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## THE GREATER LOVE

I was hurt by my brother, his words were unkind,  
And this in the Gospel, should never be found.  
Then I looked in God's word, and what did I see?  
A heartbroken Saviour, who died on a tree.

For those who had taunted, had mocked and betrayed;  
In the house of His friends, these sins were all laid.  
In patience He bore it, to show me the way  
To overcome Satan, and press on day by day.

His flesh in His anguish, prayed,  
"Let this not be."  
But our Saviour, God's Son, submitted, was He,  
To the will of His Father, "Let Thy will be done."  
And the Father in love, said,  
"This is my Son."

Great drops of blood, from His brow did pour;  
And those who were with Him, denied Him and swore;  
As alone, He stood in the judgment hall,  
Friendless, rejected, forsaken by all.

"Forgive them," He cried, "They know not what they do."  
Then—"Father has't thou forsaken me too?"  
For on Him the sins of all men were laid;  
And His Father, for an instant, had turned away.

"It is finished," He cried, "My spirit receive."  
As He gave up His life, and died there for me.  
Yet triumphant; He arose, the victor was He;  
Oh Lord give us strength, that we may be like Thee

Bearing and forbearing each other in love,  
Striving each day to be like our Lord,  
Helping the weak one's lest they go astray;  
Showing the sinners the true light, and the way.

THIS IS OUR DESIRE, PLEASE GRANT IT, LORD, WE PRAY

Margaret Heaps

## Moulding the Pattern of Life

Man's life is an empty thing without idealism. When religion and idealism go hand in hand he builds a rampart against despair. When inevitable disappointments threaten to engulf him, he is fortified against the treacherous forces of doubt and disbelief.

Down the centuries of the past the religious press has given spiritual nourishment to countless millions.

This is the day of the press. The power of the printed page is one of the greatest forces in modern life. In bringing this power to the aid of the church, the religious press is an increasingly important factor in carrying the message of the church to the thoughtful citizenship of our time.

—Associated Church Press

## MEETINGS AT BITNER, PA.

Brother W. H. Cadman held a week of meetings late in September at our church here in Bitner. He read and discussed from the Bible the following chapters of scripture: the second chapter of Acts; the sixteenth chapter of Acts; seventeenth chapter of the Acts; sixteenth chapter of Matthew; the twelfth chapter of Revelations; the second chap. of Galations; the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians—also the Book of Mormon touching on the Restored Gospel.

The five evenings that Brother Cadman visited the Bitner Branch was interesting to each and every one of us. We certainly enjoyed the company of the brothers and sisters of the church and we welcome anyone having a desire to visit us.

The Bitner Branch had a very nice program for Thanksgiving Day. The little ones certainly did wonderful. It is nice for them to know—remember and give all thanks to the Lord. We all have much to be thankful for. Our church building was a gift to us and the Lord has given us good health and strength to build it up. May the Lord remember you all.

Sincerely,  
Sister Bokulich

## WEST ELIZABETH NEWS

The Jefferson Branch at West Elizabeth, Pa., held evening services during Thanksgiving week. Many visitors from other places attended. There has been much interest aroused and an uplifting spirit felt during the past year. There have been two baptisms. Meetings are held Sunday afternoons, and evenings, and prayer service Thursday evening. Brother Samuel Kirschner is the presiding elder. An invitation is extended to visit this little place, which is the oldest branch of the Church. The present building was dedicated in Oct. 1882 and conferences were held here for many years.

## SELECTED

No doubt about it, the members of any organization are not alike. One writer lists them under five categories:

1. Those who like to recline—the members who want to take it easy.
2. Those who like to shine; they will perform, but only in the spotlight.
3. Those who like to whine; nothing anyone else does is ever quite right.
4. Those who always decline. though talented or fully capable.
5. Finally, those, Lord, who are Thine—eager, ready, trying to build for the good of all.

## FROM ALASKA:

Brother Benyola Writes . . .

November 9, 1958

Dear Brother Cadman:

My name is Brother George Benyola and I am a soldier in the U. S. Army. I am stationed at Elison Air Force Base in Alaska. I'm not sure if you know me, but to clear your mind, I am Brother Paul and Jim's brother, of Hopelawn, N. J.

(I am glad to hear from you, Brother George,—WHC)

I am writing this letter to let you know that I am well pleased

with the Gospel News and I feel a blessing in receiving it. I have felt inspired this past month, after reading the News, to write a short poem. It is my way of expressing my deepest gratitude for the comfort Jesus has brought to me. Being away from the meetings of the saints and without spiritual companionship, it has been proven to me that Jesus is the best friend to have always and forever.

I feel to go on no farther, except to thank God with all my heart for His kind mercy.

Brother George Benyola

#### A FRIEND INDEED

by

Pvt. George Benyola

A Friend when needed is a friend to hold,  
Make your friend JESUS, for HE'S the BEST, I'm told.  
I am so very grateful for what HE has done,  
For without JESUS, my battle with satan cannot be won.

So many times I've tried to see.  
The sins in this world as a fruitful tree.  
But now that I know the secret of prayer,  
It is easy to confront the problems out there.

I'm honored to have such a friend as HE,  
Because never in my life has HE forgotten me.  
Are you lost without a friend to trust?  
If so, call upon JESUS for HE will free you from trouble and disgust.

The time is nigh for all to believe,  
Without this Friend you cannot achieve.  
Take heed, you that are lost, and look around,  
Look for that Friend, named JESUS, for HE is the one I've found.

Billy Graham's last year New York evangelistic crusade boosted sales of Bibles and other religious volumes, reports New York City's book merchants. But cigaret and bar business faded out in the area of Madison Square Garden where the evangelist preached nightly. One bar operator reported: "I sent my 4 bartenders on an early summer vacation."

#### A TRIBUTE

##### "A Half Century of Service to Our King"

Over fifty years ago, six young people of Roscoe, Belle Vernon district found the pearl of great price and sold all that they had to obtain it. This glorious love of God which they embraced through obedience to the commandments of God by repentance, and baptism and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, which has held all of them faithful up until this day, and we of the Roscoe Branch thank God that He has blessed us with their fellowship, and their testimony has been an uplift to each of us these many years.

We know they have come all through many trials and had much sorrow but they still testify to the glory of God and His goodness towards them these many years. Yes, we can say they are truly soldiers of the cross, followers of the Lamb, yes they have worked faithfully through the morning hours, and through the heat of the day, and now as they work through the evening hours, let us pray that these may be pleasant and rewarding hours to each of these six of the Roscoe Branch:

Brother Herman Kennedy, baptized in 1902 by Brother Alexander Cherry.

Brother James Griffith, baptized Leonard.

in 1904 by Brother Robert Sister Maggie Ward, baptized in 1906 by Brother Alexander Cherry.

Brother Augustus Martin, baptized in 1907 by Brother Alexander Cherry.

Sister Belle Crombish, baptized in 1907 by Brother Alexander Cherry.

Five of these Brothers and Sisters still meet with us, only one, through afflictions, has not been able to meet with us though her heart is with us and she is loved by all. This is Sister Belle Crombish. Each branch meeting when the teachers report is given, it is the same report on Sister Belle, that we made our visit to encourage her but we always find that she is the one that encourages and strengthens us with her pleasantness and the love of God that is always with her regardless of her afflictions.

We pray that God may always be with each of them and the Roscoe Branch may still ring with their testimonies for years to come.

Brother B. J. Martin

#### EDISON, NEW JERSEY

The Edison Ladies Uplift Circle commemorated their 23rd Anniversary, inviting the surrounding Uplift Circles to meet with us. It was held in our church here with good attendance. We opened with a hymn, and a poem written by Sister Kate Sgro. It reads as follows:

We thank you God for our church  
And our Ladies Circle, too,  
For our dear Sisters one and all  
Who help us to be true.

To God our Father and Jesus, too  
Who hears us when we pray:  
We try to show our love for them  
In all we do or say.

The Ladies Circle gives us gifts  
No others can enjoy,  
The Gift of love for one and all  
In every single way.

We read God's books and sing  
His praise  
And search into our hearts,  
To find the way to please our God  
Until the time we part.

Dear Jesus we will try to live  
The way you want us to,  
And we will love each other  
To show our love for you.

And so dear sisters of our Ladies Circle  
Who are here with us this day,  
Let us humble ourselves before our God  
And always let us pray.—

We then had singing and various testimonies and scripture reading. Our presiding Elder, Brother R. Ensana spoke encouraging words to us regarding our Ladies Circle, and all the help it is to the Church—especially harmony among the sisters—and the uplift the Circle is to the Branch, emphasizing that every sister should be a member of the Ladies Circle.

All in all, we thank God for a wonderful meeting and His blessings He bestows upon us. We are sure, all sisters who are a part of this wonderful organization are striving to keep the banner of Christ foremost in their hearts.

May God bless Sister Sadie Cadman for putting into effect so wonderful an inspiration as the Ladies Uplift Circle.

Sister Betty D'Orazio

## THE GOSPEL NEWS

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

In Third Nephi, 26:6-11, I read:

"And now there cannot be written in this book even a hundreth part of the things which Jesus did truly teach unto the people. (the Nephite people) But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he taught the people. And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things

which he taught the people: and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, (the seed of Joseph, Indians) from the Gentiles, (via Book of Mormon) according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.

"And when they (the seed of Joseph, Indians) shall have received this, (the Book of Mormon) which is expedient (necessary) that they should have first, to try their (seed of Joseph, Indians) faith, and if it shall so be that they (the Indian people) shall believe these things (the things that are in the Book of Mormon) then shall the greater things (records including the sealed ones that are yet to come forth) be made manifest

unto them. And if it so be that they (the Indian people) will not believe these things, (Book of Mormon) then shall the greater things (the sealed records as well as other records) be withheld from them, unto their (seed of Joseph) condemnation."

How any people under the Restoration and claiming to be the true church of Jesus Christ, can evade such plain language of the man of God whose name was Mormon, is more than I can understand. The words of Jesus staggered Nicodemus—How can these things be? Yet the Saviour of men made it very plain to him as follows—unless a man is born of water and the spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mormon is still speaking in the 29th chapter of Third Nephi, and in verse one he says: "And now behold, I say unto you that when the Lord shall see fit, in his wisdom, that these sayings (sayings in the Book of Mormon) shall come unto the Gentiles according to his word, then ye (Gentiles) may know that the covenant which the Father hath made with the children of Israel, concerning their restoration to their lands of their inheritance, is already beginning to be fulfilled.

I could quote much from the Book of Mormon supporting this same thought if I wished. However, the Book of Mormon has come forth, and because of unfaithfulness on the part of the adherents of the restored gospel, the judgments of God have fallen upon them, as well as upon the nations that are. As for The Church of Jesus Christ whose headquarters is in Monongahela, Pa., the doors of the Indian people (who are known in the Book of Mormon as the seed of Joseph—him who was sold into Egypt) have been thrown wide open unto us in many places, and, many have responded to the call of the Restored Gospel. In lieu of our profession (and with corruption and sin abounding as it is today) is it not time that we are awakening to a realization of our duties, and in reality fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah—"becoming fathers and mothers to Israel?"

President Cadman

### MORE COMMENTS ON MORGAN'S PAMPHLET

In the November issue of the Gospel News, there was an article titled "Some Comments" which was upon a pamphlet written by Elder John Morgan of the Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. of Salt Lake City, Utah and commonly known as the Mormon Church. I stated in my article that I may follow the matter up in the next issue. I am a little late for that, but will write this for a later one.

On page 14 it is headed "Future Existence"—He says, and I quote: "We shall again refer to holy writ, and ask the candid attention of the reader to the proofs we place before him." Very good Mr. Morgan but permit me to ask you, where do you find in Holy Writ that the thief had

never attended to the ordinances of baptism and the laying on of hands? Mr. Morgan, you must surely know that such information is not found in the scripture. There is one thing certain and that is—Jesus would not have taken the poor man to paradise, had he not been worthy of entering there. If you will examine the scripture, you will learn that many of His disciples, in the trials that were befalling them, went back and walked no more with Him. (See John 6: 66, 67) The thief who died on the cross could easily have been one who strayed away from the Master—got himself in trouble—meets the Saviour on the cross, repents and asks for mercy. Jesus forgave many others including David for the darkest of sins, why not forgive the penitent thief? Remember Mr. Morgan, you have produced no scripture to prove that

he was an unbaptised creature.

There is one thing I wish to draw attention to. It is evident that the thief was no stranger to Jesus. May I ask: how did the thief know "but this man hath done nothing amiss." How did the thief happen to know that Jesus was the Lord—he addressed Him as such. And then the thief asks Him, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." How did the thief happen to know that Jesus had a kingdom? Jesus was adjudged a criminal and was condemned to death the same as he himself was. And too, the thief must have known something about the contemplated resurrection of Christ—they were both dying, yet the poor fellow evidently had some knowledge of Him coming in His kingdom after death. To me the preponderance of the evidence is that the thief

was no stranger to the Nazarene, who along with himself was nailed to the cross.

Bear in mind that while the baptism of the thief is not mentioned in the scripture, it is not proof that he was not baptized, any more than it would be, that Peter was not baptized.

Elder Morgan is certainly very much confused about paradise, and the prison as mentioned by Peter and also Isaiah, of which I wish to comment on. I will quote the scripture as it is. Mr. Morgan quotes the following scripture: "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou cometh into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (End of quote)

Peter does say that the Lord preached to the spirits in prison, but He does not say that the Lord preached to those in paradise. The very term 'prison' is not an expression of joy or tranquility, but it is the opposite, and is a place where people are confined against their will to pay the penalty of the transgressions, whatever they may be. The Book of Mormon says in plain words that paradise is a place of rest for the righteous to await the resurrection; it is a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care and sorrow. (Read Alma 40: 12-14) The Saviour is Lord of all, and undoubtedly the thief went to paradise with the Saviour, but there is nothing in the sayings of Peter that can prove that the Saviour preached in paradise, for paradise is a place for the righteous to abide until the resurrection. As I have already said: Jesus was Lord of all and undoubtedly as Peter says, he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

Mr. Morgan refers to the prison house as spoken of by Isaiah in 49:9, also with the same prophet in 61:1, and also in 42:7.

Alma certainly gives a different account of the place called paradise than what Mr. Morgan is conveying in his pamphlet.

#### Author of Old Rugged Cross Dies

Reed City, Mich. (RNS)--The Rev. George Bennard author and composer of one of Christianity's best loved hymns, "The Old Rugged Cross," died here at the age of 86. His home was in the

nearby hamlet of Ashton.

A Methodist minister, he composed more than 300 sacred songs during his life. The most famous, written in 1913, is said to be translated into every written language.

Prior to his death the frail little evangelist was hospitalized for a long time in Hollywood (in Calif.) Presbyterian Hospital.

In his early life he was a Salvation Army revival preacher.

#### "THE TEACHINGS OF A MOTHER"

There is a virtue in a mother that only a child knows. A teaching of a mother is something a child never forgets. Although a child may stray somewhat, some time in his or her life there shall come a remembrance of Mother and what she taught. A mother in this church holds a great responsibility, to teach not only her children but other little ones as well that she comes in contact with.

Reading the 56th chapter of Alma I was much impressed with what I read. The wars at this time were very severe and the Nephite suffering was very great. There were two thousand young men who were Lamanites, their parents being converted because of the preaching of the sons of Mosiah (also young men). The parents of these two thousand young men had done much wrong, had been guilty of shedding much blood because of the false teachings of their ancestors. When Ammon and his brethren began to preach among them they were converted to the Lord and made a covenant that they would bury their weapons of war and would never again stain their swords with blood. When these people saw the sufferings of the Nephites they were willing to defend them against their own people, the Lamanites. Helaman told them not to break their covenant. That is when these two thousand young men came forth, they being small when this covenant was made by their parents; therefore, they were not bound by it. They desired Helaman to be their leader; to lead them into battle that they might preserve liberty and freedom of soul.

The Lamanites were pursuing Helaman and his sons (Helaman

said they were worthy to be called his 'sons') when Helaman spoke unto these young men and said: "Therefore, what say ye my sons, will we go against them to battle?" They were greatly outnumbered and Helaman feared lest he would lead them into a trap. The answer that these men gave to Helaman caused my breast to swell within me and to much increase my faith, realizing God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This was their answer, "Father, behold our God is with us and He will not suffer that we should fall; then let us go forth; we would not slay our brethren if they would let us alone, therefore let us go, lest they should overpower the army of Antipus."

Helaman said these young men had never been in battle, but they were not afraid to die if that was what it took to preserve liberty. Helaman said never had he seen so much courage amongst all the Nephites. Their mothers had taught them if they doubted nothing God would deliver them. Here is a wonderful example of children remembering the teachings of their mothers. They went into battle doubting nothing even though they were greatly outnumbered. They were victorious and not one of these young men was slain because their mothers had told them to doubt nothing, that God would take care of them. Oh, how valuable is a righteous mother! Because of these righteous mothers these young men's lives were preserved; also they saved the Nephites from being destroyed and preserved liberty and freedom and the church. By small means the Lord creates great accomplishments. So why should we fear or doubt anything? Whatever may face us if we shall be like these young men who remembered the teaching of their mothers "to doubt nothing and the Lord will take care of us" we shall be a blessed people and God's blessings shall be passed down even unto our children. Therefore, we that are parents, may we set a perfect example, that our children might follow it. Also, may we that are children, may we remember the good teachings of our parents.

Brother Bill Kunkel

Brother Augustus Martin, the father of Brother Idris, died at his home 6 a. m., Dec. 5, 1958. Obituary will appear in the next issue of the Gospel News.



*Signs of the Times . . .*

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

The most famous, or at least the most notorious, gem ever to be handed down through the ages of time is the Hope Diamond. Its more than three hundred year history is poc-marked with disaster for almost every owner. Each subsequent possessor has acquired the stone in seeming disregard for its history; each, except for three—there have been at least fourteen owners—has suffered some miserable fate.

To gain the value of this jewel and boast a place in its history, many have sacrificed much. They have given up other jewelery, ignored council, defied the so-called 'curse.' They have literally (as time proved out) given up all to possess "the pearl of great price." If nothing else, the owners proved that cost can mean something besides money.

Very likely this is what Christ inferred when he said: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." (Matt. 13: 45, 46)

Diamonds or pearls, the cost of possession is often high. But Christ in his paralleling heaven and the merchant man seeking pearls, meant a cost that must be paid to obtain the kingdom of heaven. Just as with a jewel the first price may require the sacrifice of many prized possessions. A sinful life of vain pursuits and short-lived pleasure must be converted into one that is striving to obey the Laws of God. The cost of obedience can be very trying. It can mean few or no friends; it can mean honesty in business, with actual dollar loss; it can even mean serious family friction.

But here the resemblance of a life for Christ to a jewel ends, for the final result is as far distant as the beginning is similar. Though the owners of the Hope diamond defied the curse inherited, they feared some accident would occur to continue the tradition at their expense. As they admired its beauty in secret chamber or flouted its glitter before agog throngs, there lurked the threat of loss or theft. A life that is devoted to the kingdom of heaven is not subject to

such earthly dangers. Such a life—once procured and so dedicated—is protected by a mightier force. With this power all cost is made to seem as nothing. The final end, The Kingdom of Heaven, is worth the price and rewards the effort.

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There is no doubt of the power of prayer. Everyone is familiar with the phrase: "Prayer changes things." Prayer, or the prayers of the faithful, can move mountains, but in these times some of the accomplishments attributed to prayer verge on the sacriligious. It is possible the aid of the Almighty is obtained by prayer to help build hospitals, churches and other structures for the betterment of mankind. In conceding the feasibility of the campaign slogan, 'we need your support and prayers,' we come to the sharp contrast of just what is feasible and what is absolutely ridiculous.

Just before each fight, Rocky Graziano, former heavyweight champion, would visit a small convent and pay his respects in prayer and devotion. The day of the fight the nuns would spend hours in ritual prayer in behalf of Mr. Graziano.

What manner of logic is this? Our bodies are the temples of God and those who defile the temple shall be condemned. (I Cor. 3:17) Are we to believe that God will bless pugilistic participants with either safety or victory? Is it feasible to pray for the benefit of one who is paid to inflict bodily harm on another, and perhaps even kill? (It has happened. Fighters have died right in the ring, or minutes after the fight.) I shall leave these questions unanswered. They could almost be coupled to the next subject.

Some time ago, in the World Series of 1919, a man played for the Cincinnati team named Geasy Neale. After the series, which the Reds won, Mr. Neale toured the country and countless Methodist churches with the message that the Reds had won through the power of prayer. He was saying that God had answered prayer and exerted His power over a baseball game!

Perhaps it is anticlimactical, but

I shall end this quickly. After his tour Mr. Neale learned of Abe Attell and the Black Sox fix of the World Series.

Yes prayer changes things—some things. But it is well to ascertain before the prayer just what is being changed; it is even better to realize that some things God will not change, for one thing God cannot do: God cannot lie.

**"THE OLD STORY"**

"Tomorrow", he promised his conscience; "Tomorrow I mean to believe; Tomorrow I'll think as I ought to; tomorrow my Saviour receive; Tomorrow I'll conquer the habits that hold me from heaven away." But ever his conscience repeated one word, and one only, "Today". Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow—thus day after day it went on; Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow—Till youth like a vision was gone; Till age and his passions had written the message of fate on his brow; And forth from the shadows did come Death, with the pitiless syllable "Now!"

**MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious Father, help us to see ourselves as Thou seest us. Give us strength to "overcome the sins which so easily beset us," especially the sin of jealousy, pride and the tendency to criticize the words and acts of others. Help us to have a fuller understanding of the acts and motives of others, rather than to make quick judgment of outward appearances. May we have a greater desire to help people rather than a desire to be helped by them—and the ability to forgive and forget hurts which have been unconsciously given, as we would have Thee forgive our own thoughtlessness towards others. We pray in the name of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour  
Amen

Brother Jones of Wichita

## - W E D D I N G -

## Moore - Yoder

On Saturday evening, November 1, 1958, at 7:30 p. m., Lorretta Jean Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Yoder, of Imperial, Pa. and Brother James Paul Moore, son of Brother James and Sister Eva Moore, of Clinton, Pa., were united in marriage. Brother James T. Moore, father of the groom, officiated at the double-ring ceremony held in The Church of Jesus Christ in Imperial, Pa. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Montour Grange Hall, which is nearby.

Jean was given away by her father, Daniel M. Yoder. Her sister, Marie Yoder, was bridesmaid. Brother Mike Buffington was the best man.

Sister Patty Christman, from Monongahela, sang "Wither Thou Goest", "Because", and "The Lord's Prayer". The ushers were Brothers Ervin Buffington and Richard Christman.

The newlyweds have purchased a house trailer and are farming on the Moore farm. Jim and Jean have purchased dairy cattle. We all wish them a happy and blessed marriage.

## The Lamanite question:

The question has been asked, "Why is this Church so interested in the Indian People?"

This question has been asked with the implication that a few of our brethren, years ago had thoughts, or dreams, of doing a work among the Indian people but that their efforts proved a failure. It was said that this proved there was nothing to be accomplished by the church in endeavoring to carry on the Indian Mission. It is true they did fail, but why? Was their failure proof that the Gospel was not to go to the Indians? It seems evident that some have looked upon these failures by the church as definite proof that God was not in the matter, hence the failure. Thus they have felt justified in withholding their support from the Indian Missionary work, morally, temporally or spiritually.

Now let us look into the matter that we may get set straight to some degree at least. A work that many of us believe to be vitally important even as our

brethren of the early Church believed. We profess to believe in the revelation of God, though it appears that there are times when we only want to accept that which appeals to us, or corresponds with our convictions. The same brethren organized and established the Church in 1862. We accept this spirit of Revelation without reservation. In our pamphlet Religious Experiences and Expectations, by Wm. Cadman, Sr., we are told that he was chosen by a resolution passed unanimously to inquire of God, that they may receive some understanding concerning His will as to just what they were to do, or where they were to locate. They were not all of one mind, some wanted to stay in Pennsylvania while others wanted to go west. Brother Cadman says that after he prayed very earnestly to God concerning the matter, "The Almighty revealed to me to my entire satisfaction that he would provide us a home in the Indian Territory, by the preaching of the Gospel." It is recorded that this Revelation was unanimously accepted as of God. Brother Meadowcroft declared, "I feel more of the power of God in this matter than I expected too."

William Bickerton followed instantly, with these words: "Verily, verily, thus saith the Lord God; the time has come for salvation to go to the Lamanites." Both of these Revelations were then endorsed by the Conference, and placed on record. Then the Conference commissioned Brothers Wm. Cadman, William Bickerton and Benjamin Meadowcroft to visit the Indian country and preach the Gospel, with the expectation of locating there later on. (For details of what occurred see pages 52-56 of our Church History.) But this first Mission failed for several reasons. We see that this Mission was practically laid aside after the return of the brothers and their report of no success. Brother Cadman says he fought desperately against this movement but was overwhelmingly defeated. He says, "This people were as unreasonable and unbelieving, at that time, as ever the Hosts of Israel were at any time, not excepting the time when they heard and believed the faithless report of ten of their spies, and altogether discarded that of the faithful two, Joshua and Caleb." Many of Israel died in the wilderness because they refused to believe the Truth. What had caused such a change in the minds and hearts of our people so soon after receiving the Revel-

ation of God? One was, I believe, they were too much built up, and were expecting great things too quick. Or would we say too much for too little effort?

Then we see in 1871 a number of our people emigrating to Tennessee, which proved they were more interested in the material things than they were in following the revealed will of God to them. I have understood these people were lost tract of by the Church. We are told that a later effort to the Indian Territory, to preach the Gospel likewise failed for the very same reasons.

The putting of material things ahead of preaching the Gospel has always been a great obstacle to man; the desire to attain his ends first. Some of our former brothers died feeling disappointed that the Indian Mission was not pursued, that God might have been able to bless the Church. Remember that obedience is better than sacrifice.

On page 91 of our Church History, again we find an account where this matter arises in the January Conference of 1894. From what is written there, we find Brother Cadman and others still feeling dissatisfied because there was no concerted effort to do anything about the Indian Mission. This was twenty-five years after the 1868 Mission. Again it was made a matter of prayer, the results being as follows: In the July Conference of 1894, it was moved and seconded that we consider the Indian Territory Mission as binding on the Church at this time as at any time previous. We observe that the elapse of twenty-five years time had not been sufficient to remove from their minds this obligation, time cannot satisfy the demands of God, for our disobedience, if a thousand years pass. We read where many of the Prophets, and men of God were instructed by God, to do certain things, or go to certain places, some of them disliked to go, or do, what they were commanded. They were men like us, sometimes they feared men, and no doubt sometimes the commands appeared very difficult to fulfill, yet He must be obeyed, or we fall under His judgment.

Through the years that have passed many dreams and experiences have been given to the Saints, and have been accepted by the Church as pertaining to the Indian work. The Lord is still trying to prod us to carry the Gospel to the Lamanites. Today we are still found, to a large degree, as was the Church ninety

years ago, more concerned with the material things than the spiritual, or trying to prepare our homes first, or build up our material treasure. All these could be swept away very suddenly by the anticipated judgment of God that is to come upon the world, because of wickedness, probably very soon.

Had the Revelation of God been followed, no doubt we would have built on a surer foundation, and would have had no need to fear. I thank God that the Church has had a few down through the years who have remembered and kept alive the Indian Mission Spirit. Some few brothers and sisters have labored hard, and have given of their time and effort. To these it has become a great joy, and blessing, to give of their best to the Master.

To be continued.

Joseph Bittinger

### PRIDE

My dearly beloved, as Paul would say,  
And I shall say it, too,  
Because to me you're very dear,  
Yes, every one of you . . .

My dearly beloved, I wish to speak  
Of one great fault, not rare,  
For it is common in our mid'st,  
Just as it was, 'back there'.

It is an evil that threatens us,  
And if we take not heed,  
'Twill grow within our hearts,  
As a devastating weed.

It borrows the guise of  
righteousness,  
So that we cannot tell  
That it's the swiftest way there  
is  
To drag us down to Hell.

WE WILL NOT CONCEDE AN  
INCH! 'Tis right!  
'Not so, 'tis I.' 'Tis I.'  
It's like a chant, a litany,  
It is the common cry.

YOU firmly maintain you're right,  
while I'M  
Convinced I am; so why  
Should God reveal HIS way to  
us?  
. . . . He cannot even try! !

My dearly beloved, that fault is  
Pride,  
And we must strive to see  
If we can substitute it for  
Just plain HUMILITY.

Catherine Poma

### GATHERING AT LOS ANGELES

The annual gathering of the General Church was held on August 15-17, in the church at Bell, California. We were honored to have with us Brother William H. Cadman, president of the Church and Brother T. S. Furnier first councillor, both of Pennsylvania. Also, there were many representatives present from most of the Eastern States. It was the first time that the District of California has hosted a General Church Gathering, and it will be one not soon forgotten, for God surely blessed all present abundantly.

Our Friday morning service commenced with singing many inspiring hymns as the saints came in from different states and many cities of California. Opening hymn was "An Angel Came Down" followed with prayer by Brother Cadman.

Brother V. J. Loyalvo, president of the District of California, expressed words of welcome to all of our brothers and sisters from the Eastern States. Brother Cadman accepted welcome in behalf of all land expressed gratitude for the privilege to come to the West Coast and enjoy the hospitality showered upon us all by the saints in California. He also expressed a deep gratitude for the blessed land of America and blessings of God brought here by the Restoration of the gospel, and the many promises of God to the inhabitants of this land, if they will serve God in spirit and truth. God's power was with our forefathers in bringing about the establishment of this nation. This is the promised land to the seed of Joseph and God has promised us as Gentiles an inheritance with them, if we are faithful to Him until the end.

Brother Cadman then asked: "Are our hearts filled with sufficient gratitude to God—and do we reverence Him as we should, for the privileges we now enjoy on the land of promise? He is no respecter of persons, therefore only obedience to His will brings His favor upon us. As we, therefore, pose as The Church of Jesus Christ, let us take upon us the responsibility of taking the Gospel to all nations." Brother Cadman spoke with wonderful liberty and all were blessed by his inspiring words.

Brother Nicholas Persico of New Jersey, followed with the same theme—"America" He said it was the love of God that promp-

ted them to travel so far to be at this gathering with the saints. He went on to say that prosperity came upon this land only through the Gospel being restored through the instrumentality of the young boy, Joseph Smith. America is beautiful but is being scarred by sin and immorality from sea to sea. The congregation then sang "On Mountain Tops." The blessings of God's spirit continued to reign upon us as Brother V. J. Loyalvo spoke of the blessedness of the land of America. God decreed it to be so and therefore in the hearts of men and women everywhere is a desire to set foot on this land of freedom and love. The land of the Restored Gospel and the gathering of God's people from the four corners of the earth in the mountain of the Lord's house where we shall learn of His ways and walk in His paths. We then sang a hymn and were dismissed with prayer by Brother Alvin Swanson of Greensburgh, Pa.

On Friday afternoon the service was opened with singing and prayer by Brother Swanson. Brother Paul Benyola from Philadelphia, Pa., introduced the service by reading the 22nd chapter of III Nephi in the Book of Mormon. The great promises for Israel in the latter days, after it seems that God had forgotten her, but with great mercies He would gather them again. In righteousness shalt thou be established, thou shalt be far from oppression, etc. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, for this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. Brother Paul continued, saying: "We must display Christ in our lives, that others may see Him through us. God's spirit was made manifest in the testimony of Brother Swanson concerning the blessings of God in his household.

Brother Joseph Loyalvo followed, relating experiences he had while preaching the gospel among the Indian people in Canada. As he continued to exhort us as to our responsibilities, the spirit of God fell upon him and he asked us: "Will God perform another deed like He did to the Israelites on this land? Will God bring destruction on the land of America? Will God bring the Gentiles down so that we won't have jobs or work and we'll set our minds to go to Israel?" At this juncture Brother Furnier was lifted from his seat by the

power of God and he sang these words: "Wait and see the hand of God, for He will surely do that. And if you will wait upon Him, He will show, He will show you His power." God's spirit descended upon all present and His house was filled with His glory. Praise God. Our afternoon service came to a close singing "Sound the Battle Cry" and "Is Your All On The Altar?" Closed with prayer by Brother Charles Brecci of San Diego, California.

Friday evening before our service, we enjoyed a solo by Brother James Lovalvo of Detroit, entitled "In Old Gethsemane" and a duet by Brother James Heaps and Sister Mabel Bickerton entitled "I Will Pilot Thee." After singing by the congregation Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio led us in prayer. We were then addressed by Brother Furnier. He gave praise to God for sparing his life through many afflictions and for blessings to numerous to mention. He said that God is warning us of things to come and our duty is to be watchful and prayerful. Our country escaped past wars, but we do not know what will come on us as we stand on the brink of World War III. We should realize our responsibility to live righteously before God and become one, knowing that He will gather His people and spare them from destruction. Brother Furnier also read the 29th chapter of III Nephi and while speaking of the promises to be fulfilled with the covenant made to Israel (the Jews and Lamanites), Brother V. Lovalvo through the power of the spirit, rose up with these words: "Hear, Hear! Hear! This is my word, Come unto Me O ye Gentiles. Hear the words of my Son this day."

Brother Lovalvo then offered a special prayer that the Church might become more righteous and that we may have a greater zeal to take the gospel to others. Brother Cadman then sang "The Handwriting On The Wall". He expressed himself that he felt inspired to sing this hymn. All enjoyed it I am sure. Brothers V. J. Lovalvo and Joseph Calabrese both expressed themselves concerning the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon and making reference to Sidney Rigdon's testimony, verifying the truth and divine power of its coming forth. The service was then dismissed by singing "When The Angel Moroni Came To Joseph." Prayer by Brother Anthony DiBattista of Glassport,

Pennsylvania.

The Saturday morning service was opened by singing "Jesus Is Always There." Prayer by Brother Frank Vitto of Detroit. Continued by singing "Near My God To Thee." Brother Vitto read from the 5th chapter of Alma 26th verse in the Book of Mormon and expressed himself on the necessity of stripping oneself of pride and envy and be humble, that we might meet God with a pure heart and He will hear us when we call upon Him. Brother Furnier turned the meeting over to prayer as was appointed to be conducted on Friday evening. Prayers were offered and some testimonies were given and some were anointed for their afflictions. Meeting was closed with the hymn "Then Jesus Came and prayer by Brother Felix Buccelato of San Diego, Calif.

(To be continued)

### McKEES ROCKS BRANCH

December 2, 1958

Brother Editor:

We of the McKees Rocks Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ are grateful unto our God for the brothers who have come to speak to us and to fellowship.

We hope to have news of other souls being baptised into the fold, even as the Lord may see fit to bless this locality and Branch of His Church. Greetings and salutations to all the saints who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

### THE INDIAN MISSION WORK OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In company with Bro. Joseph Shazer, and my wife we left our homes on October 15, 1958 for Wapala, S. Dakota. As usual we stopped at our Sister Evelyn Reilly's home at Hobart, Ind. for the night where we enjoyed their hospitality and fellowship once more. Sister Reilly does not have any of our church people near her in that city, being alone it gives her much joy when the saints stop at her home. Upon our arrival at Wapala, Saturday about 7:00 p. m. we found Mrs. Katie Banik already gone (she is the lady we bought the building from, and she has been looking after it for us since that time) We, not knowing where to find the key, pulled the hasp off the door and got into the living

quarters. Then soon discovered that she had taken sick and gone to her son's home in Mobridge, early in the week, and had left the keys at the store near by for us. We were very happy to have her return a few days later, saying she had been in the hospital in Rapid City. About one week later she got sick again, her desire was that she would be able to stay with us until we would be ready to return home. As she was suffering with an affliction we thought it best to not stay longer with winter coming on. Some days later we received word that she had arrived safe at her daughter's home at Salem, Ore. We missed her presence very much in our meetings. Let all of us remember her in our prayers.

On Sunday we were blessed with a nice attendance, as I had notified some of the brothers and sisters by card that we expected to be at Wapala for this Sunday. As the result, Brother Isaac Useful Heart and Sister Darlene LaBlanc came from near Eagle Butte, and Brother and Sister Jim Meeter came from the Moreau River. All seemed glad to have us back with them again, for a season. And there certainly was much discouragement that had happened since we were there, just a couple of months previously. The Devil tries his best to disrupt and discourage, and it seems that he is making a special effort to try and smother out that little seed that has been planted among the Indian people, before it has had a chance to increase and bring forth the latter day blessings that are promised through obedience to the Gospel of Christ, which blessing is both Spiritual and Temporal.

Sorrow filled our hearts as we learned of the death of Brother William Howard, of the Indian people. All who spoke said he was murdered; his wife said the same. Officially they say he died of a heart attack. He leaves Sister Howard with seven children to provide for some how. Brother Henry Three Legs had just lost his oldest son about a week before this in a car accident near Mobridge. This was quite a blow to Brother Henry and his family. We did all we could to console and comfort these in the hour of their trouble. The Apostle Paul said in Rom. 12: 15-17—Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Unless we can show love and sympathy to our fellow man in the time of his trouble

we are not exhibiting the love of Christ by doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

I am convinced that the worst thing to happen to the Indian people in our time, or perhaps in this twentieth century was the repeal of the law which forbid the selling of intoxicating liquors to the Indians, and some of the more serious minded of them are troubled over the serious situation that has developed among their people. The moral decay and degeneracy that is so evident every where; men, women and children are the victims, subjects of its evil power and influence. It is imperative that the restored Gospel of Truth be preached by us, who have the love of God in our hearts for these people, a love for their souls. Christ died for sinners, that if they would turn away from their evil, and come unto Him that He would forgive their sins, and free them from Satan's power. To say one is a Christian avails nothing, when the very acts of ones life is to bring forth evil continually. Our actions speak louder than our words.

We held meetings every evening, and three meetings on Sundays. Brother and Sister DeMarrias was very attentive during our stay, and Brother DeMarrias opened several meetings for us. While our attendance was not great, yet we had a number every service to talk to. Some of our friends came to about every meeting we held. We held one meeting at the Moreau River, and two at Brother Edw. LaBlanc's home Sunday, Nov. 2nd. We enjoyed our service in their home. The Sunday before we had feet washing at Wakpala, and ordained Brother Henry Three Legs a Deacon. A good spirit prevailed in this service too.

We received a shipment of used clothing from Monongahela, Pa., that we distributed to all who asked us for something for themselves or their families, provided we had something they could use. We gave to all regardless of what Faith they happened to be. There is need for very large size clothing for both men and women, (there are many stout people). We had expected to spend one more Sunday at Wakpala, and had looked forth to have some of our brothers and sisters with us again from Eagle Butte, and the Moreau River. On Saturday about 10:00 a. m. we received a phone call, saying Sister Bittinger's brother was dead

and was to be buried on Monday. In order to be home in time for the funeral we started immediately for home, and drove straight through, stopping only to get gas and a bite to eat. We arrived at Brother Shazer's home about 7:30 p. m. Sunday, safe and thankful to God for all His blessings. We were very sorry to disappoint those who came expecting to find us still at Wakpala. We hope they had a portion of God's spirit in their meeting to bless all assembled there. Our prayer is that God may richly bless all our brothers and sisters, and our friends, of the Sioux people.

We held about 30 meetings; Brother Shazer and myself both enjoyed good liberty in speaking everywhere.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

#### A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE CHURCH OFFICERSHIP

In a conversation with one of my brethren concerning the Church Organization, the presidency and other officers, I concluded that I would write an article on the matter for all to read in the Gospel News. Whether I can make things any plainer than what is recorded in our history or not, remains to be seen. However, I hope that in my efforts, some things might be more clear in our minds.

Prior to the organization of 1862, various brothers were called to the office of apostles, and some evangelists—but their ordinations did not take place until July of 1862 which I will bring to your notice in its proper place. Among these brothers called to be apostles were Brothers George Barnes and Charles Brown.

The July Conference of 1862 was called to order by President Wm. Bickerton—George Barnes and Charles were his Counsellors. In this conference there were twelve brothers ordained to the apostleship in this Church. (If you will turn to page 34 in our history, you will note that Bros. Barnes' and Brown's name is not among the twelve ordained apostles—though they were called to that office prior to this 1862 conference, but in this conference they are Counsellors to President Bickerton.) Such is very plain and their ordination took place in the January Conference of 1863. The record says they were ordained to the office of Apostles and Counsellors in the Church

of Jesus Christ. On page 40 of our history, it is very plain that President Bickerton and Counsellors Barnes and Brown were not in the "Twelve" apostles.

As time went on there were vacancies in the apostles' quorum in various ways—I suppose because of deaths and other reasons. Later on I notice the names Wm. Skillen and Wm. Bacon and possibly some others are known as apostles in the Church. On page 67 of our history, it is recorded that Brothers J. Loutit and W. Menzes were ordained into the quorum of the twelve apostles, and that Wm. Cadman was president of the Apostles. It is apparent that as vacancies occurred in the quorum of the apostles, they were filled up by ordaining others in their stead.

In the October Conference minutes of 1876, I read that Wm. Cadman was sustained as president of the church in the east. (President Bickerton had at this time, along with others, located in the state of Kansas. Later I read where Eli Kendall was president of the church in Kansas. We must not get confused here. These brethren were elected presidents of the eastern and western districts of the church.) Wm. Bickerton was president of the General Church and of course, had two counsellors as previously shown.

In July Conference of 1880 and which was presided over by the Kansas District President, Wm. Cadman was elected president of the General Church, and Eli Kendall and Cummins Cherry was elected as his Counsellors or first and second vice-presidents.

As time passed on up until the July Conference of 1904, the apostles of the church had all passed on to their reward with the exception of Wm. Cadman. He was the only surviving apostle in the church, for they had neglected to keep the quorum of twelve apostles filled up. But you must remember that the president of the church and his counsellors (these three) were always kept in the church, though at this time (July 1904) and for some years previous, President Cadman's Counsellors were not always 'ordained' apostles in the church, for instance, prior to July 1904 Brothers Alexander Cherry and Allen Wright were the presidents counsellors, but they had not been, as yet, ordained as apostles in the church.

In the April Conference of 1904 eleven brothers were selected to be apostles in the church. They

were ordained in July 1904 who, along with the only surviving apostle from the organization of 1862, gave us nine apostles in the church besides the president and his two counsellors who were also ordained apostles.

One thing that caused considerable note in this conference was that Wm. Cadman was the oldest apostle, while his son W. H. Cadman was the youngest of them. I repeat again that year after year the quorum of three (president and his counsellors) were always in the church, while the quorum of twelve apostles had dwindled down to **one lone member** by July of 1904—Wm. Cadman Sr. was the only one that was left in the church.

In the July Conference of 1908 and, due to an experience had by Brother Alexander Cherry, (who was elected president of the church in July 1906, President Cadman having deceased in Nov. of 1905), several other apostles were ordained, making a full quorum of 12 apostles, replacing the presidency of the church as it was in the organization of 1862. That is, the president and his counsellors were separate from the quorum of twelve as they were in the organization of 1862. It was thoroughly understood by the church, that the president and his counsellors were not above the twelve as is claimed by some dissatisfied persons. Their acts and doings, as well as the acts and doings of the quorum of the twelve apostles, and the activities of the evangelists, must be sanctioned by the Elders in the Church (a majority vote) before it becomes binding on the Church as a body. Under conditions that may arise, the president of the Church may exercise the right allowed him by ruling on a matter or condition, but if he does, then two thirds of the Elders present in Conference can over-rule the president's ruling whatever it may have been.

In our General Conference which is held now in April instead of July, the Elders have the privilege of electing or re-electing their choice of a president and two counsellors. After the decease of President Alexander Cherry in 1921, Brother W. H. Cadman was elected president of the church in July of 1922. Several brothers who were elected as his Counsellors have since died. Brothers T. S. Furnier and Joseph Bittinger are now occupying those positions, while Alma B. Cadman is president of the twelve apostles. The quorum of apostles exercises authority and governs as author-

ized by the General church (the Elders assembled in Conference).

Brother W. H. Cadman is now serving his 37th year as president of the church, being elected each year consecutively since July of 1922. During this time, four of his brethren who have served or assisted him as Counsellors have passed on to their reward.

The revealed will of God does not have to come through the president of the church. It may come through any member of the Body of Christ (the church), via heavenly visions, heavenly dreams and in divers ways in which the Lord has always revealed himself to his people. If, at any time, the Elders who are assembled in Conference, should rule against the ruling of the President of the Church, they must be governed by the law of the Church and by the spirit and law of Christ. The president, in making a ruling, no doubt is endeavoring to sustain the written law of the church, sustaining the faith of the church and its order in general. His ruling should serve as a 'check' and gives the Elders time to take a second look before over-ruling him in his sole efforts to sustain good order. I remember that the late President Cherry ruled against that which was preached by some in the Church, that there would be "flesh and blood" in the millenium (the thousand years) as spoken of in Rev. 20. He ruled that such was not in accord with our faith. Had his ruling been lawfully abided by, it would have saved us a lot of trouble.

#### Testimony of BROTHER WM. BICKERTON

William Bickerton was a member of the Methodist Church, until he heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached in the year of our Lord 1845. He says: "I was convinced of the doctrines of Christ, viz., Faith, Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit and its effects are in accord with Paul's writings. There is but one Holy Spirit, and whether Jews or Gentiles, bond or free, we have been all made to drink of the same spirit, for to one is given the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, by the same spirit, and so forth and Jesus says: 'Signs shall follow them that believe, in my name they shall

cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if the drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them: they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.' I was never taught such a gospel; so I left them as a member in good standing, and was baptized into Christ and put Him on. I received the gift of the Holy Spirit at the laying on of hands, and the signs have followed me, I have spoken with new tongues, and have had the interpretations, and I have seen the sick healed, and I have been healed myself, so that I know that the Gospel is the power of God. I entered the Church under Elder Rigdon's organization. I was called by the Holy Spirit to be an Elder. I received ordination and the power of God came down and sealed that office upon me. I went forward preaching to all that would hear. I was afterwards called into the quorum of seventies. I received ordination the second time, but the Church became disorganized. Here I was left to myself. I paused to know what course to pursue. I knew my calling was from Heaven, and I also knew that a man cannot build up the Church of Christ without divine commandment from the Lord, for it would only be sectarianism, and man's authority.

