHAM YOUNG U. GROUP ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON HERE

A bus-load of students from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, were entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth and Lincoln Streets. The group, all members of the Utah Mormon Church, with the exception of one young Baptist minister, is touring the United States visiting places where Mormon history is involved. Mr. Hilton, assistant dean at the University, was in charge of the tour.

The Reverend W. H. Cadman, pastor of the local church, asked that citizens of Monongahela be informed that, although the local church received the group, as they would any other Christian people and entertained them socially, there is no affiliation in faith with them and there are serious differences in doctrine between the two churches.

Mr. Cadman said that the visitors asked many questions of faith and purchased literature of the local church. They arrived here about 11:45 a.m. after having called the Church pastor early in the morning from a point in Ohio. The group left about 1:30 p.m. to continue the tour, their next stop Washington, D. C. They had written to Mr. Cadman about three months ago but had given no specific date for their contemplated visit.

Also visiting with the local congregation is Mrs. Leata Ford of Windsor, Canada. She came Monday night and will stay until Sunday at the Cadman home. Two girls from the Indian Reservation at Windsor, where Mrs. Ford works extensively for the church, are visiting among members of the local congregation. They are Sisters, Laverna and Ruth Ann Garlow.

Members of the congregation of the Lincoln Street church have worked about ten days constructing new steps and a new sidewalk and parking lot for the church. This improvement, with the new surface of Sixth Street (which is about ready for black-topping) adds much to the appearance of the locale.

(from The Daily Republican, Monongahela, Pa.—July 26, 1957)

THE GOSPEL

In first Peter we read, "For even here unto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow in His footsteps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." We are also told to gird up the lions of our mind, be sober and hope to the end for grace that is to be brought unto you at the

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revelation of Jesus Christ, as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance. But as He which has called you is Holy, so be you Holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, Be ye Holy: for I am Holy. In Matthew Jesus said Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan of John, and John forbade Jesus and He answering John said: "Suffer it to be so now, for thus becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." When Jesus came up out of the water the Spirit of God in the form of a dove lit upon Jesus. Then He began to preach and to say, repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus died to save us from our sin and laid the plan of salvation.

No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other; ye cannot serve God and Mammon. In James we read—a double minded person is unstable. We can't say one thing and do another. We are told to be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves. For if a man be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass, But he that heareth and doeth not, he is like a man that built a house without a foundation. He built the house upon the ground and the storm beat against it and the ruin of the house was great. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Jesus tells us to beware of false prophets which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Jesus tells us to beware of the scribes which love to go in long clothes, and love salutations in the market places and the chief seats in the synagogues and in the uppermost rooms at feasts. Which devour widows and for a pretense make long prayers, these shall receive greater damnation. The Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. We are told to shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase in more ungodliness.

Study to show thyself approved

unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Jesus says, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him I will confess before my father which is in heaven, and whosoever shall deny me before men, him I shall deny before my father which is in heaven, and whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my works in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of His Holy angels." Jesus also says, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God, a'so thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Jesus tells us if ye love father or mother more than He, we are not worthy of Him. He that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. He that taketh not his cross and follow after me is no worthy of me. So we are told to put Christ first in our life and take up our cross and follow Him. "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things become new.

Jesus told Nicodemus—ye must be born again. The wages of sin are death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. So we ought to all ask ourselves, are we serving God or Satan? If we are serving God we shall walk in his footsteps. Are we setting a good example? Are we telling anyone about Jesus? Or are we keeping Him all to ourselves?

In Mark 13 we are told the gospel must be published to all nations. There is a great work to be done and only the servants of God can do it. When God closes the door, it will be like unto the days of Noah. Nothing will open it and then there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth and we know not when Jesus will come.

Would we be ready if Jesus came now? Have we obeyed His commands? Are we walking in righteousness and doing His will, keeping unspotted from the world of sin? Now is the day of salvation; whosoever will may come. Let us prepare and be ready when the Master comes. May God bless all of us and draw us closer to Him, and may we have a great desire in our hearts to tell others

of Jesus and His plan of salvation.
Sister Jane Wittaker

THE JUDGEMENT SEAT

If it is possible that man could be,
A perfect man of reality,
No faults or weaknesses,
O can it be,
A perfect man in reality?

So if we realize this cannot be,
That we have faults,
Yes, you and me
Then we do know and will repeat,
"CLIMB NOT INTO THE JUDGEMENT SEAT,"

For there is one who is seated there,
A perfect one, yes, beyond compare.

So let Him who sitteth there,
Upon the judgement chair,
Judge each of us, yes, great and small.
His judgement is perfect, just,
And without a flaw.

So don't let us say,
I see my brothers and sisters too,
A doing things they should not do,
Partaking of the world I'll say,
I cannot fellowship with them today.

Then I must say to Him,
Who sits upon the judgement seat,
Move over Lord, I must repeat,
I must sit upon the judgement seat.
For, don't you see my brother and sister there,
A doing things they shouldn't dare,
But he that sitteth upon the judgement chair,
Yes, a perfect one, beyond compare,
And He shall look upon me and say,
"REPENT AND ASK FORGIVENESS,
BEFORE ANOTHER DAY, JUDGE YE NOT ANOTHER,
BUT PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND I WILL SHOW MY LOVE FOR YOU."

Remember, when you watch for another to err,
Another is watching you from the JUDGEMENT CHAIR.

Brother Bud Martin
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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Too much confusion! I quote what has been our faith, and still is. The one thousand year reign mentioned in Rev. 20:4-7, is when the Saviour shall reign with the saints in the immortal state and after the First Resurrection.

The Devil is bound with an iron chain during this time. At the expiration of the thousand years, he is loosed and goes out to deceive the nations, those of the second resurrection. (Rev. 20:6) Over those who come forth in the First Resurrection, the second death has no power.

The Savior taught as follows: "Pray, 'thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.'" The Church of Jesus Christ will eventually triumph over all else, and the kingdom shall be given to the saints of the most High. In Daniel 2:44 it says that the God of heaven will set up a kingdom and it shall not be given to other people. The kingdom of course will be given to the people of God.

The Church will develop into a national kingdom and will accomplish the great things of God. The Gentiles must exert themselves in preaching the Gospel to all the world, and must become nursing fathers and mothers to Israel. Eventually, through their faithful labours, they, with Israel, shall sit under their own vine and fig tree. (see Micah 4:4) Also in Isaiah 65 beginning at verse 17 until the end of the chapter: "When they shall not build and another inhabit. They shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. There shall no more thence be an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days. The wolf and the lamb dwell together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock, and dust shall be the serpents meat. They shall not Hurt nor Destroy in all MY HOLY MOUNTAIN, saith the Lord." The faith of The Church of Jesus Christ is that these things take place prior to the First Resurrection, consequently, it takes place before the thousand years spoken of in Rev.:20.

The Kingdom of Christ, which He taught His disciples to pray for to come, is commonly referred to as "The Peaceful Reign", though I do not know where that title is used in the scripture. The duration of time relative to the Kingdom is not mentioned in the scripture—neither Bible or Book of Mormon—and the scripture should be quoted as it is. In first Nephi 22:26, it reads that because of the righteousness of His people, Satan has no power for many years. How many years, it does not say. In Jacob 5:76, it says, "for a long time," but as to how long the scripture is silent. Being questioned on this matter recently I told those who questioned me that the scripture on this matter should be quoted as it is. In verse 77 of Jacob, 5th chapter, I read that evil will enter the vineyard again. In other words, the Devil makes an inroad among the people of God—those who have been sitting under their own vine and fig tree, and bad fruit is in their midst and the Lord burns the vineyard with fire. These things take place before the thousand years as referred to in Revelation:20.

Jesus Christ will then come, as it is written in Second Thess. 1, beginning at verse 7—Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, etc.; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction, etc.; when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe. The righteous will then reign with Christ a thousand years, as it is written in Rev.: 20, in the immortal state. Such has been the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ.

If you will read the article of the deceased president Cherry on Page 113 of our History, you will readily see that he separates the reign of the kingdom from the one thousand years. It is certainly made plain in Religious Experiences published by the Church in 1899, on page 18 of which reads, "Here is a Kingdom, then, that we are looking for: the Kingdom of Christ: called by our brother Daniel, 'The Ancient of Days', which will fulfill the covenants made to Israel; prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the Ancient of Days (Kingdom of Christ), introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion." Then on pages 20 & 21 it says: "That God will build up a UNIVERSAL Kingdom, termed by Daniel the Ancient of Days, that will continue until Christ shall come and introduce immortality." This certainly separates the REIGN of the Kingdom from the THOUSAND years REIGN as is recorded in Rev: 20. No where in the scripture does it say how long the reign of the kingdom will be before Christ comes. The Fourth Book of Nephi is a good example of what the Church will yet rise to in this present dispensation of time. That condition is brought to pass by the inhabitants of the earth obeying the Gospel and becoming a righteous people. Such is what I have always understood to be the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Editor and President of the Church

O. COWDERY'S LETTER NO.3 1834-1835

To W. W. Phelps: Dear Brother,
After a silence of another month, agreeable to my promise, I proceed upon the subject I proposed in the first number of the "Advocate." Perhaps an apology

for brevity may not be improper here, as many important incidents consequently transpiring in the organization and establishing of a society like the one whose history I am about to give to the world, are overlooked or lost, and soon buried with those who were the actors, will prevent my giving

those minute and particular reflections which I have so often wished might have characterized the "Acts of the Apostles," and the ancient saints. But such facts as are within my knowledge, will be given, without any reference to inconsistencies, in the minds of others, or impossibilities, in the

feelings of such as do not give credence to the system of salvation and redemption so clearly set forth and so plainly written over the face of the sacred scriptures.

Upon the propriety, then, of a narrative of this kind, I have briefly to remark: It is known to you, that this church has suffered reproach and persecution, from a majority of mankind who have heard but a rumor, since its first organization. And further, you are also conversant with the fact, that no sooner had the messengers of the gospel began to proclaim its heavenly precepts, and call upon men to embrace the same, than they were vilified, and slandered by thousands who never saw their faces, and much less knew aught derogatory of their character—moral or religious. Upon this unfair and unsaint like manner of procedure they have been giving in large sheets their opinions of the incorrectness of our system, and attested volumes of our lives and characters.

Since, then, our opposers have been thus kind to introduce our cause before the public, it is no more than just that a correct account should be given; and since they have invariably sought to cast a shade over the truth, and hinder its influence from gaining ascendancy, it is also proper that it should be vindicated, by laying before the world a correct statement of events as they have transpired from time to time.

Whether I shall succeed so far in my purpose as to convince the public of the incorrectness of those scurrilous reports which have inundated our land, or even but a small portion of them, will be better ascertained when I close than when I commence: and I am content to submit it before the candid for perusal, and before the Judge of all for inspection, as I most assuredly believe that before Him I must stand and answer for the deeds transacted in this life.

Should I, however, be instrumental in causing a few to hear before they judge, and understand both sides of this matter before they condemn, I shall have the satisfaction of seeing them embrace it, as I am certain that one is the inevitable fruit of the other. But to proceed:—

You will recollect that I informed you, in my letter pub-

lished in the first number of the "Messenger and Advocate," that this history would necessarily embrace the life and character of our esteemed friend and brother, Joseph Smith, Jun., one of the presidents of this church, and for information on that part of the subject, I refer you to his communication on the same, published in this paper. I shall therefore pass over that, 'till I come to the fifteenth (seventeenth) year of his life.

It is necessary to premise this account by relating the situation of the public mind relative to religion, at this time. One Mr. Lane, a presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, visited Palmyra and vicinity. Elder Lane was a talented man possessing a good share of literary endowments and apparent humility. There was a great awakening, or excitement raised on the subject of religion, and much inquiry for the word of life. Large additions were made to the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches. Mr Lane's manner of communication was peculiarly calculated to awaken the intellect of the hearer, and arouse the sinner to look about him for safety—much good instruction was always drawn from his discourses on the scriptures, and in common with others, our brother's mind became awakened.

For a length of time the reformation seemed to move in a harmonious manner; but, as the excitement ceased, or those who had expressed anxieties, had professed a belief in the pardoning influence and condescension of the Saviour, a general struggle was made by the leading characters of the different sects, for proselytes. Then strife seemed to take the place of that apparent union and harmony which had previously characterized the moves and exhortations of the old professors, and a cry: I am right, you are wrong, was introduced in their stead.

In this general strife for followers, his mother, one sister and two of his natural brothers, were persuaded to unite with the Presbyterians. This gave opportunity for further reflection, and as will be seen in the sequel, laid a foundation, or was one means of laying a foundation for the attestation of the truths, or professions of truth, contained in that record called the word of God.

After strong solicitations to

unite with one of those different societies, and seeing the apparent proselyting disposition manifested with equal warmth from each, his mind was led to more seriously contemplate the importance of a move of this kind. To profess godliness without its benign influence upon the heart, was a thing so foreign from his feelings, that his spirit was not at rest day nor night. To unite with a society professing to be built upon the only sure foundation, and that profession be a vain one, was calculated, in its very nature, the more it was contemplated, the more to arouse the mind to the serious consequences of moving hastily in a course fraught with eternal realities. To say he was right, and still be wrong, could not profit; and amid so many, some must be built upon the sand.

In this situation where could he go? If he went to one he was told they were right, and all others were wrong. If to another, the same was heard from those. All professed to be the true church; and if not they were certainly hypocritical; because, if I am presented with a system of religion, and inquire of my teacher whether it is correct, and he informs me that he is not certain, he acknowledges at once that he is teaching without the authority, and acting without a commission.

If one professed a degree of authority or preference in consequences of age or right, and that superiority was without evidence, it was insufficient to convince a mind once aroused to that degree of determination which at that time operated upon him. And upon further reflection, that the Saviour had said that the gate was straight and the way narrow that lead to life eternal, and that few entered there; and that the way was broad, and the gate wide which lead to destruction, and that many crowded its current, a proof from some source was wanting to settle the mind and give peace frequent that the minds of men are exercised with proper determination relative to obtaining a certainty of the things of God. They are too apt to rest short of that assurance which the Lord Jesus has so freely offered in His word to man, and which so beautifully characterizes His whole plan of salvation, as revealed to us.

Oliver Cowdery

Signs of the Times . . .

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A very significant action occurred the last week in June that without doubt can be called a Sign of The Times. The merger of two large Protestant denominations into what is now the sixth largest Protestant sect is indeed worthy of note. Cleveland, Ohio was the scene of union of the Congregational Christians and the Evangelical and Reformed Church into a faction that now numbers over two million members. The groups differ little in doctrine so merger was feasible, but the interesting point is the name chosen for the new organization.

In choosing the name United Church of Christ for the new denomination this group is admitting to a centuries long error of Christendom. Few, pitifully few, religious organizations have adopted, or even mentioned, the name Jesus Christ in their titles. Perhaps this is a blessing in disguise for very little of Christ's teachings have found their way into modern denominationalism. Many faiths preach only the beliefs and opinions of their founder. And often as not the idealism of the originator has been cast aside for the adoption of up-to-date policies more acceptable to a secular, modern society.

What's in a name? Simply this. It would be foolishness—and too obviously sinful—to label a church as Christ's and expound conclusions of Knox, or Luther, or Eddy, or Wesley, or Williams, or Pius XI. But it is permissible ('permissible' by man's inferior judgement, for it is being done continuously) to organize a group, name it anything and preach equally insignificant 'anythings', with the pretense they are teachings of Christ.

There are those who claim all churches are His, regardless of name. Scripture does not bear this out. Several times Christ referred to *my* church; following writers mentioned *His* church. '*My*' and '*His*' are words of singular possession and ownership. It was never meant for this ownership to be lessened or shared. A church that does not bear His name and does not teach His doctrine is but 'sounding brass'.

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The plague of religious differences is further exemplified on

an individual level by the Melish church affair in New York City. For ten years Rev. W. H. Melish has been a controversial figure in charge of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Brooklyn. Recently removed from his post, he has refused to vacate and there have been many conflicts between him and his replacement, one Dr. H. S. Sidener.

The most recent clash was over the collection. Seems Sidener called for a group to take up collection and a pro-Melish set performed the task. The subsequent clash between the factions made headlines and the money was finally turned over to charity.

The anti-climatic end, at least for the time being, has been the closing of the church by the central board. It is appalling, the abyss of difference between groups all professing to serve the same One.

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Ty Cobb, the baseball great, announced he has set up a foundation to administer large portions of his money for the aid of educating needy young people.

He has made a fortune with investments since retiring from the nation's No. 1 sport and feels the necessity of doing some Christian endeavor. As Mr. Cobb put it: "I have a real Christian spirit. Money doesn't make much difference when we get to the end of the line. Every one sort of levels off."

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In Arizona a legislator introduced a bill to make the Ten Commandments part of the State law. In his studies he had found there were 20 volumes of Arizona State Statutes and most would be unnecessary if everyone obeyed the Commandments.

Man has continuously complicated The Law with little or no improvement. The Sixth Commandment was clear; and simple: "Thou shalt not kill." Today man exonerates himself by substituting words like suicide, manslaughter, assassination, euthanasia. Truly, volumes of legislation could be done away with if that portion of scripture from I John was foremos. "For this is the charity of God that we keep His Commandments; and His Commandments are not heavy."

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

It was wonderful. Never spake a man like this before. Soon after Jesus had arrived at Capernaum, He came on Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew, Simon as we have all ready learned, had met Jesus on the banks of Jordan. As Jesus began to walk out of the town the people began to gather about Him, to hear the gracious words from his lips, and to witness other great works from His hands. There were two fishing boats at the shore. The fishermen had gone to wash their nets. The owner of one of them was Simon Peter. At the request of Jesus he pushed it from the shore. A distance sufficient to preserve the attractive preacher from the pressure of the crowd and yet not so far that the people could not hear him. And from this floating pulpit Jesus delivered a discourse on the Doctrines of the religion He came to propagate, at the conclusion of which He directed Simon to launch out into the deep and let down his net for a draught. Simon said we have toiled all night and caught nothing but there was something commanding and inspiring in the words of Jesus that Simon said, "Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net." So he called his brother Andrew and the net was lowered, and so great was the number of fish, John and the two sons of Zebedee came to help them.

Ezekiel, 47th Chapter

The prophet draws our attention to the waters some ankle deep, some knee deep, some up to their loins, afterward he measured a thousand cubits and there was water to swim in. A river that could not be passed over. It is time we left the ankle deep water, and get into the deep, launch out into the deep and cut away the shore line, Paul says, leaving the principles of the Doctrine of Christ, such as water baptism, laying on of hands. Let us go on to perfection, you will notice, these waters from the east and from the desert shall go into the sea. The waters shall be healed. They were not healed until they got into deep water.

9th verse

And it shall come to pass that everything that liveth which moveth shall live. There was healing power in these deep waters.

11th verse

But the mirey places and the marshes shall not be healed. We (Continued on Page Nine)

STORY OF MARTYRS JOLTS COMPLACENCY

by Charles L. Allen

Yesterday I wrote of five young missionaries who in the name of Christ attempted to take the gospel to the Aucas, a fierce and isolated tribe of Indians in Ecuador. These men were ambushed and killed by the tribesmen to whom they offered only their friendship and love. Their story is told in a new book, "Through Gates of Splendor," written by Elizabeth Elloit, wife of one of the men.

Why would five young men endanger their lives for the sake of evangelizing 1,000 Indians in a jungle wilderness? Was it the zest for adventure or the thrill of attempting what others had failed to accomplish? Such motives inspire mountain climbers.

But these men were no adventurers. They were missionaries and upon their hearts was laid the commission of Christ to go into the world and make all men disciples. While any group of people remain beyond the fold of Christian love, then Christians cannot be satisfied. These men hoped that they might, through God's help, take the gospel to tribesmen who were without the gospel of eternal salvation.

"During the last war," one of the missionary-martyrs wrote, "We were taught to recognize that in order to obtain our objective, we had to be willing to be expendable. When the Lord Jesus asks us to pay the price for world evangelism, we often answer without a word. We cannot go. We say it costs too much."

Then he added: "God Himself laid down the law when He built the universe. He knew when He made it what the price was going to be. God didn't hold back His only Son, but gave Him up to pay the price for our failure and sin."

Such a conviction motivated these young men who prepared carefully and cautiously for the task which they felt "compelled" to undertake.

In September, 1955, "the Lord began to weave five separate threads into a single glowing fabric for His own glory. Five men with widely differing personalities had come to Ecuador from the eastern United States, the West Coast, and the Mid-western states. Representing three different "faith-missions," these men and their wives were

With a desire to spread the gospel, these five men proved their faith by giving their lives.

one in their common belief in the Bible as the literal and supernatural and perfect word from God to man. Christ said "Go ye"; their answer was "Lord, send me."

After such a tragedy, I presume there are many who would say, "We should go in and wipe out the whole tribe!" But such revenge is not to be found in the hearts of the young widows. All of them have remained with their children at posts of missionary service.

The story of these missionaries has electrified complacent Christians everywhere. Their testimony of faith and their obedience to the command of Christ ought to stir easygoing Christians with a zeal such as the apostolic church knew and such as the church has always known in her hours of supreme dedication to Christ.

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SUMMER IS NIGH

by Brother B. J. Martin

It is so wonderful that God in His divine mercy in all ages, has given His children understanding, that they may not walk in darkness concerning His glorious work which is to come forth.

At no time did our Lord ever leave His children in darkness. He speaks of His children as children of light. In every great event the Lord has prepared His people by prophesy. I believe one of the greatest measuring sticks which can be used to determine the time, when each event of our Lord will take place, is the parable given by our Saviour in the 13th. chapter of St. Mark. He says, "Now learn ye the parable of the fig tree, when her branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near." In our humble

understanding, the leaves are the prophecies being fulfilled, leading up to the summer which is the event itself.

We believe the next great and marvelous event to take place is the 'Peaceful Reign.' Many of the leaves have already appeared upon the tree, and caused us to feel the nearness of time. I have many thoughts of the days when I was just a small boy; even in my childhood I felt something stir within me when we would listen to our parents or older brothers and sisters of the church speak of this glorious time when we shall no more be troubled by the whispers of the evil one, but he shall be bound by the righteousness of the people of the Lord. He shall have no more power over the children of men;

As the leaves of prophesy are placed on the tree of life our destiny is finally and firmly cast.

a time when nothing will hurt or destroy in all God's mountain, a time when the wolf and the lamb shall dwell together, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion, the fatling, the cow and the bear shall feed together, and their young ones shall play and lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.

It will be a glorious time to live for there will be no evil. There will be no troubled minds, no sickness, no pain, no sadness or tears, only the love of God will be there in this wonderful time. We will be able to turn our children loose at all times and not be troubled about their safety, because our Lord cannot lie and His word lives forever and His promise is to those of the

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Peaceful Reign, that, "Nothing will hurt or destroy in all His Holy mountain."

It would not be wise to write of all the leaves of prophesy that have appeared on the fig tree. But the thought and object in my heart now is to bring to all who read this the mercy of our Lord, and the nearness of the time of this great event. We will try to bring to your minds some of the leaves of prophesy that have already appeared upon the tree, and that summer is near, yes, even at the door.

One of the leaves appeared on the tree with the fulfillment of the prophesy concerning Christopher Columbus coming to this land. (1st. Nephi, 12th. verse) Another in the 13th. verse, when

it speaks of our Pilgrim Fathers; another in the 14th. verse, when it speaks of the seed of Joseph, the American Indian, being scattered by the Gentiles and smitten. Another leaf was added to the tree in the 15th. verse, when it tells how the Gentiles were to obtain this land from the Indians; another when it speaks of the Bible that was to be carried by the Pilgrims. More were added when the prophesy of the war between England and the thirteen colonies was fulfilled. Other leaves were added when the Book of Mormon came forth, and more when this record is taken among the seed of Joseph and they begin to understand what God has in store for them. And now we are at our time. There remains only a few leaves to be added. In the third chapter of 1st. Nephi we find one of these: "A choice

seed to be raised up, out of the seed of Joseph and he will be like unto Moses and commanded from God, and he shall do no other work, and the seed of Joseph will believe, for the power of God will be made manifest at that day. In the 30th chapter of 2nd. Nephi: another leaf will be added when the Jews will believe and the Lord will do a marvelous work among all nations. Then there remains only one more leaf to be added to the tree of prophesy, and this last leaf is to be placed on the tree by the Lord himself, as He says in the 30th. chapter. He will cause a division among the people, and the wicked will be destroyed, and the righteous will be saved. And after this, those permitted to live in that day, by the grace of God, can say, "SUMMER IS HERE; the glorious peaceful reign."

SACRED MEMORIES

by Thurman S. Furnier

On July 20th. '57 my wife and I left Uniontown, Pa. for Lorain, Ohio, where we spent the night with Brother and Sister Frank Calabrese. The next morning the four of us and their daughter, Sherry, left for Detroit, Michigan, and attended services at Branch No. 3. Monday we left Detroit for Rochester, N. Y., arriving there the same day. We spent some time with the families of Brothers Ansel (Sam) D'Amico, and Patsy Marinetti. It was good to see Brother Ishmael D'Amico again; he attended prayer service with us on Wednesday evening. During our stay in Rochester we visited the hill of Cumorah, the farm of Martin Harris, Palmyra, N. Y., thence to the home of Peter Whitmer, (father of David Whitmer) near Waterloo, N. Y. Here the greater part of the Book of Mormon was translated. On July 25th we left Rochester for Oakland, Pa. (formerly Harmony) a distance of 192 miles and arrived there the same day. This is the second time I have visited this place, once a couple of years ago with Brother W. H. Cadman. It is located on the Susquehanna River, and near there is where Joseph Smith resorted to in order to escape persecution. It must have been a very peaceful place;

the beautiful hills, trees, and the winding Susquehanna River, are wonderful to look upon. I brought a stone from the foundation of the homes of Isaac Hale and Joseph Smith. The foundation of Joseph Smith's home is at the end of a cemetery, while almost directly across the highway is the foundation of Isaac Hale's home. Both houses have been torn down. Brother Cadman and myself have a picture of Joseph Smith's home before it was razed. The Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. of Salt Lake City, Utah, are grading the land and are expecting to put up a memorial. Joseph Smith lived there about 1825-1829. In the month of October, 1825 he hired with an old gentleman by the name of Josiah Stool, who lived in Chenango Co., N. Y. Joseph Smith, with others, was sent to Harmony, Pa., now Oakland, Pa., to labor. He was put to board with Mr. Isaac Hale of that place. It was there he first saw Isaac Hale's daughter, Emma Hale. Joseph and Emma were married January 18th., 1827 at the house of Squire Tarbill, in South Bainbridge, Chenango Co., N. Y. Immediately after their marriage he returned to his fa-

Early years of Joseph Smith and the restoration are recounted by an officer of the present church.

ther's home near Manchester, N. Y. and farmed with him that season. The plates from which the Book of Mormon were translated were obtained by him on the 22nd. day of September, 1827. Persecution became so intolerable that he was under the necessity of leaving Manchester, N. Y. The place of his destination was his father-in-law's home in Penna.—near the Susquehanna River. (Harmony, Pa., now Oakland, Pa.) He reached his father-in-law's home, (Isaac Hale) in the month of December 1827. Immediately after his arrival there he commenced copying the characters off the plates. He copied a considerable number of them, and by means of the Urim and Thummin he translated some of them, which he did between the time he arrived at the house of his wife's father, in the month of December 1827, and the February 1828 following. Some time in the month of February, 1828 Mr. Martin Harris came to Joseph Smith's place, got the characters which Joseph Smith had drawn off the plates, and the translation, and started with them to the city of New York where they were presented to Prof. Chas. Anton, a

gentleman celebrated for his literary attainments. On the 15th. day of April 1829 Oliver Cowdery came to Joseph Smith's house, until which time he had never seen him. He stated to Joseph Smith that having been teaching school in the neighborhood where his father resided, and Joseph Smith's father being one of those who sent to the school, he went to board for a season at his home, and while there the family related to him the circumstances of him having received the plates and accordingly he had come to make inquiries of him. Two days after the arrival of Mr. Cowdery, (being the 17th. day of April, 1829) Joseph Smith commenced to translate the plates, and Oliver Cowdery began to write for him. We all enjoyed the trip very much although we were caused to ponder once more of the suffering and sacrifice which others have passed through in order that the Gospel be restored, and the Book of Mormon be brought out of the ground, to speak out of the dust. We arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Calabrese the following day. My wife and I left Lorain, Ohio the next day and arrived home safe and sound. Thank God for his matchless, wonderful preserving power.

