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BROTHERS READY TO LEAVE FOR AFRICA

"Plans for trip proceeding despite poor financial response"—W.H.C.

Monongahela, Pa.—"My plea for financial aid to support the forthcoming missionary trip to Africa has produced very little response," said Brother Cadman. "However, to insure our missionary responsibility in Nigeria, Brother Bittinger will make the final plans and leave for Africa soon as possible."

Departure time for Brother Bittinger and his assistant has been temporarily delayed for procuring of final papers. The slight difficulty will soon be overcome and they shall be on their way sometime this month.

The saints in Africa have already expressed joy at the anticipated visit and it is hoped the church can make the visit an extensive one. Such hopes can be fulfilled only if funds are available without deleting the General Church treasury.

Brother Bittinger is optimistic of staying in Nigeria for as long as six months. Such an extended stay, with traveling expenses, will require thousands of dollars. This money must come from individual saints; each must contribute as much as is humanly possible. Everyone is urgently requested to support the endeavor to their utmost.

This is the greatest evangelical effort of the Church in recent times. Let us all do all we can to guarantee its success.

(Send donations direct to William H. Cadman, 519 Finley St., Monongahela, Pa.)

"Backward Turn Backward, O, Time In Your Flight" (The Years Are Fast Rolling On)

The time is far spent—
there is little remaining
To publish glad tidings,
by sea and by land;
Then hasten, ye heralds!
go forward proclaiming,
Repent, for the kingdom
of Heaven's at hand.

SOME DAY

Some day I shall see Him,
On that coming glorious day.
He'll be so bright with glory,
I'll have to look away.
He'll speak, and I'll obey Him.
There at His feet I'll be.
He alone shall be my master,
Throughout eternity.

Sister Teresa Pandone

A NEW YEAR —

— A NEW OPPORTUNITY

Each new year effects the mind with deeper impressions relative to the precious value of time. Time, which is life's most valuable gift, and which is calculated by man; is made of that intangible substance that becomes the sum-total of our life. Time is broken up into various segments; such as years, months, days, hours, etc. Every individual span of life is different. Some live longer lives than others, and quite often lives are very brief,—coming to an abrupt and early conclusion. The all-important question in life is: How do I use the time which is allotted me? If we have learned that today, and each day granted is extremely vital, and we use it wisely, then we have grasped life's most important realistic fact. Wm. B. Rose writes: "Time is the coin of our lives, let us spend it wisely. It is the substance of which life is made of."

The only segment of time that each of us can do anything with is **TODAY**. The past is behind us, it cannot be recalled nor altered. The past will become exactly what we will make of it today. The future is uncertain, undeveloped, and may be beyond our reach. We may never have the opportunity to do anything with the actual time-substance which belongs to the future. Nevertheless, that which we do today will affect

the outcome of the future; as it interweaves with the expected tomorrow. Therefore, if we are but granted the privilege of the use of additional tomorrows; we can convert them into tangible and active today's. Each new day is another opportunity as well as a new challenge. One must be at work **TODAY** with all his physical, mental, and spiritual energies and faculties; if he is to construct a productive life.

What yardstick or standard can we use to gauge what our objective or purpose in life should be? We must establish a proper sense of direction to motivate the actions of our lives. Jesus set the most perfect standard before all men. "To love God with all your strength, all your heart and all your mind. Also to love your neighbor as yourself." This constitutes all the commandments in condensed form. If we conscientiously apply this standard in our daily lives, we shall come to discover that our interests in life move out of the small orbit of preoccupation of self, and to our deepest satisfaction, we shall find productive activity in the largest orbit of all—the wide open arena of human service. Illuminated by the philosophy of Jesus' words, the individual now has a fuller concept of the value of time, and the opportunities or responsibilities available to render service with this time.

The Christian life in its fullest meaning is a life dedicated to service. The entire mission of Christ was a life of service.

Therefore, by taking a personal part in a balanced plan of active service, we can help to contribute meaning to life, and value to time, as we share commonly with others. We must learn to live for, and with, and because of, the others of our kind; just as they

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live with and for us. As Apostle Paul implies, "Is this not our reasonable service? Also, are we not our brother's keeper?"

In conclusion, the following words of Waldo Emerson are worthwhile thinking about:

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day can be the last day. Make use of time therefore, if you value eternity."

Brother Patsy Marinetti

A TRIP TO WAKPALA, S. D.

Monday, 14th of October the following brothers and sisters: Herbert Hemming, Richard Christman, James Moore and wife Eva, Thurman S. Furnier and wife Birdie M., left Monongahela, Pa. for Wakpala, S. D. in Brother Hemming's G. M. C. truck, or station wagon. It was necessary to go to Painsville, O. where we picked up some supplies. Leaving there at 4:30 p. m., we took the Ohio Turnpike near Cleveland, O., stopping overnight at Toledo, O., a distance of 328 miles. The next morning we continued on the Ohio T. P. to the Indiana T. P., thence to several routes, traveling northwest, stopping overnight at Westby, Wis. (560 Mi.) The following evening we stopped at Ipswitch, S. D. (547 Mi.) The next morning we were up bright and early, leaving Ipswitch 5:00 a. m., arriving at Wakpala at 7:30 a. m. (92 Mi.) Total distance 1527 Mi. The brothers and sisters lost no time, we had our breakfast in our recently purchased building at Wakpala. After breakfast we bent our way to Moberg, S. D. for a supply of food and roofing material. The brothers soon had the old shingles removed and were putting on the new roofing material, which they completed in two and one half days. After making a few minor repairs to the building, we set out to do the more important affairs, visiting our Indian (Lamanite) brothers and sisters and friends. We made a trip to Brothers Isaac and Albert Usfulheart's, On the trees, near Green Grass, then to Brother and Sister Edward LeBlanc's Eagle Butte, thence to Cherry Creek, S. D., where we visited with Mrs. Margaret Mewhirter and her daughter, (her daughter having been baptised recently.) Mrs. Mewhirter's sister, (haven't her name at present) whom had been baptised

at the same time, lived near by, but the weather turned bad and our car began to do tricks on the gumbo where we had to travel in order to reach the highway, so we did not get to visit with her. Sorry. Please accept our apology. We would liked to have seen you. We held three services on Sunday and several during the other evenings we spent in Wakpala. All services were well attended. Many of our Indian (Lamanite) friends came to visit us from time to time. We enjoyed their visits and had much conversation with them about the gospel, and the promises of God to them.

Sister Lillian Swimmer was in Rapid City, S. D., and Darlene LeBlanc was in Aberdeen, S. D., therefore we did not get to see them. Brother and Sister DeMarrias have built or remodeled an old building, and have made themselves a very comfortable home in Wakpala. We are thankful to God that this has been provided for them. Many of the Indian (Lamanite) people have sold their land to the U. S. Gov't. on account of the flood control program, and their old places where they lived will be covered with water. We understand the water will not interfere with the village of Wakpala, the water will be approximately one half mile from there. The Cheyenne Agency, S. D. will be relocated at Eagle Butte, S. D. We had all prayed sincerely for nice weather in order to complete our mission, (it was rather late in the season to attempt putting on a roof in S. D., for the wind is usually very strong, but the Good Lord provided the way.) There were only two part days of rain, and the temperatures were seasonable enough that there was no interference in travel or otherwise. How good and wonderful is our God. We have proven HIM from time to time, when we sincerely ask, seek and knock, for we have received, found, and the way has been opened. Praise HIS High and Holy name. "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim! Hail Him! Hail Him! highest arch-angles in glory; Strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children, In his arms He carries them all day long: Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!"

We left Wakpala, S. D. on the trek homeward, Wed. Oct. 23rd. Covering 511 Mi. 1st. day, 441

Mi. 2nd day and 692 Mi. 3rd. day, a total of 1644 Mi., arriving at the home of Brother and Sister Moore Friday evening about 9:00 p.m., where all of us were given a nice night's rest. We stopped off at Nauvoo, and Carthage, Ill. There is always a time of sorrow when visiting these historical places on account of the persecution the Saints suffered there by mob violence, which resulted in their expulsion from the state, and the treacherous deed which took the lives of Brothers Joseph and Hyrum Smith. A sad event indeed. One which the prophet Daniel recorded in his writings: Dan. 7th Ch., wherein the United States is symbolized as a Little Horn. Vs. 21 "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the Saints, and prevailed against them;" For further comments on this subject read the pamphlet "Daniel's Little Horn" by Brother Wm. Cadman, 1834-1905.

Thurman S. Furnier

FACTS WORTH KNOWING

It is written in the 'sixth article' of the Constitution of the United States that "no religion shall ever be required, as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

In moving around here and there, I hear statements made concerning the Constitution and upon examination I find they are not correct. Oftimes it is quoted relative to our religious liberties. It is very loosely quoted, and far from correctly.

The first ten amendments to the Constitution, are what is known and commonly referred to as the 'Bill of Rights'. Article 1 reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Therefore, it is easily seen that there is no law in the Constitution of our country that interferes with your religion but if you worship God or a god whether it be Confucius, or the religion of Mohammed, you only make yourself liable when you transgress the law of the land.

God, known as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, nor any other god is known in the Constitution of the United States.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

In following up my previous Editorial in which I speak of "Consistency as a Jewel", I wish to draw your attention further on this subject.

We hear much about women cutting their hair, and scripture in First Cor. 11th Chapter, is generally quoted. Personally, I like to see a nice head of hair. Our custom has been for women to wear long hair, while we men have worn short hair. I do not know of any command in the word of God that such should be.

I was born in a day when we men wore short hair. The custom is so bred into us, that we would feel ashamed to be seen with hair hanging down on our shoulders. In the same day or time, it is the custom for women to have long hair, and likewise it takes courage on the part of some women to be seen with their hair cut. Custom is responsible for this, not the word of God.

Let us take some note of what is recorded in the afore-mentioned scripture. In verse 4, 'A man praying with his head covered', to my understanding does not refer to his hair, but to a hat or other covering. We would not think of sitting in church worshipping with a hat on our heads, would we? Our custom of today teaches us different. Would it be sinful if our custom was the other way? Sin is the transgression of the law of God. And the same order or custom is applied to women.

Then in verse 6 Paul says: If it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. Paul does not say: IT IS A SHAME—but, 'if' it is. In verse 7, a man ought not cover his head for he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of the man. In verse 12, I read that the woman is of the man, even so is man by the woman: but all things of God. In verse 14, even nature teaches a man that to have long hair it is a shame—is it a sin for a man to have long hair? If so where has God commanded men not to cut their hair? In the following verse, long hair is a glory to her, it is given her for a covering. And I will add that when long hair was in full sway, any woman was timid in cutting her hair, and it is still the same today with many. Then in verse 16, But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. Evidently contention had arisen as to whether a person could wear long or short hair, either men or women, but from what Paul says, they had no such custom. I fail to see where the Saviour ever taught against the matter, and I

cannot recall where any of His servants ever taught or contended against such. In the creation of these bodies the Lord God caused hair to grow on our faces, and now barbers have a paying profession keeping it shaved off. What about it?

I wish to draw your attention to the fact, that Paul uses the word "if" quite often in this scripture—in verse 15 he says: "But 'IF' a woman have long hair"—that certainly implies that all women did not have long hair in his day. They were certainly in a spirit of contention, for Paul tells them in verse 17, "That ye come together NOT for the better, but for the worse."

Let us consider the saying of Paul, "That long hair is a glory to her." The word 'GLORY' is the significant part of his expression. He is not quoting the Lord in the matter that I can see. I leave myself open to be corrected if it can be shown me that he is quoting the Lord. I have previously said that I admire a nice head of hair, and while it is no doubt a glory to a woman, long hair is also a burden to many women, just as much so, as a mustach or a beard is a burden to some men.

There are very few souls but what glory in something, and it is not necessarily a sin to do so. The farmer may glory in his well kept farm, he may glory in his fine herd of cattle. The mechanic may glory in his ability to machine a nice job. A woman may glory in her power of ability to raise a nice family of children, she may glory in her husband and especially if he is a good husband to her. There is no end to this thing of what we might glory in, and it is not necessarily sinful to do so. There is also such a thing as 'vain glory'. When a person can find glory in power to take advantage of another because of his shrewdness in a business deal, or can find glory in telling filthy stories, or in committing crime and getting 'by' with it, they may glory in it—but it is certainly vain to glory in such things.

I have always had much admiration for the Apostle Paul, his ability to use the learning of his past life and his reasoning with men, for their soul's welfare, after his experience on the way to Damascus. He warns his brethren in Philippians 3, verses 2-4, to beware of dogs (not four legged ones) but evil workers, beware of the concision (a division, a schism). He says: We are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Jesus Christ, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust (glory) in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews: as touching the law, a Pharisee. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church: touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what these things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Paul had much room to GLORY. But when I turn the pages over to Galatians 6:14, I read of him as follows: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." In the following verse the only thing worth while is a NEW CREATURE. Rather than glory in what he may have accomplished, He says we GLORY in tribulation. Yea through obedience to the heavenly vision—the gospel of Christ—had wrought a change in his inward parts—the law of God was not only written on paper, but it was written in his soul, and might I say in his body? He taught that our bodies should be a living sacrifice (not a dead one) Holy and acceptable to God. The Christ in his soul, taught him

what was right and what was wrong. Yea, I might say that he was a partaker of the new covenant that the prophet said would be made with Israel, and I will add: If we are serving God under the same covenant as did Paul, our lives should be like

unto his. Above all we should be like unto our Master the Christ of Calvary's Cross. Well has it been said: "Consistency! Consistency! Thou Art A Jewel."

Editor

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

On the Sabbath following his return to Capernaum Jesus went with his disciples to the services of the synagogue, and according to his custom, expounded the Holy Scriptures. There seems to be great simplicity in His mode of treating all subjects. He spoke on the most profound and important subjects, not as one discussing them, showing what can be said on both sides, nor as one striving merely to stimulate the intellects of his hearers, nor as a learned man reporting the results of the researches of the best minds, but decisively with authority. This man speaks as one having authority, declaring truths which were not to be questioned. With authority from which there was no appeal and with a spirit that made men tremble.

On this particular Sabbath there came into the synagogue a person described by Mark (1:23) as a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out saying, "Let us alone. What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth. Art thou come to destroy us. I know thee who thou art, the Holy one of God." And Jesus rebuked him saying, hold thy peace, and come out of him. And they were all amazed, and said what is this. What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

His last commission to the church was to heal the sick and cast out devils or unclean spirits. Sin and the devil has to be rebuked. Paul says to rebuke the devil and he will flee from you, but if we cater to him he will hang around. The hogs could not stand what man can stand so they ran into the sea and drowned themselves. But they did not drown the devil. And the only way we can get rid of him is by our righteousness, or when he is bound in the bottomless pit, with a chain about his neck, or rebuke him in the name of Jesus. Yes, he will try to kill you before he leaves. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst he came out of him. (Luke 4:35)

James (2:19) Thou believest that there is one God. Thou doest well. The devils believe and tremble. So many of the saints are

possessed with a spirit of fear and that is an evil spirit. Perfect love casteth out fear. You better have authority to cast them out or they might turn on you. (Acts 19:13) Then certain of the vagabond Jews, Exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits in the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure by Jesus, whom Paul preacheth, and the evil spirit answered, Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are ye. And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaped on them and overcame them and prevailed against them so they fled out of the house naked and wounded. The writers of the New Testament observe a distinction between those who were diseased and those who were possessed. They brought unto Him all that were diseased and them that were possessed with devils (Luke 5:17-18) In Matt. (10:8) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils.

Mark and Luke speak of the man of Gadara that he was possessed with a legion. We know that witchcraft and practising Black Art is an evil spirit and under the law of Moses they were put to death. Jesus bidding the demon to depart was no greater an act than bidding the fever to leave Peter's mother-in-law, or to say thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say to the sick of the palsy, be thou healed.

We now return to the man in the synagogue of Capernaum. His symptoms were such as we now see in persons who are insane. His insanity was by his countrymen traced to the agency of a demon, crying out as soon as he saw Jesus. In all ages 'till Jesus came, these people were put out of society. But Jesus had pity on them and cast those spirits out. Paul says the Lord has not given us the spirit of fear, but of a sound mind. Let this mind be in you which was in Christ. There are no weak minds when the spirit of the Lord has possession. It takes a good strong man to serve the Lord in mind, spirit and body. Brother James Heaps

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

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. 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. (We cannot live the Gospel and ignore James' teachings too.) And the Apostle Paul teaches us: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As I said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (The gospel as taught by Paul forbids husband or wife to divorce each other and remarry before death separates and breaks the marriage covenant.) And James says, or likens the man that only hears and doeth not, to him that looketh in a glass and then forgets what manner of man he is. I read that God changeth not.

Editor

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Such generosity enables us to continue and improve. Thanks again.

G. L. F.

THE WORDS OF JAMES

Chapter 1, Verse 22, and on
But be ye doers of the word,

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Is man building a modern Tower of Babel? Like many others, in the Church and out, I have watched the advance of rocketry and the advent of space travel with some concern. It all gives rise to one unanswerable question: Where is man going; what is his aim? With no man or group of men qualified to solve the query, mankind as a whole is proceeding to a precarious and possibly disastrous end.

With Russia surging ahead in the rocket and missile race, intense interest has been focused on the developments and plans of the United States. No one in this country is more in a position to explain our success and aims in space endeavors than Wernher Von Braun. This German scientist was a top man in the Hitler regime that developed the V-2 rocket in W. W. II. He was brought to this country to continue rocket work and is now head of our program here.

Life magazine recently published several pages devoted to the views and conclusions of Mr. Von Braun. The whole of this article is of no interest to this column, but one remark quoted of Von Braun is. When asked about space travel he remarked: "It will free man from his remaining chains, the chains of gravity which still tie him to this planet. **It will open to him the gates of heaven.**"

That remark shows that despite technological and scientific advances, mankind has made no progress in thirty centuries. Three thousand years ago man said, "...Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;..." (Genesis 11:4) God was merciful then in thwarting man's plans to enter His domain. A simple confounding of languages was sufficient; today he might be more pronounced—and devastating.

If man is to 'think big' about satellites and space travel, he must also expect immense supernatural retaliation if God is displeased. It would do science well to consider the effect on all humanity and the world if any, or all, of the following should occur: (a) an all-out nuclear war; (b) a sudden shower of cosmic dust from outer space spraying the earth with lethal rays; (c) a

'brush' with the earth by an invading planet or moon.

I think that man-made object whirling in orbit around the earth is a visible Sign of the Times, Mr. Von Braun. What do you call it?

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The informal 'down to earth' preaching of Billy Graham is up for attack again. This time it is a famed protestant theologian that makes the denouncement.

In one of his talks Mr. Graham asserted the bible to be capable of solving all man's problems, filling all his needs. Richard Neibur took exception to this, claiming life today much too complex to be controlled by the simple idioms of the Scriptures. Mr. Neibur, master of polemic theology and a dean at Union Seminary, New York, rebuffed Graham for his over simplified application of the Holy Word.

Of course modern theology would have us believe that the bible is unfathomable wisdom that can be applied to a secular, contemporary society **only** by a college-bred scientist. Only when such an attitude exists among the people can hirelings dressed in the garb of wisdom and piety demand annual pay scales of \$5,000, plus.

People who believe in the basic, simple truisms of the bible do not have the 'complex problems' Mr. Neibur speaks of. The people of God—that is, those who love God, fear God, serve God—do not encounter delinquency, incompatibility, hyper-tension, alcoholism, and a dozen other long sounding words that are only excuses for not adhering to the laws of God and the teachings of Christ.

Mr. Graham is certainly right on this point. Perhaps Mr. Neibur can produce problems not easily dispersed with scripture but to counter we will quote that portion Mr. Graham probably had in mind when he made his initial statement. It is found in I John 4:16, and reads: "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him."

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Once again the Christmas Season has come and gone. To some it was merry because of the spirit found in a bottle or can. One brewery spent \$7 million in advertising in less than two months

to sell their wares; another spent \$5 million. That is a lot of money to spend to remove the Christ from Christmas and substitute Miss Reingold or the slogan 'Beer Belongs.'

But modern clerics see no sin in moderate drinking. A recent interview with a rabbi, priest and minister produced the combined opinion that liquor must be good because God made it. How ridiculous can they be? God also made arsenic but it would be satanic foolishness to eat it!

It is the 'moderate drinker' who becomes an alcoholic, commits crimes, becomes a debt to society and an outcast of God. It is the moderate who endangers lives on airliners during cocktail hour; who drives an automobile when he can hardly see; who staggers down the street offending women and youngsters. This is the ilk that the booze companies would increase with outlandish sums for world-wide advertising. This is the sin they would sell as the spirit of Christmas. No matter how they garnish it with pretty words, it still sums up to one end: bottled death—natural, spiritual, and eternal.

SCRIPTURAL TEACHING ON THE MARRIAGE STATE

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?—For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.—So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an **ADULTERESS**: but if her husband be dead, she is **FREE** from the law: so that she is **NO** adulteress, though she be married to another man. (Romans 7)

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And unto the married I command, yet not I, **BUT THE LORD**, let not the wife depart from her husband:—But and if she depart, let her **REMAIN UNMARRIED**, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. (First Cor. 7:10-11)

P. S. As for me, I do not read of any exception made by the Saviour as to whether one person happens to be married and the other one is an unmarried person. Both become adulterers. Virtue is required of a man as much as it is required of a woman. Are we not treading on dangerous grounds?

REPORT:

BROTHER DOMENICO TODARO IN ITALY

from The Sunday Express

TROUBLE (and pastor Todaro) HITS THE LITTLE WORLD OF DON ANTONIO

Turmoil has come to the little world of Don Antonio, the priest in this mountain village of Villa San Guiseppe. For hundreds of the villagers are threatening to turn Protestant.

The man responsible for the conversions is an American evangelist, Pastor Domenico Todaro. He gave up his job as a baker in New York's Bronx area to come to Italy on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ—an American religious sect.

And soon he was at work in this little village in the toe of Italy.

One day Don Antonio the priest walked among his flock as they tended their orange and lemon trees on Mount Aspro. He looked down and saw some of the villagers in the sea far below.

They were being baptised as Protestants by Pastor Todaro. And many more said they would do the same.

A few days after this incident Pastor Todaro found that he was in trouble with the police.

He was called to the local court to explain why he did not fill in an immigration form on a previous visit to Italy—eight years ago. He was fined 9s. 4d.

Now he has been given a police warning: "If a single inhabitant of San Giuseppe catches cold at your next ceremony in the sea, get ready to be arrested. For causing injury to the public health!"

Statue trouble

Troubled indeed is the little world of Don Antonio. And it all began with a row over the statue of St. Joseph. A row that became a riot.

The statue is 4ft. 6in. high. Six men are needed to lift it from its place above the altar in the village church.

Each year, for as long as can be remembered, San Giuseppe—2,200 souls, 28 donkeys, and 116 dogs as near as anyone can count—has had the statue carried in a two-day procession round Mount Aspro, on which the village is built.



Brother Domenico Todaro

But this year their bishop said: "Four hours will suffice for your celebration."

And his secretary added: "It is time you realised your statue is a piece of wood. Nothing else. To worship it the way you do is like saying you love your mother because you look at her photograph every day."

That was when trouble was really let loose.

The police came in truck loads. They put a truck across the road down which the villagers insisted they would still take the statue. They drew batons to wrest the statue from them.

Sixteen people were hurt. Ten are to face charges in court.

Coincidence?

In the words of Don Antonio: "Such trouble has never come before to San Giuseppe. It could be that it is purely coincidence we have had this frightful clash now Pastor Todaro is here."

In the words of Pastor Todaro: "I saw a vision on the mountain-side. I saw a long road, a hard road. Then a message came to me, 'You can take the people of San Giuseppe down that road to the promised land.'"

"I didn't know we were going to meet the cops on the way.

"But don't think that will frighten me," the pastor went on. "In the last town where I took the gospel the priest led 500 peo-

To get a broader picture of what has developed in Italy into the 'Todaro Incident', we reprint this article from THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England.

ple to my house one night.

"They were all yelling outside. The priest came inside and said, 'You are preaching blasphemies, Todaro. We'll talk together and settle this for good. Have you got a Bible?'"

"But I went out on the doorstep and gave them the word.

"I told them about America, the land of milk and honey. I told them about President Eisenhower.

"They asked: 'Can you get us to America, Todaro?' And I told them: 'You come to my church first. Then, if it is the will of God, he will find a way to open the door for you.'"

A threat

Before the clash over the statue Pastor Todaro preached the protestant word to San Giuseppe in private houses. His biggest audience was 12. A day or so after the clash he preached in the open air to 200.

It was then that the story went round that IF anyone in the village who turned Protestant lost his job he MIGHT find it hard to get another one.

Said Pastor Todaro: "I'm not saying Don Antonio started that one.

"No more would it be him who started that story about me being ready to pay 50 dollars to anyone who will join my church."

Said Don Antonio: "I'm not saying anything about Todaro giving people money. I just notice there are a lot of people round this village who suddenly seem to have new suits."

It was just after the villagers started helping Pastor Todaro to build a Protestant church—and sent a deputation to tell the bishop that San Giuseppe was turning from Catholicism—that the police served their passport summons on Pastor Todaro.

'Ignorant'

Said Pastor Todaro: "I would be the last person to suggest the bishop or Don Antonio had asked for court action. They wouldn't do that. They're far too clever. They'd get someone else to do it!"

LAST WORD from Don Antonio: "I'm not really interested in

FEATURE SECTION

Today. It is true this village is in a state of some disorder. It is

true Todaro is gaining converts. "But what sort of people are they? Ignorant!"

LAST WORD from Pastor Todaro: "We shall see. There is plenty of time. My mission here

was for two years. But if the Lord wills it, I shall stay here four years.

"My passport says I can stay for five."

WORLD PEACE

by Brother Donald J. Curry

The Soviet Union has recently made the boast that it will hold its 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution on the moon. Prior to this they threatened that if the United States would not support the acceptance of Red China into the United Nations, she (Russia) would monopolize upon ownership and colonization of the moon. These high-sounding boasts and threats were, of course, prompted by Russia's recent revolutionary catapult into scientific world leadership, which she gained by the launching of man-made space satellites, first "Sputnik" and then "Mutnik." The world's first reaction was a startled wonder and awe at this first conquest of outer space, but along with this was felt a growing pall of apprehension and fear at what such instruments in the hands of Soviet Russia could mean to the free world.

To every realistic thinking person there is no doubt about the intentions of Soviet Communism. Djilas, a former Communist leader in Yugoslavia, now imprisoned there for his anti-communistic writings, expresses very clearly in a recent book the nature of Communism. He states that the basic doctrine of Russian Communism is total and complete ownership. This is how such a government or group gets its power—by owning everything and everybody—by having everything and everybody under its complete control and at its complete disposal. This is a fearful concept, and its ultimate outcome is even more fearful, that is, that such a government is naturally at odds with everything that it does not own, and that it is a foregone con-

clusion that in order to maintain its power it must gain control of that which it does not control until it ultimately owns everything. It is obvious that with recent developments Russia is nearing the possibility of attaining such a goal and that she not only wants to own the world but the universe as well.

It is no wonder that fear has been struck into the heart of every freedom-loving individual. There have been many would-be world conquerors, but none so formidable and dreadful as this.

Where do we of The Church of Jesus Christ stand in this troubled world? The late president Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Above all we must not allow our thinking to become irrational through fear. We might coin our phrase and say, "We have nothing to fear but our own lack of faith." We may live in troubled times, but to us the world's unrest should be the herald of a new age.

What will calm the world's fears and bring peace? Will it come by conquest or by reason? Will the world be made better by science or by religion? Wars have served their purpose in liberating men from tyranny; science utilized for good has been a boon to modern civilization; but it is only through improving of human relationships that men will ever find peace. The sword, science, and the professing religions of the day have all failed to change the hearts of men to good. There is only one thing that will help men to conquer self, to lay down their weapons of war, and to learn to live in peace with one another.

Peace can only be brought about by "holding fast to the tenets of faith, hope, and love."

Men have known about this thing for almost 2000 years, yet this knowledge has done them little good. The hope of world peace is Jesus Christ and the doctrine that He taught, but the world has not been able to follow the doctrine of Christ without His spirit and authority upon them. We have both His spirit and the power to bring peace through the principles that He advanced. "Those who live by the sword," He said, "shall perish by the sword"—and perhaps His most priceless words are, "The meek shall inherit the earth." The dominion of the earth is not to those who wield hydrogen bombs, inter-continental ballistic missiles, and space satellites. These will never produce peace. We need not fear these things, because we have the assurance that no man-made power can foil the plan of God. Christ did not preach His doctrine of peace in vain, for His ideals will and must someday become a living reality. Truth and love are the greatest weapons in the battle for peace. They will conquer all—they will conquer the hearts of men. We hold Christ's ideals in embryo, and it is up to us to nourish and propagate His kingdom until it blossoms in all its splendor.

Fear? Fear is for those who have no security, for those who have lost their ideals and hopes, for those who have lost their faith. Let Russia and the world of tyranny perpetrate its worst—our hope is in God, and our security is in Christ. We will hold fast to the tenets of faith, hope, and love until through them we conquer all and Zion travails to bring peace upon the earth.

OUR LEGACY

by Brother Bud Martin

"OUR LEGACY THROUGH HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT"

Over nineteen hundred years ago there lived a man who was born of a virgin in Bethlehem of

Judea. He was a man of great love and obedience to His Father who was king of kings, and through His obedience, His Father made Him heir to the greatest

Our inheritance of the kingdom is certain by Christ's will, but we must first comply with obedience.

and wealthiest kingdom ever attained through time and eternity, who's wealth is impossible to describe because of its greatness and wonders. This heir to this glori-

ous kingdom of the Father left a strange last will and testament for his children, who became His children, not being born of the flesh but by being born of His spirit they became heirs to this great kingdom if they would follow the stipulations and commandments of this strange will.

In Hebrews 9:16-17 is written these words. "For where a testament is there also must be the death of the testator, for a testator, for a testament is of force after men are dead, otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." So it was the son of the heavenly Father died so that His last will and testament would be in force, but as I said before this was a very strange will.

When a man of wealth makes a will today he states the terms of the will that must be followed or the heirs are cut out of the testament, and many times there are many stipulations in the will that are very hard to follow. Only those that keep all of the terms of the will, do inherit the wealth of the testator, and after the will is drawn up and witnessed

the testator chooses a executor. The executor sees that his will is obeyed to the letter before his heirs receive their inheritance. But this great testator whose name is Jesus Christ, unlike the wealthy man of today though He died so that His last will and testament would be in force, he did not choose an executor of His will but He overcame death and became the executor of His own will.

Wherefore it became impossible for man to deceive Him and do only part of the stipulations of His will and inherit the kingdom, for He will be the judge and will not be deceived. Some of the terms of His will are as follows:

You must be born of the water, by being baptised.

You must be born of the spirit, by the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

You must bear testimony to His goodness.

You must partake of the bread and wine so that you may have His life within you.

You must wash one anothers feet as He washed the disciples

feet.

You must love one another.

You must walk in the light, that you may be an example to the world.

There are many others and we cannot record them all but as the great testator still lives, if you follow these first commandments of His last will and testament, He will make the rest of His commandments known unto you, and because of the great wealth of this kingdom, He caused His servant James to write, "Whosoever keepeth the whole law yet offend in one point, He is guilty of all." When we wait around His throne waiting for His will to be read let us be sure we have kept every stipulation of His will because as the law is written, if we have not kept everyone we will be guilty of all—and all will be lost. As one of His children and one of His heirs I hope and pray that each of us will be found faithful and obedient when at that last day we hear His last will and testament read before us and hear Him say well done my good and faithful servant, enter into my kingdom.

EDISON UPLIFT CIRCLE

The Edison Uplift Circle commemorated their 22nd anniversary on October 28, 1957 at the home of our president, Sister Elsie Enzana. The surrounding locals were invited, with a very good representation from Metuchen and Hopelawn.

Hopelawn has been organized for about 6 months, and the Metuchen sisters expressed that they would like a circle in their branch now. A wonderful spirit was felt by all present.

The Edison sisters gave a program, after which refreshments were served. We felt the Lord had blessed us in all our endeavors.

We were pleased to have Sister A. Carlini from Detroit in our midst, which certainly was an added asset. All in all, we thank God for our Ladies Circle and hope as the years roll it will continue to grow, and that His blessings will be with us.

Sister Betty D'Orazio

AGAIN

Spurgeon once said: "The question is not, 'Will he heathen be lost if they do not hear the gospel? but, shall we be saved if we do not take it to them?'" Something to think about.—Brother Cadman

THE ROAD TO BLISS

Matthew 7th Chapter, 13th and 14th verses: enter ye in at the straight Gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. On this, my 34th birthday, (Oct. 28th, 1957) in the Church, I do surely rejoice, that through the help of our Heavenly Father, I was able to obey His command, which has stood me in good stead, all these years, and really grows sweeter, as the years go by, and I would not exchange it, God helping me, for all the splendors of the world. On the 1st week-end of this month, Brother Fred Damico, his companion and son, Brother Silver Coppa, my wife and I, took off for Conference. We stopped overnight in Monaca, Pa., with the Rossies, (Brother Fred's sister and family.) where we received a great welcome, and left the next day for my brother's home in Monclair, New Jersey, receiving similar good treatment. My brother took us down to the School Building in New Market, New Jersey, where we had a very wonderful conference. Attending this conference, along with the rest of us, was Brother and Sister

(Jennie) Galante, of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Mich. They were so happy in conference, no one would ever anticipate such a sudden change. They returned to Detroit on Tuesday night, and when our brother arose on Wednesday morning, she had passed away. Let us all join in praying for our brother that our dear Heavenly Father will comfort him.

On our way home, we stopped in Rochester, New York, and were delighted to see Brother and Sister Ishmael Damico, with the family, also other brothers and sisters from Rochester and Lockport. Our brother and sister were quite pleased to see us, and are looking very well indeed. We returned to Detroit on Monday. The second week-end we accompanied Brothers Burgess, Domico Cotellesse, and Sister Loretta Garlow, to the Grand River Reservation. On our way there, we stopped in London, and had lunch with Sister Gadd, our elderly sister, was in fairly good health, on this occasion, but has since been extremely ill, and is now resting in St. Joseph's Hospital in London. We request the prayers of all saints, on her behalf.

In Grand River, we spent a very enjoyable time. Sister Loretta's class of young people, have requested a meeting on Saturday

nights, in the Church Building, so they could meet and study the History, of their forefathers, the Ancient Inhabitants of this land. I felt this to be quite a forward step, in the right direction, and do hope, and pray that God will abundantly bless them, and grant that a great future will be in store for them from this simple beginning. On Tuesday night October 8th the sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle, along with Sisters Maness, Jackson, and Bird, from Sarnia, met in the basement of Branch No. 1, to honor Sister Buffa, of California, with a going away party. Some of the words of Sister Buffa, after she was presented with a gift. She said that this was a complete surprise to her, and that as long as she lives, she shall never forget the honor that was bestowed upon her by the Circle. There was a great blessing, accompanying this affair, and all were wonderfully blessed. We spent the last Sunday of the month, between Port Huron and Sarnia. We found the saints in Port Huron enjoying themselves in the peace and love of God. In Sarnia, the work is progressing, thank God, we had a grand day of blessings. Brother Maness was anointed for illness, had washing of feet, and came back rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ has set us free. This day, Nov. 3rd, Brother and Sister Burgess, Sister Loretta Garlow, from Windsor, visited Branch No. 3. Brother Burgess gave us quite a talk on a Good Name, which was enjoyed by all. Brother Sam. Randazza, in his testimony, brought out a wonderful experience, that when the Priesthood and the members, of our Church, become one, God will abundantly bless us. There was a very good feeling accompanying this experience. Brother Joe Colison of Windsor, is quite ill, and requests the prayers of all, also Sister Antionette Leopoldo, of our Branch. In Branch No. 1 there was a young sister baptised on Sunday. Best to all.

Brother Matthew T. Miller

JAMES FERRARO HONORED BY HIS FAMILY

Brother Ferraro was pleasantly surprised on Sunday Nov. 17th by his children and grand children on the occasion of their honoring him on his 77th birthday. A turkey dinner was served at the home of his son Patsy here in Monongahela.

Among those present were his

sons, Patsy and Harry, with their families, his daughter, Mrs. Basil Sarver, her husband and family. His daughter Elizabeth Wooley of Youngstown, Ohio was unable to be present. Relatives from Cresson and Lilly, Pa. were also present. A happy occasion for the family!

Brother Ferraro is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, and at the age of 77 is still very active in attending Church. His good wife—Sister Ferraro passed on to her reward a couple of years ago. May the Lord bless Brother 'Jim' with health and strength the rest of his days on the earth

- W E D D I N G S -

Loffredo - Laney

In a double ring ceremony Sat. July 20, 1957 at The Church of Jesus Christ Branch No. 3 Detroit, Miss Elizabeth P. Laney the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Laney became the bride of Mr. Richard Loffredo.

Brother Paul Vitto officiated.

The bride's father gave his daughter in marriage. The bride wore a white satin and chantilly lace gown, with a finger tip veil

The bride's maid was Mrs. Naomi Ruth Homes, sister of the bride; the Maid of Honor was Miss Dixie Humphrey.

The predominating flowers of the wedding were mums and glads.

Mr. Robert Loffredo was the best man and Mr. Joe Campagna an usher.

The happy couple took a short trip and are now residing with the mother of the groom who is Sister Caroline Loffredo.

We extend our best wishes to the young couple.

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Kirschner - Olexa

On October 12, 1957, at 7:30 p. m., Charlotte Kirschner, daughter of Brother and Sister Samuel Kirschner, and J. Frederick Olexa, son of Brother and Sister John Olexa were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela. Elder John Olexa officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

Sister Mabel Brickerton sang, while Sister Sara Vancik played the organ. The bride was given away by her father. Best man was Kenneth Olexa and Maid of Honor was Sister Patricia Seigh-

man. Bridesmaids were Sisters Carolee Olexa and Martha Sue Cowan. William M. Kirschner and Brother Richard Scaglione served as ushers. Karen Evans, cousin of the groom, was flower girl, and David Kirschner, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Ginger Hill Grange with about 200 present. After a short wedding trip, the couple are now at home in their newly furnished apartment in Charleroi, Penna. Both Charlotte and Fred are members of the Church and we all extend our most sincere congratulations to them.

ENTERTAINED WONDERFULLY

Sunday morning meeting Nov. 10th in Monongahela was a Big Meeting for us. Quite a number of people that attended the young people's convention in the Rostraver Junior High School near here, attended our Sunday morning service. There were folks here from Canada, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio and from various places in Pennsylvania. Our church was overcrowded. Instead of observing our regular order in our Sunday School, the time was spent in giving many of our visiting young folks an opportunity of bearing their testimony to the Gospel.

The preaching service began at 11:00 a. m. and continued until about 12:30. The meeting was led by Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y. His theme was Obedience to the Word of God, using the scripture giving an account of King Saul disobeying the Lord, relative to saving some sheep for sacrifices. In the meantime, od had revealed to Samuel the transgression of Saul. It was the beginning of his downfall, and it brought about the displeasure of God upon the king and he lost his throne in the kingdom of Israel. Brother Marinetti handled the subject well indeed. He was followed by Brother Fred D'amico of Detroit who also gave us a very enlightening discourse well seasoned with God's Holy Spirit. Brother Cotellesse of Detroit was our next speaker and I thought he expressed himself very intelligently, the good spirit still prevailing. He brought to our attention the work on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, and of Brother Burgess' untiring efforts among the Indian people. Our last speaker, but not the least, was Brother Otto Henderson of

Windsor, Ont. Brother Otto is one of our very young Elders, but he in his talk retained the spirit that was already being made manifest in the talks of our brethren, who entertained us very elegantly in the service of God.

In my closing remarks I referred to the words of Peter on one occasion: "Lord it is good for us to be here." I reminded the audience that to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

We may get rather brave and boisterous in telling people what will be the consequences if they repent not and obey not the gospel. We may boast of how we love God, but Jesus says if you love me keep my commandments. The expression of the lips is not sufficient. We accept the Bible and Book of Mormon as the word of God—we teach it to others and we must not think that we will not be judged by what we do and preach. God is still the same in our day as He was in the days of king Saul. And it certainly was the keynote of our brethren's talk to us on the above occasion. Yea, woe be unto those who confess Him with their lips, and then do not what He says.

Brother Cadman

YOUNGSTOWN DEDICATION

The branch of Youngstown, Ohio held its dedication October 27, 1957, with saints coming from most of the Ohio branches and some from Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Although the weather was not of the best, we can thank God that none of the saints had any difficulty arriving because of it. We were happy to see such a large congregation who had a desire to worship with us on this event of dedicating our building to the Lord. We were happy to see Brothers William and Alma Cadman. When we see our elder brothers such as they, we cannot help but rejoice that such have been able to remain active and faithful these many years.

Our Sunday morning service was preceded by a short program by all the Sunday School classes, the children, as usual, standing out as one of His many Jewels. May you add your prayers along with mine that the children may always have the interest and enthusiasm that so often accompanies the young.

Brother A. A. Corrado gave a brief resume of how the gospel was brought to Youngstown, Ohio. He told of how the gospel met

with opposition, but when the Lord has work to be done, no one can stop it. We can never thank the Lord enough for His goodness and mercy that He has shown toward the branch of Youngstown through these many years. Sister Ann Damore then sang "Bless This House", a very appropriate hymn and beautifully sung.

Brother Dominic Thomas gave the morning sermon taking his text from Ephesians, second chapter, concerning the household of God which is built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone. We, the saints, make up this household building together as we dedicate ourselves to the Lord. We can say that Brother Dominic was truly blessed with words that were food for our souls.

Brother Frank Vitto was asked to sing a solo, to which he graciously consented. He sang "After" and sang beautifully, as usual.

Brother William Cadman spoke next, leaving us with a very good thought—this being that it isn't the building that is so important for it will come to naught. It is the people, the saints, who should be founded on a firm foundation and who should be dedicated because we make up the true temple of God.

The afternoon fellowship service was opened by Brother Paul D'Amico, speaking briefly of his father's pamphlet, "My Testimony". He emphasized that we must be productive while in the church, telling others of the gospel, relating our testimony, leading a life above reproach, being an example especially to those with whom we come in contact in our everyday life. This would be a start in the right direction, Brother D'Amico was followed by others giving their testimony. The fellowship service was enjoyed by all.

As we remember the joyous service in dedicating a house unto the Lord, may we never forget the day we dedicated ourselves unto the Lord. My prayers are always that we may remain faithful to that which we had promised at the water's edge.

Brother Don Pandone

COWDERY'S LETTER No. 5 (Continued)

Moses labored diligently to effect this object, but in consequence of the transgressions and rebellions of the children of Israel,

God swore in his wrath that they should not enter into rest; and in consequence of this decree, and their transgressions since, they have been scattered to the four winds, and are thus to remain till the Lord gathers them in His own power.

To a remnant of them the gospel was preached by the Messiah in person, but they rejected his voice, though it was raised daily among them. The apostles continued to hold forth the same, after the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, until they would hear it no longer, and then they were commanded to turn to the Gentiles.

They, however, labored faithfully to turn that people from error, that they might be the happy partakers of mercy, and save themselves from the impending storm that hung over them. They were commanded to preach Jesus Christ night and day—to preach through him the resurrection from the dead—to declare that all who would embrace the gospel, repent, and be baptized for the remission of their sins, should be saved—to declare that this was the only sure foundation on which they could build and be safe—that God had again visited his people in consequence of His covenant with their fathers, and that if they would they might be the first who should receive those glad tidings, and have the unspeakable joy of carrying the same to all people, for before the day of rest comes, it must go to all nations, kindreds and tongues.

But in consequence of their rejecting the gospel, the Lord suffered them to be again scattered; their land to be wasted and their beautiful city to be trodden down of the Gentiles, until their time should be fulfilled.

In these last days, to fulfill the promises to the ancient prophets, when the Lord is to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, he has determined to bring to light his gospel, to the Gentiles, that it may go to the house of Israel. This gospel has been perverted, and men have wandered in darkness. That commission given to the apostles at Jerusalem, so easy to be understood, has been hid from the world, because of evil, and the honest have been led by the designing, till there are none to be found who are practicing the ordinances of the gospel, as they were anciently delivered.

But the time has now arrived, in which, according to his covenants, the Lord will manifest to

today and forever, and that the cup of suffering of his people, the faithful that he is the same the house of Israel, is nearly fulfilled; and that the way may be prepared before their face he will bring to the knowledge of the people the gospel as it was preached by his servants on this land, and manifest to the obedient the truth of the same, by the power of the Holy Spirit: for the time is near when his sons and daughters will prophesy, old men dream dreams, and young men see visions, and those who are thus favored will be such as embrace the gospel as it was delivered in old times, and they shall be blessed with signs following.

Further, on the subject of the gathering of Israel.—This was perfectly understood by all the ancient prophets. Moses prophesied of the affliction which should come upon that people, even after the coming of the Messiah, where he said: The evil will befall you in the latter days: because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. Connecting this with a prophecy in the song which follows, which was given to Moses in the tabernacle—remembering the expression—"in the latter days"—where the Lord foretells all their evil, and their being received to mercy, to such as seek the peace of Israel much instruction may be gained. It is as follows:—"I will heap mischiefs upon them: I will spend my arrows upon them. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling with the man of gray hairs."

But after all this, he will judge their enemies and avenge them of theirs, for he says:

"If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will reward them that hate me. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh."

After all this—after Israel has been restored, and afflicted, and his enemies have also been chastised, the Lord says: "Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land and to

his people."

I will give a further detail of the promises to Israel, hereafter, as rehearsed by the angel. Accept assurance of my esteem as ever,

O. Cowdery

WHO'S TO BLAME?

You read so very much today 'Bout children who have gone astray,

About the trouble they're always in;

Their trials are full of rampant sin.

They've taken, oh, so much the blame

For what should be their parent's shame!

Perhaps the first lie one child told Was when its mother, with ways so bold

Saw at her door an unwanted guest . . .

You've guessed the rest.

The child was told to say, "Mom's not in . . ."

Dishonest? the very root of sin.

And, Sonny, returning from the store,

With change from his purchase, plus a little more . . .

The grocer was busy when Sonny bought cake—

In making the change, he made a mistake.

Dad, with one eye on the paper, said,

"It's his fault. Keep it." My heart bled

For the evil seed planted in the mind of that child.

No wonder today he's unruly and wild!

Wild, too, is the girl who runs with the boys,

Who is petting, instead of playing with toys.

She sees her mother, when father's away,

Flirting, entertaining and being gay.

She's started out, not quite in her 'teens,

To find out what a sordid life means.

The youth of our country suffer broken hearts.

They see no way to stop it, no one to take their parts.

If only Christ could be here today, He'd stand with outstretched arms and say.

"This isn't the way I meant it to be;

Let the little ones come unto me."

Sister E. A. Dick

ARE WE READY TO RECEIVE OUR CROWN?

Are we ready to receive our crown? Or are we sitting in our chairs with a frown?

Thinking of the faults of our brother

When we have more faults than the other.

Are we satisfied with our behavior? Do we think we are better than the Saviour?

We must, if we think we are better than our brother

For Jesus said "honor one another."

Do we have a frown instead of a smile?

Pitying ourselves all the while Getting excited and all upset

When our selfish will isn't always met.

Or are we willing to do our share? Thinking of the Gospel's welfare

Doing each day a wonderful deed Giving to the church more earnest heed.

This is He, that is ready for his crown

For he has laid his burdens down He is not a complainer or a squealer

But for the Lord, he is a tiller.

Brother William Kunkel

SHALL WE ABIDE IN THE WORD OF GOD?

Recently while on a short trip, one of my brothers asked me about the 24th verse of St. John 17, which reads as follows: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the 'foundation' of the world." Surely the Saviour was not idle in His teachings to His disciples. It was easy for me to observe that my brother believed this scripture as it read, and he questioned me about the matter.

I drew his attention to the 5th verse of this same chapter wherein the Saviour makes an emphatic statement that He was with the Father before the world was. He also says, before Abraham was I am. He says: I gave the law, and the law in me is fulfilled. John the Baptist says He is preferred before me, for He was before me. And after all, it is said that Jesus Christ created this world and all things therein, and it is very plain that 'man' was

created in the image of the creator. The Bible and Book of Mormon is in harmony on this question. Let all men believe the two books when they are open as well as when they are closed. JESUS said to the enemy of all SOULS: "It is written."

Editor

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Hagersville, Ont., Canada

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am writing this evening just to let you know that I am leaving Muncey and Oneida Reserves on Nov. 19th.

I have a new home built near Hagersville, Ont. That will be a home for the rest of my life. My brother Ritchard P. Henry is going to live there, just the two of us. He is nearly 80 years old. I am past 82, so as we are both alone now it seems nice to be together as long as we live.

I am really sorry to leave the Muncey Church, which I love very much. I will go to the Six Nations Reserve. I will have to go some where on Sundays. I will sure miss my Muncey brothers and sisters, also my brother Elders.

I hope you and Sister Cadman are well. I am not so well, I feel that old age is getting the best of me. So I am trying my best to do better. I would like to be well prepared when my time is up. You must excuse my poor letter for I have no learning, only very little. You will find enclosed money order for the Gospel News for which I have not paid for a long time. I will close with love to all the brothers and sisters. May God bless you all in my prayer, from a sister in Christ

Mrs. Alice George

Sister George is one of our Indian sisters who was baptised into the church a good many years ago. I used to go to her little humble home when her first husband lived, he passed on faithful in the church some years ago. Many of you who have been going to Muncey for years past will remember Sister 'Alice' as she was most always spoken of. She has been a faithful worker in the church, and may God bless her the balance of her days on the earth.—Brother Cadman

Her new address is as follows:
R. R. 6 Hagersville, Ont., Canada

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San Fernando Valley, California
Dear Editor:

Here in the valley our sisters have gone visiting the neighbors around the Church. They have invited all the child-

ren to attend our first Bible School.

The teachers of the school are Sisters June Jones, Pearl Nester and Sara Watson. To their success they have 35 neighbor's children to attend, (not counting our own) All the children loved to attend. After two weeks of school, and on the 1st day we invited the fathers and mothers to come and see what their children had learned.

The children had a wonderful program and the hymns they sang brought tears to our eyes. Some mothers promised to send their children to our Sunday School. They said they would visit our Church the first opportunity. This is the opening invitation for our neighbors to visit our church.

We also have M. B. A. gathering every third Sunday of the month, the Los Angeles Branch and the Valley get together and have a program and we invite our friends and neighbors. We have been having wonderful gatherings. The visiting friends notice that we are different from other churches. On Sunday we had feet washing services. It was a blessing when our young sister washed the sisters feet for her first time. Brother Buffa saw a vision in which the Lord appeared in our services. These are the things that are happening in our Branch.

As for me I want to praise God and I know all my brothers and sisters do too. May God bless all our brothers and sisters..

Sincerely, Sister Josephine Buffa

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Nigeria, Africa

On the 3rd November, 1957 Brothers A. A. Dick and M. Eker- eke the Registered Trustees of the Incorporated Body of The Church Of Jesus Christ, Nigeria—visited us on the above date, they arrived in our midst after Sunday School Classes. The Service was opened as usual, the presiding Officer Brother Sandy Akpan turned the meeting over to the visiting brothers.

Hymns No. 348, 230 and 248 were sang. The two brothers give a very brief speech which touched our hearts. Brother Sandy Akpan follows them in preaching. A letter from Brother W. H. Cadman, president of the Church was read by Brother M. Eker- eke

and we rejoice so much in hearing that Brother Bittinger and One other will come to Nigeria. We believe that their visit will be a blessing to all of us.

We also enjoy receiving the Gospel News Monthly with the support the Saints in America give to us. We also thank them in making our Elders to dress nice. Also with the support they give to our Brother S.S. Akpaidick in the Lincoln University in Pa.

We believe by 1960 The church Of Jesus Christ in Nigeria will be able to send two brothers to USA to visit the Saints there on our behalf. We are thankful to God in the blessing he gives to us often. Hymn No. 318, 55 and 51 was sung, the meeting then came to a close with Hymn No. 191. Prayer by Brother Dick. "The Church Of Jesus Christ, Ikot Eba-UUYC.

Elder Sandy Akpan

BE A BE-BIGGLER

The world has plenty belittlers—people who take sadistic delight in cutting other people down to size. What we need is more be-biggler—people who look for—discover—and praise— what is good in other people. Why not try being a be-biggler? Don't flatter. You are simply racing your mental engine when you do.

Take the trouble to hunt for the good in your friends. Then talk to them, sincerely, about what you find. Even more fun, tell others about it. About the most stimulating experience you can give yourself is to start some good rumors about your friends, behind their backs.

If you think that praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him, for he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

Berton Braley

Quoted from Whatsoever Things

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE . . .

A very timely article by your assistant-to-the-editor concerning satellites and space travel. Composite opinion, biblical and interchurch, of the feasibility of man's efforts to conquer outer space. Read what such accomplishments may mean to The Church work and God's Plan. Don't miss SATELLITES, SPACE, and SAINTS in the February Gospel News.

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Pray do not find fault with the man who limps or stumbles along
the road,

Unless you have worn the shoes he wears or struggled beneath
his load.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today unless you have felt
the blow,

That caused his fall or felt the shame that only the fallen know.

Don't be harsh with the man who sins or pelt him with word
and stone,

Unless you are sure, yea—doubly sure, that you have no sins of
your own.

Poet Unknown

Submitted by Bro. Don Pandone

SOUNDS GOOD

An excerpt from a letter written on December 4, '57 by Brother Paul Benyola of Metuchen, N. J. is as follows: "We had a wonderful meeting last Sunday and while the Spirit of God prevailed, a young sister arose to her feet asking to be baptised. We pray that God will open the doors for greater spiritual acceleration in the Metuchen Branch."

AN OLD HYMN

The time is nigh, that happy time,
That great, expected, blessed
day,
When countless thousands of our
race
Shall dwell with Christ, and him
obey.

The Prophecies must be fulfilled,
Though earth and hell should
dare oppose,
The stone out of the mountain
cut,
Though unobserved a kingdom
grows.

Soon shall the blended image
fall,
Brass, silver, iron, gold and clay:
And superstitions dreadful reign
To light and liberty give way.

In one sweet symphony of praise,
The Jews and Gentiles will unite,
And infidelity, o'ercome,
Return again to endless night.

From east to west, from north to
south,
The Saviour's kingdom shall
extend,
And every man, in every place,
Shall meet a brother and a friend.

GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held Saturday, December 14th at Sister Sadie Cadman's home, 519 Finley St., Monongahela, Penna.

The morning meeting opened with the congregation singing hymn "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling," and prayer by Sister Angella Intriери of Glassport. Sister Mary Fleming read the 2nd chapter of St. Luke.

Sister Cadman made the opening remarks, and spoke of how thankful we should be for the blessings we have enjoyed, and how the Lord has blessed her. Sister Bickerton also spoke of our many blessings, and the meeting was left open for any who felt prompted to speak, during which we sang two beautiful hymns—"Great is the Lord," and "Praise ye the Lord."

The roll call of officers with all present except the assistant Secretary. The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted. Reports of Circles were given by delegates and letters. The morning meeting was closed with hymn "Silent night," and prayer by Sister Hanna Skillen.

The afternoon meeting was opened with hymn "Saviour Like a Shepherd lead us," and prayer by Sister Davidson.

Under new business it was suggested we create a new fund, from our General Fund to be known as (Special Mission Fund) and the Treasurer take care of it, which was passed by motion.

Sisters Virginia Morley and Marci Marderosian from Detroit,

PASSING THROUGH

CHEROKEE, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Picciuto, newly weds whose home is in Painesville, Ohio, stopped off a few days ago to make a call on the editor of the Times.

They are friends of the Rev. W. H. Cadman, of Monongahela, Pa., who is an old friend of ours and a subscriber to the Times. He helped plan their honeymoon trip and told them to look us up when they got here. (Cherokee Times)

P. S. The editor of the Cherokee Times (Mrs. Beck) an Indian lady, is a good friend of ours and operates a first class restaurant in Cherokee, North Carolina, where we always visit when in the Smoky Mountain country.

Brother Cadman

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Mich. and Lorretta Garlow from Grand River Reserve were present with us. Sister Garlow bore testimony to the goodness of God and spoke of her work among her people at Grand River, Canada, which was enjoyed very much. Hymn "We've a story to tell to the nations," was then sung.

Sister Virginia Martin read the first chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 18th verse concerning the birth of Christ, and Sister Grace Landrey read the account of the birth of Christ as it is written in the Book of Mormon.

Brother Wm. Cadman spoke about the good the Circle is doing, and told of work that is being done in Africa, Italy and on the Reservations. How the work of the Circle is being appreciated, and he spoke of the many letters he receives from different places inquiring about the Church. His talk was very interesting and enjoyed by all. Hymns "The Gospel Restored!" and "Our Church," were sung.

A vote of thanks was extended to our sisters for their hospitality, and the next General Meeting is to be held at Sister Sadie Cadman's home in Monongahela, in March. The meeting was closed with prayer by Sister Violet Sarver of Monongahela.

M. B. A. HOLDS CONFERENCE

The Missionary Benevolent Association held its semi-annual conference at Rostraver, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 9, 1957. The Monongahela M. B. A. Local was the host. There were representatives present from the various locals in the eastern part of the United States and also from Windsor, Canada.

The morning session was taken up with unfinished business and the reports of delegates of the various locals including four new locals.

The conference elected officers in the afternoon. All officers were re-elected with the exception of two organizers, and four additional organizers were newly elected in the various localities.

At the conclusion of the business, several spoke concerning the obligation of the Church in the troubled time in which we live. The speakers respectively were Brother Patsy Marinetti, Brother Donald Curry, Brother Joseph Calabrese, Brother Domenic Thomas, and Brother Thurman Furnier.

In the evening the Monongahela

Local presented an inspiring program of song, reading, and testimonies entitled, "Then Jesus Came."

The next M. B. A. Conferences are set to be held at Painesville and Lorain, Ohio in May and November respectively. Secretary: Sister Ruth E. Akerman

A PROGRESS OF WORK AND BLESSINGS IN NIGERIA

Since 14th August, 1954 The Church of Jesus Christ, Nigeria, has made this progress — 3568 souls have been baptised into 81 groups.

We are rejoicing in God's blessing in Africa. Brothers W. H. Cadman and J. Bittinger established The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria by baptising fourteen brothers on the above date; about three hundred souls were baptised before they left Nigeria for their home. They ordained fifteen brothers into the Priesthood. Soon after their departure divisions arose with six brothers in the Priesthood who withdrew from the Church. For a period of seven months the Gospel Work was very slow.

Now we are very glad to see all the brothers in the priesthood working in harmony. Also, the whole Gospel Work is progressing in both the material and spiritual. Other missions believe in paying ministers, but The Church of Jesus Christ, in both the U. S. A. and Africa, does not believe in paying ministers. Looking both to our material and spiritual welfare, both the ministers and the members of The Church of Jesus Christ, Nigeria, are dressing more nicely than before. Our Elders go with very nice bicycles and our Superintendent tours the Missions with a motorcycle. A sewing Department was established for our women to learn how to sew. Schools were opened for our children to attend free. Also our Church is 'incorporated' and we are free from other missions of Governments. We also have very nice church buildings. In fact, we account all these things as blessings from God.

This is the testimony from the saints of The Church of Jesus Christ—Odio, Eket.

A. A. Ntia, Elder

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN

Sunday December 8th the Brothers and Sisters of the St. John Mission assembled at St. John

for feet washing service. The brothers and sisters of the Wichita Mission were not able to be present.

Sister Kunkle and Sister Teach from Lincoln, Kansas. Sister Rich of Great Bend and Brother and Sister Cox from Salina drove to St. John after their Sunday School services.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn "The Gospel of Love", prayer by Brother Cox. We sang hymn "Jesus and I", then Brother Cox read some scripture to us and also read the 13th chapter of St. John since it was feet washing service. We sang hymn "Alone" and then the administering of the Lord's Supper. We sang hymn "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning" after which we had our feet washing service. We sang hymn "When Jesus Christ Was Here Below" and the meeting was turned over to testimony.

We then sang hymn "Faith is The Victory" and the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother Giles. It was very nice to have our brothers and sisters together again, for it had been several weeks since we had been together. It seems the Lord certainly had a hand in the bringing of our brothers and sisters from Lincoln and Salina to meet with us. On Saturday night, predictions were for bad weather, but Sunday was a beautiful day, almost like spring.

We of St. John Mission are looking forward to seeing some of our brothers and sisters from the different branches paying us a visit. Remember, we are just about half way between the east and the west branches of the church.

Sister Eva Delp

THREE FITS

There are three kinds of men in the world: fits, misfits, and counterfeits.

Fits are those men who fit naturally into the scheme of things.

Misfits are those, owing to their own inaptitude, are square pegs in round holes.

Counterfeits are those who are mentally cut on the bias, and who imagine that they can fool an entire world simply because they can fool themselves.—Religious Telescope.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

The Iron Rod—what is it?

In First Nephi, chapter 15, beginning with verse 21: "What meaneth this thing which our father saw in a dream? What meaneth the tree which he saw?—And I said unto them: it was a representation of the tree of life. And they said unto me: what meaneth the rod of iron which our father saw, that led to the tree? And I (Nephi) said unto them (his brethren) that it was the word of God: and whoso would hearken unto (yield and obey) the word of God, and would hold fast unto it, (not depart from it) they would never perish."

Therefore, if I am to understand this as it is written: I must abide by the word of God and hold fast to it or perish. In verse 10 of this chapter, Nephi says: "Behold I said unto them: his brothers) How is it that ye do not keep the commandments of the Lord? How is it that ye will perish, because of the hardness of your hearts?" May I ask: how can we of today hold fast to the Iron Rod and at the same time disobey His commandments? The very thing that Nephi was endeavoring to impress on the minds and souls of his brethren was that if they would hold fast to the iron rod (obey God's word) they would never perish.

The commandments of God are just as applicable to modern Israel as they were to ancient Israel,

and they are certainly applicable to the servants of God, whoever they might be, that are attempting to graft the branches back onto the tame Olive Tree or onto their Mother Tree. I have always taught that my God of today is the same God of olden days. He doth not look on sin with the least degree of allowance, so readeth His word—the iron rod.

I have always liked the experience of Lehi concerning the rod of iron as given in the eighth chapter of First Nephi. He looked around in the midst of the conditions that were about his family—he had found something good—he had been holding fast to the word of God all his life, yea, he apparently first thought of his loved ones. He scans over the multitude of them—he sees them and calls with a loud voice for them, beckoning to them to come, he has found something good. Might I say it was a reward for holding fast to the word of God, and he wanted his family to reap the same reward, or to eat of the same tree which bore FRUIT that was desirable above all else. Let us all praise God with all souls who have, and are still holding on to, the Rod of Iron—yea, God's Holy Word.

The gifts of God are holy and just. He is loving and sympathetic, but is not a compromising God. His only Begotten Son has made it plain in His word that if we cannot forsake a loved one for His sake, we cannot be His disciples. The Iron Rod—yea, the roots of the old tree are still good, and will be while time shall last, and is that by which we shall be judged at the great and last day. My brothers and sisters, hold fast to the iron rod; don't slip your holt and find yourselves wandering in strange roads.

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A Reminder . . .

"But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil: for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one: neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him." Moroni 7:17.

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." First John 3:4. The Gospel News will uphold the word of God as it is written. We may deceive ourselves, but we cannot deceive God—'FOR HE IS NOT MOCKED', saith the scripture.

A REMINDER:

APRIL CONFERENCE, 1951

After hearing the appeal of Brother Wm. H. Cadman a motion was passed that the Priesthood acknowledge the fact that the action taken in our last October Conference was out of order in as much as it should have been handled in a General Conference. In the future, any similar cases pertaining to divorces or remarrying, where baptism is involved, will be handled in our General Conferences and be ruled by a two-thirds majority vote.

P. S. We should use our influence to sustain the Church, and

the Church should sustain and abide in the law of God. Both Bible and Book of Mormon teach that the marriage covenant is dissolved only by death. The Church cannot help what has happened in the lives of men and women before being baptised into the church, but the church should be able to say what they can do, and what they cannot do when they are members of the Church.

My venerable father (now deceased) as president of the church said,—and I believe left it in print—that 'polygamy' was one form of adultery and loose 'divorce laws' was simply another form.

W. H. Cadman, President of the Church.

AN EXPERIENCE

OF DELVIA LOWTHER

I Delvia Lowther having met up with The Church of Jesus Christ about the month of June, 1914. I was baptised into the church on September 2nd 1914, by Elder Martin King, in the reservoir, then owned by the H. C. Frick Coke Co., near Smock, Pa. I became a firm believer in the Book of Mormon, and desired very much that some day the Lord would cause one of the three Nephites to appear among us, for we had read that they will be among the Gentiles, and shall minister unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people. (See

3rd Nephi 28:29-30)

I know of a truth that God granted me the desire of my heart. This is how it happened: In the year of 1940, I was living in a country home along highway No. 711, near Vanderbilt, Pa. My mother, Sister Rosalie Riggen, and Brother Jacob Miller (he was a blind man) made their home with me. One day, in the afternoon, the weather being warm, my mother and our neighbor's boy (George Lloyd) were sitting on the front porch. There was a man made his appearance, and came up to the porch, and asked for something to eat. I was working in the kitchen, and mother called, and said: "Delvia, here is a man who wants something to eat." I came to the door, and much to my surprise, I saw a man, not too tall, and not too heavy, but had hair white as snow; it was shoulder length; he looked like a man in his 70's; he wore a grey plaid breakfast shawl around his shoulders, no coat. As I looked into his eyes, they were like pools of clear water, his eyes were blue, and he had the expression of an innocent child. He said: "Daughter, could you spare me a bit of bread and water." I said, yes sir, for I never turn any away from my door. I went in to prepare his tray, and I could hear him talking to mother, but could not hear mother saying anything, which seemed strange, for she was a great Bible reader, and the first thing she did when meeting any one was to bring up the subject of religion. I took his tray out where he sat on the steps, and I soon learned why mother had not done any talking, for it was as if we were spell bound, the wonderful things we heard him say, of how the Angel had come back, and brought the everlasting Gospel, and great promises he had made to his people; he also told us of much suffering, and hardships that God's people would go through; he told us of the second world war, which was to come to pass, and the suffering of the Jews. We could not speak for he seemed to have such power when he spoke. I went into Brother Miller's bed room, and took him by the hand, and said, come Brother Miller, come, and hear a man that has told us all things. I led him to the porch, and he sat down, and listened. Every once in awhile Brother Miller cried out loud, for he felt such a blessing in what he heard, tears running down the cheeks of all of us, even our neighbor's boy,

George Lloyd. No one spoke but the stranger, when he finished his lunch, he arose, and came toward me, handing me his tray. I noticed as he arose it was done in quick action, like a child, not like an elderly person. He then asked God to bless us all, and took me by the hand, and said: "Daughter, hold fast to what you have."

He then turned, and went down the steps across the lawn, and jumped like a small boy down over a stone wall about two feet high; walked swiftly to the highway, and we saw him no more. We looked in both directions, but he was no where to be seen. We then talked among ourselves about what had happened, and we all knew he had surely been sent by the Lord. When Brother Richard Lowther (my husband) came from work, I told him of what had happened, and he remarked, "He must have been one of the three Nephites; I wish he would come back some time when I am at home." We praise and thank our maker for what we have seen and heard, for we have no doubt in us concerning God's dealings with his people. These are the witnesses to the above experience: Sisters Delvia Lowther and Rosalie Riggen, Brother Jacob Miller, and our neighbor George Lloyd.

Sister Delvia Lowther
Copied by Delvia Lowther, November 18th, 1957

FACTS CANNOT BE DENIED

In Third Nephi 12:32, the Saviour's words are as follows: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whoso shall marry her who is divorced committeth adultery."

These words are very plain I am sure. If she is put away for a cause other than adultery, she is an innocent person, yet, even though innocent of breaking her marriage vows, if she marries again she committs adultery. May I ask: In what way can an innocent man be free from adultery by marrying again? The Saviour's words in this matter are in accord with Paul's wherein he says in affect that only death dissolves the marriage vows. Who can gainsay it?

If you will open your Bibles to Matthew 5:32 you will find the Saviour uses the same words as are used in Third Nephi. And I will add this: that if a man or

woman is put away or divorced because of adultery, then they are already guilty, whether they marry again or not. Can anyone deny it?

I want also to draw your attention to the fact, that if a single man or woman marries a divorced person, both are equally guilty of adultery. I will add further that when a person of the Restored Gospel, even though the person is single, the person is worse than one that had never repented of his or her sins who marries a divorced person. But the Church certainly is responsible for what it allows its members to do after they obey the Gospel.

President W. H. Cadman

TRAVEL BY THIS ROAD

by William Henry Watson,
Yorkshire, England

The line to heaven by Christ was made,
With Heavenly truths the rails are laid.
From earth to Heaven the line extends
To Life Eternal where it ends.

Repentance is the station house
Where passengers are taken in;
No fee for them is there to pay,
For Christ is Himself the way.

The Bible is the engineer;
It points the way to Heaven so clear.
Through tunnels dark and dreary here,
It does the way to glory steer.

God's love the fire, His truth the steam
Which drives the engine and the train.
All you who would to glory ride,
Must come to Christ in Him abide.

The first, the second, and third class,
Repentance, Faith, and Holiness,
You must the way to glory gain,
Or you with Christ can never reign.

Come then poor sinner, now's the time
At any station on the line;
If you repent and turn from sin,
The train will stop and take you in.

Written by the great-great grandfather of Sister Sara Stearns.

SATELLITES, SPACE and SAINTS

by Brother George Funkhouser

Though this article could encompass an infinite amount of material, (after all, it is about the universe), I will endeavor to confine its scope to major phases. We as saints of The Church of Jesus Christ are concerned with satellites and space travel only inasmuch as they affect, or are effected by, the Plan of God and Man's Salvation. To delve into the technological relationship of Church and science or to discuss suspicioned atheism of scientist as a whole, in an article of these limitations, would be foolhardy. Therefore I will restrict myself to very explicit questions pertinent to us as saints and important to us as workers in The Church.

Before we get into our discussion, one thing must be kept in mind. In writing this article every attempt has been made to keep it current. But things are happening very fast these days. Main events up to the time of composition were the orbiting of two satellites by the Russians and the firing of several rockets by the United States into the fringes of space. (4,000 miles—plus) Any more recent developments might have a bearing on this article but it would be in particular, not in general.

Scriptures and Space?

What do the scriptures have to say about space travel, other worlds, etc.?

Of course the Written Word contains very little, directly or implied, referring to space travel. It is the general opinion in the Church that absence of information concerning such an important matter indicates that scientists are stepping out of bounds by attempting to conquer space. Conversely, there are several scriptural references formerly taken lightly or generally that now become very meaningful and pointed. One such is the command in Matthew: "Go ye into all the world..." Many of the Priesthood believe this order to be self-contained in its entirety—that is, we are told explicitly what to do and where to go. There is much work to be done here, on this planet, in preaching the gospel. In more detail the theori-

zing is this: Mankind exists to glorify God and the gospel was instituted to reinstate man with God. If man was meant to become an interstellar nomad the Scriptures would surely infer that the gospel was to be carried beyond terrestrial limits.

In another prophet's writings we are told, "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool:..." Some Church leaders believe this phrase to have dual meaning. First, a distinct separation is indicated, placing heaven in a superior altitude and unapproachable authority. Second, no subject of royalty, if placed on the 'footstool', would dare attempt to ascend to the 'throne' unless invited by the ruler. God has not invited man into his kingdom. Man's attempt into space makes him an invader into regions alien to him. One scientist said that to attain the stars did not necessitate entry into heaven. Perhaps so, but if man can locate heaven, he will try entry. In this last respect scripture is very precise: "Nothing defiled shall enter therein."

An over-all examination of the Scriptures shows that man was put on the earth and given dominion over all the creatures thereon. No indication is made of this authority being extended to other 'earths' or creatures of other worlds. The entire scope of the written word is pertinent to one earth—this earth.

Another point must be considered when weighing the Scriptures in reference to man's attempt at the outer regions. Early writers had no concept whatever of flying, or traveling in space. Flying has always been a dream of man, but not until this century has that dream crystallized into sustained flight. Only in very recent years have ultra-sonic speeds (up to 2,000 m. p. h.) been attained.

Such feats of speed and the machines begat to produce them were beyond the natural imagination of early writers. They did not even visualize the world as round so it is unfair to expect they would forecast that in time a man-made object would whirl around the globe in two hours.

and the Church?

The Church of Jesus Christ is founded on, and is directed by, the revelation and inspiration of God. It remains to be seen just how the Church dedication will be effected by the possibility of men going to other planets. To ask: "Will we take the gospel into space?" is a bit ridiculous. Men will not be ready for a real attempt at space for twenty-five years, at best. It will be twice that before people other than scientists and foolhardy explorers can be transported. In less than half a century God's hand will move to execute His Great Plan.

This is not the time to conceive any Church action relative to space endeavor. In talks with our leaders I have found one general prevalent attitude: No phase of The Church structure, either organization, missionary, or evangelical, should be altered without the direct intercession of The Almighty. This especially applies to Church business concerning space travel.

In the upper echelon of officer-ship I found statements to be very reserved concerning space travel. Brother William Cadman, president, remarked: "I pay very little attention to such projects of man. They are of questionable value. There is much to be done here, now. We have no time to be zooming off into space with thought or deed."

Conversations with those of the Priesthood produce one very concentric thought: 'Primarily man is an earth inhabitant. It is not proper for him to be wandering off into space, for either scientific or speculative purpose. The question is not so much can he accomplish, as it is will God allow?'

Recently I had quite a talk with Brother Alma Cadman on things pertinent to the aims of man towards space conquest. He agreed with others of the Church in that the program was of doubtful worth and certainly not essential to the plan of salvation. With stoic-like wisdom he summed up his views with: "It is not good."

This era of rockets and satellites will bear interested watchfulness. As man speeds faster and faster one could well think he hastens to an untimely end. As one apostle said on a trip east shortly after 'sputnic' appeared: "It is well when looking into space, to do so with head bowed."

WASHINGTON—His Leadership

by Brother Patsy Marinetti

The fame of Washington is not measured merely from the records of his achievements. Like Lincoln, Washington was far greater than anything he did. It was not a coincidence that Washington lived in one of the most crucial times in history. Nephi, in the Book of Mormon, foresaw this specific period in American history.

In Washington's revelation and personal experience with God, he was aware that he was a man of destiny at a major turning point in history. God moved in His mysterious way in selecting Washington to become the spearhead or the vanguard of a group of courageous leaders who personally made the following contributions to a righteous cause:

1. Thomas Paine in his pamphlet "Common Sense", helped to crystallize America's decision to act. His words permeated the minds of the colonists from every walk of life. George Washington and Jefferson were deeply effected by Paine's writings.
2. Thomas Jefferson, although not eloquent in speaking, was a Demosthenes with the written word. He created the substance of which the Declaration of Independence was made.
3. Patrick Henry fired the cause of liberty with zeal, feeling and courageous faith. He fanned the spark of liberty-loving people to an incandescent light.
4. James Madison, with legal exactness and precision for detail, helped to give the cause, depth, purpose, and direction. Together with Jefferson, these two men over a span of fifty years worked as one mind in erecting the durable foundation of a new nation; dedicated to the principles of equality, freedom of conscience, and brother-

hood for all.

5. Benjamin Franklin neutralized the seething and restless forces of the group, with his wisdom, patience, and tolerance.

Space will not allow to enumerate in detail the contributions of Hamilton, Marshall, John and Samuel Adams, Lafayette and others who were also part of this unique group.

This segment of history in America produced these outstanding men in one historic period. In character, courage, in consecration to a righteous cause, in love of liberty, these men during the revolution upheaval of their day, were giants among men. Because of their clarity of vision, they discerned the hour of destiny for the birth of a new nation, conceived in noble principles and enlightenment for all mankind. In deep-rooted conviction, they were of one mind on one vital fact (which proved the source of their strength), namely, "God is our King." Jefferson stated quite plainly, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time."

These dynamic men who lived contemporaneously in one glorious period of history, would have in separate periods from each other, stood out as leaders in any age. Why did God bring so many outstanding men together in one era? The times in which they lived called for momentous decisions, unique leaders, and a willingness to sacrifice all for a just cause. It took men of determined resolution and faith, to pioneer the course for the birth of a nation, based on the highest ideals that men ever conceived.

When these men assembled together for the first time as delegates from their respective states

A leader among leaders, Washington raised a nation from chaos and also grew with its greatness

to plan their course of action, Jefferson wrote of that incident in the following manner: "We appointed the 1st day of June for a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, to implore heaven to avert from us the evils of civil war, to inspire us with firmness in support of our rights, and to turn the hearts of the King and Parliament to moderation and justice."

"The people met generally," Jefferson recalls, "with anxiety and alarm in their countenances, and the effect of the day thro' the colony was like a shock of electricity, arousing every man and placing him erect and solidly on his centre."

Washington's moral stature, in all offices that he discharged, was the motivating energy, that rallied together under one banner, the accumulated efforts of the above mentioned patriots toward the common objective to which they all had dedicated their lives and fortunes.

Washington as an able commander, wrested liberty from tyranny. As a statesman, he helped evolve a stable government from political chaos. As a patriot, he cheerfully laid down power, when he might have won a crown. Wisdom, patience, tolerance, courage, consecration to a righteous cause, animated his every act. Ingratitude, injustice, and treachery never embittered him, but served to strengthen his character. He grew in dignity and in capacity to the need of his growing responsibility and power, but he never became arrogant. Ambition and opportunity never tempted him from the narrow path of honor. Such a man was our first President and the Father of the United States.

Coming of the Son of Man

by Alma Coppa

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

The world is in a new spiritual awakening. The cry is heard: Behold, the Christ cometh, He is in the desert: He is in the secret

chambers: come among us we have the Christ. Yes the churches of today are saying, "Come unto us we are His very elect; He dwells with us. When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Ominous warning of what shall proceed His coming. Famine; plague; anguish; tribulation; fret

These are troubled times. All nature rebels and man lulls the populace with the counter cry of peace, all is well in Zion. The ground work is laid as the sixth day of work draws nigh and the day of rest is at hand. The day

when Christ shall reign on earth for a thousand years: the Day of Rest. But be ye not deceived for ye are the elect. The fig tree groweth and the leaves do come forth. In as much as you become children of the light, look to the heavens where Christ said "I come out of the east, and shineth even unto the west: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

But let me say while you are feeling the prayer of joy in your heart for that glorious day of our Lord, that there cometh a time of trouble that was not from the foundation of the earth nor shall be again.

The mighty Lord sendeth the plague, and who is he that can

drive them away? The earth quaketh and the foundations thereof: the sea ariseth up with the waves from the deep, and the waves of it are troubled and the fishes thereof also, before the Lord, and before the glory of His power: The beginning of sorrows and a great mourning: the beginning of famine and great dearth, the beginning of wars, and the powers shall stand in fear: the beginning of evils! Behold, famine and plague, tribulation and anguish are sent as scourges for amendment. For many of them who dwell upon the earth shall perish of famine: and the others that escape the hunger, shall the sword destroy.

And the dead shall be cast out as dung, and there shall be no man to comfort them, for the earth shall be wasted, and the cities shall be cast down: So that man shall desire to see another and to hear His voice.

Hear now these things and understand them, ye servants of the Lord. Plagues shall not be slack upon the earth and the world shall mourn, and sorrow shall come upon it on every side, and in those evils be as pilgrims on the earth. Whosoever remaineth from all these that shall shortly come to pass shall escape, and see the salvation of the Lord, and the end of the world.

MISSIONARY REPORT: An Interesting Letter

by Sister Mary Persico

Efforts being made in the field to extend the gospel—obedience to the command 'go ye forth'

Dear Brother Editor,

I'm writing to you at this time primarily to ask for the prayers of the saints in behalf of Brooklyn Mission No.1 and also to advise you of the recent activity there.

As you know, for the past few years there have been only 6 or 7 members who faithfully attend all the meetings. Since the Brooklyn Mission is under the jurisdiction of the Hopelawn Branch, it was decided that Brother Nick Persico would be given the privilege of promoting some interest among the people who live in the vicinity of the church. Conse-

quently, Brother Nick, along with Brother Gene Perri, Jr. and also Brother John Galenti, have made a few trips to Brooklyn on Saturdays to introduce the Gospel in some of the homes and also to invite these folks to attend our service on Sunday morning. Wonderfully enough they succeeded in arousing our friend's interest and as a result we have between 20 and 25 visitors, all comparatively young people, who have been attending our meetings continuously for the past four weeks. We've also started a Sunday School with our friends who range from age 4 to 18. There seems

to be a very sincere interest on their part. We hope and pray that God will bless our friends with understanding and love and the desire to serve Him. Please remember this work in your prayers as I am sure that God is with us and has many more blessings in store for our brothers and sisters in Brooklyn as well as our friends there.

Extend our love to Sister Sadie and all.

Sister Mary Persico

Proof positive that when the effort is made, people CAN be brought to the Church—Assistant-to-the-editor.

THE INDIANS DILEMMA

In Oregon about 2,000 Klamath Indians are facing a problem that brings into sharp focus the whole baffling dilemma of the modern American Indian. In itself this problem is of major concern only to the Klamaths, a few businessmen, and government officials. But in its larger implications it concerns all Americans.

The Klamaths own about 8,000,000 acres in Oregon. Most of it is in timber valued at close to 114 million dollars. The key questions are how to dispose of this valuable property, and what to do with the

proceeds.