But the Lord did not leave me, no, He showed me a vision, and in the vision I was on the highest mountain on the earth: and He told me that if I did not preach the Gospel I would fall into the dreadful chasm below. The sight thereof was awful. I moved with fear, having the Holy Spirit with me. Here I was, none to assist me, and without learning, popular opinion against me, and the Salt Lake Mormons stood in the way. I could not turn back unto Methodism again. No, I knew they had not the gospel. I stood in contemplation. The chasm was before me, no other alternative but to do my duty to God and man. I went ahead preaching repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some believed my testimony and were baptized, and we met together. The Lord met with us, and we could many times sing with the poet, "The Spirit of God, like a fire is burning, the latter-day glory begins to come forth.. The visions and blessings of old are returning. The angels are coming to visit the earth."

"We had not as yet partaken of the Lord's Supper, when the Lord appeared in vision, and told me to administer it. We



met together from time to time, and I felt it to be the will of God to call and ordain other Elders. I did so and they assisted me in helping forward the good work of God. We also met together in council, and the Lord revealed Himself unto us in divers ways.

One evening after I had baptized three, I retired to rest, and a glorious vision appeared unto me. I saw a beautiful table spread over with everything that is desirable of the rich bounties of Heaven, and the saints feasting themselves; there was no end to it, as far as I could see. I saw myself sitting at the head of it; and while in the vision the glory of God filled the room. No mortal man can tell what I felt on that occasion, while a cloud of divine glory rested upon me. To the world this might appear to be imagination, but to me a reality, a divine reality, that years cannot erase from my memory. I might fill up pages of what we received, but we give our testimony to the world, that we know that there is a God in heaven, and He changes not, and that He does reveal himself in this our day and generation, as He did in days of old. Yes, blessed be His High and Holy name forever, for His unchangeableness; for as our Saviour said, while here on earth, if any man will do His will, He shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or I speak of myself. And again, the prophet Joel says, speaking of the last days, "and it shall come to pass afterwards, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and also upon the serpents and upon the hand-maids in those days, will I pour out my spirit, and I will show wonders in the Heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." And while waiting before the Lord in a sacrament meeting, the word of the Lord came unto me saying, "I accept of you this day as my Church to whom my servant John was commanded to write, while in the spirit, on the Lord's day, and to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write: these things saith he that is Holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works, behold

I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it, for thou hast a little strength, and has kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie, Behold I will make them to come and worship before thy feet: and to know that I have loved thee, because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold I come quickly: hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from my God, and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches." Again shortly after, while we were assembled together, the word of the Lord came unto me again saying, "the Lord I am God, the Lord I am God, therefore you are of them that will not turn aside, therefore I will bless you."

"We then began to increase in numbers, and formed ourselves into Conferences. Elders were called and ordained, and the Lord being with us, the signs followed the believers, the gifts of the Spirit being made manifest in tongues and interpretations of tongues, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, visions, dreams, faith, discerning of spirits, and the sick healed, and pains removed, so that we began to grow up into the knowledge of the Son of God, and the Lord our God made a Covenant with us, that He would lay a ground work by us to perform a great work; and we are the stem, and every party that splits from us shall come to nothing.

"We now copy from the records of this Church the revelations and commandments that the Lord has given unto us as far as is requisite for this history, and leave it to the reader. While waiting in Conference before the Lord, the word of the Lord came unto us saying, "try me and prove me, and see if I will not open unto you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to contain it." And on

continued to wait before the Lord, the word of the Lord was fulfilled in our midst, for there were some completely overcome by the power of God: and at this Conference several of the brethren had visions, one of which we'll give. 'I saw in the vision the road that the Saints were traveling on: the foot of which road was in the waters, and ascended gradually up to heaven. It was a straight and narrow road, so narrow that there was not room to turn either to the right or to the left: and on each side of the road was all manner of different kinds of beautiful flowers to tempt the Saints to pluck them, but under the flowers lay a great depth of mud, and the prettier the flowers the deeper the mud, so that if anyone stepped aside to pluck the flowers, they were sure to stick fast in the mud: also, the road itself was so firm that many cannonballs that were fired at the road, could not as much as make a mark upon it.' Therefore, we must exclaim with the poet:

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His Excellent word:  
What more can He say, than to you he hath said,  
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

And  
Come see the road His hand has raised,  
And made the pathway plain,  
Nor need the travelers ever err,  
Nor ask the track in vain.

## LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Wiheita, Kansas

Dear Brother Cadman:

We would like to write an article for the Gospel News, regarding our brothers visit here in Kansas.

About three weeks ago on Friday, Brother George Neill and Brother Harry Tucker drove in and gave us a very pleasant surprise, they stayed over night, then left for St. John, and a week later they returned to our home, and on Sunday morning we held our Fellowship meeting, as they had to leave early. We had a



wonderful meeting and felt the Spirit of God together. Brother Neill spoke inspiring words about the Resurrection; how the time the following Sabbath while we will come, if we prove faithful to God, we will meet all our loved ones and be together with the Lord to spend Eternity and never part, isn't it a wonderful hope to have? It certainly was comforting. He also spoke about his experiences in the Gospel. Brother Tucker gave his experience before he joined the church, which was quite interesting and we all enjoyed them, also his experience since he met with the church. May the Lord continue to bless our brothers.

The following Wednesday Brother Heaps from California drove in, which was another pleasant surprise. Brother Heaps was in charge of our Prayer meeting after singing a few hymns, he led us in prayer. He gave a very interesting talk on Revelation and the book of Hebrews, and different portions of the Bible. Again on Thursday we enjoyed another Bible reading. It was very enlightening. We would like to have our brother stay until Sunday, but his time was unimpaired and was unable to stay any longer. May the Lord be with you Brother Heaps and improve your health, that you may go forth with the word of God.

We hope to be seeing them all again before too long. In general we spent a wonderful time together Worshipping God.

Love to all the saints from the brothers and sisters in Christ in Wichita, Kansas.

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#### Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:

I received your card, and was quite pleased to hear from you, hope you and dear sister Cadman are well, and are succeeding, brilliantly in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank God, we see around us many obstacles, stumbling - blocks, and pitfalls, but are not dismayed, we feel as the Apostle Paul says in 1st Corinthians 16th chapter, 9th verse, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, but there are many adversaries." We do not hope to go into the Kingdom of Heaven, on flowery beds of ease, knowing that if we would win the crown, we must strive,

so daily we say, increase our courage Lord.

I have a few things to report from this section of the vineyard, and will proceed to do so. On Sept. 22nd Brother and Sister Floyd Hep, of Los Angeles, California, being on a vacation in our midst, the Ladies Circle of Branch No., contributed a very lucrative party on their behalf, which was greatly appreciated. On the 12th of October, a man and his companion, from the Amherstburg, Canada, mission, were baptized at Branch No. 1, and their three children blessed. On the same day, my wife and I, and Sister Maude Stallworth, visited Branch No. 2, and went to the Inkster mission, with Brother John Gammichia. I opened the service at Branch No. 2, speaking from Philippians, 2nd chapter to the end of the 4th verse, and felt fairly good liberty in preaching the Gospel, it was not too long before Brother J. Bologna, would be leaving to make his home in California, he followed me and gave a wonderful talk. On the same day, in the evening, around 7:30 p. m., at Branch No. 3, we listened to a wonderful sermon from Brother V. J. Loyalvo. He read a portion of scripture found in Revelation, 19th chapter, 7th through 9th verses, speaking on "The marriage supper of the Lamb," and gave us a great entertainment spiritually. On Sunday the 19th of October, Brother James Heaps, of California, visited Branch No. 1, in the morning, his text was found in Revelation 22nd chapter 17th verse. He gave us a good lesson, on the life of Christ, His baptism, and how He laid a perfect pattern for us to do all things in the spirit, in our natural life, so that when the end comes, we will be found with the oil in our lamps, and will be ready to go with the Bridegroom, into the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, like the five wise Virgins. On Friday afternoon Oct. the 17th, Brother John Buffa, myself, Brother and Sister Maness and family, and Brother and Sister Bird, went to Georgian Bay, a distance of about 255 miles from Detroit, to the northwestern part of the Upper Peninsular of Canada. Thank God, we had a very peaceful trip to the Reservation, on the Bay, known as Cape Croker, a distance of about 30 or 35 miles, from the nearest little town there,

known as Wiarton, and about the same distance, from Meaford, where Brother and Sister Jack Ford live. (This is the brother of the late Brother Frank Ford of Windsor.) We arrived there Friday night, at about 12 p. m. and talked to some of them until about 2 a. m., and went back to Wiarton, to stay in a Motel. We appointed a meeting for Saturday afternoon, at 3 p. m., when we arrived there Saturday afternoon, we found that they had stayed up until 4:30 a. m. studying over what we had told them. Our meeting Saturday, was greatly blessed. We called Meaford, Saturday night, and found, that Brothers Burgess, and Otto Henderson were there, Brother Burgess was not feeling too well, so Brothers Otto Henderson, and Jack Ford, came in for our meeting Sunday morning. Brother Otto Henderson was our main speaker, then, and we had a wonderful time indeed.

On Oct. 26th in Branch No. 1 we had Bro. Fred D'Amico and family, visiting. He spoke from a topic in Exodus, 33rd chapter, 12th verse to the end of the chapter, where Moses asked God to let him see His Glory, and the Lord said, he should stand upon a rock, and it would pass, that while His Glory, passeth by, He would put him in a cleft of the rock, and would cover him with His hand while He passed by, and would take away His hand, and he would see His back parts, but His face would not be seen. Brother Fred spoke well on this topic. Brother Paul Vitto followed Brother Fred, and one candidate rose on his feet and asked for baptism. Brother Nick Pietrangelo spoke next, and nine others rose to their feet requesting baptism. These ten candidates, were baptized by Brothers Concetto Alessandro, and Anthony Scolaro, in the St. Clair, Beach, At 9 mile Rd. In the afternoon it was a privilege, to look at the six sons, and four daughters of God, as they were being confirmed. We had Brother and Sister Maness and family with us, also Brother and Sister Bird, from Sarnia, and had feet washing, enjoying what I may call Heaven on earth. Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all. Love to all brothers and sisters throughout the Church. Your Brother in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller

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## LINCOLN'S CHURCH

This beautiful church in Washington is often called "Lincoln's Church" because he attended its services while president.

A "shrine within a shrine" is the Lincoln family pew which remains today as he occupied it then. Although the church was established in 1803, the cornerstone of the present building was laid in 1820.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary the family of Robert Todd Lincoln gave the church a memorial tower with chimes. The firm that made the bells traces its origin to the family of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, whose ancestors were among the first bell makers in this country.

Ring out their message of good will on Christmas eve, the bells remind us of Lincoln's clear vision as he labored earnestly to assure our nation's future peace.

## NEWS FROM MUNCEY, ONT.

Brother Editor:

Enclosed find P. O. Money order for \$4.50 for the renewals of my subscription of that much appreciated and wonderful little paper, The Gospel News. I only wish it was larger—also send it to Sister Lizzie Grosbeck and Mrs. Alfred Burch both of Muncey Reserve. These two subscriptions are gifts of Brother Hendricks and myself. The Gospel News is very helpful.

Brother Cadman, I think you will know that we had three baptisms at Muncey Reservation of late, namely: Sister Fay Albert, Sister Lizzie Grosbeck and Doris Pearsall. We are having wonderful meetings at our little church in Muncey, with every Sunday a good crowd of children, about 30 or 40 present. So we thank God for the children that are coming.

I expect we will have our Christmas service on December 28th. I surely look forward every Sunday to going with Brother Reno Bologna to Muncey. (Brother Russell lives at Tilbury, possibly 75 miles west of Muncey.)

Brother Bruce Russell

P. S. Brother Russell, I am very glad to receive your short letter and to learn of your progress among the Indian people at Muncey. I believe it was Nephi

of old who prayed that the Gentiles would have love for his people. I read in III Nephi that the Seed of Joseph must accept of the lesser things before the greater things are given unto them. You brothers and sisters have traveled much, and in all kinds of weather, snow, rain and sunshine to Muncey. It is evident that you have not your hearts set on doing big things, but you evidently have faith in the saying: "From little acorns, big oaks grow." May the Lord bless you all is my sincere prayer. I still entertain the hopes of my departed brothers and sisters in carrying the Gospel to the Seed of Joseph. Again, may God bless you all abundantly.

Brother Cadman

## MANSIONS

by S. L. Huffman

It was my pleasure recently to visit a real-for-sure castle located on an island in the St. Lawrence River. Fourteen hundred men labored for five years to build it. Then, as it neared completion, as the plasterers were molding the lovely frescoes in the ceiling and as stone carvers put the finishing touches on the snow-white marble fireplaces of this one hundred room mansion, the lady for whom the mansion was being built died.

The owner, her husband, ordered the workmen to lay down their tools wherever they were and quit the job. He never went back to see the mansion which was to be the most beautiful in all the world. And so it has stood for fifty years, a symbol of the broken heart of the builder. Today tourists write their names on the walls with lipstick, bats fly about in the spacious hallways, and everyone asks, "Why didn't he finish it?"

How much finer a tribute to the lovely wife would the finished mansion have been. How much more useful would it have been to himself and his family and all mankind.

The Master Builder spoke of mansions in the world to come, mansions we are building over there for eternity. You know, I think some people have quit building their eternal mansions. As for me, I don't intend to find mine unfinished when I reach the pearly gates. I don't ever want

anyone to say of my mansion, "Why didn't he finish it?"

(From the Sunday Digest)

## FLORIDA

In a letter of very recent date from Brother Rogolino of Fort Pierce, Fla., he informs me that they had two baptisms at West Palm Beach, the results of the labors of our brothers and sisters in that community. May God continue to bless the efforts of our folks in Florida for today is the day of Salvation.

## A VISIT TO FROSTBURG, MD.

On December 29, 1958, I accompanied Brother and Sister Bitteringer and their daughter, to Frostburg, Md., where we visited Brother Bitteringer's father in the hospital. Our elder brother is past 81 years old, and, while he is growing feeble yet we found him fairly good considering his condition. We had a nice visit with him and had prayer also.

While at his bedside we met several other members of the family, and Mr. and Mrs. Green (Brother Bitteringer's sister) would have us go home with them before returning to our own homes. We did so and had a nice visit with them. Also ate supper with them.

While at the home, I learned that a little girl they have who is about 12 years old, spent six months in the John Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Md. last year and was sent home to die with a disease that was incurable.

The people of the community took an interest in the matter, and the churches made it a matter of prayer in the child's behalf. Brother Bitteringer anointed the child. I do not know how soon it was afterwards, but the child told her parents that she felt that she was healed. She got up out of bed and I believe she is going to school with other children—apparently a well looking child. Mr. and Mrs. Green's little girl sent home to die, but prayer has changed things. Give the praise to God.

When we left their home on our return trip, the weather was very threatening, and we had a mountainous drive to our home. However we arrived home rather late, but none the worse for the trip.

Brother Cadman

### General Meeting of

#### The Ladies Uplift Circle

The Ladies Circle held their General Meeting in Monongahela, Pa., on December 13th. The weather was bad, attendance was not large, but the gathering was interesting. President Mabel Bickerton presided over the meetings. The general order of business was carried on and during a short season of testimony, an old time hymn was sung. It is titled: "Come Let Us Anew, Our Journey Pursue." A very appropriate hymn for the occasion.

Among the various reports by delegates and letters from the various Circles, was a letter from Brother Bologna of Detroit concerning the work among the Indian people at Muncey, Ont., also a letter from Brother Paul Vitto of Detroit concerning the work on the Sarnia Reservation at Sarnia, Ont. These reports were enjoyed very much by our sisters. Sister Ford was present and gave a report of the work going on among the Indian people on the Six Nations Reserve, near Brantford, Ont. Sister Ford has always had much interest in the Indian race.

Brother Cadman was present in the meeting and spoke words of encouragement to our sisters, urging them on in the work in which they were engaged.

Brother and Sister Iorio of Warren, Ohio were present and spoke of going to visit their daughter and son-in-law in North Carolina who are laboring some among the Indian people in their community.

The Sisters remembered the Church by offerings of \$50.00 to the Church Missionary Fund; \$50.00 to the General Church Conference; \$25.00 to the Book Fund; \$200.00 to the Indian Mission Fund. Making a total of \$325.00 to help the Church along in its work of spreading the gospel among men. May God bless our sisters.

The next General Meeting of the Sisters will be held in our church at Glassport, Pa., on March 22nd.

#### FREDONIA MISSION NEWS

The news from the Fredonia Mission is one of happiness because we find our people once again fulfilling God's commandments.

Brother Paul Gehly was ordained an Elder on October 12

in the afternoon feet washing meeting. We were blessed with visitors from the Imperial Mission.

Visitors were present from the Niles and Youngstown branches for two baptisms held on November 12. Brother Otto Gehly and Sister Martha Gehly were baptized on this date. Brother Gehly is the father of Brother Paul Gehly. Brother Paul baptized his father and Brother Russel Cadman baptized his daughter, Martha. They were confirmed in the evening meeting.

The M. B. A. has been holding many interesting evening programs. Family Night, (what a wonderful idea!—GLF), where one family puts on the program, has been enjoyed by all. Brother Russell Cadman is teaching us the Book of Revelations.

A monthly birthday party, celebrating the birthdays of the M. B. A. members in that month, have been held at our sisters' homes. The evening is spent singing hymns, games and refreshments.

The M. B. A. recently had a business meeting, installing as our new president, Brother Carl McCartney.

Sister Mary Katherine Klien

#### ROSCOE, PA.

1st Nephi, 8th chapter, 12th verse: "and I partook of the fruit thereof, it filled my soul with exceeding great joy; wherefore I began to be desirous that my family should partake of it also; for I know that it was desirable above all other fruit."

I remember so vividly the day I received news that my daughter was baptized that this scripture came to me and overcame me so that I couldn't speak being so filled with the glory and goodness of our Lord. It must have been the way our brother of old felt when his wife Sariah, and his sons Nephi and Sam came forward and partook of the glorious fruit.

We have been blessed so much in our branch the past few years with our children coming forth and partaking of this pure fruit that only those receive that are obedient in serving God and it is more wonderful to know that our Lord is blessing each branch of His Church in His calling of the saints' children into His Church.

It is pleasing to see them beginning to grow through being very tender plants, how precious they are in the vineyard of the

Lord, who have partaken of this fruit many years ago; and like Lehi of old, each of us have desired that our children would come unto Him and now our prayers are being answered, oh, the goodness and mercy of God.

We pray that we may walk in a path that they may walk and please God, that we may be an example unto them and be spiritual Fathers and Mothers, that they may say as Nephi, when the angel asked him this question: 1st Nephi, 11th chapter: "Believest thou that thy father saw the tree of which he hath spoken?" "Yea, thou knowest I believe all words of my father." I pray that our children may be able to say this as long as they shall live.

by Brother Bud Martin

#### Edison Experiences

##### A Stirring Meeting

##### Last Sabbath of Year

The branch at Edison, N. J. had the privilege of enjoying a combined meeting, Sunday, December 28. It was fitting, this last Sabbath of the year, that we should have experienced the feeling of drawing nigh unto Him.

In the testimony portion of the meeting it was noted the individual declarations were brief, yet most effectual. With a minimum of words most saints expressed their thanks to God, and recognized Him as the giver of all good.

After the regular meeting the younger set of the Sunday School gave a program of separate parts depicting the Spirit of Christ. The beginner class of ten, under Sister Katie Sgro, presented several poems, songs, stories and prayers. Following the beginners, a more advanced class under the guidance of Sister Elsie Ensana offered a similar program but with a pleasant difference. All the scriptural references were taken from the Book of Mormon. Emphasis was placed on Third Nephi, and several verses were read from this book.

The meeting was closed by this group singing "Silent Night," and the congregation joined in at the last stanza of this traditional song. An appreciative spirit of unity and dedication was the experience of all. We of Edison are proud to be a part of this Latter Day work—this year, next year, always.

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

#### Prophetic Utterances Fulfilled Or Unfulfilled:

"The year 1957 proved to be very disappointing. It allowed none of the troubles and disasters I predicted for it. But beware of 1958, Oh 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)

The foregoing is the writing of a Mr. Arnold a year ago. I do not know the gentleman, but I presume he will be taking some note of the passing of 1958 and the entering of the year 1959. He may become discouraged at the failure of the prophets who live in this age. It is written, "For he whom God has sent speaketh the words of God."

It seems to be a weakness on the part of mortals to want to prophesy. I thoroughly believe in the gift of prophesy, and the true gift should be among the true people of God today, as well as in former days. The wanting-to-be-prophets on the part of mortals, and their failures, certainly is not intended

to strengthen the waning faith of the poor souls of today, who may be craving for divine guidance in these perilous times.

When my father died in 1905, I found among his papers a prophetic utterance of a person setting a date in April of 1887 for the coming of Christ. That time has past. Later on in my life, in the State of New York, a people rose up proclaiming His coming. If the press is to be believed and as I remember, many went to the top of a hill robed in white gowns for the event. That time has past. In the State of California in very recent years, a similar condition arose with a sect of people. They even cashed their insurance policies and made ready to meet the Saviour, as did the others of New York State. That time is past. About 42 years ago, it was heralded abroad that the millennium would set in in 1914. Some people professing the Restoration of the Gospel got confused in that affair. That also passed without any manifestation of facts, except the verifying of the scripture as found 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." I might add: that the Saviour of all men, warns us of false prophets arising in the last days.

After all, the predictions made concerning the year 1958 have gone into oblivion and there was much prediction made concerning it. Many are still pending, predictions made for the years yet to come. Instead of waiting for time to prove one way or the other, let us take note, (especially you who profess a restoration of the Gospel), yea, let us take note of Third Nephi 26:8-10 concerning the LESSER THINGS and let us do our part. Preach the restored gospel to both Gentile and Lamanite, for it is certainly expected of us, and I, (Brother W. H. Cadman) will assure you, that the Mighty God will take care of the greater things.

Let us all muster up the courage that was in Peter's soul when he used the following words: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: And knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Editor

#### New Years Eve Service: MONONGAHELA, PA.

At the close of our regular Wednesday night service and after a recess of about 45 minutes to visit with one another our young people presented a program lasting until about 11:30 p. m. A brief outline of the program is as follows:

A song by the choir—"Precious Memories."

"We are presenting an all request program—repeating the high-lights from the past year's topics. We have had programs honoring Mother, Father, and even honoring our High School graduates. We honored our loved ones who have passed on and as

a tribute to all Mothers, we will have the Griffith family sing "Supper time." We are proud of all parents who follow the example of Mary and Joseph, as they took Jesus when a babe to the temple to be blessed. There were eight infants brought to the Church for the blessing of God this year.

"On Children's Day the boys and girls honored God by giving us a lesson on His word. We know we can never start too early to study God's word. We might say that the new experience of our Bible School will always be a memorable and profitable part in the training of our children in the ways of the Lord.

(Songs were then sung by the Bible School Children)

In regards to this year's topics, we might ask: what have we learned? As we look back to reminisce, it might be well summed as a question, as to how we should serve God—finding our way of salvation by following the examples of Jesus. He taught us to repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Ghost. Following this example this year were three converts in our branch of the Church. As we repent and are baptized we decide and promise to "walk with God," which was sung by the Class of Esther.

"As we walk along we begin to know Him by the discernment

of the Spirit and through study and application of His word. We even began to realize our nothingness and how great He is. (A song was sung by Karl and Jerry.)

"Our Church accepts both the Bible and Book of Mormon as God's word. The Christian world accepts the Bible, but we through the Restoration and the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon, the gospel which John, in Revelations, saw fleeing into the wilderness is brought back. The book of Isaiah speaks of a book to "speak out of the ground"—while Ezekial tells of the stick of Judah, or the Bible, and the stick of Ephraim, or the Book of Mormon to "become one in thine hand." Now God does not force us to believe His word, but rather He asks for volunteers. (Choir—as a volunteer)

"As we know that both the Bible and the Book of Mormon are God's word, we have spent about twenty-seven of our Sabbaths in M. B. A. this year studying the Book of Mormon and combining it with the Bible to further our knowledge in knowing our God. And to know Him is to love Him and desire to walk more closely to Him. (Reading—Good Shepherd & song—Grace and Artie.)

"Its wonderful to know He cares for the least of us—for He said the sparrow should not fall to the ground without his noticing for His Eye Is On The Sparrow. (Song—Sherry Garrison) We mentioned in our opening remarks how Jesus set the example—He also taught many beautiful words. (Song by Jr. Church) The song says He called the heavy laden, those that were oppressed, and the weary, where they might find rest in Him, bringing joy and satisfaction in doing His will. (Song by quartet) He taught by example and word that our way wouldn't be easy but promised the Comforter in our trials. (Song—Golden Rule Class)

"We might ask—Who is willing to take up this cross? Who is willing to make a stand for the Lord?" (Song by Patty Lou)

"He taught that today is the day of salvation and today you and I have the opportunity to volunteer to make room for Him in our hearts, not crowding Him out as at the time of His birth, when there was no room in the inn. (Song by Thressa and Carolee.)

"Today, and no greater age of time, does man need to turn to the love of the Great Redeemer to heed His invitation and to feast on His word. (Octette sang "Come To The Fount.")

"The song writer says: "Come while He waits to welcome thee. Delay not while this day is thine. Tomorrow may never be." How true, that today may be ours, we may do the choosing—but tomorrow is the Lord's and He's coming again to gather His people and cleanse the earth from sin. In Him only we must trust that through the way of salvation we may be saved in His Kingdom by trusting and believing and by cultivating in our lives His word. By doing our best He'll understand and say: Well Done. The Choir then sang "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

"At the conclusion of our program, there being an half-hour remaining 'till the New Year, the service was turned over to Brother John Olexa who along with Brother Bittinger spoke of the blessings of the old year and our hopes for the future. As the year 1958 passed into history and the New Year of 1959 was ushered in we knelt in prayer. Our meeting was dismissed by singing the hymn "Come Let Us Anew And Our Journey Pursue" and prayer by Brother Sam Kirschner. A very enjoyable evening was spent."

#### APPRECIATION

(Roscoe, Pa.)

Sister Amy Martin and family wish to express their appreciation through the Gospel News to you all for your kind words of sympathy both in cards, flowers and otherwise that was extended during the sickness and the passing away of their loved one. Sister Martin who is now bereaved of her husband (Brother John Augustus Martin) is now making her home with her daughter, Sister Hertha Jones of R. D. 1, Monongahela, Pa.

#### M. B. A., Lorain, Ohio

The General Missionary Benevolent Association convened at Lorain, Ohio on November 8, 1958. There were representatives present from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, New York, New Jersey and Canada.

The gathering was opened with a few inspiring words about the goodness of God by Brother Domenic Thomas. It was reported that two new locals had been organized in the past 6 months, namely Palm Beach, Florida and Grande River, Canada.

The area gatherings will continue on an optional basis for

the next six months.

The officers were all retained with the exceptions of Financial Secretary and three Organizers. The new officers are: Fin. Sec., Brother Anthony Scolaro; Organizers, Brother Eugene Kline of Painsville, Ohio, Brother Joseph Benyola of New Jersey, and Brother Domenic Rose of Bronx, New York.

The conferences for 1959 will meet the third Saturday of May in New Jersey and the second Saturday of November in Glassport, Pa.

After the business was finished, Brother Paul D'Amico spoke. He spoke of what the M. B. A. stands for and what spiritual values are gained through the M. B. A. and Sunday School, which builds up a spiritual foundation for the Church. He exhorted how this Gospel will save our souls if we prove faithful. He also spoke of the time coming when the Church must reach the four corners of the earth and how the responsibility lies in the hands of the young people.

The Lorain Local gave an edifying and very instructive program on "The Love of God." Brother Nick Pietrangelo bore an inspiring testimony about the Love of God that was manifested in a never-to-be-forgotten meeting at Detroit Branch No. 1 which resulted in the conversion of ten souls. Several of these converts were present and gave their individual testimonies.

The entire conference was conducted in a wonderful spirit of togetherness and will live in the hearts of those who attended it for a long time.

The Sunday Service was also held in the Clearview High School. Brother W. H. Cadman opened the meeting and gave a wonderful talk from the 16th chapter of Matthew, to which the audience gave its undivided attention. Several of the visiting Elders followed Brother Cadman and spoke very learnedly on the same subject. Secretary: Sister Ruth E. Akerman

#### IMPERIAL CHURCH

On a card post marked Jan. 6 '59 from Brother and Sister Moore of the Imperial, Pa. branch of the Church informs us that they had four baptisms in the past two Sundays. They cut through ten inches of ice to get into the water. We are glad to hear of their success in preaching the gospel and may the Lord continue to bless them.

## Signs of the Times

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

To avoid using more than my allotted space, "Signs" will not appear this month to allow for a lengthy article in the next

issue. It is written to get us all thinking. Next month don't miss "PLAN AHEAD"—an invitation to discussion.

### It Isn't The Church—IT'S YOU

If you want to have the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like;  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike.  
You'll only find what you left behind,  
For there's nothing really new.  
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church:  
It isn't the church—it's you.

When everything seems to be going wrong,  
And trouble seems everywhere brewing;  
When prayer meeting, Young People's meetings, and all,  
Seem simmering slowly—stewing,  
Just take a look at yourself and say,  
"What's the use of being blue?"  
Are you doing your "bit" to make things "hit"?  
It isn't the church—it's you.

It's really strange sometimes,  
don't you know,  
That things go as well as they do,  
When we think of the little—the very small mite—  
We add to the work of the few.  
We sit, and stand around, and complain of what's done,  
And do very little but fuss.  
Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?

It isn't the church—it's us.  
So, if you want to have the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like,  
Put off your guile, and put on your best smile,  
And hike, my brother, just hike,  
To the work in hand that has to be done—  
The work of saving a few.  
It isn't the church that is wrong, my boy;  
It isn't the church—it's you.

Author Unknown

### BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA

Readers of The Gospel News:

We left Pennsylvania on December 20th for Florida (this included myself, my wife and my sister-in-law, Sister Lowther of Vanderbilt, Pa.) we arrived here in Florida on December 23rd. We spent a few days with Brother and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo and Strangelo's at West Palm Beach and are now at Boynton Beach where Brother Schultz lives. I attended meetings at Fort Pierce, where Brother Rogolino lives, there is interest there and they baptized a convert there recently.

The temperature is running from 70's and 80's, the nights are a little cool. We have been in Arizona, and California during the winter seasons, but this is the first time in Florida. I had thought California and Arizona were beautiful, but they cannot touch this part of the country for beauty. I have never viewed as beautiful a place or places as Miami, and Hollywood, Florida. It is no wonder the rich come here to spend their winters. There are hundreds of thousands of palm trees, pines, and an assortment of other trees. The saints here are all very nice to us. There should be a branch organized here.

I am very sorry to say that Brother Mazzeo has taken suddenly ill and is now in the hospital. (I, Brother Cadman am very sorry to hear this. May the Lord bless Brother Gabriel and restore him to health and full strength.)

Do not forget: I am still a Pennsylvanian. The Gospel tie which we have become acquainted with in that state, still remains with us. For some reason best known to God, it is where Brother Sidney Rigdon came to, and where God moved upon Wm. Bickerton to continue the work of God. It is where God moved upon your father to settle. God moves in a mysterious way, His

wonders to perform.

Brother T. S. Furnier

P. S. This is written from the letter that Brother Furnier has written to me. He wants you all to know where he is.

Brother Cadman

### LIMA, OHIO

The baptisms of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tata in the Ottawa River here on December 14, climaxed many profound and highly manifested blessings, bringing this city's membership to six, all of whom joined the Church within the past 15 months.

Brother and Sister Tata had been attending services almost a year. They are the parents of six children. Their acquiescence to repentance and immersion was culminated by the application of the baptismal ordinance by Elder Alfred Domenico after the ice was broken. The weather was extremely cold but clear. Confirmation was completed by Brother Domenico and Brother John Romano, visiting from Lorain, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan respectively.

Slightly over two years ago Carl and Joanne Frammolin moved to this vicinity from Detroit. They are the children of Brother and Sister Ralph Frammolin and Brother and Sister Paleno, respectively. Evangelist Joseph Calabrese, his wife, family lived in Tiffin, about 50 miles from Lima. For about ten months there were a few meetings at both residences, which Elders Dominic Thomas and Romano, along with their wives, also attended. Then, on September 28, 1957 both of the Frammolins were baptized.

Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Ricca Tata, mother of the two new members, was introduced to the Church by a minister of another faith. She was baptized in February, after the testimony of Sister Anna Frammolin of Detroit, and after attending services.

Through Sister Tata, Mrs. Rose Tacconi, who migrated to America from Italy in 1952, become cognizant of the Gospel. Her repentance was quickly acknowledged, and she was immersed on October 11, 1958, in completion of Christ's example.

Hopes, expectations, and prayers of all here is that the work of the Lord be extended, under his guidance. The Lorain branch which is over this mission, is the leader in this endeavor.



## - W E D D I N G S -

**Bonner - Christman**

On December 6, 1958, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Clyde Bonner, of Hanlin Station, Pa., and Sister Davida Christman, of Imperial, Pa., were united in Holy Matrimony. The wedding was held at The Church of Jesus Christ in Imperial, Pa. Brother Jacob Christman, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given away by her brother, Richard Christman, of Monongahela, Pa. The best man was Brother Jerry Mellinger, of Monongahela, Pa. The maid of honor was Nancy Christman, sister of the bride.

The pianist was Sister Sarah Neal from Monongahela. Sister Patty Christman, sister-in-law of the bride, sang three solos: O PROMISE ME, BECAUSE, and WHITHER THOU GOEST. The ushers were Stewart Bonner, brother of the groom, and William Strommatt, brother-in-law of the groom.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the American Legion Hall in Imperial, Pa. The groom is in the U. S. Navy and at present stationed in Florida. The bride will remain living at home for the present until she will be able to join her husband. May God bless this young couple is our prayer.

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**Mulla - Clark**

The wedding of Brother Vincent Loreto Mulla, to Miss Mary McKinnie Clark, took place 12:00 o'clock noon on Dec. 6, 1958, at Detroit, Branch No. 1, of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Nick Pietrangelo officiated.

The new Mrs. Mulla, was originally from Scotland. Attending her, as maid of honor was Miss Barbara Sweeny. Also as bridesmaid, was Miss Rose Campagna, niece of the groom. James Mulla nephew of the groom, was best man, and usher was Brother Pat O'Callahan. Nuptial music was played by Barbara Pietrangelo.

The newly weds spent their honeymoon visiting parts of Canada, and Niagara Falls. We extend best wishes, and God's richest blessings to them.

"What happens to me is less important than what happens through me."

Anonymous

P. S. This means you, too. (WHIC)

## Word Study, Continued:

**"CONFESSION"**

In continuation of the study of words, for quite often they are erroneously used, we will at this time delve somewhat on the usage of the word "Confession". To use a word rightly, and to abide accordingly is beneficial, and vice versa, to use it wrongly is indeed unprofitable for all. A right understanding of this matter should be strongly desired by everyone. There is an instant in the New Testament where it says that the learned religious men at that time rejected a certain thing that John the Baptist was preaching, and further says that "they rejected the counsel of God 'against' themselves." (Luke 7:30) So it is to reject counsel, is to experience loss, and to accept and to abide by it, brings manifold blessings.

The world today looking through a spiritualscope is in a bad condition, or as we might say, "ripe in iniquity." When I was in the U. S. Army in the last war, I thoroughly watched the men that were in our company and checked on them to see how many took the Lord's name in vain. The figure was a little over ninety-seven percent! To the ordinary professing Christian of today this figure undoubtedly seems trivial. But to the God fearing and God loving it is awful; awful because of the fact that it is breaking one of the ten commandments; awful also because not only is this commandment broken often, but also are the other nine. It is awful and lamentable also because this nation claims, and is, on a higher material and spiritual level than any other nation upon the face of the earth. We might here at this moment ask, why and how did this kind of a condition come about, and who is to blame?

In the scriptures whenever the people were sinful, God scolded the prophets and leaders chiefly. The Lord Jesus himself put most of the blame on the religious leaders for sinful conditions. What would He do today? What will He do tomorrow? Will things be allowed to go much further, seeing that conditions are worsening?

Let us now stop for a moment to consider whether the wrongful teaching of even this one thing "confession" might not have a great bearing on the poor spiritual condition in this land as well as in the rest of the world. God in His infinite wisdom knows that man is weak spiritually, prone

to err, etc. He though has made definite provisions for man in His Word, how that man may not only be forgiven of his sins, but also that he might receive aid from God to live a "holy" life. To receive forgiveness of his sins, God requires that man must confess his sin. "If we confess our sin He is willing and just to forgive us our sin." (I John 1:9) "Confess our faults one to another, that ye may be healed." James 5:10) There are also more scriptures similiar to these teaching us what we should abide by. It is not hard, neither is it costly. It requires neither great learning, nor well placed words, but it does require the right kind of confession, right out of an honest heart. In this matter we differ greatly with the careless professing Christians. Solomon writes that "Whosoever confesseth and forsaketh his sins, shall have mercy." Confessing and not forsaking then is, as we might say, in vain. Confessions then are two kinds, one as Solomon recommends which God hears and forgives the individual, and the other as practised by the worldly; their sins being retained. An honest individual who is truly sorry will not be a repeater, but will everlastingly forsake his sin that he has confessed. Today confessions as practised by too many are as water going over the dam, continuously. They have no thought of forsaking their sins when they go to confession. In many instances they even laugh and brag to their friends, the wrong they have done, and wrong adds to wrong when their friends laugh along with them. Both according to the word of God are guilty. According to the word of God not only are the above requirements necessary but also God's guidance of who we should confess to, is also needed. James says, "Confess your faults one to another." (James 5:16) David said "I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5) If we sin against God, we should confess to God. (And not to a robed individual). If we sin against man, then we should confess to man and ask him to forgive us. This is God's Word, God's Law, and with it we should not trifle. We should realize as has been mentioned that to abide by it brings great blessings. Then also, not to abide by it, or to abide by only a part, or by something that



man has invented, means that we may bring upon ourselves the condemnation of God.

The word confess is also used in scriptures in another sense. It also has a right and wrong way that it may be used. In the days of Christ, Jesus required of men that his name and mission should be accepted and confessed. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32) "That if thou wilt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10:9) Some in his day and time, individuals that practised lip service, confessed the name of Christ, only as a convenience. When they were tested by the mobs, they denied the holy one of Israel, thus losing all. Many other loyal ones, confessed his name privately and openly, loved his ways, followed his footsteps, remained faithful, and undoubtedly then were taken up to glory.

Therefore, we conclude that there is before man two ways to accept and to practice God's requirements, the right or unadulterated way, or the wrong way, even as there are only two roads in life, the broad and the narrow. There is no such thing as being on the fence, for even as a farmer that labors can labor only on one side of the fence or the other, and when he climbs on the fence, he is unable to labor. So also then, anyone that labors in God's vineyard can only be on one side of the fence, for he too is as the farmer when on the fence is unable to labor.

May God bless us as a people that our labors might be continuously pleasing and acceptable to Him.

Martin Michalko

#### A Letter From Brother Bologna:

Dear Sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle:

Just a few lines to tell you about our work in Muncey, Ontario, this quarter. By the good Grace of God we have been blessed with three baptisms and a renewal. Needless to say we are very thankful, especially in the way it came to be fulfilled.

At conference Sunday Brother and Sister Morle and myself did journey to Muncey as usual. We stopped at Chatham to pick up

Brother John Hendericks who attends meetings with us in Muncey. We were at Chatham when Brothers Hendricks and Russell said that they had heard that all schools and meeting places on the Reservation had been closed due to an epidemic of some kind. So we told the brothers that due to the uncertainty of having a meeting, for them to remain behind while we went on to see what could be done.

When we arrived at the Reservation we inquired at the Mounted Police Office and they referred us to the Clinic Office—there we were told that only gatherings where food was served was banned. With this information we decided to gather up our people and hold church as usual. We had a nice little Sunday School, then we had our regular afternoon meeting. After a very inspiring sermon we all felt the closeness of God. I then let the meeting open for testimony. Sister Nicholas gave us a very good testimony, then her daughter Faye A'bert got up in a very penitent spirit. She said that she had been trying to serve God without joining His church and had failed. She then asked to be baptized. Then a Mrs. Grosbeck also asked to be baptized. We were all overjoyed, knowing the conditions in which they live. I ask God in prayer to be their helper and keeper, and we felt the wonderful response of the Lord.

We had hardly said Amen when Sister Nicholas rose up and sang a nice song in the Indian language. Then she spoke in the Gift of Tongues. Brother Morle received the interpretation of the tongues as follows: She said that "God's Spirit would be upon them to help them and protect them." I need not tell you that our emotions were unrestrained—we wept with joy and relief with unbridled happiness to know of a surety that the Lord was with us. We immediately retired to the river and performed the baptisms, and after the confirmation we administered sacrament. On the next Sunday an English woman from Chatham, Ont. was baptized, we also had one renewal of a member.

We are now getting ready for our Christmas program. I thank all you sisters for your concern in the Indian work and must still tell you the same thing—use your influence as much as God makes it possible for you to do, for our crying need in the field is a full-time worker. Without fulltime workers in Muncey or elsewhere,

we are only marking time. May God bless all of you at Conference. Brother Reno Bologna

## OBITUARIES

### MADDALENA ONORATI

Detroit, Michigan

Sister Maddalena Onorati was born in Italy September 27th, 1889. She came to the U. S. A. in 1920. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ Sept. 28th, 1930. She passed on to her reward Nov. 29th, 1958, a little over her 69th year. She had been ill for a good while, but bore it with great patience. She is survived by her husband Nicola Onorati, one son, George Onorati, two Grand Children, one brother, and two sisters. 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, Dec. 2nd 1958, by Brother Paul Vitto. Sister Barber Pietrangelo, Pianist, playing the accompaniment. Funeral Director A. H. Peters, place of interment, Forest Lawn Cemetery. Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort the bereaved.

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### JOHN AUGUSTUS MARTIN

Roscoe, Pennsylvania

Brother John Augustus Martin, 76, of Roscoe, died on Dec. 6, 1958 after a short illness. He was born on Nov. 23, 1882, in Montgomery, W. Va.

He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ 51 years ago and was ordained into the ministry in 1910, and became a member of the quorum of seventy in 1916. He served as First Counselor of the Roscoe branch of the Church for three years.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Amy Griffith Martin, three sons, Brother Idris, Pharone, and Brother Beverly; two daughters, Sister Hertha Jones and Sister Virginia Davis; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ in Roscoe, Pa. with Brothers L. O. Waltz and George Johnson, Sr., officiating.

Singing by the Roscoe Church choir, interment at Howe's Cemetery. Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort the bereaved.

In answer to many requests we are publishing a list of the addresses and Presiding Elders of most of the branches and missions of The Church. It is correct far as we know but we will note corrections if anyone will drop us a line.

### California

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Presiding Elder—

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The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Modesto, California  
Presiding Elder—

Joseph Lovalvo

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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San Diego, California  
Presiding Elder—

Felix Buccellato

The Church of Jesus Christ  
15157 Roscoe Blvd.  
Sepulveda, California  
Presiding Elder—

Robert Watson

### Canada

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
Presiding Elder—

Otto Henderson

### Florida

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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West Palm Beach, Florida  
Presiding Officer—

Frank Sirangelo

### Kansas

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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St. John, Kansas  
Presiding Officer—

William F. Cox

The Church of Jesus Christ  
c/o E. J. Wergin  
R. D. 5, Wichita, Kansas  
Presiding Officer—

R. P. Jones

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Nicholas Pietrangelo

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Presiding Elder—

Joseph Milantoni

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Detroit 5, Michigan  
Presiding Elder—

Gorie Ciaravino

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Presiding Elder—

Peter Capone

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The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Presiding Officer—

John Galanti

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Lockport, New York  
Presiding Elder—

Paul D'Amico

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Ansel D'Amico

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Euclid 19, Ohio  
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Oliver Lloyd

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Presiding Officer—

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The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Kinsman, Ohio  
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The Church of Jesus Christ  
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Lorain, Ohio  
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Glassport, Pennsylvania  
Presiding Elder—  
James Curry

The Church of Jesus Christ  
Roscoe, Pennsylvania  
Presiding Elder—  
George Johnson

The Church of Jesus Christ  
R. D. 1, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania  
Presiding Elder—  
Joseph Shazer

The Church of Jesus Christ  
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West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania  
Presiding Elder—  
Samuel Kirschner

**South Dakota**

The Church of Jesus Christ  
Ed. La Blanc  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota  
Presiding—  
Isaac Useful Heart

The Church of Jesus Christ  
Wakpala, South Dakota  
Presiding—  
Earl F. DeMarrias

make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house."

These words, found in Genesis 40:14, have impressed me very much and the Lord being my help and inspiration I would like to enlarge on them somewhat.

Knowing the story of Joseph we understand he was a child born out of love, being the first child of Rachel whom Jacob did love very much. (Though Jacob married Leah first, yet Rachel was the woman he loved.) Joseph was a favoured child, clearly shown by Jacob, when he made him a coat of many colors, to the envy of his brethren.

In the process of time, his brethren had opportunity to do away with him by selling him into slavery to the Ishmaelites, never expecting to hear from him again.

Yet, the Lord in His mercy and wisdom, cared for Joseph and protected him. He prepared him for a great work that was to take place in preserving the people of Egypt as well as the surrounding countries.

We can see Joseph's reaction and response in every condition he was exposed to. A life beyond reproach, and yet accused of many evils, which he was innocent of committing. Finally he found himself in prison, where later on the butler and baker of Pharaoh were confined. While these two servants were in confinement, each had a dream. By the gift of God, Joseph was able to interpret them.