COMMENTS ON THE BOOK

of REVELATION, Con't.

Beginning on Chapter 3

I will still endeavor to give my thoughts on the Book of Revelation. A book that has been, and no doubt will continue to be, one of much controversy. But before going further, I will draw your attention to the fourth chapter of Ether in the Book of Mormon. If you will note, the 14th and 15th verses are spoken direct to the House of Israel, relative to the things that are hid from them because of unbelief, and also speaking to them of the things that are in store for them when they shall call on the Father in Him (Jesus Christ) with a contrite spirit, and the Father has remembered the covenants made unto them, and so forth. The angel coming forth in these last days with the everlasting gospel (bringing to us the Book of Mormon) reveals the fact that the Father has not forgotten the covenants to the House of Israel.

Then in verse 16: "And then

shall my revelations which I have caused to be written by my servant John, be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be made manifest in every deed." And in verse 17: "Therefore, when ye shall receive this record (the book of Mormon) ye may know that the work of the Father has commenced upon all the face of the land." I take from these words, that eventually John's writings will be made plain to all. And too, while our bible uses the term 'Book of Revelation' in the singular, Moroni refers to John's 'Revelations', the plural.

Reverting to the third chapter of the Book of Revelation, I read that John is writing to the church in Sardis, addressing the angel of the Church as he has previously done. He says, "I know thy works, that thou hast name that thou livest, and art dead." In verse 2 he commands: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God." It is evident from verses 2, 3 and 4 that while they were reported as 'dead', yet there is life within the church in Sardis. There are a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments: and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. And the promise still is: "that he that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." Jesus Christ has taught us: "That He knows His own, and that 'my sheep hear my voice'." So in the midst of the wickedness that had crept into the seven churches of Asia, yet God rewarded the faithful—yea it was possible for one to be faithful even though the masses may have wandered off the narrow way.

In verse 7 John writes to the church in Philadelphia, one of the churches that is often referred to. If you look on a map, you will find the place of that name in the same country where these other churches are that John writes to. In the seventh verse when John speaks of him that is Holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David certainly is deferring to Jesus Christ for the simple fact he could be speaking of no other. It is Christ, and Him alone that openeth and no man shutteth. His power is supreme,

and no man can come unto Him in his own strength. Man must be drawn by the spirit of the Father. As far as I can observe, there is nothing evil charged against the church in Philadelphia, but verse 8 reads thus: "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." While they are not directly charged with evil, the fact that they are only credited with a little 'strength' would seem, that in that great struggle after the Devil was cast out of heaven and having great power over the children of men, the Philadelphia church was not in full strength but had weakened down some in the struggle to keep their feet on the narrow path. But God did not forsake them. And it would seem that those of the synagogue of Satan who undoubtedly had made much trouble telling lies and so forth, would yet worship before the feet of the Philadelphia Church. In other words, they would be made to bow to the Church, and learn that I (the Lord) have loved thee. In verse 10: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon the world." In other words, God will take care of them because of their faithfulness unto Him. And still exhorting them to faithfulness in the words, "Behold, I come quickly: hold fast which thou hast, (yea, be faithful) that no man take thy crown. In verse 12: "Him (or anyone) that overcometh will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." Yea, I might add such a person is to be saved to the uttermost, saved throughout all eternity. I will write upon him my new name—I think is more of a figurative expression. It would seem that everything in some way must magnify the name of the Mighty God. Him who gave His only Begotten Son—an expression in 'act' of His love for His creatures. Those who will put their trust in Him will win the victory. Therefore, God's name must be glorified to the utmost. No doubt the ransomed will see the Glory of God at every glance of the eye. Praise His Name Forever.

Brother W. H. Cadman

Sirs, we would see Jesus . . .

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see so much sickness among us, I wonder if we are still in the mire and marshes. The commission was to go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. We hear so much, 'I will wait until I get my Social Security and I get my pension.' My Brother, you will be too old then. Oh for men like Isaiah, when the angel said who will go. He said, "Here am I, send me." There is no fish in the marshes and mire. Launch out into the deep. The prophet said, "I will send fishers to fish them out, hunters to hunt them out. And he said: 'I will send many fishers for the water is deep and there are many fish. But few fishermen and hunters.

The prophet said my people hath forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and have hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Given up something that is living for something that is dead. These signs shall follow them that believe. How can people believe unless they hear? How can they hear without a preacher? How can they be healed unless someone plants a seed of faith in their hearts. Moses said, "If ye will serve me with all your might, mind and strength I will let none of these diseases come upon you. But in the first chapter of Isaiah it says, "You are sores from the top of your head to the sole of your feet. Putrifying sores, drinking from a broken cistern causes sickness. When they could have healing and living water. Jesus said the water that I shall give thee shall be in thee. Not just in our ears or in our mouth but in our innermost being. Jesus said out of our belly shall flow rivers of living waters.

After this great catch of fish Jesus said unto Simon. Fear not from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And they forsook all and followed Him. Hereafter scholars and poets and merchantmen and laborers, the poor and the needy and the halt, the blind and the leper shall be in the net. Go, go, is the commission; let your net down into the deep waters of human life.

"Nevertheless At Thy Word"

He spoke and gave his law to man
By His word the sun, moon, and the stars were set
And man was formed but soon forgets
At Thy word a garden was made

for him to stay
But was driven out when he went astray
At Thy word the sea it did divide
The loaves and fish were multiplied
At Thy word Jonah was sent
To tell a people to repent
Just say the word was the Nobel-man's cry
And the deed was done, by the faith applied
At Thy word a multitude of fish were draught
And the Lord went a wind and quail were caught
At Thy word a fish the taxes paid,
And when it was preached five thousand obeyed
At Thy word the hornets were sent
To make Israel willing to repent
Launch out into the deep said Jesus
Its streams the whole creation reach
So plenteous is the store
Enough for all, enough for each
Enough forever more.

Bro. James Heaps

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Vanderbilt, Pa. Branch, of which I am now a member, is putting the top on the basement building. We are progressing nicely, but need money badly in order to complete the building. There will be nothing elaborate about the building. Our branch membership consists of many elderly brothers and sisters, and if I have not made a mistake, there are nine widows included in our membership, which makes it rather difficult to raise finance. This branch has met in their basement for a number of years, which they erected without asking for any assistance from any local churches or the General Church. During the winter months the basement is damp and difficult to heat correctly. The aged in our midst need better conditions in order to avoid illness, etc. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to ask all that are able to please send us a donation that we may have the building completed before bad weather sets in.

All the labor is being done by our brothers. The sisters prepare dinner and supper for the laborer's in the church basement. All are to be commended for their sincere efforts.

Send all contributions to the Building Treasurer, Joseph Shazer, Vanderbilt, Pa. R. D. No. 1.

Thurman S Furnier

OBITUARIES

NUNZIO BELMONTE

McKees Rocks, Pa.

Brother Belmonte, aged 73, of Coraopolis, Pa. died on Feb. 11, 1957. He was born in Italy on Jan. 4, 1884 and was baptised on June 17, 1932. He was a faithful member of the McKees Rocks Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two daughters and three sons. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Daniel Casa-santa. Interment was at the Coraopolis Cemetery.

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JOAN LAKTASH

Monongahela, Pa.

Joan Laktash died on July 11, 1957—she was born on June 13, 1941. Her home was at Ellsworth, Pa. at the time of death.

She was the daughter of Brother and Sister Matthew Laktash and her death was a sudden and hard blow for them to bear. Her parents mourn her passing, along with one sister, Bonnie Lou at home, and one brother, Mattew, who is in the U. S. Navy. Her brother was at home for the funeral service Joan was a popular young scholar of our Sabbath School here in Monongahela and will be missed by our young people especially.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder James Moore of Imperial, Pa., who was assisted by Elder W. H. Cadman. Singing by Sister Irene Griffith, with Sister Ruth Mountain at the piano. Interment was in the Monongahela Cemetery from the Thompson Funeral Home in Bentleville, Pa. This was a sad affair for us all, and our sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents. May the Lord bless and comfort them in the hour of their trial.

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MARY VECCHIO SCRAVE

Monongahela, Pa.

Sister Mary Vecchio Scrave was born on Sept. 18, 1869 in Italy. She died in the evening of July 17, 1957 in the Charleroi-Mone-ssen hospital. Burial was from the Campana Funeral Home in Monongahela, Pa. on July 20th. with Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge of the services. A quartet com-

posed of Bros. Mountain, Griffith, Majoros and Kirschner did the singing. Bro. Campbell lead in prayer. Interment was in the Monongahela Cemetery.

Sister Scrave, along with her husband and family came to this country in 1896 and resided in Jacobs Creek for many years. Her husband passed on in the year of 1903. She leaves to mourn her passing, her two sons, Joseph and Ralph, and other relatives.

She was baptised into the church better than 32 years ago by the late Brother Michael Faisetti. Sister Scrave has been a very faithful sister in the church all these years, but owing to her feeble condition she had not been able to attend services for several years past. But when able she was always at her post of duty. After many years of toil in this world, she has now gone to rest in the paradise of God to await the resurrection of her body. May the Lord bless and comfort her loved ones who mourn her passing.—(Sister Scrave is the grand mother of Sister Nancy Surrace.)

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CHARLES SANDERS

St. John, Kansas

Brother Charles Sanders died at his home in St. John, Kansas on July 30, 1957. He was living alone and was found dead in the evening. He was born in Russell, Kansas, April 14, 1880. He lived in Kansas for about 50 years, but his boyhood days were spent in Pennsylvania at West Elizabeth and Stockdale in the Monongahela Valley. Soon after his marriage he and his wife moved west. It was in Kansas where he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. His wife died a few years ago.

He leaves to mourn his passing two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Campbell of Warren, Ohio and Mrs. Charles Delp of St. John, Kansas. One son, Lawrence, of Detroit, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cawl, of Olean, N. Y.; and another sister, Mrs. R. A. Robinson of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, Sam of Detroit, and Paul, of Johnstown, Pa.; three grand children and seven great grand children.

Brother Sanders was an Elder in the Church and was buried from our church in St. John. Elders Wm. Cox and Alexander Robinson officiated. Interment was in Fairview Park Cemetery. May the Lord comfort his loved ones.

CORRESPONDENCE

WAKPALA, SOUTH DAKOTA

Brother Editor:

Again I am writing from this part of the Lord's Vineyard. Bros. Furnier, Anthony Picciuto, Kline and Sisters Kline and Furnier paid us a visit and while here they have repaired and remodeled the property which the church recently purchased, and now we have a very nice place in which to worship, also it contains rooms for our missionary workers to stay in when they come out here.

Brother and Sister Maness and children of the Sarnia Reservation in Canada also have paid us a visit. We were very happy to have them. On July 5th we went to Cherry Creek and baptised two converts. It was dark when we got to the creek, so we had two cars to throw on their lights, as to make it possible to baptize them even though it was night time. All in all, it was a day worth going all the way down there, thank God. May the Holy Father of Israel bless you all.

Brother Earl DeMarrias Sr.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Dear Bro. in Christ:

Just a few lines to let you know we are still holding faithful in this wonderful Gospel, and holding our usual meetings at our home and are blessed by the Spirit of our God. "Oh it is such a wonderful life to serve our God."

We would appreciate some of our brothers and sisters to visit us some time this summer if it is possible.

I am 81 years old now and am still enjoying good health, thank God. Last Sunday afternoon in our meeting I read the 29th chapter of Alma, from the Book of Mormon and we all received a blessing.

It is quite warm here now, but during the spring it is cool with plenty of rain, and the crops yield bountifully.

Pray for us out here, Brother Cadman. I feel lonely since I buried my wife, but our God has never left us alone and I am looking forward to the day when we will all be together with an unbroken family around the Throne of God. It is certainly a wonderful hope within.

May the Lord be with you all in enjoying the peace and blessings of God. Give our love to every one. Find enclosed \$1.50 for the renewal of the Gospel

News, which we enjoy reading. Your Bros. and Sis. in Christ,
Bro. R. P. Jones & Family
P. O. Box 1734
Wichita 1, Kansas

FROM FREDONIA, PA.

The bible tells us that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doth men live.

We are grateful for the word of God and have been blessed in hearing many good words through the series of special meetings held at our Mission recently. The first meeting was May 19th. with the Youngstown Branch occupying our pulpit. Bro. Ralph Bernardino opened the meeting by reading from St. John's Gospel. Bro. A. A. Corrado followed, comparing the religious freedom in this country with that in Italy, and we enjoyed hearing the testimony of young Bro. Joe Maines.

The Saints from Niles, Ohio were unable to come May 2nd., so Brothers Bucci and Dan Picciuto very capably filled their place. Bro. Bucci told of his recent trip to Oklahoma and Bro. Dan gave a very instructive talk on the commandment, Thou Shalt Not Steal.

Sunday, June 2nd., the brothers and sisters came from Painsville; the speakers were Bros. Frank Rivera, Gene Klein and Dan Picciuto—all had words of testimony to the goodness of God.

Warren, Ohio had charge of the meeting June 9th. Bro. Frank Giovanna chose for his topic, the parable of the house built on a solid foundation, from the 6th. chapter of St. Luke. Brother William Gennarro followed telling us to store treasures in a heavenly place.

June 16th. nearly all the members came from Imperial, Penna. Their young people presented a very nice father's day program. The preaching service was opened by Brother Kunkle who read a portion of the 37th. chapter of Alma. Here Alma is instructing his son, Helaman. Brother Moore told of his recent trip to Kentucky among members of his family. Brother Dan Picciuto closed a very wonderful sermon with a prayer.

June 23rd. a nice crowd from Niles, Ohio came. We heard from Brothers Sam Costarella, Joseph Genero and Russel Martorano.

Their speaking reminded me of the words of Paul, and, "I, brethren when I come to you, declaring unto you the testimony of God." We dismissed with prayer by Bro. George Walters from Roscoe, Pa.

July 7th. was a happy day for us. We dedicated our new church to the honor and glory of God. Brother Samuel Kerschner led the congregation in singing of hymns prior to the opening of the service, with Sister Ruth Ann Love at the piano. Brother Russel Cadman extended words of welcome to the large audience. Bro. Biscotti was the first speaker and he read and spoke of the dedication of the Temple that Solomon built. (8th. chapter of First Kings) He also told of coming to this country as a stranger to find silver and gold and then to return back home. Instead he found the Gospel and when he returned to Italy a few years ago, he returned as a servant of God, taking the Gospel to his people. He said if one soul is saved or if one stranger hears the Gospel preached from our building, it will be well paid for.

Brother Alma Cadman then followed, speaking also of the Temple of Solomon that was dedicated to God, and the glory of God filling the whole house. He said when he obeyed the Gospel Feb. 27, 1896, our people had one church building but today we have many.

Brother Tony Picciuto spoke briefly, extending an invitation to anyone to inspect the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a building must pass inspection, the Gospel also will stand inspection.

The morning service was then closed with singing, "Our Church", and prayer by Brother Samuel Kerschner.

Lunch was served at noon.

Brother Travis Perry opened the afternoon meeting, exhorting us to be faithful in the Gospel and saying he has no desire for the old ways and was glad he cast his lot with the people of God.

We were also honored to hear from Brothers Dan Picciuto, Sam Costerella, Wm. Kunkle and Tony Battista.

Several of the older brothers and sisters bore their testimony, and the spirit of God accompanied their words. Sister Martha Kelly and Sister Mary Kathryn Kilne represented our Mission in testimony.

We were not only blessed in hearing the word preached and

in testimony but also in singing. Brother Sam Kerschner and Brother Biscotti sang "Beyond The Sunset." Brother and Sister Curry sang "Whispering Hope" and the group from Painsville sang "The Haven of Rest."

Our day was brought to a close with hymn "Near To The Heart of God" and prayer by Brother Biscotti.

This has been a wonderful day for us, enjoying the blessings of God and the fellowship of our brothers and sisters. We feel honored so many came to our dedication and would have been very pleased if Brother William Cadman had been here also but we understand he was at Grand River for their dedication.

We ask all to remember our little Mission in prayer.

Sister Eleanor Sproul
Fredonia Mission

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

I sincerely hope you returned home safely and found Sister Cadman and others quite well and enjoying the peace and love of God. Thank God we are fine, still reminiscing on the wonderful time of refreshing we enjoyed while you were in our midst. In Acts 3rd. Chapter and 19th. verse, these words are found: when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Truly this has been our lot, and we are more thankful. Our prayer without ceasing, is that our Heavenly Father will ever smile on us, and cause that we may always be in touch with our older brethren, who do shed a great ray of light on us, as we travel along life's pathway. In the past month we were to visit Sister Gadd in London, and also went to Muncey, enjoying ourselves in both places. I will now relate some of the things of interest that have transpired in our midst recently.

On Wednesday night, the 3rd. of July, when we went to service, we found Bros. Bob Watson, Sr. and Jr., and their families, had come from California, and were there to visit with us. We had not seen Bro. Bob junior for about four years, and every one was overjoyed to see them. There were others from Windsor, also, who were in our midst. Both of these brothers gave wonderful talks on faith, which was an inspiration and joy to all. Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Otto

Henderson. On Thursday night, July 11th., Bro. W. H. Cadman was in our new church building for the first time. He was quite impressed and said it was a very nice place to meet in. He also spoke about the uncertainty of life mentioning Bro. Patsy Marinetti's father, who while on vacation had expected to visit various places, but while visiting the saints in Pa. was taken away from us through a sudden heart ailment. Bro. Cadman gave us a good talk from the 8th. chapter of the Book of Mormon, 1st verse through the 15th., also 34th. and 35th. verses. The 35th. verse is particularly interesting and reads as follows: "I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing." This is a warning to all of us in the church, to walk aright or suffer the consequences either here, or here after. Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Domenic Thomas. On Sunday, the 14th., we met in Port Huron with saints from Sarnia also in attendance. Bro Cadman was the principal speaker. He spoke from Galations 6th. chapter 14th. through the 16th. verses and again gave us a very interesting talk on the life of Paul. Bros. Domenic Cotellesse, and Silver Criscuolo, also spoke. Sister Mary Criscuolo is very ill; we solicit the prayers of all on her behalf. The meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Peter Capone. We then went over into Sarnia where we were accorded a great welcome. Bro. and Sis. Maness and family had just returned from South Dakota, bring back with them our young Sister Lillian Swimmer. We had a short service and Bro. Cadman read a portion of scripture found in 3rd. Nephi, 28th. chapter, 1st. to 23rd. verses. His talk was wonderful and he mentioned many from our Church who have had the joyful experience of having visits from those who would never die. Bro. Domenic Cotellesse also spoke very well. Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Maness. After leaving Sarnia we went to Bro. Fred Damico's home in Detroit for our supper and were very kindly treated by his lovely daughters, son and son-in law. Bro. Cadman wound up his tour with a lovely meeting at Branch No. 3. Here he read a portion of the 5th. chapter of Jacob, 74th. verse to the end and gave a nice explanation or interpretation of this wonderful chapter. Bro. Cadman

also told us of a sad accident of losing one of the daughters of the saints in Pa. Bro. Gorie Ciaravino closed our service with prayer.

(An omission) On the 10th. of March Bro. Samuel Mazzola was baptised by Bro. John Buffa. Brother Fred Damico was visiting at the time and this was the first baptism in our New Church. Sister Jennie Galenty sustained an injured wrist and she requests the prayers of the saints on her behalf. Best regards to all brothers and sisters throughout the church.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller

A FAREWELL

Dear Editor:

After the M. B. A. service on Wednesday evening, a farewell party was held for our young Brother Liria Fallawolliti. There was a light lunch served and about 65 persons from various branches of the church attended.

Brother Liria received some very nice gifts from the young people of Monongahela City, and a nice Bible from Greensburg.

Everybody enjoyed themselves and after the party the young people sang some hymns. I will put Brothers Liria's address at the bottom of this, and if any of you wish to write to him, I am sure he would appreciate it very much.

Pvt. Liria Fallawolliti
U. S. F R 13591057
Co. C-16 Bn. 5th Lng.
Regt. Inf. U. S. A. L. C.-A
Ft. Knox, Ky.

Also, just a line to let you know we had a good time on Sunday—we baptised eight people. I think you will remember the Costarella family that used to belong to the Dunlevy Branch. We baptised eight of their family—sons daughters and in-laws. They are all cousins to Bro. Sam Costarella from Niles, Ohio
From Brother Heaps
Los Angeles, California

Good news Jimmie! (WHC)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I'm writing this letter through the medium of The Gospel News, to convey to all of you my sincerest thanks for all the prayers you offered to God in my behalf and for the hundreds of greeting cards you sent me.

There is no doubt but that it

was your prayers which enabled me to recover as well as I have. I am grateful to God that I am still alive, for according to the terrible accident I was in, I should have been dead or permanently injured. The Lord has been good to me so much I am almost well. I have considerable pain in my back yet, but I have faith that God will eventually heal me.

Every card I received was a source of blessing, which carried me through the day for I was certain that each card came accompanied with a prayer for my recovery.

I pray that the Lord will recompense each of you for the kindness and affection displayed towards me in the hour of my trial.

I am able to attend church quite regularly now, which in itself is a privilege only better appreciated when one is deprived of the fellowship of the Saints and the worship of the Almighty.

My husband and children join me in thanking all of you with all our hearts, asking His richest blessings to rest upon you,—“For when I was sick ye visited me.”

Sister Mary Lovalvo
8505 Louise Avenue
Northridge, California

SARNIA INDIAN RESERVE ONTARIO, CANADA

Dear Brother Cadman:

It has been my intention to write to you for some time. I have not been able to do so, and while I now have the opportunity, I shall not delay. First of all I thank God for His great love in giving His dear Son Jesus Christ to come into this sinful world and die for my sins, and the sins of the world. I could never thank Him enough for what He has done for me, and not me only, but for all those that will obey His gospel and live for Him and serve Him; I also thank Him for His children the Church of Jesus Christ which has been patient and faithful in bringing the gospel of love and peace to us Indians, the seed of Joseph on this North American continent—the promised land. May God bless His ministry.

It has been my belief that God brought the Indians to this land and some day He is going to restore them to their proper place, but I did not know how He

brought them here or how He is going to lift them up again. The Church of Jesus Christ came to us with the Restored Gospel and the Book of Mormon and this is where I saw the ‘record’ of my forefathers, and how God was going to restore them and keep His covenant with them. I used to speak for my fellow Indians in my own selfish way before I was baptised, but since then I am leaving everything to God. It makes my heart glad to have this hope that some day we Indians will be lifted up by our kind Heavenly Father, if we obey Him and keep His commandments. My wish is to let Bros. Marco Randazzo, Joseph Lovalvo and Buffa Sr., and all others who have ministered and preached unto us this wonderful Gospel here on the Sarnia Indian Reserve, to know that their labour here has not been in vain. The seed they have sown is growing, for the word of God says, “For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing where I send it.”

The reason I mention these brother's names, they were the first to come and tell us of this gospel here in Sarnia. May God bless them wherever they may be. We need your prayers, my heart goes out to my fellow Indians here in Canada and also in the U. S. A. that they may obey the Gospel too and be saved. May God bless you and Sister Cadman. Send my love to The Church of Jesus Christ. We enjoyed your visit with us, and hope you will come again and fellowship with us. Mrs. Bird and I were baptized the same day in Detroit and what a blessing we received. God did pour out His spirit when we were confirmed on that Easter Sunday afternoon. I think every one who was present at the service was in tears, not the tears of sadness, but tears of joy. I will write again, for I have a lot more to tell of my experiences.

Brother Russell Bird
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Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

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THE JEW

Scattered by God's avenging
hand,
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wanderers from their
pleasant Land,
Do Judah's children mourn;
And e'en in Christain countries,
few
Breath thoughts of pity for
the Jew.

Yet listen, Gentile, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your heart with kind-
ness move
To Israel's heritage;
Who traced those lines of love
for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then as the years and ages
passed,
And Nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft
were cast
O'er captive Israel
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

And when the great Redeemer
came
For guilty man to bleed.
He did not take an angel's name,
No, born of Abraham's seed,
Jesus, who gave His life for you—
The gentle Saviour—was a Jew.
And though His own received
Him not,
And turned in pride away,
Whence is the Gentile's happier
lot?
Are you more just than they?
No! God in pity turned to you—
Have you no pity for the Jew?

Go, then, and bend your knee
to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the dear Saviour every day
To call them by His grace.
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian Gentiles to the
Jew.

—Author Unknown

IS JESUS STILL THE SAME?

It is written of him: "And
Jesus went into the temple of
God, and cast out all them that
sold in the temple, and overthrew
the tables of the moneychangers,
and the seats of them that sold
doves, and said unto them, 'It is
written, My house shall be called
the house of prayer: but ye have

made it a den of thieves.'" Mat-
thew 21:12&13.

Again it is written: "And the
Jew's passover was at hand, and
Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and
found in the temple those that
sold oxen and sheep and doves,
and the changers of maney sit-
ting: and when He had made a
scourge of small cords, He drove
them out of the temple, and the
sheep, and the oxen; and poured
out the changers' money, and
overthrew the tables; and said
unto them that sold doves, 'Take
these things hence: make not my
Father's house an house of mer-
chandise.' And His disciples re-
membered that it was written,
The zeal of thine house hath
eaten me up." (John 2:13-17) Let
us all remember the words of
Jesus: "Jesus Christ the same
yesterday, and today, and for-
ever. Heb. 13:8.

A REMINDER TO US ALL

In "Religious Experiences" I
read: "Then judgement shall dwell
in America, and righteousness re-
main there, and God's people shall
dwell in a peaceable habitation,
and in quiet resting places. The
center of all this happiness, joy
and satisfaction will be in the New
Jerusalem previously referred to,
which city this scripture states,
'shall be low in a low place.' Now
my brothers and sisters, don't
you feel the Spirit of God in these
applications of Scripture? If so
are you not willing to perform
the part God has intended you
to perform to produce such glor-
ious results, which is: carrying
the Gospel to the seed of Joseph."
(The American Indians.)' Read
page 16.

Turn to page 18: "Here is a
Kingdom, then, that we are look-
ing for; the Kingdom of Christ;
called by our brother Daniel, 'The
Ancient of days,' which will ful-
fill the covenants made to Israel;
prepare the way for the perma-
nent coming of the Messiah, who
shall eventually come to the an-
cient of days; introduce immor-
tality and assume everlasting do-
minion."