The Indians have discussed the matter at length. Shall they take cash for the property? Shall they break up the tribe and "cut a melon," with each one getting a small share? Shall they sell to the government or to private corporations, or shall they form a corporation and sell the timber on their own? No answers to these and related questions have yet been reached.

In its broader aspects the problem of the pines of the Klamath reflects the tortuous way of a minority people emerging into modern, technological society. There

are still many old Indians who want to follow the old ways, the ancient tribal pattern. The young men are pushing to get into the mainstream of American life. Many of these would like to sell off the old tribal properties and use the money to make the break to industrial and urban living.

This is a tremendously complex question, one for which there is no general "yes or no" answer. Indians today need help, advice and guidance of superior quality. Let us hope that white men will not take advantage of them in this period of crisis as white men have so often in the past.

Excerpts taken from

**"POAU's ATTEMPTING TO
AROUSE THE NATION"**

"In numerous court actions POAU has compelled recalcitrant groups to obey the law which separates church and state. Such litigations have impounded millions of tax dollars that had been going illegally into sectarian coffers.

Additional millions have been saved when public officials were warned by POAU that they must keep within the law.

There are now several litigations pending in different states. All are designed to halt encroachments by the Roman Catholic hierarchy on the principle of Church-State Separation. All are designed to stop the flow of public funds into the coffers of this church.

POAU is engaged in numerous investigations, many of which may result in litigations.

What is to be done when a church wantonly and complacently flouts the law, confident no one will dare to bring it to book? We believe that church should be stopped. That's what we're doing. If you believe we're right, help us keep at it."

Schools and Hospitals

"Numerous captive schools, taken over by Roman Catholic aggression, have been freed by POAU's initiative. Hundreds of nuns and priests, teaching in these "public schools" have been shaken being restored to the public.

Community hospitals that have fallen into Roman Catholic hands through "give away" deals are being restored to the public.

In 38 states public funds are "leaking" to various activities of this one denomination. To stop these leaks is POAU's job." "POAU's Program To Arouse The Nation."

(to be continued)

November 25, 1957

**FROM: St. DEMETRIO CORONE
(COSENZA) ITALY**

Since I have been baptised, God has brought me through many trials. I am going to make an attempt to communicate with the many members in the U. S. A., through the medium of the Gospel News.

While I was a young man I had no religious experiences nor

convictions. My mother taught me the best that she was able to in the matter of religion, but she passed away before the enlightenment of the true revealed religion was brought to our land of Italy; by the efforts of sincere brothers and sisters. My own country men could not communicate nor speak to me about the thoughts and feelings that I have discovered about the Church of Jesus Christ and its Divine Splendor. If it had not been for the kind efforts of our dear brothers in this part of the country, we all would have still remained without spiritual enlightenment and without repentance.

Many people in this area of Italy are responding favorably to our cause, and although as yet not baptised, many have risen to our defense against the priests who predominate here. The people can discern that these priests are primarily interested in the financial aspects of religion and their own materialistic gain. The people compare their State Church to a political party, which is always maneuvering to control more power over the peoples' lives.

Although we are a small group of members of the Church of Jesus Christ in Calabria, we are trying to maintain a true temple of worship to God. Sometime in the future we hope to erect our own church building and have a proper place to explain to our sympathizers, the true meaning of what the Book of Mormon states about Jesus Christ.

If the subject of religion would not be so difficult for Brother Cadman to explain or translate into our language, I believe that Brother Cadman would help us in introducing the contents of the Bible to those in Italy. I join with my brothers and sisters here in Italy, in understanding Brother Cadman's situation for not having a knowledge of the Italian language.

You must forgive my limitations of the English language. I know that I make many mistakes in writing English, yet I am sincere in my feelings, even though my attempts are feeble. I am an ordinary working man, but I am willing to sacrifice anything to help my brethren further the Gospel work, I work three days a week at preaching the Gospel and I use the balance of the week to obtain a livelihood for my six children and wife. The only work available for me is farming. The returns from this type of work are small, and it limits my capa-

city to want to do more to further God's work. Nevertheless, I feel very happy for my spiritual lot in the gospel, for since I have been ordained an elder I have baptised members in the Church from the following places: St. Gregorio Magno, Buccino (Salerno); Macchia Albanese and St. Demetrio Corone. I have baptised a total of 119 souls.

In this work for Christ, we must work in unison, so that we can have success in establishing more places to worship Christ.

The members in Italy and myself send our love to Brother William H. Cadman and all the members in America. I remain

Your Brother in Christ
Guiseppe Buonofiglio

AN ACCOUNT:

OUR TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Since it was my first trip, I will write as I saw things. On Oct. 14th six of us gathered in Monongahela: there was Brother and Sister Furnier; Brother Herbert Hemmings; Brother Richard Christman; and my husband and myself. We traveled 1500 miles to get to our church at Wakpala, S. Dakota. It was a good safe trip and we were surprised to find sunny beautiful weather. As we drove up to our little white church and the sign said "Church of Jesus Christ", I got a great blessing to know that we have a little light for Jesus here in a desolate country—South Dakota seemed a place of sunken cities and lands. The Book of Mormon comes to life when one looks upon scenes such as we saw. Third Nephi, 8th chapter, surely explains in full what happened to this land of America at the time of Christ's crucifixion. One can hear and read about things, but to see brings a deeper understanding of the dealings of God with man.

When the Indian brothers and sisters got word that we were in Wakpala, they started coming and by evening time, we had a nice gathering. Our younger brothers, Dick and Herb, worked hard two days to put a new roof on the church building, which is a comfortable place of worship with two rooms and a kitchen for Missionary Quarters. The brothers and sisters who have been going to Wakpala have a good work started, and I was surprised to know how well our church people are known everywhere we went.

On Sabbath Morning we had a good attendance. Afternoon and evening also were well attended. The children were attentive and the older folks were ready and eager to hear the word of God. I searched their expressions, their talk and their actions—they have something in their eyes making them truly the Seed of Joseph. (Him that was sold into Egypt) Like almost to say: "How long Lord?"

It is written in First Nephi, 22nd chapter, verse 6, we as Gentiles or church must be nursing fathers and mothers until the day that God will make bare His arm to bring them out of captivity and darkness. They are a people who need help, both temporal and spiritual. One early morning we went out visiting those of our Indian brothers and sisters to take clothes to them that were sent by those of Monongahela, and Sister Parrott of Kentucky. We returned home by early evening very tired and hungry, when we heard a knock on our door, and there stood Brother Frank Noheart asking us if we would have a meeting. He said he had some friends he wished to bring. So we opened the church doors and by eight o'clock our little church was filled.

(Did I hear some one say 'not time to preach to the Indians yet?' WHC)

So we were happy (wonderful to be happy, Sister Moore—WHC) to see the interest shown by our Indian folks at Wakpala. My prayer is that God will inspire us as a church to do more for these people who are one of the tribes of Israel.

Sister Eva Moore

Brothers and Sisters who were on this trip as well as others who have made the trip to South Dakota: May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy One of Israel, bless your labours. Our late Brother George Neill once said to me, "Brother Cadman, the Indian Mission work is the 'life' of this Church." But let us all remember that we cannot perform the work of God in these last days unless we fear God, and keep His Commandments. I read that it is the whole duty of man. And I want all the readers of the Gospel News to know that 'I' have no patience with the saying: "not time yet."

President W. H. Cadman

O B I T U A R I E S

VINCENT CICCONE

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

Vincent Ciccone passed on from this life on Sunday morning, September 29, 1957 at Sewickley Valley Hospital. Brother Jim, as he was affectionately known by us, arose on Sunday morning and prepared to come to church, when he became very ill and was rushed to the hospital by his family where at 10:30 a. m. he quietly passed away.

He was born in Italy on May 20, 1878 and was well past his 79th birthday at his death. He was baptised in the Church of Jesus Christ in 1920 at Brownsville, Pa. and later was ordained as a teacher. Brother Jim was a member of the old Arensburg and Allison Mission where Brother Garafalo was in charge for a number of years.

Our departed brother was a faithful servant of the Lord and though in a feeble condition, he came to church in all kinds of weather. He had been in the church for 37 years. Surviving him are his daughter, Sister Angelina Frison, with whom he made his home at Ambridge, Pa., 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Elder Brother Thomas Ross officiated at the funeral services with assistance from Elder Brother Dominic D'Antonio held on October 2, 1957 at 10:30 a. m. at McCabes funeral home in Ambridge, Pa.

We of the Aliquippa Branch have and will sorely miss our little old brother, but we are certain he has gone on to a better place.

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GUISEPPE De MILIA

Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Brother De Milia died in the hospital at Greensburg, Pa. on Dec. 2, 1957. He was born in Italy April 24, 1888, immigrating to America when he was 24 years old. He was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1927. He was a faithful member in the church these many years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife in Italy, one daughter Yolanda Fallivalette of Greensburg with whom he made his home and three grandchildren

and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Alvin Swanson, assisted by Brothers Todaro and Fair. Interment in Westmoreland County Memorial Park

- - W E D D I N G - -

Scalzone - Arcuri

Miss Susan Scalzone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fortunato Scalzone of Franklin Township and Joseph Arcuri, son of Mr. & Mrs. Demetro Arcuri of Metuchen, N. J. were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ in New Brunswick, N. J.; Elder Gabriel Mazzeo officiating. The bride was given away in marriage by her father.

Her attendant was Jennie Arcuri, maid of honor. Joseph Scalzone was best man.

After a reception in the Colonial Restaurant, the young couple left on a honeymoon trip for Miami Beach.

Mrs. Arcuri is a graduate of Senior High School and is a secretary at Alexander Unger, Inc. The groom went to the Metuchen schools and is employed by the Triangle Cable Co. Both are members of The Church of Jesus Christ and will reside in Metuchen. Best wishes for Joe and Susan.

Writings of

BENJAMIN WINDCHESTER
1841

Contributed by Brother George Johnson

We have often heard individuals, who advocate a doctrine of talking about perfection, and even pretending that they are examples of the perfect class, when indeed, they are not only ignorant of the principle, but destitute of the necessary qualifications, which are prerequisites to so high a standing.

Perfection in the extended import of the word, is that which is beyond improvement. Christ commanded his people, saying: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect." We do not understand from this that mankind while in a state of probation on earth, are to become perfect in all things, as the Lord is, or to that degree that he is; but that we have appointed unto us a certain sphere to act in, and that we can be perfect in it; and that we

have certain laws to comply with, and we can harmoniously do it. The Lord is perfect in all things, and he governs the universe, and every planet pursues its course without interfering with others; for there is order in all the works of God: for he is the fountain of intelligence, and the first in power; and every thing that he does will be perfect when completed.

The formation of this earth is the work of God, and when entirely finished, it will be crystallized, and made pure, and even glorified, or be perfect; although it has its orbit to act in, and with order and harmony does it.

So it is with men, they have their sphere to act in, and they can be perfect in it;—but God has the immensity of space to act in, and he is perfect in it. It is not to be expected that mankind are required to be perfect in all things, while in a state of mortality, as God is. His power is unlimited; but we have a certain sphere to act in; therefore, our intelligence is limited; but as we have before stated, we can be perfect in this sphere; or in their words we can obey the law of the Lord, walk circumspectly, orderly, and harmoniously before him.—Therefore, we are disposed to enquire into the nature of the sphere we have to act in, and so learn how we can be perfect in it.

There are certain principles of power that are within the reach of man while he is a probationer in time, and there are many things beyond his reach; but as far as his power extends, or that he has power over things, he has the power of choice and free agency to act for himself; and his sphere that he has to act in, extends no farther than he has power to obey or disobey.

Hence, in our opinion the perfection that a man may attain in time, consists in obeying the law of righteousness, and obtaining the promised blessings of the gospel of peace, which are within his sphere. Right and wrong are before him and he has power to do either; but if he does that which is right and obeys the law of the Lord in all things, he is a perfect man, as far as his sphere of action extends. But it is impossible for a man to attain to this high standing without a perfect law or rule to guide him. No law can be in justice presented to a man for his sanction and obedience, which is beyond his power or the power given him to obey; therefore, no law can

be a perfect one, that exacts things of men that they cannot perform. The law of God is infallible or perfect, because God who is infallible or perfect, devised it, and it does not exact things of men that they cannot do. If this law is perfect, and also the principle by which a man is made perfect; or in other words, that he cannot be perfect without obeying it, then if he rejects one principle of it, he is not perfect in his sphere.

James, no doubt, alluding to the gospel says: "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."—James 1:25 This perfect law of liberty expands the mind, and liberates it from the vulture fangs of bigotry, which has ever infused the idea that the sphere of man, is very contracted, and that certain blessings that were in the power of man to receive in ancient days, are beyond the reach of man in this our day.

It is admitted that if a person complies with the rules of a science in all respects, that he will become as perfect as the rules themselves are, likewise if a man obeys the gospel in all respects, he will be perfect as far as the law or gospel will allow him to be. Therefore, we set it down as a fact that no man is perfect no not even in his own sphere, except he obeys the gospel, and in vain may we talk about being perfect, sanctified or holy, if we have not obeyed the gospel, nay, if we have not obeyed every principle of it. We are induced to believe that there are many who profess to be perfect, that have not obeyed the fulness of the gospel, and do not even believe that the promised blessings of the gospel of peace, by which our knowledge is increased, are for them; and indeed, they are ignorant of the means by which they can be made perfect.

Now according to the scriptures the matter stands thus:—we are commanded to be perfect as our Father who is in heaven is perfect, and as there is order and perfection in all his works, or as he has adopted rules, and conforms to them; so must we conform to the law of the Lord or the gospel, in all respects, or it cannot be said in truth that we are perfect.

When we say that the Lord acts conformably to certain rules, we mean to be understood that he has devised certain laws for

his course and procedure: for instance, it is written that he cannot lie. The reason is, it would be a breach of the law that he has adopted: he will not cast off the righteous, because it would be a breach of promise: he will not let the reprobate go unpunished, because it would sacrifice the rights of justice. But let us more particularly enquire what men must do to be perfect in their sphere.

It is positively affirmed in the bible that before obedience to the perfect law of liberty, men are foreigners, aliens, and strangers to God; therefore, in order for them to be assimilated unto the likeness of God in the least degree, and be perfect as he is, it is necessary for them to obey the perfect law which is: first, to repent of their sins, or in other words forsake them; and in a word, break off from sin and work righteousness; second, to be baptised for the remission of sins. (See Acts, viii 17, also xix 6) The above are what the apostle terms the (first) principles of the gospel, and it is self evident that no person can be perfect in any science without learning the elementary principles of the same.

COWDERY'S LETTERS

No. 6 1834-35

To W. W. Phelps; Dear Brother:

Yours of the 24th February is received and inserted in this number of the Advocate. When reviewing my letter No. 3, I am led to conclude that some expressions in it are calculated to call up past scenes, and perhaps paint them to the mind, in a manner differently than otherwise were it not that you can speak from experience of their correctness.

I have not space, you know, to go into every particular item noticed in yours, as that would call my attention too far, or too much, from the great object lying before me—the history of this church: but one expression, or quotation contained in your last strikes the mind (and I may add—the heart) with so much force, that I cannot pass without noticing it. It is a line or two from that little book contained in the Old Testament, called 'Ruth'. It says: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go: and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God

my God."

There is something breathed in this, not known to the world. The great, as many are called, may profess friendship, and covenant to share in each others toils, for the honors, and riches of this life: but it is not like the sacrifices offered by Ruth. She forsook her friends, she left nation, she longed not for the alters of her former gods: and why? Because Israel's God was God indeed. And by joining herself to HIM a reward was offered, and an inheritance promised with him when the earth was sanctified, and peoples, nations and tongues served him acceptably. And the same covenant of Ruth's, whispers the same assurance in the same promises, and the same knowledge of the same God.

I gave, in my last, a few words, on the subject of a few items, as spoken by the angel at the time the knowledge of the record of the Nephites was communicated to our brother, and in consequence of the subject of the gospel and that of the gathering of Israel's being so connected, I found it difficult to speak of the one without mentioning the other: and this may not be improper, as it is evident that the Lord has decreed to bring forth the fullness of the gospel in the last days, previous to gathering Jacob, but a preparatory work, and the other is to follow in quick succession.

This being of so much importance, and of so deep interest to the saints, I have thought best to give a further detail of the heavenly message, and if I do not give it in the precise words, shall strictly confine myself to the facts in substance.

David said (Ps.100): "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands," that is, all the earth. "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." This he said in view of the glorious period for which he often prayed, and was anxious to behold, which he knew could not take place until the knowledge of the glory of God covered all lands, or all the earth. Again he says. (Ps. 107): "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy: and gathered out of the lands from the east, to the west: from the north and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way: they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty,

their souls fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses: and led them in the right way, that they might go to the city of habitation."

Most clearly was it shown to the prophet, that the righteous should be gathered from all the earth. He knew that the children of Israel were led from Egypt, by the right hand of God, and permitted to possess the land of Canaan, though they were not gathered from the east, the west, the north, and the south, at that time: for it was clearly manifested that the Lord himself would prepare a habitation, even as he said, when he would lead them to a city of refuge. In that, David saw a promise for the righteous (see 144 Psalm), when they should be delivered from those who oppressed them, and from the hand of strange children, or the enemies of the Lord: that their sons should be like plants grown up in their youth, and their daughters like corner stones, polished after the similitude of a beautiful palace. It is then that the sons and daughters shall prophecy, old men dream dreams, and young men see visions. At that time the garner of the righteous will be full, affording all manner of store. It was while contemplating this time, and viewing this happy state of the righteous, that he further says: "The Lord shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord."

Isaiah, who was on the earth at the time the ten tribes of Israel were led away captive from the land of Canaan, was shown not only their calamity and affliction, but the time when they were to be delivered. After reproving them for their corruption and blindness, he prophesies of their dispersion. He says: "Your country is desolate, your cities are burnt with fire. Your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is made desolate, being overthrown by strangers." He further says, while speaking of the iniquity of that people: "Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loves gifts, and follows after rewards. They judge not the fatherless neither does the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore, says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of my adversaries, and avenge me of my enemies." But after this calamity has befallen Israel, and the

Lord has poured upon them his afflicting judgements, as he said by the mouth of Moses: "I will spend my arrows upon them. They shall be afflicted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the earth." He will also fulfill this further prediction uttered by the mouth of Isaiah: "I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." Then will be fulfilled, also, the saying of David: "And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation."

Isaiah continues his prophecy concerning Israel, and tells them what would be done for them in the last days: for thus it is written: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will teach us his ways and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people, and they shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of his people in Zion, and upon their assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense." (or above, shall be a covering and a defense.) "And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a cover from storm and from rain. And his people shall dwell safely, they shall possess the land forever, even the land which was promised to their fathers for an everlasting inheritance." For behold, says the Lord by the mouth of the prophet: "The day will come that I will sow the house of Israel with the seed of man,

and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict: so will I watch over them, to build and to plant, says the Lord."

(To be Continued)

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Wichita, Kansas

Dear Brother Editor:

We noticed while reading the Gospel News, there are two of our brothers that are going to Africa on Missionary work. We thank God for this move, to take the news of our Gospel to other lands, and trust there will be many turn from their idle gods, and worship the true and living God. It does my heart good to hear of people turning from their evil ways, to the Loving Saviour. Yes, Brother Cadman, we will do our best to help all we can by the help of God. May the Lord bless and be with our brothers in the Lord's work.

Please accept our donation to the brothers.

We were invited to St. John for feet washing services but the weather turned out stormy during the night and also for Sunday morning and we were unable to go. However, we did attend feet washing service during the summer months and other services at St. John.

We had our feet washing service at home along with Brother Angelo. We hope we will be able to meet together with them later on.

Brother Cadman, we certainly enjoyed reading your Editorial, and hope it will be a good lesson to all the readers. Our prayer is that God will bless and keep you in His service; remember us in your prayers. Let us know if you have received it. God bless you and Sister Cadman.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Jones and Wergin

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Nigeria, Africa

a warning

Last month, October 1957, I felt to write a few words in the Gospel News to the saints. The year is ended and we are looking forward to 1958, what progress have we in mind for the year

1958? Look here dear friends—you wait so much; are you going to enjoy the whole world and lose your soul? If not, why not obey and live the Gospel now.

A girl by name Anne, spoke to me in 1952, that she will be a Christian in 1953 when she finish enjoying herself in the world. I told her, "if you died now, where will you go?" She say to me whatsoever a man like so he will eat and die. I bear that word in my heart. Well friends as you like going with the world, will you continue with the world 'till you finish your days? The Lord may come tonight, and where will you be; please do not enjoy your own ways, etc; and forget God. Though you are blessed more than any other nation, remember that the children of Israel were blessed more than we. But very many of them suffered for their disobedience.

In the October Gospel News I read of our late Brother Ciccati raising a family of twelve children and five of them obey the gospel. Where are the seven? This then draws my attention to the ten lepers of which only one of them remember to glorify God. Even the Gospel says many are called but few are chosen. I have baptised over 200 souls this year, but if all these souls fail to carry on with the gospel, I am free for I have shown them the way they are to go.

What of you; can't you draw your friend to Christ? Why don't you draw closer to Christ. Please allow Christ to speak into your heart. Ask for your baptism right now and stop wandering. Do what is right, save your soul from that pit of which the devil has for his followers. Be not confused, I say the Lord may come tonight.

May I say happy New Year and blessings to you all. Amen. Please pray with me for my wife Esseme to be blessed with children.

A. A. Dick

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Rochester, New York

Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to say all is well here and hope to hear the same from you and all there.

I am feeling about the same, and although at times there are moments of discouragement, yet we realize that back of the clouds the sun is always shining for those who love and serve the Lord.

It is my hope and prayer that you are still enjoying spiritual strength to continue on performing the work of the Lord as you have done in the past. Our prayers have been for you and we know that your heart and soul has been devoted to the cause of the Gospel all the years of your life.

Brother Cadman: We felt to write you these few lines to let you know that our thoughts are of you and Sister Cadman and of the many brethren throughout the Church laboring in the vineyard to bring souls to the Lord.

We hope that we can ever prove humble unto the Lord until the last day of our lives when He will accept us in His kingdom to have peace and joy forevermore.

The poet has penned:

I

Dear Lord I've tried to make this day,
A day of service true,
Nor have I followed my own way,
But tried thy will to do,
Thy life has been my constant guide,
The more like thee to live,
But where I've failed or turned aside,
Wilt thou, O Lord forgive.

II

Of selfish heart and stubborn will,
I sometimes lose control,
But thou art kind and patient still,
Blest love of my soul,
I know thou art ever near,
To bless on thee I do believe,
Yet where I've failed and do confess,
Wilt thou O Lord forgive.

III

I know I've stumbled o'er the path,
Thou hast appointed me,
But blessed Lord withhold thy wrath,
Accept my fervent plea,
These foes of mine thyself assailed,
Again and yet again,
I know in many things I've failed,
Wilt thou, O Lord forgive.

With these closing remarks we hope and trust that at the end of the road He will say to all of us, "Well done, faithful servant, enter in my joy." Love to all from all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Ishmael D'Amico

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W I S D O M

Ah! If I only were possessed
Of the wisdom of Solomon!
How could I err? My mind would
rest,
For my problems would be as
none.

How many times along life's way,
Come decisions that I must make;
'What should I do, what shall I
say
And which road is the one to
take?'

But then, I always turn to Him,
With a prayer wrapped in a sigh:
For where man's intellect is dim,
God's abounding, and will supply.

Catherine Poma

BROTHERS BITTINGER, NOLFI ARRIVE IN NIGERIA

I accompanied the brothers to New York to see them off on their trip to Africa. We spent the evening of Jan. 13th at the Hopelawn, N. J. church and a large crowd was present for the occasion. The next day we went to the Brooklyn church where we met some of our church people, had a short meeting and a lunch, and then left for the International Airport where our brothers boarded a plane for London. It was a very stormy evening, a 45 mile per hour wind was blowing. It was what they call a tail-wind and we were told that it would help them across to London a couple of hours quicker. The plane set off at 7:05 instead of 6:00 p. m. It was a rough night to start off across the Atlantic. However, our brethren arrived safe at Lagos on Thursday; leaving New York on Tuesday Eve.

I spent a week visiting the saints in New Jersey, also attended the church in Brooklyn for one or two meetings. Our brothers have been doing some visiting around their neighbors at the Brooklyn Church on Bath Street with good results. They had three baptisms on the Sunday while I was visiting in New Jersey. I spent the week among our people in the east, occupying the pulpit in our various churches located in several localities. The meetings were well attended and I was made to feel at home where ever I went. I visited the home of Brother and Sister Funkhouser at

Pluckemin, N. J., who are doing much to help us get out the Gospel News. Brother Joseph Benyola took me to Newark on the morning of Jan 21st, where I boarded an Allegheny Airlines plane for home. This company has granted me the right for Ministers traveling on their planes at a much reduced rate, which I appreciate very much. Editor

A NOTE FROM

VENEZUELA, SOUTH AMERICA

Dear Brother Cadman,

The Gospel News is like a breath of life to us. Thank you for the inspiring words.

I wish we could send all of the money needed for those two brothers who are brave enough to go to Africa; God bless them. Sincerely, Darlene & Bruce Large

P. S. A check was also enclosed for the African Work. Thanks very much. I am certainly glad to receive this short note from you folks, and may the Lord bless and care for you—so far away from home.

Brother Cadman

Taken from the old

"GOSPEL REFLECTOR"

There is a habitation,
Built by the living God
For all of every nation,
Who seek that Grand abode.

A city with foundations
Firm as the eternal throne;
Nor wars nor dissolutions
Shall ever move a stone.

No night is there, no sorrow,
No death and no decay;
No yesterday, no tomorrow
But one eternal day.

Within its pearly portals
Angelic armies sing;
With glorified immortals
The praises of its King.

Our late Brother Frank Leonard
Roscoe, Pennsylvania

A Tribute to Lincoln:

A MAN TO REMEMBER

by Patsy Marinetti...Page 8

A LETTER FROM ITALY

Dear Brother Benyola:

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you, and to hear that all the brothers and sisters there are trying to do their best in serving God. I was glad to hear of the baptisms you had. My prayer is that God will bless His people everywhere.

I am here in this land as a sentinel to help watch over the work of the Lord. My health is well and I am hoping that we will have many baptisms, for it seems that the movement is starting in that direction. There are many people here that want to hear the word of God, but they fear the priests and do not know which way to turn. So I ask all of you to pray that the Lord may open a way for those people to come unto Him.

I received the check for \$350.00 you sent from my loan to the Brooklyn church. The London Newspaper (Sunday Express) wanted my photograph so I sent it to them. I am holding two services on Sunday, one in Villa S. giovanni and one in Villa S. guiseppe. These two are the biggest Missions. I drive my car between these two places. The cost of living here is very high. But my heart is filled with joy every day. I am sure as the Bible says, that he that will lose his life for my sake shall find it, and he that seeks to save it shall lose it.

On November 2, I preached to about 600 people in a cemetery and we sang hymns in Italian that could be heard so beautiful and melodiously, that it caused a great happiness to come over all. Even Catholic Nuns were present, but I opened the scripture in St. John 20th chapt. and I began to read, the Nuns ran away. Everyone was filled with joy, and the good news traveled to the surrounding towns. This was the first time the people heard these wonderful words. I was inspired greatly to deliver His word that day. When you pray, remember my name to God that He will pour out His spirit and blessings upon me that I may be used as an instrument in His hands to do His work. because prayers of the saints are my defense before my enemies. I re-

ceived a revelation from God before the priests started making trouble for me. An angel came to me in vision and told me to preach the gospel without fear to this people and I will be with you. So I am in the Army of the Lord and my prayer is that He will be with me, and He will give us the full victory in Jesus Christ, the King of kings. Not only me, but all the saints in the blessed gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere. All the brothers and sisters send their love.

Your Brother in Christ
Dominick Todaro

We have not looked on Brother Todaro as a man with much ability to preach the gospel. However, if he could have spoken in the English tongue plainly to us, we may have felt differently towards him. While he is now on his native soil, he will be using his native language, and from his letter it would appear that the Lord God is with him—and may God bless him abundantly in Roman Catholic Italy in his efforts to preach the Restored Gospel of Christ.

I have always contended that if we would do our best, God will come to our rescue, but if those whom we esteem more capable to preach the gospel, are going to sit home in their easy chairs and wait, I believe the Mighty God will let them sit, and He will use what we might think the more weak and incapable among us, and eventually the people of God will sit under their own vine and fig tree. It was the unlearned man, that God entrusted to restore the gospel.

Brother Todaro says an angel appeared unto him in a vision and encouraged him along to preach the gospel. Wonderful indeed, it is just the way God moved with his servants in olden times, and His displeasures fell hard upon poor Jonah for trying to escape from his place of duty. May I ask: what have we as a church sacrificed—will you answer me? I am very glad indeed that we have two brothers who are now preparing to sacrifice the "ease of the American way of life for a season" and spend a contemplated six months in the Nigerian way with our brothers and sisters, in what has been known as the Dark Regions of Africa. May God bless Brother Todaro with wisdom and knowledge, that his fear may not be in man, but in the Mighty God, who is able to deliver him from the mouths of lions. Likewise,

do I ask God on behalf of Brothers Bittinger and Nolfi in their contemplated trip across the seas—even flying like the eagles. Woe unto him that is at ease in Zion.

Brother W. H. Cadman

A WONDERFUL EVENING

In the evening of January 9th, a farewell service was held for our Brothers who were about to leave on their missionary journey to Nigeria, West Africa. They are Joseph Bittinger of near Uniontown, and Alma Nolfi of the Glassport Branch of the Church.

It was very pleasing to see so many from distant places, and from home here in Monongahela so interested, as to fill our church pews for the occasion. The evening was spent in a very appropriate way, being introduced by Brother W. H. Cadman in reading scripture pertaining to the missionary labours of Paul, and also of the sons of Mosiah as is recorded in the Book of Mormon. Brother Cadman then took his seat, and First Counsellor Campbell conducted the service, while Second Counsellor Majoros took charge of the singing.

Brothers Waltz of Roscoe, James Moore of Imperial, Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, John Ross of Aliquippa and Brother Campbell along with two who were about to go on their journey all occupied the Rostrum, giving interesting, but brief talks on missionary work, and Brother Majoros interspersing with very appropriate songs, sometimes by the congregation and some with solos—surely made the meeting worth while.

It will be Brother Bittinger's second trip to Nigeria, he having accompanied Brother W. H. Cadman over there in 1954. It will be the first trip for Brother Nolfi. They will be leaving by plane from the Pittsburgh Airport on Monday 4:00 p. m. Jan. 13th and disembarking at Newark, N. J. and spend the evening with our folks, probably at the Hopelawn Church, and then the next day Jan. 14th, go on to the International Airport in N. Y. and board a plane at 4: p. m. and if all goes well, will arrive in London about 6 a. m. Pittsburgh time, leaving there at 4 p. m. and arrive at Lagos, Nigeria in the forenoon of the next day. May the Lord be with them on the journey.

Editor

NOTICE

All brothers and sisters (and friends) sending missionary money to Brother W. H. Cadman are requested to send the funds to Treasurer Meredith Griffith, at R. D. 1 Bentleyville, Pa. This also includes all money for The General Church and special services.

W.H.C.

JUDGEMENT

A man has erred, and so the others file,
Silent and grim into the judges' stand;
Their faces stern, pious, without a smile,
Ready to judge, condemn, to reprimand.

"Be ye not quick to judge," they have been taught,
"Let love, let love and mercy, be thy guide..."
Yet, teachings at this time, availeth naught,
... 'This man has sinned... and so he must be tried.'

Ye pompous fools, drunk as with heady wine!
So quick are ye, so ready to condemn;
What know ye if, he, at the Throne Divine,
Confessed his sins... and God's forgiven them?

Catherine Poma

MY GOD

by Ralph Mercurio
Hopelawn Branch

One day as I was feeling low
And had no one to turn to
I bowed my head and called to God
He was there to answer soon.

He never turns away our prayers
He answers best as he sees fit
He's always near us when we fall
He helps us on our path to Heaven.

When he calls our help to harvest
He expects our very best
Though sometimes we fall and err
He's always ready to forgive.

When our working week is over
We go to church to seek our pay
If we use our payrolls right
We'll know for sure Heaven's our reward.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

The words of Jesus Christ as recorded in St. Matthew 28:18-20: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the

end of the world. Amen."

This is very plain I am sure. The Saviour is speaking to those who had already obeyed His will and who were to carry the Gospel to the whole world and teach mankind His will—to observe all things which He had taught them, and by doing so, He would be with them through all time. For men to cease, or not do His will in all things, would void the promise He made, that, He would be with them.

I have always contended, that if the people of God would persevere in carrying out God's will as best they know, undoubtedly God will direct them in paths and ways for the salvation of man, otherwise if they are slothful, the Lord will choose others to carry on, if not, the sacrifice on Calvary's Cross would be in vain. And, even as men or women are

dilatory in their professions of an earthly nature, the more diligent will be in line for promotion, and the others are left standing in the rear, and probably wonder why. I firmly believe that if a person is energetic in his or her profession—either in the material or the spiritual side of their lives, opportunities will be presented. Slothfulness will breed its kind.

Had John and Peter sat idly by somewhere, the poor man at the Beautiful Gate may of never been made whole—but it was the hour of prayer—they were energetic to be there, and on the way an opportunity presented itself—yea, one of the great things of all time happened—the lame man at the gate of the temple was made to leap with joy.

Look at another instance in the word of God. If Saul of Tarsus had not been active in his faith—even though he was dreaded by the poor saints of that day, he was making havoc of the church, binding the saints and casting them into prison. He was determined at all costs that the traditions of his fathers' would prevail, and not be trampled or destroyed by those whom he regarded as blasphemers. Yea, if it had not been for the man of Tarsus, it is possible that we may not have had the Apostle Paul. Reasonable minded men surely can catch the trend of my thought, the prize is not to the dilatory, but to the diligent. The Book of Mormon and the Bible abound with so much that verifies my thoughts.

Has time made a change with God? Does He not deal, or will He not deal with His servants in modern times as well as in the more ancient times? Or have we reached the day of an enlightened age—yea, a wicked age wherein God will bless drones and cast off the workers? I say God forbid. If the people of the Restored Gospel can become so dilatory and try to escape the reproach of Christ, for the sake of what we may call the more popular and social side of life, then they are far from being men as were Peter, James, and John. Let us not forget the man who once said to his Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "What mean ye to weep and to break my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Paul in another place in referring to Christ says: "Who loved me and gave His life for me."

Amen

NEWS FROM AFRICA

Abak, Nigeria

January, 1958

Brother Cadman:

We are sorry we have not written to you sooner, but we have been rather busy. Both Brother Joe and I are feeling well and enjoying many blessings from God. I must tell you Brother Will that yesterday (the 26th) we had 32 more added to The Church of Jesus Christ. I baptised about 16 of them myself and others baptised the rest of them. We had a joyous time, thanks be unto God.

We left Lagos on the 22nd and arrived at Abak on the 24th. The roads are bad, so being as we spent a lot of money for the car, I just took my time in driving. On account of spending so much

for the car, we thought we had better insure it for fear something might happen. It cost us one hundred dollars. The people here in Nigeria have no conception of money, especially around us Americans. This may cut our stay here shorter than we had intended.

Brother Dick has worked out a system that will keep us busy every day so the time does not drag.

The weather here is terribly hot. It has been 90 every day so far, and it is expected to get hotter. Please let us know how every thing is going along.

Brothers Bittinger and Nolfi

NEWS FROM CLEVELAND

Excerpts from a letter written

by Sister DiFranco of the West Side Mission:

Brother Cadman:

Greetings to you all in this Happy New Year. We have had three baptisms in the last three weeks. We gathered on the shore of Lake Erie and the waters were frozen over. It took us some time to find a suitable place to baptize our converts. On the following Sunday we had another baptism, this time we went to a beautiful spot in the Rocky River where Brother August's daughter was baptised.

I want to pay tribute to the M. B. A. for at the last gathering at Monongahela Brother August's daughter was touched and has now been baptised. We had a nice Christmas program here in our Mission. We had a quiet

peaceful time at our New Year's Watch Meeting.

Sister Rose, I believe this is the first news I have had of the doings in the West Side Mission in Cleveland. May the Lord bless you all in your humble efforts to scatter the good seed of the gospel of Christ—and of yourselves: keep from being blemished with this sinful world. Brother Cadman

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

We in California send greetings through our Lord Jesus Christ to all our brothers and sisters and readers of the Gospel News. We are thankful for the blessings the Lord is giving us. So much has happened since I wrote last—things that have made us happy, and things that have made us sad.

Our Elders were called to the hospital to visit a daughter-in-law of one of our sisters who was very ill. She was afflicted with cancer. The doctors had no hope for her; she had but a short time to live. Brother James Heaps went at the call of the sick. Sophia Costarella asked to be appointed and for the saints to pray for her. It was her desire to get well enough to come to the church and be baptised. She knew much of the church through her mother-in-law, Sister Costarella, and her husband who was once a member of the church. Glory to God, He heard our prayers in her behalf that she might go to the waters and be baptised. The doctors forbid her to go. She was in no condition to do so. But God answered our prayers.

In the month of July we rejoiced to see her and her family in church with us and enjoying God's word. At the end of the meeting, Brother Heaps announced that Sophia Costarella would be baptised on the following Sunday. What a wonderful spirit of joy came into our hearts! How good God was to hear our prayers and to let us see them answered before our eyes—eight of her family were baptised with her, and her husband restored to fellowship in the church. What a wonderful Sabbath Day God gave us. I shall not soon forget it.

Three months later, on Thanksgiving Day, the Lord called her home. God granted us just what we asked of Him—enough time for her salvation, and through it all, the rest of her family was baptised with her. Our brothers did not neglect visiting, and praying for her recovery, but God

took her home. Her spirit and faith was strong to the end.

May her family along with her, rejoice that they are of God's children. And to the husband and all, remember if we all keep faithful we shall meet again never more to part.

The Lord is working among the Mexican nation of people, and last Sunday we baptised Brother John Zannora, and now there are four more of his family. They have the blood of Joseph in their veins. What a blessing it is to see them obeying the gospel. I thank all the saints for remembering my son's wife in their prayers. She was in the first stages of T. B. but is now pronounced cured—thanks to our God. In closing I ask God to bless our brothers and sisters everywhere. May He pour out His blessings upon our Brother and Sister Cadman always with health to go on and on in His work.

Sister Sadie Nicosia
Bell, California

A GOOD LETTER

Dear Editor:

In reply to your request to help send two brothers to Nigeria, Africa on missionary work, I am enclosing a Money Order for that cause. Hope it will help.

I hope and pray all is well with you and yours, as we are here in the best of health. I pray the Lord will touch the hearts of our people so that they will get behind and support our long neglected missionary work. We seem to have lost track of our true objective as a Gentile Church to help about a return of Israel to the Father and make them mindful of the covenant which should be fulfilled in these latter days.

When there is a call for aid in our Missionary work, it puts me in mind of the First Nephi, Chapter 15, verses 13 & 14: "In the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years, and many generations after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fulness of the Gospel of the Messiah come into the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles into the remnant of our seed—And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they

are of the House of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord: and then shall they know and come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and also to the knowledge of the Gospel of their Redeemer, which was manifested unto their fathers by Him."

How shall this come by way of the Gentiles unless we as a people become more mindful of this cause? Dear Brother Cadman, please on the mind of us all the great responsibility that rests on us, the latter day Gentile Church: Our duty to God the Father unto His covenant people.

Let us work together, all doing our part in grafting in the natural branch of the olive tree, into the true olive tree.

May the Lord bless you. I remain Your Brother in Christ.—

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Sister Carlini Is Grateful To You ALL

I wish to thank you all for remembering my husband Emil while he has been in the hospital for the cards you sent him, and for your prayers in his behalf. He was in the hospital seventeen days and was a very sick man. I am grateful that he was spared to return home again, though he is far from being a well man yet. We still ask you to remember us in your prayers. Sister Carlini

P. S. Emil, I am glad that you are still with us and may God continue to bless you. W.H.C.

CHUCKLES

Don't come to me now bragging about your New Year resolutions. Come around June 1 and let me know how well you've kept them.

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The year 1957 proved to be very disappointing. It allowed none of the troubles and disasters I predicted for it. But beware of 1958, O my friends; anything can happen this year. Dark clouds are on the horizon. Children are not obeying their parents as they should. There is graft in high places. The H-bomb could disintegrate us, even before taxes do. Church attendance could drop. The New York Giants, who do their training in my home town, could fail again to win the championship in baseball. Be prepared for any catastrophe.

by Oren Arnold

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Protestantism's efforts to unite the various denominations were increased recently by the Oberlin Conference, at Oberlin, Ohio. This conference was under the auspices of The World Council of Churches and was interesting to us because of the theme. "Nature of the unity to be sought", was the reason for the conference and it was conducted as a study and not devoted to 'do' or 'resolve' anything.

In preparation for the conference 16 groups did research and study for three years. In addition there were 300 unofficial discussion sets attempting to broaden the scope of the final reports to the conference. Such advance work was still not sufficient to produce marked proposals for unification but it did reveal some alarming suggestions.

One report specified that unity should not be attempted to compete with Roman Catholic 'bigness'. In this we might suspect ulterior motive, to wit: by not declaring the unification movement competitive with Romanism, the way is left open for future mass unity of the two. Preposterous? Time will tell.

Another interesting aspect of the conference was the attendance of the Orthodox groups. These factions often do attend W. C. of C. forums but at Oberlin they were better represented and more active than usual. Because the Orthodox claims unbroken inheritance of Christ's authority and because of such cannot officially recognize other churches' foundations, their activity at Oberlin Conference was of note. Could it be they are now more receptive to thoughts of unification? Time will tell.

Two points stressed in the closing hours of the conference are particularly worth mentioning. One is the proposal that much more investigative research be done into 'what to unite on'. Surprisingly, it was found by the original testing groups that people (churches) are more concerned with how their money, buildings, schools, and material wealth are to be controlled than they are about doctrinal concessions. In short, administrative methods to be used after unification present the greatest obstacles to immediate unification. It would seem

that spiritual foundation and doctrine of worship can be altered with little outcry from the subjects. From this we may conclude that the method of baptism is not as important to a modern as the stipulation that the man (or woman) performing the rite be properly educated and proportionally salaried. Is this the attitude they hope to unite for Christ? Time will tell.

Most revealing of all brought out by the conference was as to how church thinking and church 'get togetherness' has been effected by The American Way Of Life. It was found that Mr. Average American is already united with his neighbor, in a monetary sense, with the dollar as the bond. Citizen No. 1 is friendly with Citizen No. 2 because it affords him the opportunity to advance and/or solidify his position in society. He will not tolerate this position to be jeopardized by church, either on the business or friendship level.

The final conclusion is disastrously obvious. **The church no longer dictates what is right or wrong but the living standard in America sets the terms.** Where one day before man depended on the church, now the reverse is quite true. In times past there was a book of faith, the Bible, now there is a book of ways and means—a bank book.

This is unity? Time will tell.

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The most controversial issue to hit churches in recent times has been the segregation situation. In The Church of Jesus Christ there has been no issue. Based on The Rock and The Word that all men are of God, people of another race were welcomed without incident.

Other churches did not fare as well. They sent out special orders and last-minute writs. Words followed words and many organizations could no longer hold high the banner 'Christ for all' in their march for Zion. The world has watched America through it all and often the remark is heard overseas: "American churches profess one thing, preach another, and do still another."

Perhaps such cynicism is justified. An incident in Bastrop, Louisiana may not be typical but it did no good for America's leader-

ship in religion. This town had a street named Eisenhower Drive, named after the president. The residents of the street have petitioned the mayor for the name to be changed to Confederate Drive in protest against the President's action in Little Rock. These are the same people who will sit in church Sunday and recite, "... God so loved the world..." It would be well for America to realize that 'the world' means ALL the world.

THE WAY

by Brother George Johnson, Jr.
(14 years old)

It is very hard to talk to someone in the world, that doesn't worry about finding salvation.

I used to be like that, I didn't worry about what's going to happen, judgement day. I wonder if they (the people in the world) get any satisfaction out of cursing and doing evil?

They are ignorant to the fact that Jesus died for them and all of us. And the only way for anyone to become one of God's children is to: (1) Go to the Church of Jesus Christ regular. (2) When the spirit calls you and you are ready, and the spirit of condemnation comes upon you, then ask for your baptism. (3) Be baptised by immersion in water as Christ was baptised. (4) Confirmed by the laying on of hands by the Elders for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

Then you are supposed to use that one talent He gives you, and testify to His goodness towards you.

Then partake of the sacrament which is the bread, a representation of Christ's body, and wine, a representation of Christ's blood, to have his life within you.

Then you must have your feet washed, not because they are dirty, but because it is a law instituted by Jesus Christ, for you to be renewed in faith, spirit, and strength.

Then you must work diligently and fast, pray, testify to His goodness, and sing praises to God.

If you endure to the end, in the faith, you will get your reward which Christ has prepared for you.

The Church of Jesus Christ believes that Christ taught in the Bible and Book of Mormon.

This is the way to salvation and the only way.

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

The first tour of Galilee brought many strange things to the people. Upon leaving the synagogues, where he had cast out an unclean spirit, he went to the house of Simon Peter whose wife's mother lay ill of a fever. The marshes about Capernaum bred malarious diseases which manifested themselves in the autumn and winter. Luke, who was a physician, seems to designate the disease in this case as a great fever, so Peter and his brother Andrew besought Christ for her. He came and stood over her, and the same spirit which had stilled the waves, and made unclean spirits come out, rebuked the fever, and it left her instantly. She came back at once to strength and rose and ministered unto them. Before the setting of the sun, His fame had gone through Capernaum, and the thought of so marvelous a person in their midst thrilled them.

It was the Sabbath and the strictness of the Sabbath Day is known unto us by some of these writers. Not only them, but, thank God for men in our day that have taught us to observe the Sabbath. Thank God for Brother Cadman who not only teaches it but practices it. I think there has to be a little preparation for the Sabbath on Saturday.

Under the Law they were not allowed to gather wood to make fire to cook their meals. When the manna was given them they gathered enough on the sixth day for the Sabbath. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." I lost a life's saving for working on the Sabbath. Some say, "I get double time for Sunday." Ah, yes, and many get double sickness on Monday and the doctor bills are more than double. In the Maccabean Revolt, the people submitted to butchery rather than violate the Sabbath Day.

Admiration brought crowds to Peter's house. The lame hobbled, the blind came groping, the palsied came trembling, the epileptic came with his malady, and even the possessed were present. Mark says that all the city were gathered at the door and none went away without being blessed. They urged Him to stay, but Jesus said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach the Kingdom of God there also, for this came I forth." Then Jesus commenced his first circuit of missionary preaching. He knew He only had little more than three years to complete His tour. It was a fertile country with

about two hundred towns and villages. Josephus says that the smallest contained more than fifteen thousand. He went into the synagogues and discharged the functions of a Rabbi. In his time a rabbi was not a regularly graduated teacher of the Law, as was the case some time later. The Doctrine of the Kingdom was His theme; and no kingdom is complete without a King (Psalms 24:10). Who is this King of Glory. The Lord of Hosts. He is the King of Glory (Isaiah 9:7). Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon His Kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth and forever (Dan. 7:14). And there was given unto him a dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people, nations and languages should serve Him. Pilot said, "Art Thou the King of the Jews." Jesus said, "Thou sayst." Thank God, not only for the Jews but for all people. Well, it did not look like he was going to have much of a kingdom. The storms and waves of persecution came against him and finally they put him to death. But John says, "Immediately I was in the spirit and beheld a throne was set in Heaven, and one sat on the throne and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper.

Queen Victoria said at her coronation: "Let Him be King of Kings and Lord of Lords." She had the greatest reign of peace because she acknowledged Him who gives peace. And so it has been in all ages when a ruler acknowledges the prince of peace—that government will have peace.

On His journey he came in contact with a leper. They are excluded from the city, but this King took them in. A few days ago a colored diplomat came from Africa and was not permitted to eat in one of our restaurants, but our President took him in and had breakfast with him. The Jews excluded the Samaritans and the Gentiles, but the Kingdom of Heaven takes everybody in; even the leper, with his horrible disease. As people approach the leper he must cry "Unclean! unclean!" He was to keep his head bare, his lips covered (as was the custom with those who were in communion with the dead). In all ages this horrible malady has been considered incurable, except by the power of God. And so Namaan, a poor wretch corroded with leprosy, came to the wonder

worker and said, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou can make me clean." Jesus touched him, saying, "I will. Be thou clean." And immediately he was clean.

Brother James Heaps

LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER

The body of Christ (the Church) has been again established on the face of the earth. Through the Grace of God each of us has been called to be a portion of this body.

The natural body, in order to function properly, must have all the working members co-ordinated into one assembled operation that stems from the Heart. Without the heart the body dies.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes mention of a specific commandment that he gave to his followers; "This I command you to do that Ye love another as I have loved you."

So we find the heart of the Body of Christ to be based on love. Without this love we are none of His. If the heart does not possess love, the remaining parts of the body become listless and inert in the eyes of the Lord. It matters not what good the mouth may utter or what great performance the hand may do, if the heart does not possess love, we only become, and I quote the Apostle Paul, 'A sounding brass and a tinkling symbol!'

We are all individuals, separate in our natural ways, called by the Holy Spirit to be part of the Body of Christ here on earth, which part we are to share in solely up to God as He sees fit to mold us.

Let us take the natural body as an example. Can the hand do what the feet were intended? Can the feet perform the functions of the eye? Let us take the voice of a talented singer. Do the eyes feel slighted because the voice has been blessed with talent? In the right hand of an artist lies skill. Does the left hand feel offended because there is talent in the right hand? If any portion of the body becomes ill, does not the whole body suffer?

So it is in The Church of Jesus Christ. God is waiting to mold us as a people. When each member of the Body of Christ is placed in its proper place. As it was with Adam, God formed him from the dust, and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and he became a living Soul; so it is with the Church today.

Let us rejoice that God sends

us men filled with the Holy Spirit that we may be filled. Let us rejoice in the gifts that God sees fit to give us, for each that is given, is it not for the edification of all? Let us all walk Heart in Heart, young and old, small and great, along the road of life that leads to eternal life. Let us really Love one another as Christ has commanded us, that God may take us in His arms and mold us as His people.

Let us look upon one another as a sacred piece of tissue in the Body of Christ, each with a specific duty to perform as God sees fit to place us. When all the members of this Glorious Body are all assembled into one mind, one heart, one body, then will the Lord take us in His potent Hands and lift us up as a people to His Honor and Glory! May He hasten that day.

Brother David Campitelle P.S. We had a wonderful meeting in Muncey on Sunday evening. We passed out candy for the children, and you know Brother Cadman, we had over 200 people in our church. Although they came for the program, I hope the word of God has penetrated their hearts.—David.

I am glad you are so thoughtful of our Indian people. W.H.C.

U. S. INDIANS PLAN BATTLE TO GET SELF-GOVERNMENT

from THE DETROIT NEWS

REPUBLIC, Washington

—An Indian uprising reminiscent of the bloody days of the Custer massacre has broken out in this remote community near Grand Coulee dam.

But while the battle line is tightly drawn for an all out battle against the whites, the fighting will be done in modern way—with printer's ink. For the first time in history, American Indians are publishing their own newspaper.

The 4,300 members of the Colville confederated tribes have taken title to the \$600,000 publishing plant of the Independent, a 34-year-old weekly published in this once boisterous mining and lumbering town.

Make no mistake about it. The all-Indian corporation which has capitalized at \$100,000, intends to publish a crusading paper. Says Frank W. Moore, president of the company.

"The main objectives of the American Indian Publishing Co. are the establishment of Indian

self-government and the ouster of the Bureau of Indian Affairs from all positions of authority on the reservations.

"Victory will be complete only when the . . . discredited bureau has disappeared forever and we Indians are allowed to govern ourselves."

Only registered Indians of tribes throughout the nation are eligible to purchase voting shares in the new concern. The first response to the publishing venture has been phenomenal, Moore said.

big response

"Applications for shares have come from throughout this reservation, and reservations in Oregon, Idaho and Montana, as well as elsewhere in Washington," Moore said. "As the word spreads to more distant reservations, the response is proving equally enthusiastic."

Moore, a dredge operator at Coulee by profession, said that with the death of shareholders, the share will revert to the corporation which will sell it to another eligible. "This will keep control of the company out of the hands of any one person or group," he said.

"The real purpose is to give all Indians everywhere a greater voice in their own affairs, and to teach them to think for themselves, instead of relying on the meaningless mouthings of government agencies as to what is best for their welfare."

**Did I hear Someone Say:
'NO MIRACLES TODAY?'**
(Take time to read this).

Brother Editor:

My mind flashes back to 1920 to an experience my two sisters and I had. We were baptised in May 1920 and we had this experience.

On a Friday night after service our Elder brother of our branch told us that he had in mind to go to Youngstown, Ohio on the following Sunday, that he had some church business to attend; and if so, we would not have services on that Sunday. But he was not sure that he would go.

My two sisters and I were very sad to hear that, because our hearts were set on going to church. So on the Sunday Morning, my father and another brother who was boarding at our home at East Riverside, Pa., decided to visit some of their old friends in Masontown, Pa., being that there were no services that day. But

my two sisters and I had the feelings of God's spirit that our Elder brother had not gone to Youngstown. So one of my two sisters (who is now Anna Ciccati of California) used to attend to our cow every morning at 6 a. m. She would go after the cow which was out in the field and take her home to be milked.

So my sister Anna said to me —when I go after the cow I will go on to Arensburg and find out if our Elder brother is at home or not, which was Brother Peter Garafola. But I told her its too far for you to walk—seven miles the round trip—on the regular trip for the cow was only one mile the round trip, but to go to Arensburg was seven miles the round trip. She had to walk on the railroad, there was no sidewalks, she had to walk on the ties, but she was a good walker and was determined she could make it on time, so that mother would not know that she did all this walking.

So she went and made it in a little over one hour. She told me that she ran all the way—she didn't even feel her feet to be tired. She was 16 years old at the time. So when she got to Arensburg and to sister Marchando's home where our Elder Brother Garafola lived and where we held our services, Sister Marchando asked her what was the reason of her coming so early in the morning and Anna told her the reason—Sister Marchando hugged and kissed her with the love of God, and said to her: yes Sister Anna, our Elder Brother was there and we will have services today—she kissed my sister Anna again and said: God bless you sister, you walked all this distance to find out if we were going to have services today.

So my sister got home with the cow, my mother asked her: how come you to be late, did the cow run away from you? Anna said yes, but it was not so—my mother was not in the church at that time and was very much against it. So my sister had to be very careful of what she said, or she would have gotten a beating from my mother. So Anna went to my father in secret and told him what she had done, and assured him that we would have service on that day.

My father was baptised at that time, but he wasn't very spiritual minded yet. He was more determined to go visit his worldly friends at Masontown. So he went and told this to Brother Jim Ciconi what my sister Anna

had told him. Brother Ciconi laughed and said: I don't believe it, its a joke, lets go where we want to go. So they got ready, got on their way to go to Isabella to catch the train. While they were on their way, my sister and I were very sad to see my father and Brother Ciconi go, because my mother would not let us go to church unless father was with us. She was very strict—we could not go alone. So my sisters and I decided we would go to prayer unto the Lord about the matter. We went to pray, we did not go all three together, one sister went into the barn in the upstairs, one went down into the cellar. We had to do this so that mother would not catch on as to what we were doing.

So after we got done praying, we all three met in the kitchen and we asked each other what we had asked the Lord to do. Anna cried when I asked her and she said: I asked the Lord when that train reaches the station to let it break its legs, so our father can't go to see his friends, so he will come back home and we can go to church. And my other sister said: I asked the same thing, And I said I asked the same thing too. So we all three were in one mind and one spirit. So we went out on the porch to wait for the train to come—we lived close by the railroad.

With eager eyes we watched the train come, when it reached the station it stopped and never again moved. A half hour went by, the train was still there, it would not move. While we were watching, we saw our father and Brother Ciconi coming back home, when they reached the porch where we were, my father's face was white as a sheet and we asked him what was the matter: was he sick? My father cried like a baby he said: as soon as we reached the station the train came to a stop and both the front wheels fell off without any cause, even the brakemen that were on the engine couldn't understand how that happened. But my father's eyes were opened and he knew it was the hand of the Almighty God who did it. So my father said: come girls, get ready, we are going to church this noon.

We went to church and when we bore our testimony, we each told our part—my father told what his eyes had witnessed, that great miracle he had the experience of on that day.

Oh what a Blessed Day it was, the Lord sure did open the gates

of heaven and pour out His Blessings upon every one of us in that room.

We sure could say that our cup runneth over. This experience will never be erased from my mind—Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Brother Editor, I would like to pass it on if possible.

Sister Nancy DeCredico, Lorain, Ohio.

A MAN TO REMEMBER

The thousands of volumes that have been written and are still being written about Lincoln, can fill many libraries. What is there about this man that people the world over speak of him as one of the greatest of men?

Lincoln had no social background or riches that could have facilitated his rise to prominence. Neither was he educated in any outstanding university, or was affiliated with men of influence and power. Much to the contrary—Lincoln was born of very humble birth, grew up in poverty and hardship, had little schooling and had no acquaintances of impressive social and intellectual background. How could a man of such meager beginnings have risen to such a lofty height among men?

There were two good sources from which Lincoln as a boy derived enduring faith, courage, and love. Lincoln stated that he owed his greatest earthly gratitude to his mother who instilled in his boyhood mind the restless instinct for learning, and a deep reverence for God and His statutes. Secondly, although Lincoln as a boy did not own many books, his young mind and heart were deeply rooted in the eternal truths contained in the Bible. The keen discernment of right and wrong were deeply ingrained in the character and personality of this rugged Kentuckian. These two basic sources of influence—like moral fiber-knitted together the spiritual structure of this man. This early influence which penetrated deeply, helped to motivate his every act and thought. From this durable foundation, Lincoln also obtained the vital strength and courage needed to overcome the numerous and almost insurmountable tests that were going to confront him throughout the entire years of his life. Kind and simple friends also helped Lincoln to overcome his early and deepest sorrows at the crucial stage of his formative years.

The first visible impression that men had of Lincoln, was usually one of disfavor and annoyance. In the eyes of his contemporaries, he was considered to be course, unlearned, less than ordinary and one to be shunned. However, the unjust assumptions of men, could not retard the growth of Lincoln's greatness. He rose above all the forces that were pitted against him. He was faced with many defeats and his path of life was very difficult so many times. Therefore, Lincoln was compelled to walk a lonely plain. Yet here in solitude—where men are least alone—Lincoln distilled his thoughts in the laboratory of analysis and meditation; and arrived with unshakeable conviction, upon the true perspectives of lasting values. His moral decisions on the preservation of the Union were unfaltering, conclusive, and in prophetic harmony with God's designs. Lincoln had vision far beyond his times. With the insight of a prophet and his belief in justice, Lincoln, in his second Inaugural address to the nation, fearlessly declared that the civil war was a visitation from God; resulting from the cause of the cruelty and misery suffered by the negro people at the hands of the white men.

During the trying days of the civil war, his friends sought to persuade him to spare himself the labour of constant interviews with ordinary people. But Lincoln could not refuse the many who came to receive whatever kindness he could offer. He was aware of the ridicule and reproach that surrounded him. But he neutralized these reproaches by stating, "Give yourself no uneasiness, I have endured a great deal of ridicule without much malice and have received a great deal of kindness not quite free from ridicule. I am used to it." Such a gentle nature cannot have suffered from want of appreciation. With all this added to the larger cares which had become so intense before the closing phases of the war, Lincoln must have been taxed to the limit of human endurance. Yet, the study of his records shows a steady ripening of mind and character to the end.

While other men perhaps would have faltered in the face of so much opposition and unjust criticism; Lincoln's patience and absence from malice, nullified the verbal abuses of men. His critics only revealed more emphatically the uniqueness of Lincoln's moral caliber and his outstanding compassion for inferior men. History

now reveals that his many enemies were like foolish boys throwing stones at an eagle high in flight hoping that by chance a stone might bring the eagle down from its lofty height. While many men in similar circumstances as Lincoln, would have become bitter and revengeful, this man of true humility, manifested the Christ-like characteristics of compassion, forgiveness, understanding, and genuine love for all people. Lincoln's outstanding character was refined in the crucibles of hardship, sorrow, loneliness, the pressure of necessity, and his unbending tenacity for justice, mercy, and moral integrity.

When people heard this unassuming and unimpressively dressed man from the back-woods, speak before an audience, they forgot completely about his visible disadvantages; for they were magnetically drawn by the penetrating and sincere expressions of this man. Lincoln was a man moved by profound thoughts and feelings. He was also gifted with the dynamic capacity to convey the intense purpose of his thoughts with choice and seasoned words. As Lincoln spoke, his audience instinctively became very attentive, for they suddenly saw through the outer trappings of this man; and they were able to detect the inner power of Lincoln's personality. Lincoln's feeling mind, led by his feeling heart, presented a front so stable and durable that his words affected many—even those who came to criticize—with commanding respect and a sense of an unforgettable experience.

The full stature and value of this man Lincoln, was very fittingly expressed in just a few words at his death, "Now he belongs to the ages."

by Patsy Marinetti
Rochester, New York

**NEWS FROM
MUNCEY, ONTARIO**

Brother Editor:

Brother Reno Bologna is in charge of the work among our Indian people at Muncey, Ontario—and with his assistant, Brother Frank Morle, they are doing very well in their efforts to take the Gospel to them.

Last Dec. 29th we had a program for the children on the Muncey Reservation. The attendance surpassed all our expectations—the church was filled to over capacity. With the assistance of Brothers J. Collison, D.

Campitelli, M. Heath and Alex Gentile, we managed to develop a program that was enjoyed by everyone.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Brother A. Maisano, then the children of the Sunday School Class sang the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers". They were followed by members of the Ladies Uplift Circle of Windsor, Ontario, Branch of the church. The children continued with recitations and songs. Some of the Indian people in the congregation volunteered to sing some hymns in the Indian language which was enjoyed by all. Brothers Campitelli, Maisano, Gentile and Joseph Collison expressed themselves as to the goodness and mercies of God. They carried wonderful spirit which was a credit to the church. We hope that they are able to plant a seed of the gospel in the hearts of some of the Lamanites, who have not yet made a covenant with God.

Sister Hazel Collison and the other members of Windsor's Ladies Circle, distributed over 180 packages and gifts to the children and adults.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Ladies Circle of Windsor for all their work and effort in preparing the packages and for their contribution in making the program possible. May God bless them continuously in their efforts to serve God's covenant people.

Brother Collison and I made a trip to the Victoria General Hospital in London, Ont. to visit our old Laminated Sister Doxtader who was very ill. She has been for many years a staunch member of our church in Muncey. Although old and feeble, she expressed her staunch faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Since our visit to see our aged sister, she has passed on to her reward.

Brother Anthony Gerace

OUR SABBATH SCHOOL

The Bethelboro Sunday School had a nice Christmas program which was well attended by members and friends.

The members and friends of Bethelboro Church are progressing wonderfully in remodeling the building which was presented to us at Bittner, Pa., near Uniontown, for a church building. The Lord has blessed Brother Oran Thomas with good health and strength along with others to

work on the building every day. Brother Thomas' desire is to have a church of our own for our members to worship in, who at present are worshipping in a church at Bethelboro which is not their own.

Sister Virginia Bokulich P.S. The Frick Coal Co. gave them a store building and considerable ground with it. It is a very large affair. They are remodeling it, and I understand will have a meeting room when finished, that will seat about 400 people. I understand that Brother Thomas and his congregation are working in much harmony on the job. May the Lord bless them. Editor

Writings of

**Benjamin Windchester
1841**

(continued from last issue)

Neither will it answer for him to learn the first principle, but pay no attention to the second; he must learn them in rotation, and according to order, or he cannot make any proficiency in the science; so it is, a man cannot make any proficiency in the religion of heaven, except he obeys every principle of it according to order.

It is the very height of folly for any man to talk about being perfect, holy or sanctified, if he has not repented of his sins, and been baptised for the remission of them, and received the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands.

But obeying the first principles of the gospel, is not all. The apostle says, that the church was organized with apostles, prophets, etc., for the perfection of the saints, and the work of the ministry. Thus they anciently had inspired men among them, who could receive revelations from the Lord, and thus instruct the church with things of importance, which increased their knowledge.

The more intelligence a man receives the nearer he comes to perfection. As we have before said, a man is not perfect in his sphere of action except he obeys the Gospel in all respects, and orders his conduct in such a way as becomes a righteous man, and avails himself of all the intelligence, and spiritual blessings that are within his reach. And it is said, "The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Consequently he has not contracted the sphere, and agency of man, nor decreed that he will in the future refuse to bestow the same

blessings upon those who become his saints, that he bestowed anciently upon his people. Surely, the people of God are as susceptible of attaining to the high standing now-a-days, as they were formerly. The blessings that the ancients received, and which are for us, are the Spirit of prophecy or revelation, visions, administration of angels, etc., therefore, we conclude that the profession of perfection, of those who deny that these gifts and graces of the gospel are for us, is hypocritical.

These gifts are for the people, therefore they cannot be perfect without them; for it is by the Spirit of prophecy or revelation, that we can obtain a knowledge of them. "No man can say that Jesus Christ is the Lord, except it is by the Holy Ghost." The more of this Spirit that the prophets received the more they were like God. All things are present before God to all eternity, and when the prophets received the Spirit of God, it brought things that were in the future, and made them present before them. When the saints had visions of heavenly things their knowledge was increased.

Some of the saints of ancient days were in great degree, if not fully, perfect in their sphere of action, because they sought and obtained that which was for them.

But Oh; how changed the scene; Men now profess to be saints, and even to be holy sanctified, and some to be perfect, without receiving any such blessings, or even obeying the first principles of the gospel of Christ.

Awake; Awake; to righteousness and sin not O ye nations, kindreds, and people of the earth, and put away such delusive notions, and keep the commandments of the Great God, that you may be counted worthy to set down in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets.

"THE APOSTLES TAUGHT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

1. What was nailed to the cross?
2. Now that we are under grace, are we no longer under a law?

If any individual of the human race, born of flesh and blood, (deceived by the Spirit of Satan, for he is as the Scriptures say, "Prince of this World"), desires to become a fellow-citizen with the Saints of the Household of God, or a member of Christ's Kingdom, all must undergo a certain process, which is "The New Birth". Since all were born

of flesh and blood, a member of Satan's Kingdom, they were all aliens, and strangers to the Kingdom of Christ, having no hope, and without God in the world. (Eph 4:12) All those who desire to make a covenant or pledge of allegiance to Christ's Spiritual Kingdom must be "Begotten again" by the water and Spirit, "To an inheritance, incorruptable, and undefiled, all those who become citizens of Christ's Kingdom here on earth though unobserved for the Kingdom of God is dwelling within, having been translated into the Kingdom (Col 1:13). To enjoy the benefits of the new life, and partake of God's Divine Nature must obey the laws of Christ which Governs His Kingdom. Did you ever hear of a government being run without laws? Would you believe that the Kingdom of Christ, of which the increase of his government and peace there will be no end, (Isiah 9:7), is governed without laws or commandments? God's children, and his Kingdom are established by "good order". One might say at this present time that Christ's Kingdom has no laws. They usually quote a scripture to this effect, "We are now under grace, and not under the 'law'". They also have a habit of quoting a part in Col. 12:14: "Jesus took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross", referring to the law. Likewise they say Christ came to fulfill the law. May I ask a question at this present time? Satan's Kingdom is governed by laws, and regulations and rules, having various kinds of governments, having kings, also dictators, magistrates, all officers of various kinds to enforce his laws. Howbeit we understand and obey the laws of this Kingdom? If you don't think you are under such a law, just go through a red light, or a stop sign, or break a law of the land, or go against the constitution, and just see how far you go. They who are sworn in Authority in this Kingdom are to enforce their law for protection and peace and to keep order. Now we who entered into Christ's spiritual Kingdom; are we not under the law of Spirit in life? With the mind of Christ we serve now the law of God! With the flesh we yet have to serve the law of sin (and) which governs this present world, but with the Spirit of God delivering within, we serve the Law of God. (Rom. 7:25) Truth is that Jesus took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross. May I ask what law did he nail to the cross? The Mosaic Law

was nailed to the cross. Through the perfect atonement of Jesus Christ, Faith and the Holy Spirit did take the place thereof, and therefore, abolish the Mosaic Law. The Mosaic Law is a law of physical ordinances, ceremonies, and sacrifices, a law of the works of the flesh. Wherefore then serveth this law? It was added because of transgression, 'till the seed should come. (Gal. 3:19) Wherefore this law of which Christ came to fulfill was the schoolmaster to bring only the children of Israel unto Christ. (Gal. 3:24) The law of Moses, of physical works, was not given as a means of salvation, but as reminder that they needed salvation. No one has ever been or ever will be saved through the works or rituals and ceremonials of this Mosaic Law. The works of the flesh of this law in the shedding of blood of a lamb was a shadow only of Christ to pay for their sins. (Read Heb. 10:1-4) For the Law of Moses can never, with those sacrifices which they offered year by year, continually make the comers there unto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. Therefore, Salvation was not offered through the works of the Mosaic Laws. Paul warned the Galatians that whosoever sought to be justified by the works of that law was rejecting the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This law of Moses which God added to the plan of redemption according to Heb. 10:8—sacrifice and offering, and burnt offerings for sin thou (God) wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure in them, shows God had no delight in instituting such a hard and physical law. Heb. 10:16—This is the covenant that I will make with them, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds, will I write them. May I ask you that have entered into Christ's Kingdom, what law is binding you with God? And what law is in your heart and written in your minds? Did you make a covenant with God? The Apostle John said we who are born of God, receive of him because we keep his commandments. (John 3:22) May I ask what commandments did the Apostle teach the saints to keep? The "Ten Commandments" are God's spiritual laws observed and its righteousness fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. 8:4 The Ten Commandments define sin. What is Sin? The Apostle John, approximately 90 years after Christ sus-

tained the law of the Commandments in I John 34—sin is the transgression of the Law. What Law? The Law of Moses never defined sin, but was only added because of sin. Thus sin was the transgression of God's spiritual law, the Ten Commandments. Likewise the Apostle Paul said in Rom. 7:7—confirming the Law of God thus, Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law, what law? For I had not known lust except the law had said (watch closely) "Thou shalt not covet." Here Paul makes clear which law defines sin. It is the Ten Commandments, the law which includes "Thou Shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:12) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandments holy, and just, and good. This law Paul said is spiritual. May I ask were the Ten Commandments abolished or nailed to the cross? Approximately 56 years after Christ's death Paul said: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: Yea, we established the law." Thus we see the righteousness of this law is fulfilled in us who have received his spirit. Also later on we find the Apostle Paul teaching the Commandments in Eph. 6:1-3. Children obey your parents, in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy Father and Mother; which is the first commandment, with a promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. Thus we see another commandment is named and preached after Christ. Likewise James in speaking to the saints of God in James 2:8-11 If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself ye do well." He that said "Do not kill", said also do not commit adultery. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art, become a transgressor of this law. NOTE: Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, (or one commandment) he is guilty of all ten. Paul said concerning the "Ten Commandments" "For not the hearers of the law are just before God but the doers of the law shall be justified. (Rom. 2:13) While the Apostles taught the Law of God, (Ten Commandments) brethren of the Jewish faith tried to influence the saints to keep the Law of Moses if you will examine Acts 15:23-24. The Apostles had come together at a conference to abolish again in writing the Mosaic Law. Therefore, this Law of God according to Jere.31:33 will be written in our minds and on our hearts. This

law David said in Psalms 19:7 "The Law of the Lord is perfect." James also called this law in James 1:25 The Perfect Law of Liberty. Therefore, let us go on to perfection with the perfect man Christ dwelling richly within us both to will and do, keeping his commandments. For the scope of the Whole Law of God is fulfilled in this one word Paul said "Love". Jesus said too we who are spiritual "Israel, Hear oh Israel, the Lord God is one Lord". Love the Lord thy God with all thy strength, mind, & soul, and love thy neighbor as thyself." Yes Jesus taught the Ten Commandments by those great two, one toward God first & one toward the human race, and all the rest of the Ten will fall right in place. Therefore, we that have rendered obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ ought to say like David of old in Psalms 119-127-143 I love thy commandments, and thy commandments are my delight, yes for the end of these Great Ten is charity 1 Tim. 1-5 In Matt 19-17, Jesus said "If thou wilt enter Life, keep the commandments. Therefore, my conclusion is that we of the Gospel of Jesus Christ observe all things and teach them that we might be found worthy to obtain the Life hereafter.

Brother Rocco Tassone
West Elizabeth Branch

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

San Fernando Valley Branch
Dear Editor

Here in California our Elders take turns in visiting different branches. This Sunday in our branch we have with us Brother Phillip Buccilato from San Diago and his wife, and some others with them. Brother Buccilato opened our meeting, reading his text from Gen. 11:4, concerning the Tower of Babel, and brought the subject down to our day and time of the Jet age. His talk was very interesting and was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon service, Brother James Lovalvo spoke of the saints of old, and how they gave their lives to the Lord. Brother John Duliss followed out the same subject. We had a wonderful meeting, even the singing was very touching. Many bore their testimony with a desire to continue faithful to the living God.

We sang hymn "Up Calvary's Hill" and presiding Elder Robert Watson, Jr. spoke of how good the Lord has been unto us all. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Vitto Buffa.

Sister Josephine Buffa

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:-

Here I come in early 1958, wishing you, dear sister Cadman, all brothers and sisters of the Church, and all else who may be permitted to scan our wonderful Gospel News, an extremely Happy New Year. Hoping that this year will be a revolutionary one in finding us as Jesus told Peter in Luke 22nd Chapter, 32nd verse; "And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren," so that one and all of us can find ourselves firm as the Rock of Gibraltar, and when we sing. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, may we so mean it that our Heavenly Father will use us for the Evangelization of this wide world. I know definitely, that if we are what we are supposed to be, retain the spirit of God, have charity, be in one accord, have all things in common, and be equal one with the other. God will surely bless us.

In our branch No. 1, on Sunday Dec. 22nd, our service was introduced by Brother Concetto Alessandro. He read a portion of scripture found in Matt., 22nd Chapter, 1st verse through the 14th and gave us a talk on the Wedding Guest. He said when we obeyed the Gospel, we were even as a new born babe, and were desirous to give up anything for the Gospel of Christ, but as time progressed, have we still retained our 1st love? He mentioned that seventy years after the birth of Christ, Jerusalem was destroyed, there was not one stone left upon another of the Temple in Jerusalem that was not thrown down, he also said that though we have obeyed the Gospel, if we do not retain our garments in purity, we too will be thrown out of the Kingdom.

Brother Leonard Lovalvo of California was in our midst and said that Brother Concetto, spoke about the 1st and 2nd invitation, but he wished to speak on the 3rd, wherein he went on to expound the scripture to a full degree, saying that when we obeyed the Gospel, we were on the 1st rung of the ladder, and must continue in one heart, soul and mind if we are to reach the summit. He went on to speak on baptism, saying that some may say, why does he speak on this, he said he used to say this also himself, which would break his parents' heart, but when the privilege of the love of God came to his soul, he was glad to embrace it, and now it was a pleasure to him to invite others into the fold of God. He admonished all to give Christ a chance to enter into their hearts and see if He will not open the windows of Heaven, and pour them out such a blessing, that they would not be able to contain it. He told an experience of a youth in California who was killed while riding a motor cycle, and said he hoped that all would

be restrained, when advised against dangerous pursuits. Sister Virginia Loyalvo was in our midst, and gave a good testimony filled with the love of God. Brother Nick Pietrangelo made concluding remarks, and meeting closed with prayer by Brother M. Miller.

In our branch that night, at 7:30 p. m., we had a wonderful Christmas Program for the children, the adults also taking part in singing Christmas Carols, etc. The children were coached by Sisters Mary Dichiera, Jenny Pietrangelo, and Barber Pietrangelo. Gifts and refreshments were served the children after the program. On Sunday the 29th of Dec., Brother Cotellesse, his wife, my companion and I, went to Sarnia, we passed by Port Huron and found the saints there, busy about our Father's business. In Sarnia we had a program for the children which was as follows:- Opened with hymn Our Church. Prayer was offered by Brother D. Cotellesse. Followed with hymn, Make me a blessing. Reading of Scripture, Sharon Maness, Luke 2nd Chapter 7 to 14th verse. Duet Hymn Whispering Hope. Sister Maness and Julie Cotellesse. Recitation, Ervin James. Piano Solo, Sandra Maness. Duet, Brother and Sister Maness, Silent Night, Recitation, Robert James. Reading of 23rd Psalm, Arnold Walker, Reading of the 117th Psalm, Sherman Maness. Duet, Sisters Maness, and Cotellesse. Topic on Christmas, Sister Muriel Miller. Statistics on Christmas Brother M. Miller. Talk the wonderful Christmas Story, Brother D. Cotellesse. Closed with prayer by Brother Arthur Maness. Program was coached by Sandra Maness. In our Service that followed, Brother D. Cotellesse was the principal speaker. We appreciate greatly the contribution which was received from the Class of Ruth, of Monongahela, Pa. that along with what the Circle of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Mich., added, gave the children in Sarnia, a wonderful treat. May God abundantly bless all who contributed in the slightest degree, to add to the joy and happiness, of the people of God.

Your Brother in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller

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McKees Rocks Branch

Brother Editor:

On Sunday November 10th, we had with us Brother Frank Giovannone for both the morning and afternoon services. This was the Sunday following the Monongahela GMBA. The Lord blessed him with an exceptionally good sermon, with wonderful liberty. We had in our midst that day a visitor with whom a brother of our branch

had had a lengthy spiritual discussion just the previous Thursday evening. This brother states, that during this discussion the man contended that when a person is sick, that this is punishment for some kind of sin which he had previously committed. Our brother quoted scriptures that disprove this theory, one of which is found in John 9:1-5 Our Brother was pleased to see this visitor walk into church Sunday morning, and was indeed surprised to see Brother Frank open the meeting with John 9:1-5 for his text. Added to this was the fact that Brother Frank touched on several other points which were also talked about during the Thursday evening discussion.

We many times have declared to the world that God's Spirit leads and blesses the ministry of this church in the sermons they deliver; without previous preparation. Then when we see this fulfilled before our very eyes, we rejoice, and bless God. It causes us to become firmer rooted in this glorious latter day gospel.

Then on Sunday December 1st, we were again favored by having several visitors from Glassport, one of which was Brother Don Curry. He no sooner entered the building than he was put to work, to take over teaching of the adult class of Sunday School. In this, he did very well, and God is to be praised for blessing our young elders. During the morning worship service he found himself once again put to work by opening the meeting. His subject was taken out of the first verses of John 3, which deals with the matter of Nicodemus coming to the Lord Jesus. Once again he did very well, giving us a nice lengthy thorough talk about this man Nicodemus, and his visit with the Lord.

During the noon recess most of us went down to the stream, to witness the baptism of another soul, Sandra Mixter, the daughter-in-law of our Brother and Sister Mixter. The sun was shining brightly, but the wind was bitter cold, however our young sister did not mind. May God bless her for her courage and for the stand she has taken to be one of God's people.

Our day was satisfactorily completed by having an evening service in the home of our new Brother and Sister Ciotti, who recently transferred here from the Greensburg branch. Our whole Sunday was taken up with practically most of the time worshipping and praising God. One poet had said and we say likewise, "Thus may all our Sabbaths prove till we join the church above."

God bless you Brother Cadman, and all the church people through-

out this and foreign lands, is our prayer.

Martin Michalko

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Windsor, Ontario Canada

Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to let you know that we held our Christmas Entertainment at the Six Nations Reservation on December 21st. The Church building contained 103 people and no child went out of there without a gift and no one went out of the building without a half pound of candy and an orange.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Toronto Telegram under date of December 21st and you will note that it contains a picture of Sister Irene and her son Jimmy. For the past three years Irene has used the Broadcasting System of Toronto and they have donated their services to her gratis, due to the nature of her work.

The Ladies Circle at No. 3 Branch or better known as Seven Mile Road bought the candy and had it all done up in half pound bags. This was a big help as no funds had to be taken from the children's Sunday School to pay for this part of the treat this year. Three of the children attending the Sabbath School did not miss one meeting last year so we presented them each with a nice bible that had their initials engraved in gold, and apparently from the remarks heard, they were all satisfied with their gifts.

Brother Richard Isaac is out of the hospital and attended Church Sunday morning for the first time. Looks not too bad but has to be careful. Brother and Sister Beaver are going down hill as far as health is concerned and I am glad to say we are able to stay in the Church each time we go down, which causes them less trouble looking after us. Brother and Sister Fred Hill are not in the best of health, in fact Sister Charlotte told me yesterday that she had a slight heart attack.

There was a goodly turn out at the church yesterday for both Sunday School and Church Services, in fact 90 per cent of the work seems to be on that side of the Reservation.

We hold meetings on Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Last Saturday evening there were nineteen in attendance, the majority being teen-agers who are interested in learning about their fore-fathers. Our highest attendance for these Saturday night meetings has been 25.

Brother Burger

P.S.. I am pleased for your thoughtfulness of our Indian folks.—W.H.C.

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MINISTERS OF GOD

Preaching to us about the scripture.
Describing parables like a picture
These are the men who try to show
Their humbleness by bowing low.

Ready and willing to preach to others
Trying to make them sisters and brothers
Having the patience to keep watch and pray
Waiting for God to show forth a way.

Their work might give them lots of strain
But to them their work is not in vain
Traveling over fearful trails and rocky soil
Is their work worth all of their toil?