While the baker was to be hung in three days, the butler was to be restored to his place in Pharaoh's house. Joseph entreated the butler, that was to be restored, to remember him there in prison, and do what was possible toward obtaining his release.

Likewise, the Gentile people, under the preaching of the apostles, were given the privilege and opportunity of coming into the family and fold of God, to share with Israel the promises extended toward that nation of people. A falling away took place, or a period of time wherein we found ourselves in prison, deprived of the blessings of our God. (We find Joseph was in the same condition through this period of time.) Yet, through Joseph's gift of interpretation, the butler was able to see his liberation, and Joseph implored him to think about him left in prison.

Can we see the butler representing us, the Gentile, who have been freed from prison or blindness by the coming forth of the record of Joseph, which is the Book of Mormon? We have been restored to that high calling in the service of our heavenly King. Are we able to see the length of time we have been liberated? Can we liken ourselves to the butler in forgetting what Joseph requested of him? Is not our mission in the church today to bring forth Joseph out of prison.

Can we say that something similar to Pharaoh's dream (it was seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine) will have to take place, before we as Gentiles will realize, that we have left Joseph in prison, and that he has the gift of interpretation that is needed in our day, to prepare us for the trying days ahead?

May we consider these few thoughts and see our position before the Lord. May our eyes be opened to see and understand the great work, the tremendous responsibility that is our in possessing this pearl of great price. May our prayers be to this end, that the Lord might direct our efforts in the liberation of the seed of Joseph.

Brother Joe Collison

P. S. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the saints for their kind and thoughtful consideration of my physical condition. In the many prayers that have been offered in my behalf my only desire is, that I might in some way be of service to Him in establishing His righteousness on the earth. May God bless you all in my humble prayer.

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**Gathering at Los Angeles, Calif.**  
(Continued from last issue)

The congregation sang a few songs at the opening of Saturday afternoon meeting. Prayer was offered by Brother Alex Robinson of Modesto, Calif. A letter was read by Brother V. J. Loyallvo which Brother Cadman received from Brother Todaro who is in Italy doing missionary work. Brother Todaro has faced many trials and hardships, but the Lord has been at his side. A blessing was felt in hearing the words of faith and confidence of our brother under very trying circumstances. He needs our wholehearted sup-

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**WINDSOR, ONTARIO**

"But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and

port in prayer and some financial assistance. Brother Robinson followed with his testimony, also relating a dream had by his grandmother when but a little girl in Scotland. In the dream she saw a stream and a waterfall and she was baptized. After she grew up and raised a family she came to America and located in Pennsylvania where she met the church and was baptized. She recognized the place as was revealed to her in her dream when she was but a child in Scotland.

Brothers Furnier and V. J. Loyalvo commented some on the contents of Brother Todaro's letter—other testimonies were given and Brother Loyalvo sang and dedicated a hymn to Sister Sadie B. Cadman who desired to be present but was unable. The hymn was Sister Cadman's own composition, words and music—"Oh Paradise". The closing hymn was sung and prayer by Brother Mark Randy.

In the Saturday night session, a program was presented by the combined choirs of the Bell and San Fernando branches of the Church. Brother Rudy Meo was Master of Ceremonies. Along with choral selections, were solos, trios, and quartet numbers that were beautifully sung and were enjoyed by all. A perfect ending to this wonderful program was a surprise presentation which was as follows: "This is your life, Brother William H. Cadman." Brother V. J. Loyalvo was the narrator and it was amazing how quickly Brother Cadman related many episodes in his life and of his father's life. Seated on either side of Brother Cadman were Sister Elizabeth Davidson, the youngest of his sisters and Sister Mabel Bickerton, his oldest daughter. Bro. Cadman lived a full and busy life and we are certainly grateful to God for a life dedicated to the true principles of Christ through the Church of Jesus Christ. The California District presented Brother Cadman with a beautiful wristwatch. Brother Cadman very humbly expressed words of appreciation and thankfulness for the honor bestowed upon him. He also expressed regret that his wife was unable to be present, but that he hoped, someday they might journey westward again by automobile.

#### Brother Cadman's Note . . .

(This article was written by Brother Watson, Jr. of Northridge, California for the Gospel News. He has written a very newsy account of the gathering

held in August which I attended along with others from back east. The article is single-space typing, which typesetters do not like very well, and consequently I am re-typing in double-space. [Thank you,—the typesetter.] The article is very long and I am condensing it some, but I am not detracting from it in any way that would mar the wonderful account that he has written. I wish to add of myself, that the occasion referred to was enjoyed by myself very much. The two days Friday and Saturday passed off very well. The program rendered on Saturday evening, while mostly singing as I remember, was enjoyed by me. The latter end of the meeting on Saturday evening—in which a watch was presented to me—was wholly unexpected by me. Nevertheless, I enjoyed it.)

After some more singing by various ones some old Gospel Songs were sung by Brother and Sister Furnier, Sister Davidson, Sister Mabel Bickerton, Brother Heaps, Loyalvo and Brother Cadman. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Rudy Meo. (The meetings thus far were held in Bell church.)

The Sunday Morning meeting was held in the Union Hall in Bell, Calif. Before the service, the combined choirs of Bell and San Fernando Valley Branches of the Church sang "The Holy City." A quartet sang "Where No One Stands Alone." The meeting was opened by singing. We were led in prayer by Brother Di-Battista of Glassport, Pa. Brother James Heaps then led the speaking taking his text from II Timothy 4th chapter and dwelling on the inspiration of the Bible. Brother Persico from New Jersey followed—speaking upon the resurrection of Jesus. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Joseph Loyalvo.

For the afternoon meeting we returned to our church in Bell. After some singing by various ones and including the congregation, Brother Cadman led the meeting. He used for his text "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord." He spoke of man's smallness in comparison to God's greatness. He also counselled the brothers and sisters to live a life of holiness. Brother Joseph Calabrese (of Lorain, Ohio) followed—expressing himself in relationship to his entrance into the Gospel of Christ. Brother Joseph Loyalvo then told of his experience in this meeting, wherein he saw

Jesus walking down the aisle and going behind the pulpit, and everyone was worshipping Him. Others who spoke briefly were Brothers Buffa, Vitto, Brutz, L. J. Loyalvo, and other brothers and sisters.

The meeting was closed by singing the hymn "Going Home." Closed with prayer by Brother Ben Cicatti.

by Brother Robert Watson, Sec.

#### LOVE

Love is a thing that ought to be shown  
Throughout the church and in the home  
Love is that which proves us true  
And shows God what we like to do

Did not God show to us his love  
When he sent his only son from above  
To live and die for sins we made  
For everyone knows 'twas him who paid.

Love is shown forth all the time  
Though oft it is very hard to recieve  
From striking back at all of those  
Who always try to fight and oppose.

God had love and so should we  
At all times try to show it and be  
Unto all others a beacon light  
While we do what is good in God's sight.

Sister Gail Collison  
Windsor, Ont.

#### SIGNIFICANT NEWS . . .

Pastors of the Lutheran Church in Denmark will not have to submit their parish registers for photographing by Mormons who "baptize" deceased persons by proxy—at least, not for the present. The Ministry of Church Affairs has suspended enforcement of its directive requiring such submission until the whole matter has been thoroughly examined.

Issuance of the government directive a few months ago provoked a wave of opposition in the Church. Some bishops refused to distribute to the clergy of their dioceses the relevant circular from the church affairs ministry. A number of pastors also announced that they would defy the government order. The directive

was issued at the request of the Genealogical Society of Utah, an auxiliary of what is known officially as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mormons believe that persons who died without knowledge of Mormonism may be made adherents of that faith through baptism by proxy. For this purpose they gather information about deceased relatives of living Mormons. One of their main sources has been the parish registers of the State Church. These not only record religious ceremonies but also contain the official civil rolls of births, deaths and marriages. (ERA)

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Nominal Protestantism is easy prey to cults and ism, some of which, as Mormonism, are growing at a remarkable rate. Only a strong, Biblical Christianity can ward off these false religions.

The Bible nowhere teaches a second chance after death; in fact, it warns that there is no such second chance (Heb. 9:27). The text on which the Mormons base their doctrine of baptism for the dead is I Corinthians 15:29. This passage has called forth so many different explanations, but since Paul is arguing for the resurrection, perhaps this change in the punctuation of the verse is the best solution: "What shall they do that are being baptised? It is for the dead (for corpse) if the dead (dead people) rise not." In other words, if Christ is not raised, then our baptism with Him in death would end in the grave. Such a translation of the verse would do away with any thought of living people being baptized for dead people.

The reason given for the Mormons being granted permission to take pictures of the entries in registers is said to be financial. This religious group has offered to make two copies of the photographs and give one to the state."

P.S. The foregoing article appeared in the 'Good News Broadcaster' of December, 1958

I doubt if I would pay any attention to this matter, but for the fact that when Mormons or Mormonism is referred to it is generally applied to all believers in the Book of Mormon, and, consequently this doctrine of baptizing for dead people, as well as plural marriage, and celestial marriage (which means that you can be sealed to a woman here in this world and she will be your wife in eternity) that these doctrines are supported in the Book

of Mormon, which is absolutely not true. Neither are they taught in the New Testament Scriptures.

The Church of Jesus Christ is thorough in the faith of the Book of Mormon and in the Divine calling of Joseph Smith.

In the book known as the 'Book of Doctrine and Covenants' there is a revelation purported to be given by Joseph Smith authorizing the baptism of living people for their dead. The Utah Church (known as Mormons) are building temples in various parts of the world and are performing such baptisms therein, consequently, converts to their faith are having their genealogy looked up that they might be baptized for them.

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S., with headquarters in Independence, Mo., believes in this same principle, but are not practising the doctrine, but the Utah Church is forging ahead with it, and there is no doubt but what it is largely responsible for their spreading throughout the world. No doubt it appeals to lots of people—saving their dead by getting baptized for them, whether it pleases the dead or not.

In conclusion I will add, that as far as Paul delving into this matter in First Cor. 15th chapter—it certainly is very plain that he is defending the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If He did not rise from the dead—well, Paul asked the question, why are ye then baptized for the dead if they rise not? In such a case they would be baptized for a dead Christ, even if they were being baptized for dead friends. He makes it very plain in his argument that if Christ did not rise, then there is no resurrection of the dead and ye are yet in your sins.

With all our learning of today, and especially men of high standing, they will yet lead the less-learned into such a doctrine as to get baptized for dead people, evidently trying to by-pass the Saviour's words to Nicodemus: "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

And to all who may be concerned or interested—the Book of Mormon teaches the same thing as was taught to Nicodemus.

Editor

#### A PLEASANT TRIP

Having an appointment with

the Lorain, Ohio branch to occupy their pulpit on December 14th Brother and Sister Hemmings of Monongahela drove me in their car on the evening of the 13th to the home of Brother Joseph Calabrese in Lorain. First, before going we attended the Ladies Uplift Circle here in Monongahela throughout the day of the 13th and enjoyed the day with our sisters and some brothers who were also present. The weather was bad so the sisters did not have a very big turnout at their meetings. However, big or little the crowd, the Uplift Circle is doing a wonderful work in behalf of the Church. It was better than 4 p. m. before we got on our way to Lorain—arriving there about 8:30 p. m.

There was lots of snow in Ohio and it was real cold all the time we were there. However, our attendance was very good up until the close of our last meeting (Wednesday night). I enjoyed the five meetings in which I occupied their pulpit. On the Sunday Morning of the 14th, I understood the thermometer was standing 5 below zero—very cold—but not too cold for some of the Lorain brethren to fill an appointment at Lima, Ohio, 130 miles away where they baptized two converts that day. The brethren have a very nice work started there. I understand that Brother Romano from Detroit was present with them. The Lord is blessing their efforts in preaching the gospel. Likewise, our brothers and sisters in Kent, Ohio are doing a good work in that city.

At the close of the Wednesday evening preaching service, we were all invited to the basement of the building where the sisters served us a lunch, and with it a large birthday cake in honor of my 82nd birthday two days hence (December 19th). We sang several hymns and enjoyed an hour or so in the church basement. Many thanks to you all.

The next day (Dec. 18th) about 1:30 p. m. Brother and Sister Hemmings with two of their children and myself started for Cleveland—ate supper with Brother and Sister Milano and then attended meeting in the Cleveland church where I occupied their pulpit for the evening. My first visit to this church for some time. Weather was still cold and the roads were bad to travel on, yet a very nice crowd had gathered together in service on the occasion.

Our folks have a very nice

place of worship on the east side of Cleveland. Brother Oliver Lloyd is the presiding Elder and along with his brethren, seem to be very active in their efforts to spread the gospel—having a mission established on the west side of Cleveland also. Quite a number of our members from Kent were present at the meeting—driving about 40 miles on treacherous roads to be among us. I enjoyed myself in their pulpit. At the close of this meeting we were all invited to the home of Brother Milano, and again we had a birthday party—getting well on to mid-night before dispersing. (Lots of good eats.)

We got started home the next day (Dec. 19th) and arrived at my home in Monongahela about 2:30 p. m. where I spent the evening of my 82nd year with my family. After all that I have written I wish to extend my appreciation to our folks for their hospitality towards Brother and Sister Hemmings and myself, and especially do I appreciate the zeal they manifest in endeavoring to spread, and are spreading, in the state of Ohio.

Brother W. H. Cadman

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Thank God we are still on the land of the living, and working hard to retain our Identity in the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. I sincerely hope, you, Sister Cadman, and all other brother and sisters, everywhere, are all well, and enjoying themselves in the Church. I have so much to report in this sector, that I had better get started.

On Sunday the 2nd of November, we met at the West Side Branch No. 2. The speaker was Brother Fred D'Amico. He read a portion of scripture found in the 10th chapter of Luke, 23rd verse to the end of the 37th verse, and gave us a very refreshing talk on the Lawyer, and the Good Samaritan, which was very inspirational, and enjoyed by all. Brother Domonic Cotellesse, also gave a good talk. Brother Domonic Thomas made concluding remarks, and closed the meeting with prayer. On this same day, there was a brother and sister baptized at Branch No. 1, and a sister at Branch No. 3. On Sunday the 9th of November, we

spent the day at Branch No. 3, and enjoyed ourselves to the fullest. On the 16th of November, all Branches in Detroit and Windsor, a few of our Indian brothers and sisters from Muncey, some from Sarnia, Mrs. Una Jones of Cape Croker, Georgian Bay, Canada, and several brothers and sisters from other parts of the Church, met at Cousens High School, for our gathering. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, our Apostle in this section of the vineyard, in charge. Opening prayer was offered by Brother Clifford Burgess. Brother Reno Bologna read a portion of scripture found in 1st John 3rd chapter 13th and part of 14th verse. (Subject being) "Loving the Brethren." He compared the life of the Church, in the Primitive age, when the facilities on the earth were less advanced, with the most modern age, in which we are living, and asked the question, whether or not, we are contending for the same things that they did? He said, if we are, God bless us, otherwise we had better get going, if we want to be saved in the Kingdom of Heaven, and also enjoy the rich benefits they had when they were here. Brother Matthew Miller, spoke next on the same subject. Brother Frank Calabrese then spoke a few words, on the Gospel of Christ, which was well seasoned with the Spirit of God, the tongues was spoken. (The Interpretation being) "The Lord is here, anyone wants to be baptized, 'Come' today is your day." A man and his wife from Lorain, Ohio, then offered themselves for baptism, and a great blessing was in our midst. Closing prayer was offered by Brother Paul Vitto. The converts were baptized after our morning service, by Brother Dominic Thomas, and Dominic Moraco.

In the afternoon, prayer was offered by Bro. Domonic Thomas. The brother and sister baptized were confirmed members of the Church by Brothers Allen Henderson, and Reno Bologna. A brother and sister were anointed, prayers were offered by Brothers Cliff Burgess, and Matthew Miller. A child was blessed, prayer was offered by Brother Sam Cuomo, of Windsor, Ont., Canada. Brother Domonic Thomas read a portion of scripture found in Gen. 1st chapter, 1st verse to the end of the 8th verse, and gave us a good talk on the Creation, the

tongues was spoken, the interpretation being, "God is here with us." Several other brothers spoke to the honour and Glory of God, and the meeting closed with prayer by Brother Concetta Alessandra.

On November 23rd we spent the day at Branch No. 1, and enjoyed many blessings. November 30th on our way to Sarnia, we passed by Port Huron, and found the few saints there, enjoying the peace and love of God. We had in our car, Brother and Sister Michaelangelo Gioia, Sister Maude Stallworth, my wife and I. We enjoyed ourselves immensely in Sarnia, and came back giving praise, honour and Glory, for His wonderful love. May God abundantly, bless all my brothers and sisters everywhere.

Matthew T. Miller

### TAKE HEED TO HIS WORD

Oh, how it must sadden the heart of our Lord,  
To see how little, we acknowledge His word.  
It teaches so plain, and its easy to see  
How far, dear Lord, we have wandered from thee.  
We say that we love thee, Thy spirit we feel,  
We want only to please thee, and do, Thy Holy will.

Deceitful, indeed is the heart of man,  
For he says, "I will do the best that I can."  
But he knows in his heart, that he doesn't half try  
To help the poor sinner, who is just passing by.  
The brother that's weak, the sister that failed.  
For 'these', the Lord's hands were pierced with a nail.

I'll try and do better we hear time and again,  
And time moves along, and all things remain  
As they were from beginning; will be to the end.  
Unless we pray more and to His word attend.  
'Go Ye Out' said the Lord, Oh who will He send?  
May it be—"Lord send me, send me," my friend.

Margaret Heaps

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## EASTER SEASON

### Jesus Is Our Pattern— The Risen Christ

Once again we approach that season of the year in which we find great joy in reading the blessed story of the risen Christ as recorded in the New Testament.

As we read the wonderful account of the life of Christ as given by his humble followers, we are truly convinced along with the song writer that, "Jesus Is Our Pattern."

We are, in Christ, a new creature for the old things are passed away and a new song has been placed in our hearts. If we prove faithful unto death a crown of life awaits us. Every soul that thirsteth for God has the sure promise that they shall be filled. The opportunity is offered to all to take the water of life freely. Come and fret not thyself and be born again and make "Jesus YOUR Pattern." For true happiness is found only in the Lord. Jesus never fails for he hears our every call, his promises are true, he will give us strength and his rewards are eternal.

What greater honor could we bestow on our beloved Master than to give our life to Him who shed His precious blood on a cruel cross and rolled the stone away that you and I may have eternal life with Him in the realms of Glory?

Even Nature reenacts the Resurrection scene with the flowers, trees and grass bursting forth in blossom with life anew like showers of blessings from on high. And so it can be with you my friend if you will only accept this Crucified and Risen Saviour who so willingly died and broke the bands of death for you and I. Therefore, we know that the words of the poet are true for:

Jesus is our Pattern,  
"Seek and ye shall find,"  
"Knock, it shall be opened,"  
He will fill your mind;  
Let Him wholly fill you,  
Heart and soul and will,  
Take entire possession,  
His desires fulfill.  
Jesus, loving Saviour,  
We would be like Thee,  
Loving, gentle, kindly,  
Full of charity.

Ethel Neill Crosier

## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

"And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32.

This was the question the two disciples asked each other when their eyes were opened and they knew Jesus. These two were on their way to Emmaus discussing the events of the past few days. Jesus drew near and walked with them but their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. Jesus questioned them as to their conversation and asked why they were sad. Cleopas asked Jesus if he was a stranger in Jerusalem and had not heard of the things which had come to pass. Jesus said, "What things?" They related the happenings of the day, of Jesus the prophet, who was mighty in word and deed before God and all people. How their chief priests and rulers condemned him to death and crucified him. They told Jesus of their hopes that he was the one to redeem Israel and now it was the third day since all these things were done. They told of the woman who had gone to the sepulchre and found not his body, but had seen a vision of angels which said He was alive. Some of them had gone to the sepulchre also and found things as the women told them. Jesus began to expound the scriptures concerning himself unto them, beginning at Moses and all the prophets. He said to them: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25,26) As they came near the village the two asked Jesus to tarry with them as it was evening. He went with them. As they sat at meat Jesus took the bread, blessed it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and He vanished. They returned and found the eleven disciples gathered together. They told this experience, they had with Jesus and while they were speaking he appeared in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." They were terrified and supposed they had seen a spirit. He asked them, "Why are ye troubled and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?" He showed them his hands and his feet

to convince them he was Jesus who was crucified and had arisen. He then explained to them the prophecies, the law of Moses and the psalms concerning him. He opened their understanding that they might understand the scriptures.

All these things were written for us today, that we too may experience a heart burning desire to talk and walk with Him, this Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God.

Mabel Bickerton

## JOSEPH FORGIVES

When Joseph his brethren beheld Afflicted and trembling with fear, His heart with compassion was filled,

From weeping he could forbear. Awhile his behavior was rough To bring their past sins to their mind

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 and thought I was dead

But God, for your sake sent me here.

Though greatly distressed before When charged with perloining the cup,

They now were confounded much more;

Not one of them darest look up. Can Joseph who we would have slain;

Forgive us the evil we did And will He our household maintain?

Oh, this is a brother indeed.

Selected

## Special Easter Article:

### THE LORD HAS RISEN

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## NEWS ITEMS

## Italy:

I have a letter from Brother Todaro in Italy dated 15-1-'59. It is hard to read for he is not very good in the English language. However, I can gather his thought some in his efforts of trying to convey them to me.

He says that Brother Wooley (of Youngstown) attended the dedication of our Church at S. Demetrio Corone. I opened the meeting in the morning and the small temple was full of people—visitors as well as our own members. and he says the Spirit of God was there with showers of blessings. We are glad to hear that the Lord was with our brothers and sisters in the dedication of their new building.

Brother Frank Wooley was sent to Italy to relieve Brother Todaro that he might return to the U. S. in order to take care of his citizenship not later than some time in April. We are expecting Brother Todaro to be back here sometime in February and Brother Wooley will remain in Italy until Brother Todaro returns and relieves him—or at least be relieved by another. May the Lord be with Brother Wooley during his stay in Italy. (Editor)

## California:

In a letter dated Jan. 14th, Bro. Randy of Modesto, Calif. informs me that his wife is convalescing at home after going through an operation in the hospital. May the Lord bless Sister Mary.

## Monongahela, Pa.

Brother and Sister Alma B. Cadman are, and have been, confined to their home for quite a while now due to illness. Both of them have been poorly and Brother Alma has been ordered by his doctor to remain in bed until his trouble clears up, otherwise it might necessitate an operation. Also, Brother Lloyd Cowan has been confined to his home for a long time on account of ill health. He is poorly. Remember all the afflicted ones in your prayers.

## West Elizabeth, Pa.

Sister Lillian Byers (a niece of the Editor) 78 years old, at this writing is very poor—apparently suffering from shock. Her home burned down just recently and she lost everything except the clothing that was on her back. May the Lord comfort Lilly.

## Niles, Ohio:

In a letter of recent date from Sister Nastasi in which she renewed her subscription to The Gospel News for another year,

she speaks of a experience she had 18 years ago in which she was told that she had 20 years yet to live.

You that know Sister Anna know that she is not a well woman. However, the Lord has blessed and carried her through thus far. May the Lord continue to do so.

## Do YOU need a Bible?

I can furnish you with a good leather bound Bible, with concordance, maps and many other helps including the words of Christ in red for \$11.00. Also have a very nice imitation leather bound Bible with concordance and other helps including the words of Christ in red for \$4.25 (this is a nice Bible). I can furnish you with Bibles for as low as \$1.00. Rainbow Bibles for \$2.50. Zipper bound Bibles from as low as \$1.80 (imitation leather) to \$8.75 leather bound. I have Scofield Bibles (cloth bound) as low as \$4.25. I can also furnish you a good pulpit Bible for \$13.50, leather bound, and have the Crudens Concordance Complete for \$4.00. Foxe's Book of Martyrs for \$3.25. Smith's Bible Dictionary for \$3.25. Pocket size testament, leather bound, \$2.00. The Life and Works of Flavious Josephus, for \$7.00.

If there is anything else you want that is not listed, please make your wants known. And I want you all to know that Brother Cadman is not selling these booklets for any personal gain. The discount given me by the various firms from which I buy goes into the Church through the Ladies Uplift Circle, and you would be surprised to know of the help thus far that has been turned into missionary activities of the Church by the sisters from this source. I am not insisting on you buying your books through me—but when you do, the profit goes into the church instead of somewhere else.

Editor

P. S. One thing I wish to remind you of—prices are changing these days.

## News Items, Cont.

Italy's Constitutional Court has ruled that non-Catholic religious groups in that country may open churches, oratories, and other places of worship from now on without prior government permission. (Christian Standard)

..Rather a point of Note: Dear Brother Cadman, I have always felt as you have on this matter of bringing the Gospel to the Indians. The time has always been now. The words you have written in the January issue of the Gospel News weigh heavily

upon me. What can we do? Why hasn't the Gospel gone forth already, and why aren't we becoming fathers and mothers to Israel? God bless you, Brother Cadman. I remain as always.

Signed by Brother—

My Brother, one of the reasons that we are not fathers and mothers to Israel, greater than we are, is that too many of us expect great big things—with a wee-bit of effort. I maintain that God is the same, and when the sons of Mosiah proved themselves—God blessed them. I am just simple enough to believe and preach in sense, that their God is our God also.

## NIGERIA

Dated Jan. 15, 1959

President W. H. Cadman

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Dear Brother in Christ,

Warm greetings to you all in Jesus' Holy Name. Happy to inform you that 8 more stations at Oniong Nung Ndem, with the Centre at Ikot Anang have joined us, making Centres comprising 820, 28 stations.

Hearty thanks for the copy of the report of last October Conference. That has added much to our hopes that we are still in your love. Brighter has been our hope over a portion in the Conference report where Brother Alma Nolfi, very moved with the feelings for the African Race, offered his services to Nigeria if the Church would endorse it. This being our earnest prayer whenever we are assembled. We believe that the same Spirit animated in Brother Nolfi, will stir up the management to arrange and send 'Peter of U. S. A. to Cornelius of Nigeria.' to teach us what we do not know for the advancement of God's glory in the closing days of the Gospel. P. E. Sampson Akpan, Nigeria, W. Africa.

## A Writer's Analysis of

## THE BOOK of MORMON

A writer making an analysis of The Book of Mormon notes the following. "The account is not merely the annals of a nation. It is also a vigorous, positive witness of Christ, that he lives and that He lived before He took a tabernacle of flesh and bone."

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

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Zephaniah 3:8—

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

The afore-mentioned scripture certainly conveys the thought in one's mind, that there will be a time when the Mighty God will not suffer the nations to go on any further in their wickedness and rebellion against righteousness, for His patience and long suffering towards them will cease, and His wrath shall fall upon all the nations of the world. And as the prophet Daniel says: "They shall become as the chaff of the summer threshing floor."

As a rule it has been difficult for man to see the things that were on the door steps of his own day, but rather inclined to look beyond his

time. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was restored about 130 years ago, and with it the Book of Mormon came forth, which I might say, is God's revealed will to us of today. Its contents are original with the prophets of centuries ago and the outcome of this great and powerful nation is not encouraging.

And all the nations are the same—full of distress, fear and unrest with perplexity which is befalling the nations of today. To the thoughtful man of today, he that does not fear God but has faith that He is still the same kind of a being that former nations and empires had to deal with, realizes those nations went into oblivion because their ways were not good. I might ask: do we really believe that the mighty powers of today can and will fall as well as those of the days before Christ came into the world? In fact, there may be more justice on the part of the Mighty God, in letting His wrath fall on the world today, for we as nations have been preaching Christ for nearing two thousand years, but have failed to do what He says. The Saviour told them in His days while on the earth, that it would be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgement than it would be for them.

May we be approaching the day that the prophet Zephaniah sees that the Lord is going to assemble the nations of today and pour out His wrath upon them?

One of the Book of Mormon prophets, Moroni by name, says: "Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing." (Mormon 8:35) There is one thing sure: Moroni is speaking directly to us of today—and I will add that there is about as much wickedness within us as a nation, as you will find in most any other nation or kingdom in the world. It seems that the worse things of today are going on right in the seats of governments—may I say, in HIGH places as well as LOW!

### A Christmas Letter From The Holy Land

December 25, 1958

To our friends and loved ones everywhere we send this Christmas Greeting:

This Christmas Greeting comes to you from across the seas, in the Land of Israel, which was made holy by the feet of Jesus and the first Apostles of our faith, and all the holy prophets of God, since time immemorable, and the scene of the gathering in of Israel to her homeland after almost 2,000 years of the Diaspora, as promised by the holy prophets.

Though we have spent several Christmas Seasons away from home and loved ones in recent years, we had never visualized what it might be like in this land where all the experiences and traditions which make up Christmas had their beginning, and what it means to the followers of Jesus, who through the

years, have looked to Him for spiritual comfort and inspiration. So we will try and give you our reactions to this eventful time and place in the affairs of the world.

After sailing almost halfway around the world from our home in Missouri, (in the hope of helping to convince Judah that his brother Joseph had actually, according to God's promise, occupied the Western Hemisphere, and left a record which was to convince them that Jesus Christ was the Messiah, and that they were not to look for another), we arrived on July 31, 1958, in the Port of Haifa, Israel, at the foot of Mount Carmel, which was famous in Biblical history for its fertility. In ancient times Carmel was covered with vineyards and gets its name from the Hebrew "Corem-El", meaning the Vineyard of God. It was immortalized in the Song of Songs for its symbolic beauty. And the

tangled brush and deep gorges afforded places of refuge. Elijah the prophet, as also Elisha, spent much time here and we read of many of the important events of their lives which took place here.

It may be of interest to you to know that the whole State of Israel is not as large as the State of New Jersey. Its population is approximately 2,000,000, mostly Jews from over fifty nations of the world, many of whom have come here from refuge camps, and exile to live in a land of liberty and religious freedom. Some have come from homes of great wealth, some from the poorest of the poor, yet the measure of equality they maintain is astonishing. To a large extent they settle in communities where their neighbors speak their language (while they all begin to learn Hebrew), fulfilling the prophesy of Jeremiah: "Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls,"

for we find here the American Quarters, the German, Hungarian and Arabian Quarters, Etc.

With a copy of the *Israel Guide*, by Zev Vinay, (an archeologist of note here in Israel), at our side, we have visited many places of interest and the Bible has come to life in our hands, and we live over again, in spirit, the stirring events of a by-gone day when these ancient cities were filled with teeming thousands of people. We have stood on the hills of Judah in the twilight of evening and also in the bright morning sunshine. We have also travelled to places on the Sea of Galilee; slept on the Mount of Beatitudes; visited Nazareth, the home of Joseph and Mary, where Jesus was a boy, also the site of the carpenter shop where he learned his trade. We have travelled to Beersheba and the great desert of the south (the Negev), where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob dwelt and received the promises of the Lord. And we have relived the story of the Bible, met its people, seen the Bedouins in their natural habitat—housed in tented villages with great herds of camels, goats and sheep. We have visited the historic places of Mt. Zion, King David's Tomb where Jews from all over the world come to offer prayers. We have been on the waters of the Red Sea which Moses divided. On Mount Zion we also visited the Chamber of Martyrs, "dedicated to the memory of millions of Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazis, in the second world war," many of whose ashes have been removed to this place, along with the blood-stained Torahs from many parts of Europe. Here in the church of Dormition, is the crypt of Mary, and nearby we spent time in meditation and reflection in the Upper Room where Jesus instituted the Last Supper, which we commemorate as the Sacrament.

We plan to spend Christmas in Bethlehem and Old Jerusalem. Only then, and at Easter time, do the Jordanians permit us as Christians, to cross the border. There in the Judean Hills, where the shepherds first saw the Star of the East, near Bethlehem, we will partake of the simple Shepherds meal, and later attend the midnight service in the Church of the Nativity, the traditional site of the manger in which the Christ Child was born.

As we eat and sing with them, we will remember each of you, and be conscious of your presence

with us there as you have been with us in former years. May we all labor together in love and peace to make this a better world for His sake.

#### Memories of Galilee

Each cooing-dove and sighing bough  
That makes the eve so blest to me  
Has something far diviner now,  
It bears me back to Galilee.

Each flowering glen and mossy dell,  
Where happy birds in song agree,  
Thro' sunny morning praises tell  
Of sights and sounds in Galilee.

And when I read the thrilling love  
Of him who walked upon the sea,  
I long, oh, how I long once more  
To follow him in Galilee.  
Chorus:  
Oh, Galilee, Sweet Galilee,  
Where Jesus loved so much to be;  
Oh, Galilee, blue Galilee,  
Come sing thy song again to me.

—Robert Morris, LL.D

Most sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wheaton

P.S. The Weatons are members of the Church of Christ, (Temple Lot) in Independence, Mo. I have visited their home, and likewise they have visited mine here in Monongahela. They have sent us a very interesting letter, I am sure. I would like to be with them.

Sincerely, W. H. Cadman

#### A VISIT TO LORAIN, OHIO

On Saturday, at the close of the Ladies General Meeting, Brother W. H. Cadman, Brother Herbert and Sister Shirely Hemmings and our two small sons, left Monongahela for a visit to Lorain. We received a warm welcome at the home of Brother and Sister Joseph Calabrese where we stayed during our week's visit.

Many brothers and sisters of the church from different parts of Ohio were at Brother Calabrese's home on Saturday evening and enjoyed talking with one another of the things of God. It is wonderful how the brothers and sisters treat you as one of the family, no matter where you go. We enjoyed meeting with the saints very much in Lorain, and although it was very cold, we attended meetings nightly from

Sunday through Wednesday. Brother Cadman spoke each night and spoke many wonderful words.

On Wednesday evening after the meeting, the sisters of the Lorain branch served us a lunch. They made two beautiful cakes in honor of Brother Cadman's 32nd birthday, Dec 19th, and also Dec. 16th was the 62nd anniversary of his baptism into the church at West Elizabeth, Pa., in 1896. We enjoyed singing hymns of praise to God and also hearing Brother Cadman singing "The Handwriting On The Wall" and "The Christ of The Cross." I think every one present felt the loving spirit of Jesus Christ during the singing, and we just seemed as though we did not want to part from one another. We enjoyed visiting at various homes in Lorain.

Thursday at noon we left for Cleveland, Brother Calabrese offered a wonderful prayer for our safe return home and we truly thank God for His goodness towards us, and watching over us on the highway and bringing us home safely. On this same evening (Thursday) and although it was a very cold and slippery night, there was a nice crowd of saints at the meeting. Some came many miles to be there. May the Lord bless them abundantly for their humble efforts to serve Him. At the close of the meeting, we gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Mario Milano for a little social affair. And after spending the night at two different homes, we continued on our way homeward the next day. We wish to thank God for calling us into this wonderful Gospel for it means everything to us. We thank Him for health and strength daily and for His Divine protection over us always. As the songwriter says "I was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, He's a wonderful Saviour to me."

May God bless you all throughout the Church.

Sister Shirley Hemmings

#### NOTICE

Through the Gospel News we wish to thank everyone for the prayers offered, the many kindnesses, gifts and hundreds of cards sent to Sister Vina Cadman during her long illness.

She appreciated all that was done for her and loved all of you. Our deepest thanks also to all who consoled and helped us in every way and especially to those who made the services so very beautiful. God bless every one.

The Alma Cadman Family

*Signs of the Times:*

## PLAN AHEAD

An invitation to discussion  
by

George L. Funkhouser, Jr.

The above heading "Plan Ahead" has appeared much lately. It is an illustration of the importance of good planning to reach a satisfactory conclusion. The heading started out all right, but when the ending was reached there was hardly room for the EAD. Only by cramping and using small letters did we get the whole word in the allotted space. In any course or program, careful preparation is necessary for a successful operation. This is true of every phase of life, and it is clearly evidenced in what is called The Plan of God.

Of this Great Plan there have been megatons of literature written and countless sermons preached. Though much in the course of time has been laid to His design, one thing is apparent; the nature of events and destiny of mankind was not merely happenstance. There is every indication that the overall shape of world development has been to the format of the Master Planner. To more clearly explain my point let us take a sweeping look at world and human progress—spanning some six thousand years.

The order of events in the creation was most methodical. Man was made after he had earth to stand on and the means to sustain his life. First came the earth, then the vegetation from the earth, then the animals to feed on the vegetation, and finally man—to rule over all. Of course God could have placed man first in the void but it would have been meaningless, without plan.

And then as the people of the world developed, God's own people progressed. They were seasoned under leaders like Moses and Joseph. The wisdom of centuries was scribed by prophets such as Jeremiah and Isaiah. As Israel advanced the world also rose—and fell. The time had come for redemption.

Jesus Christ, the redeemer, came when he had something to redeem. He did not appear to Adam under the tree nor to Saul as he poised his sword. He appeared when the whole world was at stake. His Plan of Redemption was but a part of the Great Plan. Even as He established His Church He knew that a Restoration would be necessary.

The seed of Restoration was not sown until the ground had been properly tilled. From the Dark Age of Church corruption came the reformation, opening an avenue for the return of Christ's Church. From the countries under tyrants came one free, where the Restoration could grow. From the scientific advances came the printing art, to carry the Restoration in spoken and printed word throughout the world.

The magnitude of the above chronology is not easy to grasp. I have been 'a pilgrim and a stranger' of the heaven-earth relationship for some time and am still awed by the immensity of the conclusion. It would be foolish to expect anyone who has not approached the subject to swallow the whole pill. But everyone, saints of the Latter Days in particular, must concede—in

greater or lesser degree—that the gears of time have been turning together in predetermined mesh to produce a foreseen product. If we deny this entirely we do not recognize the hand of God; if we admit to it in part we grasp the rod of iron.

If the destiny of billions of persons has been molded towards one gigantic end (completion of the Plan), is it not feasible that some have been utilized to further the work? This is not to say that every detail of human activity is by the personal direction of God. It is to say that God has utilized, and often directed, man's efforts in a direction that would benefit His purpose. To speak such is not sacrilegious nor assumptive. It is simply to say that the Plan of God is 'of the people, by the people, for the people'—all the people!

If we allow that God works with people in accomplishing His purpose, then is it not certain He would turn to account His Church in these the last days? Are we so shallow as to think that an effort (or efforts) on the part of the church to further the kingdom of God will be without His guidance? There can only be one answer to this question, and although I do not propose the entire solution, I do contend one point in essence. There can be no guidance until there is an effort to guide. Only when man (The Church) is making a maximum effort to purvey His Word can we expect His direction in all things.

### I

Before we can attempt any effort towards an objective we must first establish what that objective is. I often wonder if the actual purpose of The Church in the latter days has been clearly defined. Before we can plan ahead to an end we must first ascertain that end, or at least a working part of it. Perhaps it is as general as 'Go ye forth' or as explicit as 'To every creature', or it could be a blending of both. This then is our immediate task: to determine direction. Once we establish our overall goal we can designate the individual steps necessary for accomplishment.

### II

Any attempt at development is going to require missionary endeavor. Endeavor means more than just effort. It means organization and planning; guidance and correction; progress and growth. Establishment of a mission must be determined and planned.

It must be remembered that a mission can be something other than a building or location. When it is not an actual building, careful planning is even more important as the intangible is more susceptible to deterioration. Regardless of the make up, a mission has but one aim: betterment and development of The Church. As such it must be a planned operation. The old idiom well applies here. "Missions must be planned for, prayed for, paid for." This last—paid for—will be our next subject.

### III

One of our eastern branches was finishing a building campaign and funds were running low. In an effort to raise money to complete a few odds and ends, an elder asked the congregation for more financial support. In a mild tone of piety he said, "The word of God is free," and then jolted them back to the immediate with, "but two by fours cost money!"

This may be over-simplification of the financial problem but it well illustrates a point in fact. We of the church have become apathetic in our financial obligations to the church. But

the purpose of this article is not to place individual responsibility. Individuality is the problem, not the solution.

My concern here is that we make a review of our entire income structure. Once we determine direction and establish missionary endeavor, we must make certain we have the strength to support our plan. Any plan, if at all productive and effective, will require **some** money.

The story is told of the man who made known his intent to visit another city. When informed of the cost of a railway ticket, he decided on using a bus. This conveyance also priced too high for his liking, as did every other means of transportation he considered. Finally, he announced he would not spend anything, he would walk. This too had a price, he was told; shoes cost money. "Then I'll wait 'til someone will take me for nothing. I'll get there." "Oh yes," replied a listener, "you'll get there—but when?"

The world in which we live no longer offers many things that are free. If the church is to grow and develop to any noticeable degree, it is going to cost some money. Everything has a price, from the wine on our sacrament table to the new edifice we should be raising in another city. And everything is going up. An economic expert remarking on inflation, said that soon even a penny would cost two cents. There is thought in that. It is time we reconsidered (and rebuild if necessary) our income source.

#### IV

An actual building campaign should be part of our forward-looking procedure. This is not the place to detail what and where our buildings should be, but it can be mentioned that we should be building more of them. For nearly a century we have built houses of worship in which to meet. That is fine, but is it not better that we should build buildings in which to meet more people? There is a difference in that phraseology and that is the difference between today and tomorrow. I once spoke to a construction foreman working on a large church building and remarked that it was a very large structure for so seemingly a small congregation. "Well son," he said, "churches should be built with both eyes open. One eye inside, the other outside." He was right, for that church now has a school system of its own in the same building.

Church buildings that are functional rather than just filling a single immediate need require planning. It is not enough to decide that more room is needed and start throwing up walls. It must be decided what kind of room and what kind of walls and what they are for. The building is to be dedicated to the worship of God, true, but it should also be of service to man.

'Service to man does not mean we should erect monumental structures with towering spires and tolling bells. The word functional means connected with a function, or serving a function. This then should be the key to our building program—planning functional buildings in support of our plan of progress. We should not try to build to lure men in but try to build to make men want to come. Size is not all important, as small meeting places can have unlimited affect. Some years ago I had occasion to be in East St. Louis, Illinois. While there I visited a small chapel that had over its entrance door an inscription: "Through this portal enter the worst sinners in the world. Thank God they do not go out the same way." That chapel—it was small, seating only about

fifty—was dedicated to a functional purpose, to betterment of sinners.

In building we should remember that the people of tomorrow have a definite place in our plan of today. The people of tomorrow are known by a different word now, (youth) but they are one and the same and should not be separated. Sometimes we forget that the Church of ten or twenty years hence is the youth of now. This is fallacy. Let us consider the young now—here. It will be my last subject.

#### V

It is my conviction that The Church must be of more service to the young. This is not merely my personal opinion. It is a fact of observation. Who needs more guidance than the young, especially in the direction that will lead them towards God? Who controls more the lives of others than the young? Who face more problems that effect their whole lives than the young? Who, in a world that is going higher, farther, and faster, is more in evidence than the young?

If The Church is to be of service to the world, should we not recognize the fact that the youth are a part of the world? And should we not take the helm in full realization that Christ has set the compass? Before we answer this last query, let me point up two things: (1) The doctor is for the sick, Mat. 9:12; and (2) The Lord set the compass, Alma 37:38.

We must insert at this point that the young must be helped to recognize the superior knowledge of the older. We, the young, must remember that all knowledge is but the memory of experience, and experience is the elder's stock in trade. Any program for youth must include the educational aspect to teach the youth in the church, and those entering the church, that there is a Divine authority and a Church authority. It must be a planned effort to have youth realize they are a part of The Church, and that in becoming leaders they must always serve.

You may counter me by saying that I have asked several questions and come up with few answers. This is true in part, but I implore you to bear in mind that it requires several voices to make a choir. This is particularly true of this last point I have raised, but I will insert one note into the melody. In planning development of our Church it would not seem fair to our church, our country, our God, if we did not give serious consideration to the younger set. This in itself may not be an answer—but it could be the beginning of one.

At the heading of this article is a line that gives these words reason for being. "An Invitation To Discussion," is just that. I shall be at Conference early this year. (God willing, Friday morning) More than a welcome guest I expect to be a challenged writer. Please do not disappoint me with meaningless head-nodding and closed lips. Let us all realize that beside the signs of the times WE must raise the Banner of Christ.

—Do not make discussion of this article in material for publication in The Gospel News. Space is limited and cannot be used for individual comment. Send all correspondence to me directly.

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## Easter Greeting To You All:

**"THE LORD HAS RISEN"**

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 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 the lightning, and his raiment was white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. The angel answered saying unto the woman, 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 shall ye see Him. Lo, I have told you. They departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, and did run to bring His disciples word.

It is evident from what is written in the scriptures, that Jesus taught plainly that He would suffer, and die at the hands of cruel men. Yet when He was really nailed to the cross, His closest friends were unprepared for the event, and to them all, His death was the saddest, and hardest blow of their lives. Him, whom they had learned to love so well, because of His kindness and tenderness towards them—the wonderful things He did for the helpless, the blind, the lame, and indeed all that were in need of a real friend. And too, all had longed for some one to loose them from the Roman Yoke and restore the kingdom back to Israel—to them His death was a tragedy.

When Jesus expired on the cross, the hope of His loved one's seemed to expire as well. Peter exclaims later, I go a fishing. His brethren follow him back to their old profession again—back to the nets; no doubt having a thought something like this: Him whom we loved, and in whom we had put our trust, has died as any other man. Yea, He who raised the dead has himself returned back to the dust. Thus their hopes were blasted, apparently, never to rise again—for them to walk and talk with Jesus anymore upon the earth, I imagine was about the remotest thing

from their minds. Yea, I might add, how mysterious God's ways have been among the children of men from the beginning. And may I draw your attention to the fact, that the God of that time, is still the God of today. I read that He does not change. The prophets of old foresaw and did foretell of Jesus. How He would grow up as a tender plant, how He would be despised and rejected. A man of sorrows and of grief, yet we esteemed Him not.