Then read on page 20: "When
God shall have judged among the
nations and rebuked many peo-
ple, is the time when they shall
beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning

hooks, and shall not learn war
anymore. There are many more
passages of Scripture that I might
refer to, which clearly prove the
coming judgements and destruc-
tion of the nations, and that it
will only be a small portion of the
Gentiles who will then enjoy His
favor and protection; with whom,
in connection with the house of
Israel, God will build up a uni-
versal kingdom, termed by Daniel
the Ancient of Days, that will con-
tinue until Christ shall come and
introduce immortality." Today is
not a time of waiting, it is a time
to labour in the vineyard of the
Lord and all of us should remem-
ber, there is a woe pronounced
upon those who are at ease in
Zion. The Lord taught his dis-
ciples to pray that the Lord would
send more labourers into the vine-
yard, not to be at ease under a
fig tree, but to labour in further-
ing the gospel among men.

Editor

NEWS ITEMS

A letter from Secretary Akpan
of the church in Nigeria dated
August 7th, 1957, says that 40
souls were added to the church
last month. We enjoy meeting
together with the saints. The 24
suits of clothes we need are for
the Elders along with 12 pair of
shoes. Not new ones but used
clothing.

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Brother and Sister Moore of the
Imperial Branch of the Church,
took me to Fredonia, (R. D.) Pa.
on August 17th where on Sunday
Morning I occupied the pulpit in
our new Church for the first time.
Our folks have built a nice edifice
to worship in. It is small but
answers their purpose very well.
I enjoyed myself in speaking to a
nice congregation that had as-
sembled together for the occasion.

After the close of the service,
and after having a lunch at the
home of Brother Russel Cadman,
we drove to Youngstown, Ohio

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and entered their new church building for the first time. We were late arriving at the meeting, but there was quite a crowd gathered together, and they had just returned from the water where they had just baptised a convert to the Lord Jesus Christ. There were some present from Detroit, Monongahela, Lorain, Ohio and other places. They attended to the ordinance of feet-washing and a lively afternoon was enjoyed by all. The Youngstown saints have built a fine big house of worship. They would have me talk to them briefly while I was there.

At the close of this meeting, the Moores took me to their farm home near Imperial, Pa., and after having some supper we went to their place of worship where I occupied their pulpit until after 9:00 p. m. Our folks there have built up a nice work at the Imperial church. May the Lord bless them in their efforts. Brother Moore brought me on home the next morning. I learned that in their meetings on that day (Sunday) a young man asked to be baptised.

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In a letter from Brother Joseph Benyola dated August 20th, he informs us that David Williams, son-in-law of Bro. A. A. Corrado, was baptised recently. Also Bro. Benyola's daughter, and Shirley Barron of Vanderbilt, Pa. were baptised on last Sunday. Sister Barron works in Philadelphia.

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On August 22nd at 6:30 p. m. we here in Monongahela gathered at the river shore and baptised a young lady convert. A short time ago she became a member of the Catholic Church, and not being satisfied, she had an experience which directed her to The Church of Jesus Christ to ask for baptism. There was a large crowd at the shore to witness the event.

Being as it was a regular meeting night at the Eldora Mission we retired from the river to their church. The little building was crowded to the limit. Our young sister was confirmed and a very nice meeting was enjoyed by all present.

REPORT OF GRAND RIVER DEDICATION

On July 7, 1957, it was with great joy that I prepared myself for church. This was to be the Sabbath Day on which our church was to be dedicated to

God and His service, our building on the Six Nations' Reserve. Being of Lamanite descent myself, and also being from Grand River, this was a day of many blessings for me. It is marvelous to be able to be a part of this great work, but it is much more of a blessing to me to see the word of God being fulfilled in part, by the Gentiles bringing the fullness of the Gospel to the Lamanites.

We had many visitors from different parts of the church. California was represented, along with New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ohio. It was such a great blessing to me and I know to all my people (the Lamanites), to feel that we are cared for and thought of, and to know that God works with His people to visit those that need the fellowship of the Saints. We are very few members on the Six Nation Reserve, but I am certain that some day God shall work with this people and show them that this is His Church and show the Lamanites here that they are His Covenant Children.

This is one day I shall cherish always, because it is the beginning of a great work. To have a church building which we can call our own and to know that above the Church building is being prepared rooms which some Elder will be able to call his home and will be able to teach my people the true Gospel.

We enjoyed the presence of Brother and Sister Cadman, and Sister Cadman related a very inspiring testimony of her desire to work as a missionary.

Brother Cadman opened our service, and was aptly followed by Brother Bob Watson, Jr. from California. We were then given the privilege of hearing most of the visiting Elders express their feelings on being present at this dedication. Again, it was such a great blessing to know that God is always working with His people, as I felt that God's Spirit was quite evident in all the testimonies given.

At the close of our service, everyone met at Sisters Hill's home where we were served a fine luncheon, prepared by the Lamanite Brothers and Sisters, and which was enjoyed by everyone. The luncheon was served on the lawn.

In closing, my prayer is that some day I shall be able to see the young children in the Sunday School classes be able to use this building as members of the Church of Jesus Christ and be

able to cherish it for all time.

Sister Loretta Garlow
Windsor, Ontario

Comments On 'Our Revelation'

I am reflecting back to stir up our minds concerning the Revelation given unto us by God and confirmed by the 'Gift of Tongues', and sanctioned by the Ministry of Jesus Christ. "Thus saith the Lord: the reason why the power and blessings have ceased, because we are looking on the vain things of this world." Do we remember this? The revelation did not say 'we are looking on the vain things of this world too much,' but said we are but found looking on them.

We find that God is a just God and who dare dispute it? He wants all of us or none at all. (Psalms 62:11) "God hath spoken once." The apostle John tells us in his epistle. (I John 2:14-17) "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lusts thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. Amen." Are we doing the will of our God? Praise God for the recorded word and its livelihood dwelling within us. Now let us remember this same apostle wrote in Rev. 2:5, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent, and do the works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except we repent." Thus we see that the power and blessings of our God which He will grant us His children, will continue to cease, as long as that which God condemned will continue to abound. Let us therefore return from whence we have fallen and let us take hold upon the word of God, which is quick, and powerful, which will divide asunder all the cunning snares and wiles of the devil, and it will lead us children in a straight and narrow course across that everlasting gulf of misery, prepared to engulf the wicked. And it will land our immortal souls at the right hand of God in His Kingdom with all our holy fathers. Amen. Let us therefore not lay aside the Revelation but let us lay aside the vain things that caused the revelation to come, which will so easily beset us from running this race to our Jesus, the Author and finisher of our faith. Amen.

Brother Rocco Tassone

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

A Question

"Lately I have heard much concerning the 'Choice Seer'. Some think he is coming soon. Will you explain in The Gospel News who the Choice Seer is, his work, etc. Also, could the 10th verse in Third Nephi, 21, have reference to him? Does the scripture say that he will not be killed?"

The above question shows plainly, that the ears of those who have been baptised into the Church in late years are not closed. (Editor)

In answering this I will confine myself to what is written and I will add that the Saviour set the example for us all. He says: "It is written."

First—In Second Nephi, third chapter, it is plain that the Choice Seer is a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. He is also a descendant of Joseph the son of Lehi. His name is to be Joseph and his father's name is Joseph. To me, that is all very plain.

Second—Is he coming soon? The scriptures do not say when he is coming, other than he will come during the time of Restoration which includes the restoration of the House of Israel, and that time began when the Book of Mormon came forth. I am convinced that when it is necessary with the Lord, He will raise up the Choice Seer. The Lord raised up Moses when the proper time came. He did likewise in raising up John the Baptist, and others that could be mentioned. To my understanding, the Book of Mormon is one of the lesser things spoken of in Third Nephi, 26:8, and according to verse 9, they, the Lamanites, must receive the 'lesser things' before the 'greater things' be made manifest unto them. And if I understand plain English, the Gentiles must carry the lesser things unto the Lamanites. The coming forth of the Choice Seer is surely one of the greater things yet to come forth, but how soon he is coming and how soon we as Gentiles shall do our duty in preaching the gospel to the seed of Joseph, as should be, I don't know. The Choice Seer will do a mighty work among his people, but not until after we as Gentiles have done our part and become nursing fathers and mothers to Israel.

Third—Could verse 10 in Third Nephi, 21, have reference to the Choice Seer? Yes it could, and very

likely he is the person referred to in that scripture, though remember, it does not positively say so.

Fourth—Does the scripture say the Choice Seer will not be killed? No, not in plain words. It does say in Second Nephi 3:13&14 that "out of weakness he shall be made strong." "And they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded." If he is the person referred to in Third Nephi 21:10, it says "That his life shall be in my (the Lord's) hand, therefore they shall not hurt him," and it then adds, "he shall be marred because of them, yet I will heal him." —As we understand the word 'marred' today, it means to hurt, injure or afflict in some way. Yet this scripture says 'they shall not hurt him', and it says he shall be marred. We might vary as to our understanding of these two statements, but remember, that if this scripture refers to the Choice Seer, it is absolutely certain that something happens to him—for the Lord says I will 'heal' him. Physically speaking there is no occasion to heal a well man. It is sufficient for me, that the Lord will take care of His servant, at least until his mission is completed.

In Genesis 3:1 it is said: "That the seed of the women shall bruise the serpents head." About four thousands years later a child was born to a Virgin in Bethlehem that did that very thing. It was plainly predicted that a person was to arise and deliver the Children of Israel from Egypt—in the course of time a child in a vessel of bulrushes was pulled out of the water and did that very thing; they named him Moses. Isaiah in 40:3 speaks of: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness." About seven or eight hundred years later a child was born in Judea, they named him John, and he came crying from the wilderness in fulfillment therefore. In Isaiah 29:12 a book is delivered to one that is not learned saying, "Read this, he saith I am not learned." Almost three thousand years later, a child was born in the town of Sharon, Windsor County, in the state of Vermont, on Dec. 23, 1805 and fulfilled that very scripture; they named him Joseph Smith. My counsel to you all is: let us live righteously and preach the Restored Gospel of Jesus not only to the Gentiles but to all Israel and especially the seed of Joseph (the American Indians) and eventually the will of God shall be fulfilled—a child shall be born among the Lamanite people who shall do as the Joseph of Egypt and the man Lehi (who fled Jerusalem 600 years before Christ was born) said he would do. This should suffice the people of God in this day, and the literal fulfillment of the past events, should fill our souls with living faith that the Joseph, whose father's name will also be Joseph, will come in God's own due time. Eventually it shall be said, "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all lands whither He had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers." (Jer. 16:14&15) Let us not trouble ourselves too much about the Choice Seer coming. Let us do our duty today, and God will bless us.

Editor Cadman

THE FAITH AND DOCTRINE
OF
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I reiterate our position as it was published to the world many years ago.

—President W. H. Cadman
"1st We believe in God, the

Eternal Father; and his son, Jesus Christ; and in the Holy Spirit: these three are the great matchless power that rules all things visible and invisible, for it is of

him and through him that we receive all things both for this life and that which is to come.

2nd We believe God, the Father, to be a personage of glory and that the Son is the express image of the Father, and that he was with the Father before the foundation of the world: and that in the fullness of time he came from the bosom of the Father and was born of the Virgin Mary according to the scripture, became man, suffered and died for the sins of the whole world, and on the third day he arose again and brought about the resurrection (according to the scriptures,) and ascended up on high to sit at the right hand of God. Principalities and powers being subject to him, who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature: for by him were all things created that are in Heaven and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be Thrones or Dominions, Principalities or Powers: all things are created by him and for him: and he is before all things: and Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, the Beginning, the first born from the dead: that in all things he might have the pre-eminence: for it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell, See Collosians, 1st Chapter. We believe also, that he will come again the second time to judge both the living and the dead according to the scriptures. We believe the Holy Ghost to be the mind of the Father and of the Son, (see II Corinthians 4:4, also Hebrews 1:3, and John's Gospel 15,) which is pure and holy, just and good, and is omnipresent, full of light, knowledge, and power, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of mankind."

P. S. I say again; I do not believe that there is a 'body of mortals' who can frame a better article on the above subject, as our brethren did in the very conception of this Church many years ago—using the Bible and Book of Mormon for their guidance, as far as the written word is concerned, Amen. They declare that Jesus Christ was with the Father before the foundation of the world. Both Bible and Book of Mormon sustain their declaration.

President W. H. Cadman

Bro. GIOVANNONE SPEAKS...

August 7, 1957
Warren, Ohio

I left Italy at the age of 17 with the intention of staying some time in this country and then re-

turning again but it must have been the will of God for changing my mind. In the year of 1916 I met my wife and we married in 1917. In 1922 my wife and I joined The Church of Jesus Christ in which we were completely pleased and blessed. We loved the Church so much that we wanted to tell others about Jesus.

During this time I had three dreams finding myself preaching in Italy. I also dreamed that I baptised my father and mother. This dream was fulfilled and they were baptised in 1929, when I sent for them and they came here and a few weeks later requested baptism. I left three sisters in Italy, one died in 1915 with her three children and another died in 1918, leaving my youngest sister who almost died about 10 years ago after having a very serious operation. My mind had been wondering concerning those dreams and I was looking forward that someday God would make a way for me to return to Italy.

Finally, in the fall of 1956, I sold a piece of property which made possible my trip to Italy, and I was very thankful for this. Then I began getting all the necessary papers and passports ready and by April 1957 conference I was ready to go. I left my home April 7, attending Church gathering in Monongahela, Pa. and then was taken to New Brunswick by Brother Eugene Perri. We had a good meeting on April 8 with a good attendance of the saints there. I also wish to thank these brothers and sisters for the gift they gave me. Brother Joe. Benyola took me to his home for the night and the following day he took me to see Brother John Galanti in Brooklyn, N. Y., where I had a last meal in his home. Then Brother Galanti took me to the airport to board my plane. My oldest son, Anthony, was along with me from Conference and remained with me until I boarded my plane. I had never been in a plane before, but it sure is a great blessing that God has inspired someone to make it possible that within a few hours, you can cross the mighty deep. The highest I have ever been off the ground was 200 ft. and I sure thought that it would affect me to be 18,000 ft. off the ground, but I didn't even suffer a slight headache. I left New York 5:30 p. m. April 9 and arrived in Rome 7:30 p. m. their time and found two of my nephews waiting for me with a friend and his car. It was very nice of them to greet

me and take me to my sister's home which was 100 miles away. We arrived at my sister's home at 11:00 p. m. and she and her family were all waiting for me. We surely had a blessing there and wept for joy, for it was 44 years since my sister and I had seen each other. The first thing we did was to kneel down and offer a prayer of thanks to God for sparing our lives and to meet one another and see her family.

The next day, April 11, one of my nephews and I went to the Chief of Police, who is called a marshall there, and I told him my mission there, was that I came to see my people, also to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He immediately cut me very short, saying that if I went there to make any kind of propaganda that he would take my passport and send me back to the United States. Then I told him that if he intended to hurt me in any way I would appeal to Rome and then he would not feel as big as he thought he was. His assistant told him to be careful how he talked to me. The marshall then told me not to preach until he found out if I had authority to do so. I told him that he had no ruling over me in my sister's home. I immediately wired our lawyer, James Rosapepa, and four days later he wired me back instructing me to preach and not be afraid because the Marshall could not stop me. I then went and showed the Telegram to the Marshall and he said that he also received word from the province there, that I had rights to preach the gospel. I told him that if anyone would try to make trouble for me he would give me protection and he promised to do so.

My first two weeks I spent in that vicinity and near-by towns visiting different people and many of them were pleased to hear about the gospel. I enjoyed the Easter holiday with my sister and her family.

On April 24, Brother Dominic Todaro came with his car from Calabria to pick me up and take me to visit all the saints in Italy. We visited everyone with the exception of one place called the Isle of Ponzo.

On April 25, we left my sister's home for the City Penne Pescara and there we met Brother Ornard Sisto from Detroit, Michigan and his wife. They were very glad to have us in their home. We left there the next day for S. Marco Foggia and were there three days

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Signs of the Times . . .

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One might question if Governor Leader of Pennsylvania has not cast himself in the role of a modern-day Pharaoh. At an early August meeting with State health officials he announced drastic cut-backs in treatment facilities for tubercular people because of 'strap-tight budget problems.' He warned all state workers:

I am not going to let people suffer, if I can help it. And I don't want tubercular people in the streets, if I can help it. I want a good job without enough money. I expect more bricks with less straw.

The phrase 'more bricks, less straw' immediately brings to fore the scripture in Exodus. Chapter 6, verse 18: "Go therefore now, and work, for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks." If this portion of bible serves Mr. Leader for modern purpose, perhaps he should also recognize the part describing the end of the Egyptian Pharaoh and his cohorts that issued such an impossible task order. Chapter 14, verse 28: "And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them."

It is appalling that the Governor should resort to penny-pinching with tubercular hospitals taking the blunt. This highly infectious disease needs expanded, not reduced, facilities. It would be well for the Governor to reconsider this phase of his budget tighten-

nig at the cost of so many needy, stricken tuberculosis victims. There is always the possibility of the 'water' returning.

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In certain New Jersey schools (or parts thereof) grace was being said before meals. Some individuals connected to the educational boards objected and had the practice stopped, crying that the children were having religion 'crammed down their throats.' Such Free-Thinkers, as many atheists call themselves, would do well to try and answer this question: "If God should cause the rain to cease (as he could indeed do) for a lengthy time, where would man get his food?" Let us give thanks to God for our food, in AND out of school.

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Headlines of Signs? Storm Strikes Kyushu; 600 Dead—Worst Earthquake In Mexican History; Hundreds Hurt—Locust Plague Spreading Fast—Fire-Ants Invade South—Farmers Wage War On Grasshoppers—Hailstones Hurt 20 Workers. If these sound rather distant to most Americans, there is one very recent and very near home: Asiatic Flu Sweeps Globe; Thousands Dead; Due in U. S. Late Fall. As the vaccines and inoculations are prepared, let us make more important preparation—with God. Let us pray that the predicted epidemic does not become a sign of the times, and that this hitherto blessed country may be spared. And let us also pray that the rest of the world may be free of the full scourge of this new plague.

and weekly newspaper. Regular assembling for any purpose exerts a silent but powerful influence to the faith of their fathers and from the degradation of idolatry. Put away your gods, say all the prophets. The synagogue lacked the pomp and splendor of the temple worship, but was favorable to simple heart devotion and freedom of thought and speech.

In towns where the population allowed a full organization there was a college of elders (Luke 7:3) whose president was called the ruler of the synagogue, and who had the power to excommunicate. There was also an officer to lead them in prayer. Nicodemus, no doubt, was a ruler of the Jews (John 3:1) There was an officer called the minister (Luke 4:20.) He took charge of the sacred furniture and prepared it for service. There seems to be legend that the perfect number of ten was the minimum number for a congregation. The ritualistic controversy raged at times over fixed prayers, doxologies and benedictions. They desired to pray as their heart prompted them. "Oh, for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free, a heart that always feels thy blood, so freely spilt for me." As in these days, men get heartsick from formalities without any heart feeling. We learn that Eliezer of Lydda was excommunicated about the first century for advocating free worship. The first lesson was from the law, the second from the prophets and then followed the discourse. It is called by the writer in Acts 13:15 the word of exhortation. When a member of the synagogue wished to speak, he stood up to signify that desire. We see Paul takes advantage of this desire many times, and as we read in the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them saying, "Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on." Then Paul stood up and beckoning with his hand, said, "Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience." (read the 13th chapter of Acts). Thus, when Jesus entered the synagogue on the sabbath and stood up to read, the president caused the roll of the prophets to be handed him and as it was unfolded, his eye came on that wonderful chapter in Isaiah: 61st chapter, verses 1 and 2, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach good tidings

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

In a tour which Jesus undertook he came to the town of Nazareth, where he had been brought up. His fame as a preacher had preceded him. When the sabbath day came he went, as his custom had been, into the synagogue. The time had come when he was to announce himself in his own town, and to his own people. Many times he had taken his place of humble silence to listen to the reading of the law and the prophets, and now the day of his revelation had come. The synagogue was a remarkable characteristic of latter Judaism. It was

the house of the congregation or gathering. There does not seem to have been anything in early Judaism which provided for the spiritual edification of the people in public places outside of the temple worship, which however was suspended during the exile. At that time the devout Jews who were cut off from the Holy City, and from the temple, held regular meetings for religious instruction. The whole history of this is found in Ezra 8:15, and Neh. 8:2, and Zec. 7:5. We may date the establishment of the synagogue worship about 500 B. C. It was church, schoolhouse, lecture room,

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PROPHECY OF BABYLON

from 'These Times'

Iraq in Prophecy

See Jeremiah 50:39, 51:37, 53:59; Isaiah 13:22.

This prophecy has reference to the ancient city of Babylon, the site of which is in modern Iraq—50 miles south of Bagdad. History tells us that Babylon, as late as 600 B.C., was the hub of the world. Its fortifications were practically impregnable and its kings the most powerful upon earth. It was a large city, with an area of more than 225 square miles—almost as large as greater New York. Also at the time the prophecy of doom was declared, Babylon had already stood for about 2000 years and was growing in greatness. It was situated on the important river Euphrates, in the midst of one of the most fruitful plains of the whole East. Century after century rolled away before the curse of God came upon Babylon to the full extent of the prophecy. Overthrow followed overthrow. Its walls were thrown down, yet its streets were not deserted all at once. 500 years after the prophet spoke, it contained 600,000 inhabitants.

Today, however, just as was predicted, Babylon is uninhabited. There are no flocks, no herds, no people. There is nothing but desert everywhere. It is impossible to say where the desert ends and the ruins of the city begin. From a human viewpoint, and contrary to history and geography, such a destiny was **highly improbable**.

With the conquest of Babylon by Cyrus in 539 B.C., the decay of the city began. Since then Babylon has been a quarry from which all the tribes in the vicinity have derived bricks with which they have built their cities. The area—once possessor of fortresses, palaces, hanging gardens, walls, gates, houses—contains nothing but broken bricks and pottery, sand, dust, and filth of all kinds, mixed together and **piled up in heaps and ridges**. The "great city" has thus emphatically "become heaps."

A visitor to Iraq says of the Babylon site: "In the pits among the heaps and among the broken brickwork we saw many hollows in which the wild animals of the desert (foxes, jackals, wild dogs

Proof positive of the accuracy of the scriptural prophecies. Once a great empire, now only rubble.

and wild cats, hyenas, and wolves) had evidently sheltered, and in many places we saw lizards, and serpents, and slim snakes two feet in length, and scorpions. Wherever we turned there was ruin and desolation. It was easy to believe that no one would willingly cross the ruins after sunset, for apart from the pitfalls in the shape of holes in the ground, **the wild beasts that lived in them made the ruins most unsafe for travelers.**"

Archeologist and traveler Sir E. A. Wallis Budge says: "**The wild beasts of the desert lie down there; creatures that shriek fill their houses; creatures that wail dwell therein; and devils in the forms of hairy goats dance there. Jackals screech in its strongholds, and serpents hiss in its palaces of delight. Babylon has become a 'horror, a thing to hiss at in derision, and a place without an inhabitant,' and the god Bel has been visited even as Jeremiah had prophesied.**"

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DO MORE

Anonymous

In meditation one day recently, the testimonies of my brothers and sisters came before me. All were wonderful, but in so many ran the oft-repeated theme, "I want to do more." Days, weeks, months, and years go by with the same refrain. I wonder what our brothers and sisters, and even ministers mean by this? By 'more' do they imply to go miles away from home to perform some spiritual wonder? Do they mean to spread the Gospel in other places? Or possibly to give their testimony more often? I have a suspicion that possibly it is this thought which permeates their beings.

Thinking this through somewhat, I cannot help but feel that sometimes we as a people are carried away with this thought of "doing more". Yet it is really quite simple and clear. In our minds we tend to exaggerate the work

which God expects us to do; our spiritual horizons become too broadened, so much so that the task becomes too enormous for us to perform or even begin to perform. Thus, we remain at a standstill, always 'waiting on God', so to speak, to move us to greater heights. We are desirous of performing something big, something really worthwhile. But is this what God actually desires of us? What is wrong with doing something smaller, which we are more capable of handling? A child takes but one step at a time before he gains sufficient confidence and strength to walk without hesitation and fear. Are we any different?

We need not go very far to 'do more'. We have only to look about us, in our own homes, our next-door neighbors, the people with whom we work. Are we oblivious of our surroundings always

Work for all of us. Our most important duty to God is our daily life. A saint shows how.

looking beyond at greener pastures? blind to the sheep at our very door? If, therefore, we are unable to take responsibility for the smaller things about us, how, then, can God entrust us with greater things? Let us begin in our own homes, therefore, to do those things which will lead others to God or keep them on the straight and narrow path. Let us do those things which will serve as an encouragement and help to the sheep in our midst who have strayed, to the sheep who are about us. But take note! Because one's entire family belongs to the fold does not indicate an end to one's work! Think for a moment—are we as wives performing the duties of a wife? Are we being the kind of helpmates spiritually, morally, and otherwise to our husbands that we should? "Find me a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies!" Are we as

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husbands performing the duties of a husband, loving our wives as our own flesh? Do we appreciate their persistent efforts to be of help to us? Are we as parents giving to our children the love and affection they need? Are we good examples of behavior to them? Do not children usually reflect the behavior of their parents?

Do we leave the Gospel outside the door when we enter our homes? How much does the Gospel really mean to us? Has it become so much a part of our lives that we live in our homes daily? or do we put the Gospel to one side, once we enter, and allow such things as selfishness, spitefulness, argumentativeness, inconsidera-

tion, anger, hatred, etc., to take control? The spirit of our homes is certainly carried into church, and in our gatherings comes out a reflection of these things in many different ways. How, therefore, can we expect to enjoy a meeting filled with the blessings of God when we are an unprepared and ungiving people?

Do we want to 'do more'? Then let us begin to do more in our own homes first, by being more giving, more patient, more longsuffering, more kind and humble, more prayerful to God. If we are unable to demonstrate these things in our own homes, we will **never** be able to demonstrate them elsewhere! Home is the place where we acquire and learn to use these gifts. Let us then treat those who are near and dear to us more lovingly, and in so doing, that

spirit of love will reflect itself in us, in our families, in our gatherings, and soon those with whom we come in contact cannot help but notice also that wonderful reflection, and they, too, shall be influenced by it and draw closer.

Yes, the fields are ready—each and everyone of us a field in his own home, in his own surroundings. It is very simple, for did not the Great Master sweetly say, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:34-35) If we can 'do more' of this, then it really is all that we are required to do, and I am certain that God will 'do' the rest!

AN EXCERPT FROM BISHOP SHEEN'S SERMON UNIONTOWN, PA., SEPT. 2nd

The sense of discipline and self-sacrifice is passing from American life. If we live in Christ we must make sacrifices.—Sheen

P. S. Bishop Sheen is a Catholic Clergyman, and may I ask: 'where is there a clergyman of any faith that can successfully withstand his words?' There is very little sacrificing with Christian people of America of all faiths. They are not satisfied in giving vent to their desires for this or that in the six days that God has provided for our material affairs, but they must infringe upon the day that God has said should be kept Holy—We as professed Christian people will not sacrifice the use of a camera on the Sabbath Day, and after six days have passed on, we will not sacrifice the use of a television for one day, likewise the baseball diamond is an hilarious place on the Sabbath Day. One of the very inconsistent things to me is that the many people who profess a restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and who also, have much to say of the wrong-doings of Christian America to-day—yea, many who profess faith in the Restoration of the Gospel—are demonstrating their determination not to **SACRIFICE** their worldly desires on the day that should be kept holy. Mr. Sheen, I am not a member of your faith, but truth is **TRUTH**, matterless

by whom it is spoken; "If we live in Christ we must make sacrifices."