Though all through their lives they strive
It is only God's love that they hope to thrive
Let us hold up their hands and lead them on
That we will be able to take the cross when they are gone.

Gail Collison

The Resurrection of Christ, The Son of God

Matthew 28—verses 1 to 8 inclusive: "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and become as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead: and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there ye shall see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy: and did run to bring his disciples word."

At this season of the year, we commemorate again: Might I say the greatest of all events: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ—for had the evil power been able to frustrate His rising from the tomb the sacrifice on calvary's cross would have been in vain. The Father permitted His only Be-

gotten Son to be cruelly treated by mortal man, but when men nailed Him to the tree, their power was then ended, the Father and his power was then made manifest and Jesus arose triumphantly over the grave. Yea, He made captivity the captive and gave gifts unto men. The greatest of all gifts is the Gift of Eternal Life.

Editor

EASTER

Christ is risen, this the story:
Told o'er all the world to-day.
Is he living now, my brother
In your heart and life, to-day?

Else, how could you know the
meaning,
Of the cross, the nails, the
thorns.
Of the bloody sweat and anguish.
That in Gethsemane was borne.

By Jesus Christ, our only Saviour,
Who could real salvation bring
To all nations, tongues and
peoples;
That a new song, they may
sing.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!
Hallelujah! to the Lamb.
He is Risen! He is Risen!
For He is the Great, I AM.

Margaret Heaps

MONONGAHELA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Monongahela Ministerial Association for the past few years have been inviting me to their 'retreat' which they hold in the month of February in a restaurant out on a highway and which is closed to the public on Mondays.

I attended their annual meeting this day, Feb 17th, having received an invitation to do so. On this occasion the ministers were invited to bring their wives with them. My wife not being able to go with me, I took my eldest daughter, Mable Bikerton, along with me. We all enjoyed a good dinner together.

Each Minister was to give an essay on the faith of his own church. I prepared a short article concerning the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, read it along with a short talk concerning our faith in the restored Gospel. Thinking it might interest the Gospel News readers, my editorial in this issue is the article I read in this 'Retreat Meeting'.

Brother W. H. Cadman

INDIAN RESERVATION SARNIA, CANADA

Brother Editor:

I am writing again to you to let you know that Mrs. Bird and I are well and I hope you and Sister Cadman are well.

The Lord has been good to us. He is a loving God. He shares His life to us and makes our lives rich with His love. That is the reason we would like to share the blessings from our kind Heavenly Father as we send this offering for the brothers who are going to Africa—may the Lord bless them as they go and sow good seed.

We are having good services here on Sarnia Reserve, the spirit of God is working in the hearts of the people here. So we wish for your prayers that the Church will grow here, so that the Indian people (the seed of Joseph) will obey God's calling and the Gospel and be born again, that God may use them in His vineyard. It is true that we can do nothing of ourselves, but with God's help we can do all things

through Christ who strengthens us. So in closing I send this Poem. It is not mine; it was given to me and I am passing it on. It is titled—**The World's Bible**

Christ has no hands but our hands,
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet,
To lead men in His way.

He has no tongue but our tongues,
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help,
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible,
The careless world will read:
We are the sinners gospel,
We are the scoffers creed.

We are the Lord's last message,
Given in deed and word:
What if the type is crooked,
What if the print is blurred.

What if our hands are busy,
With other work than His:
What if our feet are walking,
Where sin's allurement is.

What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn
How can we hope to help Him,
And hasten His return.

Contributed by Bro. Russell Bird

Putting God First in Our Homes (Deuteronomy 6:6,7)

If fathers and mothers are to discharge the most sacred obligations of parenthood, they must have in their hearts this word of the Lord. There is nothing that can be substituted in any parent's life for sincere devotion to God. We must love God with all our hearts in order to rear children and guide the destinies of a home. But, granting such parents, the responsibility follows that God's Word must be taught diligently and talked about naturally and intelligently in the home. Too many times the questions of God and religion are so unnatural to a home circle and so little discussed as to make the very mention of them tragically awkward. It ought not so to be. Why can we not live with God in our hearts and on our minds and tongues so naturally that we can sit and walk and lie down and rise up with Him? As a matter of sober fact, we must live that way if we are not to fail God and our children.

(From The Herold of Holiness)

NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

February 20, 1958

Excerpts from a letter written by Brother Nolfi:—"We have just returned from a trip to Brother Francis Unaha's Mission where we baptised 21 more souls unto the Lord. Since coming here we have baptised 89 souls altogether. We pray that the God of whom they were baptised will keep them in His wisdom.

Also on this end the saints here make us feel as though they are truly satisfied with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we endeavor with the help of God, to give them the best we have. We have many opportunities to speak to strangers about the Gospel, even Chiefs of Villages where our Church has missions. They are so glad to hear the Gospel, that they want to give land to make bigger churches and also schools. But I want you to know we also have plenty of opposition too. Did you ever see anyone try to do good that evil didn't make its appearance?—In spite of all the flies, ants, mosquitos and the weather, I consider it a blessing and a privilege to be here to do what little I can for lost souls of this world, and be able to work along with Brother Bittering. I thank my God for this portion in life."

According to the letters of our brethren, the thermometer is registering 115 and 120 in the sun. Well may the Lord bless our brethren while administering to our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

Editor

CHEROKEE, N. C.

In a letter from Brother and Sister Molinatto dated Jan. 30th, Brother Jonathan says: Brother Cadman, we are still holding three meetings on Sunday. These meetings are being held in both Indian homes and also in the homes of Gentiles. And from the way he writes, their meetings are interesting, though their attendance is not very large. We are glad to see Jonathan still persevering, and our hopes are that the Lord will bless his labours.

In the way of visitors, Sister Molinatto's parents from Warren, Ohio spent the Christmas holidays with them. Brother and Sister Anthony Picciuto while on their honeymoon called to see them; also Brother and Sister Swanson when on their way from a trip to Florida visited them. The Molinatto's have had an in-

crease in their family in the way of a little 'David Jonathan', since locating in North Carolina. May the Lord bless their little family.

Editor

PRAYER IS ANSWERED

In a letter I received from Brother Anthony Scolaro of Detroit, Mich. dated on Feb. 20, 1958.

He says: permit me to tell you of an experience which I heard Sister Fisher recount last Sunday in Muncey, Ont., on the Indian Reservation. Sister Fisher is 90 years old, and at the time, she was all alone in her little home. (The house, such as it is, is 150 years old.)

We have had severe cold weather recently, and in Muncey it was 10 degrees below zero on the week-end of February 16th.

It was Sunday night, and she was alone; her water pump had frozen some time ago, and she had no water. Her fire was dying out, and she had no more wood left in the house to burn in her stove. Outdoors, it was a terrible blizzard, wind blowing and snow falling like it would never end.

She is not as strong as she was years ago, (although, for her age, I believe she does very well) and felt that she could never make it outdoors to get some wood for her fire. She said she got down on her knees, and prayed to God to help her.

About half an hour passed, and she heard a knock at the door; to her amazement, it was a young Indian boy, who apparently lives quite a distance away from her on the Reservation.

He had braved the storm, waded through brush, forest, and snow over knee-deep to see if she needed any assistance. She told him that he was sent in answer to her prayers; he brought in wood for her, got her fire going again, and left. Truly, "What a Friend We have in Jesus."

I might add that the brothers are doing their best to promote the work of the Lord among the Seed of Joseph, in Grand River, Muncey and Sarnia Indian Reservations. Sincere regards, Your Brother in Christ Anthony Scolaro.

P.S. Brother Scolaro, may the Lord bless all of you for laboring so faithfully among our Indian people. I have visited Sister Fisher many times in her humble home, and have prayed and preached under her roof. May the Lord bless her the remainder of her days. Brother Cadman

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

The Church of Jesus Christ believes in an apostasy of the church as set up by the Saviour; in fact, we believe it was complete and necessitated a restoration of the Gospel to earth again, that the 'eternal will' of God would not be frustrated. Hence, we claim a fulfillment of the scriptures as recorded in Revelations 14: 6,7 wherein John sees an angel fly-

ing through the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel, etc., calling on the inhabitants of the world to worship the God that made the heaven, earth, etc. All people who are known under the term "Latter Day Saints" claim a fulfillment of this scripture.

In the restoration of the gospel, there came forth a book, known as the Book of Mormon, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 20:11, wherein it is stated: "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed." In verse 12 it says: "I am not learned," and this was fulfilled in the person of Joseph Smith. We uphold the Book of Mormon to be the book spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. We believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God, even as we believe the Bible. I will add too that said book teaches absolutely that a man shall have **only one wife** and

concubines he shall have none.

We believe that it requires faith, repentance, on should be composed of prophets, apostles, evangelists, pastors and teachers as found in Ephesians 4:11, and that the various gifts of the Gospel should be extant.

We believe that it requires faith, repentance, on the part of humanity to obey the gospel. We believe that baptism is for the remission of sins as found in Acts 2:38, wherein Peter tells his audience to repent and be baptised for the remission of sins. (He says everyone of you) We believe in no other mode of baptism but immersion. Jesus says to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." In fact, Jesus says, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." I have quoted from John 3:3,5. There may be some scripture difficult to understand, but it should be common knowledge to us all that a **birth** cannot take place unless there is a **conception**. I read that "John was baptising in Aenon near to Salem, because there was much water there." I will add, that immersion is the only mode of baptism that requires **much water**.

We believe in the laying on of hands of the servants of God upon baptising converts, that they receive the Holy Ghost. (See Acts 18:17)

We believe the United States of America to be the feet of that great image that Daniel describes in the second chapter of his book, beginning at verse 36. The gold, silver, brass, iron and clay (the kingdoms of this world will fall) and God will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people. In Daniel 7:18 "The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom." We believe that the whole House of Israel shall be gathered back to the lands of their possessions, and eventually the second advent of Jesus Christ will take place, the wicked are destroyed, and the first resurrection takes place. The righteous shall reign with Christ a thousand years while the devil and his hosts shall not be loosed until the thousand years are ended. Then takes place the second resurrection as related by John while he was on the Isle of Patmos and described in Revelations, Chapter 20.

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WHY I KNOW THE RESTORED GOSPEL IS TRUE

When I first came in the Church of Jesus Christ, I did not have any understanding of the Book of Mormon. I had been satisfied that what they taught and believed was of God.—And the plan of salvation was true as taught by our Saviour when He was here upon this earth. But the Restored Gospel was new to me. And while being satisfied in obeying it, yet, I did not understand why it was necessary to have the Book of Mormon and the Bible. So I became interested to know for myself. I had studied the Bible and when I heard the Elders preach, I wondered why they spoke so much about the

house of Israel. I had never noticed anything in particular about them more than any one else: But I began to search their beginning, and the promise made first to Abraham.

In Genesis 12th chapter 1-3 verses, also 17th chapter verse 7, we find God chooses Abraham and blesses him and said: "In thee shall all the families be blessed." Then after the birth of his son Isaac, the Lord appeared to Isaac and renewed this promise to him—Genesis 26 chapt 24th verse. Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob, (read the scripture in Romans 10-13, also Malachi 1-2-3. Of these two sons God chose Jacob to receive this blessing or the promise which was to follow his descendants—

so we find in Genesis 28-3,4 that Isaac blessed Jacob with the same promise that had been laid on him, and the Lord promised the same promise to Jacob in that wonderful experience found in Genesis 28th Chapter. Jacob had twelve sons, and God appeared unto Jacob there and changed his name to Israel, therefore, Jacob is called Israel—twelve sons in his house are called the House of Israel. If we follow the descendants of Jacob, we find them as told to Abraham and Jacob that they would be taken to a strange land for 430 years, Exodus 12-40, 41 verses. If you follow the lives of the children of Israel, they were in bondage in Egypt until the Lord raised up Moses to deliver them. Following on in

their lives we find them given a portion of land in Canaan, the land Abraham was promised; But after forgetting God and His commandments they lost their inheritance and were scattered by the different nations and taken captive by them. During a dispute among the tribes of Israel, ten of the tribes revolted, I Kings 12-19.

They, according to the scriptures went to themselves, while Judah, one of the sons (or we call them tribes) and some of the individuals of the different tribes remained with Judah, which of course left them numbered with those who remained. But soon they were taken by the Chaldeans, and only the poor were left to take care of the land. This is found in 39th Chapter of Jeremiah nine and ten verses, but they were promised to return in 70 years, which they did, but under another government. Israel has never been a nation since that time in Jerusalem, but God sent them prophets warning them continually. Even Jeremiah was one of the greatest prophets and was taken in bondage by another nation of people.

During this scattered condition in the days of Jeremiah, we read in Jeremiah 25th chapter how he warned them who remained of their destruction, read the 25th chapter of Jeremiah. Now turn to your Bible—look up at the top of your Bible, you will see it marked in the year 610 B. C. in Second Chronicles 36th chapter and then read the first 22 verses—this was in Zedekiah's reign—you will read of the condition in Jerusalem, also how God sent His prophets to warn them of the destruction. Now turn to the first chapter of First Nephi verse 4, in the Book of Mormon, you will read that it was in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah that these prophets came warning the people of the destruction of Jerusalem—Jeremiah was one of those prophets, and the father of this first writer in the Book of Mormon, was one of the prophets who had to flee for his life, chapter 1-18,19,20. Then if you read on you will understand how the Lord visited him and brought him to this land of America 600 years before Christ was born. He also told that in 600 years the Messiah would be born. As I examined the Bible I looked up the time of the reign of Zedekiah and read the prophesy concerning those prophets and how they tallied up, my mind became blessed and I began to

read the Book of Mormon or the record of those people who left Jerusalem kept, and the wonderful experience they had. Then later on I read in the Second Kings concerning this Zedekiah and his family, but in reading I find where one of his sons came here with another group of people, so he must have been among those who escaped. Second Kings verse 4. How wonderful those things convinced me of the truth of the record of these people who were found on this land by Columbus. In reading in First Nephi 3rd chapter, the Lord spoke to Lehi, the father, to return to Jerusalem and get the record of history of his people there—so after a great struggle, his sons obtained the record. When they brought them to Lehi he found that he was a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt many years ago. Now Joseph was one of the sons of Jacob—of the House of Israel—Lehi was perhaps among those who stayed with Judah in Jerusalem, but at the time of Zedekiah's reign was one of the prophets who was sent to warn the people as in the scripture already referred to. God led Lehi and others to this land that He might preserve a remnant of Joseph—But a remnant of Judah has always remained in Jerusalem. Lehi received many revelations and prophecies concerning his children and their future condition. He too was commanded to keep a record of his life, and he commanded his children to keep the record after him, which they did for many hundred years, handing it down from one to another until wickedness became so great with wars, and destruction that one of the prophets was commanded by the Lord to hide the plates which the history was kept on in the ground. These plates contain the appearing of the Messiah on this land, during the 40 days after the resurrection.

His visits and teachings are wonderful. During His life He set up His Church in Jerusalem, also when He visited here on the land He did the same thing—taught the same Gospel and the same plan of salvation. But after many years we read of the death of the Apostles and His followers, and in the writings of Paul and others, they tell of the falling-away, or the Church drifting away from the true Gospel that Christ had set up. Paul says that grievous wolves would enter in among them hardly sparing the flock. Now can we see that the Church which Jesus set up, did

not remain the same through these years? Did not man change the ordinances that Jesus gave? He said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned." For how many years do we read in history that the plan of salvation was kept? It was not very long until the baptism of infants was practiced. Can infants believe? Are they capable of repenting and believing the words of the Saviour?

Now Israel was scattered all over the world—Judah's remnant in Palistine, Joseph's on this continent. The ten tribes lost or unknown to man. But John the apostle of Jesus was cast on the isle of Patmos for the testimony of Jesus, and he was shown the present and the future of time. In Revelations he sees the condition of the churches and their future, also he sees an angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them who dwell on the earth—read Revelations 14-6, 7. If the everlasting Gospel still remained on the earth, why would an angel have to come?—Until 1823 had any one ever experienced the visit of the angel as described by John? But an angel did appear to Joseph Smith and reveal to him where the Lord had the prophet on this land hide the records. The angel showed him where to find them and we have the proof of this finding, in what is called the Book of Mormon, or the history of the ancient inhabitants on the land. This angel restored the true gospel and gave the authority to administer in the ordinances of the gospel, even as Jesus taught them while on the earth. This angel was the prophet who had hid up the records—and the angel's appearance was witnessed by three witnesses who bore testimony to it. We have the testimony of these three men and we know they are true. Since Israel was, and is the covenant people of God or the ones to whom God made the promises, have been scattered after they rejected the Messiah, and His teachings; He again has set His hand to restore them. In what way can He bring them into His favor again? Only by them accepting His Gospel. Did He accept the gospels as preached down through these years? If so, why have they not enlightend the House of Israel concerning their gathering? Therefore, the scripture says that Ephraim will be the first born. Ephraim was the second son of Joseph. And his

descendants on this land are of Joseph. That is why we are interested in the Indian people on this land. The restored gospel—the true plan of salvation is the only way to enlighten their minds as to who they are, and this record brought forth reveals to them the great work of God in gathering of the house of Israel in these the last days. To me, the gathering of Israel is a wonderful work, and as Gentiles, we have been favored by the Lord to live in this age when the gospel was restored by the Angel of God, and we were given the privilege to obey it. Now we understand the Bible to be the stick of Judah, and the Book of Mormon to be the stick of Ephraim, which are spoken of in the 37th chapter of Ezekiel 16 and 17 verses.

To me, this has been a wonderful blessing to understand as much as I do of the great work of these last days, and to know why we need not only the Bible but also the Book of Mormon.

I hope through my experience in searching out these things, and by writing them may help some one else to understand, and search them out for themselves, and if they do, I know they will be able to say they too know the Restored Gospel is true.

Sadie B. Cadman

NILES, OHIO

The Editor is in receipt of a letter from Sister Nastasia of Niles requesting me to insert a note in the Gospel News for her aged father, who has recently gone through an operation—rather serious for one of his age.

He is grateful to you all who remembered him in your prayers, and also in sending him beautiful cards of consolation and comfort during his confinement.

CHRIST IS THE LIGHT

We walked for many years in this dark world of sin,
Then Christ came and took us in.
So Brothers and Sisters, what must we do?
We must serve the Lord in Spirit and truth.
When I was in the religion of man
I never knew why Christ was here below
But now with His loving spirit
I know that He came for sinners here below.

Brother Jim Mercurio

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Atheism, as an organized group, is dying out in the United States. That is a fact hard to believe in view of man's continued, and accelerated, departure from God.

The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, headed by Charles Smith, has dwindled to a mere handful of members meeting occasionally instead of the thousands that once held weekly lectures. A similar fate is stalking other atheistic factions such as The National Liberal League and The Freethinkers of America. Only the Freethinkers claim to be retaining membership, and they only among the intellectual class.

There is a clear-cut reason for this lessening of atheism. Smith, in a statement explaining the decline of his organization, was very explicit:

"We don't have the old repressive religion that stimulates atheism. The churches don't preach hell-fire and Jonah-in-the-whale any more. It used to be bad for you if you didn't believe this stuff. Religion has taken more liberal (tolerent) positions. They go in for this 'cheer 'em up' stuff now. That's not the old time religion."

What Mr. Smith is saying here is that many church goers of today are only goers—not doers. They attend services but do not attend to their religious scruples or responsibilities. And, even worse, they do not believe a fraction of what they hear in church gatherings. "Its all in how you look at it," I heard one person say. "I go to church and pay my dues but no church is going to tell me what to do."

The complete attitude of the 'church-going atheist' is unknown. This is a new field for religious researchers. Perhaps he thinks he

can be saved even in his unbelief if he is sincere. It is not written so. In Hebrews 3:18-19 we read: "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

Where are the atheists of a decade ago? It is all too obvious; in church! As one former leader put it about modern church goers in their actions and attitudes: "Some of them are nearly as good as atheists."

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Another attempt to degrade the Bible and its divine authorship is afoot with the appearance of the pocketbook "The Ten Commandments", by A. Powell Davies. This book is nothing more than a modern critical approach to the scriptures in an 'attempt' to explain to the man on the street the principles of a rationalistic bible. Mr. Davies' concept is unique in that he claims Christianity (or worship of 'God and Son'), is nothing more than religious evolution. Regardless of his contention, the Bible and its principles will be eminent when he is dust. Thank God.

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A thought—

H A P P I N E S S

Joy is not in things, it is in us. Joy, happiness, is the product of right thinking and acting, and there is no human being in the world who cannot be happy by complying with the law that produces happiness.

It is a product that comes back to us from what we send out; no one ever found happiness who did not manufacture it for himself. It is a product of our mental attitude towards others.

—Charles Morgan

MODERATE DRINKING?

Recently a Protestant Episcopal bishop, a Roman Catholic theologian and a rabbi made public a statement that moderate drinking of alcoholic beverages was not immoral or irreligious. They agreed that "only abuse of alcohol is sinful." Many "moderates" will get satisfaction out of this publicity. To us, its very utterance is an apologetic and

evidence of guilt complex. The bishop said that "alcohol is good because God made it." So is arsenic, but we put those who use it as a commercial commodity without authorization in jail. Arsenic taken in "moderation" is dangerous, so is alcohol. Moderate drinkers become habitual drinkers and shorten their lives by their indulgence. All drunkards began by being "moderate."

No young man or woman began drinking with the idea of becoming a drunkard. Besides, there is no such thing as a moderate in drinking beverage alcohol. Many "moderates" like to boast of how many cocktails they can take without going "under the table." The whole argument is empty of decency, sincerity and, certainly, good Christian example, even if promoted by men of the "cloth." (Romans 14:21)

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GOD'S CHOSEN CHILDREN

We read in Ephesians 6th chapter 7th and 8th verses these words: With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bound or free, also Matthew 22nd Chapter 14th verse. For many are called, but few are chosen. When I arose from sleep, this morning some of these words were ringing in my ears, and I esteem it a great privilege, to say something on them. Before we had obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I don't believe there was one of us who was not all mixed up, having respect to persons, and many other weaknesses, but no sooner than there came to our hearts and souls, the sweetness of the Love of God, than we were willing to give our lives if necessary for what we profess, and also for our brothers and sisters, knowing that Jesus said, by this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another. There is much going on in this world, in opposition to the love of God, but we cannot weaken in the slightest degree, we must remain steadfast to the end, and be examples of those who will pray without ceasing, fasting always that God will reveal unto us His implicit will, and be a source, or magnet to draw the world to God. Wherever I have gone, since the New Year, I have found my brothers and sisters, making great strides in endeavouring to do the Master's will, and I sincerely hope Brother Bittinger, and whoever may be going with him to Nigeria, will have a safe trip over and back, the power of God will be with them, and they will be a source of joy, peace, and blessing to our brothers and sisters, in that part of the Vineyard. On Sunday, Jan. 26th, 1958, we were

in Sarnia, Ont. We passed by Port Huron and found the Saints there, serving God in spirit and in truth. In Sunday School in Sarnia, we enjoyed our lesson found in Second Nephi 1st chapter, to the end of 9th. verse. Sister Maness was anointed for illness. Brother Domonic Cotellesse who was with us, spoke on the 13th Chapter of John, bringing to our attention the real significance of washing of feet. He mentioned that the reason the world is not happy is because they have not practiced this commandment of washing of feet, and also all the other commandments, the Lord our God has placed here upon the face of the earth for all mankind to observe. Brother Domonic spoke about the difference between the love of each one of us to our natural relatives, and the love that we have towards our brothers and sisters in Christ; saying that it far surpasses the natural love. God's words, A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. Prov. 17th Chapter and 17th verse. Brother Domonic told a wonderful experience regarding the Saints at Branch No. 2, praying and fasting for one of the children of the saints who is very sick in our midst. The Lord has shown something that is marvelous; we are hoping and praying it is in the favour of this little boy. While Brother Domonic was speaking, Brother Maness had an experience of seeing a vision, in which there was a man dressed in white, with the Bible and Book of Mormon in his hand. He read a verse of each book, and as he did so, there was a great blessing in our midst. Brother Maness believes these books will soon be joined completely, in one and will be published upon the house-tops, to all mankind. We have a sister of our branch, Sister Antonette Leopoldo, who is quite ill, also several others in our midst, we request the prayers of the saints for them.

Matthew T. Miller

NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

We are not to seek honour...

Matthew 23:8-10: In the family of God, we are all brethren and should have the interests of one another at heart. We should not have any desire to be thought of more highly than our brethren. We are to esteem others better than ourselves. Jesus said that

if we want to become great in the kingdom of God, we must become the servant of all.

The worldly titles of Reverend, Doctor, Father, etc; have no place in the family of God and are not pleasing to God. Therefore, we should avoid them. The practice of the Roman Catholic Church in calling their priests Father, and the Pope, the holy Father, is in direct violation of the command of Jesus in the ninth verse of our scripture and should not be done.

This is nothing but a tradition of man and should be avoided. Christ is our only Master and to Him we should ascribe honour and glory. It is only through Him that we can become successful workers in the Kingdom of God. We must not take any glory to ourselves for any thing that we have been able to accomplish for God. We must give Him all the honour and glory, for it rightfully belongs to Him. The Bible says that after we have done all that we can, we are still unprofitable servants.

Brother A. A. Dick

DOES GOD'S WORD STAND GOOD TODAY?

First John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth SIN transgresseth also the law: for SIN is the transgression of the law." In Romans 4:15 "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression." In Romans 12:9 "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil: cleave to that which is good."

In the Book of Mormon—Alma 45:16 "For the Lord 'cannot' look upon SIN with the least degree of allowance."—sin is the breaking of the law.

Jesus says in John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments." He also said in John 15:14 "Ye are my friends, IF ye do whatsoever I command you."

I read that charity (the love of God) abideth forever. In fact the word of God abounds with many sayings that support the fact that His love will not fail. Praise His Name forever. Jesus says in John 14:23 "If a man love me he will keep my words (my commandments): and my Father will love him, and will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

The closing words of the Sermon on the Mount and preached by God's only begotten Son are

as follows: Matthew 7, beginning with verse 24—

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, 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: and great was the fall of it." In the following verses, I read that the people were astonished at His doctrine: "For He (Christ) taught them as one having AUTHORITY, and not as the scribes." We are taught in the word of God, to beware of the LEAVEN of the scribes and the Pharisees. This scripture is as applicable to we of today, as it was to those away back yonder, at least I have always preached that it was.

Editor

An Excerpt from Brother Todaro's Letter to Brother Milano

I am always ready to fulfill my duty with God and with my brothers of the General Church. I want you to know, too, on Jan. 3, 1958 I baptised a brother here in Reggio, Calabria who was afflicted with rheumatism. His mother, when she heard her son was going to be baptised by me, wanted to beat me up. She went to report me to the chief of police who reminded her that her son was of full age with a wife and two children, thus he should know what he was doing; and that he, the chief of police, had nothing to do with a case like that. Also the same day through the mail I received an 'anonymous letter of threat', which reads: "Dear Mr. Todaro: I beg you to leave Mr. Giovanni Botta alone because he is the head of a family and he cannot follow a man like you. In the event you shall take the privilege to baptize him, you just wait and see as to what would happen to you when his whole family will turn against you. You must know also that there are many others who sympathize with his family who are keeping constant watch on your activities and woe be unto you, if you shall resort to baptise this

man. He is in ill health and he cannot expose himself to dampness or water. Do you take the hint? I have no other remark to make except that I will leave it up to you in regard to Mr. Botta, hoping that you will take the warning. My fondest hope is that I may meet you alone some day face to face, that I may be able to square up things with you. It will be the most joyful day of my life... when I will be able to get a hold of you. This is the good news I have to tell you in closing this letter, whether you like it or not. I now oblige you to pay whatever consequences may result if you persist in your ways: thus you must remain silent." End of quote.

But I want you to know that in spite of all threats, I did not shirk my duty, I went right ahead and baptised our brother at the sea shore, next to a Catholic Church and a Catholic priest was watching the baptismal ceremony with others. Our new convert, thanks to God is already in better health since he was baptised. Yes, indeed our brother is in much better health than he was prior to his conversion.

I am inclined to believe that the anonymous letter sent me was written by our brother's former employer, instigated by the local priest, who had informed him that if he joined our church, he would loose his job, which he did. But the good Lord who said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all other things shall be added unto you." He surely caused that same day our brother was baptised, a man came to him and gave him a better paying job than he had before.

Brother Milano, I wish you to return the enclosed letter of threat after you have translated it for Brother Cadman so that he may know what goes on here. I would like to have it back as soon as possible, for I might need it to defend myself and The Church of Jesus Christ in the event I will have to appear in court. I could present it also to the American Consulate if it becomes necessary to prove that in Italy there's a religious persecution against "the minority groups", and thus unmask those who profess to be Christians of the Roman Apostolic Church. My heart burns with an ardent flame of faith in Jesus Christ, as a vanguard explorer against the giants of the modern Neros of Rome.

Brother Todaro

OBITUARIES

SOPHIA E. COSTARELLA

Westwood, California

Sister Costarella passed away on November 28, 1957 at Westwood, California. Funeral services on December 3, 1957 at 12:00 p.m. at the Church of the Reccessional. She leaves her husband, two sons and one daughter. Officiating was Elder James LaVolva. Interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California. Services in charge of Dougless and Zook Mortuary, Monrovia, California.

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DAVID E. RUTHERFORD

McClellandtown, Pennsylvania

David E. Rutherford, aged 61, of McClellandtown died on December 11, 1957 in the Uniontown Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Rutherford was the husband of Sister Louise De Carlucci Rutherford of Uniontown, Pa. Services were held at the Victor De Carlo Funeral Home, Brother George Johnson and Brother Henry Johnson officiated. Interment was in the Soldiers Plot in Sylvan Heights Cemetery.

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DESSIE McMANUS

Bethelboro, Pennsylvania

Sister Dessie McManus, aged 74, died in the Uniontown Hospital on October 8, 1957. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Bethelboro and was baptised many years ago by Brother Martin King. Sister McManus was a faithful member of the church until the end came to her. The services were in charge of Brother Oran Thomas. Interment in the Cochran Cemetery near Dawson, Pa.

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MARY FEDDER

Bethelboro, Pennsylvania

Sister Mary Fedder died, and was buried on October 7, 1957. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Bethelboro. She was a member of the church but a short time. God moved in a mysterious way in her case.

She was an afflicted woman and up in years. Brother Oran Thomas was called upon to anoint her, she was made sufficiently well to go through the waters of baptism, and she was able to attend to meetings for

awhile. Eventually she was taken to the hospital again, where she died. (No date given). Services were attended to by Bro. Thomas.

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JOSEPHINE THEODORE

Youngstown, Ohio

Sister Josephine Theodore was born on July 24, 1888 in Corfinio, Italy, and came to the United States in 1906. In the same year she was married to Brother Emidio Theodore, who passed away in 1944.

She was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ in March, 1921. Some time later she was ordained Deaconess. She was also a member of the Ladies Uplift Circle.

She passed on to her reward on December 31, 1957, being ill for some time.

Sister Theodore is survived by three sons—Earl and Eugene of Youngstown, Ohio and Carl of Dayton, Ohio; three daughters—Sister Cosetti and Sister Constantine of Youngstown, Ohio and Sister Severino of Poland, Ohio; a sister in South America; thirteen grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ located in Youngstown, Ohio. Brother A. A. Corrado officiated, assisted by Brother Travis Perry and Brother A. DiBattista.

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LUCY DOXSTADER

Oneida Reservation, Ont., Canada

Sister Doxstader died on January 4, 1958 at the Hospital in London, Ont. She was nearing 90 years of age, and was baptised into the Church in 1946 and has been very faithful in attendance at our services in the Church at Muncey. Her home was on the Oneida Reservation. She was a woman that never went far from home and could not speak much in English, but in her native Indian tongue she would try to make you understand her. She leaves one son and eight grandchildren to mourn her passing. Brother Cotellesse had charge of her services and a large crowd was present to pay their last respects to a good old lady. She had spent her life on the reservation with her Indian people.

P.S. Many times have I visited Sister Doxstader in her humble home among her Indian people. I could not understand her Indian tongue, but with her broken English I could gather something of what she meant to convey to

me. Her husband was a nice old man and was a member of the Baptist Church. I have enjoyed sitting out in their back yard singing hymns with them. He passed on a few years ago. May the Lord bless their children and all their Indian friends. The Psalmist says: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Brother W. H. Cadman

- W E D D I N G S -

Fazio - Mazzola

On January 1st, 1958 Sister Cusemina Mazzola of Detroit, Mich., Branch No. 1, and Mr. John Fazio of Pittsburgh, Pa. were united in marriage at the home of our Sister Mazzola. Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo officiated. Mr. and Mrs. James Franchione acted as their witnesses. We extend our best wishes to both of them. May God abundantly bless and prosper all saints, is our prayer.

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Onorato - Quinn

Miss Mary Quinn and Mr. Richard Onorato of Brooklyn, New York were united in holy matrimony, Tuesday Evening at 8:00 p. m., ~~January~~ 28, 1958, in The Church of Jesus Christ, Bath Avenue Mission, Brooklyn, New York. Elder Dominick Rose officiated in the double ring ceremony. The bride was given away in marriage by her brother-in-law.

Dorothy Onorato, sister of the groom, attended the bride as the maid of honor. Frank Zeher, uncle of the groom, served as best man.

We would like to add that this young couple not only made a promise to love and serve each other the rest of their lives, but the Sunday before they were married they asked to be baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ. We wish them God's speed and much happiness in both of these new ventures.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Brother Frank and Sister Romy Calabrese offered the hospitality of their home on Christmas afternoon and evening in an "open-house" event honoring the 50th anniversary of Brother Thurmin and Sister Birdie Furnier.

Brother and Sister Furnier were married on December 24, 1907, at Cumberland, Maryland, about

seven years before they obeyed the call of the saviour and became members of The Church of Jesus Christ. They both have devoted many years of service to our Lord in the name of the Church. Brother Furnier was secretary to the General Church for many years, and today is an Apostle and the first counselor to the president of the Church. Both Brother and Sister Furnier have been very active as missionaries to the seed of Joseph, the American Indian.

Sister Birdie will be 69 years old on July 27, 1958, and Brother Thurman will be 70 years old April 21, 1958. They have raised a family of three sons and also raised a boy and a girl which were not their own. It is with a great deal of respect that we say God bless them both always with continous health, strength and with fine appearance that they still possess at this stage of their life together.

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For this happy situation and blessed state of Israel, did the prophets look, and obtained a promise, that, though the house of Israel and Judah violate the covenant, the Lord, in the last days would make with them a new one: not according to the one which he made with their fathers in the day that he "took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt": which, said the Lord, "My covenant they broke, although I was a father unto them; but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After those days," said the Lord, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and will write it in their hearts: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

"For thus saith the Lord, I will bring the captivity of Jacobs tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places: and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them and they shall not be few: I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. Their robes shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed

from the midst of them."

"At the same time," says the Lord, "Will I be their God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people: I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth: I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth. And in those days, and at that time," says the Lord, "Though Israel and Judah have been driven and scattered, they shall come together, they shall even come weeping for with supplications will I lead them: they shall go and seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward, and say, come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten: and watchman upon Mount Ephraim shall say, Arise, and let us go up to Zion, unto the Holy Mount of the Lord our God: for he will teach us of his ways, and instruct us to walk in his paths."

That the way for this to be fully accomplished may be prepared, "The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea, and with his mighty wind shake his hand over the river and smite it in its seven streams, and make men go over dry-shod. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria: like as it was to Israel when they came up out of the land of Egypt."

And thus shall Israel come: not a dark corner of the earth shall remain unexplored, nor an island of the seas be left without being visited: for as the Lord has removed them into all corners of the earth, he will cause his mercy to be as abundantly manifested in their gathering as his wrath in their dispersion, until they are gathered according to the covenant. He will, as he said by the prophet, "Send for many fishers and they shall fish them; and after send for many hunters, who shall hunt them:" not as their enemies have to afflict, but with glad tidings of great joy, with a message of peace, and a call for their return.

And it will come to pass, that though the house of Israel has forsaken the Lord, and bowed down and worshipped other Gods, which were no gods, and been cast out before the face of the world, they will know the voice of the Shepherd when he calls upon them this time: for soon his day of power comes, and in it his peo-

ple will be willing to hearken to his council: and even now they are already beginning to be stirred up in their hearts to search for these things, and are daily reading the ancient prophets, and are marking the times and seasons of their fulfillment. Thus God is preparing the way for their return.

But it is necessary that you should understand, that what is to be fulfilled in the last days is not only for the benefit of Israel, but the Gentiles, if they will repent and embrace the gospel: for they are to be remembered also in the same covenant, and are to be fellow heirs with the seed of Abraham, inasmuch as they are so by faith—for God is no respecter of persons. This was shown to Moses, when he wrote: "Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people."

In consequence of the transgression of the Jews at the coming of the Lord, the Gentiles were called into the kingdom, and for this obedience are to be favored with the gospel in its fullness first, in the last days: for it is written: "The first shall be last, and the last first." Therefore, when the fullness of the gospel, as was preached by the righteous, upon this land, shall come forth, it shall be declared to the Gentiles first, and those who repent shall be delivered, for they shall understand the plan of salvation and restoration for Israel, as the Lord manifested to the ancient. They shall be baptised with water and with the spirit—they shall lift up their hearts with joy and gladness, for the time of their redemption shall also roll on, and for their obedience to the faith they shall see the house of Jacob come with great glory, even with songs of everlasting joy, and with him partake of salvation.

Therefore, as the time draws near when the sun is to be darkened, the moon turn to blood, and the stars fall from heaven, the Lord will bring to the knowledge of his people his commandments and statutes, that they may be prepared to stand when the earth shall reel to and fro as a drunken man, earthquakes cause the nations to tremble, and the destroying angel goes forth to waste the inhabitants at noonday: for so great are to be the calamities which are to come upon the inhabitants of the earth, before the coming of the Son of Man the second time, that whoso is not prepared can not abide: but such as are found faithful, and remain, shall be

gathered with his people and caught up to meet the Lord in the cloud, and so shall they inherit eternal life.

I have now given you a rehearsal of what was communicated to our brother, when he was directed to go and obtain the record of the Nephites. I may have missed in arrangement in some instances, but the principle is preserved, and you will be able to bring forward abundance of corroborating scripture upon the subject of the gospel and of the gathering. You are aware of the fact, that to give a minute rehearsal of a lengthy interview with a heavenly messenger, is very difficult, unless one is immediately assisted with the gift of inspiration.

There is another item I wish to notice on the subject of visions. The Spirit, you know, searches all things, even the deep things of God. When God manifests to his servants those things that are to come or those which have been, he does so by unfolding them by the power of that Spirit which comprehends all things, always: and so much may be shown and made perfectly plain to the understanding in a short time, that to the world, who are occupied all their life to learn a little, look at the relation of it, and are disposed to call it false. You will understand then, by this, that while those glorious things were being rehearsed, the vision was also opened, so that our brother was permitted to see and understand much more full and perfect than I am able to communicate in writing. I know much may be conveyed to the understanding in writing, and many marvelous truths set forth with the pen, but after all it is but a shadow, compared to an open vision of seeing, hearing and realizing eternal things. And if the fact was known, it would be found that of all the heavenly communications to the ancients, we have no more in comparison than the alphabet to a quarto vocabulary. It is said, and I believe the account, that the Lord showed the brother of Jared all things which were to transpire from that day to the end of the earth, as well as those which had taken place. I believe that Moses was permitted to see the same, as the Lord caused them to pass, in vision before him as he stood upon the mount: I believe that the Lord Jesus told many things to his apostles which are not written, and after his ascension unfolded all things unto them: I believe

that Nephi, the son of Lehi, whom the Lord brought out of Jerusalem, saw the same: I believe that the twelve upon this continent, whom the Lord chose to preach his gospel, when he came down to manifest to this branch of the house of Israel, that he had other sheep who should hear his voice, were also permitted to behold the same mighty things transpire in vision before their eyes: and I believe that the angel Moroni, whose words I have been rehearsing, who communicated the knowledge of the record of the Nephites, in this age, saw also, before he hid up the same, great and marvelous things, which were to transpire when the same should come forth: and I also believe that God will give line upon line, precept upon precept, to his saints, until all things will be unfolded to them, and they finally sanctified and brought into the Celestial glory, where tears will be wiped from all faces, and sighing and sorrow flee away!

May the Lord preserve you from evil and reward you richly for all your afflictions, and crown you in his kingdom. Amen.

Accept, as ever, assurances of the fellowship and esteem of your unworthy brother in the gospel.

O. Cowdery

WAKE UP AMERICA!

"Presenting POAU's Program To Arouse The Nation."

(Continued)

Press: For many years believers in Church-State Separation had no voice in the United States. One side completely dominated the press and other media of mass communication. The public was being sold a phony product. One church marched forward toward the domination of what had been a free country.

Now the press is awaking to the fact that there is another side to these issues. Freedom has found a voice that will be heard.

When Church-State issues are up, POAU is now regularly called by wire services. They want to hear the other side. They want to hear—and print—what POAU says.

Taxes: POAU's study of the country's tax structure may result in the saving of millions to the taxpayers.

Shocking instances of tax evasion were noted, Orders of the Roman Catholic Church involved in brandy and wine making, in

operation of a commercial radio station, in many kinds of business activity, were all tax exempt because they designated themselves as "churches".

A POAU study of the tax situation in regard to the salaries received by nuns and priests who are under a "vow of poverty" has now been undertaken. In Church and State, a monthly Review, with a circulation in every state in the union, keeps Americans regularly informed of dangers to religious liberty. It is the only publication in the United States dealing exclusively with church-state problems. Taken from 'POAU'.

"THE RESTORATION OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL"

The Church of Jesus Christ under the restoration movement is engaged in the greatest latter day work yet to take place on the footstool of God (earth) and best at that right here in the land of America which we now possess. "Jesus told his disciples on one occasion, 'Greater work shall ye do than that I have done, for I must go back unto the Father.'" This saying of our Lord meant that he fulfilled his ministry in three and one half years covering a territory throughout Samaria, Galilee, and Jerusalem, therefore the rest of the Asian countries and all round heard not and saw not our Lord in his ministry. Therefore when the Holy Spirit did descend upon his disciples they were able to do greater works and accomplish much more, covering more territory, for now **Christ the spirit of God** was dwelling within the tabernacles of clay, his disciples, "Though they are many in number yet all were guided by the **one spirit**. Therefore his gospel and fame went abroad by his followers carrying it throughout the known world at that time, especially unto the Gentile nations. "Jesus Christ left his glory to redeem mankind from their fallen state that sin caused to come about, and also his mission was to his own "the house of Israel", for Israel "was a wife unto God," and God was an "husband unto Israel", Isa. 54:5 We see prior to pentecost the disciples talking to our resurrected Lord asking him a question: "Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus reproving them, had answered thus "It is not for you to know the **times or seasons** which the father hath put in his own power." Truly the disciples

understood not, how the kingdom would be restored back to Israel, for they understood not that the **Gentiles** should be converted by their preaching with the power of the Holy Ghost. Yes, Jesus manifested himself unto the Gentile nations through the Holy Spirit, but unto Israel they both heard and saw him while in the flesh.

Now greater works shall we of "The Church of Jesus Christ", do than our brethren (the apostles) for we are now in the **time and season** that Israel, God's former wife shall be restored; a thing which the disciples desired to see take place. Now under the old covenant Israel was a wife unto God and God was an husband unto Israel." "Now God saw for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery, and fornication, breaking her marriage covenant unto God, therefore God had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement." Jer. 3:8. Now God divorced Israel his wife according to the law he had given. Note: Duet. 24-1 to 2.

Now the mystery is how can "Israel re-marry God? Lets take a look at the law again whereby one can become legal to re-marry. Rom. 7-1-4. "The Law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth. For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law as long as he liveth: but if the husband be dead she is free from the law and therefore can re-marry.

Therefore if God was an husband unto Israel, he would have to die that she might be able to re-marry and live legally. Now let us understand before unravelling the mystery that **God did not die unto himself**, but to fulfill that which he came for, the law, and for the sins of all mankind. Now the mystery of God is at work, and let us look into the holy writings, and just see how it came to pass. Gal 3-4. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. The prophet said "God himself shall come down among the children of men and **shall redeem his people**. Mos. 15. Yes, he shall come down and manifest himself in a tabernacle of clay, performing miracles, and wonders, a work that "no man hath ever done." "To wit that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, says apostle Paul" great was the mystery of Godliness, "God was manifest in the flesh."

Now sufficient scriptures have been put forth to show the mystery how God manifested himself in the flesh and well we know, later on in his life they put him to death, and after that he arose from the dead now to live forevermore. Now God came therefore in the likeness of sinful flesh to fulfill the law (Rom. 7-1-4) whereby through his death Israel can re-marry again legally. "Israel therefore can be married to another even to him (God) who is raised from the dead. Thus we see the way is now open for Israel providing she comes through the right channel and be obedient to His commandments, thus she will come under a new covenant. Jer. 31-31-33. The Book of Mormon a record kept and preserved by God unto revealing it to the Gentiles in the latter day unto bringing in of the House of Israel, in this record it opens up the way he laid down. "The way before them is narrow, and it lieth in a straight course, and the keeper of the gate is the holy one of Israel, and he employeth no servant there. Jesus said "This is my doctrine which the father hath given me, that he commandeth all men everywhere to believe, repent, and be baptised. Now I will not suffer that ye suppose that the Jews or the Laminites (Indians) to be more righteous than the Gentiles, for except the Jews keep and obey the commandments of God they will also perish. Now as many as the Gentiles repent they are the true covenant people of the Lord, and as many of the Jews who will not repent, they shall be cast off; for the Lord covenant with none save they believe, repent, and be baptised.

Therefore when the House of Israel shall go through the waters of regeneration and are grafted into the vine again, she will be thus restored unto God. "Though thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me saith the Lord." Jer. 3-1

Yes, when Israel comes to the knowledge of her redeemer she will say, "I will go and return to my first husband, for then was it better for me than now. The Lord also promised to regain her, Hosea 2-19 "And I will even betroth thee unto me in righteousness, loving kindness, and great mercy.

So God is calling out from the Gentiles a people to be his spiritual sons and daughters, that we who are of the Church of Jesus Christ having in our possession the gospel with the record of his people (Bible and Book of Mor-

mon) will endeavor to carry forth the gospel in its pureness and fullness to the seed of Joseph, a tribe of Israel. Then they shall know that they came out from Jerusalem and that they are the descendants of the Jews, and the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them and they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers, and also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. And it shall come to pass that the Jews which are scattered on the Isles of the seas, and wherever they may be, shall begin to gather upon the face of the land. Therefore when the middle wall of partition has become completely broken down between Jew, and Gentile, bond, and free, black and white, and all shall see eye to eye having one faith, one baptism, one Lord, and God, then we shall make up the Israel of God spiritual son's and daughters of Christ. Thus completing the perfect plan of redemption.

Brother Rocco Tassone

BROOKLYN NEWS . . .

Dear Brother Editor:

As a supplement to my letter to you several weeks ago regarding the endeavor which is being made to bring new souls into the Church of Jesus Christ, the Bath Ave. Mission in Brooklyn, New York, I am very happy to inform you that on January 19, 1958 three young people rose upon their feet and asked for baptism. They are namely, Richard Onorato, Mary Quinn, his recent bride, and Edward Onorato. The blessings of God were prevalent that day, and more so since I believe it was the coldest day of the year. After these baptisms, which were performed by Brother Nick persico, we returned to the church for laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost and then all participated in the ordinance of washing feet. God's holy spirit was surely among us that day.

I might also add at this time that our visitors are still attending our meetings here in Brooklyn and we get various people who come into our meetings from time to time. Recently two Jewish friends visited us who are showing some interest in our Church. We hope and pray that they would ask for understanding of the True Gospel and some day soon perhaps become members of the Church. We know that we have a priceless gem in

the Church of Jesus Christ and we want everyone to share the wonderful blessings we receive through faith and obedience to God.

Extend our love to all and remember us in your prayers as we surely do remember you always.

Sister Mary Persico P.S. Brother Cadman, may I say that it was a wonderful privilege to have you visit us in our home for a few days during your stay in New Jersey and we certainly are looking forward to another visit from you in the near future. We enjoyed it so much!

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

In a letter from Sister Buffa she tells of a wonderful meeting they had on Feb. 16th. (I believe in the San Fernando Valley Church) Brother Watson Jr. in his sermon used the words of Joshua—"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

In his discourse he asked: Who will you serve? and during the discourse Ether Furnier and his wife rose up and requested baptism. Ether is the youngest son of Brother and Sister Thurman Furnier who are now residing at Uniontown, Pa.

According to the account of Sister Buffa they had a wonderful meeting. May the Lord continue to bless you all. Editor

THE TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL WHERE ARE THEY?

This has been a subject in our M. B. A. meetings of late. So at our meeting on Sunday Evening December 8th, I addressed the meeting on the subject, and I read an account as recorded in the Apocryphia of the old Bible in the Second Book of Esdras 13 and beginning at verse 39. It reads as follows:

"And whereas thou sawest that he gathered another peaceable multitude unto him: Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salamanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never man-kind dwelt, that they might there keep their statutes, which they

never kept in their own land.

"And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passage of the river. For the Most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth. Then dwelt they there until the latter time: and now when they shall begin to come, The Highest shall stay the springs of the stream again, that they may go through: therefore sawest thou the multitude with peace. But those that be left behind of thy people, are they that are found within my borders. Now when he destroyeth the multitude of the nations that are gathered he shall defend his people that remain, And then shall he show them great wonders."

(The Apocryphia of the old Bible is found between the old and new testament of many of the old family Bibles, or it can be purchased very reasonably in second hand book stores.

Brother W. H. Cadman

MYSTERY IDOL

"The huge head of a prehistoric deity, excavated near Lake Titacaca, is one of the wonders of Bolivia—

How the people, ignorant of iron, acquired such skill in stone-cutting remains a deep mystery!"

by Elsie Hix

P.S. One wonders just where the ignorance is. The Book of Mormon has been in print now for over 125 years. It is a history of the people that inhabited this Western Hemisphere prior to the venture of Columbus in 1492, and the following quotation from the Book proves the fact that they were far from being ignorant of the use of iron and precious metals. Get a Book of Mormon and turn to the Book of Jarom, verse 8; therein it reads: "And we multiplied exceedingly, and spread upon the face of the land, and became rich in gold, and in silver, and in precious things, and in fine workmanship of wood, in buildings, and in machinery, and also in iron and copper, and brass and steel, making all manner of tools of every kind to till the ground, and weapons of war—yea, the sharp pointed arrow, and the quiver, and the dart, and

the javelin, and all preparations for war."

There is a saying that a prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, even the Saviour of the world was judged as a criminal and executed as such. Had the Book of Mormon come forth from a foreign soil, it might of been a big seller on book counters, but no—it came forth from the soil in the great State of New York—consequently, being of native origin, the masses have treated it as a thing of naught. Read the Book of Mormon and learn what a wonderful people once inhabited the land of the 'Americas'—the forefathers of the American Indians who occupied both North and South America and where the Lord Jesus Christ visited the "Other Sheep."

Editor

That's Wantin' Too much

An old chief went into a Reservation town, where he chanced to meet a government man.

"Nice day," said the government man. "Ugh" agreed the chief. "Got time to lunch with me?" asked the government man.

"Ugh," said the chief. The government man ordered two large steaks. The old chief, eating as if famished, finished his steak before the government man had scarcely got started. "Want another one?" the government man asked him.

"Ugh," said the chief. "Golly I wish I had our appetite", the government man said enviously. Now the chief spoke up. Said he: "You took my land, killed my buffalo, and now you want my appetite."

(The Cherokee Times)

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Editor:

We had a nice meeting Sunday Feb. 9th and I want to pass it on. Brother Bucci and family from Youngstown, were visiting us. We held our regular service in the morning. We had an early afternoon meeting when we attended to the ordinance of washing feet. Our own son John Charles was ordained a teacher, and Brother Orville Gross as a deacon and four young sisters as deaconesses. Even though our group

is small we can surely say we enjoyed the Lord's presence and were certain He was pleased with our endeavors.

Our group here is so happy with the Church work and our progress, though slow, is beginning to be noticeable. We ask you all to remember us in your prayers and also in visits from time to time.

Sister Mary R. Mancini

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Windsor, Ontario

Dear Brother Editor:

The weather has been very severe this month and our last trip to Grand River a week ago today found the temperature 5 below zero. However, we stay in the apartment of our church building and although it is not heated to the extent that Brother Beaver's home was we feel we are taking a lot of work off of Brother and Sister Beaver as they are getting up in age. Brother Hill was confined to the hospital in Oshweken, having been taken there the previous Sunday evening with pneumonia. He now seems to be recovering when we visited him last Sunday but was only able to talk in a whisper. Brother Richard Isaac is recovering from his operation and is getting around better but is not taking too much of an active part as yet on the farm. We called on Sister Gadd at the Edgerton Street Hospital. She had gotten up out of bed and fell on the floor and apparently she bruised herself considerably. We sang a song for her and had prayer and past away an hours time with her, but I can see her failing every time we see her.

Our Saturday evening meetings with the young people in the Church at Oshweken has turned out to be greater than I anticipated. Last Saturday it was very cold and we had 18 there for the meeting while the attendance we have had since these Saturday night meetings began has been 25 as our highest. So, we feel they are desirous of learning of their forefathers.

Brother Ford's brother and his wife are visiting in Windsor Branch, they have been here nigh on two weeks. Bertha was baptised in Kinsman, Ohio two weeks ago tomorrow by her nephew—Jack Ford.

The apartment in Oshweken above the church is very well fixed up due to the help from the four branches in Detroit, Lockport, Rochester and Windsor. There are things yet to do to make it livable but we hope once we are finished that the Elders will want to spend their vacations among the Seed of Joseph. (Indians)

Brother Burgess

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THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing, a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim—
That sullen stream had no fears for him:
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day:
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim:
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Will Allen Dromgoole

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

DATELINE: INDIA

One day a young Indian student asked a missionary for something to read. She gave him a New Testament in his own language. He read it, and something happened. He came back and thanked her for the book and said, "My father does not want me to read this book, because he says it is magic: It is like fire—it burns. It is like a sword—it pierces and cuts. But it is also like a pillow—it comforts." (From the Bible Society Record)

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Borrow trouble for yourself (if that is your nature) but don't lend it to your neighbors.

Kipling

THIS I HAVE FOUND

As you go along from day to day,
In your worship and work and play,
God's Word admonishes you to pray,
And in your heart His love will stay.

When you feel discouraged and it seems,
He is testing your faith to it's extreme,
Then upon His promise you must lean,
Ephesians 3:20-21 is the one I mean.

Patience and hope to you He will teach,
If you will rise to His downward reach,
Your life He will guide and through your speech,
You may witness for Christ—our High Priest.

by Amelia M. Wergin
Wichita, Kansas

GOD'S LOVE SPEAKS TO US

God's love is everywhere. Its in the very air we breathe. In each breath we draw we realize we have found much mercy in His sight. The beauty God has painted the earth with, His scenes of breath-taking wonders, fill us with love for Him. And as we behold these things from day to day, from season to season, we realize how far short man has

Dedicated To My MOTHER

Is there anyone, in all this world,
like Mother.
To me, she's more precious than sister or brother.
And tho' we may be miles apart,
The memory of her, remains in my heart.

Who else could be so patient,
loving and kind?
And yet when you feel grouchy,
she doesn't mind.
She's always there to comfort your woes,
Even as a baby, when you'd stub your toes.

The examples and teachings you gave to me.
Without complaint and you gave them free.
I'm so thankful God gave me a mother like you.
I wish that all others could feel as I do.

And when your days on earth are completed,
Just think of all the good you've seeded.
Then you can face the master, unashamed.
Assured in the gospel which you have claimed.

Katherine Vitto
Detroit

fallen in his feeble efforts to create anything comparable.

If only a small portion of this beauty would remain in our thoughts and in our hearts daily, how much closer to God we would feel.

As we pause to meditate on these great things, God speaks silently to us. A gentle feeling of peace and quite fills our hearts, as we see anew each day these wonders to behold.

There is nothing anywhere, that can fill us with greater joy than God's love speaking to us, surrounding us daily, if we will but pause and listen: His voice will quietly reassure our hearts.

—Contributed by some one unknown to the Editor.

Pictured here is new Church Building recently dedicated by the saints at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

**DEDICATION
OF
ALIQUIPPA CHURCH**

The Aliquippa branch of The Church of Jesus Christ was host to over 300 people at the dedication of their new house of worship located on Ross Drive, despite bad weather on Sunday, February 23, 1958. Included in the congregation were saints and friends from Michigan, Ohio, and various parts of Pennsylvania.

Presiding Elder John Ross turned the meeting over to Brother William H. Cadman, our Church President. He opened the dedication services with Hymn No. 278, "Lord In The Morning." Prayer by Brother Alma B. Cadman. Continued by singing Hymn No. 17, "God Moves In A Mysterious Way." The Aliquippa branch Choir then sang "Bless This House."

Following, Brother John Ross gave a brief and enlightening outline on The Restoration Of The Gospel. He further explained how the Gospel was brought to Aliquippa through the efforts of Brother Phillip Mileca and his wife, Sister Rose, both now deceased. On behalf of the branch, he thanked one and all who helped in the erecting and furnishing of the new church building, through labor or finances.

Brother William H. Cadman then used his opening text, the 66th Chapter of Isaiah. He explained how God pours out His blessings on people, regardless of where they may gather, providing they do His will. As an example of how God blessed the mud huts in Africa, where the people had to provide their own seats and gathered in humble structures in comparison to our church buildings of today. He further clarified that he was not casting reflection on our new church building, but that all are used for the same purpose in mind, that of serving God. Whether it be in Africa, or days of old, we can serve God anywhere, providing the heart and mind of man is not occupied with carnal substance. In closing, Brother Cadman summarized his text by saying, "God wants people who are of a poor, humble and a contrite spirit, regardless where they may gather, for He is and will always

be, the same today as way back yonder."

Brother Alma B. Cadman then spoke concerning his baptism and service in the Gospel. He thanks God for bringing his parents to this land of America and calling them into this Church 98 years ago. Serving God in the Gospel, Brother Alma relates, is only a small foretaste of the wonderful life we shall enjoy with God, if we do his will and prove faithful to the end of our natural days.

Elder Domenick D'Antonio of our Aliquippa branch, officiated at the blessing of his grand daughter, Joyceann, child of Brother Charles and Sister Ruth Jumper after the congregation sang Hymn No. 92, "When Mothers In Salem."

Brother William H. Cadman then gave the assembled Saints and friends a rare treat by singing a Hhmn solo, accompanied by his daughter, Sister Sara Vincic at the organ.

Brother John Ross closed the meeting by calling Hymn No. 94, "I Saw A Mighty Angel Fly", followed with prayer by Brother Anthony Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio.

Lunch was then served by our branch to all attending the dedication services.

In the late afternoon after all the visiting people had departed for their respective homes, we of the Aliquippa Branch gathered around the piano and spent a bit of time singing hymns. We finished our singing with Hymn No. 279, "Jesus My All To Heaven Is Gone, We're At The Fountain Drinking." Ended a wonderful day with a prayer of thanks to God. Brother Thomas Ross

We of the Aliquippa Branch

extend a vote of thanks, and God's blessings to all who labored on our Church building and may He bless you in your further efforts, both spiritually and temporally. Also we want to thank everybody who came to the dedication services. We extend a cordial invitation to all, to come and visit with us. We would love to have you. God bless you.

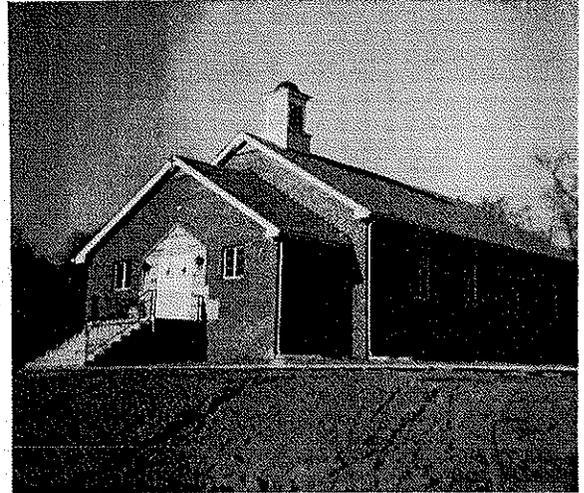
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P. O. A. U.

P. O. A. U. is an organization of Protestants and other Americans united for separation of Church and State.

POAU studies in the Church-State field have proved rewarding. Its survey of state supervision of parochial schools in the 48 states is a useful work on the subject. The POAU study of the country's tax structure disclosed the shocking fact that church-owned and operated distilleries were not required to pay federal tax on "unrelated business income." Also it revealed that Roman Catholic religious-order chaplains in the armed forces, with no families, were exempt from federal income tax, while Protestant chaplains, with their family obligations, were required to pay. These were only two of the inequities disclosed.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

To my readers!—

I wish to draw your attention to the word of God, especially that which is bearing on the commandments of God. In my humble judgement, His commands are not to be trifled with in any way whatever. To you that are Book of Mormon readers, along with the Bible, and to you that are advocates of the Restored

Gospel, do I write particular. You all know of the great struggle that Nephi had in obtaining the plates of Laban, known as the Brass Plates, often spoken of in the Book of Mormon.

I read in Mosiah 1:3-5 that these records were a necessity in the mind of Lehi for them to have, because they contained the commandments of God. They themselves had no record of the commandments at that time. Though Lehi was a prophet of God, yet it is written in verse 5, "that even our fathers would have dwindled in unbelief, and we should have been like unto our brethren, the Lamanites, who know nothing of these things, or even do not believe them when they are taught them," And in verse 6, "O my sons, I would that ye should remember that these things are true." Book of Mormon readers certainly know what befell the Lamanite people because they refused to obey the commandments of God that had been written for the guidance of all men. Also, the Nephites were not spared in their transgression of the commandments of God—for He has proven to men, that He is not a respecter of persons. It is written in effect, if not in plain words, that God's word shall

not return unto Him void until it accomplishes its purpose.

To all Bible readers, turn to Deuteronomy, 28th chapter, verse one and observe the promise of God towards Israel. If they keep His commandments—yea how He will bless them if obedient. On the other hand turn to verse 15 and observe how His displeasure will, and did, fall upon them when they kept not His commandments—observe the curses that were to befall them. Yea, God's word has been literally fulfilled—all Israel has been cast off because the commandments given unto them, and written on their records, were not obeyed.

May I ask: will God be more lenient to us of today if WE transgress His commandments?

Are we as Gentiles only required to repent and be baptised and then ignore His commandments in our daily life? Do we so understand the saying of Paul in Timothy's First Epistle, 1:9, "that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless, etc.?" The fact that we have found the grace of God does not make us immune from the written law of God. Was Israel exempt?

We are commanded to love our enemies—how can we serve God and at the same time hate them? The exhortation of the great apostle is, to live in peace with all men if possible, and especially with the household of God. Can we sit in ease and enjoy God's favor, and close our ears to those who may be, and are, calling for the Gospel to be preached to them? May I ask, is that keeping the commandments of God? Jesus Christ loved us even unto death on the cross, that we might be saved.—His command is, "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 love one to another." (John 13:34-35) If we love only those who love us, are we any better than those who may hate us? The commands of God embrace our married life—His commands also embrace our single life. His commands embrace our every-day life—His commands embrace the very oneness in His Spirit, if Gentiles as a church ever expect to sit under their own vine and fig tree. King Benjamin warned his people to the effect in Mosiah 4:30 that if they failed to keep the commandments of God they must perish.

Brothers Bittinger and Nolli returned home from Africa about the middle of March. Brother Bittinger became very sick and, as I understand, acted on advice of a doctor to come home. They report baptising about two hundred converts while there.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Our General Conference assembled in the Church in Monongahela, Pa., on April 3rd at 2 p.m. Many Elders, Evangelists and Apostles from various parts of the country being assembled together from the east, from the west coast, and across the border to Canada. The Apostles of the Church had also met together on the day previous counselling together upon things relative to the welfare of the Church. We were kept very busy until about 9:30 p.m. on Saturday when business sessions

were brought to a close.

There were many things of a very discouraging nature arose among us. The divorce evil which is creeping in among us is getting to be a serious matter, and it is a violation of the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Sunday labor question is another matter of no little importance, of which we cannot close our eyes. The carelessness of indulging in acquired habits, is also causing much discord among the brethren. As for me, I like the language of the Apostle Paul wherein he says,—

"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." We must all remember that Christ came not into the world to please Himself, but to do the will of His Father and to die for sinners. May I ask what are you in this world for?

While I say, lots of things of a very discouraging nature we had to contend with, yet in Saturday's Morning session we had a wonderful time of encouragement. Experiences were introduced to us

from various members of the Body of Christ throughout the vineyard of the Lord, which lifted our souls up to look forward and upward and beyond the present day of turmoil and strife, for which we praise God. My counsel to everybody is to read First Corinthians 8:13 and not only read it but digest it and lay aside any offensive habits you may have, and not lay too much stress on the other fellows faults. If we will all take Paul's admonition it will be well with us. Our experience in the afore mentioned Saturday Morning session should cause all to realize that we are not here merely to please ourselves, but to help save others.

The Saturday Evening session was thrown open to all the visiting members who happened to be present. We had a very edifying meeting listening to the missionary efforts and labors of various ones throughout the church. Also, our Nigerian brother who is a student at the Lincoln University located somewhere near Philadelphia, was present and made a short address in behalf of his people in Nigeria. It will be good to draw your attention to the fact that we have started a good work over there, and we need missionary workers to carry on.

On account of the anticipation of a large crowd attending our services on Sunday, we engaged the Firemans Hall in the New Eagle Boro for the occasion, knowing that our Church Auditorium would not accommodate the crowd. The weather for Easter Sunday was fine and we had a large gathering in the Hall. From 700 to 800 people assembled together. Our leading speakers on this occasion were Brother Mark Randy of Modesto, Calif., Brother Allen Henderson of Windsor, Canada, Brother John Mancini of Erie, Pa., and lots of good singing which was appropriate for the day which we hold in memory of the resurrection day of the Saviour of the world.

As Others See It:

SEGREGATION

From the New Kensington Daily Dispatch

... Housing patterns preserve extra-legal segregation in churches as in schools. So long as whites and Negroes live in different neighborhoods, there will be few

truly interracial church congregations. This is being recognized by individual churches as well as by denominations; as Episcopal church in Harrisburgh, Pa., for example, recently closed its Negro "mission" and welcomed its members into the parent congregation.

And racial desegregation remains a barrier to church unity. The Southern Baptist Convention, for example, has adopted numerous anti-Jim Crow resolutions, also supported the 1954 Supreme Court school ruling. But it has yet to alter its 1956 position that each Baptist congregation should decide its own membership affairs.

P.S. It appears very evident that while the Southern Baptist Church is supporting the ruling of the Supreme Court of the U.S.A., relative to segregation of the races, yet it is placing itself in an "about-face" position, allowing its individual churches to make their own decision.

In First Cor. 12:12, I read: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: So also is Christ." And again, the following verse—"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

If the Southern Baptist Church is the true Church of Jesus Christ, it is certainly at variance with the Bible in its action. Editor

Pan American Report:

DEAD MAYAN CITY BEING RESTORED

By Julio Vielman

Staff Correspondent, The Copley News Service

GUATEMALA, Feb. 11—The start of the new year meant also the start of the third archeological season in Tikal, the 1,600-year-old dead Mayan city in the northern rain forest of Guatemala. There, the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, with the aid of the Guatemalan government, is cleaning out and restoring the city.

The museum signed an agreement with the Guatemalan government in 1955 to undertake the project and to help finance the work, which is being done through donations and grants. According to the museum, the projects objective is to make Tikal the "fin-

est architectural monument of American Indian civilization available to the public."

The city of Tikal, which according to an old Mayan legend means the "place of the voices" because of the belief that the voices of the long-dead Maya can be heard there, flourished from 300 to 900 A.D. and is thought by many authorities to have been one of the top religious and political centers of the Stone Age Mayan civilization on the Yucatan Peninsula took in parts of Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

Like most other Mayan cities, Tikal was abandoned rather suddenly and it remains a mystery why its inhabitants left even ordinary day-to-day chores unfinished, as excavations have proved.

The museum hopes that Tikal, located in the heart of the Maya "Old Empire" or classic Maya lowlands, may hold the answer to such question marks as the origin, development, florescence and collapse of the classic phase of the Maya civilization.

When its inhabitants left, Tikal, situated in the northern province of El Peten, near the Mexican border, was engulfed by the ever-advancing rain forest surrounding it.

Today it retains ruins of pyramid-supported temples equal in height to a modern 20-story skyscraper, many lesser temples, palaces with many chambers, other religious and civic buildings, causeways, reservoirs, and uncounted house foundations for a population that is thought to have numbered 100,000.

The city spreads over an estimated 16 square kilometers and is enveloped and largely obscured by the dense tropical forest which has temporarily won the battle against man's encroachment.

Since the first archeological season in 1956, many of the more important buildings have been partly cleared.

The most striking sight uncovered so far is the 350-foot Grand Plaza, surrounded by impressive temples 150-feet high topped by other buildings, with carved inscriptions on the stone.

Proverbs 17:9

"He that covereth a transgression seeketh love: But he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends."

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

A recent issue of Life Magazine (March 24) featured a comparison of high school education systems in the United States and Russia. It was an excellent portrayal of just what the American youth is learning—and not learning—in contrast to his Russian counterpart. It is not my purpose to weigh the comparison here. That has been done, aptly, by Life. I merely wish to exemplify a point or two concerning the domestic and scholastic atmosphere in which our youth are growing.

Perhaps I sound as a modern Cassandra when I condemn the attitude of our young people today. It is not so much that Rock and Roll in itself is harmful but it is a spark in the electrical current that tends to take the path of least resistance. In the schools it is much too evident: why take mathematics when physical education will do; why drudge through history when civics is permitted?

The impression that our youth is getting from school and adult example is that life is one big merry-go-round, almost a joke. They are of the opinion that success, and happiness, will come simply because they are alive and young, and some day will inherit it from the oldsters when they die. There is no desire to learn, absorb, accomplish. Of course it is easier this way. Easier for student, teacher and parent. The quintessence of logic is to get a job and things will come their way.

—And 'things' do! Cars, T-V sets, houses, paid vacations. Too late they learn that this is not happiness, nor life, and statistics show the ratio of rise in divorce courts, psychiatric wards, and prison dockets. When the wrong values are thrust to the fore and the receivers expect to inherit instead of earn, we produce poor citizens, even poorer children of God.

When these same children come to the church they bring with them this attitude of "withdrawal without deposit." They expect from the church a cure-all, not medication. Christ did not call us for such. He called us to peace, true, but the cost of that peace is effort and persecution—even death. His call was first, 'come ye out'. Then He commanded:

'be ye strong'—'do ye this'—'go ye forth'. Notice these verbs of direct action—be, do, go. They are not lures of easy rewards; rather they are commands to obey the dictates of God and strive doggedly to bring **His Kingdom** to prominence.

"Why all this talk about schools and youth?" one might ask. Simply this: the oldsters are the church of today and the rocks from the past. The young are the progressing church of tomorrow. Of course the power of God will influence in the future as it has in the past, but God does not force his people to work. For the Church to progress we, old and young, must work. We must work for youth that are studious and knowledge-seeking; we must work for homes that are proof of Christ-like living; we must work for a Church that is pure, active, and determined to be world-wide.

"Work, for the night is coming."

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It was revealed recently that one of the American satellites had fastened to its side a small medal. This medal was not a name-plate of the manufacturer, nor instructions for operation of any enclosed instrument. It was a dedication to St. Christopher of Roman Catholic reverence. We can now visualize a disc representing the Papal system whirling over our heads and circling the world. Rather symbolic. Yet it is only continuation of the centuries that Romanism has cast a shadow over the world, and often from a more threatening altitude.

Sometimes we are amazed at the reaches of the tenacles of the Vatican. No doubt in the future we will hear of even greater Roman Church influences, in higher offices than that of a satellite technician. Of the person who attached the medal to the sphere we would like to ask: "Did the satellite succeed because of the medal, or vice versa."

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There has always been doubt as to what claim, if any, Unitarianism has to Christianity. It is common knowledge that Unitarians follow more a 'way of life' than they do a 'Christ-like way'. The extent of separation has never been clear, until a Rev. Ralph Stutzman declared it with

very exact words in a recent statement. Mr. Stutzman is head of the largest congregation in the Unitarian denomination.

In answer to the question "Are Unitarians Christian?" Mr. Stutzman replied: "It is true that we Unitarians have come out of a Christian tradition—a Christian heretage, but now I think it is time for us to face the fact that we have come out."

Perhaps Mr. Stutzman is to be commended for his out-spoken stand. It remains to be seen if this is the kind of courage needed for survival when 'the storms blow on the house built upon sand'. A very fitting remark has been made to Mr. Stutzman's declaration of 'coming out'. "If they have come out, where have they gone? Probably into the blackness of eternal death."

BRIGHTEST OF ALL HOPES

The most challenging question that has confronted every thinking human being who has sought to penetrate the mystery of life and death and the ultimate purpose of life is: **What is there beyond the grave?**

Men have wrestled in their minds for a variety of answers. The result has been the formation of many philosophies relative to this question. The greatest minds that have ever lived have reached into the deepest recesses of human thought in their attempts to find a suitable answer to this seemingly perplexing question. Many of these men, in their search for a logical answer, have rationalized their thinking to a point of losing complete faith in the intelligence of the Creator. More harmful still, men of pride have exaggerated the importance and the range of their knowledge; so that countless multitudes have become entangled in the web of human ingenuity because of the various substitutions and conflicting assumptions concerning the possibility of life after death. Some of our most intelligent minds have concluded that the solution to such a vital question as the hereafter, can only be discovered in the complex fabrication and atmosphere where bigness, power, and complexity are prevalent. As a result, millions of the human family have by-passed the truly authoritative and historic fact concerning eternal life as stated with such crystal clearness by

Jesus Christ to his disciples many years ago.

"In my Father's house," said Jesus with calm and simple dignity, "there are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Can we imagine Jesus saying something that was not true? Christ did not have to debate this question, nor did He attempt to go into long and detailed explanation as to why it was true. Debate is only used when an issue is in doubt. Christ always spoke only the truth. Jesus is the I AM and an inhabitant of the eternal realm. With Jesus eternal life is pure and undisputed fact, therefore there was no reason for argument or compulsion. His stated truths were not for middle-of-the-road believers nor for contentious disputations. Christ expected men to take His words at full-face value. One either believed or did not believe at all.

It is only when man is certain of his ground and his faith is disturbed or shaken, that he generally surrounds himself with plausible substitutes which he interprets elastically in order to fit the many inclinations of his desires or motives. This latter tendency by man simply reveals more emphatically the uncertainty of convictions relative to a life in eternity. Countless thousands have taken issue with Jesus on the question of the resurrection and have tried to refute His words, with arguments, with clamor, with elaborate schemes of human invention, with volumes of written explanations, and with various erudite philosophical, theological, and scientific theories. The evident fact still remains, that people of simple faith can unlock the shackles of fear that surround death; and they can find a lasting hope and comforting assurance in Jesus' promise of the resurrection.

When man has to face and struggle with the following inevitable crucial tests of life: (1) the hard realism of the broken ties of loved ones at death, (2) deep sorrows reaching the height of despair, (3) a weary heart with the downward pull of a heavy anchor, (4) diseased bodies and minds beyond all human aid, wasting the body away and draining the human spirit, (5) the unjust persecutions of the righteous, the poor and the oppressed, etc. Where can man find release from such tremendous pressures, fears, and injustices that

plagues the human family. God's far-reaching love and perfect wisdom has evolved the surest hope that can counter and dissolve man's heaviest burdens. Like the radiant brightness of the sun, penetrating and scattering the ominous dark clouds of a terrible storm, comes the reassuring words of Jesus: "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. Believest thou this?" Can the mind of man discover a brighter promise than this in all the achievements that man has made or can possibly make?

David left a very impressive record throughout his life as a courageous leader, king, statesman, musician, and genius in writing. Nevertheless, after such an active and productive life, one of his most lasting contributions to all mankind was the gloriously expressed living hope of the 23rd Psalm; which was to help sustain the weary souls of millions buffeted by the storms and uncertainties of life, as they passed through the valley of the shadow of death, upheld in the assurance that God restoreth my soul, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

What a resurgent hope Mary Magdalene must have experienced when with a very heavy heart she searched for Jesus at the sepulchre; and because of Jesus' recent death, she was in the deepest sorrow. Her spirit was torn with anguish at the loss of one whom she loved so dearly. She was so intent in looking downward for a buried Christ, that when He appeared near her and asked her whom she was seeking; she mistook Him for the gardener. But when the resurrected Savior spoke her name, "Mary", with the familiar compassionate voice that had saved her from the clutches of the angry mob, as the adulteress sinner; Mary's broken spirit was suddenly electrified to new life; as she clearly recognized the miraculous fact that Jesus stood before her. The shadows of fear and doubt had taken their flight forever; and the mystery of life and death was now completely dissolved. Mary now could always look upward, for she had witnessed with all the feeling capacity of her soul, the full scope and magnitude of the power of the resurrection.

Patsy Marinetti

PASSIVE FAITH SAYS:

I believe it—every word of God is true,
Well I know He hath not spoken,
What he cannot or will not do.
He hath bidden me go forward:
But a closed up way I see,
When the waters are divided
Soon in Canaan's Land I'll be.

Lo, I hear His voice commanding
Rise and Walk, take up thy bed,
And stretch forth thy withered member
Which for so long, has been dead.
When I am a little stronger,
Then I know I'll surely stand;
When there comes the thrill of healing
I will use with ease my other hand.

Yes, I know that God is able
And full willing all to do.
I believe that every promise
Sometime will to me come true.

ACTIVE FAITH SAYS:

I believe it, and the promise now
I take,
Knowing well as I receive it
God each promise real will make.
So I step into the waters
Finding there an open way.
Onward press the Lord possessing
Nothing can my progress stay.

Yes, I rise at His commanding
Walk straightway and joyfully,
This my hand so sadly shrivelled
As I reach restored shall be;
What beyond his faithful promise
Would I wish, or do or need.
Looking not for signs and wonders
I'll no contradiction heed.

Well I know that God is able
And full willing all to do.
I believe that every promise,
At this moment can come true.

James Heaps

WORKING A DAY WITH JESUS

In looking back over the events of the past year, I have been given many thoughts concerning our Lord, calling into the Church, so many young people who have been such a great blessing to us. My first thought is that they are children of the morning, working in the morning hours, full of the love of God, and full of vigor to do the work of the Lord. We who

WERE the children of the morning, have moved up to the heat of the day. It seems that just a few short days ago that we were the young, or the children of the morning, and my father, Brother Waltz, Brother Karelli, and Brother Johnson, to mention a few of the branch, were working in the heat of the day, and now they have moved up to higher ground and are now working in the evening hours.

Many of our brothers and sisters, whom we considered our old ones at the time we were called into the church, have already finished their day's work and have received their pay — ETERNAL LIFE.

To mention a few of these, they are, Brother Mike Falsetti, Brother Venneri, Brother Leonard, Brother Penn, Brother Ward, Sister Kennedy, Sister Kendel and Sister Ambrose, and so many others who have finished their day and left with us their testimonies. Many times their favorite hymns are sung in our meetings and our departed loved ones are brought back into our hearts, and we thank the Lord that we have known them, for their testimonies will live with us forever.

We feel to speak a few words to those who are not yet re-born into the GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, and to testify that it is a wonderful birth to be born of God, and into His church. It is a wonderful life of joy and peace, with security in our Lord. In all times of this life, given us by rebirth, whether it be the joy and love of the morning hours, or the satisfaction and blessings of the heat of the day, or whether it be in the evening hours when we shall know that the day is almost ended and we are about to receive our reward, the most glorious payday of all, that day when our Lord shall say, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter thou into my rest." There we shall have happiness and peace, never ending.

It is a wonderful life, this way of salvation, and we pray that we may endure the heat of the day, and be able to work the evening hours, as do now our older brothers and sisters, for we know the reward is only for those who endure to the end. Can we say like Paul, "We have fought a good fight, we have kept the faith, and we know there is a crown laid up for us?"

Brother Bud Martin

OBITUARIES

GAETANO "GUY" DeCARLUCCI
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Gaetano DeCarlucci, aged 77, died at his home near Uniontown, Pa., very suddenly after a brief illness, on March 4th.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife, four daughters, five sons, eight grand children and one brother. He was born in Italy, came to this country and lived in the Uniontown community for 56 years. He was well and favorably known among his fellowmen.

Along with his wife he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in the year of 1922. Brother DeCarlucci always bore a good testimony and was a very faithful saint in the church.

The funeral services were conducted in the DeCarlo Funeral Home in Uniontown, with Brother W. H. Cadman in charge and Elder T. S. Furnier assisting. The service was largely attended by his many friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

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MARY E. LOVE
Sharon, Pennsylvania

Sister Mary E. Love of Sharon, Pa. departed this life on Feb. 16, 1958 at the home of her son Robert of Greenville, Pa. Twin girls were born to Wm. and Elizabeth Worrell Cadman (now deceased) at Monongahela, Pa. on Dec. 5, 1869., the other child died in infancy, while Mary survived better than 88 years. She was baptized into the church in Oct. 1887 at West Elizabeth, Pa. She was married to Robert S. Love in March of 1893, raised a family of children and now after all these years of faithfulness in the church, has passed on to her reward. Her husband passed on in 1931.