He was wounded for our transgressions, yea, for our sins and wrong-doings. He was made to suffer on the cross, and being forsaken here upon earth, He cries to His Father in heaven, why hast thou forsaken me? You remember on one occasion, Him speaking to His Father in heaven, He says: I have done thy will in all things. In another place, He says: I have overcome the world. It seems to me that it would of been sufficient for man to forsake Him, but why did His Father do likewise? It is said that He died alone, yea, heaven and earth forsook Him for the moment, for the purpose as it seems to me that all men might become guilty before God. Even as it was under the law, the best was required to be laid upon the altar, so our heavenly Father spared not the best He had, even His only son, Jesus by name. I repeat again, God's ways are mysterious. Yea, even as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways and thoughts higher than ours. Well has the Psalmist asked: What is man that thou art so mindful of him? The serpent will coil up on the rock in the bright sun, in honor to its God, but proud and boastful man will curse and blaspheme the name of God from the time he rises out of his bed, until he returns therein.

You know I admire those faithful women who loved Jesus so much; Yea, those faithful friends of the Master, who would rise out of bed so early in the morning, and while it was yet dark, go the to tomb where the dead lay. I do not think there are many of us today who would care to visit a tomb while it was yet dark. Evidently they remembered Him as their closest friend when they would go to the tomb at such a time to perform their last act to His silent remains. I have often said, that the extremity of man was God's opportunity. And how wonderfully it was made manifest in this

case. Did you ever stop to think that if these women had stayed in bed on that morning, there may not have been anyone at the tomb to receive the news and the message: He is not here. He is risen, go and tell His disciples. The faithfulness of these wonderful sisters gave God an opportunity to acquaint the disciples of the most wonderful news of all time—the message that has filled the world with hope, the message that has never grown old. A message faithful servants of God must bear to the whole world—He has risen.

Of course the words of the women were very hard indeed for them to believe, but it was only a short time until they were brought to the reality, that He who suffered such agony on the cross and gave up the Ghost, still lived. I read in St. Luke, chapter 24, that at first the women's story seemed to the Apostles as idle tales. In the same chapter I read of two of them on a journey to a village called Emmaus, they were talking of that which had lately happened—the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and they were sad. Jesus suddenly walks and talks with them, their eyes are holden, they do not know Him. He expounds to them the prophecies concerning Himself. Yet they know Him not until He breaks bread at their table when their eyes are opened, and they are made to exclaim one to another: Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way?

Of times we hear from the pulpit, poor Thomas sort of belittled. He is generally referred to as doubting Thomas. Thus far it had not been his privilege to be present with his brethren, when Jesus appeared to them, and him knowing that his Master had been nailed to the cross along with two others, and no doubt had seen the spear thrust into His side wherein blood and water gushed out, and then see Him bow His head and die. Thomas evidently knew that the helpless body of Jesus was taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb of Joseph, even as other men were laid away in death. Let us of today who are upset by so many little things that get into our pathway, ask ourselves the question, what side of the fence do we think we would have been on, had we been in the shoes of Thomas? You re-



member that after Thomas heard the testimony of his brethren, he was very emphatic in declaring, that unless I can see and feel the prints of the nails, and the wound in His side for myself, I will not believe. It creates a thought something like this: I saw His body torn on the cross, I saw Him die; your word is not sufficient for me. I must see for myself. You know there is lots of people that way today, they must see for themselves. It is very evident when you speak of an angel bringing back the everlasting gospel to earth again in fulfillment of Revelations 14:6. It seems as though people must see for themselves. Yet it seems to me that it all happened for a cause. I read in Romans 8:28 that all things work together for good to them that love God, etc. The doubting of Thomas gave God an opportunity to reveal unto all men, that though we of today may not have seen with our mortal eyes, yet by believing and obeying, we shall be blessed even as those who have seen.

What a wonderful God is He whom Jesus called His Father, and we who doeth His will are not only His servants, but are His friends. To all my hearers this day, we are all in some degree commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May I ask: have we all died with Him? Have we been buried with Him in baptism? If so, kindly take heed to the following words: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

May we not only commemorate the resurrection of Christ on Easter Day, for every day should be a resurrection day to all those who abide in Him. Therefore, to all who have died with Christ, are you still dead, or have you been resurrected in Him? Are you alive in Christ today? May God bless you all, in as much as we all keep ourselves unspotted from this sinful world, yea, without spot and blemish, for it is certain that this world is very much at variance with the Risen Redeemer. He forsook the glory He had with His Father, yes, the glory He had with Him even before the foundation of the world. He did so that He

might redeem us fallen creatures. He has taught us that we cannot love God and Mammon too.

The Apostle in one of his prophetic utterances says: that in the last days perilous times shall come, and among other things, he says that men will be lovers of their own-selves, and even lovers of pleasures more than the lovers of God. Surely the Apostle was inspired by the Lord God when he uttered those words which are found in Second Timothy, third chapter.

As for me, I think it very good for us to remember the day that has been set aside as the Resurrection of the Lord, known to us as Easter Time. But let us all remember that all such remembrance will be in vain if we fail to observe His teachings. He teaches us as follows: "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." Let us not only remember Him on the Easter Day, but let us endeavor to abide in Him every day. May Good bless you all.

Brother W. H. Cadman

#### A POEM

by Sister Nastaia

Time flies so fast, it seems:  
We know not where it goes.  
It fades 'way like sunbeams  
Along with all its woes.

It seems like yesterday  
I'd have twenty more years  
To walk this narrow way,  
Full of trouble and tears.

Now the end is in view,  
The crown is waiting there.  
Indeed its beautiful  
Make me forget all cares.

I need prayers, Brethren,  
To endure my trials here,  
That I may reach heaven  
There I'll have no more fears.

I'm longing for the shore  
That golden happy De'pot.  
Where Jesus will crown me  
There forever more.

## OBITUARIES

### SAMUEL VERDUCCI

Brother Verducci was born in June 2, 1891 in Italy and died on December 31, 1958 in the Memorial Hospital at Warren, Ohio.

Brother Sam was 67 years old and had been sick for 18 months. He leaves his wife Ida and one daughter, Victoria, at home and his mother, six brothers and four sisters in Italy. He was baptised in The Church of Jesus Christ on June 22, 1922 at Arnsburg, Pa.

Brother Wm. Gennaro in charge of the services, assisted by Brother D. Giovannone. Interment in Howland Cemetery.

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### LAVINA CADMAN

Monongahela, Pennsylvania

Sister Lavina Cadman, wife of Brother A. B. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa. died in the early morning of Saturday Jan. 24, 1959 in her home after a lingering illness. She was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary Secrist, and was born on May 25th, 1879 at Elizabeth, Pa. She was married to Alma B. Cadman on Dec. 25th, 1899 observing their 59th anniversary on last Christmas Day. Had Lavina but lived until May 25th, she would have been 80 years old. Her death is the first in her immediate family of 81.

Along with her family she had lived at R. D. Greenville, Pa., for about 20 years before moving to Monongahela in 1937. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, this city, being baptized in the year of 1905.

Surviving are her husband; four sons, Paul and William of Greenville, Pa., Alma Jr. of Jamestown, and Russell of Fredonia, Pa.; five daughters, Mrs. Harvey Kelly and Mrs. Clifford Sproul, both of Greenville, Mrs. Harry Twombly, of Union City, Pa., and Mrs. Andy Cattaneo and Mrs. Edith Terrill, both of Monongahela; one sister Mrs. James Stone of Toronto, Ohio; 26 grand children and 45 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the church here at 7 p. m. on Jan 26th by Brother Joseph Bittinger of near Uniontown, Pa., and were well attended. He was assisted by Brothers Campbell & Idris Martin. On next morning the remains were removed to our little church on R. D. 2, near



Freedonia, where at 1:30 p. m. the final service was conducted by Brother R. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio. The little church was filled to capacity and at the conclusion of the service Sister Lavina was interred in the Delaware Cemetery close by, where her body shall remain until the trumpet shall sound. Her husband attended the service here in Monongahela but was unable to make the final trip for the service at Freedonia. He has not been very well for sometime past. Our prayer is that God will comfort the bereaved family, extending that consolation which is most needful.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS AT LORAIN, OHIO

Throughout the year of 1958 our Lorain Branch of the church has had frequent visitors from outside our own church group, who came to hear and to investigate our faith and the manner in which we conduct our services. More so, than any other year and due to all this interest our ministry decided to hold a series of five Sunday evening services and invite all the apostles in our district to be guest speakers.

On our first Sabbath evening service, our first speaker was Brother Rocco Biscotti from Cleveland, Ohio. He spoke on the falling away of the first church through iniquity, after the death of all the apostles, the new leaders were no longer "feeding the flock" as taught by our Saviour. Our church believes through biblical prophecies that God withdrew His authority and His spirit from earth at that time and then followed what were called the "Dark Ages." Brother Biscotti continued to explain the Reformation movement and then the Restoration. He closed his talk with words of admonition to all to be careful that through any unfaithfulness on our part that God could again withdraw His power from among us. He talked of examples of faith and healings which followed the people of God through their obedience to His commandments to this present day, in which we are now living. Brother Biscotti opened his talk with reading the 20th chapter of Acts starting with the 28th verse.

We were also very happy to hear from Brother Frank Calabrese, who had just returned from Detroit, that two new mem-

bers were added to our membership here. Brother Wm. and Sister Louise Molnar were baptized while they were in Detroit visiting.

The following Sunday our guest speaker was Brother A. A. Corrado. He read the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus and followed with a very interesting and enlightening talk on "Where does the soul go after death?" He also spoke briefly in Italian in behalf of the Italian visitors. We felt the voice of God's spirit in our service and it was confirmed by the speaking of the gift of tongues by Brother Corrado.

Our third service was held on the 30th of November, was in charge of Brother Russell Cadman. He exercised a great deal of faith in the fact that he was present to deliver his sermon on this particular Sabbath. The weather was very bad and also due to that fact, the attendance at this meeting wasn't as large as some of the others. Brother Russell read the first chapter of Isaiah the 18th verse—"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

The fourth Sunday, which was December 7th, the guest speaker was Brother William Gennaro. He said that he couldn't think of a better topic to speak on than that of the beautiful story of Jesus. The sweetest story ever told. So he read the second chapter of Luke which tells the story of the birth of Jesus our Saviour, God's greatest gift to mankind along with the gift of our soul's salvation, which came to be only through our Lord's crucifixion.

The final Sunday, December 14th, the pulpit was occupied by the President of our church, Bro. William Cadman. He held four services while he was with us, each night he spoke on some of the fundamentals of the Gospel.

Sunday night's service was opened by Brother Cadman and he read the fourth chapter of I Timothy. He warned that we are living in perilous times, to be watchful and to hold to the rod of iron which is the word of God, and to do good at all times in our daily walks of life. He instructed us to always present our bodies as a living sacrifice and learn to serve God above all and let the consequences be as they may.

On Monday night's service, Brother Cadman opened his talk by commenting that we believe

in the Second Coming of Christ. He proceeded to read the 48th chapter of Genesis, 9th verse and spoke of Jacob's blessings on Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. He told us that the Choice Seer would come from the tribe of Joseph and that Christ came from the tribe of Judah. Before Christ can come again, God's will must be done on earth as it is in heaven.

On Tuesday night's service, Brother Cadman spoke on the State of Israel, and that this Gospel cannot be preached if any form of prejudice remains among us. God hath not cast off Israel. It will be restored.

On Wednesday's service, Bro. Cadman emphasized the importance of unity among the Latter Day Saints and only then can the "Holy Ghost" really descend on us. He proceeded to read the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles concerning the Day of Pentecost. We all heard the wonderful expounding of scripture when Brother Cadman explained the revelation given to John Divine on the Isle of Patmos as is written in the 17th chapter of Revelation.

All I can say is God bless our Brother Cadman for his marvelously clear mind to have been able to address us and to awaken our minds and to instruct our hearts in what the Restored Gospel means and what it really represents.

I could write pages reporting these meetings, but space is very limited so all I want to say in conclusion is that it was good for us to listen and to be instructed and to be revived in the spirit of the Lord and absorb the wonderful messages taught to us by our guest speakers. We also felt the blessings of the Lord when we listened to the testimonies given by the various brothers and sisters, who were given the opportunity to express themselves.

Josephine Dominico

### - W E D D I N G -

#### DePerio - Sgattone

Sister Hilda M. DePerio of the Glassport Branch was married to Phillip Sgattone in the bride's home on December 11, at 7:00 p. m. Brother Anthony DiBattista officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception for the family. The bride is the daughter of Brother Peter and Sister Adella DePerio. The newlyweds will take up their residence in Glassport.

**"THE LAMANITE QUESTION"**

As it concerns The Church of Jesus Christ today.

Today the American Indian still remains a mystery, to the vast majority of people, even in this land. Many are trying to discover who he is, where he came from, and etc. But to us who believe in the Restoration of the Gospel and the Book of Mormon, we have learned the identity of the Indian people. Alma, 46:23-4, "Moroni said unto them: Behold, we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob; we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph, whose coat was rent by his brethren into many pieces; yea, and now behold, let us remember to keep the commandments of God, or our garments shall be rent of our brethren, and we be cast into prison, or be sold, or be slain. Yea, let us preserve our liberty as a remnant of Joseph; yea, let us remember the words of Jacob, before his death, for behold, he saw that a part of the remnant of the coat of Joseph was preserved and had not decayed. And he said even as this remnant of garment of my son hath been preserved, so shall a remnant of the seed of my son be preserved by the hand of God and be taken unto himself, while the remainder of the seed of Joseph shall perish, even as the remnant of his garment." Thus we learn that they are a remnant of Israel, brought to this land that God might preserve them. We believe that we are not Israel by birth, but that we are Gentiles. Herein we differ with most factions of the Restoration. We become Israel through adoption, by obeying the Restored Gospel, Rom. 8:15;23 and Gal. 4:5. Or as Paul says in Rom. 11th chapter, the Gentiles were wild branches grafted into the tame olive tree, after the true branches had been broken off. Then he goes on to say that they, the true, or natural branches shall again be grafted into their own olive tree. Or the bringing back of the various remnants of Israel to the family and fold of God in the latter days. It is this grafting, to be done by the carrying of the Gospel to the Indians or Lamanites as we know them by their record in the Book of Mormon, Nephi I, 15:16. Behold, I say unto you, Yea: they shall be remembered again among the house of Israel: they shall be grafted in, being a natural branch of the olive, tree, into the true olive tree. The 17th verse of this same chapter says after they are

scattered by the Gentiles (our forefathers) as their forefather Jacob stated in laying his blessing upon Joseph, Gen. 49:23. The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him and hated him. Today we find many of the Gentiles without any love or sympathy for the Indians. There are those whose ambitious motives are to take away the little remaining material possessions they have, and not caring what happens to them. We know they are poor, and a down trodden people. They like Judah have had to pay a terrible price because their forefathers turned aside from righteousness, and the great blessings they had enjoyed in this great land was taken away, both temporal and spiritual. Jacob 3:3 "But, wo, wo, unto you that are not pure in heart, that are filthy this day before God; for except ye repent the land is cursed for your sakes: and the Lamanites, which are not filthy like unto you, nevertheless they are cursed with a sore cursing, shall scourge you even unto destruction." This was Jacob warning the Nephites that God would not tolerate their breaking of His Laws and Commandments, but that they should be brought under a worse curse than the Lamanites who they hated. Mormon 3rd thru 6th chapter, shows the literal destruction of the Nephites, by the Lamanites. Chapter 3:15, vengeance is mine, and I will repay; and because this people repented not after I had delivered them, behold, they shall be cut off from the face of the earth. And now in the 7th chapter, Mormon speaks to the remnant of the Lamanites that remain after that great and final slaughter, and affirms they are a remnant of Israel, telling them they must come unto repentance, or they cannot be saved. That they must lay down their weapons of war and delight no more in the shedding of blood and etc. Moroni now speaking in Moroni 10: 1,2 Now I, Moroni, write somewhat as seemeth me good: and I write unto my brethren, the Lamanites, and I would that they should know that more than four hundred and twenty years have passed since the sign of the coming of Christ.

"And I seal up these records, after I have spoken a few words by way of exhortation unto you." After he had exhorted them to have faith in God, and when ye shall receive these things, (these records) I would exhort you that ye would ask God, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true: and if ye will ask with a

sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost." For approximately fourteen hundred years these records were all sealed up and buried in the earth. While the Lamanites continually did that which was evil, and sank deeper and deeper into transgressions and sin. A spirit of contention took possession of them, and thus they became divided into many tribes, roaming from place to place, warring with each other. The discovery of this land by the Gentiles, found a multitude of tribes or nations possessing the land. These people had declined in wisdom and understanding until they had no sense of values. Thus the Gentiles were able to trade them worthless trinkets for their valuable lands, or possessions. When this failed, the Lamanites were driven by force and dispossessed of the land. They fought back, and inflicted much punishment upon the Gentiles. But they were fighting a losing battle. The judgments of God are severe, but always just. Their lands were now passing into possession of the Gentiles, along with all the great blessings that this nation has enjoyed, Mor. 5:19. "And behold, the Lord hath reserved their blessings, which they might have received in the land, for the Gentiles who shall possess the land." After they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, then will the Lord remember the covenant he made unto Abraham, and unto all the house of Israel.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

### Seminole Take Diplomatic Warpath In Lands Squabble

NEW YORK, (AP) — A tribe of Seminole Indians were on the diplomatic warpath yesterday about their ancestral lands in the state of Florida.

A delegation of them, armed with copies of old treaties and accompanied by an attorney, appealed for help in their cause to emissaries of France, Spain and Great Britain.

"More and more of our property rights have been taken away from us," said Buffalo Tiger, head of the executive council of the Miccosukee Tribe of the Seminole nation.

The tribe is considering putting the matter before the United Nations, if it can't get results any other way—and beyond that, it

says it'll fight for its land "as we did 100 years ago."

Tiger said verbal agreements were made more than a year ago by U. S. officials and Florida Gov. LeRoy Collins guaranteeing tribal possession of a remaining 300,000 acres of the Everglades swamps.

But the Indians have been unable to get either the state or nation to put the terms in writing, said Atty. Morton Silver of Miami.

"These people have been getting the run-around for too long," he said. He added that negotiations on the question have gone on for seven years.

The tribe claims early treaties with Spain and Great Britain affirming Indian possessions in Florida were confirmed in subsequent post-revolutionary war treaties with the United States.

Also, in the 1803 Louisiana Purchase Treaty, France secured a U. S. pledge to protect the Indians Florida land rights, the tribe maintains. It has documents as evidence.

The appeals for help in upholding the treaties, addressed to British Queen Elizabeth and Spanish Premier Francisco Franco, were delivered to U. N. delegations here.

Earlier, the case was put before the French embassy, Silver said.

The tribe, now numbering about 600, claims that the old treaties actually gave it 5 million acres, but it now was willing to settle for the 300,000 acres of swamp-land.

This region, in southwestern Florida, was assured them in oral agreements worked out in August, 1957, with U. S. Indian Commissioner Glen Emmons and Florida Silver said, but nothing was put in writing.

The tribe members still live in the swamp area, making their living by hunting and fishing.

**P. S. The poor Indians do not seem to be given much consideration, if these accounts are true.**

Editor

## LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Roseville, Michigan

To all our Gospel News readers whether you are in Uyo, Nigeria, W. Africa, Italy, Canada or in the U. S. A.:

If you are at home or have

been called away from home into active service wherever it has pleased our Heavenly Maker to lead or direct you, we of Branch 3 of Detroit, Mich. send you our greetings: (Brother Mancuso, I sincerely hope that all the Gospel News readers in these places far or near, receive your greetings—Bro. Editor)

Some of you may not be in such acceptable circumstances as we are in, it may be that your LOT is cast in some location where the Ministers of the Gospel are unable to have regular weekly services. For it seems to me that our wise and omnipotent Creator has not evenly distributed those whose feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel to all locations at present—but that matters not, we are all called in the same calling—"called to be saints" Romans 1:7

Our Candlesticks are burning with the testimonies of over 100 converts and our lamps are kept trimmed by the aid of the Ministry, as most of you have felt the absence of some from your midst, we too, have felt the absence of our Brother Paul and Arlene Whitton, they have accepted the challenge of truth and have put on the full armour of God. (That is fine Brother Richard, keep your Candlesticks burning bright, Editor) Since Brother Paul had to leave for the Armed Forces he has had to resign as president of the M. B. A. We just received a letter from him and Arlene wishing us a Happy New Year and telling us how they would like to be back home.

While I have this opportunity through the Gospel News, I want to say we enjoyed your letter very much, also your testimonies—I mean you both for they still linger with us. We know that when you come back from service, there will be a lot of accomplishments for both of you.

To you who have had to carry the greater load of the Gospel—if you are a part of a mission or in some lonely spot, remember that after the trying of your faith, you shall come forth as gold refined in the furnace.

There will no doubt be thousands reading this letter. Some of you I may never meet in this life, it may be that I will never see you until we reach the other side, but having been able to write to you through the "Gospel News" which has made it possible, I will keep on the Gospel Ship of Zion, for we are nearer

now than when we first believed.

Brother Richard Mancuso

**P. S. Brother Richard, your letter fits in pretty good with little or no changing. Be sure and have the HOME FIRES BURNING for Paul and Arlene when they return home.—Brother Cadman**

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Noventa, Italy

December 15, 1958

Dear Brother Cadman,

As the true Christian's dearest holy day of the year draws nigh I feel obliged to write to you, President of The Church of Jesus Christ, to convey to you my sincerest thoughts and my fondest wishes for a Merry Christmas to you and to all the brothers and sisters in the states.

In the days which precede and follow this festivity seems to make a deep inroad in our hearts with the sweet voices of the angels who in the "Holy Night" wrote with their chorus in the skies: "Peace to all men of good will."

And as the air echoes with the sweet pasoral songs... afar... I trust they may reach your home and homes of every brother as the most beautiful message of love... for Christmas

I trust that the mighty hand of God will assist us to further diffuse the teaching given us by Christ who has suffered so much, by giving His life for us, that we might be redeemed from our sins.

Here in Italy the progress of the gospel is slow, unfortunately, due to the opposing forces of those who seem to have the monopoly over the people. But with God's help, the truth eventually will make its head-way even here..."

Remember us in your prayers as we'll remember you in ours.

May Happiness be yours at Christmas... and Always, is my prayer. Amen

Emidio Milano

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Imperial, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Editor,

We here in the Imperial, Pa. branch have been enjoying the blessings of God. On December 28th, Jack Rosemeier was baptized. He is the son-in-law of Brother and Sister Belmonte of Corapolis, Pa. Brother Belmonte has now passed on to his reward, but Sister Belmonte was here to witness this joyous occasion. I have heard the Belmontes say many times they

would be so happy if only one of their children would come into the church. Now their joy is no doubt great, for on the following Sunday we baptized Elizabeth, their daughter, who also is the wife of Brother Jack

On this same Sunday, January 4th, Brother Dan and Sister Betty Yoder were baptized. They have been attending meetings for some time. On both of these Sundays it was very cold. When Brother Jack was baptized we had to cut thru ten inches of ice. On the following Sunday we used the same hole in the ice as it had not melted any. Anyone that is willing to go into these cold waters surely must want to serve God. I cannot help but think on the words of Alma when he said, "the word of God is like a seed," he goes on to say "try it" or in other words plant it in your heart and soon it will begin to swell within your breast and to enlarge your soul and to increase your understanding and then it will become delicious to you. No doubt our new brothers and sisters are witnessing this of which Alma spoke. We know in natural life a seed must be buried before it brings forth its fruit. Once it is buried it begins to swell within itself and soon the plant comes up and the roots go down to draw water and plant food and also to hold the plant firm in the time of storm. So it is in our spiritual lives, we must be buried beneath the waters and then shall this word of God begin to swell and our roots shall go down to keep us firm in the time of storm. Our plant shall rise so others might see what fruit we bring forth; as Jesus said, "We shall know the tree by its fruit."

May God bless our brothers and sisters everywhere. We extend cordial welcome to all; come and visit with us.

Brother Will Kunkel

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#### Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:

Thank God our lives have been spared to see the beginning of 1959. I have always thought this, as the years come and go. We will thank Him, for all that is past, and trust Him, for that which is to come. There were several of our brothers and sisters, who we dearly love, that started out with us last New Year, but are not with us now.

I am always reminded of the words of Christ, where He said, in Matt. 24:41-44, Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the good-man of the house, had known in what watch the thief would com, he would have watched, and would not have suffered, his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. In these days, when there is much going on, may God, always give us grace like Jesus, to be always about our Father's business, so that if He should call for us, at any time, we may be found as the wise virgins, with our lamps trimmed and burning, ready to go with Him, to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. I shall now depict some of the recent happenings in this part of the Vineyard.

On Sunday December 7th, while visiting at branch No. 3, Brother Silver Criscuolo read a portion of scripture found in Acts 5th chapter, 1st through the 20th verses, and gave a wonderful treatise, on the difference of speaking the truth, and telling a lie. He said, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free, but if we tell a lie, we may end up as Ananias and Sapphira who were struck down and died as result of this; there were others also, who spoke on this theme, and also what we could accomplish if we were in one accord, as were the apostles and others, in their day. On the 14th of Dec., I opened the service at Branch No. 2, speaking on the Birth of Christ, mentioning where we sing in one of our hymns, about our Loss of Eden to retrieve. Brother Joe Milanti followed me, everyone was so blessed, I told Brother Joe, truer words than I heard him speak, were never spoken. He spoke of the inseparable spirit of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and how they were rewarded for this Brotherliness, and powerful spirit of God.

On Sunday Dec. 21st, Brother Nick Pietrangelo gave a very nice talk on a portion of the 2nd chapter of Luke, noting what it takes to be accepted of God, so we could be visited by angels, and hear them tell us the glad tidings of the Birth of Him who is the Saviour of the world. That night also there was a wonderful program prepared by Sister Mary

Dichiera, Sister Jennie Pietrangelo, Brother Anthony Scolaro, Pianist:-Eugene Ammormino, and Barbara Pietrangelo, Choir Director, Frank Conti. There were many prizes awarded for merits, perfect attendance, highest scholastic attainments, and other things by Sister Mary Dichiera. All in all we were well entertained and appreciate it to the fullest extent.

On Christmas Eve Dec. 24th, Brother Concetto Alessandro was our main speaker, and we had a very nice service. On Sunday Dec. 28th, Brother and Sister Michaelangelo Gioia, my wife and I, on our way to Sarnia, stopped in Port Huron, where we found, a few of the humble followers of the Lord, serving God in spirit and in truth. Brother and Sister Brown, are not too well, and ask the saints everywhere to remember them in our prayers. The saints in Sarnia, wish to thank the Ladies Uplift Circle, for always remembering them at Christmas time, they felt that God, will abundantly repay those, who have been so considerate of them. We had a nice time indeed, in a little program, prepared by Sandra Maness, in which the following was done. Three friends sang Amazing Grace. Prayer for Christmas week, read by Brother Miller from the Gospel News. A group of children, sang Silent Night. Poem All Throgh The Year, read by Brother Miller, from Gospel News. Once in a lonely manger, sung by Brother and Sister Maness, Sister Gioia, and Sister Miller. Nephi's vision, many hundreds of years before the babe was born, read from the Gospel News, by Brother Miller. Hymn No. 300 was sung by all, and closed with prayer by Brother Arthur Maness. We also had a nice Service following the program which was enjoyed by all. Sister Jackson was in the hospital and wished to be prayed for by all brothers and sisters. Closed with prayer, by Sister Maness. After the service, gifts, were presented to all who were there, and gladly received. May God bless all brothers and sisters of the the Church, and give us all peace, and concord this year and throughout our lives, is the prayer of, Your Brother in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller

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## WE THANK THEE, LORD:

For Faith that sees amidst the stars  
Thy many-mansioned Heaven  
above,  
Where wait for us the loved ones  
gone,  
Beside the open Gates of Love.

For Hope that will not down or die  
Before this world, war-racked and torn,  
So sure are we that King shall reign  
Who as the Prince of Peace was born

For love that hovers day and night  
Above us, as on Angels wings,  
And drops into our laps as gifts  
The great imperishable things.

Contributed by  
Sister Hanna,  
Port Huron, Michigan

## Facts for You!

### RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

• The word Bible comes from the Greek noun *biblos* which means the inner bark of the papyrus plant—it was from the bark of this plant that the writing paper of ancient times was made. Therefore, the word came to mean "written paper" or book.

The plural, which came to mean "a collection of books," has given the name to the English Bible.

• The collection of books which we call the bible were produced over a period of 1,500 years.

• The writers of the books of the Bible were many different types of people, with different kinds of training and occupations.

Moses was the adopted son of the daughter of one of the greatest kings of his time: he was educated in one of the most highly civilised and cultured nations known in history. The Apostles, Peter and John, were humble, illiterate, fishermen. David was a king and a clever musician. Solomon was a powerful king, whose wealth and wisdom were talked of in many countries. Amos, the prophet, was a keeper of cattle. David was a royal birth and held a high post in the kingdom of Babylon. Paul was a very well-educated Pharisee. Matthew was a tax gatherer under the Roman Government. Luke was a doctor.

## What My Religion Means To Me:

### Serving God Brings Peace, Joy To Troubled Heart

by Mrs Wayne L. Greenwood  
Sunday school teacher, young people's class, the Church of Jesus Christ

To me, my religion means serving God at all times to the best of ability. It means letting others know that Christ lives within my heart by the things that I do and say. It means keeping the commandments of Christ that He has left for us in the holy scriptures.

I find a great joy and blessing in serving God. He brings peace to my heart when I am troubled, He comforts me when I am discouraged, and He heals me when I am sick. It is such a blessing to know that I can go to my Heavenly Father in prayer and that He cares enough to hear and answer my simplest prayers.

There are so many things that God does for me that I can never thank Him enough. The only way that I can show my appreciation is to live a life so that others might find Christ through me and that they too might have the joy of sins forgiven and that they might know the pleasure of serving a living Saviour, for there is no pleasure in this life that can equal that of serving God and doing His will.

I believe we must diligently search the scriptures and have daily communion with God in prayer so that we might grow in knowledge and in the love of God, for without the love of God, my religion would be useless.

A scripture that I like to use as a guide for my life is found in Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

P. S. Mrs Greenwood is a recently baptized member of the Church in California, and the above testimony appeared in one of the papers out there. (WHC)

P. P. S. A wonderful example of 'getting the name' of the Church around.' (GLF)

## BROTHER FRANK WOOLEY ARRIVES IN ITALY

Brother Wooley left Youngstown, Ohio airport on Dec. 16th, 1958 for Italy. From Youngstown he flew to Newark, N. J., from there to the Idlewild International airport in New York by helicopter. The following day he arrived in Rome. After spending the night as a guest of the Italian Air Lines in a hotel in Rome, the following day he was flown to Reggio, Calabria airport, where Brother Todaro and a group of our Italian saints met him. Already he has done some important work in correcting some church work there. May the Lord be with Brother Wooley.

Editor

## NEW IDEAS

On the subject of human nature, someone once said that men have always been suspicious of, and almost always do well, when they reject new ideas; because for every good idea there are a hundred bad ones. Men love the tried, the trustworthy, the old familiar things. This is particularly true of the conservative, who is dedicated to the preservation of things as they are, and who stubbornly resists the normal processes of change and growth. The liberal on the other hand, believes in such moderate changes as the times demand. The true liberal proceeds with an open mind and a cautious hand; an open hand and a cautious mind. If the liberal at times seems to run too fast, the conservative will figuratively take hold of his coat tails and slow him down.

Jesus of course understood man's suspicion and distrust of new ideas, and that the general mass of men always made the fatal mistake of rejecting the one good idea along with the hundred bad ones. He warned the ultra-conservative Jews of His day of the folly and subsequent miseries that would attend their rejection of His gospel. Said He: "Give not that which is Holy unto the dogs (Gentiles), neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." That the swine and dogs were pagan Gentiles is sub-

stantiated by Jesus' reply to the Gentile woman who begged Him to cast the devil out of her daughter. "But He answered and said, it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to the dogs."

The Jews, alas, did not heed Jesus warning. The gospel went to the Gentiles, where the vicious work of getting rid of a new idea started all over again.

If men cannot get rid of a new idea any other way, they will try to make it as harmless as possible by absorbing it into what already exists. The gospel of Christ was a power to be reckoned with. It persisted; hence paganism absorbed it, thus producing the Catholic power and the dark ages. The Gentiles did trample the gospel of Christ under their feet until the Church was quite dead. From the time of the placing of the Abomination of Desolation (A. D. 560), until this year of our Lord 1959, fallen, corrupted, adulterated Christianity has never ceased to rend, to persecute, to murder the Jew. Alas for that tendency in both Jew and Gentile to reject new ideas.

The rejection of new ideas neither began nor ended with the early Christian era. Jesus asked the Jews "Which one of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute?" Righteous men and women since the world began have given their lives as sacrifice on the altar of change and growth. We do not wonder that Joseph Smith, who was used instrumentally to bring to pass the Restoration of the gospel, in 1830, should have met a similar fate. Cruelly murdered in 1844, his name until this very day is a hiss and a by-word among those who abhor and resist new ideas.

The Book of Mormon teaches us that those who seek to destroy the Choice Seer will be confounded. It is interesting to note that the future of mankind is made brighter with the promise that those who resist and oppose the processes of growth will invite the wrath and the rebuke of the heavens.

We sometimes wonder when men will learn that to grow much is to change much. How much we have changed is the only yard stick with which to measure our growth. It is through the medium of the divinely created law of change and growth that we are able to rise to all the life of God.

James Curry

## FLORIDA NEWS

First Counselor Thurman S. Furnier, Sister Furnier and Sister Delvia Lowther visited the saints in the state of Florida. This group arrived in West Palm Beach Dec. 23, 1958, the saints of Florida were very happy to see them again, having spent some time with them in the state of New Jersey, and some in the state of Pa. and having enjoyed their visit and the wonderful words of life given to us by Brother Furnier and also the testimony of the sisters.

Therefore we know that there was something good for our souls in store for us.

We all enjoyed a weeks meetings, Bro. Furnier explaining his charts. The meetings were well attended with much interest given by the saints. Brother Furnier taught us many interesting things which the saints should know, especially about the falling away and restoration, and helped us with our problems. He was also present at the purchase of one acre of land for the erection of our church building in the future.

This group also helped in the work of the Lord which started in Fort Pierce where Brother Patsy Rogolino and family are living. We had two baptisms in that city. They attended all the meetings here in West Palm Beach and we were always desirous to hear him, he always had something interesting for us to hear from the Bible and Book of Mormon and the literature of the church.

They spent 49 days with us, we were getting so used to them that it seemed that they were a part of us. But as all good things come to an end the day of their departure came for them to return to their homes, and we pray to God that they will have a safe trip home. Which leaves us with a hope and a prayer that they will return soon.

Your Brother in Christ  
Gabriel Mazzeo

## FROM WEST VIRGINIA . . .

Church of Jesus Christ:

I'm writing concerning the "Saints Hymnal" of The Church of Jesus Christ. I have seen the songbook and would like to have one of my own.

The book was compiled by V. James Loyalvo, Clifford A. Burgess and Sadie B. Cadman. On the inside is a picture of W. H. Cadman.

Is there anyway that I could get

one? It is the nicest songbook I have ever seen. Do you sell them to outsiders? If you don't, maybe some one in your congregation has an extra copy that I could buy. The copy I now have is borrowed and I have had such great pleasure in using it at the piano.

Can you please obtain a copy for me? I thank you for your trouble.

Yours truly, Signed—

Dear Madam, In behalf of the Church, I thank you very much for your complimentary letter.

Sincerely, W. H. Cadman

## An Annual Retreat of Ministers

On February 16th I spent the day or part of it with the Monongahela Ministerial Association in their annual "retreat" at Ghenny's Restaurant on the highway back of Charleroi, Pa. The Association has been extending me an invitation to meet with them for about five years, and I always enjoy the occasion. It is interesting to me to gather with those that do, and hear the various views and the thoughts expressed by professing Ministers relative to the righteousness of God's kingdom on the earth. There is no arguing on the things that arise, but a brotherly and friendly attitude generally prevails.

The restaurant is closed to the public on Mondays, but is open on Sundays. Rev. David Wilson of the United Presbyterian church in Donora, Pa., gave a short introductory discourse and prayer from about 11:30 till 12 noon, after which we were set down to a good dinner. The table was surrounded by 14 Ministers and a hearty meal was relished by us.

At the conclusion of our dinner we just kept our places at the table while Rev. Fred Servier of the Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian church delivered a discourse on the "Relationship of the Minister" to his congregation and then a general discussion lasted for a couple of hours. Personally, I did not take much part in the discussion, but was asked about our teaching in some things that arose.

While it is known that I am a believer in the Book of Mormon, and who are commonly referred to as Latter Day Saints or Mormons, yet I am treated with all due respect by the Ministers on these occasions.

(Editor)



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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Dear Readers,

I wish to convey my thoughts as follows: I made a trip to Africa in 1954 with Brother Bittinger, with no other object than to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a people who had written to us, and who were almost begging for missionary workers to come over and preach to them. They had been praying to that end, that the Lord would send some one to them. Later, they found in a magazine the name of The Church of Jesus Christ, and after some correspondence the Church sent us over, and those native Africans regarded this as answer to their prayers.

I believe we enjoyed as good liberty in preaching the Gospel in Nigeria as we have enjoyed elsewhere. I believe Brother Bittinger will bear me out in that statement. The trip has had an effect on me in another way of which I am particularly wrapped up in "thought". It has prompted me to write as I now do, that is—I have seen the plight of the human family as I never have seen before, yea our Heavenly Father's children, who like us, are the offspring of those whom He created in His own image and glory, and of His Son Jesus Christ, even your family and mine. God the creator is not partial—**He surely loves all His creatures.** Some of us live so luxuriously and so gorgeously in mansions of our day that we are very complacent, while so many others are in destitute conditions. The material blessings of the day might easily prove detrimental to our souls.

I am in possession of an article written by Brother P. Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y., (I hope it will be printed in this same issue), which should move any person who claims the authority of preaching the Restored Gospel of Christ. I do not mean to your next door neighbors only but to all nations of people as heralded by the angel that flew through the midst of heaven in Rev. 14.

What might be called the final words of Him who triumphed over death was to go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to **all creatures**, not only our neighbors or adjoining towns. It is applicable to the destitute and the poor of this world. (Take note of the article, "What Can I do?") I often think of the words of the Saviour to John's disciples—tell him the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Immediately following the visits of the Saviour

on this land, His disciples apparently lost no time in carrying out the command of their Master in preaching the gospel, for it was only a short time until it was heaven on earth to be among them—no poor, no rich—the result of preaching the simplicity of the gospel, and not contending about the status of God and His Son Jesus Christ. The words of Jesus where He says: "He was with the Father from the beginning", or before the foundation of the world, should be sufficient for any minister who claims to be interested in the salvation of **all** of God's creatures who are so low in the valley of sin and degeneration. It is wonderful the many missionaries who are sacrificing their **all**, even their lives in many cases, in order to rescue struggling humanity in our day. May God bless the good of all men, for I read that he who gives a cup of cold water shall not loose his reward. Praise be to God, for He takes care of the sparrows as well as those who were created in His own image and glory. Yea, we have reached the day when men and women of all faiths are giving their **all**, even their own lives to help the down-trodden of today. Our folks in Nigeria are lamenting the fact that they have been left without a shepherd. Too many mortals, might I say Ministers contending about the Godhead and other things which do not nourish the soul, causing contention and strife, which the Saviour says is of the **devil**. (Read the 11th chapter of third Nephi.)

I say without fear of contradiction that the Gospel was restored for the saving of the **souls** among all peoples, and we do not have to go very far to find the down-trodden. The Bible and Book of Mormon declares that Jesus Christ was from the **beginning**, and such is the recorded faith of The Church of Jesus Christ. In the forepart of this writing, I referred to my "thought" which has prompted me to write as I am. How can we remain so complacent amidst the destitute conditions that are in this world? I think of the saying attributed to Abraham Lincoln—"God must of loved the poor, because He made so many of them." And Jesus says blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of God.

I will conclude with a verse of scripture found in Corinthians 8:9. "For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was **rich**, yet for your sakes He became **poor**, that ye through His **poverty** might be **rich**." May I ask, when was Jesus Christ rich? It is written that He had not where to lay His head while here in a tabernacle of clay. May I ask again when or where was He rich? I'll answer—it could not have been anywhere unless it was before He was born of the Virgin. Yea, He was rich in the Mansions of His Father and was robed in Glory. He says in my Father's house there are many mansions—if it were not so I would have told you—I go to prepare a place for you.

I read that the meek will inherit the earth, they shall sit under their own vine and fig tree, they shall build houses and inhabit them. Yea, what wonderful things await the people of God while yet on the earth—the blessings spoken of by the prophets of old. Yea, Jesus was rich, for Paul says He became poor. Therefore the Gospel must be preached and obeyed in order to enjoy its riches here as well as to enjoy them over there.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

## (Part One of Two Parts)

This soul-searching question, when sincerely analyzed and thought thru, can motivate countless thousands to worthy lasting objectives.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, one of the most outstanding missionaries of our time, and of whom John Gunther writes, "A great man—one of the greatest of this or anytime. He is lofty, too manifold to grasp easily—a universal man as Leo Leonardo De Vinci and Goethe were universal men."

Aside from being very outstanding in many careers, Dr. Schweitzer is an expert carpenter, mason, veterinarian, boat builder, dentist, draftsman, mechanic, pharmacist, and gardner. A universal man indeed!

After three different careers in philosophy, theology, and music—and every indication of becoming most successful in many endeavors; he turned his back on success, fame, and riches; and obeyed the deepest promptings of his soul. Albert Schweitzer felt that he had to give something in return for the happiness he enjoyed. He was tired of talk and wanted action. After a full life of studies, he devoted seven more years to prepare himself for his ultimate objective—missionary doctor in the village of Lambarene, in Equatorial Africa.

He was determined that his energies and his precious time would be dedicated to alleviate human suffering as well as illuminating the souls of men. The life and the teachings of Jesus had profound meaning for this great missionary.

Dr. Schweitzer is one of very few men, who has discovered the magnetic all-embracing compassion of Jesus to such an extent, that Dr. Schweitzer radiates reverence for all living things.

Dr. Schweitzer at present is dedicating his entire life to a people who could give very little in return. In one of the remotest parts of Africa, this outstanding missionary is laboring under the most taxing conditions that could confront a human being. Some of these hardships are: very intense heat, incessant dampness—rusting most metals, termites, extremely primitive methods, and finally a people deeply rooted in superstition and physical inertia. These people at first resisted every effort to improve their conditions. Yet this great missionary had to literally move mountains of fear in his unbending determination,

faith, and courage in order to lift this benighted people out of their gross darkness, so that he could bring new hope in their lives and see a new light come into their eyes.

As a minister, doctor, teacher, farmer, carpenter, etc., Schweitzer administered unselfishly to all the needs of these very obscure and truly destitute people. Most men who would have seen the initial realistic odds in attempting to work with the people in Lambarene with its intense physical hardships, would have given up the effort as a lost and hopeless cause. Schweitzer, however, saw these people thru the eyes and heart of Jesus. This true missionary saw these illiterate and deeply superstitious people as the creatures of God who stood in vital need of being healed, fed, enlightened, and saved. He had full realization of the tremendous task which was before him; but he was determined that he was going to do something to help this people.

Schweitzer's life and example has affected thousands of men and women to likewise dedicate their lives similarly in missionary endeavors, for the under-privileged, exploited and illiterate peoples all throughout the world.

From his book "The World Is Learning Compassion" Frank C. Laubach, writes the following: "Missionaries went forth because they had a burden for saving souls; this impelled them to undergo great hardships and danger, and sometimes intolerable privations. They had not been trained for the technical problems which they met on mission fields. But when they arrived and were confronted at their mission posts with widespread privation and suffering, they were compelled to revise their programs in an attempt to do something to alleviate this suffering, and when they returned to America, many of them attended technical colleges and took special training in agriculture, village industry, sanitation, teaching, medical and nursing technicians.

Their compassion demanded that they do something about meeting such material needs. The early missionaries discovered that in most cases they could not reach people's souls unless they ministered to their bodies, feeding the hungry and healing the sick. A missionary, facing a crowd of starving people with sick bodies, would be foolish to speak about their souls until he had satisfied their gnawing stomachs and also

brought relief to their bodies which were racked with pain.

Patsy Marinetti

## THE HEAVENLY RING

This ring we form with heart sincere  
That all the Saints of Christ draw near  
To hear the sound which Angels bring  
Salvation thru our Heavenly King.

Oh! May our hearts be satisfied  
That we may stand at His right side  
Accept the truth that we may share  
Eternal joy with Christ up there.

The Angels, too, we know do share  
The heavenly ring they form up there  
To sing aloud the Saviour's praise  
Oh! Blissful hope of endless days.  
By Sister Anna Carlini

Cigaret Sale In U. S. Soars . .  
WASHINGTON, DEC. 28—The Government estimated today that Americans spent about \$5½ billion on cigarets this year. This was 6.75 per cent more than in 1957.

Cigaret production rose to a new record high of about \$462 billion—4.4 per cent more than in 1957 and nine per cent more than in 1956.

Total expenditures for all tobacco products was estimated at \$6,450,000,000.

The agency estimated cigarette manufacturers spend more than \$125 million dollars annually on advertising in all media—around 2.3 per cent of the amount spent on cigarets.

P. S. That's a lot of money going up in smoke. (GLF)

Dearborn, Michigan  
7925 Pinehurst

Dear Brother Cadman,

I, Brother Biagio Scarsella and family wish to express our appreciation through the Gospel News to all the brothers and sisters for their kind words of sympathy both in cards, flowers and otherwise that was extended during the sickness and the passing away of my wife, Sister Mary Scarsella.