Editor

WHAT IS MAN

What is man that thou are mindful, yea the son of man that thou has visited him. (Psalms 8:4)

We read in the holy writings that God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth had finished the first five days of his creation week. The sixth day was passing on and everything that He made He saw that it was good. The earth was finished. The sun shone by day and the moon by night. The hills and valleys and fields were clothed with beauty. The earth, air, and water were occupied with living creatures, yet they were without name, master and without a ruler for the earth. Then God said, "Let us make **man** in our image, in our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing upon the earth. (Gen. 1:26) The morning and the evening were the sixth day. We then see that the last and noblest product of the creative power of God was **man**. Why? Because I said in mine heart concerning the estate of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth man befalleth beasts, even as one dieth so does the other, yea they have all **one** breath so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast for all is vanity.

(Ecc. 3:18&19) But let us look at the making of man. So God created man in His own image. (Gen. 1:27) God took himself as the model and the product of his creative work was an image or likeness of Himself. Thus was man honored above the rest of the world's creation. Now the steps in making man are these:—

1. **"The Lord God formed man out of the dust of the earth. (Gen. 2:7) When thus created, he was complete in physical form but without life or power or action.**

2. **God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. (Gen 2:7)**

Also we see unto man was given the gift of speech. We next see that man was put into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. (Gen. 2:13) And the Lord commanded the man saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat, for in the day that thou eatest there of thou shalt surely die. (Gen. 2:14&15) We see that mortal man broke the commandment and was cut off from the presence of God. At this very instance man lost his rulership of the earth, his mastership over all living creatures and became subject to 'Lucifer', the devil himself. The result of this is that, "Because of one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12) Man then had a mind to think and to reason for himself because of the tree of knowledge of good and

evil. Yet we see for 6000 years man's ways are not God's ways, fulfilling the writings of the prophet Isaiah (55:8&9 My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways, My ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.) Then the question is: What is man, compared to God? Could man reason with God? Could he council God? Could he know the mysteries of God, yea the deep things of the Father? Could man give another man God's power or spirit, or eternal hope? Could man himself enter or take upon himself the Melchizedek priesthood without the mercy or grace of God? For by grace we are saved and not because of our righteousness. The question arises in my mind: shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker? (Job. 4:18&19) Behold God putteth no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged them with folly; How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth, also, what is man that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman that he should be righteous? (Job 15: 15&16) He putteth no trust in his saints; the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man which drinketh iniquity like water?

How then can man be justified with God? (Job 25:5&6) Behold even to the moon and it shineth not, yea the stars are not clean in his sight. How much less man that is a worm, and the son of man who is a worm.

I believe this is a sufficient amount of scriptures to convey my thought. Yet there is still another question: Should we put our trust in man (Isaiah 2:22) Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of. (2 Nephi 4:34) I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh; for I know that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh. Yea cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm.

Now I come to my last question: Whom shall we trust?

JESUS CHRIST!

Hymn 98:

One there is above all others,
Oh how He loves.

His is love beyond a brother,
Oh how He loves.

Earthly friends may fail or leave us.

One day soothe, the next day grieve us.

But this friend will ne'er deceive us.

Oh how He loves.

John Tassone

OBITUARIES

ERMENGILDO CICCATTI

San Diego, California

Brother Ermengildo Ciccatti aged 68 passed away to his heavenly rest on Thursday August 15, at Paradise Valley Hospital. Brother Ciccatti suffered much during his illness, but was an example to all who visited him, for he suffered quietly, fervently relying upon God's Grace.

Brother Ciccatti was born in Italy, November 2, 1888. He came from Europe June, 1913, and was baptised into the church of Jesus Christ June 6, 1920, by Brother Joseph Corrado. Shortly after he was ordained an elder and then an Evangelist on June 16, 1921.

Most of his life was spent in Lorain, Ohio and in January, 1956 moved to San Diego, California. Brother Ciccatti raised a family of twelve children, five of which are baptised and one deceased.

Funeral services were conducted August 19th, 10:30 a. m. by Elder Brother Felix Buccellato and Brother Vincent James Lovalvo. Interment at Greenwood Memorial Park. The two hymns that were sung by Brother James Lovalvo were selected by the deceased. The hymns were 'Shed Not A Tear' and 'The Day Is Passing And Gone'.

Brother Ciccatti is sadly missed by his wife, Anna Ciccatti, and his children.

* Thank You Note *

I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters for the cards and letters you sent to my husband during his illness and also want to thank the various ones for the cards and flowers sent in Sympathy.

Sister Anna Ciccatti

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FRANK CANNAVO

Detroit, Michigan

Brother Frank Cannavo passed on June 9, 1957. Brother Frank

had been ill for some time.

He came to America in 1913, was married June 1908, and baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ May 1, 1938. He remained faithful until his death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Frances Cannavo, two daughters, one son, six grand children, two sisters, two brothers and numerous friends.

Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ Branch No. 3, Detroit, June 13, 1957. Brothers Peter Capone and Silverio Criscuolo officiated. Place of interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. We pray that God will comfort his family.

- WEDDING -

August 10th, Sister Lydia Saczko, daughter of Mr. John Saczko and Sister Anne Saczko, became the bride of Mr. Norbert Norman of San Diego, California.

Bro. Ben Ciccatti officiated at the Double Ring Ceremony which took place at 11:00 a. m. at The Church of Jesus Christ. Music was furnished by Mrs. Dorothy Couzzins with Mr. Leslie Couzzins singing three solos: 'Because', 'Through The Years' and 'The Lord's Prayer'.

Lydia's attendants were: 'Maid of Honor', Sister Mary Saczko; Cindy Norman, the Brides Maid; and Sandra Saczko as the Flower Girl. The Groom's Attendants were: Brother Richard Costelli as Best Man; and Kenneth Buccellato as Usher.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the American Legion Hall.

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to the meek. He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God. And to comfort them that mourn." Luke says he closed the book and all wondered at the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth.

This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears and the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. There was one good thing about the synagogue that we don't have today, and that is to go in their church and give the word of exhortation. The Jews knew that

this scripture was in the third division of the prophet Isaiah, predicting the Messiah. As he pressed the doctrine of universal charity upon them, a kingdom not restrained by Jewish limits and bearing no vengeance against other peoples, their old traditional prejudices began to be excited. They recollected his obscure origin. They said among themselves, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" No prophet is accepted in his own country. Can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth? Yes, the King of Kings came from there, a kingdom that shall spread throughout the world. Under his teaching the lamb and the lion shall lie down together, men shall beat their swords into pruning hooks and they shall not learn war any more. What a blessed day to look forward to. It is good to be a saint of Latter Days. Today it is a day of regathering of exiles and a national rebuilding. Tomorrow sometime will be a reconciliation with God and a spiritual restoration. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion says that the ingathering of the exiles has not ended. They have only begun. Yes, He came to set the captive free. What will it be like when God says to Russia, "Let my people go." They will come from the land of the north, the Iron Curtain will lift and they shall be borne by the wind on eagles wings. They will be welcomed by that Jewish word "Shalom" which means peace.

Some glorious morn—but when. Ah, who shall say the steepest mountain will become a plain and the parched land be satisfied with rain. The gates of brass all broken, iron bars transfigured, form a ladder to the stars. Rough places plain, and crooked ways all straight. For him who with a patient heart can wait these things shall be on God's appointed day. It may not be tomorrow, yet it may.

Brother James Heaps

Bro. Giovannone Speaks...

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preaching the gospel and baptised one brother, which makes either four or five members there. We left that place April 29, for Buccino and S. Gregorio Magna, spending all week there having several meetings, but the weather was so wet and cold and made it hard for the people to gather with us. On Sunday, May 5, we baptised one brother. We had services early in the morning in S.

Gregorio Magna and then noon in Buccino, and surely the spirit and blessing of God was in our midst. Those people were so glad to see me leave my wife and family and come and visit them.

On Monday morning May 6, we left for S. Demetrio, Corona, Calabria, where we met Brother Joseph Bonofiglio who is a very good brother. He was with us all week, neglecting his work. If the Church could remember this brother, he suffered a terrible destruction because of hail stone all his crops were destroyed, and he has no other income. His address is:

Bonofiglio Guiseppi
S. Dometrio, Corona Prov.
Cosenza, Calabrio, Italy

In this place we surely had a bit of heaven in our meetings.

It so happened that I would be 61 years old on May 15, and my wife and children all sent me birthday cards. In reading those cards I surely was blessed that my heart was full and I began to cry for joy. I received all these cards on Sunday morning on the way to church and I had Brother Todaro read and explain them in the Italian tongue. Almost everybody arose from their seats and greeted me, some by kissing me and some by wishing that God would keep me alive and in good health for many more years to come, that I may be able to publish peace to the children of men.—

—to be continued
by Brother Domenic Giovannone

Comments on Revelation

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Chapter 3, verse 13

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. I will add that we should not only hear that which has been spoken by the servants of God, but we should abide therein. Remember that Jesus answered the enemy by that which was written during His temptation soon after He was baptised. Therefore, there is much for us in that which is written to the Seven Churches, if we will take it so. I read that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Time has not altered that which is right and has not eased up on that which is wrong. There is no other name given under heaven by which we might be saved.

In verse 14 John is commanded to write directly to the angel of

the church of the Laodiceans. It is very plain in the Book of Revelation, chapter 1 that it is Jesus Christ that is charging John to write to the churches.

In verse 15 of chapter 3 He says: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot." Apparently they were not very good, nor extremely bad, might I say, 'half and half'? Evidently, they were trying to serve God and Mammon, which is impossible. And because they were not hot or cold, they were in a condition very sickening to the Lord, and because of them being 'lukewarm' I will spue thee out of my mouth—might I say a condition in the physical sense that is very offensive or sickening to the stomach, and how often have we found relief when we could vomit some offensive thing out of our stomach. In other words then to be lukewarm in the service of God is a very offensive condition to be in, in the sight of God. Surely it is an offensive thing to the Lord, to profess to love Him, and at the same time hate your brother, yet we may exhibit a very nice front before our fellowman, we may be partaking of this or that, trying to carry water on both shoulders. From what is written here, it would appear that the Lord would rather have those who bear His name to be pure and holy, or be downright sinners. Had they been real hot or real cold he may not have felt so bad, but being 'lukewarm' it sickened him, yea it made him feel very sick and he spue them out of his mouth. And no doubt (to speak of it humanly) He would feel much better. We cannot love God and hate our brother too—we cannot love God and love this sinful world at the same time. We cannot eat and drink at the table of the Lord pleasingly, with ill will against those who may be our enemies, much less having ill will against our brothers and sisters.

In verse 17 it would seem that they were boasting in their possessions, having need of nothing—yet when measured by the riches of the Spirit of Christ, they were poor, miserable, blind and naked. It is possible to abound in luxuries, lots to eat, fine clothing, good health and still be a discontented creature—a creature in want. Evidently such was the lot of the Laodicean Church members. Abounding in the delicious things of the world, yet were miserable in the sight of God.

In verse 18 He says: "I (Jesus

Christ) counsel thee to buy of ME gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich." I read in the word of God that he that will live Godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. Tribulation bringeth faith and patience into our souls, it causeth man to be meek and lowly, it fills his heart with good things, yea the gold which has been tried in fire, yea if man will put his trust wholly in the Lord He will bless him with the things that are good for the soul. And as many as I love He says I rebuke and chasten. The Laodiceans he told to be zealous and repent. And He says: "I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." That was an invitation to those who had become wretched and poor, to forsake the wicked world and come to Him—for He says, "To him that overcometh (the temptations of life) will I grant to sit with me (the Saviour) in My throne, even as I also overcame, (think of the trials and sufferings of Jesus, yea He suffered alone, all alone) and am set down with my Father in His throne." Again He says: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." I will add that, that which was good for the churches in the days of John, will be good for the Church today. Yea, let us be careful, lest we be found lukewarm.

I speak to all, and especially to all those who profess to serve God under the Restoration of the Gospel. Let them be careful about building fine sanctuaries, their fine and costly apparel, using their fine cars too much for pleasure only, instead of using them for the good of the Kingdom of Christ and converting the souls that are to God. Is the Lord God well pleased with you today? You know there was a time when He planted a vineyard in a very fruitful hill; He gathered out the stones and planted it with the choicest vine, He built a tower in it, made a winepress therein, and He looked for it to bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild ones. May I add that He was disappointed and cries out, "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?"

May I ask: What more could have been done for this generation? He has sent an angel from

heaven and restored the 'everlasting Gospel', revealing the abominations of this day. Have latter day followers of Christ proven to be greater in the riches of the gospel than did the Laodiceans? Might it not be well for the prophet to cry out, "Where is the house ye builded unto me?" And may it not be well to remember the words of Peter lest the time come "that judgement of God must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Beware all people of the restored gospel, lest like the Laodiceans you get lukewarm and the Lord spue you out of his mouth.

Brother W. H. Cadman

O. COWDERY'S LETTER

No. 4

To W. W. Phelps: Dear Brother:

In my last, published in the third number of the 'Advocate', I apologized for the brief manner in which I should be obliged to give, in many instances, the history of this church. Since then yours of Christmas has been received. It was not my wish to be understood that I could not give the leading items of every important occurrence, at least so far as would effect my duty to my fellowmen, in such as contained important information upon the subject of doctrine, and as would render it intelligibly plain: but as there are, in a great house, many vessels, so in the history of a work of this magnitude, many items which would be interesting to those who follow, are forgotten. In fact, I deem every manifestation of the Holy Spirit, dictating the hearts of the saints in the way of righteousness, to be importance, and this is one reason why I plead an apology.

You will recollect that I mentioned the time of a religious excitement in Palmyra and vicinity to have been in the fifteenth year of our brother J. Smith, Jr.'s age—that was an error in the type, it should have been in the seventeenth. You will please remember this correction, as it will be necessary for the full understanding of what will follow in time. This would bring the date down to the year 1823.

I do not deem it necessary to write further on the subject of this excitement. It is doubted by

many whether any real or essential good ever resulted from such excitements, while others advocate their propriety and warmth.

The mind is easily called up to reflection upon a matter of such deep importance, and it is just that it should be: but there is a regret occupying the heart when we consider the deep anxiety of thousands, who are lead away with a vain imagination, or a groundless hope, no better than the idle wind or the spider's web.

But if others were not benefited, our brother was urged forward and strengthened in the determination to know for himself of the certainty and reality of pure and holy religion. And it is only necessary for me to say, that while this excitement continued, he continued to call upon the Lord in secret for a full manifestation of divine approbation, and for, to him, the all important information, if a Supreme being did exist, to have an assurance that he was accepted of him. This, most assuredly, was correct—it was right. The Lord has said, long since, and his word remains steadfast, that to him who knocks it shall be opened, and whosoever will, may come and partake of the waters of life freely.

To deny a humble, penitent sinner a refreshing draught from this most pure of all fountains, and most desirable of all refreshments, to a thirsty soul, is a matter for the full performance of which the sacred record stands pledged. The Lord never said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," to turn a deaf ear to those who were weary, when they call upon him. He never said, by the mouth of the prophet: "Ho, every one that thirsts, come ye to the waters," without passing it as a firm decree, at the same time, that he should after come, should be filled with a joy unspeakable. Neither did he manifest by the Spirit to John upon the isle, "Let him that is thirst, come," and command him to send the same abroad, under any other consideration than that "whosoever would, might take of the water of life freely," to the remotest ages of time, or while there was a sinner upon his footstool.

These sacred and important promises are looked upon in our day as being given, either to another people, or in a figurative form, and consequently require spiritualizing, notwithstanding they are as conspicuously plain, and are meant to be understood according

to their literal reading, as those passages which teach us of the creation of the world, and of the decree of its Maker to bring its inhabitants to judgement. But to proceed with my narrative.

On the evening of the 21st of September, 1823, previous to retiring to rest, our brother's mind was unusually wrought up on the subject which had so long agitated his mind—his heart was drawn out in fervent prayer, and his whole soul was so lost to every thing of a temporal nature, that earth, to him had lost its charms and all he desired was to be prepared to commune with some kind messenger who could communicate to him the desired information of his acceptance with God.

At length the family retired, and he, as usual, bent his way, through in silence, where others might have rested their weary frames "locked fast in sleep's embrace;" but repose had fled, and accustomed slumber had spread her refreshing hand over others beside him—he continued still to pray—his heart, though once hard and obdurate, was softened, and that mind which had often flitted, like the "wild bird of passage," had settled upon a determination basis not to be decoyed or driven from its purpose.

In this situation hours passed unnumbered—how many or how few I know not, neither is he able to inform me: but suppose it must have been eleven or twelve, and perhaps later, as the noise and bustle of the family, in retiring, had long since ceased. While continuing in prayer for a manifestation in some way that his sins were forgiven: endeavoring to exercise faith in the scriptures, on a sudden a light like that of day, only a purer and far more glorious appearance and brightness, burst into the room. Indeed, to use his own description, the first sight was as though the house was filled with consuming and unquenchable fire. This sudden appearance of a light so bright, as must naturally be expected, occasioned a shock, or sensation visible to the extremities of the body. It was, however, followed with a calmness and serenity of mind, and an overwhelming rapture of joy that surpassed understanding, and in a moment a personage stood before him.

Notwithstanding the room was previously filled with light above the brightness of the sun, as I have before described, yet there seemed to be an additional glory surrounding or accompanying this

personage, which shone with an increased degree of brilliancy, of which he was in the midst: and though his countenance was as lightning, yet it was of a pleasing, innocent and glorious appearance, so much so, that every fear was banished from the heart, and nothing but calmness pervaded the soul.

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CORRESPONDENCE

HAWAII

Brother Cadman:

I hope this letter finds you all well. I was not aware you knew I was supposed to go to Hawaii with the U. S. Army.

Well, I left home on July 14 by plane to Oakland, California. It was a very nice ride. I then went to Modesto and spent Sunday evening in service in our new church. I enjoyed visiting with all the saints in those parts. I returned to camp the next morning. I shipped out at 2:30 p. m. on the U. S. Glen Aultman.

It took us six days to cross the ocean, and I am thankful to God that I had a wonderful trip. I once heard that the word 'pacific' meant calm, well it was very calm and the waters blue.

Hawaii is very nice. I am on the Island called Oahu. It is the Island that Pearl Harbor and Honolulu is on. I am located at the Schofield Barracks. The first smell on entering the Harbor here is the smell of pineapples. They have huge plants to process the pineapples in Honolulu. As you ride in the Island, you are surrounded by huge mountains, and on all places where it is possible to grow anything they grow pineapples and sugar cane. It rains every day once or more, but the sun will be shining at the same time. May God bless you all is my prayer. Don't forget to pray for me. I enjoy reading the Gospel News.

Pvt-Paul Benyola

BRANCH No. 3, DETROIT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

'What Must It Be To Be There?' We often hear these words expressed in song, testimony and in preaching. I sometime feel we had a little bit of heaven yesterday in our meetings. All day there was wonderful spirit of God prevailing in our midst. Brother Frank Calabrese along with his family and Brother and Sister Turman Furnier were in our services. Brother Calabrese opened the morning meeting by reading scripture found in Hebrew, chapter 11; he experienced wonderful liberty. Brother Furnier followed in the same thoughts. Telling an

experience had by a brother in Ohio, concerning the Blood of the Lamb being found on our hearts when the destruction should come our homes would be spared. We all felt the presence of the Lord. Brother Furnier mentioned had he been called to open the meeting he would have used the same scripture. Saying that neither he nor Brother Calabrese consulted the other as to the scripture they would use. So the Spirit of God directs as He sees fit.

Upon the conclusion of our meeting Sister Violet Padiyene called for baptism. Sister Violet has been attending our meetings for some time and has taken several trips with the young people to different branches both in Detroit and out of state. There were many tears of joy to see our new sister take her stand for Christ.

After a wonderful day in church we went to visit several sick of the church and upon returning home we gathered with numerous young people at one home where we heard many things concerning the Goodness of God along with singing hymns in Praise to His Name.

The Detroit Branches were privileged to gather at the Post School in July. Upon our arrival we began to sing hymns and before the meeting began two young sisters asked for baptism. After a wonderful meeting, we all gathered at the waters edge to witness Bro. Alfred D'Amico baptize his daughter Harriet along with Sister Grace Tormanino.

Even the brightness of the sun was dimmed by the light of the Love of God today, it is wonderful to be in the service of our King.

With Love,

Sister Ilene Coppia

FREDONIA, PA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I wish I could express by words how good I feel after reading The Gospel News, each month as it comes. It is encouraging and up lifting to read letters and articles, by others that we understand, because they have the same hope and faith and are interested in the same things we are. Whether or not we have met them there is a common bond that unites us in the love that the people of God must have for each other.

If all the places heard from in the August issue were named it would be quite a list. But to mention a few, a Brother writes from Windsor, and I was glad to read of the good meetings in St. John, because just recently I thought it was quite a while since there had been anything in The Gospel News from there. The letters and conference report from

California were very nice. We always hope there shall be news from Africa, and there was. The letter from the dear Sister in Italy touched me, that one who can would make the effort to send us a letter. And reading that she was the only one of many still faithful, I thought of the words "the race is not to the swift" and also, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us." My niece asked some of us if we read this letter and I told her I had and want to write to this Sister and my niece said she all ready had. So, many others must also have the same thoughts and feelings when reading our Church paper.

How kind of the brother who is willing to work many hours each month now that we may continue to receive this blessed paper, and to relieve our President of some the work that must grow a little heavier as time goes on. I surely appreciate the effort he has made for many years, because through this publication we are encouraged to know that others are working for what we believe in and makes us want to do more ourselves. So I liked every word that was in the paper.

It is sometimes said that some might be offended by that which is written or preached; it is impossible for me to understand how any honest person who is seeking the truth can be offended by the truth. Well, the prophets, Christ, and his Apostles must of offended many. But they never hid the truth.

How wonderful it shall be as we all go on together, trying to do and be better in the future, until we reach the time mentioned in the Book of Mormon, when the Spirit of God decends upon us so greatly the Church will be "Armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory." May God bless us all.

Martha Kelly

NILES, OHIO

The all-Ohio Gathering met at Niles, Ohio in the McKinly Memorial Auditorium. There was a good representation from all branches and missions, including visitors from Freedonia and Erie, Pa.

Brother Russell Cadman introduced the service, choosing for his text the 3rd chapter of John, 16th verse: "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A short but very inspiring test-

imony was then given by Brother Frank Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio followed by Brother D. Giovanonne of Warren, Ohio who just recently returned from a missionary trip to Italy.

Brother Mancini of Erie, Pa. then followed, expounding the scripture first mentioned. He went from the very beginning showing how God, down thru the ages, in all that he did loved mankind and his supreme act of love was the sacrifice of his own son for us.

In closing, Brother Biscotti, the apostle in charge, also spoke inspiring and encouraging words to us all. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the very appropriate "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".

Again, it was wonderful to be at a gathering of the people of God, to renew our acquaintances and be refreshed in the love of God.

Sister Loretta Corrado

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

In accordance with recommendation and approval by General Conference of April, 1957, Brooklyn Mission No. 2, held its organization meeting on April 17, 1957, to organize as the Brooklyn established mission. The meeting was held at the church premises, 404-A Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Brother V. J. Lupo, presiding elder of the Bronx Branch, presided at this meeting. The necessary officers were elected and installed and were given a brief summation of their respective duties.

Brother Dominick Rose, having been elected by Conference as the Presiding Elder then expressed a few words of thankfulness and gratitude to the Lord and his dedication to the work of the Lord and asking the members of the mission for their cooperation and prayers in working together in the love of God to spread this Gospel in this city. Our prayer is that God may grant our brother wisdom and knowledge to do this work.

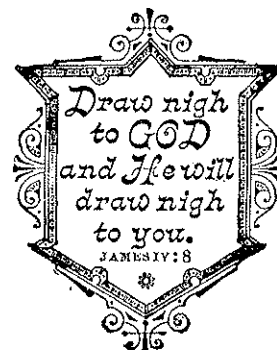
A nice group from the Bronx Branch was present and we all felt the blessings of God in our midst.

P. S. About two weeks later a young sister who had been attending our services called for her baptism, for which we thank God, and also since then we have had two babies blessed.

Sister Belle Rose

WHERE IS SUNDAY?

No matter what may be said to the contrary, our American life, for the best part of our history, centered on the Lord's Day. Begin with 1620 and the Pilgrims if you wish, and you will find that they set the tradition of Sunday as a day of rest and worship—at all costs. Who has not seen the picture of these early settlers marching through wintry snows to church led by an armed guard against the perils of "savage enemies"? It was men and women of such holy purpose who fashioned our civil respect for God. We are their descendants but how differently we live. With the dawn of this century the enemies of our Lord's Day came in like a flood, to change the whole character of our nation's life. The high level of Christian dedication, built up against strong and evil forces, has by degrees been lowered until increasingly there is no Sunday of the American type left. The day is commercialized, debased to an opportunity to exploit deluded and irreverent people, a time of selfish pleasure in which God is allowed no place. So many people are killed on highways, beaches and in places where drinking leads to murder that the day is a symbol of carnage in which the dead are counted over the radio or television. Israel suffered great judgement for violating the Sabbath and it is certain that we cannot enjoy the favor of God, our Creator and Redeemer, by refusing to recognize the divine order of his Sovereign rule for our salvation, welfare and personal well-being.



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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

by Norman C. Schlichter

Give thanks to God for bread
and meat,
Without Him there could be no
wheat,
The cattle on a thousand
hills
Are His—a gift to earth He
wills.

Give thanks for beauty near and
far;
For silver dew and golden star;
For lovely things men help
Him grow,
Like emerald corn and cotton
snow.

Give thanks to Him for home and
love
That centers in His heart above;
For duties waking loyalty
Within the depths of you and
me.

Give thanks to Him for His watch-
ful care
Of all His children everywhere,
And for the Bible's shining
light
Within our spirits day and
night.
(Herald of Holiness)

THANKSGIVING SEASON

A day of thanksgiving is to be
celebrated soon through out our
nation. To have a thanksgiving
day there must be three factors:

1. A person giving thanks;
2. One to whom the thanks are
given;
3. A reason for giving thanks.

1. A person giving thanks

When our children are small
we teach them to say "thank
you" as the very beginning of
their vocabulary. As with our
children we should let this be-
come a habit with us also. As it
takes time to give thanks, this
is one reason in our hurried times
we forget our thanks until it
loses its significance. It has been
said at one time, we said "I thank
you" then it was reduced to
"thank you"—now it is thanks
or it is not put into words at all.
Saying thanks is not enough. It
must be a sincere feeling from the
heart. Too many of us are in the
catagory where we take too much
for granted. We forget our bene-

fits and blessings too quickly. If
for no other reason we need an
annual thanksgiving season to re-
mind us of our many obligations
to God and all those who have
made our lives so happy. Few
things are more heart warming
than a thank you from someone
who is certainly appreciative and
thankful. A person with this spirit
is a rich person indeed.

2. The one to whom thanks is given

We think of David in writing
Psalms as a perfect example of
this factor. He tells us so often
to give "thanks unto the Lord."
To give thanks implies someone
to whom our thanks are being
given. A person at one time who
didn't believe in God was chal-
lenged immediately when he was
giving thanks about some of the
beauties of nature. It was fool-
ish for him to thank God who
formed the universe when he did
not believe in Him. David tells
us the Lord God is the one to
whom our praises should ascend.
We should be proud that our
nation sets aside a season for us
each year, when we can direct
our thanks to God for the bless-
ings He has bestowed upon us as
a people. On Thanksgiving we
should fix our thoughts upon God
and remember one by one His
many blessings.