She leaves to mourn her passing, four sons, Robert of Greenville, Pa., Wm. of R. D. 2 Fredonia, Pa., Paul and Ira, and one daughter, Lillian Klien (with whom she had made her home for many years) all of Sharon, Pa. There are also 18 grand children and 28 great-children surviving. Also she has two sisters surviving her, Mrs. Ruth Griffith and Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson of West Eliza-

beth, Pa., and three brothers, Joseph of Richeyville, Pa., Wm. H. and Alma B. of Monongahela, Pa.

There is no doubt but what Sister Love will be kindly remembered by all who knew her. She was laid to rest from Trevor Sample Funeral Home of Sharon, Pa., along side of her husband in their burial plot at Fredonia, Pa. Brothers Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, and A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio conducted the services. May the comforting spirit of the Lord ever abide with all her children.

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CHARLES STOYANOVITCH
Detroit, Michigan

Brother Charles Stoyanovitch of Branch No. 3, Detroit passed on to his reward Jan. 16, 1958 after a long illness.

Brother Stoyanovitch was born Nov. 6, 1897 in Austria. Came to America 1912 and married his wife, Sister Santa, in 1920.

In August, 1937 he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, 6 sons, 4 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 6 brothers and 4 sisters.

Services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ Branch No. 3, Brother Alfred D'Amico officiating.

Interment in the Gethsemane Cemetery.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends.

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CONCETTA SIMONE
Lockport, New York

An ordained Deaconess of the Lockport, N. Y. Branch, Sister Concetta Simone, 68, of 266 Niagara Street died on February 12, 1958.

Born in Italy, she had lived in Lockport for the past twenty years. She was also a member of the Missionary and Benevolent Association of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Perry Simone, three daughters, Mrs. Agostino Giansante, Mrs. Salvatore Azzinaro, and Mrs. Paul D'Amico, all of Lockport; two sisters, several nieces and nephews, and nine grandchildren.

Brothers Patsy Marinetti and Frank Rosati of Rochester, N. Y.

officiated.

We dedicate the following hymn to mother:

Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,
When with our Saviour, heaven is begun,
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning,
Beyond the sunset, when day is done.

Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion,
With our dear loved ones, who've gone before,
In that fair homeland, we'll know no parting,
Beyond the sunset, forever more.

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SALVATORE TOCCO

Detroit, Michigan

Brother Salvatore Tocco passed away to his Eternal reward, Feb. 6th, 1958, in his 74th year. Brother Tocco was very sick for a long time, but was a perfect example of what a saint ought to be possessing faith, hope, and charity. He was born in Italy, Nov. 21st 1884, and was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ Feb. 22nd 1953, and was faithful to the end. He leaves to mourn his passing, four sons, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers, with nieces, and nephews, and numerous friends. Funeral services were conducted Feb. 10th 1958 by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo, at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan. Interment at Gethsemane Cemetery, by A.H. Peters, Funeral Director. May God comfort the bereaved.

- W E D D I N G S -

Hagen - D'Angelo

At three o'clock on Saturday afternoon February 22, 1958 at The Church of Jesus Christ in South Greensburg, Pa., Sister Nina D'Angelo and Mr. Oscar Hagen were united in marriage by Brother Alvin Swanson. The Church was beautifully decorated with ferns for the occasion.

The bride was attired in white lace street length dress. The maid of honor wore light blue. James Hallett served as best man. The young couple are planning a trip to Norway to visit the grooms parents. They will then make

their home in New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

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Picciuto - Geracitano

Lydia Geracitano, the daughter of Brother and Sister Geracitano of Glassport, Pa., was married to Brother Anthony Picciuto, the son of Sister Picciuto of Painsville, Ohio, on December 21. The candle-light ceremony took place in the Glassport church at 6:30 p. m., with Brother Paul Benyola from New Jersey officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, Ernest Geracitano; and her niece, Theresa Careval, was her bridesmaid. The ushers were James Curry, Jr. and Delio Careval, a nephew of the bride. Sister Florence La Rosa, accompanied at the piano by Miss Kathryn Gorris, sang The Lord's Prayer and Because.

The couple honeymooned in Florida, stopping in North Carolina on their return. They are now residing in Kent, Ohio, where Brother Picciuto is attending Kent College.

COWDERY'S LETTERS

1834-35

(Letter No. 7)

To W. W. Phelps: Dear Brother:

Circumstances having heretofore intervened to prevent my addressing you previously upon the history of this church, you will not attribute the neglect to any want on my part, of a disposition to prosecute a subject so dear to me and so important to every Saint, living as we do in the day when the Lord has begun to fulfill his covenants to his long-dispersed and afflicted people.

You have, no doubt, as well as myself, frequently heard those who do not pretend to an "experimental" belief in the Lord Jesus, say, with those who do, that (to use a familiar phrase) "any tune can be played upon the Bible." What is here meant to be conveyed, I suppose, is that proof can be adduced from that volume to support as many different systems as men please to choose: one saying that is the way, and the other, this is the way, while the third says, that it is all false, and that he can "play this tune upon it." If that is so, alas for our condition: admit this to be the case, and either wicked and designing men have taken from it those plain and easy items,

or it never came from Diety, if that Being is perfect and consistent in his ways.

But although I am ready to admit that men, in previous generations, have, with polluted hands and corrupt hearts, taken from the sacred oracles many precious items which were plain of comprehension, for the main purpose of building themselves up in the trifling things of the world, yet, when it is carefully examined, a straight forward consistency will be found, sufficient to check the vicious heart of man and teach him to revere a word so precious, handed down to us from our fathers, teaching us that by faith we can approach the same benevolent Being, and receive for ourselves a sure word of prophecy, which will serve as a light in a dark place, to lead to those things within the veil, where peace, righteousness and harmony, in one uninterrupted round, feast the inhabitants of those blissful regions in endless day.

Scarcely can the reflecting mind be brought to contemplate these scenes, without asking, for whom are they held in reserve, and by whom are they to be enjoyed? Have we an interest there? Do our fathers, who have waded through affliction and adversity, who have been cast out from the society of this world, whose tears have, times without number, watered their furrowed faces, while mourning over the corruptions of their fellow men, an inheritance in these mansions? If so, can they without us be made perfect? Will their joy be full till we rest with them? And is there efficacy and virtue sufficient, in the blood of a Saviour, who groaned upon Calvary's summit, to expiate our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness? I trust, that as individuals with the gospel, through repentance, baptism and keeping the commandments of that same Lord, we shall eventually, be brought to partake of the fullness of that which we now only anticipate—the full enjoyment of the presence of our Lord. Happy indeed, will be that hour to all Saints, and above all to be desired, (for it never ends), when men will again mingle and praise with those who do always behold the face of our Father who is in heaven.

You will remember that in my last I brought my subject down to the evening, or night of the 21st of September, 1823, and gave an outline of the conversation of the angel upon the important

fact of the blessings, promises and covenants to Israel, and the great manifestations of favor to the world, in the ushering in of the fulness of the gospel, to prepare the way for the second advent of the Messiah, when He comes in the glory of the Father with the Holy Angels.

A remarkable fact is to be noticed with regard to this vision. In ancient time the Lord warned some of His servants in dreams; for instance, Joseph the husband of Mary, was warned in a dream to take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt; also, the wise men were warned of the Lord in a dream not to return to Herod; and when "out of Egypt the Son was called," the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph again; also he was warned in a dream to turn aside into the parts of Galilee. Such were the manifestations to Joseph, the favored descendant of the father of the faithful in dreams, and in them the Lord fulfilled his purposes. But the one of which I have been speaking is what would have been called an open vision. And though it was in the night, yet it was not a dream. There is no room for conjecture in this matter, and to talk of deception would be to sport with the common sense of every man who knows when he is awake, when he sees and when he does not see. He could not have been deceived in the fact that a being of some kind appeared to him; and that it was an heavenly one, the fulfillment of his words, so minutely, up to this time, in addition to the truth and word of salvation which has been developed to this generation, in the Book of Mormon, ought to be conclusive evidence to the mind of every man who is privileged to hear the same. He was awake, and in solemn prayer, as you will bear in mind, when the angel made his appearance: from that glory which surrounded him, the room was lit up to a perfect brilliancy, so that darkness wholly disappeared: he heard his words with his ears, and received a joy and happiness indescribable by hearing that his own sins were forgiven, and his former transgressions to be remembered against him no more, if he then continued to walk before the Lord according to his holy commandments. He also saw him depart, the light and glory withdrew, leaving a calmness and peace of soul past the language of man to paint. Was he deceived?

For from this: for the vision

was renewed twice before the morning, unfolding farther and still farther the mysteries of godliness and those things to come. In the morning he went to his labour as usual, but soon the vision of the heavenly messenger was renewed, instructing his to go immediately and view those things of which he had been informed, with a promise that he should obtain them if he followed the directions and went with an eye single to the glory of God.

Accordingly he retired to the place which had thus been described. But it is necessary to give you more fully the express instructions of the angel, with regard to the object of this work in which our brother had now engaged. He was to remember that it was the work of the Lord, to fulfill certain promises previously made to a branch of the house of Israel, of the tribe of Joseph, and when it should be brought forth must be done expressly with an eye, as I said before, single to the glory of God, and the welfare and restoration of the house of Israel.

You will understand, then, that no motive of a pecuniary, or earthly nature, was to be suffered to take the lead of the heart of the man thus favored. The allurement of vice, the contaminating influence of wealth, without direct guidance of the Holy Spirit, must have no place in the heart, nor be suffered to take from it that warm desire for the glory and kingdom of the Lord, or, instead of obtaining, disappointment and reproof would most assuredly follow. Such was the instruction and this the caution.

Alternately, as we could naturally expect, the thought of the previous vision was ruminating in his mind, with a reflection of the brightness and glory of the heavenly messenger: but again a thought would start across the mind on the prospects of obtaining so desirable a treasure—one in all human probability sufficient to raise him above a level with the common earthly fortunes of his fellow men, and relieve his family from want, in which, by misfortune and sickness they were placed.

It is very natural to suppose that the mind would revolve upon those scenes which had passed, when those who had acquired a little of this world's goods, by industry and economy, with the blessings of health or friends, or by art and intrigue, from the pockets of the day laborer, or the widow and the fatherless, had

passed by with a stiff neck and a cold heart, scorning the virtuous because they were poor, and lordling over those who were subjected to suffer the miseries of this life.

Alternately did these, with a swift reflection of the words of the holy messenger: "Remember, that he who does this work, who is thus favored of the Lord, must do it with his eye single to the glory of the same, and the welfare and restoration of the scattered remnants of the house of Israel"—rush upon his mind with the quickness of electricity. Here was a struggle indeed: for when he calmly reflected upon his errand, he knew that if God did not give, he could not obtain: and again, with the thought or hope of obtaining, his mind would be carried back to its former reflection of poverty, abuse, wealth, grandeur and ease, until before arriving at the place described, this wholly occupied his desire: and when he thought upon the fact of what was previously shown him, it was only with a assurance that he should obtain, and accomplish his desire in relieving himself and friends from want.

O. Cowdery

(to be continued)

The following is a composition that I wrote several years ago for a college English course. It was not intended for publication in the Church paper, and so was written to appeal to the Christian population in general. When I wrote of improvements coming through Christianity and American society, I had in mind improvements that will be brought about through the Church. The use of the term nonsense was not meant in the least to be derogatory. The word literally means that which makes no sense, and was used figuratively merely to mean the things in religion that are beyond mortal comprehension which must be accepted through faith. With a few minor changes that I have made in the original text along with this explanation, I believe this composition worthy of our consideration.

A Better Perspective

Religion, as old as history itself and a potent force in the scheme of things, has always been a matter of pressing concern to men and women. Here in the United States, religion (Christianity) has been so interwoven

into the fabric of our democratic society that to do away with it would cripple every standard, ideal, and democratic principle upon which that society stands. We will all agree that Christianity is as essential to the preservation of our society as it was in the fashioning of it, yet today we find the nation's religious leaders crying that Christianity is failing. These same leaders have not been idle, nevertheless, in their efforts to fashion a religion that we are more willing to accept, or, more rightly, one that will better serve our needs. Many different denominations and sects have joined together to form such affiliations as "The Council of Churches" in order to gain better insight into the problem; the strength of American youth has been called upon through the "Youth for Christ" organization; and zealous evangelists of the Gospel, such as Billy Graham, are pleading revivalism to the American public through the nation's television and radio networks. These efforts are certainly commendable and have produced some noteworthy results, but in view of the religious scene they are not enough to influence things to the point where we can gain maximum satisfaction from our religious beliefs and practices. I believe we will be able to gain more satisfaction from Christianity if we will set our religious sights in a different direction—we should have a different and better perspective of the relationships between religion and ourselves. The writer, G. K. Chesterson, has his own unique perspective of man's proper relationships with religion. He writes, "Religion has for centuries been trying to make men exult in the wonders of creation, but it has forgotten that a thing cannot be completely wonderful so long as it remains sensible." He concludes this thought with, "The well meaning person, who by merely studying the logical side of things has decided that 'faith is nonsense', does not know how truly he speaks; later it may come back to him in the form that nonsense is faith." Chesterson's idea that an acceptance of "nonsense in religion strengthens one's religious outlook has, indeed, some merit, but I do not agree with his thought that the "sensible" elements of religion serve to tear down and weaken it. I see in our modern-day concept of religion a dire need for both "nonsense" and logic. I think that if we are to embrace a religion that will more fully satisfy our needs, we

must see Christianity as neither pure nonsense nor pure logic, but as a combination of both, each supplementing the other.

As Chesterson indicated, many are quick to renounce religion on the basis that it is nonsense. By nonsense such a person means that there are not enough comprehensible elements in religion to warrant his belief in it. Show me the man who comprehends the mysteries of heaven and you will show me an angel. The minds of men are too puny to fathom the secrets of the universe, but that does not mean that men should reject both comprehensible and incomprehensible on the basis of the incomprehensible. If religion is to serve us at all, we must learn to accept without too much question the things we do not understand along with the things we do understand. A short time ago my six-old son, who had been attending Sunday School, asked me the question that most small children ask at some time or another. "Dad," he said, "Who is God?" Although I gave him an answer, I knew it did not enlighten his childish mind to much degree. When I now consider the same question, I am forced to admit, in spite of my superiority over my son, that I am little more enlightened than he is as to who God is or where He came from. Should I reason, then, because I cannot give a concrete, logical explanation of God's identity and origin, that I should cease believing in Him? My uncle tells me the story of my great-uncle who throughout his life refused to believe in the existence of the Devil. He always said, "If God is good and just, he would not allow such an evil creature as the Devil to exist." The belief that God would include a Devil in His plan of creation and salvation was just too much nonsense for my great-uncle to accept. When he became old and finally lay his weary body on his deathbed, he raised his voice in a whisper to those about him. "I know now there is a devil," he said. "He has deceived me all these years, but now I know he exists because he has been tormenting me on my deathbed." I feel that my great-uncle would have gotten more out of his religion had he accepted the "nonsensical" fact of the Devil's existence. So, too, will Christianity enrichen our lives and better fulfill our needs if we will accept with less skepticism its more "nonsensical" parts. Who can expound the mysteries of the King-

dom of Heaven? Can anyone explain how the Church, the Bride of Christ, was generated from the water and blood that flowed from Jesus' side as He hung upon the cross? Can we seek out and analyze the spiritual being that is generated within our souls as we are "born again" through repentance and the waters of baptism? We are told that this new being is alive in Christ—science with all its miracles cannot hope to discover the secret of spiritual life when it has yet to discover the secret of the life that pulses through these natural veins. We are truly unable to solve these mysteries. Are we, then, to reject them as parts of Christianity? Shall we throw them out in favor of more logical things—for things that make more sense? It is evident that to do so would destroy the basic principles of Christianity—our faith would become "nonsense" and our hope a void.

by Brother Donald Curry
(to be continued)

OHIO M. B. A. GATHERING

The third assemblage of all Ohio M. B. A.'s was held in Lorain, Ohio on the fifteenth day of February. We were very pleased to have such a large number of visiting brothers, sisters and friends from Michigan, Pennsylvania as well as the Ohio representation. It was truly a wonderful assemblage of brothers and sisters young and old, with a feeling of warmth and friendliness of one big happy family prevailing.

Saturday evening's service was opened with community singing. "The Harvest is Great but Laborers are Few," was the theme of the program presented by the Lorain M. B. A. choir. Brother Louis Ciccati formed the program and designed and wrote the program announcements. (I am enclosing a copy, if you wish to study it, Brother Cadman.) The newest members of the church were given an opportunity to speak along with a member-to-be, who was baptized on Sunday. We certainly felt blessed to listen to their testimonies. May God bless each one with a determination to speak boldly about the goodness of the Lord and to remain faithful and loyal to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as they displayed in their testimonies, full of the newness of Spirit of newly baptized members. Brother Joseph Calabrese and Brother Dominic Thomas, chairman of Ohio M. B.

A. and President of the G.M.B.A. respectively, gave inspiring talks which, from all indications, were well received.

Sunday's service was wonderful from the moment we walked in. As far as I was concerned, upon looking up in the rostrum; seeing Brother Rocco Biscotti sitting in the center and all his young zealous Elder Brethren sitting to the right of him, and all his seasoned older Elder Brethren sitting to the left of him, it seemed to speak of unity of purpose, how much each group needed the other—the experience of the older Elders and the zeal of the newer younger elders. It looked as though the sitting arrangement was prearranged, which it was not, to display the thought it evoked in my mind, being that of "unity."

Before the service began, Brother Frank Vitto sang "He'll Understand and Say Well Done," and he and Brother Tony Lovally sang a duet, "Almost Persuaded." The service was opened with Hymn No. 1, and Brother Biscotti offered the opening prayer, after which Hymn No. 394 was sung. Brother Biscotti opened the service with a comment, that it was good to see so many Elders present occupying the rostrum in the interest of our young people. He based his sermon on the 28th Chapter of Matthew, 18th verse, where Jesus says to his apostles, "Go to all nations and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and He would be with them to the end of the world." Brother Rocco told how the apostles of old gave up everything to follow Christ Jesus and He is unchangeable and will work the same today. He continued to tell, how the Lord used Paul and Silas to visit Lydia and tell her about Christ, and how the apostle spurned flattery. He told, how the Lord used Peter on the day of Pentecost to convert 3,000 souls. Brother Rocco instructed the young Elders, like the Lord had instructed the apostles in Matthew 28:18, that God promises to be with them always in their work for the Church. He continued to tell of Peter's vision and the reality of the calling into Christ of the Gentile Nation and the latter day vision of the Gospel reaching other lands. His closing remarks were a call extended to those of the congregation who were not baptized, to become a friend of God and Christ Jesus, and a call extended to the Elders, "Go ye therefore and preach my gospel and baptize in the name of the

Father, Son and Holy Ghost and I will be with you 'till the end of the world," as Christ had instructed.

Hymn No. 303 was sung and Brother Frank Vitto picked up the service from there and the continuous thread of God's spirit flowed through his words. He mentioned how he felt Brother Framolino's spirit live on down to today, because of the inspiring example he set forth before others when Brother Vitto was a boy as well as to the young Elders and old Brethren of Brother Framolin's day. Brother Vitto told of how proud he was of the Gospel, and mentioned the Lord's compassion for the maimed and how, by His crucifixion, He brought peace to mankind. "Such love has no man, like God has for us, He has felt our burdens and had so much compassion for all mankind," Brother Vitto continued. The wonderful Spirit that Christ brought which could open the eyes and hearts of men, that education alone can not do. (At this point a young girl asked for her baptism.) He used Paul as an illustration of an educated man, who once persecuted the Church and certainly did not show God's love, but when his eyes and heart were opened, he listened to the voice of Christ and the Love of Christ entered in his heart. What a wonderful change came into his life after his conversion. God was so pleased with Paul, he used him later as an Apostle in His Church. Brother Vitto admonished that we stand only in the strength of God and should live lives like Naomi, that those who look upon us might see God's life in us to inspire them; that they would be like Ruth and want to accept our God with all their heart and mind. For all this, baptism is essential, were his closing thoughts.

Brother Dominic Thomas picked up the delicate and fragile thread of God's Spirit and it was not broken. God's Spirit continued to flow through Brother Dominic's words in such a manner that he was overcome and unable to preach. (A young man arose and requested his baptism with such a humble spirit and Sister Minnie DiPiero arose under the influence of God's Spirit to say, how wonderful it was to serve God and that He is real and He lives.) The spirit of God like a fire was burning in our midst, is my testimony in witnessing this service. Brother Dominic called the congregation in prayer and he

knelt before us and prayed for those who were unable to feel God's presence in the room, for surely it felt as though an angel choir was ringing the bells of the Gospel call. (Brother Dominic Thomas' words.)

Brother Joseph Calabrese, our Presiding Elder, gave the closing talk and told what the Gospel of Christ can do for a person, that today was the 13th anniversary of his baptism, and in knowing and believing in Christ, what a wonderful change had come into his life. Service was closed with Hymn No. 157, Just As I Am, which was also a request confirming Brother Calabrese's wish to close the service with that hymn. At the close of the service, a young lady asked for prayer to help confirm her desire to become baptised. After Brother Biscotti's prayer, she requested that she wanted to be baptised.

Brother Don Curry opened the service in the afternoon, and spoke of his great desire to serve the Lord and the experience of his baptism. Hymn No. 108 was sung. Before the confirmation of the newly baptised members, Brother Rocco Biscotti was asked to speak on the meaning of the Holy Ghost. In his little talk, he mentioned that the Holy Ghost is the mind of God, and is like a lamp on our feet. It will guide and direct you all the days of your life. It will bring you peace, joy and perfect love. A prayer was requested by Sister Rose Mary De Foggie, who is badly crippled with arthritis. Brother James Velardi bore his testimony and the service was closed with Hymn No. 381. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Tony Piccuito.

I might add that I was impressed at the desire of these four persons requesting baptism in spite of the 4 below weather we had all week. One of the newly baptised members is an older sister who lives in Lima, Ohio, where Brother Joseph Calabrese has been holding weekly services.

On January 18th, the West Side Mission of Cleveland united with the Lorain Branch in Lorain and performed the Holy Ordinance of Washing Feet together. It was a day well spent in the love of God, remembering one of our Saviour's last acts, that of washing his disciples feet. We were glad to worship together with the Brothers and Sisters of Cleveland's West Side. May we all unite again occasionally, for it

does our heart and soul good to have visits from other branches and missions.

Sister Josephine Dominico
Lorain, Ohio

Excerpts from:

THE ENSIGN
(1863 & 1864)

To Our Readers: God's servant Lehi was very grateful to his God for the commandments of God as recorded on the Brass Plates—even it is made plain to them that the devil was once an angel who fell from grace.

You know it is wonderful that we have in our hands today the pamphlets "Ensign" dated 1863, and one in 1864. (The old pamphlets are not complete)

In the first one '63 I read: (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 its 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 His 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 fulness of time He came from the bosom of the Father, and was born of the Virgin Mary according to the Scripture, and became man, suffered and died for the sins of the whole world and on the third day He rose again, and brought about the Resurrection (according to the Scriptures) and ascended up on high to sit at the right hand of God: Principalities and Powers being subject unto 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, or principalities or powers: all things were created by Him (Jesus Christ) and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist and He is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead: that in all things

He might have the preeminence: for it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell, &c. Colossians, first chapter. And then in the Ensign of '64 I read: For behold I say unto you, that the law that was given unto Moses was fulfilled in Christ, FOR IT WAS CHRIST WHO GAVE THE LAW, and He ALSO covenanted with his people Israel: therefore, the law in him (Christ is fulfilled, for He came to fulfill the law, therefore it hath an end.

If I understand plain English, I must say that the two old Ensigns are in accord with the bible and Book of Mormon on the subject of Father and Son. And in spite of all contradiction—The Faith of our Fathers is Living Still. May God help us poor mortals. Editor

LETTER . . .

To The Editor

Dear Brother Cadman,

I have been wanting to write and let you know how God has blessed the brothers and sisters of the Imperial Branch. We are striving to work out our salvation while at the same time trying to give unto others the 'pearl of great price', the gospel of Jesus Christ. We met in our church building one evening in fasting and prayer for the welfare of our children and our friends in this community. We poured out our hearts to God that He would touch the hearts of our young people and those who live in this vicinity that they might be brought to the knowledge of the truth.

I can not help but think of the sons of Mosiah and the son of Alma. Their parents were concerned for their children and they prayed much that they would be brought to the knowledge of the truth. God heard their prayers and what a wonderful change was wrought in their lives. The sons of Mosiah said, "Let us go up unto the Lamanites that we might bring many to the knowledge of the truth." This is our first thought when we are born of the Spirit of God; let us tell our friends, our neighbors, and all we come in contact with that they might come and partake of the tree of life and find salvation

for their souls also.

God surely heard our prayers for about six weeks ago Divida Christman and Judy Ondrasik were baptized, both being raised in the Church. Last Sunday, Katherine Jones, daughter of Sister Martha Harris, was baptized. These baptisms have brought us great joy. Up to this present date, all of Brother Moor's children and his two son-in-laws, two of Brother Christman's children, Brother Homer Buffington's son, and Brother Martin Ondrasik's two children are baptized in our branch. We have created an interest in the hearts of our friends, as one man said to me, 'you people really have something that I have never seen before. He said you really love one another and meet in such a humble attitude.' This makes our hearts leap for joy, for Jesus said, "Ye shall know my people by the love they have one for another." Therefore I believe very much in fasting and prayer for our loved ones and our friends, for we here in Imperial have witnessed its results. We also ask you all to remember us in prayer that we may bring many to the knowledge of the truth

Our prayers are for our brethren which go out on missionary work, but let us remember, we that cannot go, let us be a light at home and to all those we come in contact with—"Brighten The Corner Where You Are!" I think sometimes we in the Church are too much at ease and forget those who know not God. I read in the Book of Mormon where it says, "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion!" I am sure if we will try harder to spread the gospel, that God will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing which our cup cannot contain. This is the mission of the restored Gospel—to take the gospel to the Gentiles and to Israel.

We invite all our brothers and sisters to come and visit us. Directions are as follows: Coming from Pittsburgh; route No. 30 to junction No. 978, turn right to first intersection, turn right again, building about 1000 feet on left. Coming from Ohio; route No. 30 to junction No. 978, turn left to first intersection, turn right, building 1000 feet on left.

Brother Wm. Kunkel

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A SWEET THOUGHT

Take me to the land of sunshine;
Take me across the narrow sea.
O, let me feast on food divine,
O, let me rest in sweet harmony.

O, let me from all sorrow flee,
And let me leave my cares behind.
O, those heaven Portals I can see,
There, love and joy forever find.

Today I may be forgotten,
Walking the narrow road alone.
My Lord, my courage, will rest
My head on a pillar of stone.

Today my burden seems heavy,
My cares are too many to bear.
And storms that rise over the sea
To me, seem all so unfair.

But, the Glory is at the end
Of our journey upon this vale—
There the Saviour will greet us,
At the end of the stormy gale.

The many tears that we now shed,
Will add more stars to our crown
That Jesus will put on our heads,
And peace in heaven we will find.

by Sister Anna Nastasia

HOW READEST THOU?

It is one thing to read the Bible through, Another thing to read to learn and do. Some read it with design to learn to read, But to the subject pay little heed.

Some read it as their duty once a week, While others read it with but little care, With no regard to how they read, nor where. Some read to bring themselves into repute, By showing others how they can dispute: While others read because their neighbors do, To see how long it will take to read it through.

Some read it for the wonders that are there—How David killed a lion and a bear: While others read it with uncommon care, Hoping to find some contradictions there. Some read it as if it did not speak of them, but to the people at Jerusalem.

One reads it with father's specs upon his head, And sees the things just as his father said. Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed, Hence understand but little that they read: For every passage in the book, they bend, To make it suit that all-important end. Some

people read, as I have often thought, To teach the book instead of being taught: And some there are who read it out of spite. I fear there are few who read it right.

But read it prayerfully, and you will see, Although men contradict, God's words agree: For what the early Bible prophets wrote, We find that Christ and His apostles quote. So trust no creed that trembles to real, What has been penned by one and verified by all.

by Sister Nancy Tassone
West Elizabeth Branch

Oneida Indian Reservation, Muncey, Ontario

I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines tonight of my thoughts. How often the glamour of the world, in which we so much live, blinds our eyes to the things of a spiritual nature. We live blindly and in fear, unless helping hands are stretched to guide us, then we become firmly established in faith and secure in the fellowship of the Church.

This is one of the great privileges which we as Christians enjoy—helping one another until we are secure in the knowledge that we belong to Christ and that he belongs to us—this spirit of humility is basic in the cultivation of peace.

Without humility put into practice through service, there is no possible way to the peace so desired and sought by mankind. Love for one another in the spirit of Christ, is the only way to bring peace to ourselves and, to our neighbors—also, we cannot live in right relationship with God, unless we are living in right relationship with people. We must return to the place where we have gone astray and begin again, no matter how hard it may be.

You will have to excuse my writing—my eyes are giving out, I can't see. Goodbye for now.

Brother Peter Williams

P.S. Brother Williams is one of our Lamanite brothers; may the Lord bless him along with his people—Editor

THE SINNER'S PLEA

With broken heart and contrite Spirit

A trembling sinner, Lord, am I.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free.

Oh God, be merciful to me.

Not money, not things that I have done

Can a single sin forgive.

To calvary alone I plea.

Oh God, be merciful to me.

And when I'm saved from sin and hell

With all the ransomed Saints I'll dwell.

My happy song shall ever be
God has been merciful to me.

by Adeline Federer

"WHITE INDIANS"

Mr. Samuel Wood, Editor of "T.M." publishes a letter from his daughter and her husband in the wilds of Venezuela. —Mr. Wood, I am taking the privilege of printing it partly in The Gospel News. It may be of interest to its readers.

"They are now working on a project in the wilds of Venezuela near Lake Maracaibo, where the chaparral growth is so dense that the sun scarcely shines through. Here a white race of savage Indians live in the shadow of the evergreen mote, which is also inhabited by bands of "howler" monkeys. They furnish an occasional feast for the savage white people.

These savage white men are the descendants of the aboriginal inhabitants of the land, who never submitted to the rule of the Spaniards. In their primitive existence they became wild and fierce. They are the dread of outlying villags and of present day oil prospectors. Many stories are related of deadly clashes between them and villages and prospectors. Their weapon is a powerful bow and arrows. They use their feet in shooting it, and are said to have, actually, shot through a civilized man's head with an arrow. Their stature is said to be slightly under that of the civilized population, and their complexion whiter than that of civilized "white races."

In a letter from our Son-in-law

we have this: "A logging crew retaliated a raid some time ago: killed a couple and shot a woman (about 28) through the thigh. Returned her to hospital. She was about my height, much lighter, straw hair, good pleasing figure and round face, but scaley face and neck, much like dandruff. Ate everything, loved salt. She knew no Spanish, therefore couldn't converse. She died in a couple of weeks, "de carszon, Muy rabiosa dice I medics." (Taken from T.M. published by Mr. Wood of Carmel, Calif.)

NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

When One Cannot Repent . . .

There may come a time in one's life when he has no opportunity to repent. He may be suddenly ushered into a physical condition of unconsciousness, or he may be placed in a hospital and so doped with drugs as to be rendered incapable of using the faculties of his mind, or he may become insane and incapable of acting intelligently so as to get help from God.

The fact of his insanity will not render him unaccountable to his God if he has ever been of a rational mind since he became old enough to know right from wrong.

Then there are other causes that may render one incapable of repentance. He may become deluded "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thessa. 2: 10-12.)

God may have given him up as a hopeless case; There are no hopeless cases who have a desire to seek and serve the Lord, but "He that was often reproved and hardened his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." (Proverbs 29:1) No Place For Repentance:

"He found no place of repentance." (Hebrews 12:17) When one can't find a place of repentance, he is doomed, for there is no pardon without repentance; without repentance all perish. (Luke 13:3-5) "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

A NATION IS BORN!

A NEW NATION called Israel was brought into existence on May 14, 1948, when the Jews of Palestine proclaimed the existence of a separate Jewish state in that land. This proclamation brings to realization a dream which has been in the hearts of Jews for about two thousand years, during which time they have been kept under the iron heel of conquering nations in their own land, and have been the victims of prejudices, persecutions, and purges in many lands in which they have taken refuge. This new nation was born immediately to be plunged into war, a fight for its own freedom and existence against the Arab nations. In this fight it has the sympathies of many of the major nations of the world, and will be given, we trust, the support of the United Nations Organization. The Jews have been in Palestine since the time of the founding of their national life thousands of years ago under the leadership of Joshua. This land has been recognized by all generations of Jews as their homeland, and in this they have been sustained by their faith in the promises of God that He would at some time restore them to their land. By proclaiming this new state the Jews are not stealing the land from the Arabs; they are declaring their purpose to rule themselves in a land much of which they have possessed and developed during the centuries. They are also endeavoring to establish a homeland for the many oppressed Jews in other nations and to live at peace with their neighboring nations. In these efforts they have the support and prayers of millions of Christians.

The conditions surrounding the birth of this new Israel raise numerous questions in the minds of people. What are to be the far-reaching results of these efforts to establish a Jewish state? Already the spiritual leader of the Moslem world has declared this a "holy war" and has called upon all Moslems to "come to war and struggle for the sake of Allah." Will this be the war which will culminate in the battle of Armageddon? What will be Russia's attitude toward this disturbed condition in the Near East? Will this war bring into existence the line-up of nations foretold by Ezekiel as the "armies of the North"? How does the establishing of this new Israel fit into God's program for the return of Jesus Christ to this earth? We do not

profess to know the answers to these questions, but in the light of these events we cannot help but think of them; and we do recognize that the founding of this new Israel has great religious significance.

To say the least, as we view these happenings in the light of the Scriptures, it behooves us all to be as watchful and ready as were the five wise virgins who were ready to meet the bridegroom when he came; for the next great event on God's calendar may be the return of our Lord. Certainly this is the time for us to obey the exhortation of Jesus, "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

(Herald of Holiness)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If He should come again today
In human form as was of old,
And bid you go the only way
Of righteousness and truth untold:

If He should take you by the hand
As He did once to those He led,
To lead you to the promised land
Leaving the dead to bury the dead:

If He should claim to be the One
And only begotten Son of God
The way, the life and light that's won
By all who seek the living God:

If He should heal your sickly mind,
Granting forgiveness for all your sin:
If sinners He should come to find
For heavenly grace and peace within:

Should there arise an Iscariot
Who again should the Lord betray:
Should ignorant men again riot
Demanding angrily "Take Him away:"?

Tell me, O tell me what you'd do,
What you would do to save the Lord

So kind, so gentle meek and true,
E'en Christ, the Redeemer and Lord.

Would you believe and follow Him,
Would you repent, forgiveness seek

Or would you refuse and turn
from Him?

It's now to do it so, brother,
speak!

Brother Sunny Apkaidiok
Lincoln University, Pa.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Since Conference I have been persuing through some old Gospel Reflectors that I still have, though they are getting in very bad shape. We began publishing this little paper in the year of 1905 and I believe it was discontinued in the year 1911. As far as I know, it was our only attempt to publish a paper. It was edited by Brother Alexander Cherry and he was assisted by Brother Samuel Sanders who was secretary of the General Church for many years; he was very efficient as a secretary.

In looking over the papers last evening, I came across two different articles which were, to me, very good reading. One of them was written by Sister Jennett Morgan and the other by Sister Hannah Skillen. They both lived here in Pennsylvania, but they died in St. John, Kansas, a good many years ago—both articles will appear in this issue of the Gospel News.

Sister Morgan's subject is the transgression of Saul, king of Israel, and what a wonderful lesson it is. Saul was taken from very humble circumstances and placed on the throne of God's chosen people on earth. He was given a very simple command to carry out against an enemy of God's people. No doubt he was revered as a king should be by his subjects, but he failed to carry out the command of Israel's God and incurred His displeasure. It seemed like a small offense too, apparently he thought it was a good opportunity to get choice animals for sacrificing to God, which might be looked upon by many, as a sensible thing to do—but the word of God was transgressed and

Saul lost his throne in Israel, and was given to understand that **obedience** was **better** than **sacrifice**, and to **harken better** than the **fat of rams**. My readers, and especially you that profess to serve God, do you ever stop to think of the many things in life, though they seem small and insignificant, yet are in transgression of the word of God? Do you ever think of the little things that you may do on the Lord's Sabbath; in your dealings with your fellowman? Do you stop to think of the words of the master—treat your neighbor as you would like to be treated? And too, do you profess to love the God that you have not seen, and then fail to love your brother whom you meet daily? Your testimony, in sense if not in exact word, is something like this: in praise—that "Jesus saved a poor lost sinner like me." If we neglect the seemingly little and daily things of our life, might not the words used to Saul be good for us? Give serious thought—is not obedience to the little things of today and harkening unto them, necessary for us to retain God's good will towards us, even as king Saul?

In the article by Sister Skillen—"Native Woman's Vision", should it not give us much room to think? You know, WE in the restored gospel occupy a lofty position in the world in which we live—should at least, I do not mean lofty in pride of the heart, simply because the Lord has opened our eyes to see as we may have not seen before. Jesus was lofty above all. You know, John was a great man, but Jesus was greater than he. Yea, He was lofty above all. His is the only name by which we can enter the portals of Eternal Glory. He stooped for us all, He stooped and did His Father's will in all things, little or big.

It is easy to see the faults of the outside world. God may have given us much, but, are we doing much? According to the wonderful experience given in our recent conference, those who apparently were given little, were doing more than they who were given much. The "native woman" referred to in Sister Skillen's article may have been given little comparatively speaking, yet she did much. In all walks of Christian life, men and women are giving their life as a sacrifice to the cause in which they are devoted. In the experiences that were given to us, we were shown the grain in many fields was ripe, but there were no laborers to harvest. You that have obeyed the Restored Gospel, and can see and talk so much about the short-comings of the Christian world,—do MUCH with the MUCH you profess to have, for it is not impossible for you to be numbered among the foolish virgins when Jesus comes again. Where much is given, MUCH is required.

GENERAL MEETING OF LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held Saturday, March 22, 1958 in the church at Monongahela, Penna. The morning meeting opened with the congregation singing Hymn "There's a feast of good things", and prayer by Sister Violet Server of Monongahela. The 28th chapter of St. Matthew was read by Sister Kathy Moore. Hymn "If the Christ should come to

me," was sung by the sisters of Rock Run Circle. Opening remarks were given by Sister Mabel Bickerton concerning our blessings in the work of the Circle. Several sisters bore their testimony as to their blessings received in the Circle. Several hymns were sung, then business was taken up.

The roll call of officers with all present except the assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by the Secre-

tary. The reports of Circles were given by delegates and letters. A new Circle was organized this past quarter by the sisters of Metuchen, New Jersey Branch, February 4th; the sisters of Edison assisted them. Sister Annie Nastasia of Niles, Ohio sent in a piece of poetry she had written concerning the work of the Circle which was read and enjoyed. A note from Sister Belle Cromish was enjoyed. Also a letter from Sister DeMarrias of South Dakota was enjoyed. She told of

the work they were doing at Wak-pala and about.

The afternoon meeting was opened with hymn "My God, I am Thine," and prayer by Sister Mary Fleming of Vanderbilt, Pa. A solo by Sister Mabel Bickerton "The Robe of Calvary," was sung. The next General Meeting will be held at Youngstown, Ohio. A vote of thanks was extended to our sisters for their great hospitality.

Brother Bitteringer of Bitner, Penna, spoke of his visit to Nigeria, Africa.

Brother Wm. Cadman spoke of missionary work, and Brother Shazer spoke on the same subject. There were many sisters present, including several from Detroit and some brethren too, all felt the day well spent, and all were glad to see one another again. The meeting was closed with hymn "Up Calvary's Hill," and prayer by Sister Lowther of Vanderbilt, Penna.

Word Study (Continued)

CHARITY

In continuation of this subject which I had left off for some time, I have chosen a word which undoubtedly is a profound and great word. A word which I am not undertaking to write a thorough thesis on, but just to touch on it superficially at this time. It is a word that I am sure most of us of the Church are acquainted with and know much better than does the world. To the worldly it generally means to give money or substance to an individual or to an organization. Generally the deed is motivated by the praise and publicity that usually follows. Men have given vast sums and have thought within themselves that it was an act of charity. However, I do not desire to judge or to make rash statement that all worldly ones are guilty of this, for there are exceptions. To define the word charity in a justifiable completeness is almost an impossibility. A good short definition though would be to say that it is the pure love of God, and to differentiate it from other "loves", we might say it is "love divine." In a hymn we sing of love divine, all loves excelling; which it truly is. We hear of brotherly love, a mother's love, a father's love, and many other loves

which exist. All of these loves are virtues, but none can compare to that divine love which Paul calls charity. When we see these other loves manifested by people of this world, we rejoice, for they also are needed in this life. But how much more do we rejoice when we see that "love divine" which we know is God's love, manifested in the lives of men and women.

Though this word we are considering is a great word as I have said, yet it is not used in the first part of the bible; not until Paul uses it in his epistles. Yes, the first eleven-twelfths of the bible is without this word; afterwards being used 27 times. It seems as if the Lord left this for the very last, just as dessert at a feast is left for the last. Paul uses it in his time to show how it embodies all godly virtues. In I Corinthians 13, he says that "charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; charity vauneth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." My what a description, what a goal to aim for; what bliss there would be in this world if all peoples would be in possession of this priceless virtue. A brother Jim, once preached on this chapter and called it a "yard stick" that we of the Church can use to measure ourselves spiritually. (God bless you Brother Jim, I hope you are still passing "yard sticks" out.)

Charity, Paul continues, "never faileth", meaning of course that men and women in possession of the love of God will not fail. Their's is positive faith, positive thinking, and positive living. For when a person is in possession of the love of God, it meaneth that the Spirit of God has made an indwelling into a cleansed soul. Then as long as he is led by the Spirit of God, he faileth not. His words, actions, and deeds are motivated honestly. He desires no personal gain or glory, but only the hope of seeing the welfare of others improved. He lives for others, even as the Lord Jesus himself lived. One poet wrote, "Others Lord - yes others - let this my motto be, help me to live for others, that I might live like thee." Yet another wrote of a true way to find happiness; Please God first, others second, and yourself last. Truly a charitable way of liveing, a way that

brings immediate rewards, which rewards continue on and on even beyond time. Yes charity never faileth. What a priceless virtue to reach for, and to take with us where ever we go. We who have a portion of it desire more, for the "more" part draws us closer to the Lord; causes us to fail less often, and of understanding one another better. Men have failed, women have failed, nations and peoples have failed, all because they lacked charity. How wonderfully desireable and enjoyable is it to be in a group who are in possession of a goodly amount of charity in their hearts, and to know that they will not fail us in a time of rightful need. Yes nations have failed because of a lack of a charitable citizenry. We though look for a nation to be born in a day and a kingdom at once, whose people will be filled with the love of God, or charity. This is the selfsame kingdom Christ instructed his disciples to pray for, when he taught "thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Yes, Charity never faileth, for where Charity is, God is there, and God never fails. May God bless us as a people to a greater degree in the days to come than he has in days past, that we all may have a fuller portion of the love of God, remains my constant prayer.

Brother Martin Michalko
Corapolis, Penna.

A NOTE OF THANKS

135 Yates Street
Rochester 9, New York

I feel at this time to extend heartiest thanks and appreciation to the many throughout the church who sent me letters and get-well cards during the period of my affliction throughout the winter months. May the Good Lord bless and repay you all for your kind thoughts.

Thank God, I am feeling much better now than what I was, and with His Help I hope to endure all things unto the end. Remember me and my husband in your prayers and we will do the same for you all.

Your Sister in Christ,
Julia D'Amico

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

The Kiplinger Magazine, *Changing Times*, recently published a treatise on the condition of the country in the 1980's. It is called, *Look 25 Years Ahead—Great Changes Coming*. In all, it is overwhelmingly optimistic, and, if nothing else, leaves one in awe.

Changing Times is considered an outstanding publication on the nation's business and economics. Many of its views are suppositional but its far-flung information sources give cause that the views are also statistically sound. In this case—25 years hence—they may not be exact in what the country will be, but they certainly are correct in what the country is working towards.

To wit:

. . . By 1982 the population of the country will be over the 250 million mark and more than 100 million will be under 20 years old. It will be a young people's world. The entire concept and all society will be geared to the tastes of youth. Manufacturers and builders will cater to the young and to those who attempt to imitate the young. The theme of living will be: "Live it up now; Who knows what comes next."

. . . In the 80's houses will be larger, full of gadgets to make a wife's work shorter and easier. She will have washers, dusters and removers that will do hours work in minutes. There is no prediction as to what a housewife will do with the time saved, but more and more women will become involved in 'difficulties' with the leisure time they spend away from home.

. . . The working man 25 years from now will have more time to 'run'. It is expected he will work a six hour day, four days a week. With labor saving devices at his disposal he will have more free time for "other things". This poses a question. Will he have more time for God?

. . . Barring catastrophic war or natural disaster, the world is looking ahead to tremendous advances in 25 years. It has devoted itself to advancement in every field. Mens' lives and souls are becoming dedicated to the elec-

tronic tube and magnetic tape. With 'bigness' fast sweeping over him, man is faced with the problem of his position with God. Being as He is a jealous God, (Exodus 20:5), we wonder how long He will tolerate this increasing service to materialism. When His wrath is aroused in full, then man's predictions go for naught and only God can say the end.

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The Roman Catholic Church has gone so far as to determine the number of cigarettes that can be smoked before it becomes sinful. Francis J. Connel, dean of sacred theology at Catholic University, stated that the 'moderate smoker' can be justified, whereas one who smokes more than two packs a day is guilty of at least venial sin.

Of course there is no way of knowing the effect of Connel's statement, but it is safe to assume that no reduction in cigarette consumption, among the Roman Catholics or others, will be forthcoming. Quite the contrary, cigarette sales are soaring. In the modern contemporary society one does not 'belong' unless he (or, — God forbid — she) smokes. Perhaps it is not sinful but it is certainly not Christ-like.

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Some one asked Thorwaldson, the noted Danish sculptor, "What is your greatest statue?"

He promptly replied, "The next one!"

Whenever a man looks back to some time as the greatest, he is admittedly on the decline. The same can be said of a church. If the years of the past are greater than the one to come, we are pointless in continuing. Perhaps we cannot say the next year will be the greatest but we should at least pray for it.

I myself have taken a very positive stand on this issue. When asked about achievements of The Church I always make sure I conclude with: "The most important part of the history of The Church of Jesus Christ is yet to be written."

You can tell more about a man by where he is going than where he has been.

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee. How much depends on a little word. This word was the turning point in His history. If He had said, "May thy sins be forgiven thee", He would have uttered a maybe statement. There were no ifs, ands, or buts. It was a positive statement on His own authority forgiving a man's sins. He took a vast step forward. He ascended to a higher and more conspicuous platform of claim. It was not so bad to heal the leper and give sight to the blind, but to forgive a man's sins, it was sin. It was blasphemy. It was making Himself equal with God and there was no retreat for Jesus. He had said it. The learned visitors sat reasoning with themselves. Who can forgive sins but God. But the angel had said His name shall be called Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins, not in their sins. So here we have a man forgiving sins. While the word saved has caused much contention, it still means what it says.

Paul says in 1st Cor., 18 verse, "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. What does the word perish mean? Simply, those who do not believe. So He foregave a man's sins or saved him from his sins. If someone asked you if you are saved, say 'Yes'. I tell them yes. The question would be foolish if they asked me if I was saved in Heaven when I am still down here on earth. Mark says if we endure to the end, we shall be saved. This scripture means to be saved in Heaven. And if we are not saved here we will not be saved up there. The only place of safety is in Jesus. The kingdoms of this world offer certain advantages, political, social, and educational. But all their benefits are confined to this life. The kingdom of God is mightier than these. Its dominion extends into the life to come; it saves to the uttermost. Earthly kingdoms may impart physical protection against the ravages of wicked men, but they can never protect against the evils of that wicked one. They may save a man's earthly inheritance but they can never save the soul. They may frustrate the ravages of epidemics and disease, but they are powerless to prevent them. The kingdom of God will not only forgive sins and heal the sick but will raise the dead. And thus it is that the kingdom of God is a sav-

ing institution. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:47) It was for the saving of the Church that Christ gave Himself for it. He is the head of the Church which is His body and will surely be the saviour of the body. It behooves us to identify ourselves with His Church. Saints know the obligations to get into the kingdom of God, but for those who might read this article, let me give some rule to measure by. First, Jesus said ye must be born of the water and the spirit. Let us consider the mode of baptism. They were all baptised in the river Jordan. (Mark 1:5) John was baptizing in Aenon near to Salem because there was much water there. (John 3:23)

They went down into the water both Phillip and the Eunuch and he baptized him. (Acts 8:38) And they came up out of the water (Acts 8:39) When Jesus was baptized, He went up straightway out of the water. (Matt. 3:16) Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism, (Romans 6:4) Buried with Him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with Him (Col. 2:2) The following facts are given (1) that Bible baptism requires water, (2) that it takes much water, (3) that it necessitates going down into the water, (4) that the candidate must be buried in baptism, (5) that succeeding the burial, he is risen again, (6) that there is a coming up out of the water. Now take this baptismal measuring rod which is just six feet long and apply it to the modern methods of baptism and we shall discover there is something wrong. Let us apply it to sprinkling; how will it measure up? Does it require water? Yes. (2) Does it require much water? NO. (3) Does the candidate go down into the water? No. (4) Is the candidate buried by baptism? No. (5) Is the candidate risen again? No. (6) Does the candidate come up out of the water? No. Thus by putting sprinkling on the measuring rod only one out of six is right. Let us measure immersion. (1) Does it require water? Yes. (2) Does it require much water? Yes. (3) Does the candidate go down into the water? Yes. (4) Is the candidate buried in baptism? Yes. (5) Is the candidate risen again? Yes. (6) Does the candidate come up out of the water? Yes. The most recent administration of baptism is performing it in any style the applicant may choose.

Yes, they enter the church with or without baptism. What a disrespectful reversal of the great commission of Jesus, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them." (Matt. 28:19-20) While sprinkling has one out of six, immersion has six out of six. Instead of teaching the public how they should be baptized, the candidate tells the preacher how he wants to be baptised, if at all. Puppet pulpits this, that would angleworm itself to any hook, so long as it can win your voice and pocketbook. Well do they fulfil the prophetic forecast, for the time shall come when they shall not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves. Teachers having itching ears and they shall turn away from the truth and shall be turned into fables. In ancient days His word stood at par and it does not please God to change it now.

(Calvin) The word baptism signifies to immerse. (Luther) Baptism is a Greek word and may be translated immersion. (John Wesley) We are buried with Him. The ancient manner of baptizing by immersion, Archbishop Tillotson says, "Anciently those who were baptized were immersed." So I have just quoted a few. So they bring to pass the prophecy, "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth and they that dwell therein are desolate.

James Heaps

NATIVE WOMAN'S VISION

(From The Gospel Reflector,—March, 1906)

Editor Reflector:

Extract of a letter from a missionary in India, published in *Jenerson Democrat*:

"We had a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit of God, in a conference held at Sealkot. One native woman saw a vision. It was before she went to the Conference, for she had no thought of going, although she had been praying for it. She did not go for five days and she has been prophesying ever since. When others were praying she would speak out and say that is not right; the spirit does not want us to pray for that. The spirit says give thanks and rejoice. She never went afield in anything she said and she had scripture at the

end of her tongue for everything.

One strange thing, she doesn't know a word of English and yet she knew what every one was praying about, whether the prayer was in Urdu, English or Panjabi. When she would speak in the convention all would listen, for all felt that God was speaking through her.

"The burden of her message seemed to be that the bridegroom was ready for His second appearance on the earth, but the bride is not ready, the Father, Son, Holy Spirit are in great grief over the unreadiness, the worldliness of the church."

The following paragraph is the words of our deceased sister Skillen—"We that belong to the Church of Christ believe that God takes the weak things of the world to confound the wise and mighty by the mouth of this quiet little native woman. He preached His gospel to the missionaries to show them which we have witnessed among our people. Those things are not mysteries to the true Church of Christ. My prayer is that God may soon open the eyes of the blind ministers of today, that they may preach the true gospel to the people. That they may stop this cry for money, money and appeal to God for His spirit to lead and guide them into all truth and show them things to come. This is the promise of Christ."

Sister Hanna Skillen, deceased

IS IT POSSIBLE?

If its possible the ocean
Could become a dry abyss,
Or a mountain high, become a
sunken vale,

If its possible to recon,
The exact hour God will beckon,
Then its possible His promises
will fail!

If its possible to number
All the sands upon the shore,
Or its possible to halt a tidal wave;
If its possible to reason . . .
Man can stop Time, for a season,
Then its possible that Jesus cannot save!

If its possible to open
Heaven's door, with righteous
works;
And its possible to enter in, with
prayer . . .

If its possible to stay in,
Once you've worked and prayed
your way in . . .
Then its possible, some day, I'll
meet you there!

Catherine Poma

 OBITUARY

FRED HILL

Windsor, Ontario Canada

Dear Brother Cadman:-

The hour is late but I felt that I should notify you that Brother Fred Hill passed from this life to the world beyond on March 10th, 1958, at 10 minutes to 7 a. m. Sister Charlotte called me on the telephone shortly after his death and said she would like to have a service at the house Tuesday evening, March 11th and he would be laid to rest in the Church Cemetery the following day at 2 p. m. Brothers Allen Henderson, Dominic Cotellesse and Jan Veltman along with Sister Ford and my wife accompanied me on the trip. Brother Paul D'Amico came from Lockport on Wednesday and all the Ministers had a part in the service. It did my heart good to be able to have the service in our own Church and the burial in the Church Cemetery. The building was filled to capacity, mostly by his own relatives. I just feel a little verse coming on so regardless of the time I'm going to write it.

Brother Hill has passed away, beyond this vale of tears,

And had he lived to April 1st, his age would be 80 years

He was confined in the hospital, three weeks before the end

But in our visits with him, he knew who was his "friend".

He answered the gospel call on April 3rd, 1938,

Although he realized his calling was somewhat late;

He lived almost twenty years to tell others how he met

The gospel restored in Muncey town, I think I can hear him yet.

He leaves behind to mourn his loss, Sister Charlotte his wife, Besides eleven children whom he enjoyed through life;

And thirty-six grand children, along with twenty-two

Great grand children, with everyone he knew.

They all will miss him in their homes, as well as at his place,

To see the vacant chair that's left and the smile gone from his face;

But to those who answer the gospel's call, our brother is safe at last

In the arms of a righteous God, where his toils on earth are past.

And although his body is layed down, to mingle with mother earth,

Remember to all he leaves behind, they must obtain that new birth;

So let us all realize while traveling here below

That we must have the love of God on others to bestow.

And when our work on earth is done, the crown of life that we have won

Was given to you as well as me—for things done for those less fortunate than we.

Good night and God bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Burgess

honeymoon trip to the Pocono Mountains. They will make their home in New York. Best wishes to the young people.

COWDERY'S LETTERS

1834-35

(No. 7, Continued)

A history of the inhabitants who peopled this continent, previous to its being discovered to Europeans by Columbus, must be interesting to every man: and as it would develop the important fact, that the present race were descendants of Abraham, and were to be remembered in the immutable covenant of the Most High to that man, and be restored to a knowledge of the gospel, that they, with all nations might rejoice, seemed to inspire future thoughts of gain and income from such a valuable history. Surely, thought he, every man will seize with eagerness, this knowledge, and this incalculable income will be mine. Enough to raise the expectations of any one of like inexperience, placed in similar circumstances. But the important point in this matter is, that man does not see as the Lord, neither are his purposes like his. The small things of this life are but dust in comparison with salvation and eternal life.

It is sufficient to say that such were his reflections during his walk of from two to three miles—the distance from his father's house to the place pointed out. And to use his own words it seemed as though two invisible powers were influencing, or striving to influence his mind—one with the reflection that if he obtained the object of his pursuit, it would be through the mercy and condescension of the Lord, and that every act or performance in relation to it, must be in strict accordance with the instruction of that personage who communicated the intelligence to him first: and the other with the thoughts and reflections like those previously mentioned—contrasting his former and present circumstances in life with those to come. That precious instruction recorded on the sacred page—pray always—which was expressly impressed upon him, was at length entirely forgotten, and as I previously remarked, a fixed determination to obtain and aggrandize himself, occupied his mind when he arrived at the place

- W E D D I N G S -**Nolfi - Laird**

Brother Chester Nolfi and Sister Phyllis Laird were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday afternoon April 12, 1958 at the home of Brother and Sister Casasanta at McKees Rocks, R. D. 1, Brother Casasanta officiating.

The bride was given away by her father, Brother Walter Laird; the groom's best man was his brother, Anthony Nolfi. Sister Erma Laeson sang, "Give me your hand" and "Whither Thou Goest". Sister Betty Ann Casasanta was organist.

After the reception which was held at the home of the groom's father and mother, the newly weds left for a trip and are now in their new quarters at 1212 Broadway, McKees Rocks, Pa. Best wishes for the young couple.

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Peck - Thomas

Sister Marilyn June Peck and Donald R. Thomas were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, New Brunswick, N. J. on Saturday April 19, 1958, Elder Paul Benyola officiating.

Sister Palma Coppa was matron of honor and Brother John Coppa was best man. Brothers Gabriel Mazzeo and Joseph Arcuri took care of the music.

The young couple left on a

where the record was found. I must now give you some description of the place where, and the manner in which these records were deposited.

You are acquainted with the mail road from Palmyra, Wayne county, to Canandaigua, Ontario county, New York, and also, as you pass from the former to the latter place, before arriving at the little village of Manchester, say from three to four miles from Palmyra, you pass a large hill on the east side of the road. Why I say large, is, because it is as large perhaps, as any in that country. To a person acquainted with this road, a description would be unnecessary, as it is the largest and rises the highest of any on that route. The north end rises quite sudden until it assumes a level with the more southerly extremity, and I think I may say an elevation higher than at the south a short distance, say half or three-fourths of a mile. As you pass toward Canandaigua it lessens gradually until the surface assumes its common level, or is broken by other smaller hills or ridges, water courses and ravines. I think I am justified in saying that this is the highest hill for some distance round, and I am certain that its appearance, as it rises so suddenly from a plain on the north, must attract the notice of the traveler as he passes by.

At about one mile west rises another ridge of less height, running parallel with the former, leaving a beautiful vale between. The soil is of the first quality for the country, and under a state cultivation, which gives a prospect at once imposing, when one reflects on the fact, that here, between these hills, the entire power and national strength of both the Jaredites and Nephites were destroyed.

By turning to the 529th and 530th pages of the Book of Mormon (pages 418 and 419 of the Monongahela edition of the Book of Mormon) you will read Mormon's account of the last great struggle of his people, as they were encamped round this hill Cumorah. In this valley fell the remaining strength and pride of a once powerful people, the Nephites—once so highly favored of the Lord, but at that time in darkness, doomed to suffer extermination at the hands of their barbarous and uncivilized brethren. From the top of this hill, Mormon, with a few others, after

the battle, gazed with horror upon the mangled remains of those who, the day before, filled with anxiety, hope, or doubt. A few had fled to the south, who were hunted down by the victorious party, and all who would not deny the Saviour and his religion, were put to death. Mormon himself, according to the record of his son Moroni, was also slain.

But a long time previous to this national disaster it appears from his own account, he foresaw approaching destruction. In fact, if he perused the records of his fathers, which were in his possession, he could have learned that such would be the case. Alma, who lived before the coming of the Messiah, prophesies this. He, however, by divine appointment, abridged from these records, in his own style and language, a short account of the more important and prominent items, from the days of Lehi to his own time, after which he deposited, as he says, all the records in the hill Cumorah, and after gave this small record to his son Moroni who, as appears from the same, finished, after witnessing the extinction of his people as a nation.

It was not the wicked who overcame the righteous; far from this: it was the wicked against the wicked, and by the wicked the wicked were punished. The Nephites who were once enlightened, had fallen from a more elevated standing as to favor and privilege before the Lord, in consequence of the righteousness of their fathers, and now falling below, for such was actually the case, were suffered to be overcome, and the land was left to the possession of the red men, who were without intelligence, only in the affairs of their wars; and having no records, only preserving their history by tradition from father to son, lost the account of their true origin, and wandered from river to river, from hill to hill, from mountain to mountain, and from sea to sea, till the land was peopled, in a measure, by a rude, wild revengful, warlike and barbarous race. Such are our Indians.

This hill, by the Jaredites, was called Ramah: or around it pitched the famous army of Coriantumr their tents. Coriantumr was the last king of the Jaredites. The opposing army were to the west, and in this same valley, and near by, from day to day, did that mighty race spill their blood, in wrath, contending, as it were,

brother against brother, and father against son. In this same spot, in full view from the top of this same hill, one may gaze with astonishment upon the ground which was twice covered with the dead and dying of our fellowmen. Here may be seen where once sunk to naught the pride and strength of two great and mighty nations: and here may be contemplated, in solitude, while nothing but the faithful record of Mormon and Moroni is now extant to inform us of the fact, scenes of misery and distress—the aged, whose silver locks in other places and at other times would command reverence: the mother, who in other circumstances would be spared from violence: the infant, whose tender cries would be regarded and listened to with a feeling of compassion and tenderness: and the virgin, whose grace, beauty and modesty, would be esteemed and held inviolate by all good men and enlightened and civilized nations, alike disregarded and treated with scorn! In vain did the hoary head and man of gray hairs ask for mercy: in vain did the mother plead for compassion: in vain did the helpless infant weep for very anguish, and in vain did the virgin seek to escape the ruthless hand of revengful foes and demons in human form — all alike were trampled down by the feet of the strong, and crushed beneath the rage of battle and war! Alas, who can reflect upon the last struggles of great and populous nations, sinking to dust beneath the hand of justice and retribution, without weeping over the corruption of the human heart, and sighing for the hour when the clangor of arms shall no more be heard, nor the calamities of contending armies no more experienced for a thousand years? Alas, the calamity of war, the extinction of nations, the ruin of kingdoms, the fall of empires, and the dissolution of governments! O the misery, distress and evil attendant on these! Who can contemplate like scenes without sorrowing, and who so destitute of commiseration as not to be pained that man had fallen so low, so far beneath the station in which he was created?

In this vale lie commingled, in one mass of ruin, the ashes of thousands, and in this vale was destined to consume the fair forms and vigorous systems of tens of thousands of the human race—blood mixed with blood, flesh with flesh, bones with bones, and dust

with dust! When the vital spark which animated their clay had fled, each lifeless lump lay on one common level—cold and inanimate. The bosoms which had burned with rage against each other for real or supposed injury, had now ceased to heave with malice: those arms which were, a few moments before so nerved with strength, had alike become paralyzed, and those hearts which had been fired with revenge, had now ceased to beat, and the head to think—in silence, in solitude, and in disgrace alike, they have long since turned to earth, to their mother dust, to await the august, and to millions, awful hour, when the trump of the Son of God shall echo and re-echo from the skies, and they come forth, quickened and immortalized, to not only stand in each other's presence, but before the bar of Him who is Eternal.

With sentiments of pure respect, I conclude by subscribing myself your brother in the gospel.

Oliver Cowdery

A BETTER PERSPECTIVE . . .

(Continued from last issue)

Were we, on the other hand, to refuse the logical side of religion and see it as pure nonsense, our faith would be without foundation and would soon crumble into a confused heap. We have certain universal reasons for incorporating religion into our lives. We see it as a means for a continued and a better existence after we go beyond the pale of this life, and we employ it as a means for obtaining a happier and more meaningful life while still on earth. These are worthy goals and the foundation of any religion. It is upon these foundations that we here in America should be able to build a religion that will fulfill our spiritual needs equal to that which any religion has afforded any people, any place, anytime. The late Rabbi Liebman (although not a Christian) had the wonderful insight to foresee the great opportunities for the growth of religion here in the fertile soil of American Democracy. Liebman was looking at the more logical side of religion when he wrote, "I am making the prophecy that it will be from the democratic experience of our century that man will first learn his true identity as independent and

necessary partners of God." With this advocacy Rabbi Liebman wedged an opening into a whole new realm of logic in our American religion. With such logic our religion could take on much more purpose and meaning than we have formerly attached to it.

Christianity becomes very real to us when we realize that God, who is, among other things, the controller of the destiny of nations, must surely have had a purpose in the establishing of our democratic America. Our realization of the significance of this would be a step forward to a greater phase of spiritual enlightenment. It is logical to suppose that the events in the history of our nation were brought about to prepare a society and a people who would be capable of serving God in such a manner that their works would build God's kingdom on earth. The European nations torn with political, economic, and religious strife broke out of their geographical bounds and crossed a sea to inhabit and take up life anew in a "promised land." The lowly aborigines of the new land were utterly and all but completely dispossessed, giving way to the aggressive newcomers whose relentless exploitation of the land, it seems, nothing could stop. A new nation was born. Shortly after its conception it won its independence from its mother country. It established and drew up rules for a government which granted its individual citizen his dignity, his personal rights and liberties, and a share in the government. The church and state were separated, loosening both from the shackles that had for so long imprisoned them. Church and state were free to serve the people, and the people were free to serve church and state. A free man is in a position to serve extremely better than a bondsman or a slave. A slave does only what he is told or forced to do by the voice of authority; a free man serving of his own free will strives to utilize every force at his command to the end of service. True he can choose the opposite and serve evil, but, nevertheless, it is only under a system of free-will that any great progress can be made. So, here we are, free men in a free society, free to serve Christianity to our utmost capacity. Were we to serve God as creatures of free-will, we would soon need to think of Him no longer as the stern father, the harsh task-master, or the great

authoritarian, but, as Liebman said, we would think of God as a God who wants and needs us as "independent and necessary partners"—as free willing workers. Under such a relationship and service to God the regenerated spiritual being of Christ within us would begin to grow and mature into spiritual men and women. It is such spiritually matured men and women that God needs to become part of His plan of salvation. Christ would work His Father's works in us and through us. Without Him we would be able to do nothing (which fact is accepted), but, also, we would come to realize that without men He will do nothing, since He works for men through men. So, with such an understanding and with such an outlook on our relationships with God and religion, our American Christianity would serve us in accordance with the greater needs the times of our country have forced upon us. If we join together the "nonsense" of our religion with the logic of it, the combination cannot help playing an important role in the destiny of our democratic society and nation.

by Brother Donald Curry

Obedience Better Than Sacrifice.

(The Gospel Reflector, 1906)

How great must be the anguish and disappointment of the man who has grand opportunities offered him or perhaps thrust upon him, and who through some fatal shortcoming is found unequal to them, who has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Examples are not lacking to show that we should live Godly lives. A most striking historical illustration of this, showing also the direful consequences of disobedience is afforded in the rejection and downfall of Saul, the first king of Israel.

Israel had long wanted a king to be like other people, becoming tired of the mild and paternal government of the Lord. Finally the Lord, through the prophet Samuel, chose Saul, the son of Kish, a prominent man of the tribe of Benjamin, the humblest in Israel. Him the Lord exalted to the throne, giving him power to rule and govern his people. Called from a lowly home in Benjamin to dwell in a Palace in Jerusalem and the Lord favored him with the aid of a mighty

prophet, and the Lord gave him power over the enemies of his people and he was successful in battle and became great in the esteem of the people, but as it happened in the case of other great men, before and since, there came a time when Saul would be tested and given occasion to prove whether he was true to the Lord and would obey Him, and do His will in all things, or choose to do his own will.

He was directed to do a certain work in a certain and precise way, but he deliberty disobeyed, and chose to perform a part only of what he was sent to do; listened to evil council and set aside the Lord's command. He was directed by the Lord to go with his armies and fight the Amalikitites, a very wicked people, who in times past had fought against Israel without cause. He was told to utterly destroy the people, their cattle, sheep and all they possessed: but Saul and the people spared Agog, also the best of the sheep and the oxen of the fatlings and lambs and all that was good as spoils of war.

On the way home from the war, Samuel came to meet Saul and Saul said unto him, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." Samuel fore-knew from the Lord that he had not done as he had been commanded, but inquired, "What meaneth then this bleating of sheep and the lowing of oxen which I hear?" Then Saul began to make excuses and said that the people who were with him spared the best of the sheep and oxen to make sacrifice unto the Lord: but Samuel, the prophet asked, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord?"

"Behold," said he as he uttered that beautiful saying which has been an inspiring proverb to the saints of all ages, "to obey is better than sacrifices, and to harken than the fat of rams." The prophet reminded Saul of his humble origin and how the Lord had taken him when he was little in his own right and made him head of all the tribes, even the king of Israel, but for his disobedience, judgement was come upon him: he was weighed in the balance and found wanting, and received the sentence: because thou has rejected the word of the Lord. He hath also rejected thee from being king: and David, a man after God's own heart, was

raised up to reign in his stead. Sister Jeanett Morgan, St. John, Kansas. (deceased)

Sister Ford Is Grateful

April 26, 1958—I am in receipt of a good letter from Sister Ford this day and she asks me to tender her thanks to you all through The Gospel News, for your thoughtfulness of her while in the hospital at Warren, Ohio. She received many cards, letters and flowers which always made her feel that your prayers were being offered up in her behalf. She spent a month in the hospital and is now recuperating at the home of her son Jack at Kinsman, Ohio, and will probably be there for at least a month before returning to her home in Windsor, Ont.

While she was a patient in the hospital, she enjoyed herself talking to the Doctors, Nurses and other patients about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and she still has a desire to do her part unto others when she is able to go again. Sister Ford, I am very glad to know that you are so well again, and I am sure that all your brothers and sisters in Christ, and your many friends will feel as I do. May the Lord continue to bless and spare you with us a while longer.

Brother Cadman

White Man Not Satisfied, Wants More Indian Land

April 22nd, 1958—I am in receipt this day of a letter from one of our Sisters who lives on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation in New York State near Niagara Falls, which is in a turbulent condition just now, because of the state attempting to seize better than 1300 acres of their land for a Reservoir and Power project.

The Indians are resisting the movement and are being assisted by many Braves from other reservations. The officers of the law are on the scene and trouble is brewing. The conditions were such that our sister gave me a phone call, asking if I would take the matter up with authorities in Washington, D. C., in their behalf. I have already sent a letter there, but of course it may

be just thrown into the wastebasket, for it does not seem there is much sympathy towards the minority race of Indians today.

Our sister says: "It is a pity—if you could see the old people here crying, when they think their homes will be torn down. It is true we Indians have nothing but shacks to live in, but it must have been the way God intended it to be, where could we live and have to compete with the white man?" Sister Margaret, the day will come and it may not be very far distant, when this nation of people will pay the penalty for their misdeeds towards your people. You have been driven to the wall as a race, but my council is to you, not to retaliate—do not return evil for the evil that is imposed on you, but rather do good to those who may heap oppression upon you, and let the God of Israel (of your forefathers) fight the battle for you.

This Gentile nation is treating your race as is said of them, by the prophets of old. The time will come when their power will be broken and the tables will be turned, and a terrible WOE will be the Gentiles lot, unless they repent and mend their ways. Even as the Mighty God of Israel has favored the Jewish people very much in recent years (though their trouble is not over yet) the Lord Jesus Christ will yet descend upon the Mount and fight their battle for them and deliver them from the oppression that has for centuries been their lot; so will the same God, of which Israel is the apple of His eye, come to the redemption of Joseph's seed (him that was sold into Egypt) and a deliverer will rise up, even like unto Moses, and deliver your race from the oppression imposed upon them by this nation of Gentiles.

The Lord began the move towards your deliverance when the angel of God delivered those sacred records to Joseph Smith, (known to us as the Book of Mormon) in which you say you believe 100 per cent. May God bless your people by opening their eyes to see the truth as it is in the Book of Mormon, and which this American people has cast aside as a thing of naught. To me, it looks as though the Supreme Court of the United States is going to be put on the 'spot' in making a decision on the Kinzua Dam affair. The lower court's verdict is against the Seneca In-

dians—one wonders now what our highest tribunal will say.

As a minister of the Gospel, my council to the Indian people is, don't allow yourselves to become hostile (even though the provocation might be justifiable) read the Book of Mormon with a prayerful heart, and learn to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ—He, who mingled and walked with your forefathers on this land—the land which the God of Israel gave unto them for their inheritance, but they lost it for the time being because of their disobedience. In the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, the Lord has set forth His hand the second time for your deliverance. I say again, let Him fight your battles. May God bless you all is my prayer.

I will add that in the past I have preached the Gospel much on Tuscarora and have baptized converts among the Indian people. It was the home of our late Brother Fred Hill and his family. I have been entertained in the home of Chief Clinton Ricgard many times, preached from the porch of his home on one occasion to a group of Indians gathered there from various parts of the U. S. I understand that now the Chief is in the Veteran Hospital in Buffalo. He is a veteran of World War I and is getting up in years. He was always very active in defending the rights of his people.

Editor

Here am I Lord . . .
But Do Bless Them That Go.

In the Pittsburgh Post Gazette of May 12th is pictured a Pathologist Dr., his wife and six children, ranging from 18 months to 13 years answering the Missionary call to the jungles of Nyakible region of Uganda, Africa for a period of five years **without pay**. It is certainly a big undertaking for a man and his wife with a big family to take.

In all walks of life there are many souls manifesting their faith in the work they are interested in, by their works. Professing people of all faiths should give credit where credit is due, and also bear in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ has taught very plainly, that with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye met out, it shall be measured to you

again.

Also it should be remembered, that the faithful servant with the two talents received a blessing equal with him who had the ten talents.

This also conveys the fact to all people, that it is not always the one who has the most, that accomplishes the most, but he who has just a wee-bit may accomplish more than he who apparently has MUCH. This is true in the carnal things of life, as well as in one's spiritual life. It is not the "loud professor" who talks of big things, but his accomplishments are very little indeed. It is well too, to take notice of those who say not so much, and separate them who always knock at those who are busy doing what they can. This also can be applied to carnal things as well as that which is SPIRITUAL. Faith without works is dead.

Editor

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:-

Hope you and dear Sister Cadman are well, also brothers and sisters throughout the Church. In this age of great uncertainty, from day to day, one cannot tell just what we will hear or see, we can only lean on the everlasting arm, hoping for the best. I have a few things to report, from this section of the Vineyard, and shall endeavour to do so. On the 9th of February 1958, the M.B.A. assembled at Branch No. 1, to hold one of its area gathering meetings. We had a good crowd out to this meeting, many blessings, and we all enjoyed the Glory, and the rich Spirit, of our dear Heavenly Father abundantly. On Wednesday night March 12th, Brothers Jack Pontillo and Vito Ausilio, met with us in Branch No. 1, and gave us two good talks, touched with the Spirit of God. On Wednesday night March 19th, we had a visit from Brother Fred Damico, of Branch No. 3. He gave us a wonderful talk on wisdom, Brother Domonic Thomas of Branch No. 2 followed Brother Damico and spoke on the same subject, very inspiringly. On Sunday March 23rd, Mr. Lloyd Robotham, Sister Maude Stallworth, my wife, and I, took a trip to see Sister May L. Gadd, in the Egerton Private Hospital, 266

Egerton St. London, Ont. Sister Gadd has been quite ill for some time, but seems to be recuperating somewhat, and hopes to return home, if she can get someone to stay with her. She was indeed glad to see us, but felt sorry we had to leave for Muncey. In Muncey we found Brothers Reno Balogna, Frank Morely and his wife, with a very flourishing Sunday School indeed. The class of youngest children, was 12, including the teacher, Sister Morely. Brother Morely's class 18, teacher included. Brother Reno's class 16, with the teacher. Forty-six in Sunday School. Quite a few more came in for the service, and we enjoyed a wonderful time with them. On Sunday the 30th we were at Branch No. 3, the Sunday School classes, were closed earlier, for the Pre-Easter Program, which was to follow. This program was coached by a young man, who directs the Choir, Mr. Wm. Bonder, Jr., he surely did a comendable job. All participants, played their part well, and a great blessing enjoyed by all. Our morning service was greatly blessed. In the afternoon, Brother Marko Randy, and companion, of Modesto, California, were in our midst. Brother Marko, spoke on part of 3rd Nephi 28th Chapter, about the three Disciples who chose not to die, Sister Mary Randy, and several others, gave good testimonies, and we ended the day, with a wonderful blessing. Best regards to all brothers and sisters throughout the Church.

Your Brother in Christ
Matthew T. Miller

Modesto, California

Editor:

We the saints here at Modesto Branch of the church, send greetings to you and Sister Cadman. We had such a glorious day at our meeting, that we'd like to share it with you, and it will be our contribution to the Gospel News. We hope that a blessing might be received by all who read it.

Sunday March 23rd, 1958—Tonight our service was full of the Glory of God from beginning to end. After singing a number of hymns, Sister Gamble sang the solo "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". There was a good spirit of singing. Brother Joseph Lovelvo opened the service using as his text, John 21:13. After

the sermon Brother Loyalvo concluded by asking the saints "How much do you love Jesus? Do you love Him? If so, testify to His goodness towards you. I believe there was a testimony given by all members. The testimonies of our younger brothers and sisters gave us a special blessing. Even the Lord's presence was felt throughout, about the last to testify was Brother Joseph Cipponri. He rose to his feet and started to speak first in Italian, then in English and his tongue was surely blessed as he told clear and plain of his vision he had during the morning service. As we were about to begin the morning service, he looked up to the rostrum and Brother Alex Leonard on the left, beside Brother Loyalvo, was a personage clothed in white, he was writing and he heard the words, "Bless these few who are gathered here." Brother Cipponeri, in tears said he was too weak to get up and tell it in the morning service. What a blessing was felt! Then as we were about to sing a song, Brother James Perry stood up and said: "Brother Joe. He's here. Christ is here. I see Him up there now with His hand by the sacrament table." Brother Loyalvo asked (following the last song) that all the saints join hands and form a circle, which we did; and asked Brother Leonard Loyalvo to offer the closing prayer. Never have I heard him pray with such liberty.

After his prayer we greeted one another with a Holy Kiss. Where do you find so much of the love of God? We just could not part; all stood, so full of the glory of God. Sister Ruffino said as we formed the circle, she saw a light in the center of the circle. Her husband is not a member of the church, but he feels that God is watching over him. A young woman, who is visiting here (a devout Catholic) was so touched, she left the room and wept and said that she had been touched.

We praise God for His everlasting goodness toward us, but can we ever sufficiently praise Him? Our sacrifices are nothing compared to His Supreme Sacrifice—His Blood shed on Calvary's Cross, that we might be saved from our sins. May God ever help us to keep the covenant we made with Him at the River-shore.

Sister Arlene Gamble, Modesto, California.

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St. John, Kansas

W. H. Cadman, Editor

I am writing this letter to you so that all the Saints, through the medium of The Gospel News, might share with us of the St. John Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, the joy we felt when Brother Charlie G. Giles of St. John was ordained an elder last Sunday, April 20, 1958.

We were especially blessed by having Brother Mark and Sister Mary Randy with us for a few days. We held meetings here in St. John last Thursday and Friday evenings and again on Sunday when Brother and Sister Cox and family of Salina and the sisters from Lincoln, Kansas, were with us. As Brother Cox said: "We are thankful that we can look forward to better things than the old earth offers. But we do have our moments of joy in this life, particularly when we worship the Lord."

We had hoped you might have been with Brother and Sister Randy when they arrived in St. John, but we will look forward to having you with us sometime before too long.

Your Sister in Christ
Gertrude Burnett

THERE ARE TWO SEAS . . .

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their roots to sip of its healing water. Along its shores the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near it, and birds make their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on to the south into another sea. There is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers chose another route, unless on urgent

business. The air hangs heavy about its waters and neither man nor fowl will drink. What makes this difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. Not the soil in which they lie; nor the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another flows out. The giving and receiving go in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

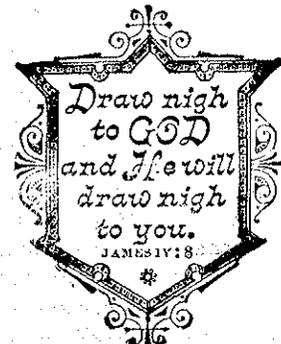
There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two seas in Palestine.

by Bruce Barton

A THOUGHT

The gales which buffet a ship on the ocean may often help to speed it towards its harbor. So it may be with the storms of life. Even adverse winds can be so used, for "Tis the set of the sails, and not the gales, that determines the way we go." What happens to us is not so important as what we do with it. If our faces are turned toward God, and the soul is set steadfastly toward the goal of his purposes, even "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," the poet's term for the storms that beset us, may serve to hasten us toward the fulfillment of God's design for our lives. We would, if we could, escape sorrow and pain and misfortune. But if they become our lot, let us, with God's help, use them for good.--

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"JOSEPH IN EGYPT"

When Joseph his brethren beheld,
Afflicted and trembling with
fear,
His heart with compassion was
filled;
From weeping he could not
forebear.
A while his behaviour was rough
To bring their past sins to their
minds,
But when they were humbled
enough
He hastened to show himself
kind.

How little they thought it was he
Who they had ill treated and sold,
How great their confusion would
be
As soon as his name he had told.
I am Joseph, your brother, he
said;
And still to my heart you are
dear,
You sold me though I was dead
But God for your sake, sent me
here.

Though greatly distressed before
When charged with perjoining the
cup,
They were now confounded much
more;
Not one of them dared to look
up.
Can Joseph, whom we would have
slain

Forgive us the evil we did?
And will he our household
maintain?
O this is a brother indeed.

(Contributed by Sister Hanna of
Port Huron.)

ABRAHAM'S BOSOM: In the
Talmud it MEANS the blissful
STATE after DEATH. The Jews
BELIEVED they WOULD have
FELLOWSHIP with Abraham in
Paradise in their future STATE.
It is this Jewish belief that Jesus
referred to when He DESCRIBED
the STATE of Lazarus (Luke 16:
22, 23)." 'Abraham' as defined
is,—in Hebrew—Father of a great
multitude.