Sincerely,  
Brother Biagio Scarsella

## Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

Man is not a hero by nature but heroics have been a characteristic of the human race since time began. The annals of wars are studded with countless stellar acts of men giving their lives to save lives of others. Sometimes these efforts were successful and fame (or a post-humous medal) was the reward, but just as often the result was failure and oblivion for the rescuer and would-be rescued.

Fortunately, the thought of reward or the fear of failure never enters the mind of a hero in the making. Hesitancy to consider the odds would mean almost certain failure. It is the inner drive of self-sacrifice that causes a man, or woman, to save others and not save themselves. And every level of society has its heroes, just as does every moment in history—peace or war.

It was a very rich man, John Jacob Astor, that gave up his place in a lifeboat as the Titanic was sinking. All his life he had worked to amass fame and a gigantic fortune. He quietly kissed his wife good-bye and stepped aside that someone else might take his place and live.

More recently, and less pretensionally, a man offered his eyes that another might see. When it was announced that Billy Graham was having a bit of eye trouble, letters of condolence poured in. One man in North Carolina sent word that he was prepared to give both his good eyes to Mr. Graham if they could be of use to him in carrying on his evangelical work.

Such acts of heroic self-sacrifice span the whole social scale. On the one hand one of the world's richest men relinquishes his place that someone lower on the social ladder might live; and on the other hand an ordinary person among the millions would give his most valuable bodily possession, his eyes, that another may go on preaching the Word. It causes us to ask ourselves a question: would WE so readily perish in the cold waters of the north Atlantic, or live the rest of our lives in darkness, that others might go on?

When we think about such things it gives real meaning to Jesus' words when he said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On these words we can ponder deeply, but he spake some

others that give the explanation. In John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Over the howls of definitions of the word 'friend' I will submit the true interpretation. Astor never knew the woman who took his place in the lifeboat and the man in North Carolina never met Graham, but they applied Jesus' words correctly. They said: "My friend is he for whom I lay down my life."

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I personally am not one to condone the ordaining of woman ministers, but one such ordination took place recently that is of double significance. The move was within the ranks of the Unitarian denomination. The recipient, Mrs. Sophia Lyon Fahs, is presently eighty-two years old and has been active in church work for sixty years.

Admittedly the office was bestowed as recognition. Anyone who would denounce the move as perfunctory will do well to examine Mrs. Fahs' record. She truly rises above the occasion. She developed a new area of ministry—the ministry of children. In her lifetime she has held many positions of editor and instructor. All told, she has been the author or co-author of more than forty books.

In the face of such an outstanding record it is hard to say she should not have been ordained. This is the first woman to be so honored in the American Unitarian Organization. With her lifetime of dedication as qualification, it is understandable they had little choice. Many men of religion would do well to think on Mrs. Fahs when they become smug in self-confidence.

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And woman will play an ever increasing role in another sphere of human influence, we are told. The liquor industry has announced it will no longer abide by its self-imposed rule of not using women in advertising. This comes in the wake of the fact that liquor consumption per capita has fallen in recent years.

Recognizing that girls in smoking ads have led countless millions down the road to nicotineism, the booze peddlers are deter-

mined to increase their sales by the same technique. There is little doubt they will be very successful. A pretty face can sell many "coffin nails" and "hookers." The liquor executives try to cover over by showing the hundreds of hospitals built from booze tax money. Hospitals are much needed, to care for the increasing cases of lung cancer and never-to-return alcoholics.

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### THROUGH FAITH IN GOD

Through faith in God,  
The records of the Nephites which  
were for  
So many years sealed,  
Were unto Joseph Smith revealed.

Through faith in God,  
a serpent was made of Moses' rod.

Through faith in God,  
The many lame were caused to walk,  
and the speechless were able to talk.

Through faith in God,  
these who have been blind spiritually,  
will someday receive the light eternally.

by Sister Lydia Perri

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### Word Study, continued—

#### "CHURCH"

The word church is not found in the Old Testament, not even once, however in the New Testament it appears eighty times. It was used three times by our Lord, and seventy seven times by the apostles. Today it is used frequently; sometimes rightly, and many times because of unright spiritual conditions existing today, unrightly.

Webster's dictionary gives several definitions, namely: the Lord's house, a building for public worship, Christians collectively, a body of believers of the same creed, a denomination, any body of believers. A dictionary generally reports or gives a definition of a word according to its use. Many times the meaning is different from the original, and often the difference is such that there is no resemblance left of the original. In the case of this word, the original has been kept, however along with this there have been additions.

One of these that comes to my mind is the applying of this word to the "Lord's" house, or a building, as is our custom today. However nowhere in the New Testament is a building or the Lord's house called a church. This, our custom, is not a wrong, but undoubtedly right and very appropriate. There are though people today who do not believe in assembling in "church" buildings. Their belief stems from the fact that the New Testament has no reference to the Christians of the apostolic time assembling in "church" buildings. Their theory is based on a matter which is unrecorded in the Bible, a matter which we believe to be factual according to history. The scriptures themselves tell us that they gathered in homes, and in buildings; what the buildings were called, or what the shape of the buildings was seems trivial and immaterial. To me a building with four walls and a roof is satisfactory if the spiritual body is there. The body of true believers, filled with God's spirit and God's love is the important thing. This same group that once frowned upon meeting in "church" buildings, who had previously met only in homes and storerooms and halls, etc., now are building their own buildings which look like a storeroom. True they do not resemble contemporary church buildings, however they have four walls and a roof same as any other church building. A change has come unto them. A change must come unto them for they have not the true Gospel. A change and changes must come unto one and all that are not in the true body of believers, the body which is in possession of the true teachings or true Gospel. In it is found the Godly attribute of being the same yesterday, today and forever. We might say that the most primary thing is not what kind of a building we worship in, but in what kind of a spirit; and what kind of teachings we are receiving. Let us consider now a little about the importance of the kind of teachings we receive.

Of course everyone should realize that the doctrine of Christ is based upon TRUTH. "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:14. "God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24. "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" John 8:32 Truth then sets us free and places us upon the right road; headed in the right direction. Truth en-

lightens us and leads us to much blessedness. Truth gathers, untruth scatters. Truth brings accord, untruth brings discord. What is more needful today in religion than unity, for believers to be of one mind and one accord? For we know that God delights in seeing His people "of one mind, and of one accord." Yes He truly delights in seeing His people in such a state, and we do know verily that the greatest blessing that ever befell believers of Jesus Christ was the outpouring of God's spirit on the day of Pentecost. We believe that God will in our day and time repeat such a great thing and even more, when multitudes will be conditioned to accept the whole truth as it is in Jesus Christ. When this takes place, then there will be but one body of believers, not many as we see today but just one. There will be just one faith, just one denomination, not many as today.

The Bible teaches me that the church is spoken of as a body. The writers of the apostolic era could write about the believers as being a body, for it was then only one body. Today, as has been mentioned there are many bodies, consequently the spiritual leaders of our day and time refer to all of Christianity as a tree, with its many branches. They are all trying to shapen the Gospel to fit conditions, instead of trying to shapen conditions to fit the requirements of Christ's law. Christ spoke of His church as being a body with many members, he being the head. In a body there is such a thing as coordination and cooperation, which things are essential. In a tree no such functions exist. It has as we know no head and nothing that we could call members. It in this respect differs from what existed originally. The conditions that are today, may be tolerable in the sight of the Lord, but I believe it will not be so, much longer. This then is our declaration to the world, and along with this we give the invitation to accept the ways of God in truth. Come and accept the full truth and not just a part, and you will then become a member of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. You will in this way hasten that oneness which God desires of professing individuals. You will then be a witness for him; a true witness as we might say, declaring the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Lastly we might include a rhyme that the poet penned, that undoubtedly is very

good for all of us:

"He who builds a church within  
his heart,  
And takes it with him every-  
where,  
Is holier by far than he whose  
church  
Is but a one day house of prayer."

Brother Martin Michalko  
McKees Rocks Branch

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## OBITUARIES

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### LLOYD COWAN

#### Monongahela, Pennsylvania

Brother Lloyd Cowan died on February 14th, 1959 at the Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. He was the oldest son of the late Brother and Sister J. C. Cowan of Monongahela. He was born on April 23rd, 1899—was a little short of being sixty years old at time of death.

On Sept. 11, 1923 he was married to Florence Shultz who passed on in June of 1954. To this union three children were born—Thelma Palko, Betty Swindell and Lloyd N. Cowan, all survive.

In 1955 (July) Lloyd married Mrs. Frances Rupert Miller and to this union he was given two step-daughters and one step son. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Brother and Sister Cowan were baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ in June of 1957 and were very attentive to the church until Brother Lloyd's health began to fail him. He was confined to his home for several months, and was taken to the hospital the second day before he passed on. He seemed to enjoy himself in the church. His devoted wife Frances along with Lloyd entertained hope until the last that he would be spared. However, the Lord who does all things well, has taken him on. May the Lord bless Frances and all that are near and dear by the ties of nature.

The services were in charge of Brother Teman Cherry, assisted by Brother W. H. Cadman.

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### First Nephi, 14:9—

#### IN THE VISION OF NEPHI

And it came to pass that he (the angel) said unto me: Look, and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose founder is the devil. And he said unto me: Behold there are save two churches

only: the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil: wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations: and she is the whore of all the earth. And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters: and she had dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people. And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who sat upon many waters: nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth: and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw.

The following verse (13) shows that the mother of abominations gathered multitudes together among all the nations, to fight against the Lamb of God. Verse 14 shows that the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord (the House of Israel) who are scattered upon all the face of the earth and the saints and the covenant people are armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory. And there began to be wars and rumors of war among all the nations. The wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, the great abominable church, the church that has dominion among all nations of people—yea, I might say, She has had her day and the wrath of God will be poured out upon her, who is styled the "mother of harlots" because of her wickedness, and whose foundation is the devil.

In Revelations, 17th chapter, I read of a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness in HER fornication. The name MYSTERY written on her forehead, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

The woman was drunken with the blood of the saints, (it does not say she is drunken with the blood of Christians) but with the blood of the saints and of the martyrs of Jesus. This reminds me of the vision of Nephi in which he says the great and abominable church makes war

with the saints (not the Christians and the covenant people of God (Israel)). Just think, a power presented to us as a woman, drunk with the saint's blood, and her cup full of filthiness of her fornication. The woman sitteth on seven mountains, and, the waters where the woman (whore) sitteth are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues, and the ten horns which was upon the beast that carried the woman, shall hate the whore (the woman which was so drunken with the saint's blood) and shall make her desolate and burn her with fire.

Verse 14 of Rev. 17th chapter, shows that the war that is made against the Lamb (Jesus Christ) by that evil power meets defeat—for He (the Lamb) shall overcome them. For He is Lord of Lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him (the humble followers of the Lord Jesus Christ) are called, and chosen, and faithful. The woman is that great city (Rome) which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Nephi in his vision sees that the pit that was digged by that great and abominable church and which was founded by the devil and his children shall be filled by those who digged it. The Saints of God should be courageous and rejoice in the fact, that the Lamb of God, and His Church and faithful servants will be victorious in the great struggle that is yet future. The two witnesses—Bible and Book of Mormon, give the same testimony. Editor

#### Sodom Area and The Dead Sea

One of the hottest and most forbidding areas of the world is to be found at the southern end of the Dead Sea, the site of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah. The mountains of salt and the nearby cave of David, where he and his men may have stopped in their flight from King Saul, conjure up vivid scenes of the Biblical past.

Today a modern asphalt road, traversing a bad-lands area reminiscent of South Dakota, connects Sodom and Beersheba. Trucks carry out potash which has been extracted by a modern plant. While the sea has always been referred to as "dead" the vital materials being extracted are producing potash fertilizers which are making it possible for Israel to reclaim thousands of acres of wasted land. Paradoxically, the Dead Sea is thus giving life to barren lands. (From the Jewish Hope)

## - W E D D I N G S -

### Perlioniis - Cadiou

Mr James Cadiou, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cadiou of Mentor, Ohio and Carole Perlioniis, the daughter of Brother and Sister August Perlioniis, were united in marriage on Nov. 13, 1958 in the East Side Church (Cleveland) with Brother Rocco Biscotti Officiating. Carol and Robert Dennis attended the couple.

The ceremony took place at 7:00 p. m. in a beautiful candle-light service. A reception was held at Karl Brown's Colonial Inn. We wish for Brother Jim and Sister Carole, God's richest blessings all throughout their lives together.

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### Faragasso - Rusnak

On Saturday, October 25, 1958, Joan Rusnak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rusnak, and Nicholas Faragasso, son of Sister Philomonia Farragasso and the late Brother Nicholas Faragasso were united in marriage.

Brother Paul Benyola officiated at the ceremony, which took place in The Church of Jesus Christ, New Brunswick Branch, N. J.

Rose Marie Rusnak, Sister of the bride was maid of honor and Robert Stemming was the best man. Brother Richard Benyola and Sister Mary Feher, presented the music.

The newly weds are now residing with Sister Faragasso in New Brunswick, New Jersey. May God's richest blessings be upon them both.

### "Dispensational Comments"

"Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook his raiment and said unto them, your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles." No doubt most of us are very well acquainted with Acts. 10th chapter, and how the Lord used Peter to open the door of salvation to the household of Cornelius, as Peter was speaking unto them, "The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." The Jews, and probably

a scattered few of the other tribes of Israel, that remained in Palestine, were about to loose what they considered the exclusive right to be the heirs, or the people of God. It is true that from the time of Abraham, until Peter's preaching to Cornelius, they had been a chosen people of the Lord, but their rejection of Jesus Christ doomed them to dispersion to every nation on earth. They, who had been the head was now become the tail. Christ was their stumbling block that resulted in their ultimate fall. Paul says, through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. "That blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentile be come in." It is obvious that the vast majority of the New Testament Church were Gentiles. For over nineteen hundred years now the Gentiles have had their opportunity for to worship and serve God. As we look back over this period of time it has been the dispensation of the Gentiles, what has been their accomplishments? In looking at the over-all achievements, I believe we will have to admit they have been a failure. I am not loosing sight of the fact that many souls will be saved in the kingdom of God, those who have served God faithfully will not loose their reward.

Under Gentile dispensation has been twelve hundred and sixty years of dark ages throughout the whole world, without spiritual light. And some of the most ruthless and terrible persecution of the servants of God that has ever been known. There has been war after war, and nation against nation all claiming to be Christians, slaughtering each other by the millions one seeking to gain the advantages over the other. All these are contrary to the teaching of Christ as any person with enough education and intelligence to read the scripture can easily see, and understand. Today many nations call themselves Christian, yet there is practically no restraint on evil, or on the violating of God's laws and commandments. America is no exception, we see sin everywhere, in high places as well as low, crimes of all kinds. If God was to weigh this nation in a balance of good or evil, what do you think the result would be? I will let you answer for yourself. Intolerance is rampant among religious faiths, races and nations. Apostle Paul said in Acts 17:24-26, "God that made the world and all

things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth." "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." These are only a few of the many evils existing and it is speedily getting worse. Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducer shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." The Gentiles can hardly point to the Abraham's posterity as failing in their endeavor to establish an enduring righteous kingdom, without condemning as well themselves for the same failure. There are those who claim that "the people of the United States, Canada, England" and certain western European countries are the lost tribes of Israel, while Germany and certain other countries are the Gentiles. I don't believe the Bible substantiates this theory, and the Book of Mormon absolutely refutes this teaching. Nephi says, "That the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land; and by them shall our seed be scattered." (The Indian people.)

America has become the melting pot of the world, people from every nation on earth has come here to make their home, many have not retained their national identity very long. Through assimilation many of us today may not know if our fore-parents were English, or French or perhaps German, or some other nationality, it appears very strange to me how this nation of people can be termed as Israel. The Jews have not lost their identity though they have been scattered throughout the world, they have been preserved by God that they may be brought back to his fold and favor in these latter days.

The scripture abounds with prophecy showing that when the fulness of the Gentiles has come, then God will send hunters and fishers out to gather them out of all the places where they have been driven, they will again become His people, and He will be their God. When all Israel has been gathered, to the lands of their inheritance, and they have accepted Christ as their Saviour, then will come that kingdom that God's people have long and earnestly prayed for, where God's will, will be done on earth as in heaven.

Joseph Bittinger

## THE VICTORY OF FAITH

by

Cathrine Poma

### Part One

Sometimes we question what the Lord has promised us and then, We lose whatever faith we had, much to our great chagrin.

1

I walked along a narrow lane,  
Fresh with the newly fallen rain,  
pon my lips there was a song,  
Because I knew God came along,  
The dark of night could hold no fear,  
For Christ, my Lord, was near.

2

I looked across the foaming seas,  
And fell upon my humble knees;  
I felt the ocean sprays caress  
Upon my face, and then I'd bless  
This God, who gave so much to me,  
And loved me, tenderly.

3

I heard the leafy tree-tops sigh,  
And knew that God was passing by;  
The sands upon the wind-swept shore,  
Gave evidence of Him, but more  
Than that, the brilliant star-lit skies,  
Said, 'Gods' in Paradise!

4

The white-capped mountains  
majesty  
With greatest awe inspired me;  
The fertile valleys down below,  
So filled with things He caused to grow,  
Gave me a sense of peace and love,  
That came from God, above.

5

Where ere I went, He followed me,  
And filled my life with ecstasy,  
I saw His image in a rose,  
In lovely poetry, or prose,  
Each masterpiece I viewed, with love,  
Was touched by Him, above—

6

All this, He gave to me, and more,  
And, what He had for me in store,  
Was greater than my eyes could see,  
For Paradise, He promised me,  
If I proved faithful, to the end,  
And to His will, I'd bend.

### Part Two

7

But, then, one day, I looked around,  
And saw such sadness to astound,  
The anguish and the deep despair,  
The tragic faces, everywhere,  
I said aloud, I cannot see  
How God could let this be!



8  
A father taken from his home,  
A foolish mother free to roam,  
Abandoning a helpless child  
To struggle in a world gone wild,  
While other mother's voices  
shrilled,  
Because their sons were killed.

9  
Yes, everywhere I looked, I saw  
That man had broken every law;  
Why didn't God foresee it all,  
And with His mighty arm forestall  
The many evils all around,  
And so, let joy abound?

10  
And then, the tears fell fast and  
free,  
For all at once, I could not see  
How it was possible that God  
Could be in heaven, and just not  
In acquiescence, while the Earth  
Was void, of any mirth.

11  
I reasoned long, and then I  
thought:  
Have all things that I've been  
taught  
About a God, been just a lie?  
Is He in heaven and will I  
Ever attain to Paradise;  
Or, are they lies, all lies?

12  
And, as I said these words again,  
Their echo made a sad refrain,  
While Satan shot the mortal dart,  
That killed the hope within my  
heart,  
And, oh, the bitter tears I shed  
Because my faith was dead!

13  
Each day, the sun shone warm  
and bright,  
And gave me comfort, with its  
light,  
But when the shades of night were  
drawn,  
Both peace of heart and mind  
were gone,  
The fear that came upon my soul  
Took such a heavy toll.

14  
I yearned to be consoled, at peace,  
The longing deep within, to cease,  
A hollow feeling made me ill,  
And I could not control my will,  
My thoughts were vague, my mind  
was dense,  
My nerves were taut and tense.

15  
I wanted life to hurry by,  
And yet, I was afraid to die;  
Still, tho' my mind was steeped  
in sin,  
The Spirit, God had placed within,  
Fought with an energy Divine,  
To make Salvation, mine.

### Part Three

16  
So, do you think He let me go,  
A fallen creature, here below?  
True, I had judged my Lord in  
vain,

In manner vile and so profane,  
But years before, He gave His  
Son  
So that I might be won.

17  
As fitfully, one night I slept,  
Into my aching heart, He crept,  
He whispered, 'Child, although you  
doubt,  
You cannot leave me long without,  
You've manufactured all your  
fears,  
So wipe away your tears.

18  
You must have faith, and question  
not,  
Much as you did, when just a tot;  
Stir up that mind that questions  
me,  
And we shall see what we shall  
see,  
Come, little one, so tempest tossed,  
We'll find the faith you've lost.

19  
Do you remember, years gone by,  
You were awakened by a cry,  
Your little one fought for her  
breath,  
You feared she'd suffocate to death  
So, in the middle of the night,  
You called upon My Might?

20  
Then, as you knelt beside her bed,  
I heard the prayer that you said;  
She turned around and went to  
sleep,  
You whispered, 'Thank you, Lord,  
I'll keep  
This knowledge fresh within my  
mind,  
That You've been good and kind.'

21  
And then, there was another time,  
While you were in your youthful  
prime,  
Still, an affliction troubled you,  
That limited what you could do,  
Until you turned to Me, one day,  
And then, it went away?

22  
Stir up that sluggish memory,  
Back to the day, when wearily,  
You cried out 'Lord, I can't go on,  
My strength and courage, both are  
gone,  
And then, you heard a Voice that  
said,  
'Courage', and weakness fled?

23  
Refresh your memory and search  
Back to the day, gone by, in  
church,  
My Spirit fell upon you there,  
While you were sitting in your  
chair,  
Filled you with ecstasy, Divine,  
And then... I made you Mine?

24  
And on, and on, and on He spoke,  
Until the moment I awoke,  
And realized the foolishness,  
Of what I'd done, and did confess  
That I had erred, and in great  
shame  
Once more, the tear drops came.

25  
But, as they trickled down my  
cheek,  
I felt no longer sad and weak,  
For, in my heart there surged once  
more,  
The faith and hope, I'd had  
before,  
And like a fountain's cleansing  
spraw,  
They washed my guilt away.

26  
And so, I bowed my head, and  
prayed,  
I'll never doubt, nor be dismayed,  
If Thou wilt give one thing to me,  
Tho, as a mustard seed, it be,  
For now, I know, I cannot live  
Without the Faith, You give.

Amen.  
This poem is rather long but  
it is very good and there are  
requests to print it in The Gos-  
pel News. (Editor)

### DEMOCRACY and the RESTORED GOSPEL

#### Democracy—A way of life

The word, "democracy", should have a special significance to us of The Church of Jesus Christ. Like most citizens of this great country, however, we are inclined to enjoy the products of democracy without giving much thought to the matter. It would benefit any American to understand this democracy, but it is of particular importance to us of The Church because it has had a very significant influence on the origin and preservation of the Restored Gospel. What influence, we might ask, has American democracy had upon the Restoration of the Gospel here in America? To answer this let us broadly trace the conception and development of democracy in an effort to understand just what it is, what went into producing it, and what it, itself, produced.

Democracy is very simply defined by Webster as: "Government by the people; government in which the supreme power is retained by the people and exercised either directly, or indirectly through a system of representation." Speaking in a broader sense, American democracy is not only a system of government, but it is a doctrine which embodies certain ideologies and beliefs, which, put into practice, has become our American way of life. These ideologies and beliefs embrace such concepts as "freedom", the "equality of men", and the "right" of all individuals to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Through the exercise of

such a doctrine, America has produced a type of society and a type of individual through whom God is able to carry out His mighty plan of Restoration here in the latter days.

#### The Puritans and Tolerance

One of the greatest tenets of American Democracy is its expression of tolerance. Tolerance defined is the disposition of allowing the existence of beliefs, practices, or habits differing from one's own. Let us consider the early history of tolerance in America. Europe, at the beginning of the 17th century, found itself amidst sweeping religious changes. The Reformation was well under way and the Protestants, free from the mother church, had found a degree of truth and enlightenment; but truth and enlightenment did not come without a price. On the Continent the mother church retaliated against her children with force; and in England King Charles I was vexing dissenters within the ranks of his father's own established state Church of England. The Puritans who disagreed with the Church of England's doctrines and practices attempted to worship in their own manner and soon were unable to bear up under the Church's intolerance. Seeking religious tolerance and freedom they crossed the sea to the newly discovered land of America, where they would be free to worship through the dictates of their own hearts.

Though the Puritans came to America sincerely seeking religious tolerance, paradoxically, they were unwilling themselves to extend even the least degree of tolerance. So far as religious freedom and tolerance were concerned the Puritan religion was part and parcel of the European religion from which it had fled. The Puritan Elders practiced rigid control over their subjects, and non-conformists and dissenters were severely punished or banished from the colony to fall prey to the vagaries of nature or hostile Indians. So intolerant were they that they hung several women as witches; and they hung several Quakers, two who were women, for practicing their religion in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Where was the tolerance the Puritans fled England to obtain?

#### The Separation—Church and State

It is evident that no tolerance could come from the totalitarian rule of the Puritan Elders. Yet tolerance of a very high degree did develop in America, and when it developed it opened the way for an even greater development, the

separation of church and state.

The Puritan political system was completely dominated by the church—church and state were so closely linked as to be one. Such a type of government ruling through the church is called a theocracy. The Puritan theocracy ruled with absolutism all phases of Puritan life—political, religious, and social. This Puritan church-state union was such that religion and government were both bound one by the other. Neither had the freedom to exercise itself for improvements, because each one's move was checked by the other.

There were many after the Puritans who came seeking tolerance, but who were also willing to extend it. Some from the Puritan's own ranks, too, saw the error of the Puritan way and worked for tolerance. Roger Williams who protested against the Puritan's intolerance, and who consequently was banished from the colony, founded the city of Providence and extended an open invitation to all seeking religious tolerance. William Penn, the great Quaker leader and founder of Pennsylvania Colony, advertised his colony to all the oppressed of Europe as a refuge for those seeking religious freedom and tolerance. This spirit of tolerance became prevalent throughout the early middle and southern colonies and its effect was to temper the Puritan's intolerance. As religious tolerance and freedom developed, breaking down intolerance in its course, its most significant effect was to place itself as a wedge between the institutions of church and state. The state by extending religious tolerance relaxed its hold more and more on religion, and as the people tasted tolerance they came more and more to resent any control of their religious life by the government. This tolerance, which was first sought as religious tolerance, soon permeated into all aspects of life and was eventually accepted as one of the cherished ideologies of the people. The gap between church and state became wider and wider. Government came to function in its political sphere, not to control religion, but to protect men's rights to worship as they pleased. The church lost its control over the government and by the time independence was won and the constitution was drawn up the separation of church and state was complete.

In no other age has this separation of church and state been so complete—at no other time were the two able to labor and develop so completely apart from

one another. Here was a condition in which the state could develop unhindered by the church, and the church could develop unhindered by the state. Still more important, the government protected a man's right to religious freedom and tolerance. Here was a system of government and religion which God could freely shape and mould into the pattern of His plans for His great latter day Restoration.

#### The Declaration—Independence and freedom

When God led the Protestant groups from Europe to America and established them as a nation, He did so because He was unable to use the European people as instruments in His Restoration movement. Why could He not make the Europeans His Servants to carry out His work here on Earth? The reason was because the European peoples who long had served under monarchism and despotism were little more than political, religious, and social slaves. Their service to each other and to the state was that of the bondsman who knew no free will, free thought, freedom of expression, or free service, but, rather, knew only a service which was extracted from them by fear, coercion and dumb, blind obedience. God did not want the forced service of a slave people. He wanted, instead, the willing service of free individuals who would serve Him because they loved Him and wanted to serve Him. A free man serving God of his own free will can serve God with all his heart, all his soul, and all his strength, and can render a high type of obedience and service which a slave could never render under force. God wanted individuals capable of rendering such service and He wanted a society capable of producing, nurturing and protecting such individuals.

The document which was drawn up, mainly by Thomas Jefferson, was truly magnificent, and its underlying philosophies and ideas had a lasting and profound influence in producing a society of free individuals which could give the ultimate in service to God.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal"—this established a free society where individuals could work together as equals; as free men; as co-partners to one another; living together and serving one another to the utmost of their abilities. "—that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

This establishes that men have the right to live, and to be free, and to have free opportunity, and that these rights cannot unjustly be infringed upon by other men, whether those men be government or any other institution. "That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Here is the idea that it is the duty of the government to serve the people, and not the duty of the people to serve the government. This frees the people from arbitrary controls of a tyrannical government.

Of course we know the Declaration of Independence was a direct attack on the King of Britain and Britain's oppressive rule over the colonies, and was an excuse or justification for revolution. But, nevertheless, its underlying philosophies and ideas were to become the very core of American democracy—a core made up of an individuals equality, the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, and freedom from a despotic government power. Here was the stuff to produce a free people who could serve God freely—and it did.

#### **The Constitution — Moulding the Finished Product**

America gained its freedom and independence through the blood and sacrifice of the patriots in the Revolutionary War. That we defeated so formidable a foe with our pitifully manned and equipped Continental Army is manifestation of God's divine aid. Truly the victory won our freedom, but it did not guarantee that that birth of freedom would not relapse into despotism or anarchy. This is the time when God moved His Almighty Hand in a master stroke and inspired the document which was to guarantee the freedom which He had instituted.

This document was the product of the labors of 39 men who met in the summer of 1887 in Independence Hall, Philadelphia in secret session for the purpose, ostensibly, of revising the Articles of Confederation, but in reality for the purpose of drawing up a new constitution which would better meet the pressing needs of the nation. In general the new constitution set up a wroking form of government under a federal, democratic system which would adequately serve the nation, and which could be changed to meet changing conditions and needs.

Under provisions written into the constitution it would go into effect upon ratification by nine

out of thirteen states. The main objection to its ratification was that the framers, as land-owners, had not guaranteed the rights and liberties of the common man, whereupon the framers promised to add a "bill of rights" upon ratification; which they did. These first ten amendments protected the individual's rights of free speech, worship, press, assembly, and petition in addition to a number of other safe guards, such as freedom from undue process of law and arbitrary arrest.

It could not be said that the framers possessed such wisdom and insight that they were aware of drawing up such an adequate form of government which was to safeguard the nation and the peoples so well in future generations. Only the Divine inspired their hearts and minds to produce a document which was to put the finishing touches on a free society which was to perform God's work on Earth in the latter days—a society from which God was to recruit free men to serve Him and to perform His labors unto the fulfilling of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the gathering of Israel, the founding of Zion, and the salvation of souls in His Kingdom.

by Brother Donald Curry

**This is one of the most interesting and superbly written articles I have had the pleasure of imposing into the paper. (GLF)**

#### **SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA**

Dear Editor,

I am inclosing a writing, much of which is from the Book of Mormon, and I hope to insert some of the events of today's social, and economic trends which are effecting the World, and in particular the United States.

1st Nephi, 22nd chapter. Nephi in speaking of a mighty Gentile Nation, and things which were engraved upon the plates of brass, to his brethren, were things both temporal and spiritual; for it appears that the house of Israel, sooner or later, will be scattered upon all the face of the earth, and also among all Nations.

And behold there are many who are already lost from the knowledge of those who are at Jerusalem. Yea, the more part of all the tribes have been led away; and they are scattered to and fro upon the isles of the sea; and whither they are none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away.

The Jews have been a wondering

people, scattered in every nation in the world, only recently have they been permitted to gather to their home land, and become a State called Israel; their record, we have always had with us, known as the Jewish record, or the Bible, contains the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and his work to establish his Church here on earth, having one Lord one Faith, and one Baptism.

We agree, that in his efforts to establish his Church on earth, that his doctrine was peculiar to those people, in as much as they were taught and lived according to the Law of Moses, even though in that day they had wondered astray from the teachings of the law, and because of their rejection of the Saviour, they were scattered to every part of the earth.

Then again, we have another tribe of the house of Israel, known the world over as the Indian, to which this land of America was given to them as their inheritance, in so far as they kept the commandments taught by the Saviour when he visited them on this land; establishing his Church on this land of America, teaching them the same doctrine, teaching them of one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism. This record we have, known as the Book of Mormon, which is a record of this peoples' travels, their hardships, their blessings, and their record of the teachings of Jesus Christ himself.

To this the world as a whole rejects. Why? The answer we can give to this, is as simple as the prophesy itself, that there shall be a falling away from not only the spiritual things and understandings, but also a falling away of natural or temporal things of this life. IS THIS TRUE? Do we not have many Lords, many Faiths, and many Baptisms? Are we not at the crossroads of many hard decisions, even our government is not able to solve the many problems, nor in my opinion, will they ever be able to solve them, because the Lord is standing with outstretched hands, he is remembering the covenant he made with the whole house of Israel, he is taking the blessings both natural and spiritual from the Gentile world, and passing them on to the house of Israel. Moroni speaks unto all the ends of the earth—that if the day cometh that the power and gifts of God shall be done away among you, it shall be because of unbelief, for if there be one among you that doeth good, he shall work by the power and gifts of God..

1st Nephi, 22nd chapter: Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed

to make bare his arm in the eyes of all nations, in bringing about his covenant and his gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel. Wherefore, he will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; and they shall be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness and they shall know that the Lord is their Saviour and their Redeemer, the mighty one of Israel.

And the blood of that great and abominable Church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall turn upon their heads; for they shall war among themselves, and the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, and they shall be drunken with their own blood, and every Nation which shall war against thee, O House of Israel, shall be turned on against another, and they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. Have we that destructive capacity today? Have they the destructive instrument or instruments to reduce the nations to a remnant of people as spoken by the prophets, (a small amount of people)? Yes! And I might add, that when he (Saviour) comes to a poor, down-trodden, and afflicted people.

Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it so be that the fulness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophets, they shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire.

Behold, my brethren, I say unto you, that these things must shortly come; yea, even blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke must come; and it must needs be upon the face of this earth; and it cometh unto men according to the flesh if it so be that they will harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel.

For behold, the righteous shall not perish; for the time surely must come that all they who fight against Zion shall be cut off. I believe I am correct in stating too, anything taken from or added to the Holy Bible and Book of Mormon by any person or persons is surely in danger of losing his reward of eternal life.

And the Lord will surely prepare a way for his people, unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses,

which he spake, saying: A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you, and it shall come to pass that all those who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.

And now I, Nephi, declare unto you, that this prophet of whom Moses spake was the Holy One of Israel; Wherefore, he shall execute Judgment in righteousness. The righteous need not fear, for they are those who shall not be confounded.

And the time cometh speedily that the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall, and the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion, and might, and power, and great glory.

And he gathereth his children from the four quarters of the earth; and he numbereth his sheep, and they know him; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd; and he shall feed his sheep, and in him they shall find pasture.

Isaiah, 11th chapter. And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set his hand the SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Patros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12th verse: And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of all Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

There appears a destruction, a falling away, a confusing of spiritual understanding, a deterioration in morality, a decay in the so-called Christian faith of today; if it was not so, we should be living in peace with our neighbor, our brother, in fact nation would not be at war with nation, peace should abound everywhere. But it is not so, simply because the so-called Christian faith has failed, because they have forgotten the Comforter the Saviour promised and sent, which was even the spirit of truth, the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, which will lead and guide us in the ways of truth and righteousness, and show us things to come.

If we as individuals, or as a body of people, or as a nation, deny the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, the spirit of truth,

to lead and guide us, we are paving the way for our own spiritual destruction, and perhaps will be held responsible for those who we may teach.

Perhaps we should not speak of the Devil, but my belief is that we should denounce him at every turn, because of him we have a confusion of spiritual understanding, (look at our churches of today) split after split, one teaching this is the truth, another teaching that is the truth; who is responsible? The Devil.

Perhaps we should not speak of the Devil, but my belief is that we should be choosy about our company. Because of him we have nations warring against nations, he is responsible for many of our fair sons laying in the graves and thousands maimed laying in Hospitals. Who is responsible? The Devil.

Perhaps we should not speak of the Devil, but my belief is that he is out to destroy us, let us keep one eye on him. In the whole world, and in particular this blessed land of America, he has introduced Communism, Facism, and this is causing a division among all people. While Communism is still a menace, we have Facism growing to be a more destructive menace to our social life, more destructive in our labor unions, and eventually a death warrant to our spiritual freedom. Who is responsible? The Devil!

Perhaps we should not speak of the Devil, but my belief is that we should be more like our Saviour when tempted by the Devil on the Mount, we should at no time take him by the hand, but rather trip him at every chance we get, not be tripped or tricked by him.

We look forward to the day when the peaceable reign will be ushered in, when Zion is established, and Christ says, even I will be in the midst.

The Gospel we teach must be the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, we at no time can change the teachings of Christ. Therefore, we must change the people, and only by the spirit of God can we know and understand the words of God. If we are led by his Holy Spirit we will not err, but if we are not we can and will err.

I ask for the prayers of all the saints in my behalf, I have not been well for years and am not well now. But I have consoled myself, that it may be his will.

Paul O. Love

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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Dedication of Church in Italy

After a lot of hard work our brothers and sisters of San Demetrio Corone, dedicated our first little church in Italy.

Brother Frank Wooley of Youngstown, Ohio and Brother D. Todaro formerly of Bronx, N. Y. have worked hard in Reggio, Calabria and all through Italy, were present at the dedication.

Brother Guiseppe Buonofilio, presiding Elder at San Demetrio Corone, is a very earnest worker in the Gospel Work in Italy. He informs us that at the dedication, they had a day of blessings long to be remembered.

Let us all get back of our Missionary Work, with actions of love—and we will see fulfilled, that which is spoken of in Daniel 2: 34, 35.

Excerpts from a letter written by  
A Nigerian Brother  
(Might be good for thought)

The situation of church affairs in my country is not a difficult one save for the fact that the people need a leader. What makes it look so difficult is that no one has offered to take up this leadership. It is not for God to choose someone to go there, but its for someone to give himself to this service. This may bring back one of those hair-splitting arguments we used to have, if you fail to see how it is for us to offer ourselves for God's services and not for God to choose us for His services.

Some people do have the urge to take up this task, but fears of the imaginable keeps them from owning up, only to turn up with the excuse that the Lord has not chosen them for this purpose. If this is what is what they are waiting for, then they will never go out to do

the work. Did the good Lord not give His order once for all in Matthew 28:10-20? And did not Paul emphasize this by what he later on added in Phil. 4:8-10? If there is any who are now waiting for a special message to come to him from God, he is wasting his time and services.  
(Curt and to the point, Editor)

Sister Lillian Byers of the Jefferson Branch wishes to thank all who helped her in any way during the past months. Sister Byers home was burned to the ground and she had only the clothes on her back. She is now living in a trailer on the lot where her recent house was. She says all the brothers and sisters throughout the Church have been wonderful and she asks God's blessings upon them.

## THE APRIL CONFERENCE 1959

The General Conference of The Church assembled here in Monongahela, Pa. on April 2nd at 2:30 p. m. (Thursday) and continued in business sessions until about 9:30 p. m. on Saturday.

The Conference was presided over by President Cadman and his first and Second Counsellors—Brothers Furnier and Bittinger. The usual routine of business was carried on and our business transacted by delegates throughout the land in which we live, and including Canada. Also one of our Nigerian brothers who is in school in New York City, was present with us part of Saturday and for the service on Sunday.

One of the most interesting subjects brought before our Conference was the matter of Missionary work which we are being called upon to care for. Our work in Italy and Africa is very pressing, and movements have been made to endeavor to provide for this work. It will require lots of sacrifice on our part to carry on successfully.

The October Conference of 1959 will be held in Detroit, Michigan, while the General Conference of 1960 (April) will be held here in Monongahela.

Our service on Sunday morning was held in the Fireman's Hall in the New Eagle Boro. The Firemen were very accomodating to us and we had a large crowd gathered together for the occasion—possibly one thousand or more people were seated.

We were entertained for a half hour or more with some very good singing by our young people from Monongahela, also a solo by Brother Burgess from Windsor, Canada. Also a quartet of young brothers from Monongahela accounted themselves very well. A reading also, by one of Brother Thomas' grand daughters of Vanderbilt, Pa., was very fitting.

We were led in prayer by Brother Heaps from California, and then the speakers were introduced in their order by Brother Samuel Kirschner.

Brother W. H. Caddman was the first speaker—introducing his subject from Isaiah, fifth chapter, the vineyard that brought forth wild grapes, after the Lord

of the vineyard had done so much in caring for the vineyard—he was grieved after so much labor, that his grapes were sour. Brother Cadman then turned to the fifth chapter of Jacob in the Book of Mormon, and commented upon the pruning of the vineyard as is recorded by Jacob. It is of course, an account of the last pruning by the Lord as shown by Brother Cadman. And, even though, after much labor—the good and precious fruit abounds again in the vineyard—yet the enemy will make another inroad into the vineyard and corrupt much of the fruit—the Lord will come to its rescue—save the good and burn the vineyard with fire.

Brother —Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California was the next speaker, and he entertained his audience very well indeed, by relating many experiences since he was converted to the Restored Gospel some years ago. He told us that he was raised a Roman Catholic but through obedience to the simplicity of the gospel of Christ he has been blessed much.

At the conclusion of Brother Lovalvo's discourse the benediction was pronounced by Brother A. B. Cadman. I cannot help but feel that all present in this meeting were very well pleased to be there.

P. S. Before the starting of the morning meeting, our brothers from Lorain, Ohio gathered at the river shore and baptized two converts from their part of the vineyard. In the afternoon the folks here in Monongahela went to the shore and baptized one convert. The day's service was concluded by a service here in the church in Monongahela.

#### IMPERIAL, PA. NEWS

We were blessed again here by the Lord; by having another soul coming to serve Him on February 8, 1959. Jean Moore, Jimmy's recent bride, repented and went thru the waters of baptism on that day. This made our fifth baptism since December 28th. The Lord gave our Sister Jean a wonderful dream several weeks previous to her baptism. We thank the Lord for calling so many to come and serve Him with us here in Imperial.

Wm. Kunkel

#### CLEVELAND, OHIO

"Now I say unto you if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord as a witness before him, that ye have entered into a covenant with him that ye will serve him and keep his commandments that he may pour out his spirit more abundantly upon you. And now when the people had heard these words, they clapped their hands for joy and exclaimed this is the desire of our hearts." Mosiah: 18:10, 11.

Having a desire in our hearts to do good and be instrumental in bringing men and women in this glorious gospel—is good indeed. While I am a little late, yet on the other hand, good news as I see it, is never too late.

On December 18, 1958 our hearts were made glad and we were so happy to see Brother W. H. Cadman (President of the church) with us at the East Side Branch of the Church. He spoke to us and his sermon was enjoyed by us all. Brother Cadman also sang us a solo, hymn 153. Come back again, Brother Cadman.

On Feb. 8th, we of the East Side Branch had a wonderful day—God's blessing was with us and we had three of our young people baptized on the occasion and then later on in the day we went to the water and baptized another. We also had several children blessed and one renewal. Our meeting did not close until about 6:40 p. m., so we clapped our hands with joy also.

by Brother Oliver Lloyd

P. S. I have condensed Brother Lloyd's letter because much of his news had already been reported by others. Editor

#### AFFLICTED . . . .

In a short note from Sister Carilina on March 6th, I was informed that Rose Ferrenta is seriously ill. You most all know of course, that Brother Ferrante is also an afflicted man. May the Lord bless them. Also I am informed this day that Brother Joseph Collison of Windsor, Ont., is very poorly. He also has been afflicted for a long time. May the Lord bless these afflicted ones along with their loved ones.

Bro. Cadman

#### Edison Sister, Virginia Pizzaia Composes new hymn.

At the Easter Service in Edison, N. J. recently, a new hymn was introduced that was composed by one of the sisters of the branch. It is not practical to show the entire song here including music, but we would like to record the words for your pleasure.

It is hoped that the new song can be put into proper form in time to be included in the new addition to the Saints Hymnal.

In any event, Sister Virginia Pizzaia is to be congratulated on her production.

The song is as follows:

#### No Other One, But Jesus

Who is the One that you can trust

No Other One, But Jesus.

Who is the One that means most to us

No Other One, But Jesus

He is a friend so kind and true  
You can always tell your troubles too

Who is near and ready to hear  
No Other One, But Jesus

Who comforts us when we are sad

No Other One, But Jesus

Who makes us happy when we're glad

No Other One, But Jesus

Who gives us courage when we're blue

Makes troubles seem so small  
and few

Who hears our call when we're ready to fall

No Other One, But Jesus

Who makes us great when we're the least

No Other One, But Jesus

Who gives us rest when we search for peace

No Other One, But Jesus

Who makes us humble, low and meek

When on this earth we nothing seek

No Other One, But Jesus

When we on earth will tread no more

Who will we see but Jesus

We'll meet face to face on that happy shore

No Other One, But Jesus

There will be joy and happiness  
No sadness, sorrow to oppress

Who will it be that has made us all free

No Other One, But Jesus

The more a man takes the needs of others on his own heart, the more he must take his heart to God.



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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Questions are being asked:

Be it understood, that questions that are sent to The Gospel News will be answered by what is written in the word of God (Bible and Book of Mormon), even as Jesus set the example when He was tempted by the devil. His answer was "It is written." Editor.

Question: "Does repentance come from God?"

Answer: Remember that all good comes from God—and it is surely good for any soul to repent of his wrong-doings. (See Alma 5:40) This is a broad question—and please do not overlook the general rule of this subject. In preaching the Gospel, it is the servant's duty to command his hearers to repent. He that was given the Keys of the kingdom of heaven, commanded his hearers in no uncertain terms to 'repent and be baptized every one of you.' Peter did not command them to do something they could not do. They were their own free-will agents, to repent or still harden their hearts further. The wrongs of all men are best known to God, therefore He dealeth accordingly. Esau found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears (read Heb. 12:16, 17).

I read that after Judas betrayed the Saviour, he repented himself (Matt. 27:3). Evidently there was no mercy for him, yet Peter who cursed and swore "I never knew the man," wept bitterly (he repented) and God who knoweth the hearts of all men, forgave Peter.

There is so much one could quote from God's word on this question. I will conclude by quoting

Ether, seventh chapter. Corihor repented of the many evils which he had done. Who can say that it was not in his power to do so? It is the command of God for all His creatures to seek Him. Therefore it is the duty of all His creatures to repent of their wrongs. Who can say no?

I will quote Rev. 22:17—"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." If I understand plain English, of the Spirit and the bride, every soul can serve God if he will. That being the case, he has power to repent of his sins, if he is determined to do, otherwise, he can harden his heart against all righteousness. The salvation of our souls is predicted on the free-will agency of man.