3. A reason for giving thanks

God is good and His mercy en-
dureth forever. All we must do
to find a basis for thanksgiving
is to look around us at the beauty
and wonder of His world. Only
one who is good and kind could
create anything so perfect. He
did not only make this wonderful
universe and man but He did not
forsake them. He sent into a
world of sin his only Son to live
as a man and then to die for our

sins. It is said His eye is on the
sparrow, therefore we know He
will not forget us. The true rea-
son for all thanksgiving is knowing
this great giver. How many places
in the Bible and Book of Mormon
do we find the authors telling us
to thank Him and praise Him.

Gratitude is one of the best vir-
tues and should be cultivated—
it is the memory of the heart. A
heart without it is like a grate
filled with fuel unlighted—a cold
and lifeless thing.

"Blessing, and glory, and wis-
dom, and thanksgiving, and hon-
or, and power, and might, be unto
our God forever and ever. Amen."
(Rev. 7:12)

Sister Barbara Ackman

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CALIFORNIA

August 3 & 4, the California
District held its gathering in San
Diego, California.

The West Coast Branches were
well represented and a conference
enjoyed by all.

God's Spirit prevailed and bless-
ings were felt by all.

Three young girls made their
wishes known that they wanted
to obey this wonderful and glori-
ous Gospel. They were JoAnn
Smith of San Diego, Elaine Wat-
son of Los Angeles, and Diane
Brutz from Los Angeles.

During the morning services
Sister Cipponari saw a shining
star up on the ceiling of the build-
ing and it moved slowly across
the room and stopped above the
head of JoAnn Smith—at that
moment the young girl started
to cry—the spirit of God had
touched her heart.

Sister Watson, (Elaine's mother)
not being present at the confer-
ence received a call from her

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daughter stating that she wanted to be baptised. Sister Watson asked if we could delay the baptism and she would take the first plane out of Los Angeles and be in San Diego for the baptism.

So we continued into our afternoon service and the Spirit of God was truly present. Brother James Loyalvo had all the young people stand and sing the hymn "There is Power in the Blood." Then all the Elders stood up and they sang the same hymn. Then all brothers and sisters sang it again. The more the hymn was sung the more we felt God's wonderful Spirit in our hearts. Testimonies were given and enjoyed by all.

The sight was pleasant to behold and see our Elder Brethren old and young singing together. The father of the two daughters baptised his own daughters and Brother Rudy Mayo baptised JoAnn Smith.

We returned to church for the 'Confirmation', never have I seen anything quite like this Confirmation. The Elders, after confirming the young sisters, instead of shaking hands and sitting in their official seats, the Elders just stood behind the young sisters and spoke to us in such sweet words of God's Love.

Brother Brutz sopke in testimony and the words that were spoken were in a sweet hushed tone, that only God's Spirit could display.

He spoke and said that he spent the night at our brothers and on arising on the Sabbath morning he was asked to offer prayer before leaving the house. The words of his prayer were to the effect that God at one time did call 3,000 souls; but if God would only call three souls now we would be so blessed and happy. The day really ended and God did call three souls and we all were blessed.

Then our Brother Bob Watson, Jr. spoke also with God's Spirit being with him. The brothers just stood and spoke to us with the three sisters seated before them. It was a day of blessings. We didn't like to break up the meeting but all things here on earth have endings.

This wonderful 'Hope' we have is to prove faithful to what we here possess that some day the day will appear when not like unto earthly things which have endings, but that we may live in the Peace and "never ending" Blessings and Happiness with this God whom we adore.

NEWS ITEMS

On Saturday September 14th, Brothers Swanson and Carr called at my home and in their car took me along with them to Washington, D. C. where we attended a Sunday morning and afternoon meeting in the home of Sister Day.

We got started back home about 5:00 p. m. on Sunday evening, and after a very nice trip over vales and mountains, we arrived home about 12:10 a. m. on Monday.

Italy: In a letter from Brother Todaro dated Sept. 13th '57. He writes as though things are more encouraging, though it is hard to read his English in which he tries to convey his thoughts to me. He says they had two more baptisms recently, also he sends me news clippings in which The Church of Jesus Christ is referred to. He asks you all to remember him in your prayers.

California: In a letter from Sister Norma Kennedy dated Sept. 12th '57. She sends me a nice size bill to pay for her subscription to the Gospel News, and the balance to be used to help send the paper to others—Very good Norma and thank you. She says that members of their Mission (meaning the Mexican Mission) are glad to get the Gospel News. May the Lord continue to bless you all in the work among the Mexican people. (And thanks from the assistant-to-the-editor, too.)

James Bricker, a little old man of 87, bachelor and landlord of Harrisburg, Pa. is being called "The Peach of Apricot Street"—the location of nine homes he sold to tenants for \$10 each. He gave two other homes away a few weeks ago. He had them put in top repair and all were covered by insurance.—wonderful! wonderful! Did I hear some one say 'no good people in the world?' It is good for all men not to forget the commandment of Jesus Christ: Judge not, that ye be not judged, for with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Recently three new converts were baptised at the Roscoe Branch, two young sisters and a young brother. These being added, now gives us a very nice group of young people, and may the Lord

bless them.

We have been enjoying the peace and blessing of God here in this part of the vineyard, and we are full of hope for the future.

CHURCH DEDICATION

NILES, OHIO

The Church of Jesus Christ dedicated its new church on August 25th, 1957, at 614 Warren Avenue in Niles, Ohio.

Through the months of toil and labor, our brothers and sisters worked hard to remodel the old building we had purchased, into a beautiful place where we can worship God. We had quite a nice gathering with brothers and sisters from Youngstown, Warren, Kinsman, Painesville and some strangers.

Before opening our morning service, many beautiful hymns were sung, with a solo by Brother Frank Gennaro and a solo by Sister Phyllis Koon. Our morning service was opened by Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, choosing for his text First John 5:4, "For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." He spoke many wonderful words accompanied by the Spirit of God which was felt by all present throughout our service and at the close of the meeting, Joan Costaralla, asked to be baptised. After the meeting a luncheon was served and then many brothers and sisters went to the river where our sister was baptised.

Our afternoon meeting convened at 2 o'clock. Many testimonies were given to the honor and glory of God and our young sister was confirmed a member of the church. Again the Spirit of God was felt in our midst, and our cups were made to run-over. Meeting was dismissed about 4:30 and we returned at 7:30.

We had a nice gathering of both old and young. The evening was spent in singing many beautiful hymns, and prayers were offered for the sick and needy—and also testimonies given by our young people of how God had called them in the Gospel.

Our meeting was brought to a close: all in all we spent a wonderful day in the service of God, a day which will be long remembered. Our sincere prayer is that God will bless us abundantly in our new place of worship.

Sister Loretta Corrado

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

To our readers: There was a 'phone call to my home from a non-member of the Church in my absence, asking that the Gospel News make plain the position of The Church of Jesus Christ, relative to the racial problem that has arisen in Arkansas—and added in effect, that most other churches are keeping quiet on the matter.

The mission of the Church is to save souls—therefore as an Editor I shall be careful as to how I commit myself, for my utterances may reflect on the Church either to its favor or to the adverse, and I will add that every member of this church, should be careful of their expressions in any thing, for your utterances may rebound to your honor or dishonor.

In the first place, in our system of government the Supreme Court has the final say in interpreting the Constitution of the United States as it stands. If the citizens thereof are not satisfied with their interpretation, they have a lawful recourse to amend the Constitution, otherwise their interpretations are final.

In the trouble at Little Rock, the president of the United States has, or is endeavoring to, fulfill his sworn duty. He is being criticized by many, likewise many are sustaining him. Abraham Lincoln was not only criticized, but he was shot.

As far as I understand the duties of the governor

of a state, he is under a sworn obligation to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The Supreme Court interprets it for the Governors guide, as well as for the President and for the rest of us citizens. The Governor of Arkansas, at least as far as I can understand, has used State troops and closed the doors of the school against the colored students, and left the doors open to the white students. That certainly is a violation of the Supreme Court's decision. I ask, what right has any State governor to do so? Had the Governor of Arkansas been a colored man, and used the State troops to open the doors of the schools for his race, and had closed them to the white people of Arkansas, there certainly would of went up a 'howl' against the colored governor, not only in Arkansas, but I dare say every State in the Union would have raised up against such a thing.

Our law to govern us should be patterned after the law of Jesus Christ, at least in Spirit as much as it is humanly possible for us to do so. His teaching is very simple—love thy neighbor as thyself and do unto others as you would be done by.

As for the position of The Church of Jesus Christ, its doors are open for all races, including the African race, and all are required to live righteously and abide by the by-laws governing the Church, irrespective of their color, or where they were born. And I will add further, that if any one race or nation of people takes advantage because they are in the ascendancy or in the majority in membership, then, they as nations, churches, or individuals are just that much void of the Spirit of our Heavenly Father, and I fear not the criticism of God fearing people in that statement. The scripture abounds with evidence that the God of Israel is not a respecter of persons, and the past history of His dealing with nations supports the scripture in the fact that He changes not.

We believe that all men, irrespective of race or color, must obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to be saved in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The doors of The Church of Jesus Christ are open to all people who repent and are baptised by the authority of the Church which bears His name. We accept no other mode of baptism but immersion in the water for the remission of sins, as taught by the Saviour and His immediate followers.

Editor

THANK YOU, SISTER MERCURI

Some weeks ago The Gospel News was in sore need of funds to purchase a much needed micrometer. This tool is a precise instrument for measuring the thickness and height of the Linotype slugs. Exactness is necessary with these slugs to insure a better looking product.

With very limited funds for our mechanical work, we were at a loss as to how we could buy a micrometer. A little from California saved the day. Enclosed with the letter was a very generous check that more than paid for our tool. Thanks again Sister Mercuri.

G. L. F.

OUR RECENT CONFERENCE

The 1957 Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met on October 5th in the New Market School Auditorium at New Market, N. J., a fine auditorium in which to hold a conference.

A very good representation of Elders gathered together for the occasion from various states, including California, and Ontario, Canada, and as far south as Florida. It is always a pleasure to meet our brethren and sisters from the many places from which they come.

The conference was called to order by president W. H. Cadman after several selections were sung

from the Saints Hymnal and as usual, the meeting was opened with prayer, and a short address by Brother Cadman. Both his Counsellors were present, along with good representation of the Apostles, Evangelists and Elders.

In reading the minutes of our previous conference, there were also the 'high-lights' read from the minutes of a conference held by our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, W. Africa in September, which were interesting to us. I believe it is the feeling of us all, that 'they' away over there, are getting along very well since Brothers Bittinger and W. H. Cadman made the trip there in 1954. There has been better than 3500 people

baptised over there since these brethren made their trip. Along with the minutes was a picture of a cement block building under construction to be used in caring for missionary workers that we may send. They ask us for financial help in order to finish it with an aluminum roof, instead of the common thatch roof. From the appearance of the picture, it will be a very nice building, especially for our people over there, for the ordinary homes in which they live are built of mud and poles. Brother Bittinger along with another brother for his companion, expects to leave here for Nigeria probably by the first of the year. May the Lord bless and care for them.

Our Conference continued through out the afternoon in the usual order, attending to our usual run of business, hearing the reports from the various branches of the church.

In our evening session all visiting members of the church, were given permission to meet with us and the session continued until about 9:20. There was nothing aside from the usual business of conference transacted in this meeting, except it was in this meeting that Brother Bittinger made quite a talk in reference to the work in Africa, and he volunteered to make another trip over there. The conference accepted his offer, and gave him the privilege of choosing another to go with him. He hopes to get started by the first of the year. Presiding Elders were elected for the various branches of the Church in this meeting. The meeting was closed to meet on Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

In the Sunday meeting we had possibly from four to five hundred people seated, and the young people from around in New Jersey rendered us some very nice spiritual songs. The meeting was opened by Brother Thomas of Detroit, who was followed by Brother V. J. Lovaivo of Northridge, Calif., then Brother Giovannone of Warren, Ohio who returned from a trip to Italy just recently where he had preached the gospel. Brother Kirschner of Monongahela was the next speaker and during this time there were several appropriate songs sung. Brother Furnier and W. H. Cadman both spoke briefly, and our meeting was brought to a close. I believe the meeting was enjoyed by all present—Brother Bittinger pronounced the benediction.

During the day on Saturday,

our folks in New Jersey certainly exhibited a wonderful spirit of hospitality towards all visitors from the various places from whence they came. We all extend our appreciation to them.

During our time on Saturday, we were honored with the presence of Brother Sunny Akpaidio of Nigeria, who is a student in the Lincoln University at Lincoln University, Pa. He is now spending his second year in the school. As I understand he is taking up teaching, and when through, expects to return to his native land and teach his people. He has all the appearance of being a fine young man and may the Lord bless him in his desires to become of some help to his race of people.

Another matter I must not forget is that after arriving in New Jersey several of our brothers got very sick. Our Treasurer, Brother Griffith arrived there on Friday sometime, and on Saturday they had to call a doctor for him, he was a very sick man. He did not attend any of the meetings.

Our young Brother Jerry Melinger was in bed all day on Sunday, and was brought home Monday in Brother Kirschner's car a very sick man. Brother Pat Calahan of Windsor, Ont. was taken home on Monday in Brother Henderson's car very sick. We hope all will go well with them. There were other cases of sickness that developed among our folks in New Jersey while we were there in Conference. And from what we read, there is much sickness throughout the land in which we live.

W. H. C.

NEW DEAD-LINE FOR GOSPEL NEWS COPY

In order to better gear the schedule for the printing of The Gospel News, it has become necessary to move up the final date for copy received. To be considered for insertion, material will have to be received by the first of the month preceeding the month of issue. Those who submit articles and writings for publication are asked to be as early as possible with their material, but never later than the first.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On Saturday evening, August 17, the M. B. A. was organized in Youngstown, Ohio under the direction of organizers, Brothers Frank Giovonni and Charles Nero. To our pleasure and surprise, we had visitors from Detroit, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Brother Dom Thomas & family, Brother Dom Morocco & family, Brother & Sister Romano, Brother Joe Calabressi & family, Brother Tony Picutto, Brother Idris Martin & family along with a few others. We had so many brothers and sisters from various parts of the church with us that evening, it seemed like a gathering. Brother Thomas was called upon to give a brief talk on the fundamentals of the M. B. A. With these thoughts in mind and with the help of the organizers, we elected officers. Brother John Manes, president; Brother Elmer Santilli, Vice-president; Brother Joe Manes, chaplain; and Sister Esther Santilli, correspondence secretary. May the Lord bless these brothers and sister in their efforts to make the M. B. A. a success in Youngstown. With their help and the help of the Lord, we hope to improve our thoughts spiritually and learn the ways of the Lord.

All the visiting brothers and sisters stayed for our Sunday Services. We had our first feet-washing ordinance this same day, and I might add that this was the first time for me since I have come into the gospel. This glorious experience was truly something to remember.

Our morning service was opened in prayer by Brother Romano. Brother Thomas followed and spoke with the spirit of the Lord, followed by Brother Martin and others adding to the blessings that prevailed. Their efforts were rewarded by a baptism, Brother Corrado officiating.

Upon the opening of our afternoon meeting, the welcomed appearance of Brother Wm. Cadman affected a continuity of the Lord's blessings. Along with Brother Wm Cadman were Brother Russell Cadman, Brother Moore and family and Brother Quinn. The blessings of God were so great that Brother Corrado held a meeting in the evening where the blessings of God continued to flow, adding to our spiritual edification. We pray that God will manifest His blessings more and more as we endeavor to do His will.

Brother Don Pandone

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

What has happened to hell? "Nothing," is the reply, "Hell is still down . . . but wait, there is no 'down'—it began to fade in 1492 and disappeared when Magellan circled the globe." After centuries of no place to be at, Hell has been termed by contemporary theology as a state to be in, and not not necessarily eternal.

In the very early years of the church, Christian writers believed the world to be flat. There was an edge over which men and ships could fall into the unknown if they ventured too far. This unknown or 'down under' came to be called hell simply because it was the worst place man could imagine going into. Thus when they wrote of Christ's visit into hell they said, "descended into."

As time progressed, 'down' became myth. Up (heaven) still exists in man's knowledge because he cannot dispell it with exploration. But hell, not being an actual place, is being talked away by modern religious thinkers. Very few sermons even mention the word, much less suggest anyone would be condemned to such an eternity. This explains how the contemporary church can 'pack 'em in'. With peace on earth and bliss in the hereafter as the theme, is it any wonder church attendance is making records? Of course Christ said 'come unto me,' but he also said, (meaningly) 'they shall be damned.'

In the October issue of Reader's Digest there was a three page article titled "Beyond Death There Is life." Norman Peal, the author, is considered a modern positive thinker of religion. In this particular text he cites proof (?) that there is a beautiful life beyond by recounting death-bed experiences of many that said they glimpsed the 'other side'. Here are a few excerpts:

When Edison (Thomas A.) was close to the moments of death, his physician saw that he was attempting to say something. He bent over and distinctly heard the dying man say, "It is very beautiful over there." . . . A nurse who has seen many people die told me, "Many patients have given expression, at the moment of

death, of having 'seen something', and often they spoke about wondrous light and music." . . . Dr. William Hunter, a distinguished physician, on his death-bed, said, "If I had strength to hold a pen I would write how easy and pleasant a thing it is to die."

All this may be true, but the gist of the article is this: All reward and no penalty. It doesn't say there is no hell; it just doesn't mention it, not even the word.

This is robbing God of His justice. Certainly He has a place for his devotees; a place of beauty and ecstasy. But for those who curse his name, refuse to accept Christ as His son, or reject the commandments of the Duo as recorded in the complete scriptures; for these there is only hell—eternal hell.

Let us dispense with this modern easy-out for sinners. Right is right and wrong is wrong. Hell cannot be 'talked away' anymore than sin can be rationalized by blaming it on environment or glands. The Church of Jesus Christ will continue to preach: "Acceptance gains heaven, rejection beckons hell."

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It becomes a matter of survival. The Gospel News needs subscribers to remain on a pay-as-we-go basis. With no revenue from advertising, and subscriptions providing the only income, the paper might have to be reduced in size (back to eight pages) until the cost and income are balanced. Thus I am forced to use these lines to plea that **every-one** subscribe and for us all to be subscription salesman. It becomes a matter of survival.

In a recent issue of Presbyterian Life I read that magazine has just signed its **one millionth** subscriber. At \$2.00 per year, per reader, it is obvious that publication is in limitless financial condition. And in Texas another church in expanding its evangelical efforts implored all members to give liberally, even to the extent of tithes. One man, a wealthy rancher, was about to retire. When he did so he had his assets appraised and gave one tenth to the church—one million dollars! He stipulated it should be used

for missionary endeavor.

But back to The Church of Jesus Christ' Gospel News, which does not have a million dollars or a million subscribers. Our goal is just one thousand paid readers, enough to put us on a paying basis. Can we do it?

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CALIFORNIA

We are thankful for God's blessings today and we want to share our joys with our brothers and sisters. He is good to us, and we can never thank Him enough. We have such a desire to see souls come to God. Last week we held a fast and prayer service for that purpose, and also that God's blessings would be poured out upon us. We felt the spirit of God in our midst.

We can truly say that the conference which was held in San Diego was wonderful. The spirit of God prevailed as our brothers were inspired in preaching the word of God. There were three young girls in the meeting asked for baptism. We are happy to say that one of them is our daughter, Diane Brutz, along with Elaine Watson, daughter of Robert Jr., and a young girl from San Diego, JoAnn Smith. It does us good to see them give their hearts to the Lord.

We are having wonderful meetings here. We have a young peoples' gathering every third evening of the month. It is wonderful to see the young along with the old have a desire to serve God, and put aside the things of the world.

We have a fine group of young people, they are the church of tomorrow. Brothers Carl Kirschner and Richard Shurola have been attending meetings here in the Valley, and we enjoy having them with us. Brother Peter Pasqua has passed away after suffering much. He was a faithful brother. Brother Daniel Scarcella is stationed about 50 miles from here. His address is: Pfc. D. D. Scarcella 1556127, Station Hospital, Ward E. U. S. IV CBC Port Hueneme, Calif.

We are having a summer bible school in our Branch starting this week, and we trust God's blessing will be with us in our efforts. Your brothers and sisters in Christ.

San Fernando Valley

MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR IN ITALY

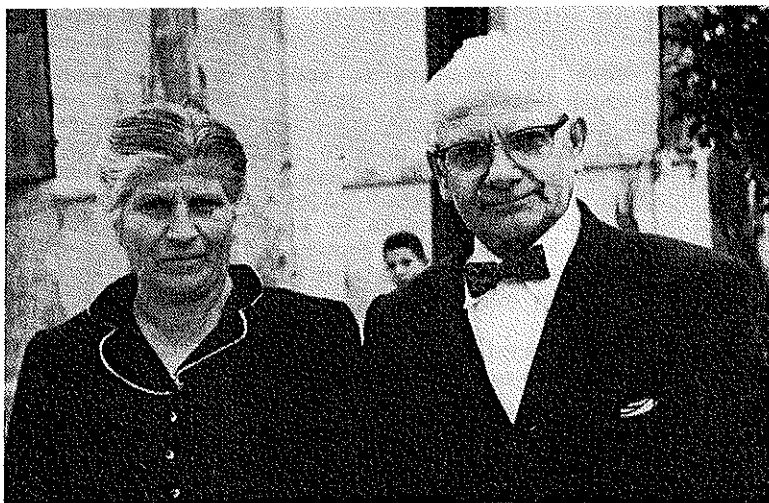
by Brother Domenico Giovannone

Work in the field requires much courage. This brother encountered opposition and threats of harm.

On May 13, we left for Reggio, Calabria and in the evening we arrived at the home of Brother Todaro and met his aged mother and his sister. We remained there until May 19, and by this time my finances were dwindling due to the fact that I had to pay for all the expenses, both fuel and oil, and a couple of blow-outs, which required two new tires. We also had to buy all our food because those people had hardly anything to offer us and Brother Todaro had no money at all.

I boarded a train from Villa S. Giovanna, Calabria to Rome and from Rome back to my sister's home. My wife sent me \$50.00 by this time which came in very handy. I spent a couple more weeks in Luco Nei Marsi where my sister lives and where I was raised until I was 17 years old. I preached from one end of the town to the other and many there remembered me from my boyhood. Apparently there were many that were interested but they are so pressed by the priest that they cannot get a job or any ground to work unless the priest will sign his name. For this reason I noticed that no one would make a move. I told them that I did not feel that I should waste any more time with them, and the priest of that town had already given gifts to many young men, to give me trouble, if they would hear me talking about the church. They watched me every moment, no matter where I went I met some of them. The priests were preaching a couple of times every Sunday to, "Beware, that a devil came from the United States and he wanted to deceive many people; to watch for me and not let me in their homes."

I went to the next town, Trasacco, which is about four miles from Luco. There I met a young woman that has an uncle in Rochester, N. Y., whose name is Tony Gentile. He had previously notified them that I was coming and to treat me the very best because I was a good man and I had a great blessing for them. In this place I felt at home. It was a new home, equipped with a bathroom, which is rare in Italy, and a room for myself. A river was about 500 feet below the house where I baptised six souls within six weeks.



A joyous reunion. After being separated for 44 years, Brother Giovannone once again meets his sister in Italy. The meeting was a high-light of his missionary trip to his native-land and was climaxed by her asking for baptism just before he returned home.

Brother Gentile has a sister about 68 years old, who had been baptised in the Baptist Church for six or seven years. When she heard me talk, she immediately found that I had a better church than she had found. She wanted me to baptize her in our church and on June 13th I baptised her, her niece, Philomena, and a brother Joseph Pullicello. The next day I baptised Philomena's husband, Emilio Rinaldi. Then the fire started and those people from Trasacco went wild. The priest of that town was sending people into these young people's homes telling them absolutely to send me out or they would hurt them and me too. These young people sent word back to the priest that he was not running their home. It was not his business who was in their home. God had sent a good man to their home and they were going to keep him until he was ready to leave. After a few days I went to see the marshall of that town to have him talk to the priest to not insult me anymore, and not to send any more people into the home where I was staying, to chase me away. If he wouldn't stop them, then I would have the marshall put him in jail. The marshall told me not to worry and he would see that no harm would come to any of us.

By this time my finances were drained up again and my wife sent me the last \$50.00 she could send me. My wife began to worry about me very much and became despondant and she suffers a heart condition, so within a few days I had all my papers in order again and engaged a plane that would leave Rome at 6:00 p. m. on Friday, July 5th. After I had my reservation made for the plane, I had to return to Luco to have the mayor of the town sign my passport. That was the first time that I met the mayor and he was very sorry that I could do nothing in that town. After talking to him about an hour, he said if I should return there, he wanted me to get in touch with him and he would help me establish something in his town.

I told my sister and her family that I was leaving her home for Rome July 8th. My sister said that she didn't want to be left out, since three of us brothers were in the church and mother and father died in the church, she wanted to be baptised also before I would leave. On Saturday night, July 6th she came with two of her daughters where I was staying. Her oldest daughter wanted to be baptised too, and I took them both into the water. We almost had a war at the home where I was staying. Many people

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gathered outside and wanted to hurt me and the others, but one shoe-maker who was a young man and very large, that I had talked to several times about the church,

reproved them and said it was a shame on their part, that they never had one good man like Dominic in their midst, and that God had sent him there and they wanted to scare him out or hurt him.

I understood that one neighbor

even got his gun. If someone would lay a finger on me or any one in that home, he was going to kill as many as he could.

I thank God that I am in your midst again enjoying my wife, family, and brothers and sisters.

THE GREATEST GIFT

by Sister Muriel Miller

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity. 1st Cor. 13:13. Peter says, Above all things, have fervent love among yourselves," And John goes further, "God is love." Paul says, "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." Paul declares that when he was a child he spake as a child, he understood as a child, and thought as a child but when he became a man, he put away childish things.

In my estimation this is referring to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, before we had obeyed the gospel, we thought charity was to bestow all our goods to feed the poor, or to give our bodies to be burned, and although we still see through a glass darkly, yet we can praise, glorify, and adore, our Heavenly Father that He has taken us out of thick darkness and caused us to see that the light of the world is Jesus, and in as much as we do all things in Him, like Him, and through Him, then, and only then, are we extoling this greatest of gifts.

I will now give the analysis of

love, which consists of nine ingredients.—Patience: "Love suffereth long," Kindness: "And is kind," Generosity: "Love envieth not," Humility: "Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up," Courtesy: "Doth not behave itself unseemly," Unselfishness: "Seeketh not her own," Good Temper: "Is not easily provoked," Guilelessness: "Thinketh no evil," Sincerity: "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

We read in John 12:32, And if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. If we would do any and all good things in the Church of Jesus Christ, it would have to be prompted by the love of God, which is charity. Love is not a thing of enthusiastic emotion, it is a rich, strong, manly vigorous expression of Christ, in the fullest development. And loving Him, we must become like Him. Covet therefore, that everlasting gift, that one thing which it is certain is going to stand. God so loved the world, that He gave

The very center of Christ-like living is pure love. Here the ingredients of love are emphasized.

His only be-gotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

We read in Moroni 7th chapter, 26th verse, these words: "Whosoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name which is good, in faith believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be done unto you." 40th verse: "For none is acceptable before God, save the meek, and lowly in heart; and if a man be meek and lowly in heart, and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost, that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity, he is nothing." Hence we who are fellow workers, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ, should practice this greatest of gifts, more and more every day, not hearers of the word alone, but doers of it too, and be able to face the world in honor, fit to meet the sternest test. Good enough will lead to failure. To succeed, requires the best, or greatest gift.