BOMBAY, INDIA

Brother Editor

For sometime now
I have been wanting to make
friendly contacts with American
and Canadian Christian brothers
and sisters with a view to learning
more about the American way of
life and Christian activities in
the respective countries.

Recently I came across an old
issue of The Gospel News, con-
tents of which have prompted
me to write this letter to you.
Perhaps readers of The Gospel
News might be interested in ex-
changing letters with me.

Here perhaps I should say a
little about my background and
interests for the information of
friends who may be wanting to
respond to me. Here it is: I am
forty years of age, bachelor, came
of Christian parentage having
been educated in Christian
Schools. I come from northern
State of Andhra and have been
settled in Bombay for nine (9)
years presently working in an Im-
port Firm handling business cor-
respondence. My father, a teacher
died a few years ago, leaving a
wife (mother) three sons and a
daughter who live in my home
town Kakinaka in south.

My chief interests are reading
Christian literature, studying and
attending talks and lectures of
general interest wherever possible.

Before closing I must acknow-
ledge the contents of your valued
magazine "The Gospel News"
makes very inspiring and eleva-
ting reading and I feel it is the
kind of news I should like to add
to my reading material. Thank-
ing you.

Yours Sincere
P. Manasseh
Girgaum Road
Bombay-4, India

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The above article (letter) is
indeed an opportunity for every
saint. Here is a chance for us
all to spread a bit of 'Gospel' on
the other side of the world. Let
us all make an effort to write
Mr. Manasseh a few lines—Ass't-
to-the-editor.

And I Heard A Voice, Saying . . .

Shall mortal man be more just
than God? Shall a man be more
pure than his maker?—Behold,
He put no trust in his servants;
and His angels he charged with
folly: (May I ask: Who was it
that did not trust his servants
and also charged his angels with
folly?) I read where servants of
God have failed, even angels
failed to retain their first-estate
and are reserved in everlasting
chains unto the judgement of
the great day.

I read where our first parents
in the garden of Eden failed and
were driven out of the garden.
"How much less in them that
dwell in houses of clay, whose
foundation is in the dust, which
are crushed before the moth?"
(Job 4:19)

May I ask again: How about
those of today, who live in houses
of clay and who allow their O-
PINIONS to be at so much VAR-
IANCE with the word of God?
In the temptation which God's
Son was obliged to pass through
(The Captian of our Salvation)
sufferings were made perfect. Yea
Him who did His Father's will
in all things—answered the temp-
ter BY THAT WHICH WAS
WRITTEN. How shall we answer
the ENEMY of our souls—by our
opinions, or by the WORD of
GOD? Editor

Bronx, New York;

MY SECRET HEART

My secret heart weeps bitter
tears when some one is ill or
afflicted, so I try my very best
to help them climb the hill—with
tender words and kindly acts—I
strive to ease their load—in hopes
that what I do and say—will
make a smoother road—but pow-
ers I possess are small and weak—
where sickness is concerned—still
I will not stop trying for through
out the years, I have learned that
little things can do a lot, a
single smile can be the push—
needed to scale the slope.

Combining these with prayer
—deep down inside I know—the
little things I try to do—will
some how temper woe. (Author
Unknown)

Contributed by Anna M. Pinto

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Erie Mission had two especially enjoyable Sundays recently: April 13 and 20. On the 13th the Fredonia Mission came here and we held our feet washing service together. Being as we are both few in number it worked out very well. We had a very humble service and the spirit of God was enjoyed by all. Brother John had invited three outside men to come and observe our service, an ordinance they had never seen before. They all were forced to admit that the performance of this ordinance certainly brought along humility as it was felt very much in our midst that day. We trust that it might have proved to be of some benefit to them.

On April 20th we all went to Niles, Ohio and spent the day. Also a carload of sisters from Glassport were there along with some visiting brethren and sisters from Youngstown, Ohio. As always we enjoyed the day very much feeling the blessings of God throughout and that the little effort we put forth to get there was surely rewarded. Brother John and I and family started out on Saturday and stopped at Kinsman, Ohio at the home of Brother Jack Ford and arrived there just in time to greet Sister Ford (Jack's mother) on her return from the hospital. She was quite well, I would say, considering the nature of her illness. We spent an hour there and went to Brother Dan Corrado's home in Niles where we ate a very delicious supper. We also stayed overnight there. After the afternoon service on Sunday the Niles saints took all of our group to their various homes for a very delicious supper. (We were at Brother Sam Costerella's home.) We all came home tired in a sense but very much refreshed in the things of God.

Sister Mary Mancini

NIGERIA, W. AFRICA**False Brothers Or Prophets**

We must shun the false brother or prophet. (II John 10:11) These verses surely show us how important it is to have a clear understanding of the word of God and its meaning. The only way we can get it is to diligently study the bible and to give heed to the preaching of God's true ministers.

We are instructed in the bible

to obey them that have the rule over us, we must obey our god-called pastors, they watch for our souls and must give account to God in the day of judgement. We want them to be able to do so with joy and not with grief, for that would mean that we did not make it through to heaven. We can have no fellowship with the false prophet and cannot receive him into our house or wish him well in his work without incurring the disfavour of God.

Conclusions:— False teaching is so common among the modern churches that it is generally accepted as truth. Jesus said that the true way was straight and narrow and there would be but few find it. The majority of our people belong to some church and if what Jesus said is true and we know it is, then they can not be right for they are many and not few. Jesus said that the broad way is the road that leadeth to destruction and many there be that go in thereat, thus we can surely know that more people are following false teaching than are following the true teaching of God's holy word.

Brother A. A. Dick

NEWS FROM ALIQUIPPA

The gathering of our District M. B. A. was held at Aliquippa on Saturday, May 3, 1958. Attending were brothers, sisters, and friends of The Church of Jesus Christ from various parts of this district in Western Penna.

The young people of Aliquippa presented for their program, the subject of "Grace," the favor or clemency of God towards mankind. Included in the program were the hymns, "Saved By Grace" "Amazing Grace," "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," "Just As I Am," and other selections. In between the hymns, there were some wonderful testimonies given by some of our young people of Aliquippa. At the close of the program with the hymn "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," the services were turned over to the District President, Brother Don Curry of Glassport, Pa. He opened the meeting for further testimonies by the congregation after a brief and enlightening talk. We all enjoyed hearing the testimonies that evening.

The following day on Sunday, we were pleased to have Brother Alma and Sister Mary Nolfi and their family of Glassport, Pa., as visitors at our branch. Brother

Alma opened the morning services and he read from the 6th chapter of Genesis. Brother John Ross of Aliquippa further expounded the same scripture and also 1 John, 1st and 2nd verses of the 3rd chapter. Both Elders gave a very inspiring and soul-filling talk on this topic.

As Presiding Elder Brother John Ross called the closing hymn for the morning meeting, the congregation rose to sing. At that moment the Spirit prompted Frank Rossi to call out in a loud voice, "Brothers and Sisters, I want to be baptised." It was very encouraging for us at the close of a perfect Sunday morning meeting. We were happy to see another candidate promise to serve God. Our new convert was baptised by Brother John Ross in Raccoon Creek and Confirmed by Brother Anthony Palmieri. In February of this year, Brother Frank's wife, Sister Mary also obeyed the Gospel.

During the afternoon meeting we again felt the Spirit of God in our midst for we had a wonderful testimony meeting.

Our Brother Frank Rossi was the last of 7 children of the late Brother Tony Rossi to obey the Gospel. It brought to fulfillment that dream the deceased father had had many years ago. He had a dream in which he testified, that he had interpreted it to mean that someday all 7 of his children would obey this same Gospel that he had obeyed. Their mother, Sister Philomena Rossi has been blessed to see all of her children become as Sons and Daughters of God.

We of the Aliquippa Branch are thankful to God for the blessings which he bestows upon us. Since the G. M. B. A. of May 1956 which was held here, we have had 24 new converts. Once again we thank God for His blessings. May the Lord continue to strive with those who yet have not obeyed the Gospel which we have found to be our entire life since we emerged out of the waters of regeneration.

Brother Joe Ross

TWO MILLION ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (UP)— Israel's population has passed the two million mark. A government announcement said that nearly 1,200,000 persons had immigrated to Israel since it gained independence in 1948. The population 10 years ago was about 810,000.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

To my readers:

The following are the eighth, ninth, and tenth paragraphs of the Preface to the Book of Sermons, Vol. 1, written by Hon. John Wesley and published in the year of 1834. Mr Wesley was born in 1703 and died in 1791. Apparently he was very much inclined religiously as he became a member of The Church

of England (Episcopalian) and was ordained a minister in the same. He became a very noted missionary worker—laboring among the American Indians and is known as the Founder of the Methodist Church. Like most other churches, it has become divided into various sects.

Matterless how much one may differ with Mr. Wesley in his religious convictions, there is much about his life and teachings that merit admiration, especially from professed people who are free from prejudice, and, I will add, that if men are prejudiced towards others because of religious variations, they are in no position to pass judgement on things pertaining to righteousness. I may not be perfect in freedom from prejudice, but it is one thing that I detest, and I have always endeavored to keep myself free from any obligation that would hinder me from giving credit to that which is "good" matterless by whom or where it may come from. To me "good is good" and "bad is bad"—either principle (good or bad) might be used selfishly in order to accomplish one's own ends. But after all, the good is still good, and the bad is still bad or evil. To all professed religious people, the teachings of Jesus Christ and the example set by Him, should be an end to all arguments. All good comes from God and evil comes from the devil—he is the father of all lies.

Part of Mr. Wesley's preface to his sermons reads as follows: (8) "But some may say, I have mistaken the way myself, although I take upon me to teach it to others. It is probable many will think this, and it is very possible I have. But I trust, whereinsoever I have mistaken, my mind is open to conviction. I sincerely desire to be better informed. I say to God and man, "What I know not, teach thou me!"

(9) Are you persuaded you see more clearly than me? It is not unlikely that you may. Then treat me as you would desire to be treated yourself upon a change of circumstances. Point me out a better way than I have yet shown. Show me it is so, by plain proof of Scripture, And if I linger in the path I have been accustomed to tread, and am therefore unwilling to leave it, labour with me a little; take me by the hand, and lead me as I am able to bear. But be not displeased if I entreat you not to beat me down in order to quicken my pace; I can go but feebly and slowly at best; then, I should not be able to go at all. May I not request of you, farther, not to give me hard names in order to bring me into the right way. Suppose I were ever so much in the wrong, I doubt this would not set me right. Rather, it would make me run so much the farther from you, and so get more and more out of the way.

(10) Nay, perhaps, if you are angry, so shall I be too; and then there is small hopes of finding the truth. If once anger arises, this smoke will so dim the eyes of my soul, that I shall be able to see nothing clearly. For God's sake, if it is possible to avoid it, let us not provoke one another to wrath. Let us not kindle in each other this fire of hell; much less blow it up into a flame. If we could discern truth by that dreadful light, would it not be loss, rather than gain? For, how far is love, even with many wrong opinions, to be preferred before truth itself without love! We may die without the knowledge of many truths, and yet be carried into Abraham's bosom. But if we die without love, what will knowledge avail? Just as much as it avails the devil and his angels!" End of quote.

It is a precious gift to be able to read after others, and be wise enough to lay aside the error and hold to the truth, matterless by whom it may be spoken. Mr. Wesley does not forbid any to teach him, but he does require of you to give him plain scriptural truth, and not your opinions—a perfect right, and a just right, a God-fearing man has, to demand from you. Our elder brethren in speaking of the foundation of this church says: (Brother Bickerton especially) this church was founded or organized by the Revelation of God. And I will add: NOT ON THE OPINIONS OF MEN.

MUNCEY, ONT., CANADA

MUNCEY FARM

December 30, 1944

Dear Arthur and Grace:

Yesterday we received your letter and gift. It was the first mail that came through since last Saturday. We have about 1 foot of snow and the roads have been badly drifted—one morning it was 14 degrees below zero— but

the air is clear and dry so we don't mind it so much. We did not have any trouble keeping the house warm.

We sure appreciate your letter with the gift, but we sort of feel that your words of encouragement was worth more. An old Indian, Sister Seth was here yesterday and said they were pretty hard-up. Brother and Sister Seth are two old people who seem to

be pretty well established in the restored gospel. So we gave them some of your gift, but I expect we ought to give them all of it; probably we will be giving them another little gift before the winter is over. Brother Ford hauled them a load of wood today and a load to another old Indian man.

There are going to be many things we can do to help these old Indian people who have drift-

ed into destitute conditions in their old age; but our aim is to inspire the younger set to do something for themselves, and become more industrious than they have been in the past.

There is plenty of idle land on the Muncey Reservation if the younger generation can be inspired and encouraged to wake up to their opportunity and of course that will be one of our objectives. And we will sure welcome the day when you folks will be able to visit us. Every thing seems to be turning around for the good of this farm project, really better than was expected. Brother Ford is very energetic and enthusiastic about our undertaking in this field of Missionary work. I am sure if the Church will only back this move up for a year or two, it will not only support itself, but prove to be a profitable investment to the Church, both temporally and also spiritually.

The Indian work is not understood by everyone in the church. The modern world of business is so saturated with profit as the only motive worth an effort. It seems hard to understand why one would do anything or make any sacrifice unless there was a profit in it financially—even Christianity itself has become very much commercialized. And the people are possessed with two selfish motives in trying to serve God; yet very often don't realize it. One motive is a desire to go to heaven when they die—a place of rest and peace, and happiness forever and forever. And the other motive is a fear of hell—a place of torment forever and forever. It seems to me in both cases we are interested in our own welfare more or less. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I will try and explain what I think is the true motive of worshipping God.

Christ is pretty plain on this. (Mark 12:30,31) The only thing that I can find a resemblance to the Love of God, is the love of a good Christian Mother for her child. The sacrifices she will make for her child, not expecting anything in return. Surely this is an example of unselfish Love; and I believe our love of God is measured by what we can do for one another here upon earth. More what we can do and what we can give and what we can put in life, than being concerned about what we can get out of life. It is very well said: what sow that shall ye also reap. God is not mocked.

After studying Isaiah 2nd chapter, and 4th chapter of Micah, I am convinced that agriculture will be the great factor in restoring peace on earth, and the great spirit of love will be the spirit of Cooperation, all working together for the good of each other. While I am too old to expect to do much, I hope to see these two factors started in our church, which I believe will be an everlasting blessing. Hoping to see you all at Conference next week. We remain your brothers and sisters on Hill Crest Farm—Brother and Sister Ford and Brother and Sister Cowan.

The above letter was written to Brother and Sister Landry on the above date when everything was going good on our farm at Muncey. Our two brothers have passed on and have been missed very much by me.

Brother W. H. Cadman

Lift Up Your Hearts . . .

By concentrating the natural forces available here on this earth, the Russians have recently put a satellite into outer space. Since then a great many in this world are standing agape and agog at the wonderful feat.

We have no desire to minimize this scientific accomplishment or its significance in any way, but we do feel very sorry to hear no one singing the praises of God because of this accomplishment. St. Paul says that even the pagans are not excused for failing to give praise to God, for from the things which they see and hear they should be drawn to praise and honor the unseen God.

It should be a great consolation to the simplest unscientific mind to know that by Faith he can raise his mind and heart up to God in praise and honor and worship, and by so doing reach the infinite. This is a far greater feat than putting up ten thousand satellites for it brings a man to the only Thing that can fill and satisfy his heart, namely to God.

It should be even more evident now that this world and all that is in it cannot fully satisfy the heart of man; nor will a piece of the moon or of Mars or any other planet be more satisfying. But a simple act of faith fueled by the grace of God can carry us far beyond anything called space to the very Heart of the Infinite God.

So, "Lift up your hearts—Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!"

(Selected from Epiphany Bulletin)

Missionary Work In Kentucky

Brother Editor:

On May 20th my son and I left home for a trip to my home state of Kentucky where I have preached and also taught the gospel for several years past. Arriving there we found three souls ready to obey the gospel of Christ.

I baptised my 62 year old sister, also my brother and his wife, 81 and 82 years of age. We then held a meeting in their home and laid hands on them for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and administered sacrament unto all of them. We had a great day of rejoicing. I am the youngest one of our family (51 years old) and I baptised my oldest brother, his wife and my sister. I have three other brothers, who along with others all witnessed these baptisms. Among those present was an old man—a minister who seems to be much interested. I hope that the next time I go, that I can take you along with me.

Brother James Moore
P.S. Brother Moore's efforts in sowing seed among his people in Kentucky is bearing fruit. (Ed.)

INDISPENSABLE

Sometime, when your feeling important,
Sometime, when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified man in the room,
Sometime, when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist;
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galor,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks quite the same as before.
The moral in this quaint example is: Do just the best you can;
Be proud of yourself; but always remember—
There's no indespensable man.

Anonymous
From Blenheim (Ontario) "News Times"

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

It is very possible the most important thing in life is life itself. Life is an intangible substance that cannot be balanced on a scale or price tagged, yet more and more each day the worth of life is gauged by money and success.

A terrible (I use that word without reservation) transition has taken place with man since Abram said 'I am a pilgrim and a stranger.' Then life was part of man's existence; now it is his whole obsession; something to be made as comfortable as possible and cherished above all else. It should not be so with those who serve Christ. In service to Him our life is of value only as He would use it. It becomes not our greatest asset but our greatest liability.

"Who Are You?"

This is a 'game' I have played when being coy. It is a shrewd, and slightly unfair, way of setting the scale by which a person values their life. In reply to the query, 'Who are you?' will come a multitude of replies. Some will say, "I am John So and So, mechanic." Their whole life is wrapped in themselves and their occupation. Others will say, "I am the president of Such and Such Company." Their whole life is in an organization. Most people will answer simply with their name and address, establishing their life as a part of the world's existence.

Of course the correct reply is embarrassingly simple. It is: "I am a child of God." In making that statement our lives become worthless to ourselves, of worth only to God. Nowadays our indebtedness to The Creator for the life we possess has been minimized. Emphasis is placed only on survival. We are told to save our hides though we lose our souls.

The modern world chants that life is only worth what can be gotten out of it. Honor or purpose are no longer virtues, only the length and leisure of life are important. Our very own country is avoiding war with Russia regardless of cost or concession. (I do not wish to criticize the foreign or domestic policy of our government. I am merely

stating that we are paying a terrific price in honor to save our national lives. And are we saving it? An history-proven fact is that a war can be lost and not a shot fired.)

Once the halls of government rang with 'give me liberty or give me death,' or, 'I regret that I have but one life to give for my country.' These were not just words. They were proof positive that the lives of the men who uttered them was of value only if they could sacrifice them to cause. By contrast today, the politico expresso is of economy, security, prosperity, pleasure, and luxury. In short: feed your lives, the soul need not eat."

In Mark 8:35-37, Christ says: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospels, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Early Christendom (the early saints) lived by these words and died to prove them. Life, and the so-called necessities of life, was worthless in comparison to their faith. In being faithful their bodies were strewn from the hill of calvary to the dungeon of inquisition. Life was nothing, only faith mattered.

Today life has out-run faith in the race for importance. It is a discouraging sign of the times. The components of life—house, wealth, job, position, accomplishment—have dimmed the purpose of our existence. Many will try to breach the subject with, "We have to live!" To this I will take exception. We do not have to live, we only have to be faithful.

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Nothing great is produced suddenly, since not even the grape or fig is. If you say to me now that you want a fig, I will answer to you that it requires time; let it flower first, then put forth fruit, and then ripen.—Epictetus

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

From the second to the third passover in the ministry of Jesus, the passover drew near. Jesus went up to Jerusalem to celebrate it. Within the city near the sheep gate, there was a pool named the Pool of Bethesda having five porches which gave shelter to the invalids. It was a popular belief of the Jews that at a certain season an Angel went down into the water and stirred it; and whosoever stepped into the water first was made whole. Great numbers of chronic cases of blindness and other diseases came to be benefited. It was the Sabbath among the infirm. Jesus saw one who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. He was helpless and hopeless. Jesus said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Sir, I have no man when the water is troubled to put me in, and so helpless that another steps in. Day after day looking at the water, he was wanting to get in but could not make it. Jesus looked on and said, "Take up thy bed and walk." What was life to this man was death for Jesus, for it was the Sabbath Day. Tradition, formality, and religion of the Jews was going to stop a man from being made whole. The Jews said it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. But the man said, "He that made me whole said unto me, 'take up thy bed and walk.'" He was obeying Him that gave the law and breaking the law by carrying his bed.

Jesus said, "Have ye not read about David, how he entered into the House of God when he was hungry and eat the shewbread that the priests only was allowed to eat." Then Jesus said unto them that the son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. On the next sabbath He went into their synagogue and healed a man that had a withered hand. Another sabbath He went through the corn fields and plucked the corn. Rubbing it with their hand, they could not accuse them of stealing, for the law allowed a man to eat to satisfy his hunger. But the law did not allow them to put in the sickle. Here is another case of keeping the law, and breaking the law according to the Jews. If you see your neighbors sheep in a pit on the sabbath will ye not pull him out; how much is a man better than a sheep. Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.

We had six children when we lived in Jeanette, Pa., traveled twenty-five miles to church in Monongahela City, and most of

the time was there for Sunday School first. We attended five meetings on Sunday and got home Sunday evening around midnight. Why did we do it? Because we enjoyed it. I have been in the church forty six years and never missed Sunday School, except for sickness. When the commandment was given to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy He meant all day. If television or any other thing in my home was keeping me away from church I would throw it out of the window. When we keep these commandments we are a blessed people. God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. Therefore, one day out of seven belongs to God. The land belongs to God. The land was to rest on the sabbatic year. Our money belongs to God so He commands a portion.

David said, "The cattle on a thousand hills belong to God. God set aside a jubilee year when debts were forgiven, and slaves set free. Well, why don't we keep the sabbath day? Because Jesus rose on the first day of the week. Paul says, God who at sundry times and divers manners spake unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His son. Jesus kept the law till His death but on the resurrection a new dispensation was assured. In a day of love, grace, and mercy He was nailed to the cross. the law of earthly commandments. Once and for all He entered into the Holy of Holy.

For the priesthood being changed, there is made a necessity a change of the law. The Lord sprang from Judah which tribe Moses spake nothing, concerning priesthood. But Jesus came forth with the power of an endless life. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath which was since the law, maketh the son, is consecrated forever more. If perfection came by the law, Jesus would not have had to come. (Acts 20:7) Upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them and continued his speech until midnight. So here they were breaking bread and preaching on the first day of the week. (I Cor. 16:2) And upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him. John the revelator says he was in the spirit on the Lords Day. The seventh

day was meant for more than the sabbath. It was meant for dividing of times. We all believe that the cycle of time originates from the number seven. It is God's number. He rested on the seventh day. While we are on this subject let us consider a few examples. It is called the number of perfection. (Ex. 25:37) Make seven lamps to give light in the tabernacle. Naaman dips seven times in Jordan. Upon the first day of the week He appeared unto Mary out of whom He had cast seven devils. To the seven churches in Asia write. To the seven spirits, seven golden candle sticks, seven stars, etc. Nebuchadnezzar's dream, interpreted by Daniel, says he was with the beasts and seven times shall pass over thee. Josephus tells us he was with the beasts seven years. If so 1 time equals 1 year, 7 times equals 7 years. The primitive sacred year consisted of 12 months of 30 days to the month. Hence came the cycle of circle of 360 degrees. So 1 time equals 1 year and one day represents one year. So 360 days represents 360 years. So time equals 360 years, times equal 720 years and one-half times equal 180 years. The sum of these figures equals 1260 years or 42 months that the woman fled into the wilderness.

Now if you take the year when the woman was fully dressed with twelve apostles and the church set up again when she was fully clothed again in 1830 and subtract 1260 solar years from 1830 equals 570 A.D. But what years shall we reckon. Solar years have 365 and a half days each. Prophetic years have 360 days. If you subtract 1242 years which equal 1260 solar years, you have 588 A.D., which according to history seems to be the latter part of the sixth century. As Gibbons says, the Roman Empire was in its worst depression; decline was near.

James Heaps

Brother Heaps ended his article rather abruptly. Perhaps he will favor us with more light on such an informative and interesting subject in the not too distant future. (Ass't-to-the-editor)

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A man's destiny is not to be found in his stars but in his soul; not in the outward circumstances of life, but in his inner resources.

- W E D D I N G S -

Pagano - Bommarito

On February 8th 1958, Sister Florence Bommarito of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1, and Mr. Salvatore Pagano of Detroit, were united in marriage at the home of our Sister Bommarito. Brother Concetto Alessandro, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Antonio DiFalco acted as their witness. We extend our kind regards and best wishes to both of them.

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Zaccagnini - DiFalco

On April 12th 1958, Sister Concettina DiFalco and Mr. Mario Zaccagnini were united in holy matrimony in The Church of Jesus Christ, at Detroit, Branch No. 1. Brother Concetto Alessandro officiated in the double ring ceremony. Eugene Amormino sang, while Sister Rosalie Dix played the piano. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Sister Barbara Jean Pietrangelo, and best man was Pasquale Zaccagnini, brother of the groom. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. We extend our best wishes to the young couple.

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Brown - Capots

At an impressive candle-lit ceremony in the Youngstown, Ohio branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Tuesday evening, April 29, 1958, Rita Marie Capots, daughter of Brother and Sister Angelo Capots and granddaughter of Brother and Sister Anthony Capots, and Robert Van Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Brown exchanged their marriage vows.

Brother Timothy D. Bucci officiated at the double ring ceremony and attendants for Miss Capots were Judy Fleet as Maid of Honor, Ruth Good and Yvonne Capots as Bridesmaids. Mr. Ralph Streb served as Best Man for Mr. Brown and Ushers were Tom Brown and Louis DeMars.

Following the ceremony, the newly weds received and entertained guests at an open reception which was held at Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The bride, who is with The Dollar Savings and Trust Company, and the bridegroom, who has served with the U. S. Marine Corps. and who is now employed by City Loan and Savings Company, have presently made their home at 961 Bonnie Brae, Youngstown, Ohio.

 OBITUARY

ANTONIO CIARAVINO

San Diego, California

Brother Antonio Ciaravino passed on from this life on April 24, 1958 at County Hospital in San Diego, California.

He was born in Italy February of 1879 and was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ in July of 1931. Brother Ciaravino, a faithful servant of the Lord will be remember by all. We are certain he has found his reward.

Surviving are two daughters: Julia Cotellesse of Detroit, Mich., and Jesta Lombardo of San Diego, California; one son, Gorie, of Detroit, and eleven grandchildren, also five sisters in New York. Brother V. J. Lovalvo officiated at the services and was assisted by Brothers John Dulise and Richard Castelli. Solos were sung by Sister Virginia Castelli and by Brother Lovalvo. Services were held at the Greenwood Mortuary on April 28, 1958.

A GLORIOUS DAY

On Sunday, April 13th, we were blessed so abundantly that I feel it would be good to share the events of the day with all of you. On this one day we were blessed with practically every gift that God has given His people. A baby was blessed, a baptism was performed, the gift of tongues was given as well as the interpretation, a renewal was made, and washing of feet was participated in. I tell you brothers and sisters, the manifestation of God's Holy Spirit was so great that we were hardly able to contain it. To describe more fully what had taken place, I wrote the following.

Our usual Sunday morning service began in our Branch in Hopelawn, with Brother Jim Benyola introducing the service. He spoke regarding Joseph of Egypt and a very inspiring talk was given. Following him was Brother Joseph Benyola, who continued with wonderful words of life. After his talk, Brother and Sister Huttenberger had their new born baby boy blessed and a wonderful spirit prevailed in the meeting. At the closing of our morning meeting a man who has been attending our church for quite some time rose upon his feet and requested

baptism. This baptism was performed at the conclusion of the morning service by Brother Jim Benyola. Returning to the afternoon service was only a continuance of the blessings received that morning. The Spirit of God took hold of that meeting and every person in the congregation felt the burning power of the Spirit. Confirmation by the laying on of hands for the reception of the holy ghost was performed on Brother Harry. Brother Jim Mercurio was given the gift of tongues several times throughout the day, and the interpretation was "Come, Come!"

During a wonderful spirit of testimony, a Sister who had gone astray from the fold of God repented and rose upon her feet to be forgiven of God for her absence from the Church for awhile, and there she made a reconciliation with the Lord. A great joy was felt in this renewal. These many blessings did not end yet, but was felt more strongly in the ordinance of feet washing which followed.

Brother Joseph Benyola was concluding the service and made a remark to this effect, "God has blessed us so much here, I am sure that Brother Persico, who is in Brooklyn today, also felt a part of our joy and will bring good news to us." Just as he was making this statement, Brother Persico had returned from our service in the Bath Avenue Mission in Brooklyn and stopped at the church in Hopelawn since he had noticed the meeting was still in progress. He entered the building and said, "Yes, Brother Joe, I have good news also. One of the friends that has been attending our services for the past six months asked for his baptism today at the conclusion of our morning service." (Note that this was the same time that Brother Harry had asked for his baptism in Hopelawn.) We can only conclude one thought in our minds; the Spirit of God is one and where we are united in one Spirit, God will richly bless us even as we have witnessed throughout this day both in Hopelawn and in Brooklyn. We can only say we cannot do the day justice in words, but it was "A GLORIOUS DAY."

I might add at this time that the following Sunday morning, April 20th, at 9 a. m. several brothers and sisters from New Jersey journeyed to Brooklyn, New York to witness the baptism of our

new Brother Raysor. Brother Persico performed this baptism and a wonderful spirit prevailed down at the water as well as throughout the day. Brother Joseph Benyola was also in Brooklyn and he spoke very inspiring words regarding the Light of the Gospel, which is what we as members represent and how our lives should shine daily with love, charity, faith and a willingness to serve God always. Also visiting with us in Brooklyn that day was Brother Sam Galenti from Detroit, Michigan, and we were very happy to have him with us for a blessing was felt in his presence there. We are extremely happy and thankful to God for days such as these.

Sister Mary Persico

AN ENJOYABLE VISIT

After attending the General Church Conference in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, Brother Mark Randy of Modesto, California sojourned to New Jersey for a brief visit. On Monday and Tuesday, April 7th and 8th, meetings were held in the New Brunswick and Hopelawn Branches respectively. Each night a very large crowd of brothers and sisters, as well as friends, convened to hear our Brother Mark speak. Needless to say we enjoyed hearing of the many wonderful experiences he related to us as well as the inspired preaching of food for our souls. God blessed us all and we can surely say that His Holy Spirit was in our presence.

**THE LIMA NEWS
LIMA, OHIO**

April 12, 1958

**New Church Of Jesus Christ
Begins Regular Schedule Sunday**

The first regular scheduled Sunday services of the Church of Jesus Christ will be conducted tomorrow at the Oddfellows Hall, 705 S. Main.

Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a. m. and the worship service will commence at 10:45 a. m. under the direction of Rev. Joseph Calabrese, pastor of the Loraine, Ohio branch, which is sponsoring the Lima meetings.

Other ministers from Lorain and Detroit will also be present for the first official service.

The new congregation has been

meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frammolino, Rt. 5, Lima and Mrs Ricca Tata, 3106 Cleman Drive for the past three months.

The main branch of the Church of Jesus Christ is located in Monongahela City, Pa. In addition to congregations in the United States and Canada, there are missions in Africa and Italy. The church is independent and non-denominational.

William H. Cadman, editor of the Gospel News, the official paper for the Church of Jesus Christ has stated the beliefs of the Church. These include a belief "in the apostacy of the church as set up by the Saviour," a belief in "the restoration of the gospel, as it is revealed in the Book of Mormon."

Cadman points out that the Book of Mormon has been misunderstood and he states that the book "teaches absolutely that a man shall have only one wife and concubines he shall have none."

The Church also believes in baptism by immersion and in the second advent of Jesus Christ.

The new congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ invites visitors and friends to attend their services. The theme of their service is that they are "the church where you are never a stranger."

COWDERYS LETTERS

1834-35

(No. 8)

To W. W. Phelps; Dear Brother:

In my last I said I should give, partially, a "description of the place where, and the manner in which these records were deposited;" the first promise I have fulfilled, and must proceed to the latter.

The hill of which I have been speaking, at the time mentioned, presented a varied appearance: the north end rose suddenly from the plain, forming a promontory without timber, but covered with grass. As you passed to the south you soon came to scattering timber, the surface having been cleared by art or by wind; and a short distance further left, you are surrounded with the common forest of the country. It is necessary to observe, that even the part cleared was only occupied for pasturage, its steep ascent and narrow summit not admitting

the plow of the husbandman, with any degree of ease or profit. It was at the second mentioned place where the record was found to be deposited, on the west side of the hill, not far from the top down its side; and when myself visited the place in the year 1830, there were several trees standing; enough to cause a shade in summer, but not so much as to prevent the surface being covered with grass --which was also the case when the record was first found.

Whatever may be the feeling of men on the reflection of past acts which have been performed on certain portions or spots of this earth, I know not, neither does it add or diminish to nor from the reality of my subject. When Moses heard the voice of God, at the foot of Horeb, out of the burning bush, he was commanded to take his shoes off his feet, for the ground on which he stood was holy. The same may be observed when Joshua beheld the "Caption of the Lord's host" by Jericho. And I confess that my mind was filled with many reflections; and though I did not loose my shoes, yet with gratitude to God did I offer up the sacrifice of my heart.

How far below the surface these records were placed by Moroni, I am unable to say; but from the fact that they had been some fourteen hundred years buried, and that too on the side of a hill so steep, one is ready to conclude that they were some feet below, as the earth would naturally wear more or less in that length of time. But they being placed toward the top of the hill, the ground would not remove as much as at two-thirds, perhaps. Another circumstance would prevent a wearing of the earth; all probability, as soon as timber had time to grow, the hill was covered, after the Nephites were destroyed, and the roots of the same would hold the surface. However, on this point I shall leave every man to draw his own conclusion, and form his own speculation, as I only promised to give a description of the place at the time the records were found in 1823. It is sufficient for my present purpose to know that such is the fact; that in 1823, yes 1823, a man with whom I may have had the most intimate and personal acquaintance, for almost seven years, actually discovered by the vision of God, the plates from which the Book of Mormon, as much as it is disbelieved, was translated. Such is the case,

though men rack their very brains to invent falsehoods, and then waft them upon every breeze, to the contrary notwithstanding.

I have now given sufficient on the subject of the hill Cumorah --it has a singular and imposing appearance for that country, and must excite the curious enquiry of every lover of the Book of Mormon; though I hope never like Jerusalem, and the sepulcher of our Lord. In my estimation, certain places are dearer to me for what they now contain than for what they have contained. For the satisfaction of as I believe I have been thus particular, and to avoid the question being a thousand times asked, more than any other cause, shall proceed and be as particular as heretofore. The manner in which the plates were deposited:

First, a hole of sufficient depth (how deep I know not) was dug. At the bottom of this was laid a stone of suitable size, the upper surface being smooth. At each edge was placed a large quantity of cement, and into this cement, at the four edges of this stone, were placed, erect, four others, their bottom edges resting in the cement at the outer edges of the stone. The four last named, when placed erect, formed a box, the corners, or where the edges of the four came in contact, were also cemented so firmly that the moisture from without was prevented from entering. It is to be observed, also, that the inner surface of the four erect, or side stones was smooth. This box was sufficiently large to admit a breast-plate, such as was used by the ancients to defend the chest, &c., from the arrows and weapons of their enemy. From the bottom of the box, or from the breast-plate, arose three small pillars composed of the same description of cement used on the edges; and upon these three pillars was placed the record of the children of Joseph, and of a people who left the tower far, far before the days of Joseph, or a sketch of each, which had it not been for this, and the never failing goodness of God, we might have perished in our sins, being left to bow down before the altars of the Gentiles and to have paid homage to the priests of Baal.

I must not forget to say that this box, containing the record, was covered with another stone, the bottom surface being flat, and the upper, crowning. But these three pillars were not so lengthy as to cause the plates and the

crowning stone to come in contact.

I have now given you, according to my promise, the manner in which this record was deposited; though when it was first visited by our brother in 1823, a part of the crowning stone was visible above the surface, while the edges were concealed by the soil and grass, from which circumstance you will see, that however deep this box might have been placed by Moroni at first, the time had been sufficient to wear the earth so that it was easily discovered, when once directed, and yet not enough to make a perceivable difference to the passer by. So wonderful are the works of the Almighty, and so far from our finding out are His ways, that one who trembles to take his holy name into his lips, is left to wonder at His exace providences, and the fulfillment of His purposes in the event of times and seasons. A few years sooner might have found even the top stone concealed, and discouraged our brother from attempting to make a further trial to obtain this rich treasure, for fear of discovery and a few later might have left the small box uncovered, and exposed its valuable contents to the rude calculations and vain speculations of those who neither understand common language nor fear God. But such would have been contrary to the words of the ancients, and the promises made to them; and this is why I am left to admire the works and see the wisdom in the designs of the Lord in all things manifested to the eyes of the world; they show that all human inventions are like vapors, while His word endures forever and His promises to the last generation.

Having thus digressed from my main subject to give a few items for the special benefit of all, it will be necessary to return, and proceed as formerly. And if any suppose I have indulged too freely in reflections, I will only say, that it is my opinion were one to have a view of the glory of God which is to cover Israel in the last days, and know that these, though they may be thought as small things, were the beginning to effect the same, they would be at a loss where to close, should they give a moment's vent to the imaginations of the heart.

You will have wondered, perhaps that the mind of our brother should be so occupied with the thoughts of the goods of this world, at the time of arriving at Cumorah, on the morning of

September, 1823, after having been wrapt in the visions of heaven during the night, and also seeing and hearing in open day; but the mind of man is easily turned, if it is not held by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and you will remember that I have said that two invisible powers were operating on his mind during his walk from his residence to Comorah, and that the one urging the certainty of wealth and ease in this life, had so powerfully wrought upon him, that the great object so carefully and impressively named by the angel, had entirely gone from his recollection, that only a fixed determination now urged him forward. In this, which occasioned a failure to obtain, at that time, the record, do not understand me to attach blame to our brother; he was young, and his mind easily turned from correct principles, unless he could be favored with a round of experience. And yet, while young, untraditioned and untaught in the systems of the world, he was in a situation to be led into great work of God, and be qualified to perform it in due time.

(to be continued)

Letter from Charleroi, Pa.

June 3, 1958

Editor:

The Gospel News

I believe that the excerpt from a quotation by Benjamin Disraeli, one time Prime Minister of Great Britian, should be kept alive and brought to the attention of all your readers in your next issue of the Gospel News.

The close relationship to Israel fostered by the Church of Jesus Christ, and the inherent and ethical as well as their spiritual feeling by its constituents towards brotherhood as I have personally experienced by visiting with them in their churches. I can only feel honestly and conscientiously that God dwelled among them. Their love and devotion towards their fellow men is beyond understanding to those who do not know their fellowship.

It is an old adage referring to the Measure of a Man: "Not how did he die—but how did he live? Not what did he gain—but what did he give?"

Benjamin Disraeli Said:

"The pupil of Moses may ask himself whether all the princes of the house of David have done as much for the Jews as the

Prince who was crucified on Calvary. Had it not been for Him, the Jews would have been comparatively unknown, or known only as a high Oriental cult which had lost its country. Has not He made their history the most famous in the world? Has not He hung up their laws in every temple? Has He not vindicated on their wrongs? Has He not avenged the victory of Titus and conquered the Caesars? What success did they anticipate from their Messiah? The wildest dreams of their rabbis have been far exceeded. Christians may continue to persecute Jews, and by so doing misrepresent their Master, and Jews may persist in disbelieving, but who can deny that Jesus of Nazareth, the Incarnate Son of the Most High God, is the eternal glory of the Jewish race?"

Contributed by Emil Huttner

From California:

'MYSTERIOUS'

Dear Brothr Cadman,

After mailing you the last check with the note, the Spirit blessed me to sit down and write that experience that I mentioned I would some day. Well, that day was today, for the blessing poured upon me to put these words together. I am sending another offering for the African Missionary Work.

A few months ago, I was cleaning house, and upon tucking my couch, my diamond ring was catching on the weave of the material. I slipped the ring off my finger and put it in my pocket. I was very busy so I forgot the incident. I had a handkerchief in my pocket and taking it out now and then to wipe my persperation as it was a hot day. While working late in the day it dawned on me that it was election day, and I had to go to the polls to do my part. So I put a sweater on as I got into the car and drove to the school grounds where it was being held. This was on Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening I saw my ring was missing from my finger. I started to look for it where I had put it, I looked everywhere. I came to realize that I had lost my ring. I went to the shool grounds, I went to the principal's office to ask if anyone had found a ring. They said No, but they would ask the children in their classes. I retraced my steps to where I got off the car at the place of elec-

tion, but with no luck. I was bewildered and amazed. What could have happened? So I went home to tear the house up side down with a hopeful prayer in my heart. There was no corner left to look any more. I decided it was lost outside so I went to the police station, to the lost and found. Then I put an ad in the paper and offered a reward. Then I came to an awakening. Though I was praying and looking I had not knelt down and poured my heart out to God. I did not think it was important; it was material and I did not think it was worth while to tell the Lord about it. I knew if the Lord wanted, He would have let me find it. So I thought of the reward I offered. I knelt down and said "LORD, I KNOW THOU HAS MYSTERIOUS WAYS, AND WHY THIS HAS COME ABOUT I KNOW NOT, BUT I DO KNOW, IF THOU WILL, I WOULD FIND IT, BUT IF SOME ONE ELSE FINDS IT AND WILL NOT RETURN IT, BLESS THEM AND HAVE THEM ENJOY IT AS I HAVE ALL THESE YEARS. IF THEY ARE HONEST AND WILL RETURN IT, I PROMISE I WILL GIVE UNTO THEE THE REWARD."

This prayer was offered a week after I had lost the ring. I had given up hopes of ever seeing it again. That Sunday I testified in church and peace came over me. After that I had forgotten all about my ring and did not miss it. I had it in my mind that God would bless the finder. I could not help but one morning I told God in my prayers that I would give Him double of what I would give the finder. Monday morning came. I did my shopping and attended to my business. Tuesday morning I went to visit Brother and Sister Stanley. When Sister Stanley told me that she too had lost her ring two days ago and could not find it, I knew then that it was something more than just losing our rings. We three knelt down in prayer and asked God to take anything away from our hearts. We care not for natural jewels, but look up to the greatest jewel of all which is Christ. We do not want to lose Him for anything else. We want to be found serving Him the rest of our days. We know if it be His will that He would have us find our rings, for nothing is impossible with Him. We continued in prayer till our Spirit was satisfied. We all got up and praised the Lord for the Peace that came over us. A short time later I started for

home. On my way I stopped for some groceries. I put them in the back of my car and drove home and into my garage and started unloading the groceries and was about to reach for the last bag when a voice spoke so clear, "Look" It was not a strange voice for I had heard my masters voice many times. I looked and my eyes went to the back seat of the car, where I never sit. There in plain sight as if just laid there, was my ring. My thoughts wondered and at first I thought I had missed looking in the car. It was impossible for I had looked and my sister Josie Buffa had visited me that Saturday night and we had went to church together. With such heavy people in the car the ring would have gone in the crack of the seat, but no, it was in the car in clear view as if it was put there this very minute. I picked it up and was praising my God for His mysterious ways. I left all my groceries in the garage to run in the house and drop to my knees to thank my God. This I did say: I do not know how, but I do know that you put it there. Now tell me where do you want me to send this money. You know that all the branches are in want and even my own, but thou had a purpose, now tell me where. I waited for an answer. The voice spoke clear and plain. Do you not know that Brother Cadman made a request for wants? I answered, yes, I did send some. The voice continued, He is still wanting, send it to him. I said, yes my Lord, thy will be done.

I am now sending my last donation towards the promise I made with the Lord. And it was done with the allowance I get. I did not feel to ask my husband for the promise I made. The Lord has more than doubled it and I still have more left. This does not mean that I will forget, but this experience has put in my heart a lesson never to be forgotten.

May God bless you for the good works you are doing. I pray that all is well with all of you, and all the Saints in the west send their love and remember us in your prayers and we will continue to do the same.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mary Spata

Excerpts from:
Brother Akpaidiok's Letter

New York, June 5, 1958

Dear Brother Cadman,

I graduated from Lincoln last Tuesday. It was a nice occasion and a large crowd turned up to watch the commencement. I graduated in "Cum laude" and also won the "Dickinson Prize" in Biology.

I had to leave Lincoln that Tuesday for New York where I am waiting to take up a job on the 20th of June. I have been assigned to speak to a number of camps in Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and New Jersey. I could not go anywhere else but it is very expensive to stay here. No help has come to me as yet from home for the Summer Vacation. Sincerely, Brother Sunny Akpaidiok.

TRIP TO DETROIT

Being delegated to make a trip to Detroit, I left Pittsburgh by train at 10:00 p.m. on May 3rd arriving there much earlier than I had expected, so I boarded a bus and arrived at Brother D'Amico's home before they had gotten out of bed. I, along with several other visiting brothers attended a meeting at Brance No. 3 and helped them to get some matters straightened out. Glad to meet so many of our brothers and sisters.

At the close of the meeting I went to Windsor with Brothers Henderson and Burgess. The next morning (Sunday) Brother Henderson took me to Muncey Indian Reservation 100 miles away where I spent the day with our Indian people in their church. It was sometime since I had been there, I was glad to see them and, they were glad to see me once more. Sister Nicholas, whom I baptised in 1932, was present and is not as young as she used to be. Sister Fisher was present; I understand that she is about 93 years old—but still going. I have visited the homes of both these sisters many times. There was a number of Indian people present in the meeting, as well as a number of whites. I enjoyed the day with them, and Brother Reno Bologna and those who are laboring with him are creating much interest among the young

Indian people. A nice little crowd was in their Sunday School. May the Lord bless the work in Muncey.

Returning back to Windsor, where I stayed all night, I then attended a meeting at the West Side Church in Detroit on Monday evening. I occupied the pulpit and had a very nice audience to which to talk. I returned to Windsor after the meeting and occupied the pulpit in the Windsor Church on Tuesday evening. It was good to meet with our folks in Windsor again.

At the close of this meeting, Brother Cotellesse took me over to Detroit for the night, and then on Wednesday evening took me to Port Huron, where I occupied the pulpit in our church at that place. I had not been there for sometime. Their congregation is not very large, but it was increased some by the attendance of a number of our Indian members from the Reservation in Canada at Sarnia. I enjoyed my visit with the saints at Port Huron.

On leaving there, I was taken to the home of Brother and Sister Peter H. Capone in East Detroit. The first time I had ever been in their home and I enjoyed my visit with them. We sat up late talking, and we had much conversation the next day until late in the afternoon, when I was taken to the home of Brother Fred D'Amico in time for supper, and then was taken to our new church on Harper Street, in Detroit, known as Branch No. 1. A very large crowd was gathered together (they have quite a large congregation at this church) this is the oldest Church we have in Detroit, though the building they are worshipping in is just a new edifice they have built. But I have been meeting with this congregation for about 35 years past. I was in the pulpit again with them for better than an hour. If talking would do any good for a body, I think I did my share of it while in Detroit the week I was there.

I had intended to board a train for home after the close of this meeting but our secretaries asked to have a couple of hours with me before going. So our good friends, 'the Millers' took me to their home for the night and I stayed with them until 6:30 p. m. the next day, when one of our secretaries took me in his car to the home of 'Gorie'. You all know who he is, and we spent possibly two and one half hours with them and then they took

me to the Depot where I boarded a train at 10:00 p. m. for Pittsburgh, Penna. I was not yet tired, but after setting in a coach all night and taking a bus from Pittsburgh to Monongahela, I was too tired to walk home, so I hired a taxi for just a short ride. I enjoyed visiting or rather talking to our folks in Detroit and Canada for a week and I do not feel any the worse for my trip. May the Lord bless you all.

There is an old saying that the "older some things get, the tougher they get."

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

the excellent services and the Spirit of the Lord was with us.

William Crall

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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor

We were quite pleased to have had you and the other brothers with us, recently, and do hope our people here, and every where else, will lay down all strife, confusion, and contention, and run the straight course, knowing that if we don't we can in no wise inherit the Kingdom of God. Some people may say, it is the easiest thing, to obey the Gospel, and serve God in spirit and in truth, I will concur with them, this agrees with the scripture where it is said, my yoke is easy, and my burden is light, but never allow the evil one to have the upper hand of us, for if we do, it will not be so easy to cast him aside. I read in Proverbs, 14th chapter, 12th verse, There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof, are the ways of death. The Church of Ephesus was told, I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love. May we not pattern after these other Churches, knowing that God has likened our Church to the Church of Alma, and as such, may God help us to be as acceptable as the Church of Philadelphia, for if we do, we shall never fail. I now want to report a few things that have transpired in our midst recently.

On Sunday, April 20th, Brother Patsy Marrinetti, of Rochester, New York, was in our midst, at Branch No. 1, and gave us a good talk. He spoke from Ether, 3rd chapter, 2nd through the 16th verse, on the subject of "Where does man come from?" His subject was quite interesting, and enjoyed by all. On Sunday, April 27th, Brother Michaelangelo Gioia, my wife and I, made a trip to Sarnia, we stopped in Port Huron, and found the saints there, enjoying the peace and love of God. In Sarnia, we had a very enjoyable time. Sister Jackson is planning to move back to her own home, and was anointed for strength. We also had feet-washing, and a great blessing. On Sunday, May 4th, we met at Branch No. 3. Service was introduced by Brother Wm. Gennaro, of Warren, Ohio, who read a portion of scripture found in Hebrews 11th chapter, 1st verse. "Now faith is the

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Maple Heights, Ohio

Dear Brother Editor,

Our trip to Gawanda, N. Y. and Lockport, N. Y.

Wm. and Evelyn Crall and family departed from their home in Maple Heights, Ohio to the New York State Hospital in Gowanda New York to visit our "Mother" Sister Elizabeth Crall who has been confined to the hospital bed since Dec. 20, 1956 and since then she has not been able to get out of bed. We arrived in Gowanda State Hospital at 10 a. m. Saturday morning and saw my mother and talked with her and it made my heart feel good to see her once more as I haven't seen her for about 14-15 months due to my back injury and I could not travel. I talked to mother about the church and before we left I had a word of prayer. Then we departed for Niagara Falls.

We arrived at the falls in the afternoon and later on we called on Brother Paul D'Amico in Lockport, New York to be prepared to attend that branch of the church. We attended Sunday School and the morning services and to our surprise there was a car load there from West Elizabeth, Pa. Brother Robinson and three sisters were there and Brother Robinson opened the morning service. He, being a young elder in the church, gave a very interesting sermon. He was followed by Brother Paul D'Amico and the meeting was sure a blessing to know that where ever we travel throughout the world that you can always hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ preached in the four corners of the world. We all went to Brother Paul D'Amico's for dinner and enjoyed

substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Both this brother and Brother T. S. Furnier, who was in our midst, gave us wonderful talks on faith, which was enjoyed by all. On Thursday night, May 8th, we were blessed to have Brother W. H. Cadman with us in Branch No. 1. Brother Cadman read a portion of scripture found in Matthew 12th chapter, 33rd verse. Brother Cadman said, when we obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our uttermost goal, is to save our souls, in the Kingdom of Heaven, and to do all we can to help others to save their's also. He said, the subject he had chosen, might seem strange to his hearers, but they were the words of God, and very true indeed. I would say that Brother Cadman's talk was more centered around the 33rd and 34th verses which read as follows, "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of Vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. To me Brother Cadman, spoke to us, just as a loving father, and his talk was not only loving and wise council, but a warning to one and all of us. May we give God thanks, and praise for having such wonderful brothers of the Church, to guide us in the pathway of Righteousness, and may God bless and keep, all our elder brothers and sisters, in our midst, as long as He sees fit, even down to the Peace-ful reign of Christ, if He will. All were overjoyed and blessed to hear our brother. On Sunday the 11th of May, "Mother's Day," Brother Domenic Thomas and I, were in Branch No. 2, with all other brothers and sisters and had a great blessing. I also went to Inkster, with Brother John Gammichia and others, and received a great blessing. Kindly pray for Sister Anny Carilini, of Branch No. 2, who is ill, also Brother Lawrence Serra, and Sister Antionette Leopoldo, of Branch No. 1, who are quite sick. May God abundantly bless, all the saints of the Church of Jesus Christ, and those who will be

saints in the future.

Your Brother in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller

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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor,

This past week has been a joyous one here. My pen and I could never really tell it but we shall try. Branch No. 4 was host to an M.B.A. Gathering in this area and the Lord was gracious to us. We found great joy in preparing for the evening and were richly rewarded by having a member of our choir ask for baptism at the conclusion of our part in the meeting. Our new sister is Louise Bruno and we rejoice in her repentance. She has declared unto us she at last feels free. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Our theme was "The Restored Gospel," and it struck an harmonious chord in the hearts of all present. Brother Joe Malantoni, upon taking over after our humble efforts, spoke with great spirit about his love for this restoration theme and he felt very strongly the desire for expression weaving itself among his listeners, so he turned the meeting over to testimony. Many of our young people arose and spoke of their joy in God's love for them. Truly the spirit of God was the motivating power behind each declaration.

Brother Dominic Thomas then spoke to us. He was sparked by our Sister Virginia Morley's plea for prayer that she may be enabled to do more for her beloved Father in Heaven. Brother Thomas was truly blessed for he seemed to touch countless subjects in his talk which held answers for all our personal questions about how we could each do more for God. I discovered, on talking with Brothers and Sisters after our meeting, they had all received a widiy varied message in Brother Thomas' talk. In closing he seemed to try to leave us with the thought that we must constantly look about us with love and understanding ever seeking the good in everyone and everything and to avoid that which we feel offends us.

At this point I can't help but to add a personal note. My heart rejoiced as I looked at these young

people and saw their clean, honest look and heard their wonderful voices praising God. My prayer echos that of every mother's heart, that some day all our children will be drawn into the haven of God's love.

Our gathering was closed in prayer by Brother Marinetti.

On Sunday we met for our morning service and were happy to see many visiting Brothers and Sisters in our midst. The anticipated baptism added to our joy and we felt blessed indeed. Brother Dominic Moroco opened our meeting and spoke on the story of Nicodemus and Jesus' talk with him in explanation of baptism. He was followed by Brother Peter Capone who spoke further on the subject of baptism and cautioned us against taking lightly the words of Jesus concerning baptism. We then listened to our Brother Alfred Dominico who was visiting here from Ohio. (Blest be the tie that binds.) He pointed out that when we have been baptized we can truly say "I know my saviour lives because he lives within my heart."

He rejoiced to see the spirit of God move among the children of the saints. Brother Dominico also felt that more and more of the sons and daughters of the saints are coming back to find the pathway to peace with Jesus. Our meeting was dismissed and we gathered at the river where our Sister was baptised by Brother Gorie Ciaravino.

Our afternoon meeting was full of the moving spirit of testimony and we were delighted to hear from many visiting saints as well as our own members. Our new Sister's baptism was confirmed in prayer and we pray God will give her strength according to her needs.

Our day was not yet done for to add to our cup of happiness our Brother and Sister Moroco had brought their new son to be blessed. Brother Gorie Ciarvino offered a prayer of blessing for the infant and we pray he may be truly blessed and follow in the pathway his wonderful parents shall lead him. Brother and Sister Moroco have named their son Lawrence James Moroco.

Truly these meetings are food and drink to our souls and may God grant all of us more of them.

Sister Betty Capone

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'IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH!'

God strikes no bargain; No! How dare I say;
'If Thou wilt grant me this . . .
I'll worship Thee' . . .
What kind of bargain is it, anyway,
If He must pay for my Eternity?

Is not to worship God, its own reward?
For then, alone, is Heaven in my reach;
Shall then, I make a plaything of my Lord
And bargain with Him, when I should beseech?

I know whereof I speak, for long ago
I dared approach my Lord with this request . . .
'I'll serve Thee, Lord, if health
Thou wilt bestow' . . .
But, He denied . . . and I? . . .
My love suppressed!

Fool that I was! His arms were opened wide,
Had I the wisdom just to understand,
That all I needed do . . . was step inside,
Instead of bargaining with One so grand.

God strikes no bargain; no, can I expect
To be rewarded for the privilege Of being numbered one of the Elect?
God's Paradise is payment for my pledge!

Catherine Poma

A Reprint:

TEN TV COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

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

Rev. Homer W. Achor, a pastor in Richmond, Indiana, prepared the following ten TV commandments and distributed them to his people. He believes that if a television set takes one's devotion from Christ and the church (for

some it has done this) the fault does not lie with the projection tube, but with the heart and hand that set the dial.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROOM FOR THOUGHT?

Has someone seen Christ in you today?

Brothers and Sisters, look to your heart I say

The little things you have done or said—

Did they accord with the way you prayed?

Have your thoughts been sure and words been kind?

Have you sought to have the Saviour's mind?

The world with a criticizing view Has watched: but did it see Christ in you?

Has someone seen Christ in you today?

Brothers and Sisters look to your life I pray,

There are aching hearts and blighted souls

Being lost on sin's destructive roads

And perhaps of Christ their only view

May be what they have seen of Him in you,

Will they see enough to bring hope and cheer?

Stop and look at your light! does it shine out clear?

Sister Nancy Tassone

EDISON SISTER HAS HEARTENING EXPERIENCE

I was on the couch and had just closed my eyes when something came over me. I didn't know that it was. Each time it would be stronger, and it would stop just long enough to let me know I had no control over my body. Then I realized that it was an evil power. I started to call upon the Lord. but each time it would get worse. Then it got so strong I felt as though it was tearing my body apart. I heard a voice saying: "Fool, fool, for a few days of fun to lose your

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soul forever." With all the strength I had I began to call, 'Lord please help me.' I felt something lift me and carry me in the air. Then it came to me. I remember praying, that rather than lose my soul I would rather lose my life. I thought I was passing away. I was going up higher and higher. When I looked down I saw the earth go away from me. I started to cry unto the Lord. "Please take me with you. The harder I prayed the higher I went. Then such a peace and calm feeling came over me. I just can't describe it. Then I opened my eyes.

This was not dream; I was not asleep.

Sister Mary Thickstun

NEWS FROM KENT, OHIO

I am taking this opportunity to write concerning the Lord's work in Kent, Ohio, so that other brothers and sisters may know, through the Gospel News, of the work started here. I, along with all our brothers and sisters, are concerned with God's work, regardless in what area efforts are expended to propagate the gospel because we are all of the same Body of Christ.

To familiarize you with its location, Kent, Ohio is approximately ten miles northeast of Akron, Ohio, on route 5.

This part of God's vineyard has become familiar with the echo of the Restored Gospel since Brother Tony Piccuito entered Kent State University in January of 1957. The Lord led him to the home of Brother and Sister Fisher who became the first converts to the Restored Gospel in this area. While rooming at their home, Brother Piccuito introduced the gospel to them. Although greatly opposed at first, the Lord did manifest the authenticity of The Church of Jesus Christ to them through various experiences. We thank God that He walks and talks with us and tells us that we are His own.

Sister Fisher dreamed that she was an inspector of flowers. Of all the flowers she had inspected, one, which was more beautiful than all the others and represented the gospel, had a golden center piece. Although she had been a good member of the Methodist Church for forty years, she was sincere and proved the Lord according to Brother Piccuito's

suggestion concerning our claims as a church about the Gospel being restored upon the earth once again. While in prayer before departing, after visiting Brother and Sister Fisher one evening last year, Brother Gene Kline had a vision. This took place one month before Sister Fisher was baptised, which through Divine revelation indicated her forth-coming baptism. Brother Gene saw a white hand holding a quill pen, writing the name Ethel Fisher in a white book. Brother Fisher has had various dreams as well.

Last January, during the first meeting held in Kent at Brother's Tony's home, the Spirit of God beckoned at the hearts of three people who requested to be baptised. They were Lillian Manes and Drury Whitaker from Youngstown and Lydia Piccuito, Brother Tony's wife. Ever since this first meeting the Lord has continued to bless us and a few families have opened their doors to us. Our most recent converts, Brother and Sister Breakiron, were baptised May 4th. Sister Teets from Uniontown, Penna. is the mother of Sister Breakiron. Brother and Sister Breakiron are indeed happy to be in the gospel and have expressed that they have acquired a new outlook on life through the baptism of water and of the spirit. Sister Breakiron had told me that the Bible is much easier to understand now. (Surely we have all experienced the same thing since obeying the gospel.) The Lord had blessed their son, Douglas, with the gift of healing from an ear infection. Brother Travis Perry, an evangelist from Youngstown, has been faithfully assisting Brother Tony with the work of the ministry here. Sister Irene Perry and other brothers and sisters from Youngstown and nearby branches have been visiting us. We have received periodic visits from elders of the surrounding branches. The Saints visiting from other branches have been an inspiration to us and our visitors. Every kind word, every testimony of God's goodness towards them and the Love of God displayed in fellowship with one another has upon primary association a stimulating impact of the Gospel Restored, because individualized, first-hand experiences have greater meaning to our friends. Therefore, we feel the necessity of your support by visiting and praying for us.

We hold meetings every Sun-

day morning at the Kent Recreation Center located on Goughler Ave. (Route 43 going north). We welcome all of our brothers and sisters to visit us whenever possible to do so.

Remember us in your prayers, for without God's assistance, all efforts would prove useless. As this is the Lord's work, not ours, it is absolutely essential that He guides or directs the work of His Kingdom through the inspiration of His Holy Spirit manifested in the behavior of His humble servants here below.

Brother John H. Manes

A Reprint:

THE INDIAN'S TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Great Father above is a Shepherd Chief. I am his, and with him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love. And he draws me to where the grass is green and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but he lifts it up and draws me into a good road. His name is Wonderful. Sometime—it may be very soon, it may be longer, or it may be a long time—he will draw me into a place between the mountains. It is dark there, but I will not draw back. I will be afraid not, for it is there between these mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes he makes the Love rope into a Whip, but afterward he gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts his hands on my head, and the "tired" is gone. My cup he fills until it runs over.

What I tell you is true. I lie not. These roads that are away ahead will stay with me through life, and afterward I will go to live in the "Big Tepee" with the Shepherd Chief forever.

P. S. Translated by Indian Missionaries many years ago and claimed to have been a treasured Psalm of the Indians.

Contributed by Eva Sanders

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

"PROVE ALL THINGS: hold fast that which is good."—is the admonition of Paul as recorded in First Thessalonians 5:21.

It has always been my contention that the spiritual man should be found among the **broad minded** men of all time. Men who are **broad** enough to know that they cannot depart from the simplicity of the teachings of

the Master and at the same time keep their feet on the narrow path that leads to Eternal life—men who are not only broad in their mind, but wise enough to know the necessity of proving before condemning and having **courage** enough to choose the good and shun or discard the evil, letting the consequences be what they may. To me the all-important thing is, not to confuse the good with evil.

I read in the Book of Mormon (Omni 1:25) as follows: "There is nothing which is **good** save it comes from the Lord: and that which is **evil** cometh from the devil." Hence the word of God is the

'Yardstick' for us to use. In First John 4:1, "Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many **false prophets** are gone out into the world." The following verse is very plain—"That not **every spirit** that confesseth (or believeth) in Christ is of God." I heard Brother Cherry once say, that there was a bug for everything. It matters not what you may be interested in, in the way of vegetation, there is an insect to destroy it. Likewise, it makes no difference what your chief interest may be in your spiritual life, there is a spirit ready to deceive you if possible, and as I have sometimes expressed myself, that as long as I am in this tabernacle of clay, it is possible for me to be deceived and led astray into things that I might be **much** interested in, and find myself too narrow in the mind to keep my feet on the narrow way, unable in my prejudiced mind to separate the good from the bad. Jesus answered His tempter, "It is written."

In my younger life I used to hear commonly that the word of God was as a sign-board from earth to heaven. Very good indeed, and how wonderful are the sign-boards on our highways of today. You may not know much about the geographical lay of our great country, yet we have a number of highways here on the Eastern Coast—No. 30 or 40 for instance. If you get on them here in the east and follow the signs, you will eventually arrive on the Western Coast.

The word of God points out the way from earth to heaven, that is one of the reasons the word of God has been preserved—that the commands or the directions of the All Wise Creator might be preserved, that all creatures might be able to travel the road to eternal bliss. If the minds of men are so narrow or prejudiced that they cannot obey the admonition of the man Paul by proving all things, and holding fast to the good, separating the good from the bad, it would seem to me, to be one of the signs that does not direct us to heaven. The command of our Saviour is, to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

G. M. B. A. GATHERING

The General Missionary Benevolent Association met in Painesville, Ohio on May 17, 1958. We were represented from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, and Canada.

Brother Thomas opened the gathering with inspiring words of how spiritual desire to serve God fulfills the object of the M. B. A. It was reported that a new local was organized in Fredonia, Pa. Due to the favorable results in the past, the conference decided to continue the area gatherings for another six months. It was announced that the next gathering would be held in Lorain, Ohio on the second Saturday of November.

In the evening, the Painesville Local presented a very inspiring program entitled, "Come Ye That Love The Lord." Several brothers

spoke on how we as a people are looking forward to great things to happen in our church in the future.

Secretary: Sister Ruth Akerman

young brother James Martin has just come home from the hospital after a week or so spent there. I understand that James is not very well.

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NEWS ITEMS

In a recent letter from California, I am informed that Brothers James Heaps, Marco Randazzo and Stanley Labanuskas are very sick men. Also while I was in Detroit a short time ago, I went to a hospital to see Brother Fred D'Amico and Sister Carlini who were both confined therein; later they were both taken home, but since then I received a letter from Sister D'Amico telling me that her husband was taken back to the hospital. In Monongahela our

Better than 30 days ago I attended the dedication of our new church near Painesville, Ohio. I was promised a "write-up" of the affair but have failed to receive it. However, our folks there have built a very nice church. They deserve much credit for their accomplishment. It is located a few miles out of town in a very nice location and on the day of dedication, the building was filled to capacity. People were present from Canada and from various surrounding states.

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I attended the dedication of our church at Bitner, Pa. on June

29th, just last Sunday. It will be worth while for any of you to visit this church. It was given to us free-gratis by the Union Supply Co., a subsidiary of the Frick Coal & Coke Co. It is a very large building, two stories high, and a very large basement. Our folks at Bitner have certainly done a big job in remodeling and preparing the large store room on the first floor (part of the first floor) for a meeting room. I was with the folks there when the key of the building was handed to us—and while I was grateful for the clear deed for the property, yet I thought our brothers and sisters would have an elephant on their hands in order to make it into a place of worship.

However, I was agreeably surprised on the opening day to find it transformed into a beautiful place of worship. No one can realize what they really have done in the way of work, unless they were in the building before they undertook the job. To me, it is simply amazing and may God bless them.

They had a large crowd present for the dedication, and I believe all enjoyed the services. To think that the Frick Coal and Coke Co. gave our folks in that community the property "free-gratis" seemed almost unbelievable—yet true—and The Church of Jesus Christ is very grateful to them for the gift. I presume we will receive a more detailed account of the dedication services for next issue of The Gospel News.

Brother and Sister Peter Bunnell of Brooklyn, N. Y. are guests at the home of Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman this week. It is their first visit to Monongahela, and they will be visiting around at various places during their stay.

Mr. Israel Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of L. D. S. at Independence, Mo. while on his way to attend a church conference at Des Moines, Iowa, met with an accident and died one hour later. President Smith was a grand-son of the deceased prophet Joseph Smith, who was slain by a mob in June of 1844. He was a man very well thought of, was 82 years old, and was buried from the Stone Church in Independence. It is estimated that 2500 friends attended the services.

I am sorry for the sudden passing of Mr. Smith. I have met him several times. At one time while he was passing through here with some others, I received

a phone call to come down to our church here in Monongahela. I did, and Israel Smith was there with others. (Edt.)

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On last Sunday June 29th, I hear that our folks at West Elizabeth had another baptism. They have been doing very well in that part of the vineyard of late. May the Lord continue to bless them.

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Sister Alma B. Cadman who has not been well for some time and who was taken up to her old home in Mercer County recently to attend their family reunion, has been brought home again to Monongahela. Sister Cadman is not very well.

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From Sister K. Henshaw, Florida

"Thank you for your notice of my Gospel News expiring this month. Enclosing \$2.00 for another years subscription for a paper I enjoy reading very much.

I enjoy reading your editorials so much; hope the Dear Lord will continue to bless you for the years to come. It is food for my soul everytime I read one. It is a splended way to get in touch with one another. God be with you always."

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There were two baptisms here in Monongahela on Wednesday Evening, June 4th.

Among our recent visitors here we had Brother and Sister Allen Henderson of Windsor, Ont., Canada. Brother Henderson occupied our pulpit and we had a very nice morning in the service of the Lord. Also among our visitors were a Mr. Hale, his wife and four children. Mr. Hale is an Indian man from North Dakota, while his wife is a descendant of the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina. We were much pleased to have them in our audience on this occasion. They reside in Donora, Pa.

On this date, June 11th, Brother and Sister Furnier are on their way to visit and to spend awhile in our missionary home in South Dakota with our Indian members of the church, and to preach the Gospel among them. May the Lord be with them.

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Secretary Twentyman was visiting a coastal village in Peru. During one of his meetings several Indians came in and sat quietly. When he spoke to them he found they had come eight or nine day's journey from the high Andes

because several months previously they had bought a Bible from a colporteur. They had read it every evening among themselves, and at length decided to make the long trip to the coast in order to make public profession of their faith and to learn more. (From the Bible Society Record.)

P. S. I read in this same journal, that the Bible has been translated into 1,127 languages. This of course includes Testaments or parts of it. The American Bible Society has done a wonderful work in translating and distributing the word of God for the various peoples throughout the world, which should be commended by every reader of God's word. Let all give praise to whom and where it is due. Editor

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We in Monongahela again retired to the river shore on June 15th and baptised a grand daughter of the late Brother and Sister James Cowan. There have been quite a number of their descendants obeyed the gospel in this last few years.

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Ikot Adaidem, Ibiono Noi
Via Uyo
Nigeria, W. Africa

May 24, 1958

Dear Brother Cadman:

Your letter of May 14th, 1958 came to my hand safely. I am glad to inform you that I am now at the above village preaching. I hope to be at Abak on June 11, 1958.

I have 17 Missions to cover in the Division, so I hope my tour will last till June 11th.

Tomorrow we will have ten baptisms at Obio Ibiono in Itu Division. I hope to hear from you. Please give our love to all. May God bless you and others.

Sincerely, Brother A. A. Dick

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WHY WAIT, WHY WAIT?

For the saints, glorious days are waiting,—When Christ shall in the clouds appear,—To gather his sheep unto his fold.—The sinner will perish—But the Saints shall reign at Jesus' throne.

Why wait, why wait?—For sorrow will fade away to live no more.—In Christ there is life, love, and joy;—But for sinners, sorrow, forever more.

Brother Anthony Micale
Edison, N. J.

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

We hear a lot about growth these days. Businesses advertise their increase in size over the years and boast of 'growth plans' for the future. Populations are zooming, and social, fraternal, and religious groups are paralleling the rise.

Religious sects are all increasing their memberships. Worldwide the swing is to Mohammedanism. Here in the United States the circles of Christendom are in awe over the sudden popularity and growth of a hitherto inconsequential group. The Pentecostal movement is by far America's fastest growing and now embraces more than two million. Formerly it attracted more sight-seers than converts; now the contrary is quite true. Some observers claim it is a desire by many to return to the 'old-time religion.'

No doubt much of this Pentecostal interest is due to Oral Roberts. His demonstrative, revivalistic type of preaching caters to the more enthusiastic worshiper. It also makes appealing television broadcasts. The most phenomenal part of his T-V show is the laying-on-of-hands. He will pray over as many as seven people in a half hour and claim 'reception of the spirit' for each one.

Worshiping in the Pentecostal manner has been called faith in contrast. It is preaching in loud, out-spoken base language in contrast to the never-raise-the-voice type of sermon heard in halls of its oppositionists. It is storefront meeting rooms in contrast to the prominent edifices of the world-rich religions. It is boisterous often shouted prayers in contrast to the written and memorized psalms of more subdued faiths.

But there may be a more subtle reason for the surging ahead of Pentecostals than expression. Could it be inherent desire on the part of the converts to recapture the true, original faith? This writer believes it is, and as such it proves that the time is now for a return of the masses to the true gospel of Christ. Between the Oriental Confuciusism and the Kentucky snake-worshipers there must be found a proper inbetween. The Church of Jesus Christ offers the Proper Way to all, including the Pentecosts. The Pentecostal Movement

is a good sign of the times—a sign of our times.

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It has been decided by many church developers that churches need more salesmanship. There have been suggestions that they might give prizes to the adults for attendance as they do now for the children. The thought even has been advanced that this could be done in the form of premium stamps!

Opponents to such a scheme argue that the church is not a filling station or a supermarket, and the supporters argue that they are wrong. They claim that the church is the greatest of all supermarkets offering salvation as a bargain. The plan is to give so many stamps for attendance and so many more for an extra heavy offering.

With no further commentary, I submit the entire sacreligious, diabolical plot for the scrap heap!

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It is amazing—and pitiful—just what some people claim of religion. Recently baptised (Lutheran) Betty Hutton says, "You don't have to be a square to be religious. I'm having a ball." Before she goes on stage she prays conversationally: "Your on now, its up to you." She finds that church is a lot of fun too. At Choir meetings she sang jazz, brought the house down, and even told jokes.

Her minister goes right along with the guise. He reads the stage-world magazine "Variety" and tells her, "Betty, I'm beginning to dig your conversation." So Betty claims to read the bible daily and the minister says he reads Variety. There is one verse in Galations 6 they both should read: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that so he also reap."

For the benefit of those who wish to write Brother Paul Whitton, here is his army address:

Pvt. Paul P. Whitton—
—U. S. 55637123
Co. B. 13th Bn. 4th Tng. Regt. Inf.
U. S. Army Training Center—
—Armor.
Fort Knox, Kentucky

LEST WE FORGET

An Experience of Our
Late Sister Shuster
(Reprinted)

"God told me in a dream to warn the people of The Church of Jesus Christ to prepare—for destruction is coming on our land. He said to be faithful and true to the Church, and to broadcast to all that would hear the glad tidings of the Restored Gospel. We are to live righteously on this earth, be kind and good, to set examples for all to see and know that our way is the only way, and our Church is the only Church. I was standing on a stretch of land here in America, looking out on a vast ocean. The water seemed to be foaming and tumbling as in a great storm. I could see a large serpent in the water, and as I watched, the serpent crawled out of the raging waters onto the land where I was standing. He raised his head and gazed all around the land, turning his head from east to west, from north to south."

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A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

On Mother's Day, May 11, 1958, a few of the brothers and sisters of Brooklyn Mission, 404A Wiloughby Avenue, went to Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island to visit with and encourage Brother Salvatore Valenti, who is doing Missionary work in those parts under the auspices of the Bronx Branch. During the testimony service Virginia Rose was inspired to call for baptism. Since we were not far from the lake the baptism was performed the same afternoon with Brother Dominick Rose performing it. Later she was confirmed by Brother Salvatore Valenti as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. Sister Virginia is the daughter of Brother and Sister Dominick Rose, Presiding Elder of Brooklyn Mission.

This surely was the greatest Mother's Day gift and everyone enjoyed great blessings and inspirations that day.

Our hope and prayer is that God will bless our Brothers and Sisters which are working in this vineyard, and also all the servants of God who are preaching His Gospel throughout the world.

Sister Belle Rose

INCONSISTENCY!

by William H. Cadman

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP 'FORBIDS'

Roman Catholic Bishop Daniel J. Freeney of Portland, Maine, has forbidden public high school Catholic students to attend baccalaureate services whether they are held in churches, schools or other meeting places. The bishop, whose diocese includes all Maine, declared Catholic students in public high schools must not attend religious services of another faith and that baccalaureate services are "religious affairs," although they are usually regarded as non-sectarian. He did announce that Catholic priests are to participate in graduation exercises since they come AFTER the baccalaureate services!

As the Bangor (Me.) Daily News put it:

"Roman Catholics, Jews, and Protestants have fought and died side by side on battlefields. They work together in factories, offices, in the fields. They serve together in government and in civic groups. They rub elbows at social affairs and develop close friendships, never giving thought to differences in religious beliefs. Americans, in other words, have achieved among themselves a remarkable degree of mutual respect, an agreeable co-existence or integration, if you will.

"Bishops Feeney's directive was regrettable."

(Taken from The Christian Herald)

There has been much said about dictatorship in foreign lands, but what kind of an example are we allowing in the

land of the free and the home of the brave, when professed "spiritual advisors" can give orders as to where some can go to church and where they cannot go? In Monongahela, until recent years, our boys and girls of all faiths went through our schools together including the baccalaureate services without any interference on the part of Clergymen, but as it is in Maine, so it is here and elsewhere throughout what is known as FREE AMERICA. May I ask: In what country is there a worse form of dictatorship than is now made manifest here in America, when men who are robed in religious cloaks can forbid citizens of the United States of attending services of another faith? Is the time near at hand when we shall not be allowed to buy or sell unless we have the mark of the BEAST in our foreheads? If not, it is commencing to look that way.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC EDITOR 'URGES'

The United States stands in need of "forming fathers"—those who break away from old rivalries and jealousies to work for harmony among religions, the Very Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Lally declared here last night.

Monsignor Lally, speaking at the annual Brotherhood Award Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, said

Is inconsistent dogma possible in the Roman Catholic regime? Read these two articles and think.—

the "forming fathers" are the modern equivalent of the "founding fathers."

"We cannot continue to look over our shoulders for help from the past, said Monsignor Lally, who is editor of the Catholic publication in Boston, The Pilot.

"I would like to suggest that the largest problem we face as a people in this country," he said, "after the race problem, is the problem of establishing social attitudes towards those whose religious traditions are different from our own."

Where is the "CONSISTENCY?"

In one instance we read of Bishop Feeney whose diocese includes all the State of Maine, forbidding Catholic students to attend baccalaureate services because they are "religious affairs," and then we read of the Very Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Lally, editor of a Catholic publication (The Pilot) in Boston, taking part in a "Brotherhood" Award Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Penn-sharaton Hotel, urging religious Harmony. Both these gentlemen evidently are of high standing in the Roman Catholic Church, but what about this apparent "about-face" position? Is not the following phrase very fitting here?

"Consistency! Consistency!—
Thou art a jewel."

LIBERTY

by Donald J. Curry

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe free,
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed to me,
I lift up my lamp beside the
golden door!"

This is the inscription, written by a Jewish poetess, Emma Lazarus, upon the Statue of Liberty which stands in New York harbor. The name of the statue and the inscription both tell what the statue symbolizes—America, the

Ideals of Liberty: freedom from tyranny, fear, persecution; preserved in America by The Church.

land of liberty. Liberty is America's cherished ideal, and since the founding of this nation, millions of the world's "tired," "poor," "huddled masses," "homeless," and "tempest-tossed" have entered in through the "shining door" to

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find refuge against the evils of tyranny and oppression.

Yet is our liberty threatened not only from outside forces, but from many within who work under the very protection of that which they seek to destroy.

Where do we of the Church of Jesus Christ stand on the question of American liberty? As part of the American people we wish, of course, to preserve anything that guarantees our rights as individuals and a minority group. We see liberty, however, not as something that helps only us or as something only American, but as a God-given standard that will free all men.

We all know the story of the Reformation and of the evolution of American democracy. These were instruments through which God re-instilled within the hearts and minds of men the ideals and principles which He laid down

in the Moral Law and the teachings of Christ. The reformation was a quest for truth, and American democracy was a quest for the liberation of men—which included such uplifting ideals as equality, justice, freedom from want, fear, and oppression, and a regard for human dignity and decency.

It is now up to us, The Church of Jesus Christ, to carry these ideals to fulfillment. This is our quest—to carry freedom to all men—the liberty of Jesus Christ.

Jesus taught that He was the light, the way, and the life. He also taught His followers that they were the light of the world. He came that He might free the world of men from its awful state of sin and degradation. We in Christ are the light of the world. When all human decency and good has been trodden under foot and evil men deprive all peoples of their liberties as they are striving to do today, it will fall upon us to be the sole defenders of truth and freedom.

It may be that we shall become

the last outpost of liberty. Are we able and willing to meet this responsibility? Yea, through the life and spirit of Jesus Christ are we able to hold high before the world the light that He lit? We will carry the ideals and principles of Christ into Zion to create a condition under which all men will live according to these ideals and principles.

The weight of this is upon us. We are the hope and light of freedom through Christ. We must not, we cannot, fail. Let us, therefore, serve God to this end with every ounce of conviction and determination that is within us, that we may carry the torch of the liberty of Jesus Christ ever forward and reaffirm in Zion that glorious invitation:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe free,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-
tossed to me,
I lift up my lamp beside the
golden door!"

Hymn:

"Ye Are The Light Of The World"

Someone is needed to stand for
the right,

Yes someone with courage and
someone with might.

Someone is needed to point out
God's way,

To those who in evil have
wandered astray.

Someone is needed mid suffering
and care,

To give hope and comfort to
banish despair;

Someone is needed to guide the
eager youth,

In pathways of service and path-
ways of truth.

Someone is needed to take the
glad word,

Where love of the Saviour has
never been heard.

Someone is needed to give thro'
his life,

The light of the Master where'er
there is strife.

Chorous

If you are a Christian, that some-
one is you,

Ye are the light of the world,

On you Christ counting to Him
then be true,

Ye are the light of the world.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Sisters here in Monongahela started a two weeks Bible School with the younger children during the public school vacation. And, I must say to my sisters—A GOOD WAY TO SPEND PART OF YOUR TIME. (Bro. Cadman)

This matter was first laid before the Elders of the church and we are placing confidence in our sisters in their ability to teach, not only stories in the Bible and Book of Mormon, but also maintain good deportment among the children. May God bless you all.