Finally, I will quote the 484th hymn in the Saints Hymnal:

"Know then that every soul is free,  
To choose his life and what he'll be;  
For this eternal truth is given,  
That God will force no man to heaven.  
He'll call, persuade, direct him right;  
Bless with wisdom, love and light;  
In nameless ways be good and kind,  
But never force the human mind.  
Freedom and reason make us men;  
Take these away, what are you then?  
Mere animals—just as well,

The beasts may think of heaven or hell.  
May we no more our power abuse;  
But ways of truth and goodness choose:  
Our God is pleased when we improve His grace,  
And seek His perfect love.  
But if we take the downward road,  
And make in hell our last abode  
Our God is clear and we shall know  
We've plunged ourselves in endless woe."

To me, it is hellish to be prejudiced against a thing because of where it came from, or, who may have been the writer. In my endeavors to preach Christ to others, I taught He Who says He was before the foundation of the world, yea was with His Father from the beginning. I want to preach Him without prejudice to all men—I want to prove all things, (as it is written, that is what our Saviour did while on the earth), and hold fast to that which is good.

To you that wrote the 484 hymn in our hymn book, I know you not, but I do praise God for the wonderful composition that emanated from your soul.

Other questions yet to be answered.

### Minutes of THE MISSION BOARD

Monongahela, Pa., March 21, 1959

The Mission Board met at Monongahela, Pa. to consider the proposal that was presented to the April 3-6, 1959 conference.

"That we establish a Mission Board, to get pertinent data on methods of control." "A motion was passed that the following brothers be elected to form a Mission Board, and that they work along with the Quorum of the Twelve." "Bro's Wm. H. Cadman

and Jos. Bittinger—Africa." "Bro. Clifford Burgess—Grand River, Ont., Can." "Bro. Querino Bologna—Muncey, Ont., Can." "Bro. Thurman S. Furnier—South Dakota" "Bro's. A. A. Corrado and Rocco V. Biscotti—Italy."

Mission Board members present Brothers Wm. H. Cadman, Thurmann S. Furnier, Jos. Bittinger, Anthony A. Corrado, Clifford Burgess, and Querino Bologna. ABSENTEE: Rocco V. Biscotti. Also present: Brothers Alma B. Cadman, President, Russell Cadman of the Quorum of Twelve Apos-

tles. Also Joseph Shazer, Meridith Griffith, and Dominic Todaro. (Total present, eleven.) Brother Wm. Cadman in charge. Prayer by Querino Bologna. Brother Dominic Todaro related a vision he had when Brother Bologna was in the act of prayer. The vision: He saw Brother Wm. H. Cadman facing and addressing the other ten brothers that were present. He also saw to the right of Brother Cadman, hundreds of suits of clothes. Brother Cadman removed his coat, and proceeded to give the ten

brothers each a suit of clothes. After the ten brothers had received a suit of clothes, there were hundreds of suits left, like a clothing store. End of vision. Brother Furnier asked Brother Todaro if we understood him to say that the ten brothers present were the ones that Brother Cadman had given the suits, and he said, "yes."

At this juncture, the voice of the Spirit revealed to Brother Furnier, that the part of the vision, where Brother Cadman gave the ten brothers present a suit of clothes, signified that God acknowledged the authority of those present, to sit in judgment on the matter in question, for which we had assembled. Brother Furnier rose to his feet, and raised his right hand upward, as the Spirit and power of God rested upon him.

He spoke one word only, which was "Well". The Spirit and power of God, suddenly left him, and he related that which was given to him by the voice of the Spirit, as recorded above.

Brother Samuel Kirschner, a member of the Twelve Apostles then joined our number, and he was briefed on our proceedings thus far.

After some remarks by brother Wm. H. Cadman, brother Meridith Griffith gave a detailed report of estimated cost to begin the work of placing missionaries in the fields mentioned.

Realizing that much preparation must be made before this plan can be put into effect fully, a motion was passed that the missionary work referred to be given our approval, and be presented to the Twelve Apostles; their findings to be presented to the General Church.

If this plan meets with the approval of the General Church, the following suggestion was made; in order that the work from time to time may be taken care of without delay; That we ask the General Church to empower the Board of Missions, and the Twelve Apostles with this work in the future, without presenting their work to the General Church for their approval.

The meeting came to a close, and all present were well satisfied with the outcome.

Closing prayer by Brother Samuel Kirschner.

Brother Thurman S. Furnier Sec'y. Pro-tem.

P. S. Me removing my coat, to my understanding was an act of exertion due to the labour in handing out the suits of clothing.

Brother Cadman

## NEWS ITEMS

In a letter from Brother V. J. Loyalvo dated March 15, 1959, he informs us that he has been very much afflicted, but is slowly on the mend. His affliction is such that it required an operation of the severest kind, and he is unable to attend church services and he says it is possible that he may have to return to the hospital again—which he dreads. Remember Brother Jimmie in your prayers. He was not able to attend April conference.

### Monongahela, Pa.:

On the rostrum here on March 23rd we had Brothers C. A. Burgess of Windsor, Ont., Reno Bologna of Detroit, Michigan, and Domenick Todaro, one of our missionary workers in Italy. Besides, both of the branch Counsellors sat on the rostrum with our visiting brethren, while presiding elder Cadman (who has not been very well) sat down with the large audience which was present.

Our visiting brothers' talks were much concerning their labours in preaching the gospel in the several areas in which they have been placed. Brother Burgess has been labouring on the Six Nations Reserve, near Brantford, Ont. Canada for a number of years and his testimony concerning his work among the Indian people was interesting and encouraging. Likewise, Brother Bologna has been labouring on the Indian Reserve at Muncey, Ont. for several years, and has gained a wide experience which was interesting to listen to. Brother Todaro with the little time that was left told briefly some of his experiences in Italy—while Brother Todaro did not have much time left for him, yet about two weeks previous, he had the full time in one of our meetings and gave us a lengthy talk concerning his experiences in preaching the Gospel in his native land (Italy) and his experiences have been worthwhile I am sure, in the land so long dominated by the R. C. Church. May the Lord continue to bless our brothers who are endeavoring to spread the glad tidings of the Gospel of Christ.

### Italy:

March 23rd, I am this day in receipt of a letter from Brother and Sister Joseph Giacinta who are visiting in Italy—no news in particular, but they expect to return to their home in Detroit soon.

### Monongahela Branch:

During pre Easter week, the church here held special meetings on Thursday and Friday evenings which were very well attended. Brothers A. B. Cadman, Samuel Kirschner and W. H. Cadman were the speakers. The 'theme' was pertaining to the betrayal and crucifixion of God's only begotten Son. Yea, wicked men fulfilled the sayings of the prophets of old—nailing Him to a Cross.

We had singing by the congregation, our choir, and a beautiful solo, Jerusalem, by Sister Lee Robinson of Clairton, Pa. I believe all present enjoyed the meetings. Personally, I enjoyed the part I had in speaking—drawing the attention of all present to the sufferings of Christ, and how He was forsaken by all, died alone, that we might live. May I ask: "What kind of men and women should we be?" Our Sabbath School rendered a very appropriate Easter program on Sunday evening with a large audience in attendance. The little tots were given a big share in it as well as those who were older.

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### Will Samaritans Disappear?

The 250-strong Samaritan community of whom about half live in Israel and the rest in Transjordan, seems to be doomed to extinction unless they can find women to marry. For some strange reason the number of male Samaritans is much greater than the opposite sex, creating a surplus of bachelors. In Bible times there were about 250,000 Samaritans. Although the Samaritans consider themselves as real Jews, the Rabbis of Israel have ruled that they are not and have not forbidden marriage with the Samaritans.

Both the Israel President and the Prime Minister BenGurion pleaded for the Samaritans to be accepted as equal members of the Jewish community, but were overruled by the Rabbis. The Samaritans differ mainly from the Jews in that they accept only the five Books of Moses as their Bible. They still dress as they did 3,000 years ago, in white flowing robes. They observe the Sabbath very strictly and are forbidden to talk anything except religious matters on that day.

(From the Jewish Hope)

## THE FIRST PSALM

David, anointed by Samuel was a king when he wrote the book of Psalms and everything he wrote was from reality. Only God can give a blessing. Blessed or recognized are we inasmuch as we will not listen or adhere to people who are ungodly. We must not stand in the way of sinners, that is while we must associate and be among them, our beliefs should remain firm and our light shine bright enough unto them instead of the sinners enticing us in their ways. If we were to sit in the seat of the scornful we would ridicule and make fun of everyone around us, but the people of God should not be like that. They should help others instead of pushing them down. The law of the Lord at the time was the ten commandments. Many barriers can crop up to try and stop us from meditating of God's word, but if we ponder over His word we will be happy. There are numerous ways in which we can think upon God's book, gifts and many wonders.

The tree fulfills many purposes. It can be used for shade, fruit, or even as a lodging place with the rivers of water, which is the spirit of God, nourishing this tree. There is a specific time, however, for the fruit to be brought forth but many things precede the harvest, such as pruning, spraying and trimming the branches. By our lives while we live here below others will be influenced towards the Gospel. We the saints of God must never become withered in our desires to serve God. Things spiritually and materially will prosper only inasmuch as we serve our Father in heaven and do his will. The ungodly shall not stand. This means that in the first resurrection sinners will not be granted the privilege of being present.

God alone knows the pure way of the righteous and what they do but the ungodly must perish. We, the servants of God, must not strive just to save our own souls. We must try to bring others to this wonderful gospel. We must also be ready and willing to lend a helping hand to others as well as trying to visit and strengthen the weak in our different branches. The more we do here below towards helping others, the greater our blessings will be. We don't need praise for what we do, God will grant

us His blessings and this will be sufficient.

Sister Gail Collison  
Windsor, Ontario

## WHAT CAN I DO?

(Part Two)

During this past decade, as the countries of Asia, Africa and other parts of the world, have become independent nations; many of them are refusing to give entrance visas to missionaries unless they have technical, medical, and teaching skills which the nations need.

Every true missionary makes a great renunciation. Only those who have fought the temptation to be comfortable, and have paid the ultimate price, can understand what Dr. Schweitzer and every missionary has to sacrifice, and what blessings from heaven the true missionary receives in return. This all-out consecration and willingness to sacrifice must be in the heart of every man or woman who hopes to serve the underprivileged and those in sullen despair.

Although very few can be like Dr. Schweitzer, many individuals can make some contribution toward the monumental objective of lifting up the burdens of the human family.

Now that The Church is seriously giving thought to missionary work on permanent basis; there is one vital factor that eventually must be confronted, and that is proper training for the missionary worker. If we expect to entrust men and women with the responsibility of so important a service, then we should recognize the realistic truth of seeing to it that the prospective missionary laborers—in whatever branches of service they may choose—are mentally trained and physically prepared for the anticipated adjustments which must be made; so that the efforts of their endeavors may be more productive and the results prove of stable duration.

Although there may be some individuals at the present who may be somewhat reluctant to this course of action; the hard fact still remains, that someday soon, we must accept the proven course, that trained missionaries properly equipped with the necessary requirements, can bring about the best results for the greatest number in the field in which they serve.

The Church could help stimulate a deeper interest toward the general missionary needs, by

creating tangible incentives which would induce many of our young people to consider the various aspects of missionary service in their educational plans for life careers. We may discover that some of our youth would be happy to supplement their educational plans, and blend their studies to harmonize with a Church missionary program.

I would like to see the day when a number of our young people—both men and women—could become motivated to seriously consider the challenging preparation for missionary careers; so that this service could absorb a part of the most productive years of their lives.

As parents, we also could help to encourage our children—during their formative years—to focus their thinking toward the missionary needs of the world.

Perhaps, someday we may help to develop vital workers who can contribute their part to this greatest of all services—the world's missionary problems.

Patsy Marinetti

### Who wrote the Apostles' Creed and where can I find it in the Bible?

The Apostles' Creed was not written by the Apostles and is not part of the Bible. It is a mixture of truth and error and is absolutely uninspired. It is one of many religious frauds and was composed in its final form in the fifth century after Christ. "The Apostles' Creed is not their (the apostles') own making..." admits Smith's Bible Dictionary.

"The creed, as it stands in its present form, could not be composed in any manner as it is pretended by the Apostles. The silence of the Acts of the Apostles about any such composition is (an) evidence against it" is the testimony of Bishop Joseph Bingham in his book *Antiquities of the Christian Church*.

Bingham also tells us that it was originally called the "Roman Creed" as evidenced by the phrase "I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Holy Catholic Church." It was drawn up by the members of that Church after the pagan doctrines and customs of the Western Roman Empire—Easter, Christmas, Sunday—had been accepted as "Christian" traditions. It therefore became necessary to imply apostolic approval to the new doctrines of the Church! This creed was fraudulently written and entitled the 'Apostles' Creed for such a purpose.

## OBITUARIES

### ERVIN JESS BUFFINGTON

#### Imperial, Pennsylvania

Brother Ervin Jess Buffington, 93, of Imperial, died on March 30, 1959 after a short illness. He was born September 1, 1866, in Charleston, West Virginia.

He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on October 30, 1955; about 3½ years ago. We believe he was the oldest person belonging to our church. His favorite hymn was "Amazing Grace" which he called many times to be sung. Elenor Hender sang this hymn and another favorite of his, "The Haven of Rest," also "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," at the funeral services.

He is survived by four sons, Andrew of Langeloth, Ervin of Imperial, Homer of Aliquippa, and Everett of Atlasburg. There are 15 grandchildren and ten great-children.

Services were conducted in the Armour Funeral Home in Imperial, Pa. by Brother James T. Moore; who also baptized and confirmed our deceased brother in 1955. Interment in the Valley Cemetery, Imperial, Pa.

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### V. J. MALENA

#### Monongahela, Pennsylvania

Brother Malena was found dead in his blacksmith shop on Railroad St. here in Monongahela about 3:30 p. m. on March 17, 1959. Brother and Sister Milton's son went to the shop on an errand and found him laying on the floor dead—having succumbed to a heart attack. His body was removed to the L. M. Frye Funeral Home and was buried from St. Anthony's R. C. Church on March 20th as a member in good standing.

He was born in Italy on Jan. 19th 1882, making him just past 77 years old. He leaves his wife, five daughters and four sons and several grand children and great grand children and one brother Joseph, of Donora, to mourn his passing.

A few years ago Brother Malena attended our meetings here and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, and became one of our members, and though he

was not a very regular attendant, when he did come, he usually came with hat in hand, waved us a salute with smile—apparently happy to be with us again. He was always very friendly with me on the street as well as at our church. His family, apparently, are members of the R. C. Church. May the Lord comfort his beloved wife and all that are near and dear to him.

We, his brothers and sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ, live in hope that his soul will find a resting place in the paradise of God. Until that great morning when the dead in Christ will rise first. (WHC)

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### MARY SCARSELLA

#### Detroit, Michigan

Sister Scarsella was born in Italy June 1, 1891. She came to Detroit, Mich. in 1925, and was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ in Feb. 1931. She was ordained a deaconess in Oct. 1934. She passed on to her reward on Feb. 3, 1959. She is survived by her husband—Bro. Biagio Scarsella, one brother and two adopted children, Philomena and Gabriel.

Funeral services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ Branch No. 2, with Brother Reno Bologna in charge, and who was assisted by Brothers D. Cotellesse and D. Thomas. Singing by the Church Choir, place of interment in Woodmere Cemetery and in charge of Funeral Director Charles H. Nixon.

Sister Mary suffered affliction for many years, but was always very attentive to our meetings and was very faithful in the Church to the end. She was loved by all, both young and old. Our sincere prayer is that the Lord will bless Brother Scarsella and his adopted children.

## REMINISCENCES'

of

### Past Days

Dear Readers:

It occurs to my mind to write something of the nature of a little history of past events relative to my native surroundings in which I was born during the year of 1876, December 19th, on what was known as Hog Back Hill and is still known by the same old name. It is on the hill about 3/4 of a mile from West

Elizabeth, Pa., and about direct back of where our church is located in the little village known as Jefferson, adjoining the West Elizabeth Boro.

In the 1860's Brother Wm. Bickerton purchased a small brick school building in the lower end of the Boro, near to where the No. 51 highway bridge crosses the highway that runs up to Monongahela, and it passes along side our church which is now located in Jefferson Village. Sometime along in the latter part of the 1870's or possibly in 1880, our people sold the old brick building to a colored congregation of people, who occupied it until very recent years, when the new highway took over the building and tore it down.

In razing the building I had my son-in-law (Johnnie Bickerton) get me four bricks from it for relics which I have in my home. They will serve as reminiscences of the old place of worship. It was in this building where Sister Hibbs had a vision as follows, and is recorded in the minutes of the July Conference of 1860:

"This morning after I had swept out the house (school room), I sat down behind the door, when a woman all dressed in white came in with a crown in her hand. In the crown were twelve stars. She laid the crown upon the stand and said 'This crown belongs to this church,' and then disappeared." The account says that the spirit of God bore a powerful witness of this experience. (This vision is also recorded on page 29 of our Church History.)

After the selling of this church to the colored people as mentioned, they bought a lot in the Jefferson village on which they built the building that presently stands. It was at this church I spent my boyhood days along with my brother Alma and the rest of our family. As previously mentioned we lived back on the hill. The building was dedicated in October of 1882. I at that time was 5 years and 10 months old. At that age I remember going along with others and taking lunch down to my father when he and others were working on the church. I do not recall the dedication service, but I do recall that while they were building the church, they held what was commonly called a festival supper, and sold small things in order to raise finances to help build the new church. During this intervening time between the selling

of the old brick building and the buiding of the new one, they were meeting in the old Methodist Church in West Elizabeth Boro, which I believe is still standing. The festival was held in a hall on the second floor. Though very young at the time, I can still recall these things to remembrance.

After the new building was closed in and under roof, but far from being finished, they had a festival in it to help raise more finance. I remember this affair very well yet today. In those days 'dollars' were scarce and work was not plentiful. When I was a real young boy at home, I remember strong and hardy men who had families to raise, working ten hours a day for 13 cents per hour, which means \$1.30 for a day's work. They could buy a 49 lb. sack of flour for \$1.25 and have five cents left out of a day's wages. However, I do not want to dwell much on that matter—but what a change, what a contrast the years have made.

As already said, I do not recall the dedication services, but my oldest brother had been killed in the coal mine just prior to this, and his three children were blessed on the occasion. Also one of my sister's boys Harry Parlor, Wilbert's brother now deceased, also Jimmie Morgan, a cousin to sister Elizabeth Parlor, were all blessed at this time. All have passed on now. My father washed the brother's feet and my mother washed the sisters feet during the dedication services. Brother John Ashton, (the grand father to our late Brother Charles was in charge of the service. I remember many of the old brothers and sisters of that time. There was Brother Morgan Thomas. He was Welsh and one of our good singers of that time—he was very dependable in starting hymns. He was finally hurt in the coal mine, and I believe died as a result of his injuries. He lived right near the church.

Then there was Brother James Davidson (the husband of Sister Davidson that died in Kirtland, Ohio a few years ago.) He lived not far from the Church and was badly hurt in the coal mine in his advanced years. I believe he died from its effects. There was Brother Arthur Bickerton (a brother to Wm.). I remember him so well—he would come over the phrase so much in his talking, "The Israel of God." with tears streaming down

his cheeks. He died I believe in 1901. There was Brother Church Hixenbaugh whom I recall making a statement while under the influence of God's spirit in the Jefferson church—he said, "What more could the Lord Jesus have done for us?" I believe he also died in 1901. There was Brother Wm. Skillen (the father of our present Sister Hannah). I always feel to speak of him as one of our noble brothers. He was in the coal business along with his brother James.

On a Sunday morning they got word that a barge of coal under the tiple was sinking. He and his brother of course tried to save it, but after a little struggle Wm. shouted out to his brother: "Let her sink, I am going to church." His brother did not belong to the church at that time and he thought it strange that Billie would go to church and let the barge sink. Jimmie obeyed the gospel later in years after Billie had died. He then understood why Billie was more interested in the church than he was in saving a barge of coal.

Brother Wm. attended Conference of Jan. 1888—caught a cold and before we knew he was sick, we learned of his death. I remember Brother Grimes making the statement that Brother Skillen's death was the worst 'blow' my father ever had.

Well, I cannot say as did Brother Oliver Cowdery—he said he was growing dim; my light is still bright—but the clock is still going around and my wife is getting ready for bed. I think of an old poem from which I will quote: "Daniels wisdom may I know; Stephens faith and patience show; Johns divine compassion feel, Moses meekness, Joshuas zeal; Run like the unwearied Paul, Win the prize and conquer all. Mary's love may I possess, Lydia's tender heartedness, Peter's ardent spirit feel. James faith by works reveal; Like young Timothy may I every sinful passion fly. Most of all, may pursue that example Jesus drew; In my life and conduct show. He lived and walked below: Day by day, through grace bestow, Imitate my dearest Lord.

Then shall I these worthies meet, With them bow at Jesus' feet; With them praise the God of love, With them share the joys above; With them range the blissful shore, Meet them all to part no more.

While attending church at the present building in the Jefferson Village, (W. Elizabeth) Brothers Thornton Welsh, Harry Grimes and myself were baptized in the Monongahela River in Wednesday Evening, December 16th, 1896.

Brother W. H. Cadman

## - W E D D I N G -

### Gilbert - Belmonte

Clarence Gilbert and Dorothy Belmonte were united in marriage on March 21, 1958 at 7:30 p. m. in The Church of Jesus Christ, Imperial, Pa. Brother James T. Moore officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Sister Frances Belmonte of Corapolis, Pa. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilbert of Maine.

The bride was given away by her brother, Victor Belmonte. The bridesmaid was Sister Judy Ondrasik and the best man was Brother Hank Medwid. Ushers were Brothers Mike Buffington and Jimmy Moore. Nancy Christman sang three solos and Sister Kathleen Kunkel was pianist.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Montour Grange Hall in Imperial, Pa.

The newlyweds honeymooned for a week and are now residing in their new apartment in Corapolis. They are very attentive to our meetings and our prayers are that the Lord will some day call them both into His service. As they were married on the first day of Spring, we pray this may be the beginning of Springtime in their lives.

## THE UPLIFT CIRCLE meets in GLASSPORT, PA.

The general meeting of The Ladies Uplift Circle was held in the Glassport Church, Saturday March 21st. The meeting was opened with remarks by the president, Sister Mabel Bickerton. All officers were present. Reports were given from 26 Circles; some by delegate, and others by letter. A large group attended both the morning and afternoon meetings. The scripture pertaining to the crucifixion was read by Sister Virginia Milton of the Monongahela Circle. A solo, "Sunrise Tomorrow", was rendered by Sister Madeline Robinson of the West Elizabeth Circle and a group of sisters from the Aliquippa Circle sang "How Great Thou Art."

Donations to the General Church were as follows: Indian Mission Work, \$500.00; Italian Mission Work, \$100.00; Conference \$50.00 The Book Fund, \$500.00; and Church Missionary Fund, \$50.00.

In the afternoon Brother James Heaps, Brother Alma Nolfi and Brother S. Costerelli spoke to the sisters commending them on their help to the church. Also through their study of the scriptures they are advancing in the work of the Lord. References were made, how God used women to help throughout all ages to accomplish His purposes.

The next meeting will be held in the Church in Monongahela, Pa., on June 20th.

### If Man Should Reach The Moon

I'm sure you've heard or read about  
The satellites in space.  
How Russia and United States  
Are in a rocket race.  
To hear them talk, it won't be long;  
For space they'll conquer soon,  
And then what next will man attempt  
If he should reach the moon?

If man should ever reach the moon,  
There's one thing that is clear:  
He'll ruin everything up there,  
Just as he has down here!  
With sin and crime, with lust and greed,  
He's got enough to do—  
To clean the mess he's made on earth,  
And you know that is true!

The sickness and the want and fear,  
The broken hearts and shame,  
And hungry millions cry each day,  
And man is all to blame:  
I think we better set our sights  
Above the moon and space,  
And let's explore eternity,  
While there is time and grace.

It's not the moon we need to reach,  
It's God Who put it there;  
The One Who went to Calvary,  
A rugged cross to bear:  
For sins of them with wicked hearts,  
He died one afternoon;  
With faith in Him you'll have no fear  
If man should reach the moon!

—Walt Huntley

### "THE NEW JERUSALEM TO BE BUILT ON THE LAND OF PROMISE"

Much has been said of the New Jerusalem spoken of in The Book of Mormon which will be built upon this Land of Promise. It might be interesting to note some of the scripture concerning it.

It is referred to in Third Nephi 20:22, "And it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; (Seed of Joseph) yea, even I (the Saviour) will be in the midst of you."

In Third Nephi 21:23, 24 "And they (Gentiles) shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. And then they shall assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in, unto the New Jerusalem. And then shall the power of heaven come down among them: and I (the Saviour) also will be in your midst." But may I remind you all that before this New Jerusalem is built—the Gentiles must become Fathers and Mothers to Israel—it is also well to remember that Joseph's Seed must accept the lesser things before these greater things are enjoyed by them. I refer you to Third Nephi 26:8, 9. I draw your attention also to the 13th chapter of Ether 6th verse, this same New Jerusalem is spoken of again. Also in verse 10 it is the same New Jerusalem in evidence again, after old things have passed away, likewise, the Jerusalem of old in verse 11 makes its appearance after Nephi sees all old things pass away. This is very interesting for us all, who are interested in carrying the Gospel to the Seed of Joseph. I remember my old brethren who always endeavored to keep this matter fresh in our minds. It has been quite a number of years since I heard my father, Alexander Cherry and others urge us on to carry the Gospel to Israel (Seed of Joseph) Brethren, their doors have been thrown open to us today—are we forgetting the counsel of those who now slumber? (Editor)

The road we travel doesn't matter much, but the God with whom we travel matters everything.

Part of a letter I have in my possession by Oliver Cowdery is as follows:

Norton, Medina Co., Ohio. Sabbath Evening, September 7th, 1834. (Understand, the copy I have is a printed copy. Editor)

As I understand this matter he is writing of the experience they had while the Book of Mormon was being translated. The letter in question is Letter No. 1 of his series of eight letters as published by The Church of Jesus Christ and addressed to W. W. Phelps. I began with the seventh paragraph.

"After writing the account given of the Saviours Ministry (meaning while He is acting as a scribe to Joseph the translator of the Book of Mormon [Edt.]) to the remnant of the seed of Jacob, upon this continent, it was easy to be seen, as the prophet said would be, that darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people. On reflecting further, it was as easily to be seen, that amid the great strife and noise concerning religion, none had authority from God to administer the ordinances of the Gospel. For, the question might be asked, have men authority to administer in the name of Christ, who deny revelations? when his testimony is no less than the spirit of prophecy? and his religion based, built, and sustained by immediate revelations in all ages of the world, when he has had a people on earth? If these facts were buried and carefully concealed by men whose craft would have been in danger, if once permitted to shine in the faces of men, they were no longer to us: and we only waited for the commandment to be given, "Arise and be baptized." (As I, the Editor, understand this that while they were in the act of translating from the plates they were waiting also for the command to be baptized.)

This was not long desired desired before it was realized. The Lord, who is rich in mercy, and ever willing to answer the consistent prayer of the humble, after we had called upon him in fervent manner, aside from the abodes of men, condescended to manifest to us his will. On a sudden, as from the midst of eternity, the voice of the Redeemer spake peace to us, while the vail was parted and the angel of God came down clothed with glory, and delivered the anxiously looked for message, and the keys of the gospel repentance. What joy! what wonder! what amazement! While the world



was racked and distracted—while millions were groping as the blind for the wall, and while all men were resting upon uncertainty, as a general mass, our eyes beheld—our ears heard, as in the blaze of ady; yes, more, above the glitter of May sunbeam, which then shed its brilliancy over the face of nature. Then his voice, though mild, pierced to the center, and his words, "I am thy fellow-servant," dispelled every fear. We listened—we gazed—we admired. (Do my readers understand this matter? Brother Cowdery is telling you of an experience they are passing through while in the act of translating—the Redeemer speaks to them from on high, an angel appears unto them, Editor) 'Twas the voice of the angel from glory: 'twas a message from the Most High. And as we heard we rejoiced, while his love enkindled upon our souls, and we were wrapped up in the vision of the Almighty. Where was the room to doubt? No where: uncertainty had fled: doubt had sunk, no more to rise, while fiction and deception had fled forever." (What a wonderful experience Oliver and Joseph had while in the act of translating and scribing from the plates.—Editor)

But, dear brother, think, further for a moment, what joy filled our hearts, and with what surprise we must have bowed, (for who would not have bowed the knee for such a blessing?) when we received under his hand (the angel, Editor) that holy priesthood, as he said: "Upon you my fellow servants, (Oliver and Joseph, Editor) in the name of Messiah I confer this priesthood and this authority, which shall remain upon the earth, that the sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness."

I shall not attempt to paint to you the feelings of this heart, (Oliver's heart, Editor) nor the beauty and glory which surrounded us on this occasion; but you will believe me when I say, that earth, nor men, with the eloquence of time, can begin to clothe language in as interesting and sublime a manner as this holy personage. No: nor has this earth power to give the joy, to bestow the peace, or comprehend the wisdom which was contained in each sentence as they were delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit. Man may deceive his fellow man: deception may follow deception, and the children

of the wicked one may have power to seduce the foolish and untaught, till nought but fiction feeds the many, and the fruit of falsehood carries in its current the giddy to the grave: but one touch of his love, yes, one ray of glory from the upper world, or one word from the mouth of the Saviour, from the bosom of eternity, strikes it all into insignificance, and blots it forever from the mind. The assurance that we were in the presence of an angel: the certainty that we heard the voice of Jesus, and the truth unsullied as it flowed from a pure personage, dictated by the will of God, is to me past description, and I shall ever look upon this expression of the Saviour's goodness with wonder and thanksgiving while I am permitted to tarry, and in those mansions where perfection dwells and sin never comes, I hope to adore in that day which shall never cease.

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

I must close for the present: my candle is quite extinguished, and all nature seems locked in silence, shrouded in darkness, and enjoying that repose so necessary to this life. But the period is rolling on when night will close, and those who are found worthy will inherit that city where neither the light of the sun nor moon will be necessary, "for the glory of God will lighten it, and the Lamb will be the light thereof."

P. S. I have reasons for typing this part of this letter: I received a letter from Utah Mormon today maintaining that it was John the Baptist that bestowed the authority upon these two men. Consequently the Aaronic priesthood. The letter I have of Oliver says it was an angel of God—gives no name and also the Saviour spoke to them and they heard His voice. I give praise to God, that while Joseph's name has become famous both for good and evil—that such a letter written by Oliver, his scribe has been spared. And also

while Joseph has been accused by many of having many wives, no children can be produced to him, except his by his faithful wife Emma, who under interrogation made the statement that she was the only wife her husband had.

I have written to the end of Oliver's letter, more than I had intended.

#### WHAT IS A MINISTER?

A minister's someone who's chosen by God  
As a shepherd of souls in his care,  
He's someone who comforts an unhappy heart  
With a smile or a word or a prayer.

A minister's someone whose strength and devotion  
Enriches the living of others  
He's someone who preaches the doctrine of Christ—  
That, basically, "all men are brothers..."

A ministers someone whose goal is to follow  
A worthy and lofty ideal—  
To guide other souls in the straight paths of truth,  
To sympathize, comfort and heal.

A minister's someone of great understanding  
Whose selfless devotion to duty  
Imparts to all hearts the real spirit of giving,  
And adds to life more truth and beauty.

"Selected"

#### U. S. INDIANS SEEK SOVIET TRADE LOAN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—

The head of the Indian Trades Council said Monday night he has sounded out the Russians on a five-million-dollar loan because he is convinced the American government has no intention of helping the Indians.

Al Delafontaine, a Sioux Indian, said he wanted the loan "so we can get some kind of industry started on the reservations so Indians can have a weekly pay check and work where they want to work."

Delafontaine telephoned the Soviet Embassy in Washington Monday and said the Russians sounded very cordial over the telephone. They told him the ambassador was out of town, but gave him the name of a man at the em-

bassy to whom he could write for information about a loan, Delafontaine said.

"They sounded very encouraging and we might get some money from them," he said.

Delafontaine, whose organization consists of 100 to 200 Indians on reservations in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana, said he would lead a delegation of Indians to Washington Saturday to seek action on his request.

He said he would give the United States first chance at helping the Indians by trying to contact President Eisenhower and their congressmen.

If they have no luck at the White House or in Congress, then the delegation will visit the Soviet Embassy. Delafontaine indicated he had little hope for obtaining government aid.

#### FACT OR FANCY?

One lazy day, when I had naught  
To do but sit and wonder,  
I sat upon my kitchen stoop,  
And I began to ponder....  
Look here, I said, it seems to me  
It's time we took a census,  
And see us as we REALLY are,  
And not thru rosy lenses.

What do we see beneath the  
sham?  
Remember, truth is priceless,  
We must be honest with ourselves  
Or all of this is useless..  
Do we see what we THINK we  
are,  
Or do we see a stranger?  
For there's a gap t'wixt thought  
and fact,  
And therein lies the danger.

Gather the good deeds we  
WOULD do,  
And put them in a measure;  
Now measure out the good we've  
DONE,  
And how much IS our treasure?  
The beggar wishes he could be  
The rich man of tomorrow,  
But, would we go to him today,  
If money we would borrow?

We're seldom what we think we  
are,  
Or, what we would aspire;  
Our lofty thoughts cannot be  
seen,  
Nor, yet, a good desire.  
Take stock, my soul, for it is  
good  
To sever fact from fancy,  
It might amaze you to compare  
The actual with the fancy!

by Catherine Poma

#### WHAT IS MAN THAT THOU LETTERS... ART SO MINDFUL OF HIM

to the Editor

Oh how our Lord must saddened  
be,  
'To see how little we acknowledge,  
"Thee"

Who bore the cross, the shame  
and pain  
For all us sinners to reclaim.

For all come short, and errors  
make;  
'Tis God forgives, for His dear  
Son's sake.  
Not for our goodness, or our  
labour hard,  
But thru His mercy and grace  
are we heard.

Weak worms of the dust, us  
mortals be  
All good that is done, must  
come thru "Thee"  
Who loved to the death on  
Mount Calvary  
"Forgive them," He cried, in His  
agony.

Then why waste our time on the  
I's and the we's;  
And the me and the us, when  
we come from the dust.  
Our importance here, is not  
worthy to note,  
For out of the rocks, hath the  
spirit spoke.

Of little worth are we to Him  
If we cannot be humble, from  
deep within  
Our hearts washed clean by the  
crimson tide,  
A place within, where our Lord  
can abide.

A contrite heart it takes to  
please  
A broken spirit that feels an-  
others need,  
A spirit to witness, a heart full  
of love;  
All this we must have to worship  
our Lord.

Then let us forsake our selfish  
desires,  
And strive to redeem the time  
by the hour.  
Not looking back, but just  
pressing on.  
To the mark of our calling, 'Til  
Eternity Dawns.

And then we shall enter His  
rest, and abide  
With our dear Saviour, our Lord  
and our guide.  
Who led us safe thru the valley  
so dark,  
Because in our youth, we gave  
Him our heart.

Margaret Heaps

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bro. Editor:-

It is some time since I heard from you, but I am not dismayed because in some way or other, I seem to confer with you and others through the spirit. The most recent, I dreamt that you and dear Sister Cadman were here and we were having the most inspirational time in conversation. I do wish that the younger saints could always be in touch with those who have been through the mill, and have had their garments spotless, walking in the fear and admonition of the Lord, then would we be, as we read in Mormon, 9th chapter 27th verse, O then despise not, and wonder not, but hearken unto the words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus, for what things soever ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart, and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before Him. I shall now give you a brief synopsis of some of our proceedings in this part of the Vineyard.

On Sunday Feb. 1st we met in Branch No. 3. Prayer was offered by Bro. Peter Capone sr. He read a portion of scripture found in Joshua 1st chapter, 6th and 7th verses. He mentioned about the great work the Lord had for Joshua as a substitute for Moses, in leading the children of Israel, into the Promised Land, therefore he was admonished to be strong, and of good courage, that he would be able to accomplish the task. He said how did this direction back there affect us today? It affects us similarly as it did them, if they were faithful, they would succeed, if not, they wouldn't, as it is with us. Bro. Anthony Pietrangelo spoke a few words in Italian, bro. Gorie Ciaravino made concluding remarks, and meeting came to a close with prayer by bro. Matthew Miller. On Feb. 8th, we met in Branch No. 2. Service was opened with prayer by bro. Reno Bologna. He read a portion of scripture found in 1st Cor. 12th chapter, 23rd verse through the 27th, and talked about our body as compared with the Church of the Son of God. He said he did not know, by numbering the number of the parts of the body, but assumed that they were quite a few. He

said that Paul in these scriptures want to point out the intrinsic parts of the Church, as compared with the parts of our own bodies. He said we may not look too presentable to people, but if before God we may be like our bro. Ralph Frammolin, when he was living, or Sister Marrietta Ruzzi, when she lived, or sister Mary Scarsella, just departed, and many others of their type, we would be a blessing to our God, The Church of Jesus Christ, and those to whom we come in contact with from day to day.

Bro. Matthew spoke a few words on the subject, a sister was prayed for, and the meeting came to a close with prayer by bro. Dominic Thomas. On Sunday Feb. 15th meeting was introduced at Branch No. 1, by bro. Matthew Miller, reading from Matthew 24th chapter, 3rd. verse to the 22nd., dealing mostly on the preparation needed to attain the kingdom of Heaven. Bro. Nick Pietrangelo followed, and we enjoyed a great blessing. Meeting came to a close with prayer by bro. Concetto Alessandro. On Sunday Feb. 22nd Bro. Michaelangelo Gioia, my wife and I, went to Sarnia. We passed by Port Huron, and found a few of the faithful there in action. We enjoyed ourselves in Sarnia, dismissing our meeting early to go to the Hospital, and visit sister Jackson, who has been ill for a long time. We wish that all saints will remember her in their prayers. In Detroit, in Branch No. 1, they had a time to break the ice, to baptize a young sister, the new bride of bro. Pat O'Callahan, (formerly Miss Rose Campagna) Bro. Geo. Danychuck has been in the hospital for a short period, but is now convalescing at home. He wishes that all the saints will remember him in their prayers.

Wishing all the peace, joy, and love of God, to all bros. and sisters, I remain, your bro. in Christ Jesus.

Matthew T. Miller

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#### San Fernando Valley, California

Dear Brother Cadman,

I would first of all like to say how wonderful I think the Gospel News is and how happy I am to contribute. It has come to mean a lot more since I was recently baptized and found out what a wonderful gospel I was born into.

We here in the San Fernando

Valley are enjoying the blessings of God and are striving to promote this wonderful gospel. Our brothers have visited the Tule Reservation near Bakersfield and preached to God's covenant people. They have succeeded in having a meeting and interesting a few Indians. They plan to visit them again in a few days or weeks. The Indians are very poor and are in need of the gospel with the news of their heritage.

We were also invited to go along with Bell to a colored church in Los Angeles. We were asked to take part in their service by contributing songs. Brother Bob Watson Jr. gave an inspiring talk which impressed the members of this church very much. We sincerely hope they felt something different and are desirous to find out more about us.

Love to all the saints, from  
The San Fernando Valley Branch  
Sister Elaine Watson

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#### San Diego, California

Dear Brother Editor,

As Branch Editor, I would like to pass along to all, through our wonderful Gospel News, how good God has been to us here in San Diego. He has blessed us so many times and in so many ways that I could never find words to express our thanks, but since our greatest blessing is in seeing souls come to Christ, I am so happy to report that we have had three more additions to the Gospel.

You remember when I last wrote you I told you of the two young Pflueger brothers who had been searching for the true Church and upon hearing of the Restored Gospel, took it quickly into their hearts. Immediately they wanted to share their new-found happiness, and everywhere they went they told of the Pearl of Great Price that they had found. We know that many will not listen and we know how discouraging it is to see so many reject the truth, but we also know as in the parable of the sower, some seed "fell on good ground", and one evening Bro. Buck Pflueger was with a group of his friends and he began to tell them of the glory of the Church of Jesus Christ. As he spoke, one by one his friends left him, but one young man wanted to listen to the story of Christ. Bro. Buck told him gladly and extended an invitation to

come and see for himself. It was not long before Bob Reesman rose to his feet and requested his baptism. We know how it pleased God to see us put our talents to use, and we know that great is our reward when we desire to work for Him in this great Battle for Truth. We ask that you will remember Bro. Bob, as he is in the service and is not able to be with the brothers and sisters.

Most of the Brothers and Sisters know our second new Soldier for Christ. He is Tony Piccolo, son of Bro. and Sis. Piccolo of Detroit Branch No. 4. Bro. Tony was raised in the Church, but as so many of the children of the saints will do, he thought he could postpone serving the Lord. Many times our prayers were offered in his behalf, so our hearts were filled to overflowing to see Bro. Tony walk up to the pulpit of the Church and embrace our Presiding Elder, Bro. Felix Buccellato, and express his desire to surrender to the Lord. It is so glorious to hear his testimony of praise to God. He told us of an experience he had one night when he was deep in the mire of this world. He had just gotten into bed and at the foot of his bed he saw a great light and an Angel of God appeared there. In one hand he had a balance and in the other hand, a great sword. He held up the scale, and one side of it was weighted down with Tony's sins, causing the scale to be completely out of balance. Then the Angel raised the sword in His hand and spoke to Tony saying, "If you do not balance these scales, I will surely cut you off. And so, we praise God with our Brother that the scales have been balanced and we know the desire of his heart is to keep them so.

Just yesterday at our District Gathering here in San Diego, God again filled our cups to overflowing. The sermon which our Bro. Marco Randy of Modesto brought forth was most inspiring, where Christ promised "if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever," and as Bro. Marco explained that though this flesh would die, our spirits lived on, we were all filled with the joy of the promise of God to His people, and spent a day of wonderful fellowship together.

At the close of the afternoon meeting, Bro. Felix called a hymn, the chorus reads, "Jesus calls, I am the way, I am the way the truth and the life; No man

cometh unto the Father but by me." The spirit of God came down upon us and Marlene Ciccati was touched to the extent that she knew Jesus was calling her. Marlene had been wanting to be baptized for a long time, having been raised in the Church, a daughter of our beloved deceased Brother and Evangelist, Bro. Gildo Ciccati, but Satan had kept her from calling her baptism. However, we are so thankful that God's power is stronger, and as Marlene was in the vestibule of the Church, the power of God came down upon her so forcibly that she was able to break the bonds of Satan and shout so that her voice was heard to the front of the building. "I want to be baptized, I want to be baptized, I want to be baptized." Marlene's brother, Bro. Ben Ciccati, took his sister into the water and baptized her. Oh what joy was in our hearts and especially in the heart of their mother, Sister Anna Ciccati, to know that eight of her children had now been baptized into the Church. When Sister Marlene was being confirmed, Bro. Marco was filled with the spirit of God and spoke in the gift of tongues. The interpretation was, "Let it never be said that you are weak, but invite the Lord into your life."

It is our desire that we might truly keep the Lord completely in our lives, for He is so good and so kind. As the hymn says, "How can I ever sufficiently praise Him, for the great things He hath done for my soul?" We ask that you might continue to pray for us here in the West, that we might always remember our duty to God, that we might always keep on our shield of faith as our protection against the fiery darts of Satan; that we might be ready, willing and able to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the earth; and that we may hear the Lord say, "Well done, my faithful servants."

Sister Jo Ann Smith

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Editor:

We'd like to report to you the wonderful time we've had Sunday, Feb. 8, 1959 in our East Side Cleveland Branch 1.

From morning, when Sunday School started, until the end of day the Lord's presence was felt in our midst. Our visiting Brother Tony Picciuto from Kent, Ohio mission opened the morning service by preaching from the 12th chapter of Helaman, "How Slow To Remember The Lord." He spoke on this subject with much liberty and to the point. With the presentation of this Scripture our brother caused a good feeling in the congregation. He appealed to all to draw nigh unto the Lord, the source of life, in whom we can find salvation and happiness. But that if we, on the other end, failed to hearken unto his holy word, he would cut us off forever to eternal damnation. As he spoke on this so vital a subject the blessings of God were flowing from vessel to vessel. An atmosphere of sacredness prevailed as our brother spoke. Two other brothers followed briefly elaborating further on the necessity of embracing Christ as our personal Saviour as time is getting short. And that coming into harmony with God is the most constructive act of our life. Thus the morning service came to a close.

We re-convened at 1:30 for the afternoon testimony meeting. After a few testimonies Brother Tony Picciuto gave his testimony as to how he came into the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As he was recounting what God had done for him, and how his life had been spared from drowning in the deep ocean, prior to his conversion, he extended an invitation to the young people if they, too, won't consider making their acquaintance with their Saviour as he would receive them in his arms of mercy and love. To this invitation three souls responded by requesting the baptism; namely, Betty Milano, Louis De Angelo and his brother Aldo who resides in Rochester, N. Y. Both of these two brothers are originally from Greensburgh, Pa.

After the candidates were baptized we returned to the church. The meeting was reopened by our visiting Brother Eugene Kline from Painsville, Ohio who gave us a very inspiring talk. Then the confirmation took place. After the confirmation, the three new converts gave their testimony. Before the meeting adjourned, about 5 o'clock, an invitation was extended to others to make their

peace with God. In fact, after the meeting was over, another young lady, Sivilla, who is the wife of young elder Vincent Gibson also requested to be baptized. It was still daylight when we went back to the river. And even though it was cold and freezing at this time the baptismal ceremony was most sacred.

As these candidates were being dipped into the waters of regeneration—a sign that they were starting afresh, clean in God's sight—the thought came to us that Christ has given us the great and glorious command: "Go ye - teach - preach - baptize. What an honorable commission has the Lord entrusted to his followers! What a great privilege it is to be engaged at the service of Christ." In order for us to be able to attend to this great task we must become more consistent and more dedicated to the work of the Lord because if we do he will give us the increase in due time." Ye, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. Amen.