EDISON, N. J. SPONSORS GENERAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 5 & 6

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ was held at New Market School, in New Jersey, under the auspices of the Edison Branch. October 5th business meetings were attended by more than one hundred elders. For the worship service on Sunday, October 6th, there were more than 400 saints and friends present.

Business matters of the church were discussed in the Saturday meetings and recessed for noon lunch and evening dinner. The luncheon and dinner meals were served in the school cafeteria and prepared by the Edison Sisters. Sister Josephine Dell headed the

food preparation committee and she, along with her hard-working helpers, deserve a vote of thanks.

The Sunday morning worship service was commenced by the Choral Group singing some inspirational selections. Speakers were, in the order of appearance: Dominic Thomas, Detroit, Michigan; James Lovalvo, California; Samuel Kirschner; Domenico Giovannone; and Thurman Furnier. Brother Thomas spoke concerning the Gospel giving one's life purpose and direction. This thought was permeated throughout Brother Lovalvo's address which followed, and the two well covered the Gospel Restored.

In a dream recounted by Brother Furnier there was interpreted words of wisdom for the priesthood. The dream was ex-

perienced by a young child and revealed that the ministry could hold to the rod of iron and do the work of God only if they remained clean and pure.

Edison is thankful and appreciative for the attendance at this past conference. Saints were present from New York to California, and scores of branches in between. We extend our hand of thanks to those locally that made it a success and send our song of praise to those afar that gave it a spirit of meaning with their presence.

Brother George Funkhouser

LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The one hundred and fiftieth general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held Saturday,

September 21st, in the church at Branch Three, Seven Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan. The morning meeting was opened with congregational singing, and prayer by Sister Muriel Miller of Detroit. The 48th Psalm was read by Sister Miller followed with an anthem, "How Great thou Art." A group of sisters from the circles in Detroit and Windsor sang this beautiful hymn which was enjoyed by all. Opening remarks were given by Sister Mabel Bickerton concerning the history and the aims of the circle. Several sisters gave testimony as to the blessings they had received since joining the circle. Roll call of officers with all present except secretary, assistant secretary, and treasurers. Sister Angela Scalero of Detroit was appointed to act as assistant secretary during this meeting. The minutes of the June meeting were read by the Assistant Secretary, Sister Ruth Ackerman.

Sister Sadie Cadman reported sending the money to Africa to purchase material for their sewing classes, traveling expenses to their Restoration Day Meetings, a bicycle for circle use, and aid for a brother who was in an accident. These requests were made at the June general meeting.

Reports from 25 Circles were given by delegates or letters. A report of the Restoration Day Meetings held in Africa was read and enjoyed. Another letter just received, told of deaths and much sickness there from Influenza. A short note was enjoyed from Sister Belle Cromlish of Donora, Pennsylvania. A letter from Sister Cadman, who had not expected to be present was read, requesting special prayer for those in Africa who are sick, and also for a missionary and his wife to be sent to Africa. The morning meeting was closed with hymn 27, "The Mercies of God" and prayer by Sister Ali of the Glassport Circle.

The afternoon meeting was opened with hymns, "Let Us Pray," "In The Service of the King," and prayer by Sister Cuomo of Windsor, Canada. A letter was read from Brother Reno Bologna concerning the work in Muncey, Canada. He stressed the need for more young workers in spreading the Gospel among the Indian people. A letter from Brother A. Dick was read, thanking the Circles for their support of the work in Africa. An account of the first organization of the Circle in Detroit was read. This Circle was

organized October, 1922.

Sister Dolores Thomas of Detroit had charge of the latter part of the meeting. Hymn number 316 was sung. Sister Rose Milantoni in a short address honored three of our aged sisters, namely, Sisters Sadie Cadman, Hannah Skillen, and Elizabeth Davidson. These sisters' years of service as officers in the General Circle totaled 101 years. They were presented with pins in the shape of a circle, Books of Mormon, and a Bible Commentary. As Sister Alice Romano pinned the pins on these sisters there was a wonderful blessing felt by all. The three sisters expressed their appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the circle members. Sister Dolores read the following poem she was inspired to write in honor of our retiring president, Sister Sadie Cadman.

(A Tribute To Sister Cadman)

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

This name we feel means much to all

Off times we know it has answered a call

And as the years go rolling by
We experience blessings we cannot deny.

Our Church has surely done its part

By gladly allowing it to start
And through this medium have we

Tried very hard successful to be.

Twas through this Circle many friends did search

And then we find they've joined the Church

The satisfaction it did bring
Within their hearts continued to ring.

Our sincerest thanks goes to the one

Who has this organization begun
And while we often mention her name

She'll always be thought of with great fame.

Dear Sister Cadman, our hearts do swell

When we think of the job that you've done so well

And now we would that you should know

We're hoping our Circle will continue to grow.

To our new leader we do ask

That she will always look to the past

And be encouraged there to see

A help to our Church we've endeavored to be.

Our goal is now to continue on
And try to firmly stand upon

The object and pledge of this fine name

That we may never bring it shame.

Meeting was closed with a doxology and prayer by Sister Jennie Galanti of Detroit. The next general meeting will be held in Monongahela, Pa., December 14th, at the church building—weather permitting. Otherwise it will be in the home of Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman.

We wish to thank all the sisters in Detroit for their hospitality and kindness in making this another very enjoyable day.

President: Sister Mable Bickerton

OBITUARIES

EMMA TAYLOR PERRY

Fredonia, Pa.

Sister Emma Perry died August 30, 1957 in Meadville City Hospital after a brief illness, and was buried from The Church of Jesus Christ, Fredonia, Pa., September 2, 1957 with Brother William Cadman in charge and Brother A. A. Corrado assisting.

Sister Perry was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. June 26, 1874 and baptised in Ohio September 12, 1909 by Brother Nephi Fedder. She has always borne a good testimony and was ready to depart this life.

She will be missed by many through out the Church, and especially by the Saints at Youngstown and Fredonia. Her husband, Ernest, passed away about 25 years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons: Brother Travis of Hubbard, Ohio, and Delmos of Florida; and a daughter, Winifred Cox of Philadelphia, Pa.; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to the loved ones.

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ANTHONY DiBATTISTA, JR.

Elizabeth, Pa.

Anthony DiBattista, Jr., the son of Brother and Sister Anthony DiBattista of the Glassport Branch, met an untimely death on September 21. He was electrocuted when a pole that he was

helping to erect accidentally struck some high tension wires overhead. The tragedy occurred in the little town of Midway, Pa.

Anthony was born on August 15, 1935. He served four years active duty in the U. S. Marines, and had been discharged only twenty-one days before his death.

Surviving him besides his parents are one brother, John Di-Battista of Elizabeth, Pa., and three sisters, Elizabeth Staley and Florence LaRosa also of Elizabeth, and Esther Dyer of Erie, Pa.

Brother James Curry was in charge of the funeral services, assisted by Brother Alma Nolfi and Brother W. H. Cadman.

His passing has been a great loss to his many friends and relatives.

— W E D D I N G S —

Cadman-McCartney

The first wedding was performed in The Church of Jesus Christ, Fredonia, Pa. Friday evening August 16, 1957 when Miss Esther Jean Cadman, daughter of Brother and Sister Russel Cadman became the bride of Carl W. McCartney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCartney of Jamestown, Pa. Brother Travis Perry officiated at the double ring service.

Sister Paul Gehly was pianist and Brother Picciuto sang "Because" and "Wedding Prayer."

Miss Martha Cadman, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Miss Shirley McCartney, cousin of the groom, bridesmaid. Linda McCartney, flower girl and Bobbie McCartney, ring bearer. The groom's attendants were Alvin and Arthur Gehly. Dean Riley and Leon Thompson were ushers.

The reception was held following the wedding at the Stony Point Grange.

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Ambrose-Lowe

Betty Ann Ambrose, daughter of Mrs. Rose Ambrose of Fayette City, Pa. and Duane Harold Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lowe of Belle Vernon, Pa., were united in marriage on August 10th in The Church of Jesus Christ at Roscoe, Elder George Johnson reading the lines of the service at 7:30 p. m.

The church was decorated with ferns and white gladiolas for the occasion. Music was furnished by Bertha Jean Ward, and she also sang selections—"O promise Me,"

and "Because".

The bride was given away by her grandfather, Casper Karelli. She was attired in a floor-length gown, and carried a White Bible topped with a white orchid. Her maid of honor was Isabelle Bower, Marilyn Lowe was flower girl. Harold Russell was best man, ushers were Wesley Lowe and Michael Comadena, Guy Karrelli, Jr. served as ring bearer.

The bride is the grand daughter of Brother and Sister Casper Karrelli and Brother and Sister Lawrence Ambrose. They will make their home in Belle Vernon, Pa. May the Lord bless the young couple.

LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Dear Editor:

Four visiting brothers, by name: Evang. Dick, Elder M. G. Udo, Elder M. Ekereke, and Elder N. Akpan visited our group today after Sunday School lessons.

Our presiding Officer, Elder S. Udofa, left the meeting in charge of the visiting brothers. The Superintendent of the Church in Nigeria, Brother Dick, took part in leading the meeting. Hymn No. 348, 'Trust and Obey,' was sung, prayer by Brother Udo. Judges, the sixth chapter, was read. Hymn No. 115, 'Standing on the Promises,' prayer by Brother Dick.

Both brother Dick's prayer and preaching touches our hearts, and we feel thankful to the Lord in what He is doing for us. He further tells us how he is blessed and he is saved by God to be free from the enemy of his soul. He also made comment on the True Teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ giving an example to all other churches with their false doctrines, of which we find it to be true—3568 is the number of souls converted since 1954 to this date. The other three brothers take part in the meeting, their testimonies bring our minds to remember the sufferings of our Saviour was on our behalf. We continue to praise God. A little girl about ten years old spoke in a language we all marveled at; none of us understood her. The brothers continue speaking, ten souls ask to be baptised. Hymn No. 424, 'O Happy Day', was sung. The meeting came to an end with Hymn No. 191, prayer and benediction by Brother A. A. Dick.

O. COWDERY'S LETTER NO. 4 (CONTINUED)

It is no easy task to describe the appearance of a messenger from the skies—indeed, I doubt there being an individual clothed with perishable clay, who is capable to do this work. To be sure, the Lord appeared to his apostles after his resurrection, and we do not learn as they were in the least diffculted to look upon him; but from John's description upon Patmos, we learn that he is there represented as most glorious in appearance; and from other items in the sacred scriptures we have the fact recorded where angels appeared and conversed with men, and there was no difficulty on the part of the individuals to endure their presence; and others where their glory was so conspicuous that they could not endure. The last description of appearance is the one to which I refer, when I say that it is no easy task to describe their glory.

But it may be well to relate the particulars as far as given. The stature of this personage was a little above the common size of men in this age; his garment was perfectly white, and had the appearance of being without seam.

Though fear was banished from his heart, yet his surprise was no less when he heard him declare himself to be a messenger sent by commandment of the Lord, to deliver a special message, and to witness to him that his sins were forgiven, and that his prayers were heard; and that the scriptures might be fulfilled, which say: "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, has God chosen; yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things which are, that no flesh should glory in his presence. Therefore, says the Lord, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; the wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent shall be hid; for according to his covenant which he made with his ancient saints, his people, the house of Israel, must come to a knowledge of the gospel, and own Messiah whom their fathers rejected, and with them the fullness of the Gentiles be gathered in, to rejoice in one fold under one shepherd.

"This cannot be brought about

until first certain preparatory things are accomplished, for so has the Lord purposed in his own mind. He has therefore chosen you as an instrument in his hand to bring to light that which shall perform his act, his strange act, and bring to pass a marvelous work and a wonder. Wherever the sound shall go it shall cause the ears of men to tingle, and wherever it shall be proclaimed, the pure in heart shall rejoice, while those who draw near to God with their mouths, and honor him with their lips, while their hearts are far from him, will seek its overthrow, and the destruction of those by whose hands it is carried. Therefore, marvel not if your name is made a derision, and had as a by-word among such, if you are the instrument in bringing it, by the gift of God, to the knowledge of the people."

He then proceeded and gave a general account of the promises made to the fathers, and also gave a history of the aborigines of this country, and said they were literal descendants of Abraham. He represented them as once being an enlightened and intelligent people, possessing correct knowledge of the gospel, and the plan of restoration and redemption. He said this history was written and deposited not far from that place, and that it was our brother's privilege, if obedient to the commandments of the Lord, to obtain, and translate the same by the means of the Urim and Thummim, which were deposited for that purpose with the record.

"Yet," said he, "The scripture must be fulfilled before it is translated, which says the words of a book, which were sealed, were presented to the learned; for thus has God determined to leave men without excuse, and show to the meek that his arm is not shortened that it cannot save."

A part of the book was sealed, and was not to be opened yet. The sealed part, said he, contains the same revelation which was given to John upon the isle of Patmos, and when the people of the Lord are prepared, and found worthy, then it will be unfolded unto them.

On the subject of bringing to light the unsealed part of this record, it may be proper to say, that our brother was expressly informed, that it must be done with an eye single to the glory of God; if this consideration did not wholly characterize all his

proceedings in relation to it, the adversary of truth would overcome him, or at least prevent his making that proficiency in this glorious work which he otherwise would.

While describing the place where the record was deposited, he gave a minute relation of it, and the vision of his mind being opened at the same time, he was permitted to view it critically; and previously being acquainted with the place, he was able to follow the direction of the vision, afterward, according to the voice of the angel, and obtain the book.

I close for the present by subscribing myself as ever, your brother in Christ. O. Cowdery

CREATION

God made the world, and then
He said,
"It's bleak and colorless and
dead;
I'll fashion man, and then I
know
He'll till the earth and make
things grow;
And I shall be his Overseer,
And council him, when he draws
near."

He picked the world up in his
hands,
And saw the soil, and seas, and
sands,
He said, "This world I've made
shall be
As beautiful as it can be;"
And then he waved his hand and
soon
A lovely rose burst into bloom!

He looked at man, and then He
said,
"The sun is beating on his head
... If I were man and in his place
I'd welcome shadows on my face."
So, here and there, quite naturally,
He pointed, and there sprang
a tree!

He looked again and then He
thought:
"The night is with great danger
frought;
Man's eyes are blinded by the
night.
What can I do to give him sight?"
And then He smiled and pretty
soon,
The stars came out around the
moon.

God knew that everything alive
Would need some moisture to
survive;
And so he gazed around the sky,

And lo! The clouds came drifting
by,
And as He nodded towards the
Earth,
They spilt their contents 'round
its girth.

So then He said, "Ah, it is good,
And things are going as they
should ...
But, he is lonely, I can see,
Which is not good for man to
be" ...
So while man slept, we do be-
lieve,
God took a rib ... and then
formed Eve!

Now, God had labored six long
days,
And filled the Earth in many
ways.
But on the seventh day He sighed,
"I'll put my labors all aside,
And call this day a holy one,
For I, the Lord, their God, am
done."

Catherine Poma

CORRESPONDENCE

Nigeria, Africa

Dear Editor:
My visit to various
Missions.

The work of The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria is progressing, about 3568 souls were baptised thus far. I also held several meetings with various groups of Missions. The photographs I took while in the states, I show them to my people in the different missions where I held meetings. My people were all happy to see the photographs of the brothers and sisters.

Dear Saints, thanks be unto you all who contributed for the new printing machine, recently purchased by the Church, of which I saw an account in the Gospel News of 1957. While I was there, Brother W. H. Cadman took me to a Printing Work Shop where the Gospel News was printed, but it did not belong to the church. Very grateful to you all, since God has enabled you to have a Printing Shop of our own. Let us continue to do what is right and God will bless us abundantly. Amen.

The seeds I got in America and planted here, all germinated but none of them grew, all died off.

Yesterday, 16th day of September, 75 souls died in Abak, they were killed by the sickness called

influenza. Many of the white men are now in Northern Nigeria. We are now having daily meetings at 7:30 p. m., praying to God asking Him to take away this sickness which destroy so many souls. Please pray for us while we are praying.

Brother A. A. Dick

St. John, Kansas

Dear Brother Editor:

Sunday, September 15, was a memorable day in St. John, which we would like to share with the brothers and sisters.

Sabbath School at 10:00 a. m. with Brother Charlie Giles, our willing and able teacher, who always leaves us with food for thought and a desire to return

1:00 p. m. Brother William Cox and family from Salina, Sisters Letha Kunkle, Helen Teatch of Lincoln, and Mary Grace Rich of Great Bend arrived for afternoon services.

We anticipated having Brother R. J. Jones and family of Wichita with us, too, but in this we were disappointed.

1:30 p. m. our services began with Brother William Cox preaching a very short but inspiring sermon on the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

We feel very fortunate to have Brother William meet with us, however, not as often as we would like.

This service was followed with testimony, in which there was freedom of speech and a wonderful expression of love and gratitude for all our spiritual and physical blessings. Testimony time is always a joyous and refreshing service.

Then Sacrament and feet washing, after which Sister Gertrude Burnett was ordained Deaconess. Elder William Cox having charge of the ordination service. The Lord's Spirit certainly prevailed through this special service, too.

We are very thankful to have Sister Gertrude as one of our Deaconesses. She is very worthy and capable of this honor. May God bless her with strength and health in this added responsibility.

We all enjoy reading in the Gospel News of the progress of the Church through the world. Especially all the young people who are obeying the gospel. All of us here look forward to the time when we might have an increase to report.

We extend an invitation to all the Saints that might come our way to stop and pay us a visit. The latch string is always out.

We certainly enjoyed having those who paid us a visit the past summer. Come again.

Sincerely, Maud Budge

Erie, Pa.

Brother Editor:

I would like to make mention in the Gospel News of our last three Sabbaths here in Erie. Since we were visiting in Monongahela on Labor Day week-end, Brother Alma Nolfi of Glassport very graciously offered to take charge of the services here for Brother John. His family accompanied him and also a number of carloads from Glassport. Our group here were very elated over the visit.

On the following week-end Brother Joseph Meltonia and his wife Rose, and little girl were here and met with us on Sunday, also Anthony DiBattista, his daughter Florence and his son, Tony, Jr. recently released from the U. S. Marines. Our son John Charles and also Brother and Sister Orville Gross asked for baptism—Brother John officiated. Brother and Sister Gross with their four children are neighbors of Sister Dyer, and have attended services regularly since the day of our dedication. We felt for sometime that the Lord was calling John Charles and we know a big load is lifted from him. We all received a wonderful blessing that day, Sept. 8th the spirit of prayer prevailed for those who hadn't yet accepted the call.

Then this last week-end Sept. 14 & 15 a few carloads from Monongahela, mostly young folks came up and rendered a program for us on Saturday night. We worked very hard and succeeded in getting a few outsiders. The singing, speaking and testimony were most inspiring and every one felt uplifted. Then we continued our enjoyable time on Sunday—Brother George Neill opened the service and was followed by Brother Melvin Mountain and then Brother Mancini. Testimonies concluded our services. Special singing from the Monongahela group was enjoyed. Many thanks, folks—come again, soon. The good Lord knew that we were in need of these blessings.

September 8th was a day long looked forward to here. Our prayer is that the others whom we feel God is calling will soon yield themselves.

Brother Cadman, it is our plan for the Erie Mission to attend services in a body with the Kinsman, Ohio folks on Sunday, Oct. 13th and the following Sunday if it is suitable for the Fredonia Mission we want them to come up here on Oct. 20th for feet washing service.

Sincerely, Sister Mary Mancini

Lockport, New York

Dear Brother Editor:

Just a few lines from the Lockport Branch regarding our Spirit these summer months. We brethren in Christ Jesus have devoted our time and effort in redecorating our church building which we are proud of. Both inside and outside of the building has had a paint job.

Our work being done, we invited our neighboring Churches of Rochester and Erie for a get together. In this we sought the task of our sisters in Christ and they volunteered to feed the flock or this portion of the family in Christ.

The turn out was wonderful. Our Church was filled to capacity with visiting brothers and sisters from Detroit, Erie, Rochester, and our own from Lockport. Our moral was boosted; our hearts were overjoyed. It seemed to me like the day of Pentecost. My hopes and prayers are that all our Churches of Jesus Christ one day soon, if God wills, will all be filled to capacity, as the Prodigal Sons coming home, and returning to the House of Their Father.

Incidentally, the Prodigal Son was the theme and inspiration of our brethren in the ministry. The visiting ministry included, Brother Nick Pietrangelo from Detroit, Michigan, Brothers John Mancini and Charles Behanna from Erie, Brothers Ishmael D'Amico, Ansel D'Amico, Frank Rosati, Patsy Marinetti, and Christopher Trovato from Rochester, N. Y., including their families and many visiting saints. A number of visiting friends were also among us. Our hearts were joyful to have them in our midst.

Needless to say, we are proud of our Church of Jesus Christ, our sisters' endeavors, and this wonderful family in Christ Jesus. I thank God the father for his infinite love.

We are blessed abundantly with natural bread and also with spiritual bread. During our Sunday School hour Brothers Behanna and Mancini gave us a talk dwelling on God's love. Our enlightened

brothers gave us much food for thought and I for one increased my knowledge.

Brother Nick Pietrangelo was invited by our Presiding Elder, Brother Paul D'Amico to open the service. His theme was the parable of the Prodigal Son. Brother Nick enlightened us as individual prodigals. Next on the rostrum was Brother John Mancini and he enlightened us on the Israelites as a Prodigal Nation.

Our children, like the flowers of spring, made our hearts young again. Questions were asked them regarding the Bible by our patient sister in Christ, Gladys Moore and the children reacted wonderfully. Hymns were sung by all the children.

Before the fellowship meeting the Rochester Group sang the Hymn: "All Hail Immanuel." Brother Mancini's little daughter sang a solo which was enjoyed by all. The afternoon service was dedicated to testimonies. All of the ministry testified first, followed by the testimonies of many brothers and sisters. All in all it was a Lord's Day to remember.

I thank God our gracious Father through Jesus Christ our Lord for the Gospel restored, this family in Christ Jesus and the Ministry in Christ with their relentless efforts to give us our spiritual manna.

Right here it is only fitting that I give a special commendation for a job well done regarding our Branch of the Church, beautifying our House of worship and tending to his flock like a faithful pastor. I for one salute Brother Paul D'Amico and I'm sure my brothers and sisters share my feeling.

The Lockport Branch salutes you and may God bless you all.

Joseph D'Angelo

Letter From Italy

Dear Brother Cadman

I hope my letter finds you and all your family in the best of health. I am as usual and I trust the Lord will give me the strength and faith and will be with me always. I let you know that The Church of Jesus Christ has been given some attention in the Italian newspapers, the Gazette del Sud. When you read it, you will find that the Lord work in mysterious ways, (the newspaper clipping has been

turned over to be translated into English, and if suitable, will appear in these columns) fulfilling the prophecy of our Lord God according to First Nephi 14:14.

Many like to hear the word of God, especially the everlasting Restored Gospel. On this last Sunday I had about 100 people with me, and they prepare a large room especially for me, the pastor of The Church of Jesus Christ—they like our singing and many other towns like to hear the words of the living God. When you receive this letter I ask you all to pray the Lord God to give for me, to give me strength that I never stop preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that no one may stop my feet to go on in this great battle. I hope to see other brothers come over, for I may need help. Brother W. H. Cadman in my writing to you, I try to do the best I can in American language, that you may read in your own language. I ask you to excuse me. My best wishes to all the saints in the Promised Land.

Brother Todaro

P. S. Brethren and Sisters, Brother Domenic no doubt did his best to convey his thoughts to me in English, but he is very poor in English, and I have endeavored to convey his thoughts to you as best I can. While his English is very poor, to me the spirit in which it is written is good, and apparently things are looking far more favorable than previous accounts have been. We must not forget the fact, that the 'strong holds' of sin will be hard to break down, but I read "That all things are possible to them that believe." May God bless my brethren everywhere in labouring in the vineyard of the Lord.

Brother Editor

Reggio, Calabria, Italy

Dear Brother W. H. Cadman in Jesus Christ:

Hope my letter finds you all in the General Church with the best health of God. I thank our Lord Jesus, that He is always my health and my strength.

I let you know two paper men from London (Sunday Express) newspaper came to me for investigation, me, and The Church of Jesus Christ. I tell them all the best of our history, and special

they want your name, W. H. Cadman. One them said his grandmother is the name of Cadman. I tell them that you came from London seed, they was so glad, also they are protestants. Then I open the Hymn book and show them your picture and they took a photo together with the next page. They took my picture also. I tell them all about my Missionary work in Italy. I sing No. 11 to them—"An Angel Came." So your name and your picture and The Church of Jesus Christ go in the London Sunday Express. They came by plane.

In Italy The Church of Jesus Christ go in three papers. (He names the papers but it is hard for me to read them.) Many other newspapers are going to come. The people here all like the word of God, but they fear the law of the Catholic Priest. But I have lots of hope that soon there is going to be lots of work, I never fear man but I fear our God, because He—(not ligible) He tell me to go on and preach His gospel. Love to all my brohers in the Church. Excuse me for not being present in Conference. Domenick Todaro, Amen.—Pray much for me, that our Lord give me more strength and power to go on, marching on the King's Highway.

P. S. The above letter is not dated, but the envelope is postmarked 28-9-1957.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Notes from a letter dated Sept. 6th, '57 from Secretary Akpan—

Dear Brother Cadman,

All your letters with check have been received, thanks.

Nearly all the people in Nigeria are sick, many are dead with the curse of sickness called Influenza. Brother Dick and the family are attacked with it. Our Restoration Day Services of August, 1957 was held. Our September conference started today at 1:00 p. m. Your cablegram received with thanks. Brother Jacob U. Udo of Eka Abia Okpo Mission had his wife die yesterday, left a child three weeks old. The last two weeks have seen no sun because of rain. We are enjoying His blessings daily.

Yours sincerely, I. J. Akpan

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CHRISTMAS SEASON

When the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to tell her of the forthcoming birth of Christ, imagine her surprise. "Fear not Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus." He also revealed unto her that her cousin Elizabeth would bring forth a child and that it was the sixth month with her.

Later when Mary visited Elizabeth, notice the salutation with which the latter greeted her. Elizabeth said, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Surely Mary had many things to ponder in her heart; however in all this we find her submissive to the will of God. When Joseph was reluctant to take her unto him as his espoused wife, then an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him that that which was conceived in her was of the Holy Ghost. We also find that Joseph had many things to contemplate upon.

The prophet Isaiah had foretold of the birth of Christ in chapter 9 and verse 6. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

As the time grew near for his birth according to prophecy, we find Mary and Joseph both going up to Bethlehem to be taxed. It was here in Bethlehem that Mary brought forth her first born son in a lowly stable and laid him in a manger. "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

As prophets and angels had foretold of the coming of the Son of God, so it was that angels heralded the fact of His birth. As He lay in the manger, the lowly shepherds came with haste to see Him, and they made known this thing which had come to pass,

which the Lord had made known unto them.

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Edith Cadman Ferrill

REASON FOR GREAT JOY

Underneath the commercial aspects of the Christmas season with its tinsel and superficial trimmings, the hustle and bustle of multitudes of people; there is a warm and profound meaning to Christmas.

The little leaven of life, symbolized by the Babe of Bethlehem, although not noticed by the contemporary world of his time; this child Jesus was eventually going to affect the whole lump—the human family—in all parts of the world. While the rule of Augustus Caesar, at the height of the Roman Empire appeared magnetically impressive across the stage of human history; it was the seemingly obscure birth of an infant boy in a stable, that was to prove to be the most important incident and undeniable fact in the history of the world—second only to the Resurrection from death—of this Jesus in his adult life. Aside from the three wise men from the east, and the humble shepherds, as well as the Nephite prophets; the world was not aware at the time, of the far-reaching event that had taken place in a humble stable of an obscure Bethlehem. But what a contrast from that of the world was the observation and acknowledgement of Jesus' birth in the heavens.