Yesterday morning I walked down to the church, and walked in just taking a 'peek' around with my eyes open. This morning, June 17th, I took another 'peek' around among them. The altar was their study yesterday, and today they are studying about the Tabernacle in the wilderness and what a wonderful study it is. Along with the studying, smaller tots are building the tabernacle as well. You know it typified and shadowed the great sacrifice that was eventually offered upon Calvary's Cross. Paul has taught us that there is no law against that which is Good.—Praise God for such a man as Paul for he does admonish us to prove all things and hold fast

to that which is good.

Wednesday Morning—This is the third morning of our Bible School, so I walked down to the church again and I found the faculty and all the scholars very jubilant and happy in their work we are going to have Bible School next summer. There were 91 children present and their subject was "Singing Praises" in the House of the Lord. I talked to several of the teachers and their assistants, and they were without exception very much enthused in their efforts in conducting a Bible School for the children; even the wet morning did not discourage them. May I say again, always remember the admonition of Paul: "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is GOOD."

Thursday Morning—This is the fourth morning of our Bible School. I walked down to the church for a short visit in the school, and I must say that the pupils and the teachers and the helpers are all very happy in their work. There are 94 children present today, among them were 80 Bibles and 37 Books of Mormon brought with them—I thought this was worth mentioning. I understand these two books will be the base of their study in tomorrow's session.

Today's lesson: the character

is 'Daniel' and the worship of God through prayer. Undoubtedly, there will be many good impressions made upon the hearts of these children, not excepting the little wee tots of whom Sister Mellinger is so busy, and of whom I peeked through the kitchen door and watched them for a few moments. We trust as they grow older that they will be impressed with the wonderful words that are taught them and prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

Friday Morning—June 20th I made my daily visit to our Bible School again this morn. I found as on my previous visits, teachers, helpers and the pupils all in very good spirits. It is evident that our sisters are all interested in the part they are taking in the way of a vacationing school—redeeming the time that otherwise would have been lost and spending it in tutoring and instructing the children in Godly things, that no doubt will have a lasting effect on their young minds. I say again: may God bless them.

The Bible and Book of Mormon is the base of their topic this morning and while I am not visiting them for the purpose of watching, or taking any part in the affair, but while looking on at what I might call the more "adult class," taught by Sister Crosier, I was asked some questions about the Book of Mormon, which I gladly answered for the class who were composed of boys and girls, some of them have been baptised into the church, while some have not. There were 95 children present this morning. No doubt there would have been over a hundred, but for sickness among some of them. This will be the closing session for this week—resuming again on Monday morning.

Monday Morning—Our Bible School is still in session and will be all this week if the Lord wills. It was wet again this morning, but still the children were all anxious to be present. I visited them again this morning and found them all enjoying the school, both tots and older ones. Their subject this morning is, "The good that is in our hearts." Also, "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things, while the evil man brings forth evil things."

There were 85 children present today, and they brought with them 69 Bibles and 46 Books of Mormon. May the Lord continue

to bless the efforts of our sisters.

Tuesday Morning—I visited our Bible School this morning and I have about the same story to tell: I found our sisters and 92 children who had brought with them 74 Bibles, 46 Books of Mormon and they even brought a nice offering with them to help the work along, all very joyfully engaged in their work. May God bless and impress their young minds with good thoughts that will always linger with them in the years to come. Yea, may they be among those that John speaks of—the good man out of the good treasury of his heart bringeth forth good things. If good is to come out of our children's hearts in the years to come, good seed must be sown while they are young. Are you doing your part?

Wednesday Morning—Eighty-eight scholars were present this morning. I observed this morning that there was the usual spirit of tranquility among the teachers and scholars. Each class was intensely interested in their lessons. Crayons are used some to convey and impress on their young minds things pertaining to Bible stories, that otherwise may be difficult to do. It makes one think of Paul's saying: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

Thursday Morning—A very wet morning for the scholars. However 84 were in the classes and brought with them 80 Bibles and 48 Books of Mormon. I noticed that the usual good and pleasant expressions were on all faces. I happened in this morning during their devotional period (which is held on the upper floor) which was in the charge of Sister Ethel Crosier. It was a nice audience on each side of the auditorium, and, I will add, had all the appearances of a solemn and sacred time of worship.

Friday Morning—On the last day of our Bible School there were 89 scholars present with 73 Bibles and 47 Books of Mormon. Apparently the children were very thoughtful of their books. During their two weeks of school I have visited them every morning, not a long visit, but still it was long enough I believe that our sisters might realize that Brother Cadman was interested in their venture, and also, be somewhat like the Apostle of old—"Prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good." That is certainly

good admonition on the part of him who became a fool that he might win Christ.

I believe all will agree with me that it was two weeks well spent and undoubtedly the rehearsal meeting held in the evening of this same day proved that much good has been accomplished in the first venture of the Bible School. May God bless all in my prayer. (Editor)

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The Evening Meeting

In conclusion of the two weeks Bible School a meeting was held that I would call a 'rehearsal' of the scholars in what they had been taught in the school. The various students with their classes and teachers certainly entertained a full house of visiting people—people that I had never seen in our church before, and, people that I could not recall having seen any place before. You know the school was not composed of our own children only, but there were children from various faiths and on this evening fathers and mothers came with their children and observed for themselves as to what their children had been taught and what they had learned of Godly things during their public school vacation.

It was heartening to see the interest being put forth in order to pick up the children at their homes and transport them to our church here in Monongahela for a few hours of 'Heavenly' instruction. I might mention Mr. Mellinger, Sister Margaret's husband, who spent two weeks of his own vacation time with a big station wagon, traveling in out-lying districts, bringing little tots—and some not so little—to the Bible School in The Church of Jesus Christ here in Monongahela. May the Lord bless him and all that in any way lent our sisters a helping hand that made their first effort a wonderful and inspiring success.

P. S. Children were present from as far away as Greensburg, Glassport, Elizabeth and Charleroi. Sister Mabel Bickerton was chosen by the sisters to take charge of the school.

Sounds to me like this summer school idea might be an excellent thing for the other branches of church to consider doing in their localities.—Ass't-to-the-Editor

OBITUARIES

MARIE ERNSTINE GADBOIS

Edison, New Jersey

The brothers and sisters of the Edison, N. J. Branch regret to announce the passing on of Sister Marie Gadbois. She died Tuesday, May 13, after a sudden heart attack from which she did not recover.

Sister Marie was born in 1900, at Holyoke, Mass. She was baptised September 22, 1946. Her determination in getting to church was inspiring for many times transportation was a problem. Surviving Sister Marie's passing are several brothers and sisters not associated with the Church.

Funeral and burial was conducted the Thursday after death. All arrangements were made by her family. With heavy heart we note her passing and trust her final faith will give strength to us all.

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ALFRED TESSI

California

Brother Tessi was born in Italy in 1888; he died here in California on May, 1958. He was married to Jennie Faiete in December, 1919, and to this union was born two sons and two daughters. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, one son Peter, and daughters Mrs. Pauline Valentine and Mrs. Nancy Harvey of Lincoln Park, Michigan. Also eleven grand children.

He was baptised into the Church at Niles, Ohio in 1924. He served in the U. S. Armed Forces from April 1918 to July 1919. He died a faithful member of the Church. Was interred in San Francisco Cemetery on May 9th. Services were in charge of Brother Joseph Loyalvo, assisted by Brother Alex Robinson.

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SARAH McCANN

Red Stone, Pennsylvania

Sister McCann passed away on March 10, 1958, and was laid away to rest on March 13, 1958 at Pleasant View Cemetery at Smock, Pa. She was 88 years old and was a very faithful sister in the church at Red Stone

church.

The services were in charge of Brother William Baily who was assisted by Brother Oran Thomas.

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JESSE McCANN

Red Stone, Pennsylvania

Brother McCann passed away on May 29, 1958 at the age of 92 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Grace Harvey. His wife, Sarah, preceded him in death just a few months. He was also a member of the Little Red Stone branch of the church, and was buried at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Brothers William Bailey and Oran Thomas officiated at the services.

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MAY L. GADD

London, Ontario, Canada

Sister May L. Gadd, in her 88th year, passed away to her Eternal reward, Sunday May 25th, 1958. Sister Gadd suffered severely in her lifetime, but did the best she could, to the end. She was baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ, May 29th, 1949, by Brother Joseph Loyalvo. Funeral services were conducted May 27th, by Dr. Echaradt, Pastor of Christ Disciples Church, assisted by Brother M. Miller, Evangelist, of the Church of Jesus Christ, at the John T. Donohue Funeral Home, 362 Waterloo Street. Interment at St. John's Norway Cemetery, Toronto, May 28th. She left many friends to mourn her passing. Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort them.

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RUTH GRIFFITH

West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania

Sister Ruth Griffith of Hog Back Hill near West Elizabeth, Pa., died in the McKeesport hospital on June 13th in the 94th year of her life. She was the 5th child born to Wm. and Elizabeth Worrrell Cadman now deceased and was buried from the house that her parents built in 1874. Ruth had spent all these years in the community, consequently was well known.

She was married to Griff Griffith and was widowed about 40 years ago, leaving her with five daughters—Elizabeth DeHappart,

(now deceased) Alice at home, Mary Wilson of W. Elizabeth, Anna Dias of Flushing, Ohio, Cora Fowler of Fairmont, W. Va. and Ruth Porter of Pleasant Hills Pa., two sons Wm. of Greensburg, Pa., and Glen of Morrisville, Pa., and a number of great, and great great grand children. One sister Elizabeth Davidson of W. Elizabeth, Pa., three brothers, Will and Alma of Monongahela, and Joseph of Richeyville, Pa. She was baptised into the Church about the year 1888 or 1889.

Funeral services took place at her late home, June 16th, under the direction of Funeral Director Harry Drum of W. Elizabeth, Pa. The officiating Minister was Brother Kirschner of Monongahela. Sister Griffith in her afflicted condition was anxious to go home to her father and mother, so she was laid away to rest in a 'burial plot' in the Elizabeth cemetery along side of her husband and with her parents. May the Lord bless her family.

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Reprint from January 1955**- EDITORIAL -**

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

As for me, I take the same stand on the television as I did in the beginning. It is not the instrument wherein the folly is, but it is what is brought into your homes thereon. I cannot understand how any Minister of any church can bring the prize fights, the wrestling matches, the wild west shooting plays and the crimes that are, into their homes, and then stand in the pulpit when Sunday comes and preach Christ. I care not what Church he may belong to. To me right is right and good is good, and there is no law against such, saith the scripture. I am not against the television, any more than I would be against the Automobile or any

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

Trovarelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trovarelli of East Detroit, Michigan.

Brother Alfred D'Amico officiated.

Mrs. Rosalinda Dix, organist, provided the nuptial music. Brother Joseph De'Mercurio gave his daughter in marriage. The bride wore a white chantilli lace gown of floor length.

Miss Lucy Criscuolo was maid of honor. Two bride's maids, two ushers along with Brother Elio Coppa, the best man, made up the wedding party.

The couple left on a trip to Northern Michigan and are now residing in their home in East Detroit.

Our very best wishes to the newly weds.

COWDERY'S LETTERS

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(Letter No. 8, Continued)

After arriving at the repository, a little exertion in removing the soil from the edges of the top of the box, and a light pry, brought to his natural vision its contents. No sooner did he behold this sacred treasure than his hopes were renewed, and he supposed his success certain; and without first attempting to take it from its long place of deposit, he thought, perhaps, there might be something more equally as valuable, and to take only the plates, might give others an opportunity of obtaining the remainder, which could he secure, would still add to his store of wealth. These, in short, were his reflections, without once thinking of the solemn instruction of the heavenly messenger, that all must be done with an express view of glorifying God.

On attempting to take possession of the record a shock was produced upon his system, by an invisible power, which deprived him, in a measure, of his natural strength. He desisted for an instant, and then made another attempt, but was more sensibly shocked than before. What was the occasion of this he knew not—there was the pure unsullied record, as had been described—he had heard of the power of enchantment, and a thousand like stories, which held the hidden treasures of the earth, and supposed that physical exertion and personal strength was only neces-

sary to enable him to yet obtain the object of his wish. He therefore made the third attempt with an increased exertion when his strength failed him more than at either of the former times, and without premeditating; he exclaimed: "Why can I not obtain this book?"

"Because you have not kept the commandments of the Lord," answered a voice, within a seeming short distance.

He looked, and to his astonishment, there stood the angel who had previously given him the directions concerning the matter. In an instant, all the former instructions, the great intelligence, concerning Israel and the last days, were brought to his mind: he thought of the time when his heart was fervently engaged in prayer to the Lord, when his spirit was contrite, and when his holy messenger from the skies unfolded the wonderful things connected with this record. He had come, to be sure, and found the word of the angel fulfilled concerning the reality of the record; but he had failed to remember the great end for which they had been kept, and in consequence could not have power to take them into his possession and bear them away.

At that instant he looked to the Lord in prayer, and as he prayed, darkness began to disperse from his mind and his soul was lit up as it was the evening before, and he was filled with the Holy Spirit; and again did the Lord manifest his condescension and mercy; the heavens were opened and the glory of the Lord shone about and rested upon him. While he thus stood gazing and admiring, the angel said, "Look!" And as he spake he beheld the prince of darkness, surrounded by his innumerable train of associates. All this passed before him, and the heavenly messenger said: "All this is shown, the good and the evil, the holy and the impure, the glory of God and the power of darkness, that you may know hereafter the two powers and never be influenced or overcome by that wicked one. Behold, whatever entices and leads to good and to do good, is of God, and whatever does not is of that wicked one: it is he that fills the hearts of men with evil, to walk in darkness and blaspheme God: and you may learn from henceforth, that his ways are to destruction, but the way of holiness is peace and rest. You now see why you

- WEDDINGS -

Risola - Wanko

On May 31, 1958 at 4 p. m. a double ring ceremony was performed in the Metuchen Branch with Brother Sam Risola, Sr. officiating.

Arlene Wanko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wanko of 601 West Grand Ave., Rahway, N. J. was united in marriage to Sam Risola, Jr., son of Brother and Sister Sam Risola, Sr. of Deilwood Drive, Menlo Park, N. J.

Matron of Honor was the bride's sister, Carol Albrecht while the bride's brother-in-law, Albert Albrecht was best man. Bridesmaids were Carol Glemann and Edith Hermesen. Ushers were John D'Orazio and Ronald Hermesen.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Risola, Jr. now reside in Menlo Park, N. J.

We extend best wishes and God's speed to this young couple.

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Trovarelli - De'Mercurio

In a double ring ceremony Saturday, April 26, 1958, at The Church of Jesus Christ branch No. 3, Detroit, Miss Angeline De'Mercurio, daughter of Brother and Sister Joseph De'Mercurio, became the bride of Mr. Attilio

could not obtain this record: that the commandment was strict, and that if ever these sacred things are obtained they must be by prayer and faithfulness in obeying the Lord. They are not deposited here for the sake of accumulating gain and wealth for the glory of this world: they were sealed by the prayer of faith, and because of the knowledge which they contain they are of no worth among the children, only for their knowledge. On them is contained the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as it was given to his people on this land, and when it shall be brought forth by the power of God it shall be carried to the Gentiles, of whom many will receive it, and after will the seed of Israel be brought into the fold of their Redeemer by obeying it also. Those who kept the commandments of the Lord on this land, desired this at his hand, and through the prayer of faith obtained the promise, that if their descendants should transgress and fall away, that a record might be kept, and in the last days come to their children. These things are sacred, and must be kept so, for the promise of the Lord concerning them must be fulfilled. No man can obtain them if his heart is impure, because they contain that which is sacred: and besides, should they be entrusted in unholy hands the knowledge could not come to the world, because they cannot be interpreted by the learning of this generation: consequently, they would be considered of no worth, only as precious metal. Therefore, remember, that they are to be translated by the gift and power of God. By them will the Lord work a great and marvelous work: the wisdom of the wise shall become as naught, and the understanding of the prudent shall be hid, and because the power of God shall be displayed, those who profess to know the truth but walk in deceit, shall tremble with anger: but with signs and with wonders, with gifts and with healings, with the manifestations of the power of God, and with the Holy Ghost, shall the hearts of the faithful be comforted. You have now beheld the power of God manifested and the power of Satan: You see that there is nothing that is desirable in the works of darkness: that they cannot bring happiness: that those who are overcome therewith are miserable, while on the other hand the righteous are blessed with a place in the kingdom of God where

joy unspeakable surrounds them. There they rest beyond the power of the enemy of truth, where no evil can disturb them. The glory of God crowns them, and they continually feast upon his goodness and enjoy his smiles. Behold, notwithstanding you have seen this great display of power, by which you may ever be able to detect the evil one, yet I give unto you another sign, and when it comes to pass then know that the Lord is God, and that he will fulfill his purposes, and that the knowledge which this record contains will go to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people under the whole heaven. This is the sign: When these things begin to be known, that is, when it is known that the Lord has shown these things, the workers of iniquity will seek your overthrow: they will circulate falsehoods to destroy your reputation, and also will seek to take your life: but remember this, if you are faithful, and shall hereafter continue to keep the commandments of the Lord, you shall be preserved to bring these things forth: for in due time he will again give you a commandment to come and take them. When they are interpreted the Lord will give the holy priesthood to some, and they shall begin to proclaim this gospel and baptize with water, and after that they shall have power to give the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. Then will persecution rage more and more: for the iniquities of men shall be revealed and those who are not built upon the rock will seek to overthrow this church: but it will increase the more opposed, and spread farther and farther, increasing in knowledge till they shall be sanctified and receive an inheritance where the glory of God will rest upon them, and when this takes place, and all things are prepared, the ten tribes of Israel will be revealed in the north country, whither they have been for a long season: and when this is fulfilled will be brought to pass that saying of the prophet: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." But notwithstanding the workers of iniquity shall seek your destruction, the arm of the Lord will be extended, and you will be borne off conqueror, if you keep all his commandments. Your name shall be known among the nations, for the work which the Lord will perform by your hands shall cause the righteous to rejoice and the

wicked to rage: with the one it shall be had in honor, and with the other in reproach: yet, with these it shall be a terror because of the great and marvelous work which shall follow the coming forth of this fullness of the gospel. Now, go thy way, remembering what the Lord has done for thee, and be diligent in keeping his commandments, and he will deliver thee from temptations and all arts and devices of the evil one. Forget not to pray, that thy mind may become strong, that when he shall manifest unto thee, thou mayest have power to escape the evil, and obtain these precious things."

(to be continued)

HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY

On Monday, May 19, 1958, we of the Hopelawn Branch had our first anniversary of our Ladies Uplift Circle. We were organized one year ago and can surely say that God has blessed us abundantly in all of our meetings. We meet every second Monday at 7:30 p. m. in our church building.

This past Monday, May 19th, we invited all of the sisters in other Circles from Metuchen, Edison and New Brunswick as well as members of our Branch who have not as yet joined our circle, to meet with us in commemoration of the past year's meetings. We were very happy and pleased that God inspired the minds of approximately 40 sisters as well as a few brothers, to come out and enjoy His blessings with us. Sisters Nancy Benyola, Mary Perri and myself presented a program which consisted of the origin of the Ladies Uplift Circle, along with the brief history of Sister Sadie Cadman which is printed in our Church History Book. Also brief accounts were read concerning faithful women in the Bible and various songs were sung in honor and praise to God. When our program was completed, a few of the visiting sisters gave very inspiring testimonies. Also, since Brother Joseph Benyola was present, an afflicted sister was anointed and we all felt the spirit of God was in our presence. We hope and pray that future years in the Ladies Uplift Circle will be as wonderful as our first year.

Cake and coffee was served to our sisters in the basement of

the church and a good fellowship was enjoyed by all. Attending circle meetings has brought us closer together in the love of God and we feel that every sister who has an opportunity of becoming a member of the Circle should take advantage of this great privilege because we realize that there is so much that we can do both for ourselves, spiritually, as well as others and the welfare of our branch. May God bless you all.

Sister Mary Persico

HE IS MY LIGHT

My mind was inspired to write
this short poem
About all the things I have and
own
My daily bread, my life, my home.
He watches over me day by day
To keep me on that straight and
narrow way.
He gives me peace and rest that
I can't express
And overwhelming joy that is so
precious.
The one and only who we all
know and love—
Our Heavenly Father above!

Carol Benyola
(14 years old)

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Gospel Readers:

I thank you sincerely for the wonderful prayers that were offered in my behalf, also for the beautiful get-well cards, and letters of cheer I received thru-out the church during my three weeks stay at the hospital. It caused me to feel companionship with the saints—even if I was separated in body, my spirit was united with yours.

When I entered the hospital a young woman was across from my bed who was very sick with asthma—oxygen was being administered unto her. A few hours

later, Brother and Sister John Gamichia came in to visit me, and while this woman was in critical condition, I was moved by the spirit and asked her if she would be willing to be anointed by a true servant of God. She said she would. I disregarded all my afflictions and gave her and others my testimony of the church. Brother Gamichia layed hands on her and prayed in her behalf. Brothers and sisters, I felt a virtue in my heart, and I knew quickly that God was in the matter I also learned the fact that my Branch of the Church also prayed for her. This young woman was healed instantly through the authority of the Church of Jesus Christ. Blessed be the name of the Lord. A few days later she left the hospital feeling well. Is not the Lord the same today as He was in primitive days? I say yes. As the scripture says that our God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of distress. I also have learned in the Gospel that the power of Christ has no limit, and through the acceptance of Christ and a firm belief and the cultivation of prayer, I can conquer pain and worry and all other trials that come before me.

Therefore Dear Readers, it behoves me to ever keep myself standing on that solid rock, and as the scripture says, "Oh! come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord and Maker, for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand." Today if ye will hear His voice, may God bless each and every one is my prayer.

Sister Anna Carlini

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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Gospel Readers:

At this time I want to thank God for this wonderful privilege of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, also for this wonderful little paper which is called The Gospel News—I consider it the best printed paper for me to read. Through it we learn of each other and how God works mysteriously with His saints.

One of the things I treasure in this church is the fellowship with the saints. Many times just to converse with a brother or sister, draws me closer to God for there is only one story to tell and that is the story of

Christ. Blessed is the name of the Lord.

We also enjoyed a nice group of brothers and sisters from various Branches of the Church, the Sunday morning after the Detroit M. B. A. gathering. Brother Donald Curry of Glassport, Pa. was our main speaker. His text was based on the 8th chapter of St. John, 32nd verse. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." He also read other verses that blend in with this scripture. It was interesting to hear him speak regarding this word "Truth." The Lord was surely with him. We surely can say that while the brothers were speaking to us with inspiring words, a good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. It also impressed our friends who were with us to hear such wonderful expressions concerning the word "Truth."

Today we thank God for this "Truth" that we have found—for The Church of Jesus Christ is the only and True Church that is set upon the face of the earth. May God bless each and everyone is my prayer.

Sister Anna Carlini

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Wichita, Kansas

Brother Cadman:

About two weeks ago we met at St. John, Kansas for feet-washing services, and we enjoyed the meeting. Its a very humble service. Its quite a distance between us, and we don't meet together very often, but we go on as usual holding meetings in our home and are blessed accordingly. Our God has always been with us and we would not feel satisfied in this life without worshipping Him.

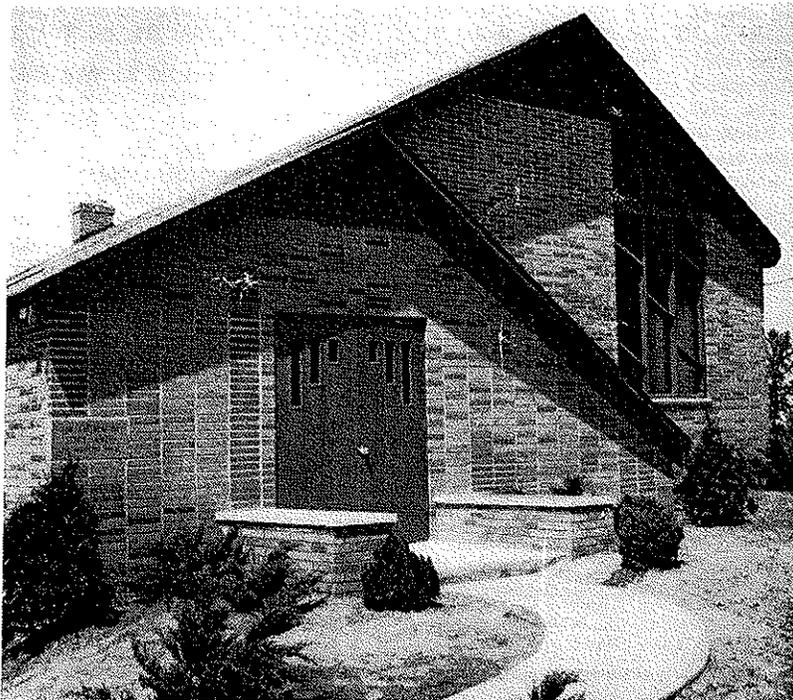
We would rather have Jesus than silver or gold or the whole world. (What would we do without Jesus) The way things are going in the world today, I don't think it will last much longer. I do believe the rapture is very close and it behoves us all to be prepared to meet our God.

Dad said if you ever come west he would love to see you, Brother Cadman. We do hope you can as he feels very lonely at times, yet not alone as long as we have the Lord with us. He is our all in all. May the peace and blessings of God be with you all.

Sister Phyllis Wergin & family

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The new Church building at Painsville, Ohio

PAINESVILLE DEDICATION

The Painsville Branch dedicated their beautiful church building June 1, 1958 with Brother W. H. Cadman delivering the dedication address. There were seven Apostles present and also a good number of Elders from various places. Brother Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Canada was at the piano and also sang a beautiful hymn with his daughter, Sister Dorothy Anderson.

Brother Cadman spoke very inspiringly that The Church of Jesus Christ is built on a sure foundation, taking his text from the 16th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Brother John Mancini of Erie, Pa. followed very ably, and Brother Rocco Biscotti followed with some closing remarks. The closing prayer was offered by Brother A. A. Corrado. The Spirit of God was felt in our meeting.

The afternoon meeting was opened by Brother Paul D'Amico and he was followed by several other brothers. We had a wonderful time with our brothers and sisters.

We want to thank our dear brothers and sisters who have

done so much to help our dream come true. The plans were drawn by Brother Daniel Picciuto, a young Elder from Painsville. This young Brother and Brother Eugene Kline have been the main pillars in building our church. Brother Peter Ranieri, a building contractor, was in charge. The brick work was done by these brothers with much help from Brother Tony Picciuto, Brother Albert Ventura, Brother Mario Milano and several other brothers. Brother Emil Carolino of Detroit was in charge of the plastering being assisted by Brother John Romano also of Detroit and Brother Louis Pandoni of Youngstown. Brother Robert Quinn of Fredonia, Pa. and Brother Albert Miller, an Amish brother, have done much work along with Rod Brafford and Ray Braumagin, both non-members.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who helped us financially and otherwise. May God bless you all.

An invitation is extended to all to come and worship with us in our little church. May God's Blessings be upon us all.

Rocco Biscotti, Presiding Elder

THE PILOT OF GALILEE

My sails are spread to unknown winds
As I cruise on a troubled sea.
And whither I go and the ports
I make
Are entirely up to me.

The Chart reveals the shoals and rocks
And the channel is clearly shown;
But the unmarked snags that the
Devil has set
By only the Pilot are known.

I can sail my ship alone—myself
—And sneer at the use of a Chart,
Or steer by the Chart, my hand
on the wheel
Assuming the Pilot's part.

Or trust my craft, the rudder
and all,
To the hands of a Pilot who
knows,
Who can handle my ship with
masterly skill
No matter the wind that blows.

Who will steer the course and
make the port
Across the troubled sea,
If I will entrust the rudder to
Him,
To the Pilot of Galilee.

Dr. J. J. Kett

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA. (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)

Excavating the Indian Gatts Mound at Cresap, south of here, show promise of it becoming one of the most productive archaeological finds in our area.

Dates to 1,000 B. C.

The range of this civilization of the Early Woodland Horizon or Adena People is around 1,500 years, from around 1,000 B. C., to 800 A. D.

Note: According to the account given in the Book of Mormon, the forefathers of the American Indian race left Jerusalem 600 B. C., and came to this continent of America. They became a great nation of people, and being a part of the House of Israel, Jesus Christ visited them after His resurrection. They destroyed themselves as a Nation by war and strife about 400 years A. D., and were such as Columbus found

them in 1492.

When Moroni (their last surviving prophet) saw the inevitable, he hid their records up in the earth, which were kept on gold plates and their whereabouts revealed to one Joseph Smith and delivered into his hands in 1827 by an angel of God. The Lord gave unto Joseph Smith the gift of translating them into English. The results are we have the Book spoken of in Isaiah, 29 chapter.

Editor

NEWS ITEMS

A card dated as follows: Wakpala, South Dakota, July 14-58, "We arrived here Saturday p. m. We had a nice day on Sunday—three meetings and a nice attendance. It looks like rain this morning." Brother J. Bittinger.

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A card from Nortonville, Ky.: We drove 450 miles on Saturday and 150 miles on Sunday morning. Brother and Sister Parrott were so glad to see us. We had two meetings, several attended. This is Monday morning. We want to go and see the buried city in Wickliff. —Brother James Moore.

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At the solicitation of the M. B. A. in Youngstown, Ohio I was the guest speaker for them in a meeting held on Sunday evening, July 13th in their church in Youngstown. The church was very well filled up with attendance from Aliquippa, Pa., and various places in Ohio. Brother John Manes took me to his home for the night. On Monday morning he took me to the Hospital where I visited Brother Dominic DiPierio who is confined therein, and is very sorely afflicted. May the Lord bless him, and also comfort his wife Minnie. Brother Manes along with his mother, brought me home to Monongahela. Thanks, Brother Cadman

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An excerpt from a letter written by Brother Furnier, dated July 14th at San Fernando, Calif. He says: "We have spent the most of our time here so far in the Valley Branch, where Brother Jas. Loyalvo is. We had a five-night service last week. Brother Loyalvo took us to Bell Branch last Sunday. We had a

very good meeting both morning and afternoon. Brother Heaps has asked us to come to Bell next week and hold services, Tuesday night through to Thursday. We expect to be in Bell the better part of next week. It is about 25 miles from here.

We find a sincere interest among the brothers and sisters out here, just as we do every where.

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Miss Anna Byers of Detroit, Michigan, while visiting friends here in Monongahela was baptised at the West Elizabeth church in July. She is the daughter of Sister Harriet Byers and a granddaughter of the late Brother and Sister J. C. Cowan.

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In a letter from Brother Shazer to his wife dated July 13th, he says that in S. Dakota there is much opportunity for our brothers to preach the gospel.

NATIONAL LIBRARY, PARIS—

Sir,

The declaration of the cardinals to Pope Julian III, which you possess in English is a translation of the declaration in Latin, is found in the first volume of the works of Vergerius against the papacy—Tubingen 1563 (pp. 94-104). If you wish to, you can order a reproduction (photostat or a photocopy) from our photographic service, upon indicating the cost of the book: Res. D2. 2 719 and the precision given above.

Accept, Sir, the expression of my very distinguished and very devoted greetings.

Chief Curator of the Department

Dear Readers:

The article following this titled "Declaration of Cardinals To Pope Julius III, In The Year 1500," was given to me some years ago. I do not remember who it was that gave it to me. Not too long ago I wrote a letter to the Library at Paris to learn if the matter was recorded and cared for in the Library. The above is the reply sent to me from the Chief Curator of the Department. It was written to me in French. I had a College student take it to one of our colleges here in Western Pennsylvania and have it translated into English for me. The above is the English Version of the letter sent to me from the Library in

Paris. Following is the Article that was given to me some years ago. It may interest you.

Brother Cadman

Declaration Of Cardinals To Pope Julius III, In The Year 1550 . . .

Found in the National Library of Paris. Shet B. N. N. 1088 Vol. 2 Pages 641-650.

"Of all advice that we can possibly offer Your Holiness, we have left the most important part below. We must open well our eyes and make use of our every effort in this respect, that is, to allow the reading of the Gospel as little as possible and especially in the everyday language of all those countries which are under our jurisdiction.

Limit yourselves to that portion of the Gospel which is usually read during Mass and do not allow more to be read.

The people will finally be satisfied with such a limited portion and your interests will flourish; but, as soon as the people will wish for more, then your interests will suffer and perhaps fail.

The Bible, more than any other book, is the one which has caused rebellions and storms to come against us for which we had almost lost out. In fact, if one makes a strict examination by comparing the teaching of the Bible with those established in our churches, he will soon see the contrast and will understand that our teaching is often different from those of the Bible and even against it.

If this is discovered by the people, they will never stop to harass us till everything will be put to light and we will become an object of scorn and universal hatred. Hence it is necessary to hide the Bible from the peoples vista, but with extreme caution so as not to cause a rebellion."

(John 20-31; Galation 1-8; Ezekiel 6-7; 2nd Timothy 3-16; I John 1-3; Psalm 119-105; Mark 12-24; Acts 17-11; Colossians 4-16; Tesselonians 5-27; Revelation 1-3.)

Going To Italy . . .

I am in receipt of a card from Brother Joseph Ignagni of Detroit informing me that they are going to Italy and want their address changed as follows: Joseph Ignagni, Via. Colle Frattuacci-Ceprano. Prov. Frosinone, Italy. Best wishes for Brother and Sister Ignagni.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

There was sent to me three articles that have been broadcast over the radio and known as "Destiny of America Radio Broadcast." The one I have before me now is dated March 16, 1958—WJJD. It is a wonderful composition, but to my understanding of the scripture, it advances a theory that is not correct. It is pointing out the destiny of America and especially this United States in the scripture, but evidently the writer is confused as to the people who inhabit it.

The writer refers to, and quotes from Genesis 49: 22-26, the blessings that were laid on the head of Joseph the son of Jacob. I will add that there is no doubt that the land referred to and which was conferred upon Joseph, is this land of America, and of which the United States is a great nation thereon. But we must not get mixed up as to the people to whom it was given. Joseph was of Israel and he received the "Birthright" of that nation of people.

The 'writer' quotes verse 8 of Exodus 3 concerning a land flowing with milk and honey. I will say that this has reference to the land commonly known as the land of Palestine. But the blessings laid on Joseph's head are far greater than the land of Palestine. The writer says of the report of the return of the spies: "Surely it floweth with milk and honey, and this is the fruit of it." (Numbers 13) And then adds, "That it had its major fulfillment in the United States of America." The writer then adds: "America is great and fruitful, and a land of plenty, like no other land, because it is our birthright. It is our inheritance as the Israel of God in the 'appointed place.'" (end of quote)

You will note that the writer here uses the word 'our' twice which implies to me that he has

reference to the people of the United States. If so, he is certainly wrong. He has previously referred to Genesis 49: 22-26, which shows plainly the land referred to is a gift or blessing to Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brethren. The birthright of the kingdom of Israel was bestowed upon him, and not upon us as Gentiles. Joseph's blessings were greater than his fathers progenitors, Isaac and Abraham, who were promised the land of Canaan and which was to flow with milk and honey. Jacob receives a greater blessing than did his fathers—and he confers it upon his son Joseph's head. In Dueteronomy 33:13-17 inclusive, Moses speaks of this wonderful land of Joseph yea, much greater than that which was given to Abraham and Isaac.

The writer in his reference to the blessings of Joseph as conferred upon him in Genesis 49 fails to quote or comment on the first part of that scripture. Verse 22 reads: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall!" Verse 23: "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him." There is no question but what Joseph's posterity went over the wall (the sea) and that the people who have been so wonderfully blessed in a land of milk and honey have shot at them, made war with them and have dispossessed them (the American Indians) of the land they once could call their own. Yea, the archers have been victorious over those poor people, and this great government of the United States, with all of the milk and honey they have enjoyed, will have much to answer for unless they make amends for their treatment of the poor Indian.

The 24th verse of the aforementioned scripture certainly holds out a day of hope for those who have been shot at and hated by many in this great nation of people, much known as a Christian nation. The "arms of his hands are going to be made strong by the Mighty God of Jacob"—and a shepherd is to arise of Joseph, known as "the stone of Israel," not the Christ of Judah, but one who will be of Joseph (a shepherd) and he will deliver them from under the hands of the professed Christian Gentiles, even as Moses delivered Israel from the tyranny of the Egyptians.

The writer speaks of two nations in the midst of the earth, Canada and the United States which have grown together in fulfillment of prophecy and of these words: "Brothers dwelling together in Unity on a monument" between the two. Yet, there is about as much corruption and wickedness in these two countries as you will find anywhere in the world. These along with all other nations will yet become as the chaff of the summer threshing floor and the winds will blow them away. And Israel shall repossess this wonderful land of America, and the Gentile Christian nations including our beloved United States, will pay the penalty of their transgressions.

Mormon Church Group

Visits Here On Tour

(By a Mormon reporter)

Twenty-six men and women from the State of Utah arrived in Monongahela this morning by chartered bus to visit with the

minister and congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ on Lincoln Street.

The journey to various parts of the Nation is sponsored by the Brigham Young University of Provo, Utah.. The visitors are members of the Mormon Church.

Their sojourn here is a courtesy call at the church, which is the world headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ denomination. There is no affiliation between the two sects because of differences in doctrinal matters. This is the second year that the members of

the Mormon Church came here.

The spiritual leader of the local church is William H. Cadman. He is addressed as "Brother Cadman" by members of his denomination. Mr. Cadman is also president of the worldwide church. His brother, A. B. Cadman, is president of the Twelve Apostles who regulate the faiths of the church throughout the world. The local congregation numbers about 140.

The Church of Jesus Christ uses for services the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

Mr. Cadman is the author of a number of books, including "A History of the Church of Jesus Christ."

The members of the Church of Jesus Christ believe that the Book of Mormon was translated by Joseph Smith from the golden plates delivered into his hands by an angel in 1827 at Palmyra, N. Y. Mr. Cadman has the first Book of Mormon published in 1830.

The students in the group will receive six hours credit in the course in history by taking the trip.

Gerald Edwards of Salt Lake City, drove the bus. He was here last year with another group under the same sponsorship.

Editor's Note: The above article appeared in the "Daily Republican" on July 31st here in Monongahela. The bus load of students of B. Y. U. of Provo, Utah in making a tour throughout the States wanted to call at our Headquarters here. We entertained them for possibly two hours. It is well known that there is quite a breach between the two churches in doctrinal matters. However, we enjoyed entertaining them by answering many questions relative to our faith in the Restored Gospel, and in doing so we revealed unto them the fact that while we were firm believers in the same, yet there are many things attributed to Joseph Smith that we do not believe—such as the plural marriage covenant; celestial marriage; baptism for the dead; pre-existence of spirits; and other things.

In the Restoration of the Gospel, the angel told Joseph his name would be used for both good and evil.

INDIANS HONORED

POJUAGUE, N. M.—Governors of seven New Mexico Indian pueblos still carry, as their badge of

office, silver-headed canes presented to their tribes by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

And another angel was seen flying through the midst of heaven with the ever-lasting gospel. Through this gospel the Church of Jesus Christ has been set upon the face of the earth. The world might ask: how would I prove this is the only true church that the Lord has established here below? My, how simple the answer is. The apostle says that no one can say that Jesus is the Lord except by the Holy Ghost.

When the Lord appeared unto His disciples He asked them who He, the Son of man, was—Peter answered and said "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." The Lord answered saying: flesh and blood has not revealed this unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven—and on this Rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Therefore we learn that through the Holy Ghost, Peter learned who He (Jesus) was. Obviously Jesus Christ became the foundation of His one church, which is called The Church of Jesus Christ.

Blessed is he who comes to the knowledge of the truth and accepts it. I met this wonderful gospel thirty years ago and without hesitating I accepted it. I found this gospel to be like a surprise box—unaware of what it all contained. I have learned to love the Lord and to put my trust fully in Him—great have been the results. I have seen wonders performed in various ways. When the enemy tempts me I rebuke him in the name of the Lord. Are not these some of the signs that follow the believers? This gospel has made my life complete—without it I cannot live.

We are thankful unto God for the brothers in our branch of the Church who partake in the missionary work of the Church. And while the gift of the Priesthood has been sealed upon them, let us pray that the Lord will enlighten their paths—declaring unto all how to enlist in this Glorious Church. Brother Reno Bologna voluntarily has accepted the missionary work at Muncey, Ont. Canada. He is accompanied by a young brother of our branch, Frank Morley who was recently ordained a Deacon. Bro-

ther Domenic Cottellesse for many years has cheerfully undertaken the work on Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario, along with Brother Clifford Burgess of the Windsor, Ont. Church. Brother John Gamichia presides over the little Mission in Inkster, Michigan. Brother Domenic Thomas and Brother John Romano are attending meetings quite often in Lima, Ohio and vicinity.

This Missionary work has been and is quite a success, especially among the young people. Brother Joseph Milantoni tells us of the wonderful experiences they have when they meet with the Lamanite (Indians) brothers and sisters—and through their faith they are anointed and healed. May the Lord also bless Brother Joseph Bologna who presides over our branch of the church.

The work of God never comes to an end. Therefore may the Lord bless each and every one who is striving to do their best, is my prayer.

Sister Anna Carlini

Note: I will just add that I like the spirit of Sister Carlini's letter. It is evident that she wants to see the gospel spread among the children of men. The letter makes me think of Oliver Cowdery's letter 'way back in 1835, as follows: "Sanctify yourselves, O ye servants of the Lord, for much is required at your hands: the blood of souls will cry against you except you hasten on your mission: yes, let all raise their warning voice, in meekness, for soon will there be a famine for the word of God. Listen, O ye Elders, for soon the voice from distant lands will salute you—Come over and help us! Think for a moment, on the millions in your own land who are desolate of the word of life: think also on the vast multitudes whose thoughts never reached our shores, who are now perishing for lack of vision, and bowing to idols; think of the numberless islands where darkness and the shadow of death prevail, whose waters never covered a soul for the remission of sins, and whose groves though spicy, were never saluted with the voice of one who proclaimed life and immortality through the power of a risen Saviour!" I will just draw my readers attention to the fact that we have had calls: Come over and help us from Indian reservations and from Italy and Nigeria, have we not?

Editor

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

No doubt my readers have surmised by this time that my favorite topic of discussion is the younger set. The root of my interest is the fact that youth are the church of tomorrow. In speaking of our growing children, ('our' here meaning we as parents and also as American citizens), I refer to a very immediate need and problem, and also wish to convey that the youth—'teen-ager', if you must—of today is the young person of tomorrow to whom we must convincingly present the Gospel.

Compared to a nation-wide scale, The Church of Jesus Christ has no juvenile problem. This does not mean our youth are not part of a growing society. It simply means we have had the answer for the situation all along. Immediately after W. W. II the world denominations took up the fight to stop-gap the rising tide of juvenile delinquency. They built giant churches with gyms for keeping young minds busy; they instituted programs of year around activity; they set up counselor services to combat problems when they did arise. It was a losing battle—like trying to put out a fire in the basement of a house by throwing water on the roof.

The real source of the problem was, and is, where they did not want to look—in the home. Oh, they suspicioned it and even discussed it at times but they still refused to admit that 'as bends the twig, so grows the tree.' They thought they could still guzzle their booze, puff their fag, curse their God, and as part owners of every ballistic missile hate the Russians, and still raise pure untainted children that love Christ and feel for humanity.

Practically every parent thinks that his or her child is the exception and will never be in trouble. Fact is, statistically speaking, it is almost impossible for a youth to grow today without being in the company of another who is at odds with the law. Young criminals are developing four times faster than the birth rate. The Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency reported that over 1,330,000 came to the attention of the police in 1954.

Almost half of these cases were brought to court and about a third had been in trouble before they were eleven!

There is no actual record of the percentage of the above cases that had been drinking during, or just prior to, their violation. Cross-section investigations and many case histories indicate the ratio would be very high. It is safe to assume, and all too often proves to be a fact, that much of the trouble in youth stems from 'boozing it up' or stealing to purchase booze. It is frightening, yet understandable.

From diaper to diploma the young set is bombarded with liquor advertising and commercialism. In the home they see it on television, find it on the dinner table, and smell it on their parents' breath. Some parents even brag they are teaching their children to drink. All too often this is the same father that appears in court with his wayward child and chants: "I gave him everything; money, clothes, education."

This is what the repeal of the prohibition law has done. The booze makers can freely shout their wares. In a recent report by a liquor executive published through a trade journal it was proclaimed that a majority of the industry's advertising be directed at getting new business. Are the parents of America gullible enough to think this "new business" is going to be their grand-father? The children are the target for they will make the money to pay more for beer than they will for milk.

I do not advocate the return of prohibition. It is my contention that if the people of our society are to be truthful about the problem of juvenile delinquency they must face the fact that drinking is a main source. The home is the bulwark against delinquency and drinking has no part in a Christ-like home. Every American should send his child into life with wishes of success but without the toast.

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Worthwhile things are not free. Transversely, if something does not cost a person anything they do not value it very highly.

A Post Master in a town in

the state of Georgia was in the process of modernizing his office. In desposing of the old equipment the problem came up as to what to do with the old safe. It was still good and useful but not right for the new method. Too heavy to just throw out, the officer tried everything to hand it off. He posted notices on the bulletin board, told all his friends, informed all the people that came to the postal windows that a safe was to be had just for the carrying away. There were no takers; no one wanted a free safe.

Finally, in desperation, the Postmaster advertised that the safe was to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. You've guessed it; the safe was sold for \$60.—and the buyer could have had it free!

The Gospel is the same way. Do not consider it lightly because it doesn't take many dollars out of your pocket. The Church brings its message without charge but the cost is the most expensive thing in the entire world—your life.

- W E D D I N G -

Dulisse - Ciccati

On June 28, 1958 at 6:00 p. m., Sister Irene Ciccati, daughter of Sister Anna Ciccati and the late Evangelist, Gildo Ciccati, and Joseph Dulisse, son of Brother and Sister John Dulisse, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, San Diego, Calif. The bride was given away by her brother, Elder Ben Ciccati. The groom's father officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Attendants were: Maid of Honor, Marlene Ciccati, sister of the bride; bride's maids, Sisters Lena Berardino and Jo Ann Smith. Best Man was Bud Pollreisz; ushers were Sam Ciccati, brother of the bride; and James Dulisse, cousin of the groom. David Dichiero presided at the piano.

Friends and relatives from Modesto, Bell, San Fernando Valley, also the groom's aunt and uncle, Brother and Sister Joe Boiogna of Detroit, Michigan, filed the church, and many had to stand during the ceremony.

After a reception for approximately 200 guests, the couple left on a short honeymoon trip, and on their return will be at home at 663 49th Street, San Diego, Calif.

THE WORDS OF OUR SAVIOUR RETURNING

The Lord did teach us to watch and pray
 For the time would come we would see this day.
 When people of the world would become wise and weak,
 And many their Saviour would never seek.
 Today these things are coming in sight
 The nations themselves don't even fight.
 They want control of Earth, and the lesser light
 The Lord put in Heaven to show at night.
 If the wise men on earth would stay at home,
 And our Saviour's possessions, not try to roam—
 We would all become peaceful, happy and gay,
 And meet our dear Saviour on his coming day.

For in this day and age, why can't all be still
 Not always talk and think of the urge to kill.
 Do not kill is a commandment of our Lord.
 All ways are wrong even with a sword.
 Each day in the papers and news we hear
 What they will send to the heavens this year.
 They talk of the missiles with such mighty force
 That they will send daily on their course.
 These actions are wrong we all can see,
 But our Saviour did say some day it would be.
 All we can do in these latter days
 Is just try to live right and mend our ways.

Always be true to what the Lord says
 For our Father in Heaven hears all who prays.
 Some day they will learn, those who are cruel
 It was better to have lived by our Saviour's Rule.
 If all would be friendly and Church attend,
 We would all be with Jesus our Saviour in the End.

... Melvin C. Gibson

O B I T U A R Y

ELIZABETH CRALL

Olean, New York

Funeral services for Sister Elizabeth Crall, 210 N. 2nd Street, Olean, New York, were held this afternoon, July 5, 1958. The Rev. Forrest B. Fordham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Sister Crall was born Dec. 14, 1877 at St. John, Kansas. She had lived in Cleveland and Maple Heights, Ohio with her son Wm. Crall and the past three years she has lived with her son Harry Jacobs. She passed away July 3, 1958 after being bedfast for more than a year and a half. Sister Crall is also survived by two brothers—Sam Sanders, Detroit, Michigan, and Paul Sanders, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; one sister—Mrs. Sadie Robinson, Detroit Michigan. A brother, Charlie Sanders, preceded her in death.

Note: Sister Crall, until very recent years was a resident of

Monongahela, Pa., and for many years and during the time she was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was baptised into the church at West Elizabeth when a young girl. She was the daughter of Brother and Sister Samuel Sanders (now deceased) of Stockdale, Pa. Her husband, Charles Crall, preceded her in death a number of years ago.

During her life in Monongahela she was active in the Ladies Uplift Circle. May the Lord bless all that are near and dear to her.
 Brother Cadman

BRANCH GATHERING HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY

On June 15, 1958 we held our semi-annual gathering in Hopelawn which included members from Hopelawn, Metuchen, Edison, New Brunswick and Brooklyn. Members started to convene at the Hopelawn church building early and singing of hymns took place until 10:30. There was a very large crowd present and the singing of praises and glory to God was beautiful. It was announced before the meeting

started that W. H. Cadman, who had anticipated a visit with us at this time, could not be present due to the death of his sister on the previous Friday evening. We looked forward to his visit and were disappointed that he had to cancel his trip to New Jersey.

Our morning meeting was opened by the congregation singing Hymn "The Twenty-Third Psalm." Prayer was offered by Brother Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick. Continued by singing hymn "Gathering Home." Brother Mazzeo read from the 8th chapter of Psalms and a few verses from the 12th chapter of Revelations and his sermon was preached from this scripture. The hymn "On The Mountain Tops" was then sung by the congregation. The gift of tongue was experienced by one brother and also the interpretation was given. "Come, Ye Nations, Come." Following, Brother Rocco Ensana of Edison gave a very inspiring talk comparing the freedom of our great nation with the great freedom we have to serve the True and Living God. Brother Nick Persico of Hopelawn spoke to us briefly but with very encouraging words of life, stating that the Lord is always tugging at our arm and that we should not hesitate to respond to His call. Dismissal prayer was offered by Bro. Paul Benyola of Metuchen.

Preceding our afternoon meeting once again many hymns were wonderfully and enthusiastically sung by the congregation. To introduce our service Sisters Nancy Benyola and Lucille Fantazier sang a duet, "One Day." We were led in prayer by Brother August D'Orazio, Jr. of Edison. Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" was sung by all. Brother Paul Benyola read to us from the 115th chapter of St. Luke and preached to us with a wonderful spirit prevailing. Hymn "Have You Been To Jesus?" was sung. The thought throughout the day was 'What is man, that thou art so mindful of him?' Brief talks were then given by Brothers August D'Orazio Jr., Sam Dell, Tony Ensana, and Matthew Rogolino all of Edison. Brother Joseph Benyola spoke a few words and announced that the Presiding Elders decided that they would pass communion, which is the first time we did this at a Branch Gathering with such a large crowd present. A handkerchief was anointed for an afflicted brother from Metuchen. Brother Louis Mazzeo,

who has been afflicted for quite some time attended our service and gave his testimony. We were very glad to see him get to the meeting. A few other testimonies were given. Hymns No. 267, 119 and 3 were sung while communion was passed and a good feeling was felt by all. We know that God's Holy Spirit accompanied us throughout the day both in the preaching and singing as well. Dismissal prayer was offered by Brother Julius Sipos of Metuchen.

The day was concluded by attending our M. B. A. service in the evening. Since it was Father's Day, a program was presented by our local President, Brother Joseph Perri giving accounts of a few of the renown fathers of old as well as some of the fathers of our day who have gone to their reward, whose life was dedicated to the Gospel. A day well spent in the service of God.

Sister Mary Persico

FIRST INDIAN BIBLE SOLD AT AUCTION

LONDON (AP)—An Indian language Bible, believed to be the first complete edition printed in the United States, was auctioned off today to C. J. Sessler of Philadelphia for \$20,160.

The Bible was one of 20 copies of John Eliot's Indian translation sent to England in 1661 and dedicated to King Charles II. It was auctioned from the Duke of Devonshire's collection.

John Fleming, a New York dealer, paid \$16, 800 for a copy of Martin Luther Bible printed in Gothic letters on vellum at Augsburg in 1535.

COWDERY'S LETTERS

1834-35

(Letter No. 8, Continued)

Though I am unable to paint before the mind a perfect description of the scenery which passed before our brother, I think I have said enough to give you a field for reflection which may not be unprofitable. You see the great wisdom in God in leading him thus far, that his mind might begin to be more matured, and thereby be able to judge correctly, the spirits. I do not say that he would not have obtained the record had he went according to the direction of the angel—I say that he would: but God

knowing all things from the beginning, began thus to instruct his servant. And in this it is plainly to be seen that the adversary of truth is not sufficient to overthrow the work of God. You will remember that I said two invisible powers were operating upon the mind of our brother while going to Cumorah. In this, then, discover wisdom in the dealings of the Lord: It was impossible for any man to translate the Book of Mormon by the gift of God, and endure the afflictions, the temptations, and devices of Satan, without being overthrown, unless he had been previously benefited with a certain round of experience: and had our brother obtained the record the first time, not knowing how to detect the works of darkness, he might have been deprived of the blessing of sending forth the word of truth to this generation. Therefore, God knowing that at that early hour, that when the full time should arise, he might have a servant prepared to fulfill his purpose. So, however, afflicting to his feelings this repulse might have been, he had reason to rejoice before the Lord and be thankful for the favors and mercies shown: that whatever other instruction was necessary to the accomplishing this great work, he had learned by experience how to discern between the spirit of Christ and the spirit of the devil.

From this time to September, 1827, few occurrences worthy of note transpired. As a fact to be expected, nothing of importance could be recorded concerning a generation in darkness. In the meantime our brother of whom I have been speaking, passed the time as others, in laboring for his support. But in consequence of certain false and slanderous reports which have been circulated, justice would require me to say something upon the private life of one whose character has been so shamefully traduced. By some he is said to have been a lazy, idle, vicious, profligate fellow. These I am prepared to contradict, and that too by the testimony of many persons with whom I have been intimately acquainted, and know to be individuals of the strictest veracity, and unquestionable integrity. All these strictly agree in saying that he was an honest, upright, virtuous, and faithfully industrious young man. And those who say to the contrary can be influenced by no other motive than to destroy the reputation of one

who never injured any man in either property or person.

Joseph Smith while young, I have been informed, was afflicted with sickness: but I have been told by those for whom he has labored, that he was a young man of truth and industrious habits. And I will add further, that it is my conviction, if he never had been called to the exalted station in which he now occupies, he might have passed down the stream of time with ease and in respectability, without the foul and hellish tongue of slander ever being employed against him. It is no more than to be expected, I admit, that men of corrupt will try to traduce his character and put spot upon his name: indeed this is according to the word of the angel: but this does not prohibit me from speaking freely of his merits, and contradicting those falsehoods—I feel myself bound to do so, and I know that my testimony on this matter will be received and believed, while those who testify to the contrary are crumpled to the dust, and their words swept away in the general mass of lies when God shall purify the earth.

Connected with this, is the character of the family: and on this I say as I said concerning the character of our brother—I feel my self bound to defend the innocent always when opportunity offers. Had not these who are notorious for lies and dishonesty also assailed the character of the family I should pass over them here in silence: but now I shall not forbear. It has been industriously circulated that they were dishonest, deceitful and vile. On this I have the testimony of responsible persons, who have said and will say, that this is basely false: and besides, a personal acquaintance for seven years, has demonstrated that all the difficulty is, they were once poor, (yet industrious), and have now, by the help of God, arisen to note, and their names are like to (indeed they will) be handed down to posterity, and among the righteous. They are industrious, honest, virtuous and liberal to all. This is their character: and though many take advantage of their liberality, God will reward them: but this is the fact, and this testimony shall shine upon the records of the Saints, and be recorded on the archives of heaven to be read in the day of eternity, when the wicked and perverse, who have vilely slandered them without cause or provocation, reap their reward with

the unjust, where there is weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth—if they do not repent.

Soon after this visit to Cumorah, a gentleman from the south part of the state (Chenango county) employed our brother as a common laborer, and accordingly he visited that section of the country: and had he not been accused of digging down all, or nearly so, the mountains of Susquehannah, or causing others to do it by some art of necromancy, I should leave this for the present unnoticed. You will remember, in the meantime, that those who seek to vilify his character, say that he has always been notorious for his idleness. This gentleman, whose name is Stowel, resided in the town of Bainbridge, on or near the head waters of the Susquehannah river. Some forty miles south, or down the river, in the town of Harmony, Susquehannah county, Pennsylvania, is said to be a cave or subterraneous recess, whether entirely formed by art or not, am uninformed, neither does this matter: but such is said to be the case—where a company of Spaniards, a long time since, when the country was uninhabited by white settlers, excavated from the bowels of the earth ore, and coined a large quantity of money: after which they secured the cavity and evacuated, leaving a part still in the cave, purposing to return at some distant period. A long time elapsed and this account came from one of the individuals who was first engaged in this business. The country was pointed out and the spot minutely described, This, I believe, is the substance, so far as my memory serves, though I shall pledge my veracity for the correctness of the account as I have given. Enough, however was credited of the Spaniard's story to excite the belief of many that there was a fine sum of the precious metal lying coined in this subterraneous vault, among whom was our employer; and accordingly our brother was required to spend a few months with some others in excavating the earth, in pursuit of this treasure.

While employed here he became acquainted with the family of Isaac Hale, of whom you read in several of the productions of those who have sought to destroy the validity of the Book of Mormon. It may be necessary hereafter to refer you more particularly to the conduct of this family, as their influence has been considerably exerted to des-

troy the reputation of our brother, probably because he married a daughter of the same, contrary to some of their wishes, and in connection with this, to certain statements of some others of the inhabitants of that section of the country. But in saying this I do not wish to be understood as uttering aught against Mrs. Smith, (formerly the Emma Hale). She has most certainly evinced a decidedly correct mind and uncommon ability of talent and judgement, in a manifest willingness to fulfill, on her part, that passage in sacred writ—"and they twain shall be one flesh,"—by accompanying her husband, against the wishes of her relatives, to a land of strangers: and however I may depreciate their actions, can say in justice, her character stands as fair for morality, piety and virtue, as any in the world.

Though you may think this is a digression from the subject proposed, I trust I shall be indulged for the purpose of satisfying many, who have heard so many slanderous reports that they are led to believe them true because they are not contradicted, and besides, this generation is determined to oppose every item in the form or under the pretence of revelation, unless it comes by a man who has always been more pure than Michael the great prince: and as this is the fact, and my opposers have put me to the necessity, I shall be more prolix, and have no doubt, before I give up the point, shall prove to your satisfaction, and to that of every man, that the translator of the Book of Mormon is worthy the appellation of a seer and a prophet of the Lord. In this I do not pretend that he is not a man subject to passion like other men, beset with infirmities and encompassed with weaknesses: but if he is, all men were so before him, and a pretence to the contrary would argue a more than mortal, which would at once destroy the whole system of the religion of the Lord Jesus: for he anciently chose the weak to overcome the strong, the foolish to confound the wise, (I mean considered so by this world), and by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.

On the private character of our brother I need add nothing further, at present, previous to his obtaining the records of the Nephites, only that while in that country, some very officious person complained of him as a dis-

orderly person, and brought him before the authorities of the county: but there being no cause of action he was honorably acquitted. From this time forward he continued to receive instructions concerning the coming forth of the fullness of the gospel, from the mouth of the heavenly messenger, until he was directed to visit again the place where the record was deposited.

For the present I close, with a thankful heart that I am permitted to see thousands rejoicing in the assurance of the promises of the Lord, confirmed unto them through the obedience of the everlasting covenant.

As ever, your brother in the Lord Jesus,

Oliver Cowdery

Note: This is the end of a series of eight letters written by Mr. Cowdery, and published in the "Messenger and Advocate", published in Kirtland, Ohio, during 1834-35. These letters were supplemented by another letter from the pen of Oliver Cowdery, and published in the aforementioned paper in the October number of 1835. This other letter will follow in the next issue of the Gospel News. (Editor)

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

There came a time when Jesus had to make a choice among those who were His followers, who were to be separated for a special work. They were called Apostles, for they were to be set apart for a ministry of guiding the church. They were to be witnesses of His resurrection and were to be representatives to the world for the principles He had taught. It will be interesting to make a study of the character of each of the men whom Jesus would call for this ministry. Paul says, "Not many noble, not many wise, but God called the foolish to confound the wise; and the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty, and the base things of the world which are despised hath God chosen. Yea and things that are not, to bring to naught things that are, that no flesh glory in His presence." I do not think they were ignorant men as to the things of this world; but men of good character. They were good shepherds. Paul said that he had done some things ignorantly, but he was not an ignorant man. The writings of these men prove they were wise

men. Their writings have preceded many of the wise men of today. They were stern men; men who laid their lives down for the truth. They were to feed the flock. 1st Peter says, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ. Feed the flock of God taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind, neither as being lords over Gods heritage but being examples to the flock."

Paul says giving no offence in any thing that the ministry be not blamed. But in all things proving ourselves as ministers of God in much patience, in affliction, in necessities, in distress, in stripes, in imprisonment, in tumults, in labors, in watching, in fasting, by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left hand, by honor and dishonor, by evil and good reports, as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet well known, as dying and behold we live, as chastened and not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possess all things." What a straight line to walk on; what a measuring rod to measuring our lives by. Well, we say that is impossible. No my brother, nothing is impossible. All things are possible to them that believe. Jesus filled all of these characteristics and He said be ye holy as I am holy.

Well, I have a weakness; yes we all have weaknesses. But in weakness we are made strong. Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. And I, brethren, as I came unto you came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power. The flesh is all weakness but the spirit is power; so if a man walks after flesh he is full of weakness, but if he walks after the spirit he is full of blessing. We are servants to whom we yield ourselves to obey whether of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness. Jesus was going to choose twelve men whose

character was going to reflect down through the ages.

Your reputation is what other men say you are. But your character is what you are. Men may spoil your reputation but they cannot hurt your character. It was said of Jesus that He had no reputation but His character has lived through the ages. No man ever spake like this man spake. The Greeks said, "Sirs, we would see Jesus."

There was something outstanding in Him. Out of Capernaum He went to a mountain alone and spent the night in prayer. He must breathe His spirit into other souls that even when dead He could through them cause His spirit to live and grow in the hearts of men. And when it was day He called unto Him His disciples and of them He chose twelve. It seems that Peter was called first. Peter's father's name was Jonas. His mother's name, according to tradition, was Johanna. He resided at Bethsaida, afterwards at Capernaum with his mother-in-law. He was brought up in brought up in his father's occupation, a fisherman. It was not a very good job nor was it degrading. It developed his courage, his watchfulness, his fortitude, and his patience. In the self-denying labors of the sea at the night watches he became a rough and ready impetuous hard man. He must have enjoyed the benefit of public schools as his writings would indicate. He seems to have some knowledge of the Greek tongue. Peter seems to have been married in early life. Clement of Alexandria, who was connected with the church, tells us from ancient tradition that the name of Peter's wife was Perpetua, by whom he had a daughter. This abandons the idea that he was the first pope and was never married.

Peter always seemed to be first. He was first to get out of the ship and start to walk on the water. He was first to speak up and say thou art the Christ, the son of the living God. Also he was first to jump off the ship when they had toiled all night and caught nothing. He was first to deny Christ, but quickly repented. He was first to draw his sword to defend Christ. He was the first to quote "These are not drunk as ye suppose." First to preach after the day of pentecost; first to tell Jesus, "Lord thou knowest that I love thee; first to heal the man who sat at the beautiful gate of the tem-

ple; first to preach to the gentiles at the house of Cornelius; and first to be persecuted when the saints in John Mark's house held a fast and prayer meeting for his deliverance. He appeared at the door and they thought they saw a ghost. Yes he had some weakness, but I want to say that any man that tries to do something for God can have his weaknesses overlooked and be looked at for the goodness that is in him.

Brother James Heaps

NATURE

Oh Glorious Nature,
Wonderful thing;
Without thy God
Thou would never been.

In thy virginity,
Pure and good:
From the hand of God
Behold thou stood.

Fair and bright
No sin in sight:
Angels sang
Of thy glorious might.

No death, no decay,
No sin within:
To vex thy God,
When He walked therein.

Angels will praise thee
In ages to come,
Of the glorious creation
From his hand it came.

In the garden of Eden
With flowers so bright,
Man and the woman
Glorious in his sight.

But after the fall,
What a terrible plight:
Man and the woman
In their hasty flight.

Gone from his presence
In grief and in sin:
The man and the woman,
A strange life to begin.

When man and the woman
Began to repent,
Angels from heaven
To earth were sent.

Revealing to them,
The redemption plan
The atoning blood,
Christ the infinite man.

I was inspired to write these verses on Jan. 19, 1948, at South Gate, California, after beholding and meditating on the beautiful flowers.

Alma B. Cadman

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Having just been elected editor for our Branch of San Diego, I wondered what I might offer to our wonderful paper, The Gospel News, and I felt directed to give my testimony of God's love for me.

I was born in the Church and grew up amidst prayerful, faithful brothers and sisters. When I read of royalty and how proud they are of their heritage, I feel within me that they, with all their wealth and pride, could never compare to the heritage the Lord has given me. My grandfather, Brother Isaac Smith, and my foster grandfather, Brother Charles Ashton, had no wealth of this world and no earthly glory, but they were Kings to me and left me a real heritage. I say this not boastfully but humbly and thankfully.

As I grew up in the Church and entered my tens, I began to realize our purpose for being here on earth and how that thru accepting the gospel, we could earn Eternal Life. I learned that I had an Enemy of my soul, and my thoughts were that I was too young and life held too much for me to take the path of the Lord. However, I began inquiring of my parents and, in my feeble way, I would ask God to show me for myself the truth of the Gospel.

The Lord gave me a wonderful experience when Brother Leonard Loyalvo was being ordained an Elder in the Church, and while he was being anointed and all heads were bowed, I heard the ringing of bells loud and clear. I had to turn to my friend sitting next to me and remark to her about the beautiful bells that were ringing. She told me that she heard no bells, and I was amazed, because I could hear them ringing joyfully. I inquired of many that day, but no one heard the bells except myself. Then I knew that God had given me my own personal experience of the Divinity of the Church of Jesus Christ and He had verified to me the authority of the priesthood of our Church.

I kept this experience in my heart, but I felt I was too young to be baptised. Some time later on a Friday afternoon before our District Gathering here in San Diego last August, I was sitting on a cot in our garage gazing up into the rafters. My Mother and I were talking and laughing together when my gaze was fastened upon the center rafters of the garage, the boards being arranged

in the form of a cross. Suddenly all the surrounding rafters disappeared, along with the house and everything around me, and I was alone. My eyes were fixed upon that cross and immediately I began to sob when a voice within me spoke, telling me this was the cross that Jesus was crucified on for me and for everyone. I could feel His pain and I felt His love so great that He would die for me and how that I could return His love by obeying Him and serving Him even in my youth. I cried aloud, forgetting all pride, and sobbing such as I never have before. My Mother ran to me and putting her arms around me, we rejoiced together when I realized that the Lord had visited me.

Even after these two experiences, on the Sunday of our Conference I tried to resist baptism, feeling that going to high school I should wait til I was graduated, but I am thankful that God's power is stronger than Satan's, and I gave myself to the Lord that day. I have found that being a Child of God has not been a detriment as I go to school, but rather a help; and when I am confronted with things at school or everyday problems, I have the Lord on my side, and He counsels me and teaches me every day. And I have His ministry to go to for help and instruction, and I am truly filled with peace.

From the day I was baptised, I find myself singing that wonderful hymn: "Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me, Not for the years of time alone, But for Eternity."

My prayer now is that I might always remember to live a true Christian life. I want for others to see in me something good enough that they too might give their hearts to God, and together we might work to fulfill all the mighty things God has prepared for us in the very near future.

I represent the fifth generation baptised in the Church, and my prayer is never to break the chain, but to grow in knowledge and in the love of God, not only because He will give me Eternal Life, but because I love Him as my Creator, My Lord and my God.

In closing, I want to say that we have been having some wonderful meetings in our Branch. Last Sunday we had Brothers Jim Scolisse and Joe Capone of the Bell, Calif. Branch visiting us, and we surely enjoyed their

visit. While Brother Capone was preaching and as he picked up the Book of Mormon, Brother Joe Usai saw an angel standing along side Brother Capone. We truly enjoyed the day together.

Sister Jo Ann Smith

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Visitors From Florida . . .

Brother Wm. (Billie) Tucker, wife and family visited our church here in Monongahela in July. All were looking exceptionally well, and I believe all were glad to see them. They moved to Florida a few years ago. Brother Cadman

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Monongahela, Pa.

Betty has visited us again . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is and has been always a pleasure as much as a blessing to have the privilege each year of coming home to spend a few days with you each and every one all of my loved ones at home and parents also. God has surely blessed me in many different ways, also He has been closer to me this year than before. I have much to praise His name for, but I realize my only way is to live closer and draw nearer to Him each and every day.

It is one of His many blessings to come home this year again and find my dear brothers and sisters of the Church of Jesus Christ and be able to go to the wonderful meetings. I feel sure this time my trying to please God and live closer to Him continually, even when soon again my leaving you will make a great and wonderful change in my life, for I know the more we do to please Him, the more shall He bless us. I want to thank you one and all from my heart for remembering me in your prayers, also sending me the lovely greetings, for I shall keep them to remember you all by. My deepest thoughts go out to the many who are now ill and are in need of our prayers.

May God bless and be with them. I shall not forget any of you in my prayers as it is a real pleasure for me to do my share. My sincere wishes to you all is my prayer. Thanks again for

what you have done for me and I cannot close without appreciating what the F. H. C. Class and Mable has done.

Sincerely, Sister Betty Griffith

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Cleveland, Ohio

Brother Editor:

I am writing you some news from the West Side Mission in Cleveland. With the Lord's help we are trying to uphold the Standard of Christ in this part of the vineyard.

On June 25th in our Wednesday night meeting Brother Veldardi brought us good news of an experience had by his niece in her conversion. It was indeed a blessing and we decided to go to Lorain to witness the baptism. We were privileged to hear at first hand this experience.

On July 4th we went to Lorain again and enjoyed a wonderful service. It was a patriotic program, also some wonderful words by our elders. To me personally, it was a perfect way to spend the Fourth of July. We then retired to the Park in Lorain for an outing—it was such a nice day of peace and fellowship.

On the following Sunday, Brother and Sister Dominic Thomas and others from Detroit paid us a visit in our Mission. It was a day of blessing beginning in our Sunday School. Brother Tony Lovalvo read a portion of scripture from the Book of Job: "Acquaint yourself with the Lord, etc." A very good feeling indeed. Our morning service was wonderful too. But the afternoon service was the best. Geraldine Bartuccio arose in this meeting and asked to be baptised. Later on her two older sisters also asked to be baptised. What a day of blessing!

We have several other young and our prayers are for them—for we need them. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. We give our Heavenly Father all the praise. Sincerely,
Sister Rose DiFranco

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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Cadman

I sincerely hope you, and all brothers and sisters throughout the Church, are in fair condition, and are striving to have our lamps trimmed and burning, so that when the Bridegroom calleth for us,

either individually or otherwise, we may be found watching. So far this year, there have many things transpired. However, I am very happy to report that inasmuch as one endeavors to do the very best he can, our Heavenly Father doth bless him accordingly, but if we completely do nothing, we will lose even that which we might think we have, and our credit will be nill. Now is the time, while we are on our probationary period, for us to come down in the depth of humility, and be as a little child, so that the Potter can use us as clay, to mold as He sees fit. I will now report a few things from this part of the vineyard of the Lord.

Service in Branch No. 1 was taken up on Sunday, June 15th by Brothers Matthew Miller and Nick Pietrangelo, speaking on a subject in Deuteronomy, 28th chapter, concerning the blessings and curses, to those who do, or do not serve God. Blessings to those who serve Him, and the opposite to those who serve Him not. In the afternoon, Brother Ansel D'Amico, his companion and niece, from Rochester, New York, were in our midst. Brother Ansel in introducing the service, spoke of memories he had regarding the city of Detroit. He was here throughout the major part of the introduction of the Gospel, and was greatly blessed. He said when our first church building was erected, God directed us, as He did Nephi in building the ship. (God also helped us wonderfully, with our present building.) Sister Carmell, Brother Ansel's wife, and also his niece, gave good testimonies, touched with the spirit of God. On Wed. night, June 18th Brother John Buffa read a portion of scripture found in 3rd Nephi, 12th chapter, 1st verse through the 13th, and gave us a good talk on it. He was followed by Brother Paul Vitto, who said that the spirit he felt, reminds him of the answer of Peter, when he told his Lord: to whom shall we go, Thou hast the words of Eternal life. This brother also spoke inspiringly. On Sunday, the 29th of June, we passed by Port Huron on our way to Sarnia, and found the few faithful ones there, about their Master's business as usual. In Sarnia we had eight cars from Inkster, and the West Side, and our car from Branch No. 1

The saints in Sarnia had fixed up tables, with flowers on them, and benches for our accommodation. We had a wonderful lunch

outside, and an old-time gathering, with sixty or more souls, which was quite a blessing. A young sister baptised in Port Huron recently and also a young brother and sister from Branch No. 2 were in our midst. All spoke to the encouragement of us all. Brother John Gammichia introduced our service by reading a portion of scripture found in the 31st chapter of Jeremiah, reading several verses between the 6th and 36th verse. Both Brother Gammichia and Brother Ralph Leet, who was with us, gave us inspiring talks. We also had a Lamanite friend, a school teacher and his son, with us from Oklahoma. His name is Vernon Aitson. Many gave their testimonies, including this friend, and we enjoyed a wonderful time indeed. On Sunday, July 6th we were at Branch No. 3. Brother Paul D'Amico was the speaker. He read two passages, one from Genesis, 11th chapter, to the 9th verse, and the other from Ether 1st chapter, 32nd to the 38th verse, and gave us a wonderful talk. Brother Simone who came down with Brother Paul from Lockport, spoke in Italian, and we received a great blessing. In the afternoon, Brother Frank Vitto was in our midst, and spoke wonderfully on part of the 27th chapter of 3rd Nephi. There was a great blessing in our midst. I wish that all brothers and sisters throughout the Church will pray for Brother Fred D'Amico. He was operated on and is now convalescing. He hopes soon to return home from the hospital. Also kindly pray for Brother Frank Ammormino, and Sister Antionette Leopoldo of Branch No. 1. May God abundantly bless all brothers and sisters of the Church, is the prayer of your Brother in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller

Character Is Revealed In Speech

Nothing is more needed than the repeated warning in the Bible concerning improper speech. Colloquial language is today on a low level. Purity of speech is considered pedantic and puerile. Many radio speakers, television exploiters, sports writers and commentators accustom our people to low levels of expression. Through printed media, bad language is used as if it were a part of our daily lives. This needs to be corrected. No one will do it except the earnest Christian who believes that the gift of speech

is a divine providence and that we should employ it in good spirit and in pure truth.

Our Lord was specific in his warning concerning looseness of speech when he said "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matthew 12: 36) It is evident Jesus taught us that words of men reveal their character and shall furnish the criterion by which that character is to be determined.

The word argos, rendered as "idle," is properly, unfruitful, useless and by implication, evil. Our Lord has said that a word spoken against him should be forgiven, but he that speaks against the Holy Spirit should never be forgiven. It is evident that what was spoken and provoked this statement determined character and destiny. A good tree brings forth good fruit, an evil tree, evil fruit. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For our words, therefore, we shall be judged. We are instructed that the words of a man come from within, out of the heart. We are made responsible for our words and what we say.

Our words reveal our character because it is determined by them. The relation between words and thoughts is such that it is doubtful whether we can think without the use of words. They are the measure of our thought. Rude people have rude language. Wicked people have wicked language. Foolish people have foolish speech. Likewise, good people have good speech.

Not only does language reflect thought, but it is much the vehicle of feeling and is determined by it. For instance, words of blasphemy are words of irreverence; words of malice, of satire, are words of contempt; words of pride and vain glory; words of impurity; words of falsehood and treachery; words of folly and nonsense—all these reveal what a man is. By them we get to know his character. Words are to the man what foliage, flowers, fragrance and fruit are to plants.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." If we are to be judged by our deeds we shall also be judged by our words. Our words, therefore, are part of the fruit

we bear. For them we bear full responsibility. Men do not have their eternal destiny determined by their birth. They are to be judged only for or by their acts or works. It is not only the drunkard, murderer or thief who is to be condemned; not only the man who does what is right and benevolent who shall be justified; but since words are a true index of character, therefore they are as proper a ground of judgment as outward acts ever can be. Our Saviour does not mean that words are the grounds on which a man shall be justified, but they are the sincere evidence of his character. "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee." The words there spoken were not the ground of judgment, but the evidence of guilt.

Regard, for a moment, the vast importance of words. As we have before shown, they are determined by our character and therefore reveal it. But it goes further than that; **our words react on character and confirm it.** Out of the same mouth cannot go words of blasphemy and words in prayer and praise.

Our words are clothed with a mysterious power, for good or evil, on our fellow men. Particularly is this true of a Christian. Men are represented as temples of the Holy Spirit; therefore, of Christ. Idle words we utter in the hearing of our fellow men tend to defile that temple, whether they be words of error or whether they be words that excite evil thoughts and feelings. The greater part of our influence for good or evil is due to words. Language hinders or helps.

The apostle James said that if a man offends not in word, he is a perfect man. He declares that the tongue governs the life. The tongue is a world of iniquity. Its wrong employment defiles the whole body. James declares that it sets on fire the course of nature. Yea, rather, it is set on fire of hell. (James. 3.)

It is words that men seize hold of, even in the important sphere of international relations. A statesman can by his words precipitate war. In the struggle between capital and labor the frequent impediment in the way of reconciliation are the words men use. With the tongue, men insult one another, generate all

strife. All the vicious vipers lurking in the human heart can find expression in words. It is the employment of such words that enables orators to stir up mobs to destroy and kill. The criminal world has its own language, using so many vicious expressions that the uninitiated hardly knows what is being talked about. It is deplorable how much of the language of the underworld has become an accepted part of the daily speech by respectable people. Vulgarity and deceit, slander and indecency express themselves in speech.

On the other hand, the language of God is a Word. We are disciples of that Word. The wisdom of God is expressed in language. Yea, the salvation of God is made known to us through the employment of holy words. All the doctrines of our faith, which enlighten us concerning our destiny, are expressed in words.

Thus we see two distinct types of language. The one is destined to be employed by holy people and to be full of righteous expression. In this category, all Christians should take their place. Good christian character will be expressed in decency, correctness and courtesy in speech. By means of our words we can destroy the principle of evil. We can rebuke and to some extent prevent the manifestation of evil. We can make the tree of life good. Pure speech indicates a desire in the heart of the individual to be pure.

Christian circles need to purge themselves of what we call "slang." Most of that sort of language is senseless and much of it has double meaning. It too often reveals inward moral uncertainty. "The doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways." We can, however, overcome such weaknesses by consistency in our use of words; that they shall be good, wholesome, pure, accurate, and well pronounced. The words of Jesus, as we read them in the New Testament, are so wonderful because they are so pure and true. Let us have the same purity of speech.

—from The Watchman Examiner

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The glory of man consists in his capacity to look up, to climb up, and to lift up.

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WHY HAVE YOU QUIT?

The lesson is short, and not of much wit,
The name at the top is, "Why have you quit?"

When first you did come into Christ's church
His spirit of truth did cause you to search
You studied and prayed and tried to be good
But you haven't kept up as much as you should.

Often you studied all through the day
Often you knelt in earnest to pray,
You have prayed Oh so hard that your light may be lit
"Oh tell me my brothers why have you quit?"

Satan has entered and shown his iron hand
With all the people throughout all the land,
In vain he has sought to have his own way,
Deceiving and tempting all thru the day.

Brothers and sisters I beg of you please,
Go back to the start, get down on your knees,
Go back to your studies, those earnest knee prayers
And ask God for help to get through the snares.

Don Hitt
(From the "Voice of Peace")

A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

The General Church Gathering appointed to be held in California on the 15th, 16th and 17th of August was duly held in the Church at Bell (Los Angeles) as planned.

It is not my intention to make a 'write-up' of the affair—other than to say that we had a very nice time with our folks on the west coast. I suppose a write-up will be sent to me from some one but it will be too late for this issue of the Gospel News.

I, along with my daughter Marble and my sister Mrs. Davidson, went out by plane—it was a wonderful trip—leaving the Pittsburgh airport about 10:30 a. m., and then ate our supper in one

of our brothers home in California the same day. Only one stop was made and that was in Chicago. There was about 35 from among our people here in the east that made the trip, some by train, some by car and some by plane. We were all very well received and entertained by our brothers and sisters in the sunny state. (Editor)

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AT BITNER, PENNSYLVANIA

June 29, 1958

On June 29th, 1958 many gathered together to dedicate the building which was the gift of the Union Supply Company, a subsidiary of the Frick Coal and Coke Company, to The Church of Jesus Christ.

The Bethelboro Branch of the Church located in that community took over the building and remodeled it—preparing a large room on the first floor for a place of worship. They worked together and they certainly made a good job of it. It is a very large building, two stories high and has a large basement underneath it. The building itself is much larger than what is needed, at least at present.