Brother Mario Milano

I must have the Saviour walk beside me,  
In this onward march of life.  
I must feel His presence near me,  
In the darkness and the strife.

Since I heard this true gospel of love,  
A gospel true and glorious,  
How the Saviour came from above,  
To help me live a life victorious.  
You may have this gospel too.  
Shed abroad within your heart,  
And the Saviour will do the same for you,  
If from sin you will depart.

To others you may tell  
Of this salvation full and free,  
How with Jesus they may dwell,  
And be happy through Eternity.  
Sister Eva Lambert  
Windsor, Ont.

Would you do it?

John L. Wesley, Jr., gave up an \$11,000-a-year job as water supply expert for a consulting engineering firm in order to take a \$3,100-a-year job as a missionary well-digger. Soon Wesley will be operating a drill rig in the Congo and in other areas where Methodist mission stations are located.

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# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## HELP! HELP!

Open the windows of Heaven,  
And listen to my plea,  
Aitho' my lips maybe silent,  
My heart cries out to Thee.  
The Golden City of Zion  
Within my reach I see...  
But, without Thee to rely on,  
It shall be lost, to me.

### Chorus

Help! Help! Come to my aid,  
The Evil One draws near...  
Help! Help! I'm so afraid,  
He fills me with such fear;  
Soon, Soon! Save me from doom,  
I have so much at stake,  
All I cherish will surely perish,  
...My heart will break!

What shall it profit my Soul, Lord,  
If all the World, I gain,  
Then, when I reach Heaven's  
portals,

You greet me with disdain?  
I made a promise, Oh Jesus,  
Not for a day or a year,  
But 'till this mortal breath  
ceases,

Proudly, Thy Name to bear.

### Chorus

I see my Saviour appearing!  
Why did I ever doubt?  
He saw my silent despairing,  
The enemy, He'll rout!  
He saw the danger around me,  
Did not ignore my shout,  
He let His Spirit surround me,  
Casting all fear, without.

### Chorus

Help! Help, came to my aid!  
The Enemy was near...  
Help, Help? I'm not afraid,  
He banished every fear.  
Soon, soon, gone was my doom!  
All that I have at stake  
Cannot perish, for Christ I  
cherish,  
...I'm His to take!

Catherine Poma

## When Life is Done

I'd like to think when life is done  
That I had filled a needed post,  
That here and there I'd paid my  
fare

With more than idle talk and  
boast;

That I had taken gifts divine,  
The breath of life and manhood  
fine,  
And tried to use them now and  
then

In service for my fellow men.

—Edgar Guest

## SHORT ITEMS....

In a letter from Brother M. Randy dated April 13th, he tells me that he is still in Michigan, having not yet returned home from Conference and he says that Brother Joseph Lovalvo left yesterday for his home. On their way from Monongahela they stopped at Lorain, Ohio, and spoke in the Church there with a large audience to listen to them. He says he has been attending meetings at various places in Detroit and Windsor, and would like to visit back here in Pennsylvania before going home.

In a letter from Sister Dominico dated or post-marked on April 12th, she speaks of the meeting in Lorain which was attended to by Brothers Randy and Lovalvo—says their church was filled up.

### Monongahela, Pa. April 15th

Brothers Heaps, Marshall and Goodwin left here today for their home in California. They had been here attending Conference.

### Take Note:

In a letter received from Brother Heaps on April 24th informing me of their safe arrival back home on April 18th. He informs me that the City Council of Anaheim has granted them the privilege of remodeling the ware room they bought recently, into a church building by a vote of three against two. A close shave indeed, but the one of a majority is sufficient. May the Lord bless our brothers and sisters of the city of Anaheim. He says it will cost them about two thousand dollars to do the remodeling—every body gave them a helping hand in the way of financial help. I understand that the property they purchased has on it a good residence, which is worth possibly \$18,000 dollars. The rent from it will go a long ways toward meeting their financial obligations after the remodeling is finished. I undersand it is a good buy. Send all offerings to James Heaps, 1604 So. Medina Dr. Anaheim, California.

### Muncney, Ontario

I am in receipt of a letter this day (April 29th) from Brother Bologna who spends much of his time on the Muncney Indian Reservation preaching the gospel. He does not give me much news, but what he says is encouraging

indeed. He says they have from 20 to 30 children attending their Sabbath School—they are having good meetings, and the few that were baptized sometime ago, are doing well, and he has hopes of others who are very attentive to the meetings, obeying the gospel soon. May God bless the efforts that are being put forth at Muncney Reservation.

### Brother Randy has fall....

A short letter from Brother Mark this day informs me that he arrived home on April 21st by plane. He had to cut his visit short back here in the east. From what he tells me, he had a hard fall in a bath while in Detroit and was bruised up to the extent that he canceled his engagements and left for home. He hopes to be all right in a few days. He says he enjoyed his visit while back here holding meetings at various places. Brother Randy, we were sort of looking for a visit from you back in Monongahela. Sorry this had to happen.

Notes from a letter written by Louise Marshall, dated May 7, —“We had a very nice Conference here at Bell (Los Angeles, Calif.) On Sunday we had one renewal, two baptisms and one brother ordained an Evangelist. We had a full day. We had a nice number of saints here this week-end. It is really a big holiday for us when we can meet with our brothers and sisters from the various branches.”

“My mother-in-law (Sister Marshall) is getting weaker every day.” From what Sister Louise says in her letter, Sister Marshall is a very sick woman. We are looking forward to seeing you again in California.

Bro Cadman

## A PECULIAR PEOPLE, BUT NOT A TREE OF THORNS.

Titus, 2nd Chapter, 14th Verse:

“Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.”

These words—

A peculiar people have caused many, to loose the light which we

must have to draw people to us and to His Church. I remember well Brother Alma Cadman relating an experience of his while he was living out in the west, years ago and it has always been close to my heart. He said, One night he was walking along the street of a small town, and it was very late and there wasn't a light anywhere and as he stumbled along he says the darkness was awful, but then a light appeared in a window of one of the homes and he said, oh how wonderful it was to him that light shining out into that awful darkness. Yes, we are to be a light unto those in this dark world, and like this natural light drew Brother Alma to it, on that dark night so many years ago.

We must carry a spiritual light that men and women traveling in spiritual darkness may be drawn unto us and to His Church. This light we know is the love of God and it must be held out to all mankind. Not only to our Brothers and Sisters in the Church but we must take this love into the world where ever we go, unto all people that by this love toward all mankind it may be the great light that draw men unto God.

In speaking of losing this light because of the words "A Peculiar People," many assume this to mean we are to be peculiar about how we dress or our makeup or the outward appearance of man, but this is not so, for Jesus had the appearance of other men.

Remember it was said of Him. "Is not this the carpenter's son?" Yes his appearance was as other men, and He dressed as other men, but there the resemblance ended, for He was a peculiar person—in the wonderful life of perfect example He lived. He healed the sick, He was always seeking to help someone, and when they struck Him and spit upon Him, He did not strike back and when they nailed Him to the cross, He had no malice or hatred in His heart as other men would have, but that great love and that beautiful light of God when He said, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." Yes He was a peculiar person, pleading for those that despitely used Him, this is the way we are to become a peculiar people.

I remember when my mother was in the hospital, there was a woman there of another faith, who professed to be very religious

and she walked about the hospital with the Bible in her hand, and never a kind word for anyone, but always that sharp condemning way of finding fault with everyone there—in their dress, makeup, and all of their ways, instead of a light that draws people to it. They all gave her a wide berth and stayed as far away from her as they could. It brought to my mind a tree in the woods near our home when I was just a very little boy. It was a tree of large thorns, and I remember well, as we walked in our barefeet most of the summer in those days, we would always give this tree a wide berth also. Yet at different times we would step upon one of these large thorns, where the wind had blown them from the tree.

In conclusion we hope and pray that we may never become a tree of thorns, but that like Christ we may have the appearance of other men but unlike other men we will be a peculiar people as Christ was peculiar. In the love of God as a light to those in darkness.

Brother Bud Martin  
Roscoe, Pa.

#### NEWS FROM ERIE, PA.

On March 22, the Erie Mission was blessed by having the opportunity to see another soul obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The new convert is Sister Betsy Zellefrow, a woman whom our Sister Phylis Bucci Kovacic had talked to of our church a number of years and with whom she had almost lost contact in recent years. Through an experience of Sister Betsy she was forced to call Sister Phylis and then Brother John Mancini made several visits to their home and she was convinced that this was the true Church. She, along with her husband and four young children, began to attend our services and in a very short time Sister Betsy asked for her baptism. We are happy to welcome her in our midst.

This great spiritual uplifting was a good prelude for the week's meetings which were to follow. For the first service, Elder Tony Piccuti from Kent, Ohio was present. Elder Piccuti spoke concerning the five dispensations of time which the history of the world has been divided into, and how we are now living in the fifth. Consequently, a work of enormous magnitude and dimension confronts those of the Re-

stored Gospel. Our second service was presided by Apostle Russell Cadman who spoke on the 27th chapter of Matthew. The theme was developed by drawing an analogy between how readily we accept the favors given us by our fellowmen, but how resistant we are to accept the paramount favor of Eternal Life from Christ. Elders Daniel Piccuti and Eugene Kline as well as a group from their branch of Painsville, Ohio, were present for our third meeting.

Elder Piccuti spoke concerning the choices which confront man throughout his life and the ultimate which are associated with the choices. For our fourth meeting we had expected Brother James Heaps to be with us and were disappointed, but Brother lunch was served and then the on the events leading up to the Resurrection of Christ. The fifth and final meeting Evangelist Timothy (Domenic) Bucci and a car load of brethren from Youngstown were present. Brother Bucci concluded the week's meetings very eloquently and adequately with a talk concerning preparation. He showed the importance of preparation in performing our material duties, but how profoundly important is the preparation for Eternal Life. Brother John Mancini concluded with remarks on the same subject.

The meetings were well attended by outsiders as well as members and a great spiritual rejuvenation was felt by all here. Special numbers were sung by Sister Elaine Sechez, Sister Florence LaRosa, Carol Sue Mancini and the young folks from Painsville, Ohio. Following the meetings each evening a light lunch was served by the Sisters at which time an opportunity was had for fellowship. The Erie Mission wishes to thank those who helped make our meetings a fine success.

On April 26, the Fredonia, Pa., saints visited with us and we held our feet washing service together. We held our regular morning service in which Brother Paul Gehly introduced the service, followed by Brother Russell Cadman, and concluded by Brother John Mancini. A lunch was provided by our sisters here, after which we held our fellowship meeting and had the ordinance of feet washing. At the conclusion of the afternoon we took the Fredonia saints to our respective homes for supper and visiting. We can truly say we had a wonderful time together.

Bro. John C. Mancini



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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

April 30, 1959

This evening I have nothing in particular to occupy my mind, and my wife is busily engaged working on a Concordance of the Book of Mormon. The Church is to put it in print some day, if it sees fit to do so. I will just say that it is a big job she has undertaken to do, and all her spare time throughout the day and up until ten or eleven p. m. most every evening is being spent with pencil and paper in her hand, and at the present time has much to show for the time she has spent in the undertaking. And as I said in the beginning I had nothing in particular to occupy my time—I picked up our Church History and began browsing through it, and became interested in many things of the past.

I think our history is a wonderful piece of literature for our people, and I am sure I came across many things of interest to me this evening. There is much in the testimonies and articles of brothers and sisters who now have passed on to their reward. I was much interested to see so much recorded of the labours and experiences among our Indian people—some of the photos of them bring back fresh to my mind past labours among them. It is much satisfaction, at least to me, for the accomplishments thus far attained, even though our efforts have been nothing to boast of. Yet our departed Indian brothers and sisters were given testimonies that remained with

them until the end of their days. I was made to think of our first visit to Muncey in 1932, the welcome that was given us brothers. On page 322 of the history are two groups of us; Brother Brant, myself and Brother Frenche's daughter and also Sister Nicholas along with one of her children are the only survivors.

As I read the article on page 116, "The Everlasting Gospel" which I wrote in the year of 1907—it was much consolation to me. I realize that I am still endeavoring to carry on in preaching the same gospel at this date which is better than fifty years later. I remember in my youthful days, how we were taught the necessity of carrying the gospel to the seed of Joseph (Indians) and I might add—the necessity of preaching the gospel to all people. And it is a consolation to me along with others that I have had the opportunity of ministering among the poor natives of Nigeria, Africa. If I have understood my old brethren right, the gospel must be preached and obeyed by many, before the saints shall take the kingdom as is recorded in Daniel 7:18. I firmly believe that through the faithful efforts of the true people of God in preaching the gospel and obeying the commandments of God faithfully themselves—they shall possess the kingdom, and the 'will of God' shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. To my mind—the greatest obligation resting with the people of God today—is to live righteously and be **ONE** in the things of God and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ for saving the soul, and my confidence is that God will bless them as prophets have foretold. He has blessed man in all ages when they have done his will—and in their idleness, His displeasure has fallen upon His creatures. I read that He does not change—and His Son to whom He gave all power both in heaven and in earth still remains the same, and He will eventually return the sceptre back to his Father.

. . . . I am gathering up the sermons that were delivered over the radio some years ago by my brethren. You that still have a copy of them, please have them double spaced typed on regular size typing paper, headed where they were delivered, and date if possible. I have already about 25 good sermons, but there are many more, and I expect to present them to the church for publication in book form. I am sure they will be good reading for anyone in the present day and especially in the years to come.

### "BREAD and CIRCUSES"

A Roman satirist once wrote of the people, "Give them bread and circuses." By this he meant that the populace of the Empire were satisfied as long as they received their physical and recreational wants. Historians give many reasons for the break up and fall of the Roman Empire, but chief of these was internal corruption, which was fed by the the bread-and-circus attitude of the people. Only through a strict system of governmental and military control could Rome rule its vast holdings. When this system broke down through corruption

in the government and army, the Empire weakened and fell easy prey to the invading Barbarians from the East and the North. This is a lesson for the nations of the world. Each can guard its sovereign interests only through strict control of its internal structure. This does not mean that such a position will guarantee the survival of any group, or that the principles of such a group are necessarily desirable; but regardless of this, no state, nation, or empire can long survive the weakening effects of internal corruption. There probably never was a greater single power in the earth than the

Roman Empire, but corruption toppled this giant as it is able to conquer any power great or small.

The American people today have reached the level of "bread and circuses." Thus they are failing to see the danger of growing corruption. I say the danger of corruption, for, indeed, the people are not blind to corruption, but, rather, corruption has become their "bread and circuses." The American people are turning more and more to the materials and pleasures of life and are forgetting the spiritual ideals and principles upon which our country was founded.

Equality, freedom, liberty, and human dignity and decency have become secondary values. First and foremost most have become materialism, wealth, class, prestige, and the lusts of life. Any means for obtaining this justifies the end. Take as much advantage of others as possible—climb to the top, get all you can get, and enjoy life. Its here for the taking—let's take it!

Can we blame the few—the leaders? Did the Roman populace have to be satisfied with "bread and circuses"? The public does not have to allow itself to be exploited by corrupt power groups for these groups could not exist without the support of the common people. Society allows these elements to supply it with the gains and pleasures that it desires. Let us glance briefly at a few of these agencies that exploit the people, but which the people in turn support through allowing themselves to be exploited.

Our democracy and culture without doubt depends upon our ability to teach our youth the values which we hold to be essential for our continued way of life. What kind of values do we have when we are willing to pay a hip-swaying, guitarist-crooner more for a single performance than we pay a professor—one who has dedicated his life to the improving of our culture—for several years' work? What kind of values do we have when we give millions upon millions of dollars annually to a system of entertainment that sells itself through the false glamor of sex, licentious living, and class distinction—a world of make-believe and wanton indulgence that sets itself up as an idol and ideal for our impressionable youth?

In the last few years we have been able to witness from the comforts of our living rooms the spectacle of the attempted public exposure of organized crime and labor racketeers, and previous to this, communist subversion. The Fifth Amendment has permitted these organizations to make an open laughing stock of our venerated legislative bodies, which are supposed to be dedicated to the safeguarding of our American rights. How have organized crime and labor become powers that not even our highest powers of government can reckon with? It is not simply because they are led by corrupt men. It is because corruption has spread from the highest to the

lowest position like the entwining tentacles of some monster. The common citizen in his scramble to get ahead is either too busy to be bothered with "something that doesn't concern him," or he is directly engaged in supporting organized vice by buying its wares of sin.

Drew Pearson, who dedicates his life to exposing crime and corruption, has recently been writing about widespread "hate rings" that spend a great deal of effort preaching and practicing prejudice and discrimination against minority groups, and, oh yes, bombing Jewish synagogues. This is shocking, but it is no worse than the citizen who condones or winks at any secret combination bent on resolving group differences through hate and violence. They are no worse than the crowds of men and women who are incited to hysteria because a child of a different color walks into a "free public school." They are no worse than the mother or father who instills prejudice into a child's mind by indicating that he is better than someone else's child.

Abraham Lincoln once uttered these now immortal words: "Four-score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

No nation can endure that cannot live up to the principles upon which it is founded. Where is the liberty and equality for which the nation spilled its blood and for which one of its greatest sons was martyred? The American people, I fear, have sacrificed their ideals of liberty and equality in return for "bread and circuses," and neither conscience, nor principles, nor man, nor God mean enough to them to save themselves from the overwhelming tide of corruption..

Donald J. Curry

There wouldn't be much wrong with little white lies if the tellers didn't sooner or later become color blind.

Take things as they come—the past is gone, tomorrow is an uncertainty, and today is no sure thing.

## YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On Sunday the 5th of April we were honored by having the following elders deliver us our Sunday sermons.

Brother Paul D. Amico, Brother Ansel D. Amico, Brother Simone, Brother Dan Corrado and Brother Patsy Marinetti.

With Brother Paul opening the meeting basing his sermon on the acts of Peter 34:35, then Peter opened his mouth and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of person; but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteous, is accepted with him, concluding, his talk with the life of Christ.

Brother Marinetti then gave us a wonderful sermon on light and hope and promise of eternal life, which was followed by a sermon by Brother D. Amico which was based on St. John, 4:10, which was concerning the living water. Brother Simone gave us a talk on how he was converted to the gospel.

At the conclusion of the meeting Brother A. A. Corrado commented on our Brother using Hymn 239 first and last verses, & with a voice of waring brought forth swift the day is speeding night is coming on.

Brother Dan Corrado from Niles concluded the morning service with an inspiring prayer.

Brother Ralph Berardino

## ALSO OF YOUNGSTOWN . . .

The saints in Youngstown enjoyed the visit of Brother Homer Buffington and his family from Imperial, Pa., Sunday, April 26th. On May 3rd we welcomed Brother John Manes from Kent Ohio, here to bless his little niece, daughter of Brother Nick and Sister Lillian Manes. Two other children were blessed in the afternoon meeting. Visitors from Painsville spent the day with us here.

Please remember in prayer our Brother-in-Christ, Sabatino Andrews who was in the hospital here three months. He had a stroke in December and has been unable to speak since then. Brother Sabatino was always a familiar smiling face at all our meetings; he took great interest in our M. B. A.; a ready testimony was always on his lips. We miss him very much. Drop him a few words of prayer and encouragement at his daughter's home, 4067 W. 226th St., Fairview Park, 26, Ohio.

## *Signs of the Times . . .*

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

"In this era of world wars, in this atomic age, values have changed. We have learned that we are the guests of existence, travelers between two stations. We must discover security within ourselves.

During our short span of life we must find our own insights into our relationship with the existence in which we participate so briefly. Otherwise, we cannot live!

This means, as I see it, a departure from the materialistic view of the nineteenth century.

It means a reawakening of the spiritual world, of our inner life—of religion. I don't mean religion as a dogma or as a church, but as a vital feeling."

These are the words of Boris Pasternak, a citizen of Russia and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. They are true words in a sense, but somehow they leave one a bit cold—alone. The entire theme seems to be 'finding one's self'. This is apparently more important than finding God. Here is an error of our modern age.

In recognizing the failure of religions, man is attempting a salvage program. It is like moving from a house and taking only what you can carry. Bulky or too-heavy items are left behind. Perhaps this can be done with moving from a house but it cannot be done with worship to God.

From the rubble of fallen ideals of modern civilization man is trying to save a few morals. And how the failures of the ages cry out! First it was complete domination by the church—result: the dark ages. Then came isolationism—thousands of groups, all different, all claiming to be right. Finally we had magnitude; vast programs of buildings, schools, missionaries—result: materialism. The end has come to be war-power that makes even the devil shudder and problems at every social level are on the increase. Religion as a force has failed entirely. A man will persecute his brother, often in his own church, for his last penny; in an all-out war he will duel to the death in a space ship.

From out of this chaotic mess Mr. Pasternak claims we must

extract the one reality—our inner life. His contention is that we must reawaken that part of the spiritual world known as 'a vital feeling.'

So now man is going it alone! He will find himself, don a cloak of vital feeling and become perfect. All about him will fall into place and his travel 'between two stations' will be heaven on earth. This is faith indeed; it is faith in the frail, subject-to-error human. God is excluded, even the thought of God is excluded.

Man will make the most catastrophic mistake of his existence if he removes his trust from God and puts it in himself. It is written: "And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God. (II Cor. 2: 4&5)

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### EAST GERMANY:

#### Pull cord—Don't pray

Paratroopers in the Communist East Germany army have been given a new instruction to add to their jump technique: Don't pray at the moment of bailing out.

The official organ of the paramilitary "Society for Sport and Technology," which trains young parachutists, says in its latest issue:

"There is no need for an unknown quantity such as God. We operate on the basis of known quantities—such as wind velocity and rate of descent.

"Should we for once not reach our goal, no prayer is going to help us."

Perhaps this is the necessary attitude to become a Communist paratrooper. If it is, I am thankful I am neither one or the other. (Communist or paratrooper.) To reach our goal, prayer is the only thing that can help us.

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The latest craze in the religious world is the "Jazz Mass." Experiments with rock 'n' roll hymns have produced a mixed reaction. Participants in the services have managed to get one more step

away from God.

Those who do not know what a Jazz Mass is will not be enlightened by this author; they are better off. Those who are so informed will agree with me that these past weeks saw a sign of the times raised in London, England and Norwalk, Conn.

### News Flashes From

#### "THE JEWISH HOPE"

##### 10,000 out every month

Few people realize that the 20,000 exit visas Rumania has given Jews recently are good only for travel to Israel—and not for any other country in the world.

Rumania has a Jewish population of 240,000.

Some 10,000 Jews are leaving Rumania every month. Those leaving are stripped of everything: clothes, jewelry and even documents which attest to a man having graduated from a school of medicine or accountancy.

##### Policemen as teachers

The police force is taking part in the campaign for the dissemination of Hebrew and has already sent groups of policemen to distant villages to teach immigrants to read and write.

Some 120 police volunteers have begun to instruct in villages and immigrant quarters in the North. Other groups of policemen for the rest of the country are now being organized.

##### Copper in Israel foretold in the Bible

Rich copper deposits in Israel that were pinpointed in the Bible 3,000 years ago today are producing needed metal for the young state.

Just as the Israelites were to enter the promised land of Israel 3,000 years ago, Moses gave them a description of what the land would be like:

"For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land . . . a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper" (Deut. 8: 7-9).

##### Hungary permits limited Jewish migration; will unite families

Hungary decided to permit resumption of Jewish emigration to Israel in cases where broken families are involved.

There are an estimated 70,000 Jews in Hungary—increased immigration from Eastern Europe during the past six months has caused officials here to estimate that 30,000 immigrants would ar-

rive in Israel within the next few months.

#### Oil pipeline completed from Haifa to Tel Aviv

An 84-kilometer pipeline from Haifa to Tel Aviv has just been completed to provide for the cheap and efficient transportation of petroleum products from the refineries in Haifa to the consuming area of Tel Aviv and points south.

#### Missions . . .

As many of you know we have three mission stations in South America. One in Soa Paulo, Brazil; another in Santiago, Chile; and the third in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I have never visited our missionaries there. They have invited us on several occasions to come and help them reach more Jews with the Gospel.

The call is urgent now. I must go immediately to South America. It is a great mission field where there are thousands of Jews who have never heard that Jesus is the Messiah.

When you receive this magazine I will be on my way to Soa Paulo, Brazil to visit our missionaries, Brother and Sister Schmal and to carry on an intensive evangelistic campaign to reach many more Jews. It will be a long and tiresome journey and how much I need your prayers that the Lord may bring me there safely, give me the needed health and strength and bless and use my testimony.

Yours in His Service for Israel  
Arthur U. Michelson

P. S. The Book of Mormon says that the Jews on this land will begin to believe in Christ. To me, it is wonderful to see the hand of God at work as it is.

The prophet Zechariah shows that the Lord shall yet stand upon the Mt. of Olives and fight their battles for them. And one shall say unto him—what are these wounds in thine hands? His answer,—Those I received in the house of my friends. (Read Zechariah 12: 13 & 14 verses).

Yea, God has moved in mysterious ways, and has and will perform wonders.

Brother Cadman (Edt.)

It's always open season for the man who didn't know it was loaded, or the man who rocked the boat.

Courtesy costs nothing, yet it buys things that are priceless.

## OBITUARIES

### MICHAEL De FRANCESCO

#### Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

Brother Michael De Francesco died on March 28, 1959 after an extended illness that had lasted over a period of years.

He was born May 8, 1878 in Italy, and would have been eighty one years old in a little over a month's time.

He moved to Aliquippa, Pa. in the year of 1912 and both he and his wife, Sister Laura, were baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ in August of 1921 by Brother Philip Mileca. Brother Michael and Sister Laura were among the very first to obey the gospel in this locality.

Brother Michael was a very quiet man and also very attentive to all church services until his health and old age began to fail him.

Our departed brother died a very peaceful death, while in his sleep. May the Lord bless and comfort his loved ones who survive him namely, his wife, Sister Laura, two sons and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 31, 1959 and interment was at the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery. The funeral service was officiated by Elder John Ross and assisted by Elders Thomas Ross and Domenick D'Antonio.

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### MARIA SARAGOSA

#### Detroit, Michigan

Maria Saragosa was the wife of our Brother Carl Saragosa, Deacon of The Church of Jesus Christ, branch No. 4, of Detroit. She was born on January 19, 1893 in Italy and passed away April 2, 1959 here in Detroit. She is survived by her husband, Brother Carl, five children, and several grandchildren.

We shall miss her for though she had been ailing for a long time she was beside Brother Carl in church almost every Sunday.

Funeral services were held at branch No. 4 on April 6, 1959. Brother Peter Capone officiated at the service and Brother Joseph Lovalvo, who was visiting here from California, was a guest speaker.

### JULIA FISHER

#### Muncey, Ontario

Sister Julia Fisher (our aged Indian sister of Muncey, Ont.) died on March 23, 1959 after an illness of about eight days. Had she lived until May 23rd she would have been 93 years old. She was buried on March 16th with Brother Reno Bologna officiating at the services. She was baptized into the Church quite a number of years ago, and has been very faithful in the church, and always had a testimony to bear for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She will be missed among the members of the church in Muncey, and on the Reservation where she has so long lived. May her soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God.

P. S. I will add a little to this account which was sent to me. Sister Fisher lived in a log hut about two miles from our church in Muncey. I have visited her home often, have held meetings therein and have ate at her table. She was always very friendly to everybody, and bore a good testimony to the Gospel of Christ. I have been visiting the Indian people in that community ever since the fall of 1932—some of them were baptized on that occasion, and now our older ones are most all passed on to their reward.

I am glad to have known Sister Fisher, and I will miss her on my next trip to Muncey, which I hope will not be too long. May the Lord bless you all in Muncey.

Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman

## BATTLE FOR A LIFE

Shiny instruments flash in the skilful hands of the surgeon. A nurse vigilantly checks the pulse. An assistant prepares swabs and bandages. The heavy stillness of a tropic afternoon is broken only by the measured breathing of perspiring medical missionaries through their steril masks.

On the operating table is a life. A pagan life, true—a life that yesterday was held in the trance of a spirit-worship ceremony. A life that until today has turned against the Son of God.

He had never gone near the missionaries. But when he was carried in critically injured during last night's orgy, there they were—ready to receive him. He is not their countryman; they

owe him nothing. Yet these Christians work over him lovingly, feverishly, as if he were their brother.

Why? Why should they give up their good salaries at home? Why should they live in his squalid village instead of in the white man's fabulous country? Why should their people send out all this shiny equipment just to save his life?

It must be true that they love him and that their God loves him. He will open his ears to their Book. It must be true.

**On the table is a life. Not just a body, but an immortal soul. The Church of Christ, represented by the earnest men and women behind the gauze masks, is battling to save that life for for eternity.**

Selected from "AFRICA"—  
Edited by The Sudan Interior  
Mission at Work.

P. S. The above caption is from under photo taken somewhere in Africa. It is an operating room with a patient on the table, and surrounded with a Doctor and three nurses, not only trying to save a body, but they have in mind the Immortal Soul as well. May I ask my readers: what are you doing?

Is there not something more to do than just going to Conference as we are doing? Was the gospel restored just to be trifled with, or is the message of the angel to be taken serious—in that he called on 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 judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (Rev. 14:6,7)

Editor

#### Excerpts:

#### WRITINGS OF OUR OLDER BROTHERS

(They are good to read again)

"We, therefore, wish our people to understand this simple truth: 'That we are simply Israel by the laws of adoption, under the restored Gospel, and that by performance of our duties toward Israel, we have the promise of being partakers with them in the benefits of the covenants made to them.'"

(Our duty to Israel is to carry the Gospel to them. Editor

#### Take Note Again

The center of all this happiness (might I say peaceful reign?) joy and satisfaction will be in the New Jerusalem previously referred to, which city this scripture states, "shall be low in a low place." Now my brethren and sisters, don't you feel the Spirit of God in these applications of Scripture? If so, are you not willing to perform the part God has intended you to perform to produce such glorious results, which is: carrying the Gospel to the seed of Joseph. (P. S. After all the delay—after all the excuses mortals may make—the fact still remains—the Gentiles must carry the gospel to the Seed of Joseph—that is, if the word of God means what it says. Editor)

#### Something Here Rather Pointed

I (the author) have herein stated that the little stone is presented to us here in a national point of view. You will remember also, that your attention has been drawn to a people who are cursed because they forgot God's holy mountain: you will realize also, what is meant by his holy mountain: that it includes his gospel, his purposes, and his Kingdom, and to reject God's holy mountain is to reject all the parts thereof, or at least, in other words, rejecting the first part, which is the gospel, will assuredly deprive men of all blessings promised on condition of faithfulness to the gospel.

P. S. May I ask what right will any people have to rejoice in God's holy mountain if they do not preach the gospel?

I like the following as written by the Author of Religious Experiences. It is a very simple and concrete statement of our faith as written in the days of our Fathers while on the earth: It is as follows:

"Here is a Kingdom, (peaceful reign if you prefer) then, that we are looking for; the Kingdom of Christ, called by our Brother Daniel, 'The Ancient of Days,' which will fulfill the covenants (the Kingdom has a work to do) made to Israel; (at least the gospel must be preached to them) prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the ancient of days; (come to the church or kingdom of Christ) introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion." I still like the writings of my old brethren, so simple and plain. They also add in their writings

that Christ was with the Father before the foundation of the world—and the Bible and Book of Mormon says the same thing.

President W. H. Cadman

#### SELECTED

They say that I am growing old. I have heard them tell it times untold

In language plain and bold—  
But I am not growing old!  
This frail old shell in which I dwell

Is growing old, I know full well,  
But I am not the shell!

What if my hair is turning gray?  
Gray hairs are honorable, they say.

What if my eyesight's growing dim—

I can still see to follow Him  
Who sacrificed His life for me  
Upon the cross of Calvary.  
What should I care if time's old plough

Has left its furrows on my brow?  
Another house not made with hands

Awaits me in the Glory Land.  
What though I falter in my walk,  
What though my tongue refuses to talk,

I can still tread the narrow way.  
I can still watch and praise and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen  
As in the past it may have been,  
Still I can hear my Saviour say  
In whispers soft, "This is the way."

The outward man, do what I can  
To lengthen out my life's short span,

Shall perish and return to dust  
As everything in nature must.  
The inward man, the Scriptures say

Is growing stronger every day.  
So how can I be growing old  
When safe within my Saviour's fold?

'Ere long my soul shall fly away  
And leave this tenement of clay—  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise

To seize the everlasting prize.  
I'll meet you on the streets of gold  
And prove that I'm not growing old!

Author unknown  
Selected by the Editor

There is a vast difference between putting your nose in other people's business and putting your heart in other people's problems.

## Word Study:

**"PRISONER"**

The word for our consideration this month has varied applications, each of which gives additional light on what exists, and what had existed in the past. Each of these also causes us to understand better the lessons contained in the scriptures, wherever this word is used.

First of all we might mention that there be two kinds of prisoners, that is one in a natural sense, and also one in a spiritual sense, both of which are individuals receiving punishment for wrongdoing. In a natural prison we realize that a prisoner is in confinement. He may not necessarily be in a prison house, however in whatever he may be or wherever he may be, of him certain things are required; in his confinement. Many times his punishment is decreased or increased according to his behaviour. Confinement in this sense is generally punishment for breaking civil law, it being unpleasant and very undesirable. Strangely enough one man had written concerning this kind of confinement, that it guaranteed its inmates; security, food shelter, and protection from their enemies. This was written in criticism of some who not too long ago clamored for guaranteed perpetual security from the government.)

Now let us consider the word in a spiritual sense. Paul in his second letter to Timothy, (II Timothy 2:24 & 25) gave Timothy good counsel of how he a servant of the Lord should labor to bring deliverance to those in spiritual captivity. "And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;" The result then would be, 26th verse, "that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive at his will." The Lord Jesus also came to do a similar work, even as Isaiah speaks; "To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." Isaiah 42: 7. The prison house spoken of here undoubtedly meant a spiritual one.

The word darkness also meant a spiritual condition. "The peo-

ple that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Isaiah 9:2. Those then that are in darkness are captives or prisoners bound by the cords of satan. A sister of this church, who lived a good respectable life, before hearing of the gospel, had a revelation shortly after the gospel was preached to her, that she was bound by the cords of satan and that she would be loosed upon the acceptance of this gospel; which thing did gloriously come to pass. Each and everyone of us once were in this condition, while we were following the ways of the world, for then we were led by the spirit of error, which led us into snares continuously.

We thank God for deliverance, for though all of us tried to do good, we were unable of ourselves to accomplish this, until the unction came unto us from on high, giving us the necessary aid. The disciples in the days of Christ also realized their helplessness, and of their inability to do good. The Lord Jesus said, "without me ye can do nothing." Men and women all over the world are endeavoring to do good, without results, all because of this blindness and darkness that is unbeknown to them. Yes, many and many are unaware of their blind spiritual condition; their captivity of satan.

In some people the darkness is slight, and in some the darkness is great. In one portion of the scriptures it says that "darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness covered the people." One other scripture speaks of a man who was plagued by an indwelling of a legion of demons. What great darkness this must have been and what anguish; but what joy and gladness must have been his for this great liberation by the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, there is truly gladness whenever anyone is liberated out of a satanic captivity and taken from darkness into light. A great blessedness indeed, truly uncomprehensible in fulness.

All of us, that know the Lord can testify that it has been glorious to come out of darkness into the light. Yes, we can talk of both conditions, of what it was to be in darkness and what it means and how it feels to be in the light. Paul also was once liberated from the captivity of satan. His liberator, Jesus Christ our Lord became his captor. His

old captor, satan, kept him in darkness; his new captor, by the grace of God, kept him in the light.

Paul as we know was also a prisoner in a natural sense. At one time that is as he was traveling toward Rome on a boat, (a prisoner), he was permitted to come and go, among his friends on the ship. When he became a prisoner of Jesus Christ, spiritually, (Eph. 4:1, "I therefore a prisoner of the Lord.") he was given a similar privilege, and called it liberty in "Christ Jesus."

This privilege was comparable to the privilege as we given to the saints of the church of Philadelphia (Revelation 3:), "an open door." Liberty to go in and out, as long as he stayed in the bounds of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. His new captor also caused life to bring him peace and joy, gladness, contentment and many other desirable good things. Paul undoubtedly rejoiced even in spite of his natural imprisonments, for he knew that it was for a good cause, and that God would some day bring a stop to that kind of treatment, and give him rest and eternal gladness in the life to come. Yes, Paul rejoiced even in his sufferings, but his greatest joy was that he realized the blessedness of being a captive of the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew that it meant security not only temporal, but much more so spiritual. The walls of his imprisonment kept enemies away; what a satisfaction, what gratification undoubtedly was his; it was his not only for his earthly stay, but much more so eternally.

We also of the church have gratification, for similar assurance. We know that God has also built a wall around us, not necessarily to keep us in confinement, but rather for to keep out the enemies of our soul. We declare to the world that this indeed is a blessed assurance, and we invite one and all to divest themselves of the untruths that exist, and come and accept the truth of God as it is in Christ Jesus and His Gospel. You too then will receive that protecting wall around you.

Martin Michalko

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If God is not great enough to embrace everyone, he is too small to be worshiped by anyone.



## - W E D D I N G -

## Vancik - Collins

Mr. Glenn Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collins and Miss Marilyn Vancik, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vancik both of Monongahela were united together in marriage in the home of the brides grandparents (Brother and Sister Cadman) on April 11th at 2:30 p. m., quietly in the presence of the bride's and bridegroom's immediate families. The bride's grandfather, Brother W. H. Cadman performed the ceremony.

Sarah Louise, the brides sister was bride's maid, while the groom's brother-in-law, Virgil Powala was best man.

After the ceremony a light lunch was served and then the young couple got in their car and started off on a week-end trip for some where. Best of wishes are extended to the young couple.

Marilyn is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ.

## A QUESTION:

## I

Was Jesus speaking of being poor materially when He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit?"

To me, I think we should be careful in raising questions without giving serious thought to the subject that is involved. In the beginning I read that God breathed into the nostrils of man "—and he became a living soul." In referring to our fellow men in their afflictions so many times we speak of the **poor soul**. As far as material wealth is concerned, he may be rich with material things. Many poor people die as misers, yet they were rich.

May I ask the question: is any portion of God's Spirit poor? God's spirit is rich, it cannot be poor. It is so precious that it cannot dwell in unholy temples. I read that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. According to the words of Jesus in comparing it to the smallest grain it is not a poor substance. It is **rich**, even though you may have very little in quantity. As for me, I cannot speak of the Spirit of the Mighty God as a **poor substance**. Can you? The meek shall inherit the earth saith the scriptures—it does not say the poor any more than the rich will do so—the meek of all

men must obey the Gospel if they expect to be saved in the kingdom of heaven.

To my mind—we may be poor as to this world's goods, we may be poor in health. The term **poor** may be used towards us in so many ways and at the same time, through obedience to our God we are blessed in **His Spirit**.

## II

After this life will there be "two beings" in heaven, or will there be only the Father, who some say was Christ on the earth?

In answering this I will answer as Jesus did his enemy: He said it is written. He was then talking to a **being** who would have corrupted Heaven, had he not been thrust out.—yea the fallen angel who became a devil and who sought the misery of all mankind. Praise God for the prevailing power of the lamb.

As for Jesus Christ according to His own words (and I believe He was truthful) he was with the Father from the beginning, might I say before the beginning—yea such is written. And I read that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

He is titled as **God** by many scriptural writers. Thomas exclaims: My Lord and my God! The prophet Isaiah styles Him likewise and others as well. And, in the 14th hymn of our Saints Hymnal the composer gives vent to her feelings in praise—"We'll praise His name, our God and King." The Father, Son and Holy Ghost is God, according to the scriptures.

I will now draw your attention to First Cor. 15, beginning with verse 22: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the first fruits afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He (Christ—Edt.) must reign, till He (Christ) hath put all enemies under his feet. (the feet of Christ) The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he (the Father) is excepted, which did put all things under him. (Christ) And when all things shall be subdued unto him,

(Christ) then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him (the Father put all things under the Son) that God may be all in all.

I read in Matthew 28:18 where—in Jesus declares that all power is given unto me in heaven and earth." I have never yet read where Jesus ever surrendered that power back to his heavenly Father thus far. I have never heard his power questioned on the matter either. His power is absolute and undoubted.

Now then, according to the great man Paul, the time will come when the Son surrenders his delegated power back to his Father again. He (the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world has triumphed over all power) is victorious and in some way (I can't fathom it) is subject to the Father even as the ransomed who may be as numerous as the sands of the sea shore. Am I to believe that the Lamb now becomes annihilated? Praise God for His unchanging way. I may not be the brightest of men, but I give praise to my God, both Father and Son, that in that great city which we are traveling towards, that the Lamb will be there. His bride, the Lamb's wife will be there. A pure river of water of life will be there. There shall be no night there—for the Lamb will be the light of it. The nations which are saved shall walk in the light of it, and while the ransomed are in the city of God along with the New Heavens and the New Earth, yet I read of unsaved souls on the outside of the city. In verse 15 chapter 22, apparently awaiting their doom.

Yes, Jesus says it is **WRITTEN** yea let us abide by His word and not neglect so great a salvation. This makes me feel that I long to be there. I hope to be there.

Brother Cadman

## POEM

If you think you have time tomorrow  
To make your choice in life;  
It may be you can never borrow Time, for such a strife:

You may never do on tomorrow  
What you can do today;  
Tomorrow, might it bring sorrow?  
The Time has gone away.

Sister Nastasia  
Niles, Ohio

### IS GOD EVERYWHERE?

#### Let the written word answer

"And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

In verse 23 of Matthew, first chapter as follows: "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." Can this be gainsaid?

I remember of President Cherry after making a trip to St. John, Kansas some years ago, tell of an experience he had while there. He was taking a walk one day when suddenly the blessing of God showered down upon him, and he was made to give vent to the following: "Surely God is in this place."

The scripture is so full of experiences of this kind, and all so the testimony of the people of God in all ages abounds with such that to me it is very unethical for one to take objection to the experience of one saying "that God was with me."

These two experiences as recorded in scripture, also the one of Brother Cherry was sufficient to them, that is, God's presence was with them, whether it was in person or in spirit, it matters not. I remember while at the Bell Church (Los Angeles) on a recent trip, one of the brothers told of an experience he had while I was offering up the opening prayer of an afternoon meeting. He said that he saw the Saviour walking up the aisle and that I bowed down to him. One might raise the point that He was only seen in vision, or one may say that it was only in spirit. It matters not how it may be described—the fact is, that if the experience be genuine, then God's only begotten Son was in our presence, and it corroborates His word as is written—"wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there will I also be in your midst." Therefore if His presence is felt in our midst, then God's presence is there.

We have an instance in the utterances of David that I wish to refer to. In fact, there are so many sayings of David that many are somewhat similar. In the 139th Psalm verse 7 David asks two questions as follows: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee

from thy presence?" The thought to me in these questions is, where could David go to get away from the presence or the knowledge of God?

In the following two verses (8 and 9) he says: "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." And in the following verses: "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Hence wherever there is knowledge of right, then God's presence is there—even though it be in hell and wherever is the knowledge of wrong present, the devil's presence is there. It was so in the garden of Eden, both God and the devil's presence was there. It was so in the great struggle between the nations for the supremacy of this land of promise.

Nephi sees that the power of God was with our political forefathers in establishing their independence upon the land of promise. Yea, God's presence was with the 'thirteen colonies' in its struggle against Great Britain—a powerful nation—yet God's presence was with the right and against the wrong. So it matters not where our lot may be cast, we may find God there. John found Him in exile on the Isle of Patmos. The devil was in the garden of Gethsamane and caused Judas to betray his master. So wherever we may be, we may find God's presence with us, or we may find the devil's presence with us as well.

I read that when the sons of God met together—the devil met with them. Editor

### "CAUSE and EFFECTS"

One hears many remarks about the people of God in more ancient times enjoying the blessings of heaven, and these remarks abound very much, among people who profess a restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have often expressed myself, that a cause will produce the same effect in any age of time, either ancient or modern. Fire would burn in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah—and so it will burn today. Likewise, the transgression of the commandments of God in the days of Ananias and Sapphires brought the displeasure of God upon them—it will do likewise today, matterless what their names happen to be. Just

so will the same rule apply to faithful and obedient followers of the unchangeable God. If it could be otherwise, the Lord would cease to be a God that could be trusted—but the word of God (both Bible and Book of Mormon) abounds with so much testimony that He, the God of Israel, is an impartial and unchangeable Being. He will bless for obedience—He will curse for disobedience—It cannot be gainsaid—therefore, all mortals who believe in a restoration of the Gospel, must reconcile themselves to that fact in word and deed, as well as preach it to others, or bear the consequences of their unbelief. The disciples one time said unto the Master—Lord, help our unbelief.

What I might say was His final command before His ascension—was go ye into the world and preach the Gospel, etc. History reveals that the early disciples were faithful unto the command, even unto death. Likewise, as is recorded in the Fourth Book of Nephi in verse 2, "the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there was no contention and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another." Obedience to a cause, the cause of Christ brought peace to the souls of mortals away back there—they enjoyed the blessings of heaven as promised by the Saviour. In verse 16 it says there was no envying, nor strife, nor tumults, nor whoredoms nor lyings nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God. In verse 17, "There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God. Verse 18, And how blessed were they! For the Lord did bless them in all their doings; yea, even they were blessed and prospered until an hundred and ten years had passed away; and the first generation from Christ had passed away, and there was no contention in all the land."

It is readily observed that in ancient times, when the people of God lived righteously, and lived in obedience to His commands—preaching the Gospel for the salvation of the soul, as well as living in peace with each other—faithfulness to the marriage vows as well being baptized for

the remission of sins. They enjoyed the favor of heaven. If the cause of obedience on the part of the human family, brought peace as is described in the Fourth Book of Nephi, then they must live in obedience to the same cause in these modern times, or bear the consequence of transgressing the commands of God. Latter Day Saints talk much of the building up of Zion and of the ushering in of the kingdom of God, wherein the will of God shall be done on earth as in heaven. Such requires not only being baptized, but faithfulness to the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ, which includes the preaching of the Gospel to all the world.