The eternal sphere, where immortality dwells and from whence Christ came, was vibrantly alive as to the magnitude of this immaculate birth. The angels of heaven knew that the most glorious hope ever anticipated by mortal men was soon to usher in the brightest light that this world was ever to see.

In view of the knowledge, that the heavenly host was aware of the birth of Christ; it is not surprising that the heavens rang gloriously with vibrant songs and praises such as: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, good will toward men." The shepherds in the field had also heard the angel make this proclamation; "Fear not for behold, I bring you

good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

How fitting then, that the heavens should ring and the shepherds should see the glorious rays from heaven light up the fields, for this was an event that was to shape a new avenue of life and hope for all mankind. A new star also made its appearance in the family of the planets. This too was a proper tribute to so great an event, that the furthest reaches of the universe, should acknowledge man's most wonderful hope, Christ, The Prince of Peace.

On this first Christmas eve, it was not the pomp and might of the Roman Empire or the Sanhedrin Court that was going to leave a lasting impression on the human family. Like all temporal powers that preceded these, the Roman power and the Jewish nation crumbled and decayed and passed away like a forgotten dream. A new power, born in humility, simplicity and obscurity, but made of eternal leaven; was going to permeate and influence the most miraculous change in the course of human history. The whole mass of the human family will ultimately be influenced by this eternal-building-leaven, Jesus Christ.

The following verse from one of our Christmas hymns states clearly the joy that is prevalent at this season of the year:

In the light of that Star, lie the ages imperaled,

And the song from afar, has swept over the world.

Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing,

In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

Patsy Marinetti

"The Beast With Little To Say"

In a Christmas story entitled "The Beast that had Little to say" adapted from a story by C. Ralph Bennett, the beasts of the world boasted of their achievements and accomplishments and their strength and speed. "All this time a little gray beast stood listening. Finally, the other animals looked

his way. There wasn't much he could do but speak, 'I am a donkey' he began in a voice so hoarse and low that the beasts leaned forward to hear. 'I can't run fast or go days without water. I couldn't swim a stroke among icebergs. I've never climbed a tree. Nobody is afraid of me.' Lower and lower sank the little donkeys voice. His ears dropped and his head was bowed. The other beasts could hardly hear him. Suddenly he raised his head. His eyes looked far away in time and space and there was a strange glow around him as he said, 'Only one thing I have ever done has stuck in my mind. It happened a long, long time ago . . . On the way to Egypt in the dark of night, I carried a mother who carried a King.'"

The Palestine Pictorial News

INHABITANTS OF PIETRABIANCA OF VILLA ST. JOSEPH STILL IN UP-ROAR

Villa St. Joseph, Aug, 22, 1957

Truely we wished we could have rather remained silent in regards to what has taken place recently in the town of Pietrabbianca of Villa San Giuseppe. But our mission as newspaper reporters, and the keen interest shown by our readers, usually constrains us to present our reader a more detailed account on the incident. And even in a case like this one, ours is a candid and objective report.

In our article of Friday, Aug. 9, we reported on the grave incident occurred between the police and the faithful while these were taking part in the procession in honor of their Patron Saint Joseph. Also in the same article we gave the primary causes for such incident. Now after a period of ten days we are again compelled to treat on this subject due to the grave situation which has developed. The faithful of Pietrabbianca, supported by the entire population of Villa St. Giuseppe, all this time have been appealing to the Bishops Office—but in vain, that they might see to it that St. Joseph (the Statue) might be brought to their homes as they have been accustomed for centuries, and up until four years ago. But to this appeal, unfortunately, they were completely ignored, and worse of all, no effort was made to appease them.

The faithful, in exasperation, and in sign of protest, have ap-

pealed themselves to a pastor of the so called "Church of Jesus Christ" founded by Joseph Smith in 1827, with a threat of abjuring the Catholic Faith.

This is the most tragic aspect of the situation. Even more tragic is the fact the women still bear the evidence of fresh wounds inflicted to them by the charging militia and policemen, in as much as theirs was and still is, a matter of protest. Up to Saturday evening and the early hours of Sunday morning we hoped to hear some good news or a promise from the Bishops-Office. But nothing came, which increased the exasperation.

When the pastor of the so called "Church of Jesus Christ" arrived with a car in Pietrabbianca about one hundred persons were waiting for him. In all those who were present we noticed some anxiety, but few moments later they followed the pastor into a hall which was reserved for them.

There were some who did endeavor to dissuade them from going with the pastor, but to them they chanted almost in unison: "We are now more Catholics than ever before." (meaning true Catholics of the Universal Restored Church of Jesus Christ. We have appealed to this pastor with the sole hope the Bishop might regain his senses by retracing his own steps. We sincerely hoped the Bishop might intervene, but as he failed to do so, we have decided to hearken to the words of this pastor. But we shall appeal to Pope Pius XII, for an explanation, before we are forced to desert the Faith." In order for us to fulfill our duties as reporters, we had to stay and listen to the "lesson of conversion" to the so called Church of Jesus Christ.

Of those present in the hall only a few were the intellectuals, the rest were mostly humble peasants; and what seems to have shocked us most was the great number of children present. And as the pastor went on with his preaching, the enthusiasm of the audience increased so much that for a while we thought as though we were amongst a very faithful group of members of the so called Church of Jesus Christ. In fact the people were so pleased, at the end of the service all agreed the pastor should return again to further instruct them on the faith and belief of the Church of Jesus Christ, before they would call for their baptism, if they were willing to do so.

But all is not yet lost. The Bish-

op might still be on time to reverse the situation. We believe it is worth while trying, because it is fair and indispensable that he should.

EXPERIENCE FROM AN INDIAN BROTHER

I want to tell you an experience that my wife and I had the other day. She was out in the garden and I was doing some other work. Something seemed to tell her: "If all the Indian People living here on the Reserve would obey the Gospel and yield to the Lord God, their maker, what a wonderful place this would be." She said it would be like the Garden of Eden. I told her that is just what God was going to do. I told her what God said in His word. I mentioned the 36th chapter of Ezekiel, 33rd to 38th verse—it reads as follows: "Thus saith the Lord God: in the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities. I will also cause you to dwell in the cities and the wastes shall be Builded and the Desolate land shall be tilled whereas it lay Desolate in the sight of all that passed by, and they shall say, this land that was Desolate is become like the Garden of Eden and the waste and and Desolate and Ruined cities are become fenced and are inhabited. Then the Heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord Build the ruined places and plant that which was Desolate. I the Lord have spoken it and I will do it: Thus saith the Lord God: I will yet for this be enquired of by the House of Israel, to do it for them. I will increase them with men like a flock, as the Holy flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts: so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men, and they shall know that I am the Lord."

I am glad that we Indians—the seed of Joseph are part of Israel, and some day we are going to be grafted on to the true Olive tree: This Gospel is truly wonderful. Ever since obeying, it is getting better and sweeter each day. We cannot keep it to ourselves, we have to tell others and they too may experience this Living Saviour. So I will close with God's love to all.

Brother Russell Bird
Sarnia, Ont., Canada

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Consistency! Consistency! Thou Art a Jewel.

In our recent Conference at New Market, N. J. a letter was handed to me which is the cause of my attempting to write on a subject that I never did before. It may be when I close, we will all have something to think about that will serve us some good. And it also may be that

this might help us some to at least try and move the beam out of our own eyes, and be able to see more clearly to take a 'mote' out of the other fellows eyes. If such should be the result of this attempt, I will have accomplished a world of good. It is an awful thing to be continually doing things or have habits that are offensive, and yet continually see the faults of others. Jesus used very severe language to people of that kind—"Ye hypocrites, how can ye escape the damnation of hell."

The scripture I have reference to is as follows: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." (Duet. 22:5)

Remember my readers, this is only one of the commands of a large category that were given to govern the kingdom of Israel. In this same category of commands as recorded in the book of Dueteronomy, it is decreed, for certain offences, men and women were to be stoned to death. May I ask the writer of the letter that I read: Why don't you bring this commandment forward as well as the one of wearing garments? Are you a little delicate? I am inclined to think that is the trouble. May I ask again: Where is your consistency? Circumcision was a command under the law, and if you will read the Book of Galations, him that obeyed that one law was a debtor and under obligations to obey all the law.

The scripture shows that the Law was given because of transgression. I take from this that if the inhabitants of the earth had been faithful to God there would have been no need of the Law as given by Moses. It is recorded in Genesis 6:5 that every imagination of man's heart was continually evil, so the Lord sent a flood and destroyed man from off the earth except for Noah and his family. The added law was given to lead them unto Christ. Referring to the covenant of Jesus Christ, Jeremiah says: "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day

that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts: and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall no more teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, etc." We today are serving God, or at least should be, under this new covenant, and not under the broken one.

The styles and customs of the day are continually changing. Imagine if I should go to church today with the long cut-away-coat and the high-top Derby hat and the high standing collars that I used to wear sixty years ago. My! What wouldn't be said about Brother Cadman. Yet that was common dress to us of that day, and I will add that I did not feel dressed without my cutaway coat and high collar on. What a contrast today. Is my style of dress today Holy and Righteous, and my dress of 60 years ago unholy and unrighteous? And to our old women of today, what a contrast they see in their manner of dress.

I have worn a mustach ever since I was about 18 years old. That is my own choice. Men with beards were the custom of the day, the smooth shaven man was the exception. What a change today. The man with a mustach or beard on his face is certainly the exception now. May I ask: has it anything to do with our spiritual life? Let us all remember that Jesus is our great example in life, should be at least, and I cannot recall of anything written that would imply that he had a shaven face or his hair cut short. We men of today do as we wish in that respect, but many of us murmur and we loose control of our tongues if a woman happens to cut her hair. Yet we do not as the Saviour did, and we go anywhere without a covering on our heads, a custom that was not in vogue in my younger days. Is it a sin?

I have oftentimes used the phrase: "Consistency! Consistency! Thou art a jewel." I lived in a city once where there was a young man who was a great Sunday School worker. He would go to distant cities to attend S. S. conventions and no doubt was active in them. But he owned a business building in the city where I lived and he rented it for a Pool Room, which is not a very good place for young men to spend their time. The man I worked for was one of the leading citizens in the community, but he was not a church man. In view of this young man's activity in Sabbath School work and at the same time renting his building for a Pool Room, my employer shouted out, "Consistency! Consistency! Thou art a Jewel." I will add: that the inconsistency of professed Christian people is largely responsible for the unbelief of today.

Now as to women wearing mens' clothing; it is certainly an abomination on the part of either men or women wearing clothing for the purpose of concealing identity, and their sex. However, women working today are almost obliged to wear clothing suitable for their surroundings. They are surrounded with much danger at public work—consequently, clothing is made for them for that purpose.

It is the extreme that humanity goes to that makes the trouble. Women should be careful and not go to the extreme, and especially if they are professing to serve God under the new covenant

made by Jesus Christ. His law should be written in your hearts, and placed in your minds, etc. You should not go to church or other public affairs without being properly attired as women should be. When I was a young man, womens' skirts dragged on the ground or floors on which they walked. Today they have gone to the extreme the other way—as much too short as they once were too long. It should not be. Not only for the sake of respectability, but more so that your attire be modest as the follower of Jesus Christ. Remember that His mother was a VIRGIN, pure and holy. I appeal to my sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ—keep yourselves unspotted from the world in this respect.

Now to men will I talk. You know it is easy to see the other fellows faults and overlook your own. If the spirit of God dwells in you, then you above all others, be consistent in your profession in The Church of Jesus Christ.

As for myself, I am a member and a Minister of The Church. The Church honors me as such, at least in as much as I walk worthy of my vocation. The Church is under no obligation to me, but the reverse—I am, and should be, under obligation to The Church. The Church ordained me as one of their Ministers in 1902 and in as much as I accepted the honor and trust of such a position, it certainly behooves me to walk worthy of their trust, in every condition of life.

I seldom ever miss a meeting in my Branch of the church, and when I am absent, my church duties have taken me some where else and I am meeting in service at some other place. I don't think that I can be accused of going to the extreme in wearing costly apparel. I do want to be clean and tidy about myself. I go to night meetings that may be held throughout week nights, even as I go on Sunday. Men speak of things they do not like about womens' dress. I do not like to see men coming to church with 'sport shirts' on. Especially Ministers who may be obliged to occupy the pulpit and preach to persons who might never have been in our presence before. To my mind, it does not add to their appearance by wearing a blouse in the pulpit. Why do not the men form a habit of coming to church neatly dressed, as they require of the women. Also, I hear complaints of brethren who apparently cannot see any good out side the walls that they are enclosed with. While I want to see women use good discretion, I also expect the same of men. It is strange to me how men of any professed faith can stand up and reprimand people for transgression of the laws of God, and at the same time sit behind the wheel of a car and willfully transgress the traffic laws of the land, lending aid to the dangers on the highway, even as the man who may be under the influence of strong drink. May I repeat again the phrase: Consistency! Consistency! Thou art a Jewel.

Editor

ATTENTION PLEASE

At this season of the year when the spirit of giving gifts is so prevalent among people; most every body remembering friends in one way or another with a gift of some kind. In this land of America we are so wonderfully blessed throughout the whole year—not only at the Christmas Season do we have full and plenty, but we are continually feasting and enjoying the good things in this wonderful land of America.

I want to make a request of the readers of the Gospel News and all others who may be interested in our cause. There are two of our brothers who are now preparing to go to Nigeria, Africa on Missionary Work. They are in hopes of getting started by the first of the year. It is going to cost lots of money to send these brothers, take care of them while there, besides we must take care of their families in their absence. May I ask all who may read this paper, and any others who may not be subscribers of the paper—won't you all in your giving—give a nice big Christmas Gift in the way of financial offerings to help make our brothers trip a wonderful success. Send your gift to the Editor of the Gospel News, and it will be taken care of, and may the Lord bless you.

Brother Cadman

FREDONIA MISSION

Once again we are very happy to share our good news with the readers of the Gospel News. Sunday morning, October 13, we had a very good sermon on the parable of the sower and were blessed when this seed again fell on good ground.

Three young people, all in their teens, asked for baptism. They are our newly married couple, Esther and Carl McCartney, we are happy to see them take this step together, and Arthur Gehly, a young man in his senior year of high school. He is the third in his family baptised in the last year.

We met at the river in the afternoon and the candidates were baptised by Brothers William Love and Russel Cadman, and confirmed in the evening meeting by our two Elders and Brother Dom Bucci from Youngstown.

It was a year ago in October when four made their covenant with God, so thinking upon this I wrote this little poem.

October has been so very good
Unto our Mission here.
It has given us seven new
members
All so very young and dear.

They are so young and tender
That God has put within our care.
We pray for strength to nourish
them
So they may serve Him well.

Sister Eleanor Sproul

ROSE OF SHARON

When we speak of the Rose of Sharon
We mean the Christ who hung
on the tree,
Who bore the pain to set us free
And then arose Triumphantly.

Oh! Wonder sweet Wonder I pine
for thee,
Sweetest of all is Rose of Sharon
to me.
For once in my heart, He'll never
depart,
But live with me for Eternity.

A crown of life He'll give unto all
Who will accept and answer His
call.
True to the Saviour we should
always be,
Oh! Rose of Sharon, abide with
me.

Sister Anna Carlini

I have seen the morning sun,
the smoke of a thousand villages
where no missionary has ever
been.

—Robert Moffatt

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Taking Stock . . .

The object of The Gospel News in general and this column in particular is three-fold, one positive and two more or less negative. This month I shall touch on all three.

Object One—To better equip the saints of The Church of Jesus Christ with a more workable knowledge of the Scriptures and the church so that we may be more effectual in our efforts to win souls to the service of God. Actually very little 'instruction' is necessary in this respect. Our Sabbath School teachers, Elders, and Teachers have done an excellent job. We have learned because our leaders have been very patient and discerning. Our retentive ability has been increased—a blessing of God, I dare say—because we have desired to learn and remember.

Contrarily, the churches of the world are not doing so well. Statistics show that two-thirds of America belongs to some church. Yet a recent survey revealed that of those that do belong only a very small percentage could name the first four books of the New Testament and fewer than half could name even one. A canvass of New York City proved that four out of ten people do not know there are Ten Commandments. (This has no doubt been altered some since the appearance of the motion picture "Ten Commandments", but that Hollywood production teaches nothing about the actual laws.—Editor)

Object Two—To show that the inherent principle, in fact if not in purpose, of modern-church denomination is more for social function than saving souls.

Here again we could cite statistics and surveys, all of which would only prove the average church-going American attends church simply because it is the mode or 'thing to do.' The minister, or church head, that organizes the most impressive social affairs, attends the most group gatherings, and can raise the largest building funds, commands the highest rate of pay and is in the highest demand by congregations. Business administration requires more than half of a min-

ister's time and groups are continually vying for the men most apt in this field. Preaching ability is secondary, and in many cases, inconsequential. Time and again it has been shown that a family moving into a community will join the church that is the most active socially rather than that from which they will derive the most spiritually.

Object Three—To show that religious intellectuals have so dissected the scriptures, and in some cases actually changed their meaning, so as to create a general feeling of 'all is well; everyone goes to heaven.'

The word of God as such is taken very lightly these days. Scripture is all right when used to highlight a sermon of emphasize a money raising campaign, but modern man will not accept it as a rule for his own conduct. Any condemnation coming from the written word is meant for the other fellow, so he thinks.

Such an attitude makes man very lax in his responsibility to Christ and his dedication to God. The scriptures are for uplift, true. They also condemn the sinner. To wit: "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (I Peter 4:18)

This averting or 'dampening down' of the word of God has definite purpose. By soothing rather than seething, congregations are enlarged, attendance increased, and income parlayed. The 'man up front' benefits most—dollar-wise. The scripture becomes a navigational tool to steer men to church, not a guide to righteous living. Living standards and moral conduct are gauged relatively rather than scripturally; God's Law is swept aside by theologians of 'rational thinking.' The voice of the Scriptures is lost amid the howl of, "Get 'em to church, heaven can wait."

And so it goes on—worse by the day. More signs appear, but in so doing a question rises. Is time running out?

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A thought—

That person is cultured who is able to put himself in the place of the greatest number of other persons.

—Jane Addams

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

Upon leaving Nazareth, after the bad treatment He had received, Jesus went to Capernaum and thereafter made his headquarters there. As we follow the history of Jesus, we shall discover that many of His mighty works and words were wrought in Capernaum. The infidelity of the people, after all the works which He did among them brought out the saying of Jesus, "And thou Capernaum which art exalted to Heaven shall cast down to Hell." So thoroughly has this prediction been fulfilled that no trace of the city remains. Jesus cursed it into oblivion and there it lies. "For if the mighty works which had been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you that it will be more tolerable for Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee." Proving the fact where much is given much is required. We learn that it was somewhere on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali on the western shores of Galilee. Josephus says, "It was the most prosperous and crowded district of Palestine. There was great wisdom in selecting this place to open a great public ministry. It was full of a busy population. Josephus gives a glowing description of this land. He says, "That the soil was so rich that all sorts of trees could grow upon it. The air was so mixed as to nourish the walnut which requires cold as well as the palm tree which demands the heat. One may call this place the ambition of nature because it forces those trees to grow together which are natural enemies. He says that the people thought it to be a vein of the Nile because it produced fishes like a corbe, bred in a lake near Alexandria. Such was the region in which Jesus chose for His ministry. From Capernaum by land, He could walk over large portions of Galilee. By boat, He could cross north to south and from east to west. He was where the fisherman was; where pleasure brought the gay and the rich, where warm springs attracted the invalids, where merchantmen from Babylon and Damascus came. So many foreigners for business and for pleasure, it got the name of Galilee of the Gentiles. There was work, pleasure, life and energy all around this new teacher. Here He found congregations, helpers, friends, and disciples. His seasons of long solitude were over. The time had

arrived for His powers. He went among the people who were toiling in the fields, knowing they were ordinary people, the fishermen whom He had called to be His apostles, the nobleman whose son He had healed. So there where sea and mount and desert met, Jesus broke upon Galilee a light whose rays were to reach every nook and corner of the globe and illuminate the pathway of thought and sentiment down all the succeeding centuries. It was here Peter saw the miracles of fishing. Thus said Jesus unto him, "For from this time thou shalt catch men." It was such a great joy to catch fish, what is it going to be to catch men. And you will notice that when they were full of joy and power they were fishing for men. But as soon as their hope was gone and their master fisherman was gone they went back to catch fish. But when a man is out of the will of God, he neither can catch fish or men toiled all night and caught nothing said Peter. But when the Lord appeared, they caught so many the net began to break. "It's the Lord," said John. "Do you love me more than these?" said Jesus. Meaning do you love me more than these fish? Peter said, "Yea Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Go and feed my sheep. The one reason the gospel has not spread is because we have been catching fish and not men. A little later the apostles were distributing food and taking part in the ministration of natural affairs. (Acts 6:2) Then the twelve called the multitude unto them. It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore brethren look ye out among you seven men of honest report full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word and the saying pleased the whole multitude. No more catching fish, but men.

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly" (Proverbs 18:8)

Brother James Heaps

O. COWDERY'S LETTERS (Continued)

Letter No. 5 1834-35

To W. W. Phelps: Dear Brother:
Yours of the 6th is received and

published in this number. It contains so many questions that I have thought I would let every man answer for himself, as it would occupy a larger space to answer all of them than would be proper to devote at this time.

When I look at the world as it is, and view men as they are, I am not much surprised that they oppose the truth, as many perhaps (do); and indeed the more I see the less I marvel on this subject. The talk of heavenly communications, angels' visits, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, now, since the apostles have fallen asleep, and men interpret the word of God without the aid of either the Spirit or angels, is a novel thing among the wise, and a piece of blasphemy among the craft-men. But so as it is, and it is wisdom that it should be so, because the Holy Spirit does not dwell in unholy temples nor angels reveal the great work of God to hypocrites.

You will note in my last, on rehearsing the words of the angel, where he communicated to our brother that his sins were forgiven, and that he was called of the Lord to bring to light, by the gift of inspiration, this important intelligence, an item like the following: "God has chosen the foolish things of the world, and things which are despised, God has chosen, etc. This I conceived to be an important item. Not many mighty and noble were called in ancient times, because they always knew so much that God could not teach them, and a man that would listen to the voice of the Lord and follow the teachings of heaven always was despised, and considered to be of the foolish class. Paul proves this fact when he says: "We are made as the filth of the world—and the off-scouring of all things unto this day."

I am aware that a rehearsal of visions of angels at this day is as inconsistent with a portion of mankind as it formerly was, after all the boast of this wise generation in the knowledge of the truth: but there is a uniformity so complete, that on reflection, one is led to rejoice that it is so.

In my last I gave an imperfect description of the angel, and was obliged to do so, for the reason that my pen would fail to describe an angel in his glory, of the glory of God. I also gave a few sentences which he uttered on the subject of the gathering of Israel, etc. Since writing the former, I have thought it would, perhaps, be interesting to give something

more full on this important subject, as well as a revelation of the gospel. That these holy personages should feel a deep interest in the accomplishment of the glorious purpose of the Lord, in his work in the last days, is consistent, when we view critically what is recorded of their sayings in the Holy Scriptures.

You will remember to have read in Daniel: "And at that time (the last days) shall Michael stand up, the great prince, who stands for the children of thy people;" and also in Revelations: "I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets." Please compare these sayings with that singular expression in Hebrews: "Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." And then let me ask nine questions:—

First: Are the angels now in glory, the former prophets and servants of God? Secondly: Are they brethren of those who keep his commandments on earth? And thirdly: Have brethren and fleshly kindred, in the kingdom of God feelings of respect and condescension enough to speak to each other, though one may be in heaven and the other on earth? Fourthly: If angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation, will they not minister for those heirs? And fifthly: If they do, will anyone know it? Sixthly: Will Michael, the archangel, the great prince, stand up in the last days for Israel? Seventhly: Will he defend them from their enemies? Eighthly: Will he lead them, as they were once led? And ninthly: If so, will he be seen?

These questions I leave without answering, because the reasoning is so plain, and so many might be brought, that, they must be at hand in the heart and mind of every Saint. But to the gospel, and then to the gathering.

The great plan of redemption being prepared before the fall of man, and the salvation of the human family being as precious in the sight of the Lord at one time as at another, before the Messiah came in the flesh and was crucified, as after the gospel was preached, and many were found obedient to the same. The gospel being the same from the beginning, its ordinances were also unchangeable. Men were comman-

ded to repent and be baptised by water in the name of the Lord, and were then blessed with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit being thus given, men were enabled to look forward to the time of the coming of the Son of Man, and to rejoice in that day, because through that sacrifice they looked for a remission of their sins, and for their redemption.

Had it not been for this plan of salvation, which God devised before the fall, man must have remained miserable forever, after transgressing the first commandment, because in consequence of that transgression he had rendered himself unworthy the presence of his Maker. He being therefore cast out, the gospel was preached, and this hope of eternal life was set before him, by the ministering of angels who delivered it as they were commanded.

Not only did the ancients look forward to the time of the coming of the Messiah in the flesh, with delight: but there was another day for which they sought and for which they prayed. Knowing, as they did, that the fall had brought upon them death, and that man was sensual and evil, they longed for a day when the earth might again rest, and appear as in the beginning—when evil might be unknown upon its face, and all creation enjoy one undisturbed peace for a thousand years.

This being sought for in faith, it pleased the Lord to covenant with to roll on His purposes until he should bring it to pass—and though many generations were to be gathered to their fathers, yet the righteous, those who should, in their lives, embrace the gospel, and live obedient to its requirements, rise and inherit it during this reign of peace.

From time to time the faithful servants of the Lord have endeavored to raise up people who should be found worthy to inherit this rest, (for it was called the rest of the righteous, or the day of the Lord's rest, prepared for the righteous) but were not able to sanctify them that they could endure the presence of the Lord, excepting Enoch, with his people, for their righteousness, were taken into heaven, with a promise that they should see that day when the earth should be covered with glory.

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OBITUARIES

GIOVANNA (Jennie) GALANTE

Detroit, Michigan

Sister Giovanna Galante, aged 67, passed away to her Eternal reward, October 9th, 1957. Sister Galante suffered much in her lifetime but was a perfect example in faith and goodwill, until the very end. She was born in Sicily, Italy, on December 7th, 1890, came to the U. S. later, and was baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ, May 1st, 1932.

Funeral services were conducted October 12th by Brother V. J. Lovalvo of Los Angeles, California. Interment, at Gethsemane Cemetery, by A. H. Peters, Funeral Director. Sister Galante left to mourn her passing, her husband, Brother Salvatore, a brother, Peter Galaga, and wife, also Nephews, Nieces, and their families. Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort the bereaved.

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MICHAEL A. MARINETTI, Sr.

Rochester, New York

Brother Michael A. Marinetti, aged 70, of Rochester, N. Y., died suddenly of a heart attack while vacationing in Aliquippa and Glassport, Pa. on July 11, 1957.

He was born in Italy on May 7, 1887 and came to the United States when he was 15 years of age.

He was baptised in the Church about 26 years ago. He was an ordained teacher of the Rochester branch and always gave the best he had in the service of the Church.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife by a second marriage, Nancy Marinetti, four sons, four daughters, 17 grandchildren, 2 step sons and 2 step daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York and was assisted by Elder Alfred D'Amico of Detroit, Michigan.

Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery at Rochester, New York.