Many gathered together on the above date to dedicate and consecrate the remodeled room to the service of God. A song service preceeded the opening of the dedication service by the choir, also a Mrs. Nellie Strickler sang several solos.

Presiding Elder Oran Thomas was in charge of the day and Brother Wm. Bailey was called upon to offer the opening prayer. Brother Bailey is one of our old faithful brothers and he was honored in leading us in prayer that the place might be blessed and set aside in which to worship our God.

Brother Thomas gave us quite a talk concerning the building being a gift to the Church, and also what a big job they had in preparing it for the occasion that we were now gathered in to dedicate it unto the Lord. He spoke praisingly of all that had helped in remodeling the place. They had worked faithfully together, both members and non-members, and I will add that they

had much indeed to show us, not only the large room in which we were meeting, but the large building as a whole was certainly a monument to their labors, and much appreciation was, and still is, felt toward the Frick Coal and Coke Co. for their generosity in presenting the property as a gift for our brothers and sisters of those parts, wherein they could gather in the service of God.

The opening address was made by Brother W. H. Cadman—using for his text the message of the angel to the church of the Laodiceans beginning with the 14th verse of the third chapter of Revelations. Brother Cadman delivered quite a discourse from this scripture, drawing our attention to the fact that the building would profit us nothing unless we worshipped God faithfully therein. For the Lord told the Laodiceans—"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." They said they were rich and had need of nothing, yet they were wretched, and miserable, poor, and blind, and naked. May I add that the building, though a gift unto us, unless we serve God in truth and spirit will not profit us—the generosity of the donor might rise to our condemnation. It is possible that the Lord God may spue us out of His mouth in this enlightened age of time—even with all the wonderful material blessings of our day.

Brother A. A. Corrado of the city of Youngstown, Ohio followed Brother Cadman and a general good time was enjoyed I believe by all present. There was a large crowd present for the occasion. The Monongahela branch of the church presented a nice bible for the pulpit in the newly dedicated House of God. Brother Rogolino from Edison, New Jersey pronounced the benediction. A lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

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The Bethelboro Mission completed the day by holding an evening service and on the following Sunday baptized a convert, Brother John Thomas officiating. The Glassport Branch visited us and their choir sang a beautiful hymn for us. It makes us happy to see any of you pay us a visit.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ITALY



Guiseppe Buonofilio — — —

Brother Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio informs me that Brother Guiseppe Buonofilio of S. Demetrio Corone, Italy, along with his brethren have started to build a church at that place. They have purchased land and are getting along with the construction of the building.

(Editor)

A TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Very unexpectedly I was presented with the opportunity to make a trip to South Dakota and spend some time there with our Indian brothers and sisters. On July 10th, in the company with my wife, Brother Joseph Shazer and our Son-in-law Mr. Edward Stroko, we started about 3 p.m. and drove to Hobart, Indiana to the home of Sister Evelyn Riley and family, there we encountered some difficulty in locating the street on which they live. When we were about to give up the search and turn else-where we found their home about 1 a.m. and aroused them from their sleep. They were very glad to see us and to have us in their home for the night. They always want the Saints to stop with them when they are passing by, and we always appreciate their love and hospitality. May God bless them abundantly. Leaving there Friday morning we drove to Rock Rapids, Iowa, where we stayed over night, leaving there in the morning arrived at Wakpala, at our church building 4 p.m. Saturday. We had a very nice journey all the way. We found all the brothers and sisters reasonably well in body, and all seemed very happy to see us again after being absent from them for two years. On

Sunday along with brother and sister Earl DeMarrias we held three meetings, there was a nice attendance present at all our services, and we had a very good liberty in speaking to the people. Brother Shazer and myself enjoyed preaching the Gospel and in praying for the sick, the Lord surely blessed us with His Holy Spirit. I had business that was going to require us going to Casper, Wyoming, on Monday and return Tuesday, so we arranged for meetings every night after our return beginning Wednesday evening.

After our return from Wyoming, we were busy every day visiting with the many friends we have among the Sioux people, some are aged and living alone, and not well; some live many miles out in the country with no way to travel except to walk or wait for some one to come by chance and take them to the store or perhaps to church. We have brothers and sisters also living out many miles and very hard for them to get to the services much of the time, so we went out and sang hymns, prayed and talked to many. Sunday 20th we held two meetings at the home of Brother and Sister LaBlanc near Eagle Butte. We had preaching in the morning meeting, testimony in the afternoon as usual. A very nice attendance, one family had come over forty miles to be in the service. We returned to Wakpala for the evening meeting where we enjoyed another portion of the Holy Spirit, and a day well spent in the service of the Lord. The following week we had services somewhere every evening. On Thursday evening we met at the Moreau River, with a number of friends and a couple of sisters at the home of an elderly lady by name of Rice; may God bless her.

On Friday we went down to Cheyenne Agency to visit our many friends there while most of them have moved up to higher land about two miles away, so as to be clear of the Flood Control Project. We found most of them and they wanted to know if we had come to hold meetings with them again. Sorry we had to tell them that we would not be able to have services this time, but expected to return soon. In the evening we had a service at the home of Mr. Joshua Swimmer, again we had a very nice attendance, Brother Jim Mceter and family, and Mr. Louis Meeter and family met with us here.

This service was at the Moreau River again which is 33 or 40 miles South of Wakpala. Distance is one of the problems that is encountered in missionary work among the Sioux Indian people. They are scattered over a large area.

On Sunday 27th, after the morning service, Mr. Henry Three Legs asked to be baptised. He is one of the first Indian people that we met on our first visit to Wakpala in 1953. It was in the company of Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman that we visited at his home. He and his wife have attended many of our services during the years that have passed. I baptised him in the Grand River, between the afternoon and evening services. Brother Three Legs told me that he is a full blood black foot Sioux. He is very large in stature. We were glad to see him obey the Gospel. We held 19 meetings while we were there and were very sorry that we could not stay longer. We all felt there was good prospects remaining. It was necessary that we return now having spent two full weeks there endeavoring to do all that we could in the time that we had. We all returned feeling well blessed, well paid. The grandest opportunity this church ever has had is before us now in South Dakota. Indian people are asking us to come and preach to them everywhere. We started for home Monday morning and arrived at Sister Riley's home Tuesday afternoon, stayed over night, and arrived home Wednesday evening. It was a very nice trip all the way through. I feel our visit was of much encouragement to our Indian people. May God bless them abundantly, is my prayer.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

For the first time in the history of the Dominican Republic an interdenominational "Protestant parade" was held on Bible Sunday last November in the streets of San Juan. The organizers used "an amplifier to announce the significance of the Bible, its purpose, statements of its content, what important world figures have said about it, and so on. Posters were carried and everyone carried a Bible."

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

In my previous Editorial I mentioned that there had been copies of three Broadcast articles of the "Destiny of America Radio Broadcast" sent to me—which point out the destiny of America and especially the United States.

I still wish to draw our readers attention to the matter. In their article dated June 15 '58, I will quote a paragraph as follows:

"Even in the ranks of professed Christians, there is an alarming indifference as to our place in the writings of the prophets, and what our role might be in the predetermined purposes of God as the Kingdom of heaven draws nigh. It is unthinkable that a nation whose God is Jesus Christ, a nation greater in power and glory than all the nations and empires which have preceded it, should have been passed over as playing no role worthy of mention in these the closing days of the Church Age. We certainly did not happen. We are not the product of chance. We are not, as many are given to thinking, a gentile nation, but are God's Kingdom nation—the long lost sheep of the House of Israel!" (end of quote)

I do not want to be mistaken in what is contained in the foregoing paragraph, but when the term 'what our role might be' as is used, also the phrase 'a nation whose God is Jesus Christ' and, 'we are not the product of chance', it is my intention to clarify a point. I think I am correct when I say these terms are referring to us as a Nation of people—the United States of America. I do not wish to convey a thought that our nation is not, and will not play a part in the fulfillment of the great things of God. I believe it is safe to say that all nations of people, past or present,

have played a part one way or another in the purposes of God. But to speak of the U. S. as the Kingdom of God, and in the previous article as 'the Israel of God' and of the plain statement made that we are not a 'Gentile nation of people'—to my understanding cannot be supported by the word of God. We are a Gentile nation and the statement made that we are 'the long lost sheep of the House of Israel' is certainly a far-stretched utterance and cannot be proven.

Jesus Christ makes it very plain that He came to His own. He makes it plain that He came not unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel, and He instructs His disciples not to go by way of the Gentile but rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. In John 10:16 He tells His disciples: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: (the Jews, WHC) them I also must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." The descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the offspring of the free woman, not the bond woman, are known as the children of Israel or the House of Israel. They were the apple of God's eye. They are known as sheep, while the appellation of 'dogs' was applied towards the Gentiles. There is a theory advanced today that the people of the U. S. and Great Britain are of Ephraim and Manasseh the sons of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, for which there is no scriptural proof. The prophet in speaking of lost Israel says: "I will bring them from the north country." There is no history to show the fulfillment of this scripture yet—**BUY IT SHALL BE FULFILLED (WHC)**.

For some reason there are many that confuse the little stone spoken of by Daniel in chapter 2:45 which becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth, and is often referred to as the 'stone kingdom'. I say there are many who apply this to the United States of America, which is an error.

The image that stood before Nebuchadnezzar represented the whole world. Daniel tells him he is the head, which was located in the far east. The feet are on the opposite end from the head—or the far west, just where the United States is located. The stone smites, and the image falls and becomes as the chaff for a thrashing floor and the wind blown or carried them away.

The United States as a nation is far from being a righteous nation, and no doubt will be mingled among the chaff that is blown away, and must not be classed as the Israel of God. I might add that MONEY is the God of today, not excluding this great nation of people.

I expect to follow this subject further in another editorial.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

On Sunday April 13th, 1958, the brothers and sisters of the Brooklyn Mission, 404-A Willoughby Avenue, gathered together with the brothers and sisters of the Bronx Branch.

During the morning our Elder brothers brought forth wonderful words of exhortation in the love of God. At the conclusion of the morning worship, we had lunch and later reunited for the afternoon service. At this time

Brother James R. Link of the Brooklyn Mission, approved by Conference, was ordained an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ and Brother Peter Bunnell was ordained Deacon for the Mission. Many wonderful testimonies were given in praise and glory to the Lord. After Sacrament, we all participated in the ordinance of washing feet, at which time there was a wonderful manifestation of love and humility. During the gathering we had a number of

visitors with us whom we trust the Lord will bless with understanding that they may become His children.

In the evening the Bronx M. B. A. local met and the blessings of God continued thus ending a perfect day of joy and worship unto our Heavenly Father.

On Sunday, June 29, 1958, we had a similar gathering only this time our brothers and sisters of the Bronx Branch met with us at our Willoughby Avenue Mis-

sion. In addition to a nice group from the Bronx as well as some from the Bath Ave. Mission, we had quite a few visitors. The morning worship was opened by Brother V. Lupo, by reading the 3rd Chapter of St. John, concerning the new birth. As the Elders brothers spoke there was manifestation of the Spirit of God prevailing. A few hymn selections were sung by the M. B. A. singing group. The afternoon service was just as enjoyable with praises and thanksgiving unto the Lord for all His wonderful blessings.

The M. B. A. local met in the evening and a program, compiled by our organist, Sister Lydia Link, bearing the theme "He Keeps On Loving Us Still", was presented by a group of the brothers and sisters of the mission. The blessings of God were felt by all present at the presentation of the program.

There's nothing in this world that can equal the blessings the Saints receive when they gather together in the Love and Fellowship of our Lord and Saviour. May God bless you all, that the Gospel of Christ may continue to march forward.

Sister Belle Rose

LIFE UNTO ME

Mere words cannot express,
The peace, the happiness,
I feel within my soul when Jesus smiles;
It's like the morning sun
That shines, when night is done,
And warms the countryside for miles and miles.

Nor yet, can I explain
The misery and pain
That grips my heart, when He chastises me;
How quickly I repent,
Implore Him to relent...
And He forgives... tho why,
amazes me!

So, then, I must conclude,
He's Life to me, He's Food,
The very air I breathe, the
Morning Star!
And, since I love Him so,
How wonderful to know,
His love for me is greater, still,
by far!

Catherine Poma

A TRIP TO CHEROKEE, N. C.

My son-in-law Arthur Landrey having a few days off work and along with his wife and children, took my wife and me along with them for a short trip to Cherokee, N. C. Leaving here on July 24, p.m., we arrived there at about 8 p.m. the next day. Already ahead of us was Brother Ahlborn, his wife and family and Sister Ahlborn's mother whom we met soon after our arrival in Cherokee.

Our time was very short, so we got in touch with Brother and Sister Molinatto who live out in the country. We were all pleased to meet each other. On Sunday we spent some time with them in a meeting in a Gentile home and one in an Indian home. I had an opportunity to address both meetings. We arranged to eat our dinner together at an outside parking table, having a little time for visiting with each other. In the meantime Arthur had taken my wife to an Indian church nearby.

In the evening we attended an Indian Church on their Reservation at what they call Birdtown, where Rev. Wm. Owle is pastor. Not being strangers to him, nor to his church, he invited me to occupy the pulpit where I enjoyed myself again in speaking to his congregation.

The next day (Monday) we all got started back home again—arriving on Tuesday night. A short, but a pleasant trip with an opportunity to see Brother and sister Molinatto and their little family again and who seem to be very well and apparently satisfied in their place of residence in North Carolina. May the Lord continue to bless them in their efforts in that locality. Cherokee is a very busy place at this season of the year, with tourists from all over the country.

Brother Cadman

From David Witmer's Writings:

"When the Book of Mormon was in the hands of the printer, more money was needed to finish the printing of it. We were waiting on Martin Harris who was doing his best to sell a part of his farm, in order to raise the necessary funds. After a time Hyrum Smith and others began to get impatient, thinking that Martin Harris was too slow and under transgression for not selling his land at once, even if at a great sacrifice. Brother Hyrum thought they should not wait any longer on Martin Harris, and that the

money should be raised in some other way. Brother Hyrum was vexed with Brother Martin, and thought they should get the money by some means outside of him, and not let him have anything to do with the publication of the Book, or receiving any of the profits thereof if any profits should accrue. He was wrong in thus judging Brother Martin, because he was doing all he could toward selling his land.

Brother Hyrum said it had been suggested to him that some of the brethren might go to Toronto, Canada, and sell the copy-right of the Book of Mormon for considerable money; and he persuaded Joseph to inquire of the Lord about it. Joseph concluded to do so. He had not yet given up the stone. Joseph looked into the hat in which he placed the stone, and received a revelation that some of the brethren should go to Toronto, Canada, and that they would sell the copy-right of the Book of Mormon. Hyrum Page and Oliver Cowdery went to Toronto on this mission, but they failed entirely to sell the copy-right, returning without any money.

Joseph was at my father's house when they returned. I was there also, and am an eye witness to these facts. Jacob Witmer and John Witmer were also present when Hiram Page and Oliver Cowdery returned from Canada. Well, we were all in great trouble; and we asked Joseph how it was that he had received a revelation from the Lord for some brethren to go to Toronto and sell the copy-right, and the brethren had utterly failed in their undertaking. Joseph did not know how it was so he enquired of the Lord about it and behold the following revelation came through the stone: "Some revelations are of God; some revelations are of man; and some revelations are of the devil."

So we see that the revelation to go to Toronto and sell the copy-right was not of God, but was of the devil or of the heart of man. When a man enquires of the Lord concerning a matter, if he is deceived by his own carnal desires, and is in error, he will receive an answer according to his erring heart, but it will not be a revelation from the Lord. This was a lesson for our benefit and we should have profited by it in future more than we did.

Without much explanation you can see the error of Hyrum Smith in thinking evil of Martin Harris

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Column three

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

Evolution is a fascinating subject. This is not to say it is a science of hypnotic truths or romantic theories, but between these two extremes there lies the possibility that some kind of evolution has taken place on this sphere of ours. With Darwin introducing his "theory of origin" in 1858, and the perfection less than ten years ago of radium count to fix exact age to archeological findings, we have come a long way towards explaining the distribution of species on the earth. It does not explain how fern leaves become imbedded in icebergs, certain alligators are found only in Florida, or what sabre tooth tigers were doing in Siberia. Leap-frogging the unanswerable questions like that of the dinosaur and how the Eskimo walked to Alaska, we come to the inevitable subject of evolution: Ape versus Man.

Anthropology, even as a science, is very difficult to tolerate. Man has always tried to individualize himself; place himself above all other forms of life on earth. Yet when it comes to his beginning he will insist the first spark of life was a cosmic organism and that man took millions of years to develop from tree-swinging ape to an erect walking human.

Just recently in a mine in Italy, miners uncovered some very interesting bones. To most people they would be just that—bones, but to anthropologist Johannes Hurzeler of Switzerland they seem to have special meaning. This scientist claims they are the remains of 'Oreopithecus', a hominid that combined ape and human characteristics and walked upright. For those not familiar with anthropological terms, (I certainly am not), 'Hominid' is the name applied to the earliest known apes that acquired the nature of man. With the discovery of these latest bones scientists would have us believe man's ancestry goes back 25 million years.

I once asked a Princeton University student how professed Christians and God-believing people could accept and study anthropology. He replied that they are told to completely discount all religious knowledge and in their study are not to refer to any biblical writings. The science

professors say this is not to refute religious truths but to allow a free mind for scientific study. In their words: we are asked to forget truism and accept a new hypothesis.

In weighing the valid possibilities of these latest bone findings, one is tempted to recall Barnum's "stone giant." Remember the petrified man, some nine feet tall, a farmer and his brother 'found'? The hoax turned out to be a terrific money maker for Barnum and the farmer. And not too far back a man admitted he had hidden the skull of a large monkey where scientists found it and called it the remains of a Neanderthal man. This guise went on for some fifty years! It is hard to realize the world will believe—often force themselves to believe—such straws of fantasy and refuse the passages in Genesis:

"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness:" (Gen. 1:26)

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7)

Through the ages man has predicted his own end and just how it will come about. The latest of such appears in a book by the archbishop of Canterbury. The head primate of The Church of England says, "for all I know it is within the providence of God that the human race should destroy itself."

In making such a statement, Dr. Geaffry Fisher is speaking of atomic warfare. "Destroyed by fire" is a much known portion of scripture so it is speculative as to whether the fire will be nuclear induced. Such a war, if carried to its full extent, would certainly thin the human race to very few in numbers. Many argue that God would not allow the innocent women and children to be so victimized. (Actually this is a poor argument. Mormon saw an entire nation destroyed, to the last soul. [Moroni 1:2-3])

The archbishop further expressed his views: "There is no evidence that the human race should last forever, and plenty of scripture to the contrary." To

this we can all agree but as to the nature of the end, that is certainly up to God.

David Witmer's writings . . .

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without a cause, and desiring to leave him out in the publication of the Book; and also the error of Brother Joseph in listening to the persuasions of men and enquiring of the Lord to see if they might go to Toronto to sell the copyright of the Book of Mormon, when it was made known to Brother Joseph that the will of the Lord was to have Martin Harris raise the money." (David Witmer was one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon)

PURITANISM or GODLINESS?

The spirit of man is not the spirit of the true liberty which we look for in the gospel. I'm thinking of the first account of the council meeting of the church in the Apostles day.

The 15th chapter of Acts, 1st verse: and certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, "except ye be circumcized after the manner of Moses ye cannot be saved."

When therefore, Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elder about this question

4th verse,—But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, "That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

The good news of the gospel to us is concerned with the things which pertain to the kingdom of God. God is concerned about the soul, or spirit of man, and the gospel is the word unto men which calls upon men to hear and obey. We are called upon to repent of our sins and refrain from them.

Sin is the breaking of the commandments of our Eternal God. He tells us to believe in His Son, and we shall be free

The spirit of evil is bondage, it binds us, it controls, it brings under subjection.

The spirit of Jesus Christ is the spirit of freedom and liberty, it is love, it is peace, patience and long suffering it seeketh not her own.

Here we have described the

two kingdoms, it seems that it ought to be easy to walk in the path of liberty and freedom, but we find like those of the early church, we have those zealous would be teachers trying to bring again the spirit of bondage, upon those whom Christ has made free.

In the instance I have quoted the Pharisees believed the gospel, from what I can learn they were a puritan sect of the Jewish religion who were very much concerned with outward appearance. They made the outside, or the body appear clean, but they being so concerned of the outside, did neglect the inward man. Their religion became make believe or play acting. These Pharisees believed the gospel, it says, but they were not entirely cleansed of the spirit which they had before. Here they are preaching or advocating the works of the outward appearance upon the Gentiles. They did not understand, they were falling into an old pit.

We have this same spirit of outward appearance today. It is one of the traps of the evil one, which many good intentional people fall into. In their minds the good intention is being Christ like, but unbeknown they pass a dividing line of the spiritual and godly, and are led off the road, that they believe outward cleansing or pious acts makes them Christ-like. This is not the case at all. They exert pressure upon others to conform to them, if they do not, they condemn them.

It leads back to the spirit of bondage away from Christ, instead of to him. The overcoming of a physical habit of the body does not bring us closer to God.

In India, Fakirs believe if they sit on nails or spikes, it makes them holy. They believe also that their ancestors are reincarnated into a cow, so they starve to death while sacred cows roam the country side—it does not make it so.

We have our advocates today who proclaim their righteousness by outward acts of piety. They wear clothing which denotes they are religious; they preach against the use of our modern inventions.

They abstain from meats. They do not want to be worldly, some of these things wouldn't be so bad, but as I said, they are carried to such extreme, they refuse to send their children to Sunday school because the teacher gave a poem or something to learn, they refrain from our youth organization because of

programs, which are prepared for spiritual uplift.

It is worldly to organize a choir and learn to sing, in fact their area of activities are so constricted there is no activity at all. Spiritual stagnation grasps them with its deadly grip, if this just concerned the individual, it would not be so bad, but it affects the whole church.

Those who advocate these pious acts grow proud in their own heart, and look down on their fellow man, and condemn them, it leads to contention and division and strife.

Our religion has unbounded possibilities and spiritual blessings, and we should seek for them, and learn wisdom in the day of our probation.

One thing is sure—these hearts of ours are stubborn and hard. The Lord gives His Spirit to help us to bring our hearts under the will of God. God wills that we learn to love Him. His principles, His laws, and love them from the depth of our being, putting on the outward clothing of piety leaves the heart just as it was.

What was the decision of the first council I mentioned? The 19th verse says, quote: "Wherefore, my sentence is that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles are turned to God. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."

They were wise in their decision, what shall we say to those things which confront us? For truly anything which causes pride, self-righteousness, and division are not good. Let us not bring again the spirit of bondage, God has made us His stewards, abstain from sin and pollutions, and seek diligently to foster brotherly love.

Love God with all our hearts, seek to instill in our lives all the godly virtue, our spiritual life will grow richer day by day if we do.

George E. Johnson, Sr.

P. S. To my mind this article can be followed up very nicely with the following—"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

Persons may have habits that are not necessarily transgressions of the law of God, and yet may be offensive, and woe be unto him by whom the offense cometh—saith the Saviour. (Editor)

OBITUARIES

ANTOINETTE LEOPOLDO

Detroit Michigan

Sister Antoinette Leopoldo was born in Italy, December 13th, 1895. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ November 21st, 1926. She passed on to her reward August 11st, 1958, in her 63rd year. She had been ill for a good while, but bore it with great patience. Sister Leopoldo is survived by her husband, Brother Otto, dear mother of Anthony, daughter-in-law Sophie, and four grand-children. Sister of Paul Cucchiara. She remained a very faithful member of the Church to the end. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, August 4th, 1958, by Brothers Nick Pietrangelo, Fred D'Amico and Anthony Pietrangelo. Sister Barber Pietrangelo, pianist, playing the accompaniment. Funeral director, A. H. Peters, place of interment, Gethsemane Cemetery. Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort the bereaved.

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ELIZA M. PIERCE

Long Branch, Pennsylvania

Sister Eliza M. Pierce of Long Branch died in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital on July 26, 1958. She was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ in March of 1936. She is survived by her husband, five sons and five daughters: Sister Sarah Sisly, Sister Ella Mae Abbott, Mildred Cone and Ruth Pierce. Howard Jr., Everett, Ernest, David, Ralph, and thirty grand-children.

Services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ in Roscoe, Pa., with Brothers George Johnson and Henry Johnson officiating. Singing was by the Roscoe Church Choir. Interment at Howes Cemetery.

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GEORGE W. MOORE

Waltersville, Kentucky

Brother George Moore was born at Stillwater, Kentucky in November of 1877, died at his home in Waltersville, Kentucky on July 26, 1958. He was baptised and

confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ on May 3, 1958 by his brother Elder James Moore of R. D. 1, Imperial, Pa. The funeral services were conducted by Brother Russel Cadman in Hearn's Funeral Home, and he was laid away to rest on July 29th in the Waltersville Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow Sister Moore and one daughter and one sister. Brother Moore was the eldest of five brothers, four surviving him of which brother James of Imperial is the youngest.

Brother James was interested with his family, preached the gospel to them and baptised his oldest brother who was past 80, along with his wife. His time was very short as a member of the church on earth, but his testimony was that he was perfectly satisfied with the step he had taken. May the Lord bless his widow and all that are dear to him.

A story of the value of portion comes from the Central America Agency of the American Bible Society. About twenty years ago a Portion was given by Mr. Tuttle, missionary of the Four Square Gospel Church, to the father of Juvencio Perez, the living near Penonome, Panama. Back in the hills lived an evangelical, the possessor of a Bible. Juvencio's father learned of the man and, with his spiritual appetite whetted by the Portion, arranged to borrow the Bible periodically for a few days at a time. To do so required a day's ride into the hills. Finally the Bible owner died and left the Bible to Jevencio's family. Today Jevencio is one of the very promising young pastors of Panama. It all began by one man giving a Gospel Portion to another man.

Bible Society Record

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Cadman - Gehly

Saturday evening, July 19th, Martha Cadman, daughter of Brother and Sister Russel Cadman and Brother Arthur Gehly, son of Otto and Sister Elsie Gehly of Roseville, Detroit, Michigan were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Fre-

donia, Pa.

Brother James Moore of Imperial, Pa. presided at the double ring service and the attendants were, Sister Carolyn Gehly, sister of the bride, maid of honor. Brother Paul Gehly was best man for his brother. The ushers were, Brother Carl McCartney and Earl Davis.

Sister Ruth Ann Love accompanied the solist, Robert Clinefelter, who sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

A reception was held immediately following the wedding at the bride's home.

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

Now I take my pen in hand, for there are some things I do not understand, but asking God for His direction, I hope to be under His subjection. Solomon says to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. He hath made every thing beautiful in His time. God's time should be our time, but sometimes we get out of time. Some have said it is not time to preach the Gospel to Israel. I believe it is time anytime. God for ordained certain dispensations of time for certain things to take place. He planned our redemption before the foundation of the world. As Peter says, "WE are not bought with corruptable things such as silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Christ who verily was fore ordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you." As there is a season and a time for everything, God had to look down thru time and reveal unto His servants from time to time. Jude says, "That Enoch prophesied, 'Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints.'" That has been thousands of years ago and it has not come to pass yet and Jude is the only writer that gives us this revelation of Enoch. And so it is God does not reveal His purposes to all men. Nephi, Daniel, and John the Revelator saw many things that other men never saw; and some wrestle the scripture to their own destruction. As the ball or compass only worked according to the diligence and faith they had in God, so God revealed to Joseph Smith only as he sought the Lord. God reproved the brother of Jared because he did not pray unto the Lord. God revealed unto Daniel because he prayed when he was forbidden to pray.

John was in the spirit on the Lord's day and no man can be in the spirit unless he prays. God had to predict times by some number that was perfect. So seven is God's number. Now a complete circle has 360 degrees; this composed time. The ancients had tried to figure time by degrees. II Kings, Chap. 20, verse 9: "Shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or back ten degrees." Isaiah 38th Chap. 8th verse: Behold I will bring again the shadow of degrees which is gone down in the sun dial. So the sun returned ten degrees. By which degrees it was gone down, there is time and there are seasons. The fundamental unit of time is the rotation of the earth, and the position of any spot on the earth at any time with reference to the sun determines the time of day at that particular place. The official time of all civilized countries is obtained from the clocks in observatories we have in Washington. So the earth is not on its axis vertical or we would have 360 days to the year. But to produce seasons the poles of the earth are at an angle. The earth rotates on its axis once in 24 hours and in 365½ days it makes a complete revolution around the sun. Joshua commanded the sun to stand still but the sun has never moved. But God in answer to prayer performed a miracle and stopped the earth; even as Isaiah gave a sign in the life of Hezekiah on the dial of Ahaz. Well you will wonder what I am writing about. I am not an astronomer, but I believe these things control our lives. Now seven times 360 equals 2,520 which seems to be a complete cycle. ½ of 2,520 equals 1260 which is time, times, and one half time so 3½ is only one half of seven makes ½ of a cycle. The Babylons added 5 days to every year. They called them holidays. The Egyptians added one month every six years to complete their seasons and moons. Therefore the words of Isaiah, 7th Chap. verse 1 "Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth."

In my last article, my thought of the church fully clothed again and organized in 1830 is a point of measurement from which to have a solution to a problem. If we just go at random then our calculations are at random. So if we choose 1830 as the termination point of the 1260 years, or time, times, and one half time, or 42 months we will have the solution to the problem. Now if 1260 solar years equals 1242

years of time, times and one half time, we must use this number of years. So 1830 minus 1242 equals 588 A.D. 588 A.D. minus 1242 equals 654 B.C. 654 B.C. minus 1242 equals 1896 B.C. The first chapter of Matthew gives us the book of generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. So the call of Abraham in 1921 B.C. was not a point to start; but the birth of Isaac was in 1896 B.C. Let us see what Paul says about this in Galatians, 4th chapter, 22 to 31. "But he that was born of the bondmaid was born after the flesh, but he of the free woman was by promise." So brethren we are not children of the bond woman, but of the free. I have no argument with those who want to use 1820 as a date to make their calculations. All our figures come to the same era. If we refer to the World War as the war of 1914, it lasted four years, so some may say the war of 1918. So 1820 minus 1260 of solar years equals 560 A.D. It is all in the same era. Rome was not built in a day neither did the church go into apostasy in a day, but many years. Paul says they were already in the church in his day. So if Israel's beginning was at the birth of Isaac in 1896 B.C., Israel was in its worst condition about the year 654 B.C. under the reign of King Manasseh who was more wicked than Ahab and Jezebel. (Leviticus, 26 chapter) That God will punish them seven times for their sins. How did He punish them? By letting Gentile kings come from Babylon, Media, Greece—and Romans—until we come down to our day. So from 654 B.C. plus 2520 years equals 1830. Seven times 360 equals 2520 years of punishment. My volumn library says the Hebrew kings reigned from about 1000 to 600 B.C. Lehi was warned to leave Jerusalem about this time. It was not done in a day or a month or a year. The Roman empire destroyed Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Jesus told them not one stone shall be left on another. And up until our days they have been punished and he that was born of the flesh is still persecuting him that was born after the promise. Punishment did not stop in 1830, but in the era is the beginning of this latter day work. God has allowed them to go back to their land; and as the woman was clothed with the sun, which is the celestial glory, and the moon which is the lesser light and 12 stars also differing in glory. All the stars do not

give the same light. Some stars you cannot see with the naked eye, so it was in the church which Jesus set up.

James Heaps

Villa San Giuseppe,
Geggio Calabria
July 27, 1958

Dear Brother Cadman,

May the glorious Lord, Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ be with you and yours and that you may be enjoying good health both spiritual and natural is my prayer. Yes, my constant supplication is that the Lord may extend your life even like unto Moses so that before God calls you away from this earth you may see the Church of Jesus Christ established in all the Continent of America as well as in all parts of the world in these Latter Days. Yes, I will continue to pray the Lord that your days may be prolonged for many, many years as the church needs you.

On my part, I cannot complain because up to this day the Lord God has protected me from all danger and I want to confess to you I have resolved to remain like a sentinel; always on the watch-tower.

The Lord keeps me firm... unmovable on the solid rock, Jesus Christ. I must confirm to you: had it not been because I have remained firm on the truth; had it not been because I have put my trust in the mighty hand of God; had it not been for the fervent prayers offered in my behalf by the saints by now I would have been cut off from the earth! because the devil has hurled himself against me with all his nefarious host of agents. And with their secret combinations, they would have surely overwhelmed me! But the God in whom we have learned to put all our confidence, He knows just how to protect His humble servants. Yes indeed! the Lord knows how to rebuff the charging enemy and put them to complete rout so that we may be left free to preach the glad tidings of the true gospel to the whole inhabited world that His name may be glorified forever. Amen.

I remember how the Lord directed me to His church when I was searching for the truth. The Lord was merciful when He saw fit to call me into His path of righteousness, even though no one

did preach to me. My conversion was volunteer and Brother Rocco Ensana of Stelton, N. J., in fact, was reluctant to baptize me because he thought I did not have sufficient knowledge about the Faith of this church.

But I insisted he baptize me, as it was his duty. I said to him: If I should ever desert this church because of lack of understanding, I said, then let me bear the responsibility, and not you. When he heard me speak in this wise, then he baptized me; that is to say, in the year 1934, in Canose, Booklyn.

So until this day I have strived to do my best in order to please God. Even at the cost of risking my life, I am determined to fulfill my duties as a Minister of the gospel. Jesus says, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

So far I have not feared men and neither the law of this earth! Because Jesus the King who has been on my side, teaches me: "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Amen. Saint Paul also says, "Now if God is for us, who shall be againts us? How real and how comforting are these words! In fact, I have appeared in court twice in the presence of magistrates... and I just can't express to you the wonderful liberty I The Lord made me feel very bold to the extent that I had to tell the Judges, and all who were present in the court room, "If you doubt the sincerity with which I serve my God then look me in my eyes and see for yourselves... whether they reveal otherwise to you." I said: You represent the law. Why don't you make a thorough inquiry about me? whether I speak the truth or not? They looked at me (the judges) dumfounded! unable to answer my words. And because these magistrates couldn't answer my questions they were fired from their jobs. In other words, they have failed to carry out the order given them by the hierarchy of the Christian Neronite Papal clique.

I want you to know, Brother Cadman, the reason I have been summoned to appear in court is because I have preached to a crowd from a window on the 25th of December, 1957, at the square of Villa San Giuseppe. The theme of my discourse was: "Why did Jesus Christ come on the earth?" I emphasized that He came primarily to take away, through His death on the cross, the original sin of our first parent,

Adam. And that, because Christ had died on the cross, little children needed not to be baptized for the remission of sins. I stated that by baptizing infants, the catholic church finds itself in conflict with the teachings of Christ which does not permit such heresies.

When I appeared in court, there were no witnesses to testify against me even though I had spoken to a large crowd at this occasion. Instead on my part I could have had all the witnessess I wanted because many of the inhabitants of Villa San Giuseppa had offered to defend me in court.

And so today, for the first time in my life, thank God, I felt proud and happy that the Lord has made me score a great victory over the false clergy of the Catholica Romana Church. This was also the first time for me in my life that I had to appear before a court and this because I have preached the true doctrine of Christ here in Italy. My record has always been clean both in America and here in Italy, save for a traffic violation in New York City where I once failed to make a stop sign.

So I am exceedingly happy to know that on the eighth of August, 1958 I will have again to present myself before the court because I have appealed my case before the court of appeal because, though I have been acquitted for insufficient evidence, the court does not want to give me the complete exoneration hoping to find a way to trap me so that they may expel me from the country. As a result of my winning the case in court, the catholic hierarchy has transferred the local priest Don Antonio, who has bitterly opposed me for preaching the truth here in Villa San Giuseppe, to a nearby town. He was sent there prior to the national election. It was reported to me that this priest, the day in which the elections were held, he was siezed by a mob and was pretty badly beaten up. In addition to all this, you must know that the town is presently without a priest because none seems to be too anxious to replace the ill-fated Don Antonio.

But this is not all! The traditional Annual Feast in honor of Patron Saint Joseph has also been suspended so that there won't be a feast this year. So as you can well see this town is in ferment. So as I have above stated, on the eighth of August, 1958, I will have to go again before the court of appeal so that

I may be exonerated and also to declare to the court what the Church of Jesus Christ really stands for and why I have come here now four times, which I did for the purpose of announcing the good tidings of great joy to the people of my native town of Villa San Giuseppe and for the rest of Italy. But instead of being received with gladness by the priests for preaching the gospel, they have pointed at me with a finger of scorn and I have let it be known to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people that there's no other way out under the sun whereby men can be saved, save it be through the restored Church of Jesus Christ which is the only known organization on earth to possess the direct command from God: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Therefore, according to this command, the Italian people, in reality, have not yet received the correct form of baptism as instituted by Christ. So men, the world over, in order to find salvation for their souls, they must comply with the doctrines as set forth by Jesus Christ. If the clergy will not obey the commandments of Christ, they will in vain honor God; but rather they will be antichrists and, according to 1st Peter: 1st chapter, they will be anticatholics!

Yes, brother, the reason I have been received with very little pleasure by the clergy in this land of Italy is because I have promulgated the unadulterated doctrine of Christ. Just as Christ himself was coldly received by the clergy, and He soon found out that they were not yet willing (and perhaps never will be) for real allegiance to God.

I want you to know that here in Italy we have some false believers and some speculators like unto the time of the first apostles. A certain man, by name Marmotta Berardine, came to me in disguise. A swindler, a begger, a selfish man from Sulmona. Aquila declaring that he was baptized by Brother Emidio Milano from Noventa Vicentina, Vicenza three years ago. At first, when he came to me, I welcomed him as a brother—but he wasn't. He was as opportunist like unto the times of St. Paul and like unto the times of Jacob and Alma in the Book of Mormon... when false christis and false preachers appeared among the flock of the Lord. This man had tried to make me believe he was an Elder

of the church and that he had forty-five souls in Giardino, Sicily who were waiting for me to go baptize them there. This man was a guest in my home for eight days. He asked to be anointed so he could partake the communion as he hadn't partaken of it for three months. Mind you, this man was never baptized in our church and had the nerve to call for the laying on of hands!

In order to convince me to go to Giardino, Sicily he had written me a letter from here which he wanted to make appear it was written to me from Giardino, Sicily. I became suspicious when I noticed the anxiousness with which he wanted me to read it. I took a good look at the letter, and to my surprise, I discovered it had been mailed in Villa San Giuseppe. With my suspicion about the sincerity of this man I sent a telegram to Brother Milano with a pre-paid reply. The immediate reply was that Brother Milano had never seen or heard of this man. Evidently he was an imposter. Brother, you can well imagine how I felt in my heart.

So while this man was in my home still in bed sleeping I took my car and I went straight to the police station and gave them the letter to prove to them that this man was a thief. On the morrow, as we were at the table ready to eat breakfast, he refused to eat as he said he had to leave urgently or he would have missed the ferry-boat. I told him he should go with me to the police station as the chief of police wished to see him, but he refused. In the mean time the police wagon pulled in front of the house and they have arrested him. They took me to the station too, so they could interrogate the man in my presence. In the questioning, he admitted he had come to my home for the purpose of stealing, which would have taken place if I would have departed for Sicily as he tried to get me to do. This man is very clever; well learned and well versed in the Bible! This swindler was causing me to fall in a trap because he went around preaching to the people. He also has attacked the clergy. Shortly after this incident, I have received several letters from Pastors of other denominations who warned me to beware of this man who goes posing as a Minister and at the same time cheating the people. I have informed them that I have denounced this man to the law and that he has been

duly rewarded for his deeds. This man has been sentenced to jail for one month. When the other ministers have heard this good news they have thanked me in their letters as this man has caused them much trouble in their churches. The law too, has thanked me for having turned him in. Later I will mail you a cut from the paper as per this episode.

Brother Cadman, again I hope you will forgive me for having delayed to give you a full report on my activities here, though I have done in part. I wrote several letters to apostles Brothers V. R. Biscotti and A. A. Corrado. I believe they must have acquainted you with what I have told them in my letters. Again I say, trust you'll forgive me for my long silence.

I have you know the building I have erected here is near completion. It's a modern structure of which I am very proud. It has several rooms with bath, all furnished, on the 2nd floor. It has electricity; that is to say, there's light in every room, with hot and cold running water just as we have it in the states. On the first floor there's a meeting hall which could accommodate at least 125 people. The building is situated on a lot 65 x 700 on a little hill overlooking the historical port of Reggio where St. Paul stopped on his way to Rome. The section where the structure is, is very picturesque. The excellent and is rated the best in the country. The reason I have built this building is because I foresee a need for it. The missionary brethren from the states and from every where in the world some day will find this place very handy when they will come here. It is some thing as was proposed for Canada some time ago. The reason I am sure it will be handy to the saints is because there's much, much spiritual work to be done in Italy. The door of the evangelization of Italy is wide open. There are many here who hunger and thirst for the truth, but the laborers are few. The field is truly ripe for the harvest.

It is with regrets I must inform you I have received a communication from the American Consulate in which I'm told I can only remain here in Italy until the end of April 1959. After that I must return to the U. S. if I don't want to incur the danger of losing my American citizenship. Any one who has been in America for 25 years or more,

the same can come to stay here all they want without being afraid of losing their American citizenship. But I can't say that about myself as I have been here five times before my twenty-five years were up.

Brother Cadman, I sincerely wish that before I am ready to return to the U. S. some capable brother in the ministry would volunteer to take over the work I have started here because, if not, I am afraid what I have gained with much sacrifice and with much toil... would be lost. By the way Brother Cadman, I know you have visited practically all the missions and branches in the states and you have also been in the distant land of Nigeria, Africa, but you have not yet been in Italy where all our brethren are anxious to see you. I'm pretty certain that you yourself would enjoy a visit to the saints here. So we're hoping you make a surprising visit to the faithful of Italy. Amen

Brother Domenic Todaro

THE LETTERS OF O. COWDERY

We supplement the series of letters by the following from the pen of Oliver Cowdery to "The Messenger and Advocate," in the October number of 1835, after John Whitmer became its Editor.

The Record of The Nephites

Tuesday Morning,
September 22nd, 1835

On the morning of the 22nd of September, 1827, the angel of the lord delivered the record of the Nephites to Joseph Smith, Jr. This opening a new era, as it were, the mind runs with the rapidity of lightning over the history of the past eight years, and views with wonder the hand of God in its dealings with men, in that thousands and tens of thousands have since heard the contents of that volume which then remained locked up from the eyes and knowledge of the nations of the earth.

The book has been translated, though its translator was driven from his native land, to do the same, by the hand of wicked and designing men, and those too who professed the religion of heaven, or was instigated so to do, by such; it has been printed, though many sought to keep it from the public eye, and actually stole a part, which was, however,

supplied from the writings of another: a few embraced its truths, yielding obedience to the gospel, and tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come; many of the elders of Christ's Church have since been commissioned and sent forth over this vast Republic, from river to river, and from valley to valley, til the vast sunny plains of Missouri, the frozen regions of Canada, and the eastern Maine, with the summer States of the South, have been saluted with the sound of the voice of those who go forth for the last time to say to Israel, Prepare for the coming of thy King.

Wondrous to tell! Amid the frowns of bigots, the sneers of hypocrites, the scoffs of the foolish, the calumny of slanderers, the ridicule of the vain and the popular prejudice of people estranged from God, urged on to deeds of villainy by the priests of Baal, the word has been proclaimed with success, and thousands are now enjoying the benign influence of the love of God shed forth by the Comforter upon the pure in heart.

Nor has the sound been confined alone to our shores: Europe has heard that the great King was doing wonders for us, and the eyes of many are now anxiously turned to behold the rising spreading glory of the church of the Latter Day Saints, in the new world. In that world, though vast its forests and broad its rivers, where but few centuries ago the roaming red man chased the buffalo, the elk and the bounding deer, unnoticed and alone, now subdued, the Father of mercies has lifted to the nations of the earth a standard: has raised up to the gaze of the world an ensign: has caused his voice to be heard: has shown to his faithful ones that Israel is about to be gathered: the indignation toward the Jews is also to cease: and that he will soon bring the house of Jacob from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, the blind, the lame, the aged and the suckling, that they may sing in the height of Zion, and flow together to the goodness of the Lord.

Prepare your hearts, O ye saints of the Most High, for great things await you! Hasten ye, to the places of gathering, for after a little the indignation of the Lord will cease toward those who are called by His name, and then his arm must fall upon the wicked. His sword is bathed in heaven,

and must fall upon Idumea, and who can stand amid the crash and fall of empires?

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

Should one ask, what has been done during these eight years, of which you speak? I would say, the first two and a half only translated and printed the record, and organized the church with six members! And the fruit of the labor of five and a half are so great that the hearts of thousands are astonished: the veil of superstition has been rent from the minds of many: the church increased to thousands: the list of elders multiplied to hundreds: the deaf have heard the words of the book; the eyes of the blind have seen out of obscurity and out of darkness: the meek have increased, (for their joy is in the Lord), the poor among men rejoice in the Holy One of Israel: many that erred in spirit have come to understanding, while others that murmured have learned doctrine.

Oliver Cowdery

Letter From Detroit, Michigan:

Dear Brother Editor:

I sincerely hope when this article reaches you, you and all the others of our dear ones throughout the church will be found in good health, enjoying the peace and love of God. Thankful to say, we are in fair health, and doing

the best we can, to do our duty and be blessed. While in deep meditation to the Lord, for His blessings, and inspired to write something that will be a benefit to the Church, I saw before me a young pear tree that was just laden with fruit, while I had a conversation last night with a brother on this subject, I have been thinking of the tree that Lehi saw, that bore fruit that was whiter than anything that he ever saw, also the sweetest fruit he had ever tasted. I am caused to reflect that as Brother Alexander Cherry said, when we are doing our duty rightly before God, there is no one that enjoys here below what we enjoy, we may even be privileged to sit in Heavenly places, we may have heaven on earth, and through the Grace of God, if we can retain it, obtain eternal bliss. I shall now mention a few of the incidents that have occurred in our midst since my last writing.

Brother Nick Pietrangelo was in Muncey Reservation Sunday, July 13th, and brought us back a good report of many blessings received. On Sunday the 20th of July, Brother Dominic Moraco visited with us in Branch No. 1. He read a portion of scripture found in Luke, 15th chapter, 11th verse, and gave us a good talk on the Prodigal son. Sunday afternoon service was introduced by Brother A. A. Corrado, who was spending a short period of heavenly blessings in our midst. He started off speaking on the love of God. Who are my father and mother, brothers and sisters? They who do the will of God. Mentions the 17th Chapter of John, where Jesus prayed for His disciples, that God would not take them out of the world, but would keep them in the world, apart from the world. Mentioned about an old saint who was so persecuted among his family, that he asked God that when he departs from this life he wanted to do so in the midst of the saints, and he did. Spoke about the Lord delivering Peter out of jail, and he went to the house of Rhoda, and she ran in to tell them that Peter was at the door, although they were fervently all praying for his deliverance yet when the miracle was wrought, they couldn't believe it.

He mentioned that when he was over in Italy recently, his mother told him the people over there were laying in wait to kill him, but he was not afraid, he knew God would take care of

him, and He did. Brother Frank Vitto spoke next, and gave us a good talk. Sister Corrado was also in our midst, and gave a good testimony. On this same day we had a sister baptised in Amhersburg, Canada. On July 26th the G.M.B.A. rally assembled at Branch No. 1. Many selections of our hymns were sung melodiously. Opening prayer was given by Brother Joseph Calabrese. The main subject discussed was the blessings received since we entered the church. Brothers Joe Milantoni, Dominic Thomas, and Dr. Randazza, gave very fine talks, with many brothers and sisters from Aliquippa, Erie, Pa., and other places joining in with some of the most blessed testimonies I have ever listened to. Meeting closed with prayer by Brother David Campitelli. On Sunday July 27th Brother and Sister Joseph Castelli, my wife and I went to Sarnia Reservation. We passed by Port Huron and found the saints there busy about our Father's business. In Sarnia we had washing of feet. The Maness's had just returned from a lengthy vacation and were overjoyed to see us, and so were we to see them, and we all enjoyed blessings untold. May God abundantly bless all my brothers and sisters throughout the church, is my prayer.

Matthew T. Miller

TRY AGAIN

If at first you do succeed,
Try again!
Life is more than just one deed;
Try again!
Never stop with what you've done,
More remains than you have won,
Full content's vouchsafed to none;
Try again!

If you've won on lower plane,
Try again!
Life is more than one campaign;
Try again!
Send your gudgeons to the fore,
Strive to seize one standard more,
Still ungained are plans galore;
Try again!

If at first you do succeed,
Try again!
For future harvest sow the seed,
Try again!
Rise with sacred discontent,
Realize that life is lent
On highest searches to be spent;
Try again!

—Author Unknown

FREDONIA, PA.

It has been some time since our mission has contributed anything to the Gospel News, so I shall take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our activities.

The M. B. A. was organized and our meetings are held Sunday evenings, the lessons being talks on different subjects taken from the Bible, Book of Mormon, or the church literature. We enjoy the M. B. A. very much and the young people are doing well. We have seventeen members. Brother Paul Gehly, the president, asked each of us to write an article on what the church means to us: two of these will be published so you may enjoy them also.

Sunday May 11th at our feet washing service, there were two ordinations: Brother Paul Gehly was ordained a teacher and Sister Eleanor Sproul was ordained a deaconess. Sister Elsie Gehly and husband have moved to Detroit. We miss them very much.

Our church building was erected in the fall of 1956 and in May of this year we made the last payment on the building, freeing us of debt. We also have been blessed naturally.

On Thursday, July 10th, Brother Russell Cadman was invited to speak on his travels and experiences among the Indian people before the Scripture Meditation Evangelical Association at Transfer, Pa. They are sending men to South Dakota to lay the ground work in establishing a Mission among the Indians there, and were desirous to know a little of what to expect. His talk was very interesting and very well received.

Father's day was truly a father's day in our Mission. The nine sons and daughters of Brother Alma and Sister Vina Cadman had the privilege of listening to their father from our pulpit. Also present were other of their descendants and brothers and sisters from various places.

Sunday evening, July 27th, we were blessed by having the opportunity to see another one added to our small group here. Brother Russell Cadman baptised Sister Alice Coddington, and she was confirmed by Brother Sam Costarella. She will be remembered by some as Alice (Becky) Kennedy, daughter of the late Charles and Alice Kennedy. After

the death of her parents, Alice got away from the church; and in later years, after much affliction, she desired to find the church again. She remembered how they always called the elders to anoint the sick, but being away so many years, she did not know of a church in that vicinity. Like a miracle, we were directed to her in the Sharon Hospital. After being anointed there was a great improvement.

Brother Russell Cadman was called to Stanton Kentucky to conduct the funeral service of Brother George M. Moore on July 29th, who was a brother of James T. Moore of the Imperial Mission.

On Sunday August 3rd, two babies were blessed: Traci Lea, daughter of Sister Patricia and Lloyd Knapp; also David Martin, son of Shirley and Donald Kather.

What The Church Means To Me

by Sister Martha Kelly

The Bible mentions the door of the sheepfold by which we must enter into the Kingdom of God or the Church upon the earth. By obeying the commandment of Faith, Repentance and Baptism; we pass through this door; and start on the straight and narrow path that leads to Heaven.

The length of time we travel in this way varies for everyone. Some start on it younger than others and all do not live the same number of years; but regardless, we must all obey the same commands, live as the children of God should and keep ourselves from the sins of the world.

Many other people travel this path with us. Some have gone beyond our sight and are waiting in Paradise, having already received the reward for good works and faithfulness. Others are just ahead of us and set an example for us to follow. We owe them respect and love because they have tried to keep the Church as God would have it, and for our benefit.

There are also many who walk beside us, and we try to live that we shall be worthy to stay with them in this Church of Jesus Christ. Our duty is to help each other and to bear one another's burdens, naturally and spiritually, and then to tell those outside of the gospel that we

might be used to bring them into the fold of Christ.

And last, for those who walk after us, we in turn must strive to keep the Church as it has been kept for us, clean and without false doctrine, so that they will love and respect The Church as we do, remembering always that the Church is the bride of Christ, which He shall return to; and the members are the children of God, "Heirs of God, joint Heirs with Christ."

We are promised that if we remain upon this path, without sin, and faithful to the end, we shall receive a good reward.

Therefore, to me the Church means the way of salvation for my soul and it shall lead me to Eternal life with God.

What The Church Means To Me

by Sister Carolyn Gehly

The Church, to me, means a place of peace

If we meet there often our joys will surely increase.

The head of our church is Christ, the beloved son.

And if we will only prove faithful, in the end, He shall say, "Well done."

The Church is here to lead us and guide us in the narrow way.

And we shall reach that straight gate if we try our best to obey.

In the Church we find many beloved Brothers and Sisters,

And in our Church we share more love

Than is in others.

Christ is the head of our great Church

Here on the earth.

And because it bears His name it is

Of exceeding worth.

It not only bears Christ's name, but

Follows His teachings too.

Because of this, we know that our

Church is blessed and true.

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Life is not primarily a problem to be solved, a question to be answered, or a mystery to be probed; it is first and foremost an adventure to be lived.

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Praise ye the Lord! 'tis good to raise
Your hearts and voices in His praise:
His nature and His works invite
To make this duty your delight.

He formed the stars, those heavenly flames,
He counts their numbers, calls their names:
His wisdom's vast, and knows no bound,
A deep where all our throats are drowned.

Sing to the Lord! extol Him high,
Who spreads His clouds along the sky:
There He prepares the fruitful rain,
Nor lets the drops descend in vain.

He makes the grass the hills adorn,
And clothes the smiling fields with corn:
The beasts with food His hands supply,
And the young ravens, when they cry.

His saints are lovely in His sight,
He views His children with delight:
He sees their hope, He knows their fear,
And looks and loved His image there.

THANKSGIVING

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

"I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."

The above verses of scripture are taken from David's psalms. They show how thankful he was for his many blessings.

For many years our nation has been celebrating Thanksgiving Day. This day was set aside by our Pilgrim fathers to thank God for His many blessings in bringing them to this land of freedom. How differently the modern day

is celebrated as compared to the one in 1621 in the Plymouth colony. The day marked their gratitude for a bountiful harvest, log houses and churches where they could worship without fear. Today we have commercialized the holiday until we seem to be losing the simple, reverent manner these humble people shared with their Indian friends.

As the poet has written: "America! America! God shed His grace on thee." Let us appreciate our wonderful land. There isn't a nation blessed as America; the land of the Restored Gospel. Thanksgiving then, is showing our appreciation to our Lord for His blessings, not just one day of the year but each day from sunrise to sunset. Let us pause in our busy way of life and like David, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below."

Mabel Bickerton

OUR RECENT CONFERENCE

Our Conference assembled at the appointed time on October 4th in our Church on Gibson St. Youngstown, Ohio with a large crowd gathered together from various places from New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan and from Ontario, Canada. Of course we are always glad to see each other on these occasions, and too, we always meet new converts into the church that we have never met before. Therefore, at our Conferences we have an opportunity to get acquainted with one another.

The business of conference opened at 10:00 a. m. with President W. H. Cadman and his two counselors, Brothers Furnier and Joseph Bittinger all present and a number of Apostles, Elders and Evangelists with us. There was three session of business throughout the day and lasting to almost 10:00 p. m. The Sisters and their helpers played their part well in serving us all with good eats in the basement of our church, as well as taking us in their homes and caring for us throughout the nights. And before going any further—I will say thanks to the Youngstown Branch of the church (for all us visitors) for their hospitality.

May the Lord in His own way reward you all.

There is nothing out of the ordinary to report in the way of business during these sessions. Our general routine was carried out. The reports of the different Branches of the church and the Missionary efforts from various places—including Africa and Italy—were very well aired among us. The news from Italy seemed very encouraging at this time. Very encouraging news from the various places among the Indian people also are gratifying, but the need of more workers in the vineyard is urgent. It is hoped that the need of workers will be relieved before too long. Our business sessions closed at about 10:00 on Saturday.

Our folks in Youngstown recently dedicated their new church building in which we met for our Conference, which is located on the south side of the city. Just across the street from the church is located the Woodrow Willson High School building, and a fine structure it is. Our folks engaged it for our Sunday service, as their church was much too small to accommodate the large crowd that was expected for the Sunday service. The building has a large auditorium with a seating capacity of about seven hundred people. On Sunday Morning the building was well filled, including lots of loose chairs which were provided to take care of the over-flow crowd that did happen on this occasion.

As a prelude to the services, the young folks from the Youngstown church entertained the audience with about a half hour of good singing which was directed by Sister Amelia Corrado. Brother James Loyalvo of Northridge, California sang for us a solo. After the blessing of two children, and the anointing of two handkerchiefs in behalf of two sick ladies in the hospital, the speaking began by Elder James Moore of the branch of the church located at Imperial, Pa., and was followed by several other brothers up unto about 12:30 when the meeting was brought to a close, as we were obliged to clear the building at about 1:00 p. m. after which, we all wended our way home again to meet again in Conference the first week in April in Monongahela, Pa. Every-

body seemed to enjoy themselves through the conference.

Brother Lovalvo who was present from California, expected to be guest speaker at several of our churches in Ohio and in Detroit before flying back home. Brother James Heaps who was also present from California came on to Pennsylvania where he expects to spend a week or two before returning home.

May the Lord bless you all in my prayer.

LOCAL GATHERING AT LOCKPORT, N. Y.

The Rochester, New York, and Erie, Pa. branches of the Church were invited to meet with the Lockport Branch on August 17th, 1958. A large crowd was present from these branches, and also some from Detroit, Michigan, and Youngstown, Ohio. Also representatives of the Indian people from Grandriver, Muncey, Niagara Falls, and Tuscararora were privileged to be with us.

Brother Alfred D'Amico introduced the morning service speaking unto us from the 10th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. The theme of his talk was concerning the Good Samaritan, and Who Is Our Neighbor? A good spirit prevailed throughout his talk. Brother Domenic Bucci followed with an inspiring talk, and then Brother John Mancini concluded the meeting with many wonderful words of life, launching out on the great subject which had been introduced by the brothers who spoke before him. A wonderful spirit and feeling was in our midst and all rejoiced to be together at Lockport on this occasion.

Lunch was served during the noon hour. A vote of thanks is extended to all who helped make this gathering a success.

The afternoon meeting was introduced by Brother Ansel D'Amico who bore his testimony to the Gospel. The ministry was then called upon to give short addresses, and we enjoyed the words of our brothers. A few testimonies were also given by the members. At the end of this service, we could surely say it was a day well spent in the fellowship of the saints, and in the service of the Lord. May the Lord help us to keep faithful always to the promise we made at the shores of baptism.

Your Sister in Christ,
Gladys Moore

GATHERING AT MUNCEY, ONT.

Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman along with their daughter Grace and her husband and little son Mark, attended the gathering held in our church on August 31st at Muncey, Ont. The church was well filled up on the occasion with a bus load of Indian people from the Six Nations Reserve, some from Sarnia, Ont., some from Buffalo, N. Y., and at least one Indian man of the Kiowa tribe in Oklahoma, and our members from the Muncey Reserve.

Besides the attendance of our Indian people, many of our members were present from Detroit, Mich., McKees Rocks, and Monongahela, Pa. A very nice time was enjoyed listening to the various speakers and the singing.

Among the speakers it was brought out, that our Sabbath School on the Six Nations Reserve out-numbered any others on the Reserve, and a similar condition on the Muncey Reserve. A group of young Indian boys and girls, 24 in all, sang for us during the service. As for me, I am very glad to see the interest of our people taken in the Indian race of people. May the Lord continue to bless their efforts. Editor

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brother Editor,

God has seen fit to fill our hearts to overflowing with His richest blessings, and we feel to pass the joy in our hearts on to all of you that you too might receive a blessing as we have here in San Diego.

This past month God has caused that five more souls have felt the desire burning in their hearts to serve the Lord. On August 3rd God blessed us with two baptisms. They are two young brothers, Buck and Gary Pflueger, who have been searching for the true Church for a long time. They had almost given up their search; they felt that nowhere on earth was there a people that were sincerely serving God and following, without the least exception, the examples of Christ. But Jesus said, "Seek and ye shall find," and one day at his place of work, Brother Buck received an invitation to attend our meeting. He accepted the invitation, and as he asked about our faith and read about it, he found that this was truly the peo-

ple of God; that here was love and peace and joy; and that here, with these people, was the spirit of God. So he quickly told his brother Gary and together they accepted this Gospel, and God is blessing them as they strive to serve Him.

One week later on August 10, God saw fit to call another into His fold. Fern Ring rose to her feet and told of a dream she had that week and how that in this dream the voice of God spoke to her and asked her, "Are you ready, Fern?" She replied that she was ready, and she requested her baptism that Sunday. Truly we felt wonderful that God had called another who was "ready to go, ready to stay, and ready to do His will."

On August 30, at our District M. B. A. area gathering here, our cups were filled to overflowing. On Saturday evening the San Diego M. B. A. presented a program titled "The Gospel Ship of Zion." The words were rewritten in prose from an original play, under the inspiration of God by Sister Catherine Pome. She had many wonderful experiences while writing these words, and when the play was presented, there wasn't one who had not felt a great blessing. The hymns were all inspired and our hearts were filled with the joy of God's love. During the day, Brother John Dulisse related a dream in which he was given two certificates, and we were in hopes that there would be two baptisms. Our hopes and prayers were rewarded for the spirit of God was with us, and on Sunday while Brother Frank Vitto was speaking under the inspiration of God, Samuel Ciccatti rose to his feet and requested his baptism. After the morning meeting had been closed and we were shaking hands and greeting one another with a holy kiss in the love of God, God's spirit fell upon Rita Poma, who cried out she too wanted to go to the waters of baptism. Surely, our joy knew no bounds to see two more accept the right path to Salvation.

Yes, God has blessed us greatly, and we truly thank Him for His goodness. Our prayers are that we may continue to serve Him to the best of our ability, that we may become a more righteous people, that we may be humble, that our faith will increase, that we may never forget to praise His name. May God bless you all.

Sister Jo Ann Smith

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

The Wonderful Words of King Benjamin.

Mosiah 3, beginning at verse 5.

"For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to hear, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases.

"And He shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits which dwell in the hearts of the children of men.

"And lo, He shall suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death: for behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be His anguish for the wickedness and the abominations of His people.

"And He shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning: and His mother shall be called Mary.

"And lo, He cometh unto His own, that salvation might come unto the children of men even through faith on His name: and even after all this they shall consider Him a man, and say that He hath a devil, and shall scourge Him, and shall crucify Him.

"And He shall rise the third day from the dead: and behold, He standeth to judge the world: and behold, all these things are done that a righteous judgement might come upon the children of men.

"For behold, and also His blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned.

"But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God! For salvation cometh to none such except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.

"And the Lord God hath sent His holy prophets among all the children of men, to declare these things to every kindred, nation, and tongue, that thereby whosoever should believe that Christ should come, the same might receive remission of their sins, and rejoice with exceeding great joy, even as though He had already come among them."

My readers will readily observe a vast difference of the status of a **willfull** sinner and him or her that has not known the **WILL** of God and has sinned ignorantly—that is, there is seriousness in the word of God.

Personally, I believe that the plan of redemption for which the blood of Jesus Christ was atoned, is far beyond the conception of mortals, and it brings to my mind the consistency of the prophet when he says, "Come, let us reason together." It is written by the Apostle—"Where there is no law there is no condemnation." May I ask: if there is no condemnation in the absence of law or knowledge, how can there be justification? The scripture plainly shows that through faith and obedience we are justified. Transgression inherits condemnation and obedience inherits justification—impossible for it to be otherwise.

Jesus sent His disciples into the world to preach the Gospel, that men might be **enlightened** for the saving of their souls, and not to be left in **ignorance**. There is light in the spirit of God, it is **DARKNESS** without it. King Benjamin certainly does not place the willfull transgressor and the ignorant sinner in the same category. I will add that if a man dies in his sins he shall remain in them—so saith the word of God. If then, a man dies ignorant of God and His ways, mercy cannot be denied the poor soul. I say such a soul cannot be denied the mercy of a just God. Hence, Jesus knew the necessity of His servants preaching the gospel, that the soul be not left in ignorance, but have a free choice to do good or evil—that the will of God be done in earth as it is in heaven. Therefore, the servant who is possessed with power and authority to preach the Gospel, and refrains from doing so, is certainly standing on the edge of a dangerous precipice and on that **great day** may be weighed in the balances and found wanting. I read of servants of God who loved not their lives unto death. Yea, they preached the gospel that people might not be left in ignorance, but rather to enlighten souls that they might know in whom to put their trust. He (Jesus) has declared that unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. He also taught His disciples to pray that the Lord send more labourers into the harvest. It was not His will that any soul should be left in ignorance of what He died for on Calvary's cross. May I ask: has time changed His (the Saviour's) will.

SALINA, KANSAS

The saints in Kansas have been blessed by having our President, Brother W. H. Cadman, with us for nearly two weeks. He arrived in Wichita by plane on Sept. 12 and Brother Jones and family

met him at the airport. He went to their home where he remained until Sunday evening. Brother and Sister Cox and family arrived for the Fellowship Meeting Sunday afternoon and Brother Cadman returned with them to

Salina.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings we drove to Lincoln (about 40 miles from Salina) where Sister Teach and Sister Kunkle reside and held meetings in their home. Some of their friends,

which they invited, were present and they seemed to enjoy the meetings. The next night we had scripture study in our home and again felt blessed to have our Brother unfold the scriptures and impart his knowledge unto us.

Thursday morning Brother Cox drove Brother Cadman to St. John where they spent the day visiting with the saints and held meetings Thursday and Friday evenings. Since Brother Cadman had lived in St. John at one time, he enjoyed calling on old friends and acquaintances, and looking over the town.

On the Sabbath Day all the Kansas Saints gathered in St. John where the day was spent in worship and fellowship. The children of Sister Rich of Great Bend were blessed and everyone was reminded how Christ loves the little ones. Everyone participated in the testimony meeting giving God praise for His goodness and mercy.

After Sunday services we left Brother Cadman in St. John where he held meetings Monday and Tuesday nights. Wednesday he was taken by car to Wichita where he departed by plane for home.

We wish to thank Brother Cadman for his time spent among us. To those of us here in Kansas his teaching and his life is an example for us all.

Sister Katie Cox

OUR NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT VANDERBILT, PA.

The dedication of the Vanderbilt Church was on September 21st, 1958. The morning service was opened by Presiding Elder Joseph Shazer in welcoming the brothers and sisters present. He also expressed his thanks to all who helped make their building program possible.

He said the pulpit was built and donated by a son-in-law of the late Brother Martin King. It was presented to the church in his memory. Prayer was offered by Brother Joseph Bittinger, followed by singing hymns. Brother A. B. Cadman of Monongahela took his text from I Kings 1:13, concerning the building of the temple at Jerusalem by Solomon. He compared it to the dedication of our buildings here for the honor and glory of God.

Brother Russell of Fredonia, followed his father, using the

same theme of dedication. He related Christ's words to Peter concerning the stone the builders rejected which became the head of the corner.

Brother J. Moore stressed the importance of we, the saints dedicating our lives to Christ as well as our buildings.

The morning meeting was concluded with a few closing remarks by Brother Shazer and prayer by Brother Costarella of Youngstown, Ohio. The afternoon meeting was opened by Brother Furnier. Sister Irene Griffith of Roscoe, directed the singing of hymns. Brother George Johnson of Roscoe gave a very interesting testimony and related many experiences of the growth of the Church in that vicinity. He realized their charge there is to preach and teach the gospel—the same that was revealed to Joseph Smith when he asked of the Lord concerning which church he should join.

Brother Donald Curry of Glassport followed with the thought of dedicating our lives daily to the service of God. Christ set a standard for us to follow. Happy are if we can attain this goal. Brother Furnier read a poem entitled, "The Face In The Glass." He reviewed the growth of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church from a very humble meeting place to the new building now being dedicated. He said our aim in life is to please God in all things. He spoke of our responsibility towards Israel, and the great need of these people, both spiritually and naturally.

Brother and Sister Samuel Ringer of Vanderbilt both attended. They are in their eighties. Brother Ringer gave his testimony for the gospel; he thanked God for grace and strength to endure until the end. He still feels the Spirit of God deep within his heart. Sister Sadie Cadman of Monongahela, spoke of her life as a child and her great desire to become a missionary. She has a great love for the Indian people, and desires to do all within her power to help with missionary work of the church. Brother Bittinger told of the early work of the church there. Their first meetings were held under the oak trees. He said these places of worship will amount to nothing if we do not worship in spirit and truth. Many elaborate and magnificent cathedrals of worship have been erected throughout the world, images and tombs, are revered and respected but God is forgotten. He prayed that God

would recognize and dwell in our small and humble places throughout The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brothers Idris Martin and James Campbell of Monongahela gave their testimonies. They were impressed with the thought of dedicating our lives to Christ's work.

The meeting was closed by Brother Furnier. He reviewed the events of the day. He thanked the sisters for their help in making the new building possible. He advised our people not to erect elaborate buildings but to remember the spiritual work and not be burdened with material things. Meeting closed with prayer by Brother Carelli.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Sister Minnie DePiero wishes to extend her love and sincere thanks to all those who have shown kindness and consideration to her husband, Brother Dominic DePiero. The encouraging words and prayers for her and Brother Piero are greatly appreciated. Brother Dominic's recent illness and operation have greatly affected his health. He is feeling a little better, but he still needs your prayers.

It is very encouraging to know that the brothers and sisters are praying for one another for we know that the prayers of the Saints availeth much.

Brother Don Pandone

Remember The Lord's Work In Your Will

Recently I was approached by a widowed sister relative to her remembering the Church in her will. May I ask my readers to do likewise? A bequest in a will certainly helps to further along the preaching of the gospel to many who are almost begging of us from various places.

It is really pathetic—the pleas I am receiving from far-off Africa for laborers in the field. Laborers in the field cost considerable money to sustain. Much of this money could come from those who no longer have use for it when they pass on.

When you pray think of the words of the Saviour in Matthew 9:37,38 "We do need laborers in the harvest field, and the wherewith to care for them." Your humble servant and brother —
W. H. Cadman.

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

HIGHWAY IN THE SKIES

by Catherine Poma

When day is done and eventide descends,
I curl myself into an easy chair,
And, peace is mine; (I have enough to spare!)
There, book in hand, I delve into the past...
The lights turned low, such cozyness is home,
I've put aside my work, my every care.

Just then I hear the rumble of a plane,
I fall upon the door . . . open it wide,
With bated breath I gaze into the skies,
Where countless stars and silvery moon abide;
The roar comes closer, yet I see it not . . .
Perhaps behind the clouds it tries to hide?

Then, suddenly, a star begins to move!
A star of brilliance brighter than the rest;
And, oh, how insignificant I feel,
And what emotions churn within my breast!
For to what heights has man's achievements soared,
With force of gravity, an old conquest.

The star, the man-made star, has glided past
With all its human cargo, unaware
That twenty, thirty thousand feet below,
A woman stands, her lips moving in prayer,
Her eyes upon its disappearing light,
As though to guide its voyage through the air.

And, once again, I praise God's wond'rous name,
For knowledge and achievements come from Him;
He's given man a fraction of His brain,
That man may satisfy his every whim.
His every whim? Ah, no that shall not be,
For there is much, that shall be hid from him!

The above poem was written some years ago by Sister Catherine Poma. It had significance then when man's aeronautical ambition was twenty-thirty thousand feet, but today that significance has matured into prophecy. today we hear little else in the field of science that is not tied in some measure to the attempted conquest of space. Problem after problem they have met and apparently overcome. Time will tell if man, with a 'fraction of His brain', will be able to conquer all the stumbling-blocks.

As test rockets soar and data of the outer regions is recorded, a very shocking fact is becoming known. Probe after probe has revealed that some 600 miles above the earth there is a band of deadly, invisible cosmic rays. This 'layer' would require a space traveler to be protected by a lead covering, probably in the form of a space suit, and the discovery

may necessitate the revamping of the entire space program. To further complicate is the very limited knowledge of cosmic rays. It is known they are the most deadly, powerful force in existence, and this may be a point.

Perhaps this 'band' around the earth is more than just happenstance. Who is to say it is not an intentional barrier to passage—in either direction? Has it ever occurred to space scientists that perhaps God does not wish that barrier penetrated? Is it not impossible that once the shield is pierced we would bring upon ourselves inestimable and uncontrollable catastrophe?

It is not for this writer to say that the cosmic umbrella—or rather, the 'finding' of it—denotes a sign of the times. Unfortunately we will probably only be able to say that in retrospect, possibly when it is too late.

WORDS OF LIFE

When I think of the path of destruction my feet were treading on, I thank the Lord upon my knees for sending me His Son.

It is a wonderful blessing I get when I kneel to pray: I know I am unworthy of the love He gave me that day.

He died upon the cross—He had no sin, but just for me He took on mine and set me free—what a wonderful blessing for you and me in Jesus' love.

If you will only listen and get upon your knees, Jesus will help you and is you'll want to please.

I am glad I listened to Jesus and my burdens I lay down—I feel so clean and oh so free, since all my sins He took from me.

I'll always be thankful for Calvary and God's only Son—My heart was so heavy, it carried an awful load, but Jesus sent a messenger to tell me of His love.

I am ever thankful to God for setting my heart free and giving up His only Son, who died upon a tree. You can be unburdened and your sins can be washed away—if you will come to Jesus the same as I did that day.

P.S. These are a few lines from the pen of Sister Douglas Ford, who a short time ago was baptized at Kinsman, Ohio. Since her baptism, her husband (Douglas) a brother to our late Brother Frank of Windsor, Ont. has also been baptized. I read in God's word that angels in heaven rejoice over these instances—I wonder if Brother Frank was looking down. Brother and Sister Ford's home is in Meaford, Ontario...

Brother Cadman

THANKS!

September 24

Dear Brother Cadman,

I am recuperating very slowly and am back at work. You may already know that I am wearing a brace on my right leg. Doctors say it will be a long time before I can walk normal again. I want you to thank all the brothers and sisters through The Gospel News for me for their prayers and to continue to pray for me. Regards to all.

Brother Fred D'Amico

 OBITUARIES

GIOVANNA (JENNY) SURIANO

Edison, New Jersey

The brothers and sisters of Edison, N. J. were filled with remorse when they learned that Sister Jenny Suriano passed on September 23, 1958. Sister Jenny had been in the church for over thirty years, having been baptised January 29, 1928 at New Brunswick, N. J.

Little could deter her from attending meetings. Combating all weather, hardship and often distance, Sister Jenny persevered through anything to be with her Church family. She lived to be three-score and ten, and is survived by her husband, Brother Samuel Suriano.

With heavy heart but confident of her reward, the brothers and sisters laid her to rest September 27, 1958. Funeral services were in the charge of Brother Rocco Ensana.

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SAMUEL MONTEROSSO

California

Brother Monterosso died on July 16, 1958 here in California at the age of 39 years. He was born in Detroit and was baptised at the age of 17 years. He removed to California in recent years where he has now passed on to his reward.

He leaves his wife, Pamela, and five children to mourn his passing. He was laid away to rest from the Bell church with Brother Heaps officiating at the service. Interment in the Englewood cemetery in California.

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STANLEY J. LAUBANASKUS

California

Brother Stanley died on July 27, 1958. He was baptised into the Church in Cleveland, Ohio in 1937 and has been a faithful brother in the church. To mourn his passing he leaves his wife, Annette, and one brother in Europe. He was a deacon in the Bell church and a faithful one.

He was laid away to rest from the Bell church and was interred

at Rosehill Cemetery at El Monte, California. His favorite scripture was the 23rd Psalm which he asked to be read before passing on. Brother Heaps was in charge of the services. Brother Stanley was 66 years old. May the Lord bless the loved one of our departed brothers in California.

**A SCIENTIST LOOKS
TOWARD GOD**
The Triassic Shoe Sole

In Pershing County, Nevada, the Humboldt Range stands in mute testimony of a cataclysmic era in our Western Land when mountains were born from the level plains and the earth trembled in titanic violence; when the solid granite, the building blocks of the continents, was torn from its ancient resting place in a maelstrom of noise and grinding and buckling of the earth's crust and thrust miles into the heavens.

On the western slopes of this range are to be found a blue limestone, a sedimentary rock, which the geologist is pleased to label as Triassic because of the fossils found therein. It is necessary that the rocks be named and dated to accord with the evolutionary hypotheses; so, these rocks bear the title of Triassic and the ripe old age of approximately 300 million years. This, they believe, was the age when the reptiles ruled the earth, walking in stately and lumbering tread across the lowlands, swimming the oceans and filling the air in more species than we have mammals today, a time of awesome majesty in the animal kingdom. And it was thought that mammals had not yet arisen to contest the reptile supremacy, and, of course, man with his giant barin was as yet unknown in this distant and misty time so long ago that anything is creditable: even that strange theory of evolutionary change from the less differentiated to the higher and more complex.

But in March 1922, a thing happened to cast grave doubts upon mortal man's ability to date the rocks and pigeon-hole the place of life in the scheme of things; for, lo a shoe was found petrified and firmly imbedded in this early Triassic limestone: a modern shoe sole manufactured during the age of reptiles! It was completely silicified with all the degree of fossilization necessary to this great age, and

harder and more compact than the surrounding rock.

This shoe sole corresponds in size to a No. 13 child's shoe. There are two rows of stitches in perfect symmetry throughout. The right side of the heel is slightly worn and the color of the leather is most distinct from that of the blue limestone in which it is imbedded. The rock shows the impression made when the ground was still soft. The style of the sole is just like that obtaining in Europe three hundred years ago.

It seems quite apparent that the evolutionary system of dating these rocks has a flaw and that all life in contemporaneous exactly as God said in Genesis, when He created everything 6000 years ago, after its kind, rather than letting it develop through the millions of years with intermediate changes and forms. The truth forever cries from the ground in spite of the strong delusions of Satan.

Taken from Zion's Advocate,
Independence, Mo.

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MY CHURCH AND I

We make no claims divine; our frailties
Too numerous to mention, plague my soul;
Each morn when I arise, my poor heart sees
The faults that separate us from our goal.

Ah! to be perfect, as my Lord Divine;
Incapable of error, or of wrong,
For, surely, then my Saviours' eyes toward mine
Would glow, and fill this mortal heart with song!

How often have we said, 'This day shall be
A glad day, consecrated to the Lord,'
But, as the hours pass,
unwittingly,
We wound our own, by thoughtless act, or word.

We make no claims; our virtues are so few...
Tho' slow to err, our stumbling feet DO grieve;
Yet, this I say, and know it to be true:
Offenses come... Yet, quickly we forgive.

Cathrine Poma

- W E D D I N G -

Bickerton - Fekula

John C. Bickerton, son of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Bickerton of West Elizabeth and Miss Dorothy Fekula, daughter of Mrs. Armenia Fekula of Elizabeth R. D. 1 were united in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, Pa., at 6:30 p. m. on August 23rd. The groom's grandfather Brother W. H. Cadman officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Dorothy was given away by her brother. Matron of honor was her sister Mrs. Theodosi Babiak; brides maids, Esther Frew and Mildred Galla, room mates at the McKeesport Hospital School of nursing.

Best man was Robert Bitner of Sharon, Pa., and ushering was taken care of by Edward Shreiber a classmate of John's and Melvin Mountain, a cousin. Organist was Judith Stanier of Elizabeth, a schoolmate of John and Dorothy's—singing by Brother John Majoros. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony.

Dorothy is a recent graduate in nursing, while John is a graduate of the State Teacher's College at California, Pa., and holds a position in the schools at Beaver Falls, Pa.

A reception was held in the Penn Grange Hall in Forward Twp. after which the young couple left on a motor-trip to the northern part of the state.

Best wishes for John and Dorothy.

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HOPELAWN, N. J.

On June 28, 1958 the following brethren got together to paint our church building in Hopelawn, N. J.: Walter Cihonsky, Michael Feher, Joseph Perri, Carmen Sgro, James Benyola, and James Mercuri. We spent the morning hours painting the ceiling over the rostrum, while so engaged, my heart was filled with a very strong inspiration to pray for His Divine protection throughout the day. While meditating upon this urgency of prayer, Brother Mercuri called us for dinner. We all went down stairs, and I was called on to ask Grace of the Lord. My prayer centered upon asking God to protect us the remainder of the day, and so was fulfilled the urgency of my heart to call upon the Lord for His protection. It seemed like a heavy weight was lifted from my heart the moment I ended my prayer.

Having finished dinner, we re-

sumed our labors. Four of us were going to work on the scaffold; I prepared the paint, and gave Brother Cihonsky and Brother Perri a pail of paint. They resumed their original positions on the scaffold, having prepared two more portions of paint, one for Brother Faragasso, and one for myself, I looked up at the two brothers and said to them: "Well, here I come." As I uttered these words, I heard a tremendous noise. I looked up toward the ceiling and what I saw made my heart stand still. The scaffold that the two brothers was standing on was swaying back and forth, and then it gave way. All I could see was scaffold, brackets, and ladders coming down, and the two brothers coming down among the fragments. I heard brother Cihonsky say, "Help me, Lord." Brother Perri said nothing.

As the scaffold and ladders landed on the seats, it seemed like the building was falling down. I saw Brother Cihonsky fall among the seats, hit the floor and immediately arose on his feet unhurt. I then turned my attention to Brother Perri. He had landed on top of the seats with his back. He just lay there on the floor, among the seats which had been broken by the fall. The wood and iron brackets of the seats were broken in pieces and had to be disposed of.

Looking upon Brother Perri I could see pain in his face. I tried to help him on his feet but was unable to. Brother Feher suggested to call an ambulance, but Brother Perri spoke to us, and requested for an Elder to anoint him. With these words he lost consciousness. I fell to my knees with fear in my heart; it looked like my brother had died. All I could say was, "MY GOD; MY GOD." We sent for Brother Joseph Benyola. He and Brother Mercuri anointed Brother Perri. Brother Mercuri prayed and his prayer was mostly in the gift of tongues. We did not understand him, but we knew that the presence of God was there—not in a dream nor in a vision, but He was vividly there.

With the ending of the prayer, Brother Perri got on his feet and walked around the building. "I SAW, AND I KNEW" Once again my eyes had witnessed the mighty power of God performing in all His glory. For where tragedy was to have been predominant, the power of God was predominant in delivering our two brothers from the arms of disaster.

On Monday, Brother Perri went to the doctor for X-rays, and

the pictures showed no fractures, only the tissues and ligaments of his back were badly bruised. Relating to the doctor that which had occurred, the doctor marveled, and answered: "You are a very fortunate young man to escape from serious injuries among that chaos."

In conclusion, I would like to say this: God never changes. Many times I hear the remark that God doesn't manifest His power like He did when we first obeyed the gospel. I say that God never changes, that He is the same today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

I admire the words, from the works of Abraham Lincoln:

"Without the assistance of the Divine Being we cannot succeed; With that assistance we cannot fail. The purposes of the Almighty are perfect, and prevail. Though, we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance; meanwhile we must work earnestly in the best light He gives us. Trusting that so working still conduces to the great ends He ordains."

"Take all of this book (THE BIBLE) upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier and better man."

I have written this experience just as my eyes have witnessed it, and I give all glory to my elder Brother Jesus Christ.

I am your Brother in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch.

Carmen Sgro

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Letter To St. John, Kansas:

Monongahela, Pa.
November 27, 1930

Miss Gertrude Bartle,
St. John, Kansas

Well Gertrude, you asked about the differences between us or this Church and the Mormons (Utah), well it is a pretty broad field to start into. In the first place all the so called Latter Day Saints believe in the Divine calling of Joseph Smith, who was slain by a mob in Carthage jail along with his brother Hyrum in the year 1844. Some writers say that the mob was partly made up by men who wore "broad cloth" (meaning ministers). Now we believe Joseph was chosen of God to bring forth a restoration of the Gospel of Christ. And translated the Book of Mormon from the plates delivered him by the Angel of God. He is the person referred

to in Isaiah 29:12—"him that is not learned." The angel was seen by John in Rev. 14:6,7.

After the Book of Mormon was translated they affected an organization and began to preach the Gospel. They flourished, but they had seasons of prosperity and adversity. They first located in Kirtland, Ohio, (after leaving New York State), built a large Temple there. They had trouble and had to leave there in a few years. The United States Government sold them lands in the State of Missouri. They flourished there, but trouble arose and they were compelled to leave that state without any redress from the Government.

They next went into Illinois and soon built up a city known as Nauvoo. Trouble arose there and as Joseph Smith was the head of the Church, and was accused of crimes of some kind, he surrendered himself for trial with the promise that he would be protected from violence. His brother and two other brethren were allowed to go to jail with him for company. They were only in the jail one or two days, if I remember right, when the mob gathered around the structure and killed the two Smiths.

Their leader now gone, ambitious men arose like in most any similar case, for leadership. Brigham Young was President of the twelve Apostles and a shrewd man. Feeling was intense against the Church, and Mr. Young led a large body of them to Utah and became their president, landing there in 1847. Now then, the name of the State gives them or causes them to be known as Utah Mormons. You can see there were no Utah Mormons before this time because they were not there.

But everybody in the Church did not follow Young. There were different leaders rose up and had followers. A number of these parties got together and effected an organization along about 1860 known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, and succeeded in getting Joseph Smith's son, Joseph, as their head. Hence the Josephites, or the Young Joseph people. Their headquarters are at Independence, Missouri.

When Joseph Smith was killed, his right hand man, or "first counsellor", namely, Sidney Rigdon, was away on missionary work. When he returns home, he has a following and it would only be natural that he should, him being the second officer in the Church. (Just for instance: I am

President of the Church, Brother Ashton is first counsellor. If anything was to happen to me, Brother Ashton takes control of affairs until the Church elects a President, which according to our law, would be at the following July Conference.)

Joseph being shot along with his brother and feeling so intense against the saints at that time disorder was natural. Those who looked to Rigdon came east to Pennsylvania. Brother Wm. Bickerton was baptised by them in 1845. These people came to naught in some way, but Brother Bickerton had been ordained an Elder. In 1852 the Utah people publicly avowed and defended Polygamy as a tenet of their faith. Wm. Bickerton of course rejects this, and continues to preach the Gospel and is left without an organization to worship with, the result was they were directed to organize the Church in 1862. Wm. Bickerton was at the head, hence the Bickertonites.

I believe it was along about this time the church published a small book known as the "Book of Commandments." It contained revelations given to the Church. Years after, this same, or rather supposed to be the same book in contents, was published with many changes and additions. Both Utah people and The Young Josephs publish and uphold this book, or its contents. The one published by the Utah folks has a revelation dated 1843 teaching plural marriage, and attributed to Joseph Smith. (You will note that the date is one year prior to his death.) The Young Joseph Church printed this book identical in contents with the Utah book up until this latter date, 1843, when they omit the revelation just mentioned, and attribute that Polygamy matter to Brigham Young, while the latter is firm in the fact that Joseph gave the revelation. The book I have mentioned is known by both parties as the "Book of Doctrine and Covenants." The Book of Mormon that was introduced to the world in 1829 and '30, as well as the Bible condemns this practice. We reject that revelation matterless who it was given by.

This same book of which I have spoken, teaches Baptism for the dead. Both the aforementioned parties advocate the same. We reject such teaching.

Both these parties believe that Joseph Smith was a descendent of Israel. We reject that too. The very preface of the Book of Mormon shows that the work was to

come forth by way of the Gentile.

Both these parties maintain that the Choice Seer spoken of in Nephi 3 ch. 6 v. is Joseph Smith. We reject that. Read this chapter and you will observe that the Seer is a descendent of the Joseph who was sold into Egypt (a son of Israel). The Indian people are their offspring and a seer is to rise up among them who is "one mighty" and he will never be confounded. **Joseph Smith was slain.**

The Utah people believe in a plurality of Gods. We believe there is but one God.

The Young Joseph people believe in a lineage of Priesthood: that is why they sought Joseph Smith's son as their head in 1860: When the latter died, his son Frederick M. ascended to the Presidency. The latter is an older man than I am and is a widower, and has no son; who will take his place? (I have heard some of them believe that Frederick will live till Christ comes.)

In choosing or electing officers in this Church, we rely on the Lord's direction as best we can, matterless of whose son a man might be.

Well Gertrude, you might get weary if I don't stop soon, but I wish to say, that the various factions of Latter Day saints or Mormons as called by some, are all one on what is called the first principles of the Gospel. It has been the men that got to diving in deep water that has caused so much division, and of course there are many things in which we differ. Procreation in the thousand years reign—Rev. 20 ch. is believed in by both these aforementioned people, the same principle got some of our people mixed up in St. John, Kansas a few years ago, and it is claimed that the principle was a forerunner to the doctrine of Polygamy. We believe that reign is in Immortality with our Saviour on the earth.

So you do not need to be afraid to tell any one that we believe that Joseph Smith was used by the Lord in the restoration of the Gospel. We believe both Book of Mormon and Bible to be the word of God. And we reject the teachings of men when they conflict with what we believe to be the word of God. The "Church of Jesus Christ" which was organized at Greenock, Pa. in 1862 is a separate Church from all others. And we do not lay aside the Book of Mormon because of the many bad reports attributed to Joseph Smith. He was beloved of the Lord. I read of David the

Psalmist some things that I don't like. I also read of so many things that are so good, even that he was a man after God's own heart. So far as those things are concerned, the Lord will be the judge of all.

I hope these few lines will clear your mind at least to some degree.

I am yours respectfully,

W. H. Cadman

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Ohio M. B. A. area gathering was held September 13th in Youngstown. All the locals, as well as Detroit, were represented. We were very happy to see all that came and we sincerely hope that the Lord will bless you for the efforts you put forth in coming.

The theme was "Our Journey To Heaven."

Stress was laid on the fact that for a successful journey, we need such requirements as Humility, Prayer, Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Perseverance, Endurance and Love. These are all needed very much on our journey through this life to the kingdom of God.

Following the program Brother Joe Calabrese took charge and called various local presidents to the front to relate any interesting events that took place in their locals since we had last gathered together. The general remarks were that the interest the young people have for the gospel is increasing. More interest is being shown to the M. B. A. and the church itself.

Brothers Dom Morocco, Frank Giovanni, Dom Thomas and Joe Calabrese then gave brief talks in the way of testimony and commenting on the program and stressing again the fact that one must use all the factors given us to ensure a safe journey to our heavenly home. Baptism alone will not save us, but we must endure in love 'till the end that we may reap the reward of life eternal.

Our Sunday morning service was opened by Brother Joe Calabrese, who read from the 55th chapter of Isaiah. He brought out the fact that in our society it is impossible to buy anything of necessity without having to pay for it; but the pure gospel of Jesus Christ is bought without money and without price. "Why do you waste time and money on the things of this world which are not satisfying? Don't you know the ways of the world

are not the ways of the Lord?" Brother Calabrese concluded by telling us to seek the Lord while He may be found and call on Him while He is near.

Brother Domenic Morocco following, brought forth Christ, His baptism, and His teachings. How differently one feels once he drinks from the living waters. When we do, regardless of where we go, we have something to take with us and whatever befalls us, we still have the gospel. If we follow in the footsteps of Christ, we cannot fail.

Brother Domenic Thomas, in closing, remarked in this manner, "Blessed are those who desire the ways of the Lord, for they shall be filled. We must always hunger and thirst for that which is good and as long as we do, we will try to satisfy this hunger and quench this thirst. We may have all the temporal things that we've hungered for, but until we've satisfied the hunger for the peace that only Christ offers, our lives will never be filled."

As the morning service was dismissing, a young man said to another that the devil must really have a strong hold on him for he could not understand how anyone could sit and listen to those wonderful words which were spoken and not be able to ask for his baptism. Upon hearing this, Brother Chas. Nero suggested that he might ask the elders to pray for him. Prayer was offered not once, but three times for this young man. Filled with the strength that was needed, Brother Joe DiGenova then asked for his baptism. This is a true example of using the factors that were outlined in the program of the evening before. We, along with our new brother, must endure to the end.

The afternoon service was spent giving thanks to the Lord and praising His high and holy name for all His wonderful blessings.

In closing, may I repeat these words? "Seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near." May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

Brother Don Pandone

A SABBATH TO REMEMBER

The service was opened by Brother August Perlione, who along with the members of the West Side of Cleveland, met with us for the day. Brother Perlione's

opening words were "Seek and ye shall find." He then proceeded to tell of his calling into the church. He told how the Bible proved to him to be the true living word of God and how he received the scripture that was read that Sabbath morning that caused him to begin to search for the true church. It was through these words of Christ "would God give you a stone when you ask for bread," that caused him to go home and lock his door and kneel in prayer before the Lord. Brother Perlione's thoughts turned to the Old Testament story of Ruth and how God took care of Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, when she was alone, and he thought of Ruth's words when she made her choice to follow Naomi saying, "Your God will be my God." What a wise choice Ruth had made in following the good woman Naomi who indeed served a living and loving God, not a God made from stone. Then the question was asked the congregation, "What better thing can you ask of the Lord than for the salvation of your soul?" The example of Christ's was used also the example of humility that was shown when Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Enos, the son of the Nephite Jacob, was used as an example of how one should approach God in prayer to receive an answer. It should be done earnestly, exercising a great deal of effort. So, Brother Perlione advised as his closing thought for all to open the door of their heart and to learn which is the true church of God. Hymn No. 141 was sung.

Sister Margaret King was called on to give her testimony of how God answered her prayer in bringing her to the true church.

Brother Joseph Calabrese continued the service and he referred to the Book of Mormon's account of Enos comparing Sister Margaret's fervent prayers to those of Enos. You must first knock before the door can be opened. Then he proceeded to state that we need Jesus, does Jesus need us? Yes, he needs us as workers. Hymn No. 193 was sung.

Brother Frank Altomare talked briefly on the prodigal son. The last speaker was Brother James Velardi, who is the uncle of Sister Margaret King and he also baptized her. In his sermon, Brother Velardi said it takes God to convert men and women, it takes His spirit to move the heart and lead the way. He spoke of the

Apostle Paul's conversion. The service was closed with hymn No. 408. The two baptisms were taken care of after the service. The afternoon service was filled with many fine testimonies to the glory of God.

When Sister Hazel Osborn was confined, she had a vision where she saw a dove and felt as though a flame of fire had covered her.

Sister Josephine Dominico

Comments On The 12th Chapter of Revelation

by W. H. Cadman

Verse 1 The woman as we understand, represents the Church clothed with the sun, or the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The moon, (a lesser light) under her feet, symbolic of the Mosaic law, being put down, or having an end in Christ. The twelve stars in her crown represent the twelve Apostles of the Church.

Verse 2 Shows that she, the woman, (or the Church) was travailing in birth and pained to be delivered. The spiritual birth taking place on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2nd chap)

Verse 3 Exhibition of the evil power, working in and through the Roman Empire, a red dragon being its national emblem, with its ten kingdoms, and the city of Rome (its seat of authority) setting on seven hills.

Verse 4 Shows that the dragon drew the third part of the stars (angels) of heaven and cast them to the earth. Then the dragon (the devil, working in and through the Roman Empire) stands before the woman (the church) to destroy her child, which we understand represents the power and authority to govern and rule the Church and Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

Verse 5 The child is born a male, which was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, (representing the power and the word of God) The persecution of the dragon became so fierce against the woman (the church) that, that which was born to rule, was caught back up unto God, in other words, the authority to administer in the Church and Kingdom of Christ was taken from the earth.

Verse 6 The woman (Church) disappears onto a place of obscurity, to be cared for, for a period of time generally acknowledged to be 1260 years.

Verse 7 Shows that the dragon (devil) makes war in heaven. It is obvious that he wanted to rule

in heaven. He was a fallen angel having sought that which was evil before God. —II Nephi 2:17.

Verse 8 Shows that he did not prevail. He was defeated in the war that he made. He was an angel who fell from the presence of the Eternal God, and became the devil, to rise no more. II Nephi 9:8.

Verse 9 Shows him cast out of heaven, and his abode is now on the earth, he deceives the whole world, therefore the world is his kingdom. And his angels (stars of heaven) were cast down with him. Jude 1:6 speaks of the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation. Therefore, there are fallen angels.

Verse 10 Shows there was rejoicing in heaven, because the accuser of their brethren were cast down.

Verse 11 Shows they (brethren or the saints) overcame him (the evil one) by the blood of the lamb, (or by the power of Christ and their testimony) and they preferred death to life rather than deny their testimony, or give way to the temptations of their day.

Verse 12 The heavens and those that dwell in them can and will rejoice, but woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea, because him that made so much trouble in heaven is cast down, and in his wrath he is going to get revenge on the inhabitants of the earth—deceive them if possible that they might not enter heaven of which he himself was thrust out.

Verse 13 Shows that when he awakened up to the fact that he was thrust out of heaven, he persecutes the woman (church). The Roman Empire is actuated by his power and makes havoc of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 14 Shows the woman (church) figuratively, is presented with the means for a flight into the wilderness, (obscurity) for a period of time, times, and a half time—generally understood as the period of time mentioned in verse six.

Verse 15 No doubt the flood spoken of was the flood of persecution and trouble that was thrust upon the fleeing woman, (church).

Verse 16 Shows the earth did help the woman, figuratively the earth opens up and swallows the flood, while the Church makes its flight into the wilderness to be cared for as in verse 6 until the time should come when she should emerge from the wilder-

ness, for it is obvious that she is being fed for the purpose of coming forth at the end of the time that is stipulated in verse 6.

Verse 17 Shows the dragon was wroth with the woman, (church) by this time the evil power had succeeded in destroying the heads of the church. Paul and Peter with many others suffered death in Rome. The strong Pillars were broken down. We might liken it to burglars entering a home and subduing the Parents (the ones who are the protectors of the home) and then the children are at the mercy of the pirates. The Dragon then makes war with the remnant of her seed—the struggling Saints who are left without the care of a Mother (the church) and their fathers in Christ. The remnant could have no hope of escape with their lives when struggling against such great odds, as that of the Roman Empire actuated by the devil. Consequently, the early Christians suffered terribly under that power until the time that the church which was established by the Saviour and which was clothed with the Sun, and a crown of twelve stars in Her crown, and with all its blessings was no longer to be found upon the earth.

With the foregoing scripture and the comments thereon, it will be observed that the time came (that is to our understanding) that the Church as established by the Saviour was no longer on the earth. The apostles in their writings show plainly that evil was steadily creeping into the church, they were departing from the faith—giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, shunning to declare the whole counsel of God and men rising up leading away disciples after them. Most all people believe in an apostacy to some extent. The Church of Jesus Christ believes that the apostacy became complete—hence the need of a restoration of the Gospel that the purposes of God shall be fulfilled.

John on the Isle of Patmos does not leave us in the dark concerning the future. He sees as recorded in Rev. 14:6,7—“Another angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgement is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the

fountains of waters."

The angel has flown, and in doing so has brought forth the book and the record or stick, spoken of by the prophets Isaiah, 29th chapter, and Ezekiel, 37th chapter.

It was delivered to Joseph Smith by the angel, was translated by the gift and power of God—known to us today as the Book of Mormon. May all men give heed to the word of God as contained therein. Editor

LETTER FROM INDIA

Bombay Lodge,
Girgaum Road,
Bombay, India
August 9, 1958

Dear Mrs. Funkhouser, (Jr.)

I was much pleased to receive your letter of 29th May and more so to learn that you and Mr. Funkhouser (Jr.) are closely associated with the Editor William H. Cadman in the blessed work of printing and publishing of the "Gospel News" for the Church of Jesus Christ. I am sorry I could not acknowledge your letter promptly as I was asked to handle an extra piece of work at the office which had prevented me from attending to my less urgent personal matters before this date.

I was delighted to receive from you the issues of "The Gospel News" contents of which are elevating and inspiring indeed. I have made special note of the portions of the paper marked by you which gives an idea of the extent and activities of the Church and the wonderful work that is being done in the field of evangelism for the glory of the Master. Blessed be the saints that are the workers in the Vineyard.

You know India has a democratic form of Government that is largely modelled on American pattern of administration and our Constitution featured mainly on that of Canada's confers equal rights and opportunities on all its citizens alike. Indians, like the Americans, are friendly and hospitable and India has a fund of goodwill for America just as America has sympathy for India as demonstrated by your country's generous contribution to our country's economic development.

I am a Christian, belonging to Baptist denomination. I devote most of my leisure time for reading and some writing. I am not interested in the motion pictures

but I have recently seen the great American movie "The Ten Commandments" produced by Cecil B. DeMille which has been showing in Bombay for over 7 months now. I come from a Southern Town—Kakinada, on the east coast—and have been in Bombay for about 10 years. I speak and write 'Telugu' (a Southern language) and 'Hindi' (a Northern tongue) besides English which is not my mother tongue. Incidentally I may mention that we have 16 major languages in India spoken in different parts of the country. We are at the moment passing through the monsoon season which extends from June to September each year. It is during this season that our villages begin to cultivate the fields to raise the bumper crop of the year. India is mainly an agricultural country for out of the total population of 360 million people 75% of them live in India's villages on agriculture and cottage Industries. Bombay is a commercial and industrial metropolis with a population of about 3½ million or roughly 27 times the population of Trenton, N. J.

I am so glad to learn that your Daddy is an Evangelist and it is very nice of you to have thought of writing to me all about the Church of Jesus Christ and the great soul winning work that is being done by it.

I close for the present and look forward to hearing from you again.

Yours sincerely,
P. MANASSEH

"P" before my name stands for "Proddoku" which is my surname, my personal name being Manasseh.

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Wichita, Kansas

Brother Cadman:

I thought to write you a few lines too regarding your visit here in Kansas. We enjoyed your visit, also your good advice regarding the gospel. Wish you could stay longer, but your time was limited and had other places to go.

We enjoyed our meetings with you, and felt the Spirit of God. Also the Spiritual love we have for the saints of our God. We know Jesus Christ is the sure foundation, and the Rock

Salvation, and without Him we can do nothing. He makes us feel our weakness that we may wholly depend on Him and trust Him to the end of our journey here. Oh may we all pray for laborers in the field to the work entrusted to us, and carry the words of life to those who are in darkness, as we are living in the last days, as God's word says, in the 24th chapter of Matthew, but as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be, at His second coming, they will be eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. May we all be alert, and be ready at His coming. Watch and pray.

Hope Sister Cadman is well, and may the Lord abundantly bless you both.

Sister Phyllis & Family

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Charleroi, Pennsylvania

The Gospel News,
Monongahela, Pa.
Dear Editor:

I read your comment on the address of Monsignor Lally, at the annual Brotherhood Award Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Penn Sheraton Hotel, whose comments are inconsistent with that of Bishop Feeney.

The unfortunate dogmas of inconsistency is in all creed and every religion, so that none is perfect. Too many of us speak of things we do not have in our hearts. We write laws on paper but do not uphold them. Our most sacred document the Constitution of the United States gives us equality of opportunity, but in our hearts and in daily life we do not uphold these rights to our fellow men but persecute the minorities and deprive them of these rights.

I would say that both speakers are right in their beliefs. By this I mean, we can practice our religion and have our children walk the path of righteousness as we believe, and yet we shall respect wholeheartedly religious traditions of the people who are different from our own. "Give unto God what's due Him, and give unto Caesar what is due him." or something resembling this quotation which means the same. I like to quote Jesus Christ on His words to his inquisitors.

We must not forget that religions were written by men whose opinions could be different from our own. Time and space has

largely contributed to the change of heart in men even though God and the world remain the same.

With kindest regards,
Emil Huttner

SOME COMMENTS . . .

I was handed a small pamphlet recently, written by John Morgan an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. of Salt Lake City, Utah—commonly known as the Mormon Church. (At the present date Sept., there are several of their Elders labouring in this neighborhood, some of them have called at my home.) The pamphlet of Elder Morgan "Salvation", where we came from, Why are we here, and Where we go after we leave this probation, of which the writer says: "is essential to the enjoyment and well-being of the human family." He further says: "In presenting the principles of pre-existence, the first principles of the Gospel and baptism for the dead, we shall simply quote the scripture; and we again state that if there is any difference of opinion, it is between the reader and holy writ."—I will add, that this last statement is not necessarily correct—the difference of opinions may be and justly be, between the reader and the writer as to how he quotes holy writ.

For instance—at the bottom of page 4 of Mr. Morgan's pamphlet, he quotes (John 9:2) "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" In his treating of the subject, the Elder says "that the justice of God would scarcely permit the punishment of the individual before the crime was committed. If so, the sin must have been committed before he came upon the earth, for he was born blind." How does Mr. Morgan's comment compare with the answer of the Saviour which is found in the following verse of scripture, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Mr. Morgan in his comment, ignores the Saviour's answer completely—yet he says if there is any difference of opinions, it is between the reader and holy writ. Mr. Morgan should be a little more careful.

In the attempts to prove the

pre-existence of spirits, the writer quotes the often referred to scripture found in Job, chapter 38: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:7) And then the writer says that "Job certainly must have been somewhere when 'the foundations of the earth were laid,' or why the question? He then says that Luke in giving the genealogy of the human family, gives the necessary information on this subject: "which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the SON OF GOD." If then, these are the sons of God who shouted for joy, as previously stated, and which was before Job was born into this world, He was evidently in the LOINS of his fathers. Therefore Job was somewhere, but not necessarily in a pre-existing spiritual world.

Mr Morgan further says: 'The principle of pre-existence is plainly illustrated in the life of our Saviour, who thus spoke to the people: "What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?" (John 6:62)

Again, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven but he that came down from heaven." (John 3:13) And then he asks: "Is it so difficult to comprehend our own pre-existence when that of Jesus is so plainly taught, and also that of many of the Biblical characters of whom we read? That is a very strange argument on the part of Elder Morgan. If the scripture means what it says, no reasonable minded man can doubt the pre-existence of Jesus Christ. In both Bible and the Book of Mormon it abounds with His plain statements that he existed before He was born into the world. He says 'I was with the Father from the beginning—before the foundation of the world. I gave the law to Mosas, before Abraham was I am.' He spoke to His servants before he was born of the flesh. Therefore as recorded in Acts first chapter, they saw Him ascend up where He was before. He does not ask the question as to where He was before the birth of the flesh, but He tells them that He was with the Father from the beginning. As far as the scripture is concerned, Jesus Christ pre-existed

with His Father prior to the time of His birth by the Virgin Mary.

But to the mortal man who gets so boisterous and defiant, the Lord asks Job, 'where wast thou?' I will just add that an implication is not necessarily a fact.

And I will add, that if the sons of God in this case are those as given in the genealogy by Luke, then Job was surely somewhere—or why the question—He was yet in the loins of his fathers. I read that Levi while he received tithes, also paid tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. I may follow up Elder Morgan's pamphlet in our next issue of The Gospel News.

Editor

GOSPEL PIANIST DIES

WARSAW, Ind.—(AP)—B. B. Ackley, 85, pianist and gospel song writer, died Wednesday. He had traveled all over the world as pianist for noted evangelists, including the late Billy Sunday. He composed more than 3,500 gospel songs.

P. S. Mr Ackley has passed on; some of us brethren who served on the Hymn Book Committee in publishing our Saints Hymnal by the Rodcheaver - Mack Company a few years ago, had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ackley. Mr Sanville was also associated with Mr. Rodcheaver in the publishing of song books. All of these men were well gifted in song and music.

We met all three gentlemen and they were a wonderful help to us brethren in getting out our hymn book. Mr Ackley especially was wonderfully gifted in music. As time has passed on, they have also passed on with it—though their memory will be lasting for many years to come. Mr Sanville was very helpful to us and will be getting well advanced in years. He is yet living as far as I know and taking it for granted that he is still with us here on earth, I will add: best wishes to you Mr. Sanville.

Brother W. H. Cadman

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A Prayer For Christmas Week

Lead us, O Lord, as Thou didst lead
The Wise Men in the days of old,
That we, like them, may bring
our gifts
Of frankincense, and myrrh and
gold.

Illumine Thou for us the Night
And show us where Thy glories
are,
Until we find Incarnate Love
Revealed beneath the Christmas
Star.

And if to us, O Lord, that Star
Is lost in dim obscurity,
Touch Thou our eyes, give us
once more,
The joy of Thine Epiphany.

Selected

Nephi's Vision

Many Hundred Years

Before the Babe was Born.

(Book of Mormon, First Nephi,
11th chapter)

And it came to pass that I
looked and beheld the great city
of Jerusalem, and also other cities.
And I beheld the city of Naza-
reth; and in the city of Nazareth
I beheld a virgin, and she was
exceedingly fair and white.

And it came to pass that I
saw the heavens open: and an
angel came down and stood be-
fore me: and he said unto me:
Nephi, what beholdest thou?

And I said unto him: A vir-
gin, most beautiful and fair a-
bove all other virgins. And he
said unto me: Knowest thou the
condensation of God?

And I said unto him: I know
that He loveth his children;
nevertheless, I do not know the
meaning of all things. And he
said unto me: behold, the vir-
gin whom thou seest is the mother
of the Son of God, after the
manner of the flesh.

And it came to pass that I be-
held that she was carried away
in the Spirit: and after she had
been carried away in the Spirit
for the space of a time the angel
spake to me saying: Look! And
I looked and beheld the virgin
again, bearing a child in her
arms.

And the angel said unto me:
Behold the Lamb of God, yea,
even the Son of the Eternal fa-
ther! Knowest the meaning of

the tree which thy father saw?
And I answered him, saying: Yea,
it is the love of God, which
sheddeth itself abroad in the
hearts of the children of men:
wherefore, it is the most desira-
ble above all things. And he
spake unto me, saying: Yea, and
the most joyous to the soul.

**P. S. The Christmas Season is
fast approaching once more—a
season which the whole Christ-
ian world commemorates as the
Christ child was born. Let us
all sing praises to His name and
adore Him, even as did the angels
at the time of His birth into
the world.**

Editor

EARTH RECEIVES HER LIGHT

The lights of the myriad stars
above and the lights in the streets
of men are but symbols and
heralds of the Light of Lights.
Of Bethlehem long ago Phillips
Brooks has written:

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.

Without Him earth lives in
the night of sin and despair.
Without Him men's hearts are
black with envy, hatred and
death.

Without Him nations grope and
blunder in vain efforts for peace
and order.

His coming long ago is the one
shaft of brilliance and warmth
in an otherwise darkened world.
Walking in this light, men have
found forgiveness for their sins
and the clue to the glories of
everlasting life. Where this light
has gone the works of light have
sprung up: hospitals, schools, lib-
erties and peace. For this light
is the light of love, and love
drives out fear and loneliness and
hatreds.

At this time of the long year,
the world pauses breathlessly in
anticipation. By faith we live
in this light, and therefore we
have a foretaste of the promised
wonder—the moment when Christ
shall come to the earth. For
Christmas is more than a fond-
ling of memories; it is the ex-
pectation of a future fulfillment.
The light that no darkness has
been able to snuff out these nine-
teen hundred years will once more
burst in full grace and terror
upon the earth. For this hour
we wait!

The Christmas Season is here
again:

NO ROOM IN THE INN

"And she brought forth her
firstborn son, and wrapped him
in swaddling clothes, and laid
him in a manger; because there
was no room for them in the
inn." Luke 2:7.

Had the inn-keeper only known
what a great blessing he could
have received by finding lodging
for these humble people in his
inn. This babe, the redeemer of
Israel, Emmanuel, the Rose of
Sharon, and the Prince of Peace
as He was to be called, had to
have a bed in a manger. Mary and
Joseph had come from Naza-
reth into Judea, unto the city of
David which is called Bethlehem,
to be taxed. While here the child
was born, fulfilling the words of
the prophet, "Behold, a virgin
shall be with child and shall
bring forth a son, and they shall
call his name Emmanuel, which
being interpreted is, God with
us."

If the inn-keeper could have
heard the heavenly hosts prais-
ing God, "Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth peace, good
will toward men." And seen the
light shine around the shepherds
as they watched their flocks that
night, and heard the angel say,
"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." Would his
answer still have been "no room
in the inn?"

Would his answer have been
the same if he could have in-
quired of the wise men as Herod
did, when the things he heard
troubled him, about a king to
be born and the appearance of
a new star? Even Herod's scribes
and chief priests knew the pro-
phesy concerning the birth of
Christ. They told him it is writ-
ten, "And thou Bethlehem in the
land of Juda, art not the least
among the princes of Juda; for
out of thee shall come a Gover-
nor, that shall rule my people
Israel." The wisemen followed
the star, which went before them
until it stood over where the
babe was. They entered the house
and found the young child, and
his mother, Mary. They pre-
sented unto him their gifts of
gold, frankincense and myrrh.

How these words "no room in the inn," have rung down through the ages. I wonder how many of us are too busy, our lives too crowded to make room for the Christ child? How wonderful it is to be a follower of this Christ and how tragic it can be, to be without hope and salvation and find no room in our lives for the One who came to bring peace and goodwill to all.

Mabel Bickerton

If Jesus Came To Conference

If Jesus came to Conference,
I wonder what He'd hear:
He'd hear our hymns
And hear our prayers
And things we're saying here.

I wonder where He'd sit
If He came to you and me:
Would He sit alone,
Or up on the throne?
Or may be by you and me.

I wonder if He'd bow in prayer,
Or look straight at the cross
And wonder how much we really
care
How much He suffered loss?

He'd join the Elders in the room
He'd listen to them read
The reports of all our efforts,
He'd judge our every deed.

Not unkindly He'd know we tried
And did the best we could:
Or, did we? Did we do the
Very best we should.

He'd share our every friendship,
He once had His friends too:
The Twelve who sat beside Him,
Were much like me and you.

Some strong, some weak, some
truer,
And one who did betray:
I guess few men had fewer
Who struck through all the way.

If Jesus came to Conference,
If Jesus came today:
If He came to this our Conference
I wonder for what He'd pray.

It seems to me He'd pray
A prayer for you and me:
And His words of strengthening
challenge,
Whisper through Eternity.

Neither pray I for these alone,
But for all who follow me
Take up the cross and bear thy
yoke
And true disciples be.

Sister Nancy Tassone



OUR CHURCH IN ITALY

Brother Todaro of Reggio Calabria—way down in the 'foot' of Italy—has sent me three photos of a church that they have built. Of the three pictures I believe this is the best one, so we are publishing it that our readers might have some conception of what our brothers are accomplishing in that country.

From the reports of Brother Todaro, he has been interfered with very much by the priests of the Roman Catholic Church. He has been hauled into the court several times, but thus far he has been acquitted. It is evident that his labours are bearing fruit, and may the Lord continue to bless his labours along with his co-workers.

Brother Cadman

P. S. If I understand right, the building was not yet completed at the time the picture was taken.

BROTHER CADMAN VISITING

(August 23)

One of our faithful readers who lives at a great distance stopped to call at the Editor's work shop one day recently. He is Brother W. H. Cadman, of Monongahela, Pa. who is editor of the worthy "Gospel News", published by The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Cadman's journal circulates all over the United States and in many lands where his church has foreign missions. To keep in touch with the people of his faith Brother Cadman travels constantly and engages in the widest correspondence. In this connection it is a satisfaction to note that he always maintains his warm interest in Cherokee and the Cherokee people, one of the reasons for his frequent calls here on the Reservation and our nearby mountains.

Brother Cadman is a very devout worker in the vineyards of the Lord. Says he: "The word of

God points out the way from Earth to Heaven. That is one of the reasons that the word of God has been preserved . . . that the commands or the directions of the All Wise Creator might be preserved, that all creatures might be able to travel the road to eternal bliss . . ."

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I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

Through this toilsome world,
alas!

Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

David's Confession Misrepresented

No doubt many of you have heard the following quoted many times—"We are born in sin and shapen in iniquity." Such a quotation is not found in the Bible. It is a very serious thing, to misrepresent the word of God in such a way, in order to accomplish one's aim in denouncing someone else who you may think is wrong. The language of the Saviour is very critical to such, wherein He says: "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam of thine own eye: and then thou shalt see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Let us refer to the Psalms, 51:5, and see just what David does say. It is as follows: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me." David is here confessing his own sins before his God. He was certainly guilty of a gross crime in this instance and makes confession and pleads with his God for forgiveness for his

soul. David was a polygamist himself, and no doubt his environment was such that he hoped the Lord would hear his confession and not be too hard on him for his sins. He used the singular "I" and not the plural "We", so often quoted by Christian people.

It was the sin of our first parents that caused them to bring forth infants into this world. Many sacrifices were offered up to take away the sin, or, might I say, appease God until the perfect sacrifice was offered—His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. The blood of bulls and goats could not take away the sin. But as Paul says: "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross." May I add, let us not forget the CROSS, for it was the instrument that stood between the Father and the Son—there was no other alternative for Jesus, but to die thereon. In offering up himself the sin of our first parents was atoned for—yea it appeased His Heavenly Father. Not much wonder the Apostle is made to exclaim, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Therefore, when Jesus came into the world His sayings are certainly proof that His Father was appeased for the sin of His first creatures in the garden of Eden. Jesus takes infants in His arms and says forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven, and unless we (as grown-ups) become as such, we shall no wise enter the kingdom of heaven. And He teaches the same thing in the Book of Mormon. Jesus says: "Wherefore, little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin: wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them: and the law of circumcision is done away in me." (Moroni 8:8) Therefore, remember that when David makes his confession as is recorded in the 51st Psalm, he is confessing his own sins and not OURS.

Editor

"FROM THE RECORD"

Fifty thousand copies of the Daily Bible Reading List for 1958 were printed in Korea and distributed to churches, schools, booksellers and bookstores. These lists are translations of the American Bible Society's list, of which a million and a quarter copies were distributed in the United States.

The World Needs The Bible

A second graph aims at stimulating support of Bible Society work. This shows that every year 25 million babies are born and some 10 million adults are taught to read, but in that same period only 6 million Bibles and New Testaments are distributed, so that the Bible Societies still have a long way to go before they realize their ideal of "every man his own Bible in his own tongue."

AN EXPERIENCE

by Sister Carlini

At this time I feel inspired to write a dream that I had shortly after I obeyed the gospel:

I got up one Sunday morning at 5:00 A. M. to prepare myself and my four children to go to church at Branch No. 1, a distance of 18 miles. I soon discovered that there was a terrible snow and wind storm raging, making it dangerous for one to travel. My husband warned me not to leave home—but I was determined to go to church with a firm belief in my soul that God would protect me and my four children.

I left home at 7:30 A. M., had one mile to walk to the street car, and had to make changes in order to reach my destination. When we got in the street car, my little children all went to sleep. My children and myself were the only ones in the car.

I began to sing hymns of praise unto the Lord—the comforter said to me, how come you picked a day like this to go to church? Don't you know that it is dangerous on the road? I answered and said, "If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere." And the more the storm increased, the closer I was to the Lord. After two hours of riding and making other changes, I finally reached the church. The meeting that day was a glorious one because the Lord watched from on high. The special effort I made to be in His temple was worth while.

At 5:00 P. M., when it was time to go home the storm had increased double. My father offered to take me home—but I told him that the Lord who had brought me to church would also take me back home. Brothers and Sisters, that was the day that the Lord proved my faith. After two hours of struggling through the terrible storm, I finally ar-

rived home safe and sound. I waited until everybody went to sleep and then I went to my secret chamber and poured out my spirit unto the Lord, thanking Him for His protection. I asked God if He would send me a messenger to feed my soul with milk and honey, because I had no one at home that would encourage me and also, being 18 miles away from the Saints of Branch No. 1, I then went to bed. The moment I laid my head on the pillow, I fell asleep.

The dream is as follows: "I dreamed that Heaven was opened—and while I layed in bed with my face looking towards heaven and my arms crossed, millions of golden drops were falling upon me. I felt as though my flesh was being sanctified. Meanwhile I heard the door open and a little boy about 7 or 8 years old came in. I tried to look at him, but I was held back. He then spoke to me and said: "I'm a messenger from God. He sent me to feed your soul with milk and honey. You are not worthy to look on my face, because you are flesh and blood, but I will lay my hands on your forehead, and you shall feel the power of the Holy Ghost." He then laid his hands on my forehead and I began to feel the power of the Holy Ghost. He then spoke to me and said—the Lord who is in heaven has looked down below and has accepted the sacrifice you have made today to honor Him. Your sacrifice is laid before His Throne. Now I shall leave you for a few moments, and I shall return to my Father who is in heaven." And He shall give me milk and delectable fruit to feed your soul. The messenger left me, and soon returned with milk and honey and two most delectable fruits. He fed them all to me, all having the same effect. He then read the Bible where the Lord had been crucified. While he was reading, I turned around and said to my companion—wake up, the messenger of God is here and you are found asleep. He (messenger) then closed his book and said, God did not send me for your companion, but for you—and if you stand firm on that solid Rock which is Jesus the Lord, through your obedience and patience, your companion will obey the gospel and the Lord will use him as an instrument in His hands. He then left me and went away. I then awoke and realized it was only a dream.

Brothers and Sisters, how true

this dream has proven to be. The Lord has not only used my companion as an instrument in His hands in ways of helping to build His churches, but also has extended his life. May God bless each and every one, is my prayer.

Anna Carlini
Detroit, Michigan

LORAIN, OHIO

Within the last few years, the Lord has blessed us with a large number of baptisms among the children of the members of our church. It has indeed made many of us very happy to see how the drawing power of the Lord has touched the hearts of these young people who have listened to the call of the Lord, to leave the ways of sin and the roads that open wide to perdition and follow upon the road which is straight and narrow. The gateway through which will open to a life that will be eternally blessed with the love of God.

I have found a special blessing in seeing a group of our young people from Lorain become baptized into the church. I have had the pleasure of working with eight small children in a Sunday School class for some years and have watched and worked with this same group as they grew up together through the Junior Class then through the teen-age class. Today five of that group are baptized. The first to be called into the service of the Lord was Darlene Velardi in the City of Painsville, Ohio. The next were Bonnie Calabrese and Rose Ann Maselli who were baptized at G. M. B. A. in Alliquippa, Pa. Then Kenneth Surdock along with Louis Ciccati, (who asked for his baptism first and also grew up in the church and attended Sunday School when a child, although at an earlier period), were baptized in Painsville, Ohio. Just about a week ago we were so happy to hear that Sam Ciccati, who now resides in San Diego was baptized. There are now only three members left of this class who grew up together, worked together on Sunday School and M. B. A. programs, sang together at church and in the homes of the Brothers and Sisters of the church—who are not as yet members of the church. I am very confident that these young men and women will prove themselves worthy of their calling as members of our church today and will continue to give

of their best to the Master for the work that needs to be done in the church on all the tomorrows that God will give them.

We are also jubilant over an addition of two more new members in Lorain. On the last Sunday in June two women were baptized whose testimonies have filled our hearts with joy and peace confirming that much repeated phrase, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Sister Margaret King was the first to be called by the Lord into the Church and asked to be baptized. When Sister Margaret told a group of sisters gathered after a Ladies Circle meeting one evening, that she was getting baptised on Sunday, a first time visitor at our Ladies Circle meeting was so touched that she wanted to witness this baptism. She kept her promise to come and was baptised herself. Sister Hazel Osborn and Sister Margaret were both baptized on a beautiful Sabbath day. The whole day radiated with the aurora of the glory and power and majesty of our Lord as we worshipped together in the house of God all that day.

Sister Josephine Dominico

FURTHER EVIDENCE . . .

Note: I am in receipt of some news clippings from the "Cleveland Dealer," sent to me by Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio, of a skeleton being discovered near West Alexander, Ohio. It is only one of the many instances that are being brought to light these days—which to me, is confirmation of the account given in the Book of Mormon of a once mighty nation of people at one time inhabiting this land of America.

According to Dr. Raymond R. Baby, the curator of archeology at Ohio State University, the skeleton is that of a female Indian, 20, who lived here between the years 2000 and 1000 B. C.

According to the Book of Mormon, the ancestors of what we now call American Indians, emigrated from Jerusalem to this land 600 B. C., and it also gives an account of a people coming here from the tower of Babel when the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth.

The Lord hath said that there is nothing that is hidden, but what shall be brought to light.

Editor

Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.
Edison Branch

The article below, "Counterfeit Religion," appears in this column almost as repetition. For months Signs of the Times has cautioned its readers concerning the worth of religious 'growth' of the world, this country in particular. This piece vividly underscores what your writer has said many times: 'Millions more are going to the churches, but it is promotion and commercialization that lures them and not worshipful integrity.

COUNTERFEIT RELIGION

by J. Eugene White

More people profess Christianity today than at any previous time. The present decade will see an all time high in churches erecting new buildings or expanding their present facilities. It will also be the decade which sets the record for new churches being established. All of this causes us to speak, rather boastingly, of a spiritual awakening.

On the other hand, a closer look at our nation's morals causes the thinking person to wonder just how deep is modern religious experience. Along with the growth of churches comes the overcrowding of prisons. Divorce courts are busy beyond measure. Juvenile delinquency, crime, vice, and immorality seem all to be practically taken for granted.

In parts of today's world it is fashionable to be religious. It is however, also fashionable to be "broadminded." It is considered the "gentleman's sport" to possess a mistress. It is a mark of sophistry to be a "free-thinker," which means that it is "smart" to indulge in "free love" and to be free of moral restraint. Some psychologists increasingly recommend religious faith to heal personality problems while others inconsistently recommend uninhibited behaviour to prevent the same problems.

Causes of This Delusion

What kind of religious revival is this which we are experiencing? What is the nature of modern man's religious experience? Is our present revival of religion based on true heart experience or do we deceive ourselves by merely being religiously renewed? In what extent are we experiencing a revival or religious profession but not one of religious

experience?

It is probable that at no other time in history have so many people been soothed by false feelings of security. One big reason for this must certainly be the strong emphasis which so many churches place on the outwardly formal acts of worship to the neglect of the inwardly real experience.

To be sure, the proper display of the large Bible, the dimming of the lights at exactly the right moment, the precision of the choir's performance, the dignity of the worship leader, the correct progression of the order of service, and the loftiness of a "practiced" prayer can all be fine aids to worship. When, however, so much emphasis is placed on the forms that the reality is all but forgotten, ritual has taken the place of righteousness and pretense has displaced real worship.

When a visitor attends a service of this nature he is never introduced to the Holy Spirit because the Spirit cannot freely do his work. (When a church becomes so coldly formal as this, a visitor is probably introduced to no one.) God does not like pretenders and he seldom keeps company with them. A visitor is introduced to a ceremony by which he can go through the motions of publicly recognizing God, but he experiences nothing more because nothing more is offered.

Several months ago an intelligent young man attended a large church and was impressed by the dignity and beauty of the service. He began to attend regularly and one day a friend who was a member of that church asked him why he did not join. When he presented himself for membership, he was received with open arms—no questions were asked, no testimony of experience was required. All this led him to believe that respectability was the only thing required of him. If we multiply this man's experience by thousands we and see why we are having a somewhat paradoxical revival.

Our churches fail in their responsibility when they place too much emphasis on orthodox practices and too little on orthodox motives. There is so much counterfeit religion because far too

many churches tolerate sin, thereby making religion appear too easy. Sin is no longer a serious thing. It may be given the respectable pseudonym of "mistake" or "stumbling upward." The worst part about all of this self-deceit is that, if a person is discreet, he may keep his respectability while he keeps his sin.

This light view we have taken of sin does not lead men to think of God as the sovereign Lord but as an indulgent old man, much like Eli, the aged priest at Shiloh who lacked the fortitude to discipline his wicked sons. The late W. T. Conner said that when we speak of God as the loving Father, we somehow leave the impression of him as a sentimental granddaddy. With this attitude folk do not expect God to punish sin, they expect him to be the first to excuse it.

Combatting Sham Religion

The first thing to do in putting down sham religion is to show the world what real religion is. The artificial cannot flourish for long in the presence of the real. When we are confronted with God in a service of real worship, our delusions of being "all right" do quickly vanish. This happened to Isaiah (6:1-8) when he met God face to face. Somehow Isaiah had managed to elude a dynamic encounter with God for quite a number of years. Then one day he saw the Lord high and lifted up and he at once realized he was stricken with sin. The cry of his miserable heart was, "Woe is me for I am a man of unclean lips!" It was the most profound experience Isaiah ever had. It changed his whole life. When the world sees a life completely made over by Christ, there will no longer be any doubt about true religion and its value.

Parents cannot escape their obligations at this point. No home ought to be without a family altar. No family should sit down to a meal without giving thanks to the giver of all. Regardless of Christian profession, the guests and children in a thankless home will doubt the seriousness of the religion of that home.

Those of us who are preachers need to re-examine our responsibility, also. Definite teachings concerning God's requirements should leave no churchgoer satisfied with anything less than a vital religion. Pulpits are becoming increasingly silent or tolerant on the subject of sin. Perhaps it is because we do not want to be accused of "meddling." I suppose we must call it meddling

when Nathan the prophet confronted David with his sin and declared, "Thou art the man." It was meddling, too, when Samuel refused to let Saul evade his sin (1 Samuel 15). Saul at first pretended to be innocent of sin; then he tried to shift the blame to someone else; and finally, he even ascribed a religious motive to his sin. All the while Samuel continued to hold Saul's sin up before him and warn him of God's judgment.

May God send more Samuels, that when sin's odor fills our nostrils and its racket is heard above the cries of innocence we will call sin by its right name and warn of God's judgment. Perhaps then will come a real revival of religion.

A DAY OF BLESSING

Oct. 12, 1958

This morning I woke early—Its the Lord's Day—the day of rest to us. The sun was up and very bright and I felt thankful for health and a beautiful day.

I felt like David said: "I was glad when they said, Let us go to the House of the Lord."

Our Sabbath School was our first meeting attended, and as I have a class of young women I enjoyed with them in the 18th and 19th chapters of Revelations and the words written therein.

After the close of our Sabbath School we went upstairs, and after singing praises to God we heard two wonderful sermons by Brother W. H. Cadman and Brother Sam Kirschner.

The afternoon service was our Feet Washing Service. That same peaceful quiet spirit that we always enjoy was there, and surely we felt in our service the same words of the Saviour saying: "I have set you an example" and also, "Do this in remembrance of me." For the evening service we were able to attend in West Elizabeth (Jefferson Church) Brother James Heaps was there preaching his last sermon in this part of the land, as he leaves tomorrow on his journey back home to California. For his text he took from Romans 6th chapter, also the hymn in our Hymn Book, "Ye Slumbering Nations Who Slept A Long Night." I surely enjoyed the blessings of this wonderful Restored Gospel all day and felt to be so thankful at the close of the day to say—it surely was good to be in the House of God.

Sadie B. Cadman

- WEDDINGS -

Hampton - Davis

Harry Hampton and Sheila Davis were united in matrimony on September 20, 1958 at 5 p. m. in the Church of Jesus Christ, Hopelawn, New Jersey. Brother Nick Persico performed the ceremony.

Sheila is the daughter of Sister Davis from Pennsylvania but since she has been employed by the National Airlines in New York City, she is residing at 117 W. 58th Street, New York City.

Best man for the couple was James D. Sundstrom and matron of honor was Elsa E. Sundstrom of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Soloist, Sister Mary Feher sang "Where Dreams Come True" and "Because", accompanied by Sister Mary Perri at the piano.

Mr and Mrs Hampton spent their honeymoon in New Hampshire and will reside at the New York address. We extend best wishes and God's blessings to them.

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Leto - Vincent

Sister Catherine Leto and Brother Aqualina were joined in marriage on July 19, 1958. Brother Gorie Ciaravino officiated at the ceremony. Sister Catherine Benedetto was the matron of honor and Brother Consolato Benedetto was the best man. The wedding took place in Branch No. 4 at five o'clock and was followed by a family dinner.

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Sumner - Bridenbaugh

The wedding of Sister Donna Sumner to Mr. Robert Paul Bridenbaugh took place August 23, 1958 at the Youngstown Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Travis O. Perry, cousin of the bride, officiated.

The new Mrs. Bridenbaugh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sumner. Mr Bridenbaugh's parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Bridenbaugh of Martinburgh, Pa. He is presently a student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Penna.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Sister Irene Williams. Mrs Joseph Hinich, sister of the groom, and Miss Rosemary Arnold, a college roommate

of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Nuptial music was played by Sister Teresa Pandone on the organ, accompanying vocalist Miss Rosemary Arnold.

May the Lord be their company throughout all their lives.

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NEWS FROM KENT, OHIO

How can we possibly deny the authority of the Gospel of Jesus Christ when the Lord showers His glorious gifts and blessings upon us, which supports the divinity of this authority? For the meager efforts we expend in serving Him, He surely blesses us beyond all expectations. We have once again experienced some of these heavenly blessings, in this part of God's vineyard.

We have been holding Wednesday night meetings for about three months now, which have been responsible for the great interest among our visiting friends. These meetings are held in homes. Some of our visitors have requested to hold them in their home, even before they were baptized into the fold of Christ. They have not been preaching meetings, but meetings of teaching the apostasy and restoration of The Church of Jesus Christ, with much participation and opportunity to ask questions.

As a result of the interest among our friends, only through the prayers of all the saints, the Lord has blessed us with an increase in His vineyard. On September 21st we were very happy and overjoyed to go to the river shore and witness three more baptisms. Our recent brother and sisters are Richard Jobs, Clara Jobs and Marian Oakes. Brother Jobs had requested his baptism at the river and entered the water with his dress trousers. During the week of September 15th, both Brother Tony Picciuto and Sister Irene Perry had dreams revealing the forthcoming baptisms. We thank God that our new brothers and sisters are surely burning with the fire of desire to learn and develop in the ways of God, along with the other saints here. We also had four children blessed into the church on September 21st. They are Nobel Oakes, Shelly Oakes, Sandra Jobs and Ricky Jobs.

Sister Marian Oakes was inspired to write a poem one week from the day she was baptised.

We, in Kent, sing the lyrics to the tune of "Mansion Over The Hilltop." Her poem is as follows:

The Church I've Found

I'm satisfied with the church that I've found.

Its built on rock, not on the ground;

And I'm so happy, I'm heaven bound,

Where I'll see Jesus, hear the trumpets sound.

I've repented and been baptised.

The ship I'm on will never capsize;

The waves may toss me, temptations arise,

But my faith's steadfast and never dies.

I've got religion, its precious to me,

Whether in the air, on land, or on sea.

And I'm so thankful for the blessings from Him;

My light will shine and never grow dim.

Such beautiful words must be the result of divine inspiration, especially since Sisters Marian's spiritual birth occurred only a week before it was written.

The course to heaven is a glorious and rewarding goal, although many conflicts will confront us along the way. However, we in Kent are desirous to continue with an eye of faith, knowing that God will assist us. To help us along in God's service, we need your prayers. Remember us in prayer so that the Body of Christ may flourish in all parts of the nation, for the honor and glory of God.

Brother John H. Manes

WHAT HAPPENED TO . . .

George Bennard, author of "The Old Rugged Cross?" He and his wife are still active in evangelistic meetings and writing hymns. Several years ago a large lighted cross was erected on a highway near their home in Reed City, Michigan, with a sign reading "Home of Living Author . . . The Old Rugged Cross." This winter Mr. Bennard was honored for the hymn by the city council of Los Angeles..

P. S. The honor bestowed upon Mr. Bennard by his fellow citizens is to be much appreciated.

(Editor)

THE ROMAN PONTIFFS

Some items of interest that have appeared in the press during the funeral rites of the late Pope and the election of a successor:

Cannon law places remarkably few restrictions on the election of a spiritual head for the Roman Catholic Church. He need only be a male Roman Catholic who has reached the age of reason unsullied by heresy or schism.

There has not been a non-Italian Pope in more than four centuries, not since the Dutch born Adrian VI ascended the throne in 1522 that lasted little more than a year.

The last non-Cardinal to be chosen was the unfortunate Urban VI, whose election in 1378 was declared invalid three months later by the Cardinals who elected him. They claimed they voted under duress.

The revocation opened what is known as the Western Schism when, for 39 years, western christendom was confused by the presence of two—and at one point three—rival claimants to the papacy.

There even have been laymen popes, the last of whom apparently was St. Celestine V, an ascetic monk elected in 1294. He resigned after five months when he found himself ill-equipped to handle the office.

Stephen II was elected March 23, 752 and died two days later before his ordination.

Benedict IX was elected in 1033 at the age of 12, he was deposed in 1044, reinstated the following year, removed again after a 20-day reign, and installed a third time in 1047.

Many of the early popes reigned only a short time. The two days of Stephen II was the shortest—if you count it as a reign. Pius IX, elected in 1846, ruled the longest—32 years.

While the pope is technically the Bishop of Rome, several popes never even visited that diocese during their reigns. For 68 years (1309-1377) the Papal Court was located in Avignon, France.

In the early days of the church just about any bishop of the West could call himself "Pope," meaning simply father. It was not until the year 1073 that the title was formally reserved for the Bishop of Rome.

There has been 40 anti-popes, the last of whom, Felix V, renounced his claim in 1449 and accepted a cardinal's hat from the legitimate pope, Nicholas V.

While the newly elected popes according to custom, change their

names and have done since the reign of Serguis IV (1009-1012) none of them yet has assumed the name of Peter, to whom Christ himself promised the keys to the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 16; 19)

Testimony of

SISTER MARGARET KING

I had been praying to the Lord for several weeks to show me the right church, for I left the Catholic faith several years ago and I felt so lost. I was even willing to go back to the Catholic faith for I wanted to belong somewhere. I was searching for something I couldn't find and didn't even know myself what I was looking for. There was no peace in my home and we lived the pleasure seeking ways of the sinful world. Then one Sunday at the Painsville dedication of the new building of the "Church of Jesus Christ," I felt something steering deep within me as the different ministers preached. I started reading a protestant Bible the next day and couldn't stop going to the Church of Jesus Christ here in Lorain, Ohio. It seemed there was something there I longed for. I could not stay away and furthermore, could hardly wait till it was time to go to church again.

I couldn't understand why I felt this way. I went into prayer asking God to show me the right church, for my brother and his wife wanted me to keep going with them to their church, though I felt nothing in their church—just like in a Catholic church.

After praying for a few weeks, I had a dream and the Presiding Elder of the Lorain Branch, Brother Joe Calabrese explained my dream to me one Wednesday evening after church. He told me I was ready to receive God, but that I must pray for him to show me how I must go about entering into the church, if I thought it was what I was seeking.

I prayed for God to show me what I must do to find the church, the True Church here on earth. The following Monday morning, June 23rd, 1958, I made breakfast as usual, packed my husband's lunch and he left for work 20 minutes to 8:00. I took the Book of Mormon which I had been reading for over a week now and sat at the kitchen table and began to read. Truly, I feared the book, but I thought I may as well read it that I may understand the people and the sermons in the church more than

I had so far.

I read II Nephi, Chap. 31 and started chap. 32 when I felt a shadow come over me and my heart felt so heavy. Then I found myself crying uncontrollably. I couldn't understand why I should feel this way. I tried and tried to keep on reading, but I couldn't see the next two paragraphs, so I skipped them and tried to read the one after them. The words seemed to come out of the book at me and enter deep into my heart. I never cried so in all my life—only when my dear mother passed away.

A trembling came over me and I could not see the book in front of me anymore. I ran to my bedroom on the second floor and fell on my knees praying out loud to God in Heaven, asking Him, "Why do I feel this way?" "Why can't I stop crying or trembling so?" I never experienced anything like it before.

Suddenly I saw myself doing something awful I had done 5 years ago. I cried out, Oh God, I prayed for 5 years to forgive me for that sin I had committed. Haven't you forgiven me yet? The answer came from my very own lips and then I knew God was in the room with me. I heard myself promising God I would ask for my baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ if he could forgive for this awful sin, for I knew I had to humble myself and beg for forgiveness from this very woman I had sinned against. I told God he knew I didn't know where she lived now and that if He could bring about a meeting between us and give me the strength to confess to her what I had done to her and if she forgave me, then I would know this Church was His Church here on earth. This person is cold and callous and I was very much afraid of her. I always felt I would rather die than admit to her it was I that had done this to her.

After talking to God the way I did, the trembling ceased and the tears flowed quietly now. I got into my bed and could not sleep. I felt as though I were waiting for something or someone. I just felt something was going to happen. Suddenly there came 33 loud knocks on my door. I leaped from my bed into the middle of my room trembling. I bowed my head and cried out, "Oh my Lord, are you calling me?" Why I cried out in this manner, I don't know. Then I ran down the stairs and found no one at my front door and no one at my back door. Suddenly

as I came to the stairs to go back to my room, I felt someone standing near me and I could feel the blood draining from my head and body as though I were going to faint. When this feeling came over me, I cried out, "Oh God, do not forsake me now!"

Slowly this feeling left me and I went back up to my room and got back into bed and hardly got the covers over me when the phone rang. One long loud ring; it never rang like that before. I ran down the stairs and picked up the receiver and found no one on the other end of the line. I hung up and started to tremble and cry again. I called out loud "Oh God, if this is the instrument I am to use to find this woman, help me; show me how to find her and give me strength." No sooner had these words fell from my lips when I stopped crying and trembling and I picked up the phone and dialed a number. A woman friend of mine answered. I asked her if she knew this woman whom I was seeking and if she knew her phone number. Without any hesitation she gave me a number. I thanked her and hung up. I dialed this number I was given and the phone rang and rang on the other end 10 or 12 rings. I almost hung up, but instead, I called on the Lord again begging him to please let her be there, for I knew if I hung up now, I never would have the strength to do it on my own. No sooner were these words spoken, she answered the long-ringing phone.

When I heard her voice, I started to cry again and begged her to come to my home. I told her where I lived now and that I must talk to her alone for I had something important to tell her, and that it had been bothering me for a long time. She said she would come and hung up. I prayed as I waited, for strength to go through with this, for I knew I could never do it alone on my own power or strength. Inside of a half hour she was at my door. I let her in and began to tremble and cry and did confess to her what I had done and begged her to forgive me.

She said, "I cannot forgive you for that, ever. Why should I forgive you? I have been hurt so much by so many people I can't forgive anybody. I could tell you I forgive, but it would only be from my mouth and not from within my heart. Suffer for what you have done to me. I asked you twice if it were you who had done this awful thing to me and you denied it both

times. You lied to me and I feel I can never forgive you for what you have done to me."

She talked in this manner for 15 or 20 minutes. Then I couldn't even hear her talking anymore, for in my mind I started to think: Oh God, am I to be lost forever? This woman will never forgive and will bring harm to me 10 fold for what I have done. If she cannot forgive me, how can this be your church here on the earth. These thoughts no sooner ran through my mind when I heard this woman cry out, "Oh, I can't deny you your forgiveness. God knows I forgive you from the bottom of my heart." I ran to her trembling and crying and calling out, thank God! Thank God! I asked the Lord to bless her and guide her all of her days for forgiving me. Soon she left my home and I began to feel like my own self again.

My son came in from playing and asked for his lunch, as it was past lunch time. As I prayed over our lunch, suddenly words flowed from my lips such as I had never heard. I sat back in my chair amazed and dumbfounded at the prayer that was falling from my lips. Then the words ceased. I looked at my son in amazement for he was crying and said to me, "Oh Mommy, you never prayed like that before." Then I knew it was the Lord's way of showing me he had forgiven me also. After my son went out to play again, the tears came back and wouldn't stop. There started a pain within me, slowly at first and then more and more severe. Finally, after over 2 hours, I could stand it no longer. My insides felt as though they were being torn to bits. Oh, the pain within me! I cried out to God asking him why these tears, why can't I stop crying and this pain, I can't stand it anymore, why, why? Suddenly it came to me I did not keep my promise to God. I did not ask for my baptism as I had promised. I called two places trying to get hold of an Elder of the church to ask for my baptism and there was no answer. Finally, I called Brother Alfred Dominico's home. (He is a minister in the Church of Jesus Christ.) Sister Josephine Dominico, his wife answered. I cried like a baby to her telling her God had shown me this was the right church. It was His Church here on earth as he says in the Holy Bible, "I have but one church here on earth."

I asked for my baptism. Sister Josephine told me her husband

was at work, but she would call Brother Patsy Fyre and they would come over and see me as soon as possible. An hour or so later they came to my home and I had related what had happened to me and how the Lord forgave me after this woman had forgiven me. So I felt I was ready to be baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ. Sister Josephine said, "Brother Fyre, isn't it a wonderful revelation that all this came about to Sister Margaret here as she was reading the Book of Mormon and you know, just yesterday she was telling me how she feared the Book of Mormon. God has certainly shown her the way."

Yes, God has shown me the way into his fold and I will forever give Him thanks and honor and glorify His name as long as I shall live. He is so kind and merciful even to a sinner like me. I will forever strive to please Him and serve Him—for I know God's way is the best way and the only way to salvation. The only way to receive peace and strength here on earth and in the hereafter—everlasting life. And I know, only He can give me the strength to walk the good straight and narrow way. For I knew as I live and breath today, if I prove faithful to Him, He will never fail me in any way or any time whatsoever. I will love Him and praise Him all the days of my life. This is my true and sincere testimony of how I was called into the Gospel, into the Church of Jesus Christ to serve my Lord, My God.

Sister Margaret King

THE THINKER

Never forget that in the long run it is the thinkers that determine and control human destiny, and make the moulds, and dig the channels in which human life will flow for generations. Men like Socrates and Plato and Aristotle, or in the Christian Church men like Augustine and Aquinas and Calvin, or outside the church, in more recent times, men like Darwin and Karl Marx, have done more to change the course of history than all the Tamerlanes and Napoleons and Hitlers that ever lived. The great world conquerors, as a rule, make a spectacular appearance on the stage of history, and strut and fume their little hour amid the gaping applause or heart-broken sobs of multitudes. But in history it is the students and thinkers that

really matter. Because it is they that release the creative forces.

—Henry Cook

Days of the Yellow Leaf

by Murial Lawson

The summer is over, and it is autumn again. Here in Minnesota the days are "warm in the middle and crisp around the edges." I walked out in the yard this morning and looked at my flower bed next to the fence. The pink crysanthemums are a mass of bloom, the bronze ones are beginning to open. The petunias along the edge are bright and gay, but I know that some morning soon they will be drooping and black, touched by the first killing frost.

Some of the branches on the oak trees across the street are a deep and glossy red. A few fallen leaves drifted across the yard as I watched. Soon the ground will be heavy with them, and the children will rake them into piles and jump laughing into the middle of each pile as children have done since time immemorial. The wind was chill and I buttoned my jacket higher.

What is it about autumn that makes one think of the passing of time? It seems like yesterday that the boys were restless to get out of school and we were excitedly planning our trip to Portland. Now they are back in school again, the trip is over, the cycle finished. The summer cottons have been hung away, the tomatoes have been picked and canned, and the logs burn brightly in the fireplace each evening. A part of life is over.

As I watched yellow leaves from the elms scurry down the street, driven by the restless wind, I thought of Lord Byron's bitter words,

"My days are in the yellow leaf;
The flowers and fruits of Love
are gone;
The worm, the canker, and the
grief
Are mine alone."

He was only thirty-six years old when he wrote this, yet he must have felt that mots of life was over for him. Jeremiah too felt the tragedy of opportunities gone forever, when with a voice of anguish, he cried, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

Then I wondered if that bit-

terness of heart and anguish of mind could ever be my lot. Even as I asked myself the question, I knew the answer. God has given me certain tasks to do, and if I fail them, then surely the despair of autumn will be mine. He has put three sons into my care. I must teach them to seek God first. I must help them to walk in faith, to desire a Christ like life. From me they must learn understanding and patience, kindness and love. I have only the few years of childhood and early youth to accomplish this, and when those years are past, my time of influence is over.

As I looked upward and watched the birds in their southward flight, I prayed within, "Dear Lord, I feel as if time were escaping my grasp, as if the hours and days were slipping through my fingers. I have frittered away those precious moments on unimportant things so often. I'm not at all sure that I am doing well in the task You have given me. Please help me to be ever aware of the passing of time so I need not face the despair and regrets of the days of the yellow leaf."

The Standard

Don't Be Afraid of Critics

Don't be afraid of critics, because the woods are full of them. They have never written a play or a great composition; few of them have ever mastered a musical instrument or attained a place in the world of art. They have never carried the responsibility of a parent, the authority of a judge, or the obligation of one responsible for the economic security of many.

Don't shy away from the critics, because most of them are merely whistling in the graveyard of their own uncertainty and indecision; they pick you to pieces because they want to distract attention from their own shortcomings, and, if other critics turn on them, they are immediately in a panic.

Most critics are merely trying to hide their own inferiority complexes, and the sooner you realize the fact that the average critic is just an ordinary fault-finder, the sooner you are going to realize that his opinion isn't of much value anyway, nor is his displeasure of any lasting consequence.

—The Trestleboard

THE CITY OF LOVE

In God's Holy and Beautiful City:
The streets are paved with
boundless beauty:
Her brilliancy is, brighter than
the sun:
And the light, is the luster of
His son.

The builder and Ruler is Jehovah:
And Christ, the Holy One, that
is chosen:
The walls are of diamonds, and
mounted in silver:
And His love, surrounds it, like
a river.

Grace and love, in that city, shall
reign:
His glory, like grandeur, is a
sweet refrain:
But under a glorious banner of
love
In that Spacious kingdom of His
above.

Come then, all ye sons of Zion,
And rejoice in his wonderous
designs:
In that city foursquare: all
mounted by gold!
Prepared by God, as prophets
foretold.

There we hope to meet some day,
Where our hearts will be happy
and gay:
Dwelling in that city, with Jesus
our Lord:
Eternal life, our sweet reward!

Within our hearts, we see His
smiling face,
When to us, He gave His loving
grace:
Our hope is built on foundations
of love,
In that Eternal home, The City
of Love.

by Brother Carmen Sgro

NOTICE FROM ROCHESTER

Our folks in Rochester, N. Y. have sold their church building on Wilder St. where they have been worshipping for some years past, and are now holding their services in the United Auto Workers Hall at 221 Dewey Ave., pending the securing of a site and the erection of a new edifice to worship in. Meetings will be held in the aforementioned Hall until further notice.

WHO, BUT THOU?

Thou alone, can melt his heart
of stone,
Thou alone, Thou alone;
Thou alone, can make his soul
to groan,
With its weight of sin, unknown.

Chorus

Come, Thou Lord, O Thou who
art Divine,
Listen to this fervent plea of
mine . . .
Go, Thou Lord, and do Thine
arm entwine
In his own, and make him Thine!

Who, but Thee, ever possessed
the key,
Who, but Thee, who, but Thee,
To release the soul from misery,
And from sin to set it free?
—Chorus

Who, but God, without a whip
or rod,
Can convince, can convince?
At Thy nod, his stumbling feet
will trod
In the steps of Christ, my Prince.
—Chorus

Let him cry, tho' he may not
know why,
Let him cry, let him cry . . .
Let him feel repentance thru him
steal,
As did I, Lord, as did I!
—Chorus

Catherine Poma
September, 1958

Dedicated to all those who constantly raise their voices to God, in behalf of their wandering loved ones, as do I.

C. P.

LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Detroit, Michigan

October, 26

Dear Brother Editor,

There was a good spirit in our meeting this morning. We opened with singing "Fairest Lord Jesus" and Brother Dominic Moroco offered the prayer. Brother Frank Vitto then sang "Someone Will Go." The selection touched a responding chord in our hearts. Brother Moroco read to us from the Psalms concerning a broken heart and a contrite spirit. His talk climaxed the thought, that without these we cannot reach Christ; and what is much worse, Christ cannot reach us.

Brother Peter Capone then

spoke, conveying to us how we reach the condition of a broken heart and a contrite spirit. When we begin to realize that we need spiritual dress to cover our nakedness of sin—when we need to be hid in the cleft of the rock, we are broken hearted.

Brother and Sister Hornberger were in our meeting this day with their new son. Brother Moroco asked God's blessing on the child.

Brother Peter Capone offered the dismissal prayer. In between the meetings we learned of the ten baptisms at Branch No. 1 here in Detroit. We can't help but feel that the good spirit in our morning meeting was a portion of the wonderful blessing at that branch.

Those who usually attend our choir practice met with those who had gathered for practice at the Branch "1" that evening and along with the new members, we rejoiced in song together.

Sister Betty Capone

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Modesto, California

Brother Editor:

I'm happy to inform you and the Church that I am feeling good again by the help of my Redeemer, who has sustained me and helped me all my life. I do praise His name for it, as long as He gives me breath. Thanks to the many that prayed for me.

On Friday night August 15th I became very sick just before arriving at my sister Sarah's home, with an unbearable pain in my chest, and both arms. I believe that the brothers prayed for me at Brother Robert Watson's house. I rested through the night but the pain on my chest was still there, though I felt some better. On Saturday when walking in the church—to me it was like walking inside a sanctuary. Then when Brother Furnier prayed for me I felt that miserable feeling of my chest relieved. (Such as I felt whenever I took a small pill which the doctor had prescribed for the pains in my chest.)

I felt sure that God healed me at that time but shortly after I felt just as bad again, and I needed more pills which was the only source of relief for me.

On Sunday afternoon as I was shaking hands, and bidding the brothers and sisters goodbye, one sister said to me—Brother Mark, be of good cheer, why not practice some of that great faith that you have taught us? It

made me stop for a moment and think—her voice seemed to come back to me—**why not practice it?** I then prayed to God for Him to heal me, and I would live for Him. On the way home I suddenly felt good—I prayed in my heart that I would be healed. I heard a voice speak to me—"O, man of little faith, you are healed." I was so overjoyed that I did not tell anyone about it until the next day. I have been well since and I never shall be able to describe it. He lives and loves now as ever. Yes—Sister, I practiced that great faith that I had preached, and it is still a living faith.

I had made my peace with God and I felt that if He wanted me to go home, I was ready—being resigned, I sought no other course. Little did I realize that to live is better than to die, and to witness for Christ was better than to go to Paradise, and to win souls for Christ, is better than to go to heaven without a soul to say—it was you that told me of Christ. This has been the greatest experience of my life. I have always been a driver, not knowing the value of rest and comfort.

I remember when the Mission started at Grand River (near to Brantford, Ont.) I went with Brother Wade Riggen—he went on to Toronto and left me there alone at Mrs. Anderson's home, as Brother and Sister Beaver were out working. I decided to go out and visit other Indians and talk the Gospel to them: no one offered me anything to eat, so I went on without eats for three days. On the afternoon of the third day, Mrs. Hill (Jobby Hill's aunt) said to me as I was talking to her—**young man you look hungry. I admitted I was—so she made me some salt pork and bread, I just could not eat it, for I was not used to eating fat pork—but I remembered Paul's words, which say, eat such things as are set before you, and on another occasion, I suffered hunger. I tried very bravely to swallow the pork, but Mrs. Hill soon noticed that I was having quite a time eating the fat. I truly did not know which was the worse, remaining hungry or eating the pork.**

That same afternoon Brother Wade came back and said he was hungry—we were lodged at Mrs. Anderson's home and she prepared a nice dinner for us, which proved, that I too could have eaten had I asked like he did. I realized that it is not necessary to suffer needlessly—yet in all

my troubles, God has sustained me.

When the Mission started at Port Huron, Michigan, I decided to take off work and go there. I had no money, so I walked to Gratiot Ave. about a mile from my home and for the first time in my life, I hitch-hiked to Port Huron. Three ladies picked me up in their car, they were from Pittsburgh, Pa. One of them was going away from her husband, because he was a drunkard. I talked to her of the duty of a wife to a husband and asked her if she was that kind of a wife. On arriving at Port Huron, she thanked me and told the driver to take her back to Pittsburgh, Pa., instead of Port Huron.

I went from house to house that day and only one man asked me to come in and bless his home. I got very hungry and thirsty, I asked a lady for a glass of water, but she told me to go on instead, because her husband was not home. I humbly thanked her, walked across the street, leaned against a mail box—suddenly the words of Jesus came to me—"He that offers a glass of cold water to one of you, will not loose his reward." I felt that He said that, because He himself had been thirsty. I felt a great strength and blessing come over me. I walked across the town, a distance of four miles or more to an Indian whom I had heard would hear the gospel. When I knocked at her door she let me in and made a dinner for me. I asked her why she made a dinner for me—she said that a voice told her to prepare a dinner, for God's servant would come to her house, and she should feed him, for he was hungry.

I felt so humble, her food was like angel's food to me. She is now Sister Amley Jackson, the mother of Sister's Maness and Bird of Sarnia, Ontario.

God was pleased and, Brother Cadman, I feel at this time to offer my complete service to the Church without reservations in any field the church would like to use me, either abroad or here in the United States. I would like the pleasure of God and the church—with the backing of God and the Church, I cannot fail. God has spared my life once again—I want to live now for Him. I know that He will not let me down, neither will The Church of Jesus Christ. Pray for me that this desire may remain with me, now and forever.

Sincerely, Brother Mark Randy

Stoneboro, Pennsylvania

Dear Editor:

I thank the Lord for giving me the desire to be back in His wonderful Church and also for every one's prayer at the Youngstown Church, which I know made it possible. It does not pay to leave His teachings as it brings only heart-break and trouble.

His Church has become very important to me the last two or three months, to the extent I think about it day and night. I also have the desire to read continually. I have hunted up every Gospel News I ever owned, as it seemed that I couldn't get enough of them. One day I went to the attic again to see if I could find just one more copy, and I came across the one dated June, 1952. I read this one all through and was impressed with the writings concerning: "He shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do." I then opened the Bible to read something from it, and I started to read and I found to my amazement that it was the same chapter 10 of the acts. I knew then that the Lord was answering my prayer and that there was still hope for me. I have a new paper each month as there is always a blessing in it.

Sister Norma Walker

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:

I was overjoyed to see you, dear Sister Cadman, and all others, in Muncey, and sincerely hope you, family, and all brothers and sisters who made the trip, were abundantly blessed, and arrived back to your destinations, quite well, refreshed and strengthened, in the liberty, wherewith Christ has made us free. As we go out on these heavenly tours, and enjoy ourselves so very, very much, I have always conjectured that if the foretaste be so sweet, what shall the fulness be, but life from the dead. As we journeyed to Sarnia, this past weekend, we had a visitation of the Good Spirit, in the car in which we were traveling, and I told the brothers and sisters, if we can feel so good here below, when visited by the grace, peace, and love of God, God helping us to reach Heaven, when all the trials and troubles are o'er, what a day of rejoicing that will be.

I shall now report a few of the incidents that have transpired in our midst recently.

On Wednesday night, August 20th, 1958, our speaker in Branch No. 1 was Brother Patsy Marinette. We were quite pleased to have him, and he spoke well, on a topic found in St. John's Gospel, part of the 6th chapter, on the subject wherein Christ told His disciples, He was the bread of life, he said many who were following Him, forsook and left Him, but when the twelve were asked what would they do, Peter said, Lord to whom shall we go, thou hast the words of Eternal Life. He went on to speak of the feeding of the five thousand, also of the two disciples who wanted to sit on His right and left hand, declaring that until we find ourselves, we cannot retain our true identity before God. Spoke about the Jews expecting Him to come as a conquering King, to crush their enemies. Describes life and death, saying that life is something very vivid, and death is a dormant condition in which nothing moves. Spoke about many who have obeyed the gospel, but do not seem to grasp its true significance and as a result bring many discouragements in the Church, he thinks all should be careful, and watchful, for if we do not prove to be the true people of God, He can raise Heirs of Salvation, of stones.

On Sunday August 31st delegations from Grand River Reservation, Sarnia, Muncey, and brothers and sisters from various parts of the Church, including Brother and Sister Cadman, met in Muncey for a grand outing, and service. Brothers Burgess & Cotellessee had brought a bus and a car-load of brothers, sisters, and friends and their Sunday School Class, to Muncey for both a natural and spiritual celebration. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed, before our service, everyone having an amicable time. We had rain in Muncey, and had to eat in the church. Soon though, everything was cleaned up, and we sat down for a Heavenly Feast. Meeting started with the theme song of the Grand River Sunday School Class, "Known Only To Him," followed with hymn No. 437, "Sweet By And By." Prayer was offered by Brother W. H. Cadman. Followed with hymn No. 378, "When He Cometh." Sung by the Muncey Sunday School

Class, also Hymn No. 125, Gently He Leads Us. Brother Cadman read a portion of scripture found in 3rd Nephi, 17th Chapter, 1st verse to the end of the chapter, and said he wanted to read the Book of Mormon, to the Lamanites, so that they might do likewise, become more conversant with the record of their forefathers, and again be the faithful of God as they were, enjoying, God's richest, and manifold blessings. Many Elders were in our midst, and spoke, Sister Cadman also giving her testimony. All in all we had a very, very enjoyable time indeed.

On Sunday Sept. 7th, Brother Domenic Castelle of San Diego, California, was in Branch No. 1, and we had two brothers and a sister baptized. On Sunday Sept 21st we had a brother baptized in Port Huron. On Sunday Sept. 28th, Branches 1, 2, 3, arranged several cars and brought the sisters from Port Huron, many others, also the saints and children of Brother Gammichia's Mission in Inkster, to Sarnia for a grand outing and service. Brother and Sister Maness, made adequate arrangements to accommodate us, with folding chairs, benches, and tables to eat on. It was cool, so we had to have our meeting in their home. There was 75 or 80 present. Our main speakers were Brothers Fred D'Amico, Frederick Straccia, John Gammichia, and Silver Coppo, who entertained us wonderfully with the spirit of God. The theme being the right knowledge of God. Many wonderful testimonies were also given, and we enjoyed a grand time indeed. May God's richest blessings, attend all brothers and sisters, throughout the Church, is the prayer of your Brother in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller

General Meeting of The Ladies Circle

The General Meeting of The Ladies Uplift Circle was held in our church at Aliquippa, Pa., on September 20th, 1958, with a good representation of its members from the various churches around, and some were represented by letter. President Mabel Bickerton and Vice-president Ruth Akerman along with the various officers were present. The usual order of business was carried on. And the Sisters report

a very good time together in their meeting. Brothers John Ross, Ensana, Casterella and Russell Cadman were present and it is recorded that they gave our sisters very encouraging talks in the work they are doing in the Church. (Personally, I am very pleased to learn of our brother's words of praise for our sisters, for I know that they have done a world of good for the church. I am sorry that all our sisters do not get lined up with them—for I do read of Paul speaking of the sisters as "helps and teachers of good things." May God bless them all—Brother Cadman)

I notice the following in their minutes of this gathering: \$150 donated to the Indian Mission work; \$50 to Conference; \$50 to the General Church Missionary Fund; \$25 to the Book Fund; \$25 to the Printing Fund.

Their next General Gathering will be held in Monongahela on December 13th.

ALL THROUGH THE YEAR

God has blessed us here together,
All through the year:
In both bright and cloudy
weather,

His love was near.
Though we've wandered oft, He's
sought us,
Safely on our way He's brought
us,
Heavenly Lessons here, has taught
us,

All through the year.

Christ, our Lord, has kept watch
o'er us,

All through the year:
Surely through the days before
us,

He'll still be near.
He, our Captain on will lead us,
From His heavenly store will feed
us,

On the victors course will speed
us,

All through the year.

Thou whose Spirit didst o'er-
shower us,

All through the year,
Still with might divine empower
us,

Still send Thy cheer.
Come O Spirit, we implore Thee,
In our hearts inflame the story
Of the Cross and Christ of Glory,

All through the year.
Sung to the old Welsh tune, "All
Through The Night."