FROM NIGERIA

A prayer by Evangelist A. A. Dick
LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon. where there is doubt faith; where there are shadows, light; where

there is sadness, joy; where there is discord, harmony; where there is error, truth. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek to be consoled, but to console; To be understood, but to understand; To be loved, but to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is only by doing thy will that we are worthy of Eternal Life.

A M E N

P E A C E: Friends:- We all desire peace, many of us pray for it and wish to contribute to its establishment on the world, but the majority of us forget that we can be a more positive contribution to this peace that each one of us as well as the world so much need, by establishing ourselves home, family, friends and all who come in contact with us. Make a supreme effort, dear brethren, follow me to pray for peace to be in the heart of all men and women.

Please let us seek universal peace, because you will obtain and it will be the most precious thing a human being can possess, the peace that is the base of all good. "Peace on Earth and good will among men."

Brother A.A. Dick

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INSPIRATION—Its Hidden Power

Inspiration is an intense and bursting force seeking a medium of expression. As one reaches out for expression, the inspired individual is instantaneously and overwhelmingly enveloped by feelings that are as virgin and fresh as the first budding flowers at springtime. Sometimes inspiration is supernatural, it has purity of purpose, and no self interest. Under the power of this inspirational force, man reveals as well as conveys through various mediums—such as art, poetry, science, religion, music, etc.—feelings, thoughts, and truths never before touched upon by previous mortals. The vast area from which inspiration can draw its resources is unlimited. The creative possibilities of man—which are his most significant contributions in this life—are inexhaustible. For example, in the field of the written or spoken word: the words may be old, but the new feelings of sensitivity when expressed in new phrases and interwoven with original thoughts and sentiments, can radiate a new crystalized light of truth.

With assistance from the Al-

mighty, the soul and mind of man has been given the privilege to pioneer the heights of a new and elevated plain; transcending into heights that few individuals experience. This elevated plain at times borders on a proximity and fellowship with that which is divine.

Inspiration creates something new; it cannot imitate. The individual who is moved by pure inspiration creates a specific standard of identity, which although unique in style, adheres to long-tested principles of moral soundness.

By observation, prayerful study, and meditation, man through his initiative gradually comes to discover that vein which eventually leads him to that fountain from which many have derived the crystal insight of pure inspiration. Once the avenue of inspiration is discovered, man develops new creative powers. He cannot be satisfied any longer with the horizons or ranges of thought to which the minds and efforts of others have brought him. He now launches out to find new horizons of thought, of vision and of expression. He finds a new plain of activity.

The recipient of inspiration is not always aware of his audience, observers, admirers, critics or his enemies; for he must obey and render allegiance to pure truth. He has become responsible to a cause. He feels deeply the surging force which propels all of his faculties and energies towards a concentrated objective which is the core of his deepest feelings and convictions.

Like a flash of lightning in the heavens, so likewise is the spontaneous evidence of inspiration when it envelopes an individual. Its brilliant flashing light holds people spellbound in its power. That which is created by inspiration moves people in all walks of life. Pure inspiration has one language which is akin to all races of people.

Under the full sway of inspiration, man blends harmoniously the characteristics of the spirit, the sensitive emotions of the heart and the faculties and energies of the mind into a tangible or visible manifestation of creative power that is recognized by many people as reaching the heights of the sublime.

One of the greatest demonstrations of inspirational power, manifested by man, was visible on the day of Pentecost; when Peter's words interwoven with the Holy Spirit fired the minds of

3,000 individuals from every social strata to grasp the truth which liberated men's souls.

In conclusion there are thoughts yet unborn, feelings still seeking expression, songs and poetry yet to be written, beneficial discoveries for man yet to usher in, and spiritual reserves still dormant—all of these sparked by inspiration—must yet see the light of day that will touch new heights and depths of the human spirit.

Patsy Marinetti

CALIFORNIA M. B. A. GATHERING

COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, August 31, 1957

Brother Rudolph Meo, area Chairman, presiding.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Brother Nick Liberto.

The minutes of the previous M. B. A. Gathering were read and accepted by motion.

The Chairman suggested that we have more detail in the minutes concerning the spiritual meetings. He read the "Suggestions and Organizational Outline of the Area Gathering."

A discussion was held on the different points of the suggestion. It was agreed that if a committee member can not be present at the M. B. A. Area Gathering an alternate should be selected by the President of the local. A motion was passed that officers present from various locals have a voice in vote.

Election of officers: Chairman, Brother Rudolph Meo elected by motion; Vice-Chairman, Brother Leonard Lovalvo elected by motion; Secretary, Sister Marian Meo elected by motion.

A motion was passed to have the Secretary of the Host Branch assist the Secretary of the area.

A motion was passed to have our next meeting at Bell Branch on Sept. 6 and 7, 1958.

A motion was passed to adopt the following order of business for future Committee Meetings:

1. Roll call of Officers
2. Reading of minutes
3. Election of Officers
4. Open discussion regarding our gatherings, spiritual improvement, etc.
5. Appointment of next gathering.

A motion was passed to adjourn. Closed in prayer by Brother Anthony Brutz.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SPIRITUAL MEETING

To open Hymn No. 263, "The Fight is On" was sung. Opening prayer by Brother Vincent Scalise.

Brother Rudy Meo, Chairman, opened with remarks regarding any local desiring to have a gathering at their branch between our annual Area Gathering should contact the Area Chairman to make arrangements. He announced the newly elected officers. We then sang Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Brother Rudy Meo read from the 19th Chapter of St. Matthew concerning the rich young ruler who came to Christ. He compared our life with the life of the ruler. Our Brother then read the parable of the seed that fell on different parts of ground and compared our lives with this parable. He gave a wonderful discourse and related his testimony. The meeting was then left open for testimony. Hymn "How Can I Ever Sufficiently Praise Him?" was sung. We continued in testimonies, prayers and singing hymns. A very good spirit was felt in our meeting.

Closed in prayer by Brother Rudy meo.

Saturday evening program given by the Modesto Branch M. B. A.

To open we sang Hymn "Come and Dine." Followed with prayer by Brother Mark Randy.

The Chairman then turned the meeting over to Bro. Ben Cipponeri who welcomed the congregation. We then sang Hymn "The Gospel Restored."

The small children of the M. B. A. classes gave a program consisting of recitations and songs.

The congregation sang hymn "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning." The senior class presented a play entitled "The Everlasting Gospel." The theme of the play was of Joseph Smith and the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon, and the Restored Gospel.

The meeting was then turned over to Brother Rudy Meo, Chairman, who gave a few remarks and asked Brother Randy to speak. He spoke on the comparison of the beginning of our Church and the beginning of our Country, America.

The Elders of the Modesto Branch requested that the M. B. A. have charge of the meetings on Sunday and convene at 10:00 A. M.

Closing in prayer by Brother Ben Cipponeri.

SUNDAY MORNING MEETING

Our Sunday morning convened at 10:00 a. m. with singing of musical selections by the Modesto Choir, the combined choirs of Bell and San Fernando Branches, and a sextet of young people from

each branch.

Brother Randy, Presiding Elder of Modesto Branch, requested Brother Rudolph Meo take charge of the meetings.

To formally open our meeting, hymn "One Day" was sung. Opening prayer by Brother Vincent Scalise. Continuing by singing hymn "The Stranger By the Sea."

Brother Scalise gave his testimony and preached on the rich young ruler, and on keeping the commandment.

We then sang hymn "Beyond the Sunset." Brother Felix Buccellatto expounded on what Brother Scalise had brought forth, and also bore his testimony. Brother Louis Parravano then gave his testimony. We sang "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

Brother V. J. Lovaivo gave a wonderful discourse on "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World." Hymn "Only Trust Him" was sung. Brother Rudy Meo commented on what had been spoken by the brothers. Brother Randy went into detail on an experience Brother Felix had related earlier about an elderly Indian sister who had walked into the waters of baptism being blind and came out of the waters seeing perfect enough to thread a needle. Brother Randy invited all present to stay for a luncheon which was to be served in the church kitchen immediately following the meeting.

To close we sang hymn "Sunrise." Closing in prayer by Brother Harry Marshall.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETING

Opening hymn used was "He Is Mine." Opening prayer by Brother Marshall. Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" was sung. Brother Marshall expounded on keeping the commandments. We sang hymn "Sunshine in My Soul." Brother V. J. Lovaivo bore his testimony, and we sang hymn "He Lives." Many wonderful testimonies were given and many hymns were sung.

Brother Robert Watson, Jr. anointed Sister Sophie Costarella. The meeting continued in testimony and a wonderful blessing was felt.

In closing, hymn "God Be With You" was sung. Closing in prayer by Brother Anthony Brutz.

Sister Marian Meo, Secretary

GIVEN IN THE WAY OF A COMMAND IS:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

The foregoing scripture is found in the First Epistle of John, 2:15, 16, & 17th verses. And it is often quoted I believe without due consideration, you know how the nature of mortals is, to go to the extreme one way, then turn around and go to the extreme the other way.

Are we to understand from this scripture that John meant that we are to hate the world—the handiwork of the Creator? I cannot concede to that application myself, but I will concede that we should not love the evil world.

I remember while on our way to the October Conference in 1956 in a car, going up through Northern Pennsylvania, we stopped our car and Brother Bittinger had a camera with him with colored films and took pictures of the mountains. I might say that the invisible Artist had been on the mountains and with His invisible brush, had splashed the forests with many colors, I thought the most beautiful I had ever seen. Do I commit sin by admiring or having a love for His handiwork? Should I hate His doings? I do not think so. Nay, I cannot think so. BUT, should I let my love and admiration of His beauties absorb my life to the extent that I neglect to do His will—then I have gone too far.

I recall another incident in my life and it often rises in my mind. I visited the Rochester Church a few years ago in N. Y. State—spent morning and afternoon in the services and after the close of the afternoon meeting, the brethren took me in a car to Lockport, N. Y. for a night meeting. There was snow on the ground at the time, real cold and about 70 miles to drive. But we arrived at the church in time for our meeting. In driving to Lockport, we were heading mostly west towards the setting sun. It was a beautiful setting. I was sitting in the rear by myself, and in admiring the handiwork of God, I could not help but think of the Psalmist wherein he says: "The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth His handywork." I suppose that some day these things are going to pass away with the world. If I understand, the sun

and the moon shall forbear to shine and the Lamb of God shall be the light thereof. The sun and moon serves a wonderful purpose in this world, must I hate them? Must I hate the wonderful things that man has invented? If so, is it right to have an electric machine of any kind in our homes? Our homes are full of things that belong to the world, are our hearts and affections set on the furnishings of our homes to that extent that they interfere with us serving God? If so we may pass away with them, when they pass away. Are we building fine earthly homes, and letting our time and affections set upon them to the extent that we are getting careless in our duties towards God and towards our fellowman, that the light of Christ is no longer in our lives to enlighten the way for those who may be sitting in darkness? If so, our love is set on this world, and it can happen to us by having our hearts set on our material things, as much so as he that finds recreation in the harmless amusements that we may be surrounded with.

Mortality is of this world, and mortality will eventually pass away, yet we are commanded to love our fellowman and treat him, even though he may be an enemy to us, with love as towards an enemy, and if we love our own parents more than we love the Saviour, we cannot be His disciple, saith the Lord Jesus Christ. We prove or show our love for God in as much as we obey His commands. If we have more regards for our parents, than we have for the commands of God, then we cannot be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Our love is on the world too much. On the other hand, if we cannot love our fellow man, whom we have seen, how can we love God, whom we have not seen.

We go to a Sabbath School Outing in the forests, our parks, etc. Such belongeth to this world, but may I ask: is it a sin to do so? Surely not. We gather in our homes sometimes to spend a sociable evening, is it a sin to do so? God forbid. I do not say we cannot sin in doing so. We can go to church and sin while sitting in our pews if we are so minded. We bear our testimonies and at the same time cast reflections on others who may be more acceptable with God than we are ourselves. Is that a righteous act? It is not. It is written that charity rejoiceth not in evil, that being true, is it an evil thing to love the good that is in this

world? Most everybody has had good neighbors in the time of their misfortunes, yet they may be very worldly people, but would that stop you for having love for them when they had been thoughtful of you in your trouble? To me it is an easy matter to missapply the scripture, "Love not the world." I read that God loved the world. (John 3:16)

I think Paul sums this matter up very nicely, he says: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor ANGELS, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38 & 39) Paul does not say that he could not be separated from God's love, but he was determined not to allow any love he may have had for any thing in the world draw him away from Christ Jesus. His own people went back on him, but still he says, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsman according to the flesh."

Therefore, while ye may not love the world, be sure that you do not hate the good that there is in the world.

Brother W. H. Cadman

IS THERE ANY GOOD IN THIS WORLD?

I am requested to write on this subject.

First: We must remember that all good comes from God and evil comes from the Devil. I am quoting you in sense, if not in exact word, that which is written, whether it is liked or disliked. And in discussing this subject, I will endeavor to hold to that "which is written." And too, if there are any broad minded people in this world, they should be found among those who walk on the narrow way. God's power and wisdom knows no bounds, therefore if His Spirit abides in our souls, it should broaden and not narrow our minds as to what is right and wrong.

When Joseph Smith was moved upon to serve God, he saw the divided condition of the Christian world, and he did not know what church he should join, which of all the sects was right was a big question to him. His object in retiring to the woods on his father's farm, was to seek God in prayer to find out what church was the true church. He knew

that all could not be right—some of his own family joined one church and some another, but he wanted to know which one he should join. In the experience he had in prayer, he says that the Father and Son appeared to him and he was told to join none of the churches for their 'creeds' were an abomination in His (the Father's) sight.

There is nothing in that statement that would create a thought that there were no good people in the churches. To my mind there are good people everywhere—people serving God as best they know how—their manner of life above reproach, and I will add that in many instances their lives are an example to many professors under the restored gospel. Remember: you that read this article, that right is right, and wrong is wrong. And we will all be judged by the Spirit and Law of Jesus Christ, as to whether we love our neighbor as ourself, and have done others as we would have them do unto us.

In my ministering in the pulpit of The Church of Jesus Christ, I have often drawn my hearer's attention to the fact, that with all our knowledge and power today, yet we cannot change the nature of the tiny seeds that we plant in our gardens. We may destroy the seed, but if we plant, and it be a good seed we will reap its own kind. The Creator has so arranged things, not only in the material kingdom, but also in the spiritual. His word makes it very plain, that if we sow to the flesh we will reap corruption, but if we sow to the spirit we will reap life everlasting. God has so decreed it and it cannot be otherwise. Good will bring forth its kind, likewise evil will bring forth its own.

If then, I cannot see any good that is outside the professors of the restored Gospel, I am either blinded by my self-righteousness, or there is no good deeds outside the Restored Gospel. I must say that this world is very evil, but in the days of Noah the imaginations of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually (Gen. 6:5) God knows all things, I concede—but I see so much in this evil world today, that I cannot say as it was said of the world in Noah's day. Why! there are people today that are sacrificing the whole world, and even their lives because of the love they have for others, that they might at least be brought to the degree of light they themselves have received. May I ask is your judge-

ment good or bad of them? Our Saviour warned His followers not to judge, for in return they would be judged by the same judgement they have rendered. Jesus told His disciples, "that he that was not against us was for us."

We are taught very plainly, in effect at least, that the spirit that possesses us when life here is ended, we will rise in the same spirit—if seeking good has been the thought of my heart here in this world—of which I will say without fear of contradiction, that thousands of thousands will come forth in the resurrection whose manner of life will have been an example to many who have served God under the Restoration. And I read of the second resurrection in Rev. 20:7 & 8 where the Devil goes out to deceive them—if the Devil is still carrying on the work of deception after the resurrection, surely the enlightening power of a loving Saviour will not be dormant, and allow the Devil to have full sway over those at least, who have served God as best as they could while here in this world.

In the Book of Mormon I read that the Lamanite people were a very wicked people, yet in their wickedness, they kept sacred the marriage ties among them, and for that reason their righteousness outshone that of the Nephites. I read of the Lamanite people, and though outside the fold of Jesus, yet I read: "Behold, their husbands love their wives, and their wives love their husbands: and their husbands and their wives love their children: and their unbelief and their hatred toward you is because of the iniquity of their fathers: wherefore how much better are you than they, in the sight of your great Creator?" There is nothing here to indicate that their love for one another including their children was sensual; surely not—but their love for one another, I would say, was a pure love for one another, even as Paul taught parents to love one another including their children. People under the restoration of the gospel today will transgress the law of God, divorce one another and marry again even as the world is doing—and the same thing can be said of them relative to keeping the Sabbath Day holy. God is God and He changeth not, saith the scripture.

In reading in the Acts 18:10, the Lord tells Paul that He has much people in this city. There is nothing to indicate that the people referred to, had obeyed

the gospel, but the Lord urges Paul on to preach the gospel, for there evidently were lots of good people there that should be saved in the kingdom of God. Jesus taught that a man must be baptised by water and the spirit to be saved, therefore the Lord had many people in that city that would obey the Gospel if given the opportunity. There are good people everywhere, and when people get it into their heads that they are better than the other fellow, it is certainly a sign of self-righteousness on their part. My Bible teaches me, that after you have done all those things which are commanded you, say, "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." I will add further, that there is no scriptural justification for any follower of Jesus Christ to speak of his goodness above any poor soul, for where much is given, much is required, where little is given, only a little can be expected. Our God commanded the Sabbath Day to be kept HOLY, He commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. He commands us to do unto others as we would be done by. And it is very plainly taught: that he who puts away his wife and marries another, both persons commit adultery. And I draw your attention again, that it is written of the Lamanite people that they were a wicked people, yet because they kept the marriage covenant sacred, they were credited of being more righteous than the Nephite people who were supposed to let their light shine unto their brethren who were in error. I wrote the major part of this article before going to our recent conference, and in conclusion I will say that there are people—yea many who are sacrificing their all, even their lives—to enlighten the lives of all that will hear them, concerning the GREAT PLAN of REDEMPTION through Christ. May I ask my readers: what are you doing? I pray—do not create the thought, "I am holier than thou."

Brother W. H. Cadman

BILLY GRAHAM PROPHECY

"He predicted the downfall of the United States unless Americans follow the ways of God."

"Graham said he feared that God is preparing a pagan nation to destroy the United States just as He prepared a pagan nation to destroy the ancient kingdom of Israel. 'We're asleep,' he said,

"but I tell you God has not changed... His coming judgement is more certain than any mathematical formula... You may laugh, you may sneer, you may doubt it. But I tell you its coming... I am convinced the time is short." End of quote. The above is taken from a sermon preached by Mr. Graham to 40,000 people in New York just recently.

P. S. These predictions might be startling to many professed Christians of today, but are certainly not to those who believe in the Divinity of the Book of Mormon. For it certainly shows that this great nation is about due for a terrible calamity unless they change their ways.

It is evident that a power is to arise known as a 'Great and abominable Church' and it will make war with the saints of God. Such a condition is fast developing itself today. It is evident that a power is going to arise, pagan or otherwise, that will bring this nation to its knees for its wickedness. And before the climax takes place God will strengthen the hands of the Lamanite people and unless this nation of people repents, they, the Lamanites (American Indians) shall go in among them and tread them down and none can deliver. The Indian people are a part of Israel, and this land was given to their fore-fathers and is going to be restored to them again. The fullness of this Gentile Nation is about to come in. Yes, Mr. Graham, I am in harmony with you in the assertion you make 'God is still the same.' And may you and all professing Christians remember the words of Paul: 'He that preaches any other gospel than what I have preached let him be accursed, even though it be an angel from heaven.'

The Saviour and all His apostles, including Paul, taught a gospel wherein it was a necessity to repent and be baptised for the remission of sins, and that too, by being immersed in the water. Yes, Mr. Graham—God is still the same.

tised this day.

Brother James Heaps and Brother Leonard J. Lovalvo of California and Brother Patsy Marinetti of New York were in our midst this day. Brother Heaps spoke to us on the importance of serving God in spirit and in truth in such strength as to cause our faith to multiply and bring others to God. Brother Heaps emphasized the words, "Wait on the Lord." How sad is the impatience of the world today for the sweet whisper of God is lost in the wind of speed.

As the meeting progressed James Hornberger stood up and asked to be baptised. We rejoiced in our hearts that this couple, united in marriage, could now be united in serving God. Still another heart was touched and Joe Lombardo also asked to be baptised.

Our meeting was dismissed by Brother Leonard J. Lovalvo and we left the building to gather at the river. Brother Gorie Ciarravino baptised our three new members.

Our afternoon meeting was aptly opened by Brother Fred D'Amico and he spoke of the talents and their work in the vineyard. This is comforting to new members. So often we feel we have so little to give and yet if we give all of what we have, no matter how little it is, we shall hear Him say "well done".

Brother Frank Vitto, Brother Peter Capone, and Brother Tony Gerace confirmed the ones baptised and our new sitser and brothers joined us in partaking of the Lord's supper.

Peter Capone of Branch No. 3 asked God's blessing in dismissing our meeting.

We have been praying for our Sister Catherine Benedeto who has undergone a serious operation. Remembering her helping hands we ask our Brothers and Sisters all to join us in prayer in her behalf.

Sister Betty Capone

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:

With love, joy, and happiness, I write you a few lines for The Gospel News, trusting you, Sister Cadman, and all brothers and sisters, everywhere are in good condition in the Church, and going on towards perfection, as is said in Job, 11th Chapter, 13th verse, "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" I think so, if when we obeyed the gospel, we did so, worthily, and have obtained the

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LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Detroit, Michigan

August 25, 1957

We, of Branch No. 4, on this day indeed felt, "our cup runneth over." We opened our meeting with joyous song for we knew Catherine Hornberger, having previously asked, was to be bap-

Holy Ghost, this precious gift is supposed daily, to lead us into all truths, and show us things to come, and we cannot help walking in the straight and narrow way until the end of our lives, which if we are able to do, we will surely obtain eternal Bliss, Eternal Life. I will now go to reporting on some wonderful meetings we have had in these parts recently. On Sunday, July 21st Brother Frank Vitto was in our Branch No. 1, and took his text from Ether 3rd Chapter, reading the 1st through the 16th verses, and gave us a soul inspiring talk, every-one was blessed, and gave thanks to our Heavenly Father. Wed. night July 23rd, we had Brother Fred Damico, in our Branch, he spoke from two passages, Matthew 5th Chapter 3rd verse, also Alma 5th Chapter 26th verse, and gave us quite a talk on the poverty that makes one rich. Gave examples, of the Rich Young Ruler, the 10 spies, who came back with an evil report, as compared to Nicodemus, Cornelius, Zacchaeus, the woman in Simon's House who washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, declaring that when we first obeyed the Gospel, we felt to sing redeeming Grace, but how do we feel now? Brothers Jack Pontillo, and Paul Vitto, also spoke, and we enjoyed a wonderful night of great blessings. On Sunday July 28th we assembled, for our Gathering in the Post Intermediate School, with Apostles, Evangelists, Elders, and a number of brothers, sisters, and friends. A number of hymns were sung, after which, two young ladies from Branch No. 3 stood up and requested baptism. Prayer was offered by Brother Sam Kirchener. Sang hymn No. 172, 'He Is A Wonderful Saviour To Me'. Brother Kirchener, said he was a sinful man, saved by Grace. He had affiliations with various groups of churches, but have never found any equivalent to The Church of Jesus Christ. He said when we love every-one, that we cannot love them any-more, then we can understand the love of God. He realized that he was in the broad way, that leadeth to destruction, and had to make a decision, so that he, could get him-self, in the right way that leadeth to Eternal Bliss. He read a portion of Scripture in Luke 10th Chapter, 25th through the 28th verses. Many people he said, sit under the sound of the Elders' voices, including their own children, in many instances, as it were, have ears but do not hear, have eyes but do not see, the good things of God, are administered in their midst, and they do not realize anything. When we allow the

spirit of God, to soak into our hearts sufficiently, it continues to expand, to the place where we begin to know God, and have fellowship, with the Holy Spirit, we open up our hearts to God and others, begin to make our views known, and before long, we become so enveloped in the love of God, that we cannot avoid obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Young Lawyer, in our lesson, that went to Christ, and wanted to know what was necessary to be done, to obtain Eternal life, when told, it was too difficult for him to do. When we first obeyed the gospel, they could spit in our faces, and we would take it, they could take our coat, and we would give them our cloak also, let us retain this spirit to the end of our natural lives. Spoke of Alma Cadman, crying to the Church, to prepare for those things that are to come. Spoke of Brother Domic Thomas, making a solemn effort to awaken the young, to the knowledge of God, before the destruction that is coming on, overtake them and they are not saved. Sang hymn No. 130, Love Divine All Love Excelling. Brother Domic Thomas, speaking next, read in the scriptures where it is said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might." He said in making our decision, to serve God, we might begin to sum up, all that we will be losing, we must hate our lives to gain them, we cannot gain the portals of glory without taking up our cross, and following Him. Brother Domic Moracco, spoke about the resurrection, saying he had spoken to one of our new converts, on this subject and the knowledge she displayed, he knew it would not be long, before she would be obeying the Gospel. He also said, don't be worried about the future of this Church, it is in the hands of God, and a much greater future than we can conceive, is in store for us. Brother Fred Damico, said a few words, filled with the love of God. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, made concluding remarks, and closed our meeting with prayer. Wed. Night August 14th a very enjoyable time was spent at Branch No. 3, many enjoyable hymns were sung, melodiously. Brother James Heaps, from California, read a portion of scripture found in Mark 8th Chapter, 22nd through the 26th verses, and gave us a resounding talk, on the second touch, everyone enjoyed it immensely. On Thursday night, he was in Branch No. 1 and we had a good time also. On Sunday the 18th of August, Brother Heaps was at Branch No. 3, where they had one renewed into the church, and one from Branch No. 4, of-

fering herself for baptism. On Sunday afternoon, of the same day, we were quite proud to have Brother Lenoard Lovalvo, (Brother Joe Lovalvo's son) in our midst in Branch No. 1, a number of young people, came to hear him, and we enjoyed a great blessing. Sunday the 25th, Brother Heaps was at Branch No. 4, where the candidate, spoken of above, was baptised, her husband and oldest brother in the flesh. In Branch No. 1, we had with us Brothers John Mancini, of Erie, Pa., Chris. Trovato, of Rochester, New York, and Vitto Buffa, of California, also Brother and Sister Bird, and Sister Manes, and son Sherman, and Lillie May Swimmer, of South Dakota, in our midst. Brother Mancini, introduced our service, and spoke on the 11th Chapter of Hebrews, giving us a rousing talk on Faith, which was enjoyed by all, Brother Chris. Trovato, also spoke very encouragingly. Brother Nick Pietrangelo, made concluding remarks. Meeting closed with prayer by Brother Vitto Buffa. May God abundantly, bless all our Brothers and Sisters through-out the Church is the prayer of your Brother in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

Niles, Ohio

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my opinion on Church Building: I could not understand the need for a church building when we know The Church of Jesus Christ in the heart and soul of mankind. God is every where and can be worshiped at any time and every where.

But one day not long ago while reading a passage of scripture by inspiration: my heart and soul was given light to understand the will of God our Creator. The scripture was, "When Christ asked His disciples to go and prepare a room or place where they might eat the Lord's supper together."

Reading this scripture gives me to understand that it is necessary to have a place to unite with one thought in our minds, and that is to feast on the body and blood of Jesus Christ to obtain everlasting life.

Through the grace of God, we at Niles have a magnificent place to get together in the Name of God our Father: And my prayer is, that every individual who enters this place may find the Spirit of God to be always in our midst, and may every soul be fed on food Divine, food that comes from the Throne of God. Pray for us that we may be humble and submissive to the will of God and give Him praise, honor and glory at all times.

Sister Anna Nastasia