Obedience to the cause of righteousness will bring the same blessings in modern times even as it did in more ancient times. Likewise, disobedience to the same cause will not please God in modern times.

Editor

## LETTERS . . .

to the Editor

Salina, Kansas

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines from the saints in Kansas, we extend our greetings to you, your wife, and all the Gospel News readers.

Generally speaking, we are in good health and spirit. Brother Wergin of Wichita has been in the hospital of late, but we understand that he is home again and feeling some better.

Our feet washing services were held in St. John on March 29. It was a privilege to obey the Lord's commandment, to humble ourselves and do as the Master had done. Our little group assembled from Salina, Lincoln, Great Bend, and St. John Kansas.

The problems here are, no doubt, the same everywhere in the church. We don't have enough laborers here. The little church in St. John is without a permanent Elder, although Sabbath School is regularly held. We can't complain, the Indians, Africans, and Italians deserve help first.

Despite of all the things that we want and don't have, our joy and hope remains in Christ and His Gospel. If I may quote from Paul in 2nd Corinthians, chapter 1, verse 12, "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of

God, we have had our conversation in the world." Our hope here in Kansas is to keep all things in Godly sincerity and simplicity. If either of these two virtues are missing in our homes, our conduct, our worship, we may become servants to pride, arrogance, and high-mindedness.

God bless you, Bro. Cadman. Say hello to Bro. Neill and Bro. Tucker.

Sincerely,  
W. F. Cox

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Rochester, New York

April 23, 1959

Brother Cadman:

I wonder if you will publish the following hymn in the Gospel News as my own personal testimony and feelings toward the service of God:

(I will gladly publish this Hymn for you, Brother D'Amico. May God bless you-Bro. Cadman)

**Hymn No. 266—(Saints Hymnal)**

God's way is the best way, tho'

I may not see,

Why sorrows and trials, oft  
gather 'round me,

He ever is seeking, my gold to  
refine,

So humbly I trust Him, my  
saviour divine.

Chorus:

God's way is the best way, God's  
way is the right way,

I'll trust in him alway, He know-  
eth the best.

God's way is the best way, my  
path He hath planned,

I'll trust in Him alway, while  
holding His hand,

In shadow or sunshine, He ever  
is near,

With Him for my refuge I  
never need fear.

God's way shall be my way, He  
knoweth the best,

And leaning upon Him, sweet,  
sweet is my rest,

No harm can befall me, safe  
safe, shall I be,

I'll cling to Him ever, so precious  
is He.

I can truly say that the poet has been really inspired of the Lord, and I don't believe I could use different expressions to convey my feelings toward the Lord, and my attitude in His service. I hope and pray that I can remain "HAPPY IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING" till the end of my days.

Brother Cadman: I will close for now hoping that God's richest blessings will abide with you all.

Receive love from all to all, especially from my wife and family. I remain sincerely,

Your Brother in Christ  
Ishmael D'Amico

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Detroit, Michigan

April 20, 1959

Our city has rejoiced greatly this month at having two of our brothers stop off here for a time before returning to their homes in California. Brother Joseph Lovalvo and Brother Mark Randy have attended many meetings in the various branches of Detroit and fed us with many good words during their stay.

On Friday, April 10th, these two good Brothers met here with us in Branch No. 4. Our M. B. A. president turned the meeting over to our Presiding Elder, Brother Peter Capone, who in turn put the meeting in the hands of our visiting brothers to use the time as the spirit would guide them.

The voices of the brothers and sisters along with many friends joined in song and the building was filled with the sound of hymns praising our God.

Brother Lovalvo opened the meeting and spoke to us with much spirit. His words followed in the spirit of teaching and were on the subject of the bride preparing for the bridegroom. "Even as man is desirous of a pure and spotless maiden to be his bride", said Brother Joe, "So is Christ coming to claim a pure and spotless church to wed." This fact should move us to cleanse and keep pure our lives and our hearts so we may be part of that glorious bride. Bro. Lovalvo touched on many subjects and concluded with an invitation that was a plea for any soul that heard and understood to repent and be saved.

Brother Randy followed Brother Lovalvo and urged us to give heed and respect to our Elders and Ministry. He counseled us to pay attention and hear the word of every speaker and as he himself did and still does, pray in our hearts as our Elders are speaking that God might bless them with many words and much spirit. The prayer in our hearts shall bind us together with one accord and this unity shall bring many blessings to all.

At the dismissal of our meeting Brother Tony Lovalvo invited all who wished to meet with Brother Joe to come to his home after the meeting. We gathered there in fellowship to enjoy a few more

words with Brother Lovalvo before his departure on the following morning.

Once more we say, "Bless't be the tie that binds."

Sister Betty Capone

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#### Letter From Italy ....

Mr. David DiChiera  
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Parco Ameno  
Naples, Italy

William H. Cadman  
The Gospel News

Dear Brother Cadman,

I feel that I must take time out to let you know how much the Gospel News means to me here in Italy. I specifically remember one night coming home to my apartment very late and tired from a trip to Rome and finding the Gospel News among my mail.

I read it from cover to cover far into the night for it was to me a source of inspirational food and a means of cantance with a church and its people which has always been so dear to me.

I shall leave Italy after a radio concert in June and tour the capitals of Northern Europe. I look forward to seeing you and many others upon my return in late summer. My warmest regards to all.

David DiChiero

P. S.: Dear David:

I am very much pleased I am sure to receive this letter from you. I am sure it is very gratifying to learn that the little paper is serving such a good purpose, even away off in Naples. I appreciate the fact that you realize its worth, and that you give vent to the same.

I was sorry that I happened to be away from home on the occasion of your stopping off here on your way to Italy. If Monongahela City happens to be on your route back to California—might we look for a stop-over? ... and thanks very much for your good letter.

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

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#### Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bro. Editor:

I sincerely hope you have completely recuperated, are feeling well again, and will be able as per usual to make great strides in the Master's service. Thank

God, we are fairly well and trying to come up to the promise we made at the river's edge to serve God in spirit and in truth unto the end of our lives, as we find in Moroni's teaching, in Moroni 7th chapter, 3rd, 4th and 5th verses. Wherefore, I would speak unto you that are of the Church, that are the peaceable followers of Christ, and that have obtained a sufficient hope by which ye can enter into the rest of the Lord, from this time henceforth until ye shall rest with Him in Heaven. And now my brethren, I judge these things of you because of your peaceable walk with the children of men. For I remember the word of God, which saith by their works ye shall know them; for if their works be good, then they are good also, (or in other words, the tree is known by its fruits, a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit, here lies our calling, as the servants of the Most High God, to carry out His dictates, from all angles, until the end of our lives. I shall now report on some of our activities in this part of the Vineyard. On Sunday March 1st., we assembled at branch No. 3, Brother John Romano, read a portion of scripture found in Luke 21st chapter, 1st verse through the 9th verse, and gave us a very nice talk, on the subject of how God estimates our offerings to Him, when it is given with all our hearts. A good spirit accompanied our brother's talk. Brother M. Miller treated on the same subject, also on the 7th chapter of Zechariah, on the true process of fasting, and treating each other right. Brother Fred D'Amico also spoke, mentioning, 2nd Cor. 8th chap. 12th verse, regarding us having first a willing mind to serve God, also said blessed are the poor in spirit for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven. Meeting closed with prayer by Brother Anthony Pietrangelo. On Sunday the 8th of March, we met at Branch No. 2, meeting was introduced by Brother M. Miller, who read a verse in the 1st Epistle of John, 5th chapter, 12th verse, which reads as follows, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life, also Alma 24th chapter, 15th verse, which shows that the Lamanites, when they were converted, would not retaliate, but rather bury their swords instead of re-

sisting. Brother Joe Milantoni also spoke, giving us a wonderful talk and meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother Domonic Thomas. On Sunday morning March 15th service was introduced in Branch No. 1, with prayer by Bro. Nick Pietrangelo. Brother Rocco Biscotti, read two portions of scripture, one found in Revelation 14th chapter 6th and 7th verses, also Jude 1st 2nd 3rd verses. He spoke about the restoration of the Gospel, saying that John saw the Angel flying in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel, to preach to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. He said if we have not the gifts, and the blessings of God, it will not be the fault of the Lord, but our fault who have changed, and not retained our first love before the presence of our Heavenly Father. Brother Rocco's talk was really seasoned with the spirit of God, and every one enjoyed it, Old Middle-aged, and Young. Meeting closed with prayer by Brother M. Miller. Sunday March the 22nd we met in Windsor, the speakers were Brothers M. Miller, Joe Colison, and Otto Henderson, in the Morning Service, and Brother Allan Henderson in the Afternoon. My wife and I, and Sister Maude Stallworth, along with Brother Pat O'Callahan, his wife, and sister, enjoyed ourselves marvelously in Windsor, and returned to Detroit, rejoicing in the liberty in which Christ has made us free. On Sunday the 29th on our way to Sarnia, we passed by Port Huron, and found the few saints there in good standing, we did not see Sister Summervil, and learned that Sister Grace Gains, and Brother and Sister Brown, are quite ill, we wish that all saints will pray for them. In Sarnia we had quite an enjoyable Sunday School, and Service, Sister Jackson is now out of the Hospital, but is very weak, Sister Maness had operation last week and is recuperating. We went to see her in the Hospital, she was quite cheerful, and desires the prayers of all saints for her, and her mother, who is convalescing at home. Sister Sam Pagana, her husband, and several of Branch No. 1, are ailing, we would greatly appreciate the saints throughout the Church, praying for them, and all others who are sick.

Matthew T. Miller

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We're a little band of people  
On this land as you may know,  
Striving to serve our Saviour  
As we wander to and fro.

And we often think when troubles  
Comes upon us thick and fast,  
That we soon may fall a victim  
By the enemy's fierce blast.

But our Captain gives us  
courage  
Press on, we must not fail  
He cheers us on to action  
To triumph over all.

Dear brothers do not falter,  
Or be discouraged by the way:  
But struggle on to victory  
Living for it day by day.

For the years will not be many,  
Till the battle's end must come  
And the Lord the great  
Commander  
Will say, "Brother tis well done."

You have fought as gallant  
soldiers,  
And I'll raise you up, some day  
To a mansion in the heaven  
Where the redeemed sing and  
pray.

So dear brothers don't be weary,  
Press onward, for by and by  
You will gain your home in  
glory,  
Where your pleasures never die.  
Bro. Albert Sarver (deceased)

## GOOD TO READ

O then, if I have seen so  
great things, if the Lord in his  
condescension unto the children  
of men hath visited men in so  
much mercy, why should my  
heart weep and my soul linger  
in the valley of sorrow, and my  
flesh waste away, and my  
strength slacken, because of mine  
afflictions?

And why should I yield to sin,  
because of my flesh? Yea, why  
should I give way to temptations,  
that the evil one place in my  
heart to destroy my peace and  
afflict my soul. Why am I  
angry because of mine enemy?

Awake, my soul! No longer  
droop in sin. Rejoice, O my  
heart, and give place no more  
for the enemy of my soul.

Nephi

## "Something IS Being Done" (But by Whom?)

Preparatory to the work of  
preaching the gospel in these  
Latin-American countries is the  
work of many pioneers of re-  
ligion of various denominations  
including our own.

The Summer Institute of Ling-  
uistics or Wycliffe Bible Trans-  
lators was started by restless  
sixty-two-year-old William Cam-  
eron Townsend, who has spent  
forty years among the Indians.

He began a school for the  
study of Indian languages in  
the Arkansas Ozarks. Language  
analysis is now being taught to  
500 students annually at the Uni-  
versities of Oklahoma, North Da-  
kota, and Washington.

Four thousand graduates are  
now at work in twenty five  
countries and thirty five denom-  
inations. Nineteen planes and  
twenty-one pilots are used in  
this work of teaching in South  
America. Forty two girls are now  
creating primers and dictionar-  
ies, setting up schools, and train-  
ing native teachers. (see Readers  
Digest, August, 1958)

from The Saints Herald

P. S. May I add, and warn all  
professed followers of the Re-  
stored Gospel that there is much  
work being done by others—and  
bear in mind that WOE is  
pronounced on all those who are  
at ease in Zion. Editor

## MY PRAYER

Lord let me always be like thee  
Full of love and charity  
Let me live from day to day  
Not in mine, but thine own  
righteous way

Give me a heart so full of love  
For all mankind and my Lord  
above  
That I may be willing when man  
may say  
Go three miles for me today, I  
pray

And when my life here on earth  
is run  
That I may hear you say toiler  
well done  
And I may be taken far beyond  
the sea  
To dwell with thee for all  
eternity

by Sister Patty Christman

## NEWS ITEMS

### Florida—

Dear Editor

Enclosed  
find two dollars to renew my  
subscription to the Gospel News.  
It is a remarkable paper and it  
is good to hear the news through  
out the church—we look forward  
for it and wish it could be more  
often. Sister Mildred Maffeo

### San Diego, California

Please find \$3.00 enclosed for  
the renewal of our Gospel News.  
We look forward to it each month  
especially those of us so far  
away. It is a wonderful way of  
"keeping in touch" and reading  
about all our brothers and sis-  
ters everywhere, and we really  
appreciate your efforts in making  
this possible for us.

Sister Bernadine Thomas

### Visited New Jersey

On May 16th, along with Bro-  
ther Todaro who is visiting here  
from Italy, we boarded a plane  
at the Pittsburgh Airport and  
landed at the Newark Airport,  
where we were met by one of  
the brothers who drove us in  
his car to the church in Hope-  
lawn where the G. M. B. A. was  
in session.

We were there for the after-  
noon and evening sessions. The  
afternoon session was held in the  
church, while the evening one  
was held in the Auditorium of  
the Hopelawn School, in order  
to accomodate the larger crowd  
which was expected. I enjoyed  
both afternoon and night meet-  
ings. There was a very humble  
spirit prevalent.

While I was in New Jersey I  
attended a Monday night ser-  
vice at the New Brunswick church  
and Tuesday night at the Hope-  
lawn church—occupied the pul-  
pit at both meetings and a very  
nice crowd was present. At the  
Sunday morning in the school  
auditorium—I suppose there  
would be between three and four  
hundred people present. All told  
I had a very nice visit among  
our people in New Jersey. I re-  
turned home on a plane on Wed-  
nesday Morn., May 20th

### Special Services in McKees Rocks

I was invited to spend the day  
at the McKees Rocks church on  
May 24th. They were going to  
hold a week's service beginning  
on that night and wanted me

to take the lead on the first night.

I had not visited this church for quite a long time, and was glad to meet with them once more. They had covered the outside of the building with a stone veneer since I was there last, and it certainly made a wonderful appearance to their church.

I worshiped with them all day, and then led the night meeting, which was the beginning of their week's services. The service was very well attended, and at the close of it some of the brothers drove me home in their car. I enjoyed the day at McKees Rocks.

Editor

#### Smith Creek, Michigan

In a short letter from Sister Hanna dated May 25th she remembers the Missionary work of the church and also expresses her appreciation for the Gospel News in the following words—"It seems to get better all the time, I sure enjoy every word in it."—She also says: "We had a good meeting yesterday. Brother Sommerville is happy to be with us again, but he is not well. Sister Grace Gain is able to be out to church again after a month's illness."

Thank you Sister Hanna for the little news in your letter—for news is coming in very slow these days which is not very encouraging for the Editor and his assistant, Brother Funkhouser. At the present outlook, we may have to cut this issue back to eight pages.

#### Monongahela, Pa.

Owing to the Missionary Board meeting here on the afternoon of May 30th it caused us to have a few of the visiting brothers to be with us over Sunday. Brothers Burgess of Windsor, Ont. G. Ciarvino, R. Bologno, both of Detroit and Brother and Sister Biscotti of Cleveland remained in these parts of the vineyard. The former three brothers occupied our pulpit on Sunday Morning and quite a large audience was present. The theme of their talks was the matter of laying up treasures on the earth, rather than in heaven. A very good spirit prevailed. I believe all enjoyed the morning in the service of God. It is quite a treat to have a change of faces in our pulpit occasionally.

Brother and Sister Biscotti had gone to visit the Little Red Stone branch of the church for the morning and afternoon, but they attended meeting here in the

evening. Our young people held a Memorial Service in the early part of the evening, and then Brother Biscotti with others from here occupied the pulpit until about 9:15. A nice crowd was present, and we really had a nice day throughout in the service of God.

In the work thus far with the Missionary Board, Brother Alvin Swanson has volunteered his service for one year in Nigeria, Africa and Brother John Ross, Sr. will accompany him for 6 months. By that time someone will likely be sent to relieve Brother Ross, for his circumstances are such, that he cannot go for longer than six months at this time. The matter of someone going to Italy has not yet been decided on until we hear further from one of our brothers. Sending someone to South Dakota is still in the hands of brothers Furnier, Bittinger, Shazer and Cadman for the present. I will just add that the Missionary Board had a very satisfactory meeting together, and I believe the ground-work is laid for much good to be accomplished in our missionary efforts, if those who may not be able to pull will just get behind and push real hard.

Bro. Cadman

#### HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY

On Sunday, May 17th, New Jersey had its Branch Gathering in the Hopelawn School. Since GMBA was held on Saturday, the 16th, in New Jersey, all the brothers and sisters attended our Branch Gathering on Sunday morning. A very large crowd was present, including brothers and sisters from various parts of the country. Brother W. H. Cadman opened the meeting basing his talk on the 3rd and 4th verses of the 8th Psalm, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Brother Cadman elaborated a wonderful and inspiring exhortation on the above verses. Following Brother Cadman, were Brother Morocco of Detroit, Michigan and Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester, New York. Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York concluded the service by speaking in the Italian language. Also during this service Brother Joseph Bittinger was anointed for an affliction

which he has been suffering; the prayer was offered by Brother Malantoni of Detroit.

The following Monday and Tuesday evenings, meetings were held in New Brunswick and Hopelawn with Brother W. H. Cadman presiding. Also with us was Brother Dominick Todaro who recently has returned from Italy and many experiences were related by him.

All the brothers and sisters of New Jersey were very happy that Brother Jim Heaps of Los Angeles, California decided to spend a few days here with us. He journeyed to New Jersey with some brothers after the April Conference in Mon. City and spent the entire week holding meetings each night in Hopelawn, New Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen and Brooklyn, New York. He preached many inspiring sermons with many brothers and sisters and friends in attendance. He concluded his visit back at the Hopelawn branch on April 12th. In the morning he spoke wonderful words of life and in the afternoon various testimonies were enjoyed along with the ordinance of washing feet. At this time, Brother Heaps also ordained Brother Nick Persico into the office of Evangelist. In the evening we held our regular MBA service and Brother Heaps was given charge; all enjoyed his teaching, questions, testimony, and experiences all to the glory of God. The Spirit of God truly prevailed throughout this Sabbath as well as the entire week. Brother Heaps, come back soon!

Sister Mary Persico

#### THE FLAG SPEAKS

I am whatever you make me—nothing more. But always I am all that you hope to be and have the courage to try for. I am song and fear, struggle and panic and ennobling hope. I am the day's work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring. I am the Constitution and the courts, statutes, and statuemakers, soldier and draught, drayman and street sweep, cook, counselor, and clerk. I am no more than what you believe me to be. My stars are your dreams and your labors. For you are the makers of the flag, and it is well that you glory in the making.

Franklin K. Lane



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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

In the 150th Psalm David says: "Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.—Praise Him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.—Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.—Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.—Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.—Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." I will add—that David was so full of the praise of God in his soul for all His mercies extended to him, that he gives vent to his feelings by calling on all that hath breath to praise God. Yea, in the 148th Psalm he calls on the dragons to praise God.

It has always seemed to me that the inventions of men can be used in most anyway—for good, or evil. Take for instance the automobile. What a wonderful machine it is, but while it is serving a good purpose in our present way of life, it has become a necessity—yet it is a machine that is being used today for the most foulest of crimes. The fault is not the Auto—nay, the fault is with men and women who are using the car for their evil purposes, even the thieves use it for their get-away. With all the evil that it is used for, it is still useful and a wonderful invention of man.

We are living in a day when musical instruments seem to have reached perfection, both in beauty and melody. Many will use them as a way and means of giving praise to God—even as David of old calls upon every thing to praise God, both animate and inanimate. Even as we have a good dollar so do we have counterfits, but we do not reject the good ones because of the bad ones. I read in Amos 6:1 and 6 inclusive, where evil men invented themselves instruments of music, like David. But as far as I read, David used his invention to the praise of God, while these evil inventors are classed among those who are at ease in Zion, and they are not concerned or grieved for the affliction of Joseph. The Book of Mormon pronounces a woe upon them that are at ease in Zion, which will certainly include those who have little or no interest in preaching the gospel to the Seed of Joseph.

In Genesis 15:20, 21 I read as follows: "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand: and all the women went

out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." Here we find women, including the sister of Aaron and Moses, not dancing to be seen, nor were they dancing for sport—but they were dancing and singing with music in praise to their God who had, when there was no other hope, miraculously delivered them from the depths of the sea. Had I been there I might of sung a song of praise myself, even as our brothers and sisters did at Green Oak many years ago when it looked as though they were all going to be drowned—they raised their voices in a song of praise "Fear not brethren, lo tis Jesus, Holds the helm and guides the ship; Spread the sails that catch the breezes." Had I been there I might of sung "At the feast of Belshazzar" in order to help spread the sails. You know, Jesus once told those who complained somewhat, "If these would hold their peace, the stones (not gentiles) would cry out." Yea, God must be praised, even if it is with the inanimate. David praised God with the harp and with music of various kinds—and I read concerning David, "I have found a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will." (Acts: 13:22)

In my youthful days, I heard it said that the Devil was in the fiddle, (violin) Of course, when the fiddle began to play, the feet of many began to shake, while with others (brothers and sisters in Christ) they began to sing a song of praise unto their God. To some who find the devil in the fiddle—others find God to be present with the music. You know, people in whose eyes the beam is so big and who are always seeing the mote in others, may find the devil in most anything, for I think it is a poor rule that won't work both ways. According to David, if he makes his bed in hell, he finds the Lord there, and if he ascends into heaven he finds the Lord there. So it looks as though it is a good bit as our own desires as to where we may find the Lord or the Devil, either one. The three Hebrew brethren as is recorded in the scripture, found God in the furnace of fire—a place of comfort to them but what a terrible fire it was to their enemies. Likewise with Daniel in the lion's den, it was a place of rest to him, for he answers the king: "My God sent his angel, and hath shut the lion's mouths, they have not hurt me, innocency was found in me: and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt." So it is evident to me that it depends very much as to the mood that a person is in as to where he or she finds the Lord or the devil, either one.

In the years past and gone, I have heard of musical instruments being destroyed, I have heard of people burning up the Book of Mormon—I have heard of people absolutely refusing to accept a Bible as a gift. Some will afflict their own bodies in order to appease their god; loved ones have been offered as sacrifices which is due to absolute ignorance of the God who created them and I read in James as follows: "Therewith bless we God, even the Father: and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.—Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing."

My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Yea, some will praise God with music, some with a song, some will use the little instrument, known as the tongue, to curse men and to praise God. My fellow-men and brethren, this should not be.

**Organized:****MICHIGAN-CANADIAN  
DISTRICT**

The Michigan-Canadian District of the church was organized at a meeting in No. 2 Church building in Detroit on May 2, 1959 with Brother Gorie Ciarravino as president, Brother Reno Bologna first counsellor, and Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo as second Counsellor. Brother Anthony Scolaro elected secretary. And other officers were elected as needed. My prayer is that God will bless our brothers and sisters of this district with wisdom and knowledge. I am satisfied that if the districts will function properly, much business can be eliminated from our Conferences, which will give us more time to dwell upon the things of a more spiritual nature—that the Gospel may be preached throughout the world.

President Cadman

**CLEVELAND, OHIO**

Decoration Day (May 30) we spent a wonderful time at Monongahela. I felt that we were in good harmony in selecting brothers for the Mission Field, and I believe the spirit of God was with us in these very important meetings. My wife spent a very nice afternoon with Sister Edith Terrill and during the late afternoon was invited to go along to the cemetery in Elizabeth where Sister Edith and her sister Jean wished to visit the grave of their maternal grandmother and while there they also visited the graves of Brother and Sister Cadman, the parents of Brothers W. H. and Alma Cadman. We spent the night with Brother Alma Cadman and his daughter Edith and on Sunday Morning we visited the Little Red Stone Branch of the Church and spent the day with the few there—we felt that the blessings of the restored gospel were there.

Brother Wm. Bailey nearing 82 years of age but very alert and firm, is the presiding Elder in the Branch and leads the singing. We enjoyed very much and felt the beautiful spirit of the Everlasting Gospel Restored. Most of the singing was from the old Red Hymnal as there was no pianist present on the occasion. At noon Brother Bailey took us to his home where Sister Bailey prepared us a very nice meal.

We were shown the site where the old barn stood which our

Brothers and sisters gathered for conferences many years ago. Where the barn once stood, there are flowers now. Also, the stream many converts was pointed out to us. It gave us a good feeling to see these places, being that it was our first visit there.

Many memories were brought to our minds of this beautiful Restored Gospel, where our brothers and sisters worked so hard in those lovely hills, which I love. Anyone that could, should visit the saints there. May God bless Brother Bailey and the little group there—and our prayers are, that there will always be a nice group of Saints in Little Red Stone.

On Sunday evening we attended services in Monongahela which we enjoyed very much. There was a very large group of saints and, young people present that evening and I enjoyed the presentation of the young people very much.

At the close of the service and with Brother Alma Cadman we drove to Brother and Sister Moore's home at Imperial and spent the night with them. We were welcomed by our brother and sister. On Monday morning we left for home having enjoyed ourselves very much.

Brother Rocco Biscotti

**TOMORROW**

by Sister Evelyn Mapes  
of Brooklyn

Tomorrow the sun may never  
shine  
So why not give your heart right  
now  
To someone very sweet and dear  
Who died on Calvary to set us  
free  
That we may live with peace  
with thee

Tomorrow the sun may never  
shine  
So please dear Lord be by my  
side  
Until the day I die  
That I shall see you in Paradise.

So I will end this line dear  
Lord  
To let you know I love you so  
Because you died for us dear  
Lord  
To make it safe for us to go

An optimist sees windows as  
something to let light shine  
through; a pessimist sees them  
as something that gets dirty.

**OBITUARIES****MIKE ABRUZZESE**

Bell, California

Mike Abruzzese was born Sept. 16, 1884 and passed away March 14, 1959. Services were held at Bell, California March 17, 1959 and conducted by John Dulisse, assisted by Vincent Scalise. The music was "Sweet By And By", and "Abide With Me", sung by the Bell Choir.

The body was taken back to New Brunswick, New Jersey to be buried.

Brother Mike was baptised into the Church Dec. 6, 1925 in New Brunswick.

Although this is a sad notice we pray that all who knew our brother will remember his wife and children in prayer for comfort and that it will ease the grief of losing their loved one. We know he is in a better place, and safe in the arms of Jesus

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**ATHONY LASALA**

Detroit, Michigan

Brother Anthony Lasala died May 15th, 1959 at the Saratoga Hospital, after a short illness. He was born in Italy, Sept. 11th, 1890, and came to the U. S. later on. When he left us, he was a little short of being 69 years old. He married Margarita, Jan. 24, 1932. To this union three children were born, Michael, Mrs. Rosalie Dipronio, and Rosemary. Grandfather of Sabrina, and Bro. of Girado. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, April 19th, 1953 and was very faithful in the Church unto the end.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Church of Jesus Christ Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan. May 18th, 1959 by Bro. Paul Vitto assisted by Bro. 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.

**MBA GATHERING AT  
ALIQUIPPA**

On Saturday, March 14, 1959 the Aliquippa, Pa. local of the

M. B. A. was host for the second semi-annual all day gathering held by the Pennsylvania District. Attending the gathering were brothers and sisters and friends from the following locals, McKees Rock, Monongahela, Glassport, Vanderbilt, Greensburg, Roscoe, Imperial, and Aliquippa.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2:30 P. M. by singing hymn No. 354, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Prayer by Brother Alma B. Cadman. We continued with hymn No. 401,—"Ready". District President, Brother Don Curry gave a few opening remarks and then turned the meeting over to the first speaker, Brother Thomas Ross of Aliquippa. His topic was "The Duties Of The Church In Meeting The Needs Of The Young People". He said that the young people should be taught the importance of Faith, Repentance, Baptism, and Obedience to the gospel as taught by Jesus Christ. They should also be taught of the Apostasy of The Primitive Church and the Restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith. They could also be taught the Restoration of the House of Israel. Our young people should be taught to reverence The Father and The Son and they must know where we stand as a Church and that we stand as a Church and that all other churches that split from The Church of Jesus Christ shall come to naught. Our children should be able to set a good example to other children through our tutoring. Brother Ross further said that it is our duty as parents to bring our children to church so that they may learn more of God and thereby plant good seed, and above all to set a good example ourselves as parents.

The second speaker was Brother George Neal of Monongahela and his topic was "The Duties Of The Young People Towards The Church". Attendance to Church is very important because fellowship is essential to the Church and fellowship means attendance. Brother Neal showed as an example how physically, inactivity of an arm or a leg will eventually bring about the loss of that limb and sometimes death. This same inactivity applied spiritually brings about a spiritual death. This activity and duty within the church brings about spiritual life. He went on to show how we must attend to our duties such as bearing our testimony, prayers, feet washing and partaking of The Lord's Sup-

per to cite a few. To be alive we must be active in the things that the church offers. He said, the church should not have to solicit aid either spiritually or naturally, but it is our duty to offer help at all times. New converts, Brother Neal said, should acquaint themselves with the church literature, learn of our Faith and Doctrine, Law and Order, Ordinances and Principles. He concluded his talk by saying that Church Doctrine is not a subject for theological debate, but it should be accepted as it is written in our church literature.

The final speaker of the afternoon was Brother George Johnson of Roscoe, Pa. and his subject was "The Problems Of The Young People Taking The Church Into Everyday Life". Bro. Johnson said that the young must follow the old. That when the young go wrong the old try to straighten them out. Why? Because they love them and would see them do that which is right. To the young, this resembles law and restraint and they believe that the old have old fashioned laws and ways which should be revised. Whereas the old through experience know that we can not have security nor happiness unless law and order prevail and is enforced. Brother Johnson then directed his talk to the young people of the church that attend school in trying to fit their new lives into their school's activities. He said that you must love God and all that He stands for and try to bring those beliefs and ideals into your everyday school life. Don't become an isolationist because of your new found life in the church nor on the other hand should you be a conformist. Do not point out all the sins and mistakes that your schoolmates make because this only brings hate, resentment, and ridicule from them. Play all games honestly and play a sport as a sport only, never getting too involved to the extent that it will keep you away from your church duties, always remembering we are in the service of God. Brother Johnson said that if you have a college education don't let pride dominate you, remembering you must have humility to hear men speak who can not speak and know English that you have acquired through your schooling. Furthermore, education is not the answer to the world's problems as some think. If education were the answer we would have all problems licked. Speaking to the old, Brother

Johnson said that they cannot expect new converts to become mature and settled in a day or a week. The young on the other hand may feel they are not being treated fairly. Both must have patience and understanding with each other.

This concluded the afternoon session and throughout this time a wonderful spirit prevailed. The meeting was closed at 5:00 p. m. by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Prayer by Brother T. S. Furnier.

During the recess the Aliquippa local served supper.

The evening meeting started at 7:00 p. m. with the Aliquippa choir singing three hymns. Then an open panel discussion followed under the direction of District President Brother Don Curry. Each local was represented by a panelist with the exception of Greensburg. Each panelist was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ and included in the group were high school and college students, single and married brothers and one sister. The questions for debate were "How Shall Our Young People Fit Into The Church" and "How Shall Our Young People Fit The Church Into Their Everyday Lives". Each panelist contributed very much to making it a very warm, interesting, and successful discussion concerning their problems that they confront daily. Most of the panel felt that the young had an excessive amount of energy and time, and did not know how to put it to use. But it was brought out in the discussion that attending all church services regularly, reading scripture and church literature, visiting the sick and afflicted and the widowed, would keep a member very busy. It was a very good and enlightening discussion. The Aliquippa choir closed the scheduled activities by singing three more hymns.

At the request of Brother Don Curry, Brother John Ross, Presiding Elder of Aliquippa spoke briefly to the congregation. He offered a proposition to all the young members of the church in regards to making a concordance and a much needed reference of the Book of Mormon. Brother Ross said that he had been considering this great undertaking for some time and would like to see it done. Brother Wm. H. Cadman in the audience said it would be a very worth while and needed work. Then it was brought out that Sister Sadie Cadman, also present, had already started a concordance and

she was now working on the letter G in the Book of Alma. She said that she would be willing to turn this project over to any party interested in completing it which she estimates would take a few years to accomplish. Sister Cadman spoke to us for about 15 minutes from her seat in response to Brother Ross' request and everybody enjoyed it very much. Then hymn "O Paradise", written by Sister Cadman was sung and the entire church was filled with a wonderful spirit of love. A good ending to a very enjoyable day. The meeting was closed at 9:00p. m. with prayer by Brother Will Kunkle of Imperial, Pa.

Aliquippa extends an invitation to all to come and visit us.

Brother Joseph Ross

### LETTER FROM AFRICA . . .

My dear Sir,

Before, I wish to say anything to you, I have referred you to the gospel according to St. Matthew 6:33:

"But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The kingdom of God is within, and manifests through man as the spiritual life. His righteousness is the right use of all that is contained in the elements of the spiritual life.

The spiritual life being the complete life, the full expression of life in body, mind and soul, it is evident that the right use of the Spiritual life will produce and bring everything that man may need or desire.

The source of everything has the power to produce everything, providing the power within that source is used according to exact Spiritual LAW.

The Spiritual life being the source of all that is necessary to a full and perfect life, and the kingdom of God within being the source of the Spiritual life, we can readily understand why the kingdom should be sought first; and also, why everything that we may require will be added when the first thought is given to Spiritual living and righteous action.

Righteous action, however, is not simply moral action, but the right use of the elements of life in all action. To seek His kingdom first, it is not necessary to withdraw from the world, nor to deny oneself the good things that exist in the world, to seek the kingdom first, is to give one's

strongest thought to the Spiritual life, and to make Spiritual thought the predominating of all thought in everything that one may do in life.

In other words, go to God first for everything, place your greatest dependence upon His power to carry you through everything, and live so close to his kingdom within that you are fully conscious of that kingdom every moment.

To seek the kingdom first, the heart must be in the Spirit; that is, to live the Spiritual life must be the predominating desire, but the mental conception of the Spiritual life must not be narrow; in brief, that conception must contain the perfection of everything that can possibly appear in life.

To think of the Spiritual life as being distinct from mind and body is to deter the Spiritual life from being expressed in mind and body; but what is not expressed is not lived. To think about the Spiritual, or to feel the emotional power of the Spiritual is not sufficient, but that is as far as the Spiritual life has been taken by the average person; that the other things were not added is therefore no fault of the LAW. The Spiritual life must be thoroughly lived in mind and body; the power of the Spirit must be made the Soul of all power, and the LAW of Spiritual action must be made the rule and guide in all action.

When the Spiritual is lived in all life, the richness, the quality and the worth of the Spiritual will be produced in all life, and Spiritual worth is the sum-total of all worth.

To enter the kingdom within is to enter health, harmony and happiness, because these three great principles reign supremely in the Spiritual life of man.

Therefore, by seeking the kingdom, health will be added, harmony will be added, happiness will be added. It is impossible to be sick in the Spiritual life, and discord and unhappiness can no more exist in such a life than darkness can exist in the most brilliant light. But to seek the kingdom is not sufficient, we must also seek his righteousness.

If we misuse any organ, faculty, function or power anywhere in body, mind or soul, we cannot remain in health no matter how Spiritual we may try to be.

To seek His righteousness is to use everything in our world as God uses everything in His world, which means, in harmony with its own nature, in harmony

with its sphere of action and in harmony with the LAW that tends upward and onward forever. Righteous action is action that is always harmonious, and that always works for better things, greater things, higher things. To enter the kingdom within is to enter more power, because there is no limit to the power of the Spirit; and the more power we enter into or become conscious of, the more power we will give to mind and body.

In consequence, the more Spiritual we become the stronger we become the more able we become, the more competent we become, and the more we can accomplish whatever our work may be.

And he who can do good work in the world invariably receives the good things in the world. To his life will be added all those things that can make personal existence rich and beautiful.

To enter the kingdom is to enter the life of freedom. There is no bondage in the Spirit, and as we grow in the Spirit we grow out of all bondage; one adverse condition after another disappears until absolute freedom is gained.

All bondage comes from incompleteness in living, and misuse of life in doing. But the Spiritual life is full and complete, and it follows the Law of righteous action in all doing; therefore, when we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, perfect freedom in all things and at all times will invariably be added.

When we seek first the kingdom, all other things are not added in some mysterious manner; nor do they come of themselves regardless of our conscious effort to work in harmony with the law of life; that is, the Law of being and doing all that lies within the power of life.

We receive from the kingdom only what we are prepared to use in the living of a great life, and in the doing of great and noble things in the world. We receive only in proportion to what we give; and it is only as we work well that we produce results; but by entering the Spiritual life we receive as much as we may require in order to give as much as we desire and we gain the power to do everything that is necessary to give worth and superiority to our present state of existence.

When we enter the Spiritual life we gain every quality that is required in making life full

and complete in our own state of being, and we gain the power to produce and create in the external world whatever we may need or desire. In other words, we receive everything we want from the within, and we gain the power to produce everything we want in the without.

We therefore need never take anxious thought about all these other things.

By seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness, we shall positively receive them.

The way will be opened, and we shall be abundantly supplied with the best that life can give. Depend upon me. I will provide. This is the word, eternally spoken from on high; and every awakened soul has learned the message, but the few alone have discerned its real interpretation.

God is rich, and nothing is too good for the children of God. The Spirit of the infinite will provide; not bare necessities, but everything.

Ask what thou wilt and I will answer thee. It is the will of God that we should seek everything that is good, worthy and beautiful.

The life of man should be full and complete, human existence should be rich in body, mind and soul, for this is the great divine purpose. To think that we must live on bare necessities in order to be Spiritual, is to limit our faith in the goodness and the power of God. The kingdom of God is at hand now, we are expected to enter now, and this kingdom is abundantly supplied with everything that can enrich, perfect and beautify the human life.

Seek ye first the kingdom, and all other things shall be added; not simply enough to live on, but all things.

The love of God is infinite, and we cannot think of infinite love as wanting to give less than all.

God has the power to give all. He also has the desire to give all, and therefore every soul may, at any time, receive all that present development can take possession of.

The more we ask of God the more we please God. To give is the highest pleasure of true love and God is true love.

To ask Him for everything, the most of everything and the best of everything is to enter into the life of the highest joy of Heaven, and to live in such a life is to live indeed.

When we do not have what we want or what we need, we

should remember that Spirit can provide, and that the Spirit will provide if we only so desire. Depend upon me. I will not forsake thee nor leave thee. I am thy Redeemer, I will care for thee.

Take God at His word. Have faith in the message that comes from on high. Believe with all the power of mind and soul that God will do what love will do, because God is love.

Open the heart to the influx of infinite love, and all that God can give will come with His love.

Do not hesitate to ask God for material things. God owns the universe.

Everything is the product of His creative power; therefore it is all good, and what is good is good for man. What you can use to promote the welfare of everybody, including yourself, you may receive. Only remember this, that things Spiritual must come first in your thought. You may love abundances of things material; there is more than enough to provide everybody with all the luxuries of life.

You will not deprive anybody of anything by accepting from God all that His love can give. Others may receive as much from the same source; but seek first the things of the Spirit, for this is the Law.

Consider the lilies of the field. Why should not you be arrayed like one of these? It is the will of God that you should be, and you will give Him great pleasure by asking Him to clothe you even more gorgeously than they. But we must remember that we are not to take these things from others; we are to receive them from God. There is a great difference between the two methods and there are few in the world that can see it.

To receive from God we must love the Spiritual the best, tho we must neither despise nor ignore the material.

All is from God, and all will minister to the joy and beauty of life when used in harmony with a life that is used in God.

When we live in God, all things will be turned to good account, and when we work with God, all things will work together for greater good.

The world tries to get from man; the perfect way is to receive from God, and the moment we adopt the latter method, the way will be opened.

Spirit will lead, we will know at each step what we are to do, and what step to take next will

always be clear.

Live close to God, and have faith, no matter what may come or not, depend upon the Spirit to lead and provide, and you will always do what is best.

However, we must never think that it is best for anyone to live in poverty, trouble and pain; no, this is never best, not even for a moment. The infinite can provide something better here and now, and it is His will and good pleasure to do so.

When days of darkness are at hand, cling to the great truth, Spirit will provide. Think of it constantly, live in the very soul of its presence, believe in it from the very depths of the heart. Things will take a turn. The door of opportunity will open. The desired change will come.

There is nothing in the world that Spirit cannot change for the better; therefore we may with perfect faith ask for any change desired. The best is intended for all of us.

God is ever ready to give everything.

Ask what thou wilt and I will answer thee. Amen.

I have read documentary evidence doctrines, teaching of Jesus Christ in your pamphlet from Brother Job S. Bassey. I am satisfied with your doctrine's teaching of Jesus Christ, and I am also guaranteed to be one of your members.

If it is necessary for you to come again, you will get several stations, but the Lord will provide. I sincerely hope that my application will meet with your approval and awaiting your esteemed reply. While thanking you in anticipation, I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours most faithfully,  
B. A. Ikpat D. D.

#### PIONEERS NEEDED

There is a great story to the effect that a certain society in South Africa once wrote to David Livingstone: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone replied: "If you have men will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

What a crying need there is for such men in the work of Christ today!

—Prophecy Monthly

"... silence the ignorance of foolish men."

(First Peter 2:15)

I have received a letter from one of my brethren in Lorain, Ohio telling me about a local Minister of the "First Assembly of God" church who endeavored to expose Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. In doing so he used a book called "Mormonism Under Search Light." An intelligent person does not need a searchlight to uncover the lack of intelligence that the Minister exposed of himself. I think that if the Minister is an intelligent man, he would have used the Book of Mormon itself to expose its deficiency, rather than the writers of unbelievers in the book. Well did the Saviour say "The tree is known by its fruit." Yea, apparently a man posing as a Minister of the humble Nazarene exposes the fact that he may well be likened unto the tree that is full of the fruit known as prejudice.

Just for an example of the ignorance of the Minister, I will only touch upon a few of his remarks as sent to me.

He says: The Book of Mormon prophesies that Joe Smith was to be of the fruit of the loins of Lehi. Mr. Minister, I challenge your statement—The Book of Mormon does not prophesy any such thing, neither does it teach any such thing—your statement is just the fruit of ignorance, and the Saviour says the tree is known by its fruit.

You say that Joe Smith in the last three years of his life married 27 women. A minister who would use statements like that in a public meeting to try to destroy a man's character, is not better than the person who first started the story, and especially a man who stands in the pulpit claiming to be a follower of Jesus Christ—his injunction is, judge not that ye be not judged.

If you find consolation in such stories as that—it simply proves the carnality of your mind. His faithful wife Emma under interrogation made the statement that she was the only wife Joseph Smith had. If you still insist your information is correct relative to him having 27 wives, I ask you, where are his children? I believe I am fair in asking you such a question, am I not? Your

statement certainly proves the lack of wisdom on your part. Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, was the teaching of the Lamb of God.

You make the statement that the "book is supposed to be 2500 years old, and yet it is full of modern words." How could it be otherwise after it was translated into English? A very strange statement for you to make when the Bible is much older and it is full of modern words. That was the object of the scholars of old—translating the word of God into modern language that we of this modern day might understand. If you will read the Book of Mormon yourself, you will find it modern enough so that you will not need a searchlight to understand it. I am taught that it is the Spirit of God that will lead and guide us into truth and righteousness.

You say: "According to the Bible, the Holy Spirit was not given until Christ returned to heaven (John 7:39), but the Book of Mormon states that the Jews received the baptism of the Holy Spirit many years before Christ came to earth." My Bible, "King James Version" says the Holy Ghost while I notice the Minister uses the term Holy Spirit. This language is spoken directly to the followers of Christ at that time—I read in Luke 1:15 that John would be filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) from his mother's womb. I read also that his mother was filled with the Holy Ghost. (Holy Spirit) Luke 1:41 And in Second Peter 1:21 in speaking of old time that holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. As it is in our Bible, so it was with the Seed of Joseph on this land (America) they enjoyed, in as much as they were worthy of it, God's Holy Spirit, and they prophesied much of His coming in the flesh.

The very ill-informed Minister makes the statement that "the Book of Mormon is practically a reproduction of Solomon Spaulding's fiction book, 'The Manuscript Found,' which was written about the year 1812." It is really surprising that a Minister of the Church of Assembly of God exposes his standing of being so late in the day. —My friend, if you will take the trouble to visit the Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio—visit the library

and no doubt they will let you see the writings of Spaulding, you will learn that is, if you want to, that there is no comparison in the two books. It might be well for you too, to learn that Rev. Spaulding—a graduate of Dartmouth—was a tavern keeper at Amity, Washington County, Pa., and died there in 1916. I quote from the History of Washington County.

Mr. Minister, I would like to hear of you laying aside your prejudices, also the searchlight that you evidently have quoted from and get a Book of Mormon and read it for yourself—and especially read the fourth verse in the tenth chapter of the Book of Moroni, it is the last book in the Book of Mormon. It won't be hard to find, just turn to the last chapter in the book. If you read it freely and sincerely, and prayerfully, the searchlight of heaven might come into your soul, and cause you to see as you have never seen before. Editor

#### LETTER . . .

To The Editor

McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania

Editor,

The McKees Rocks Branch sends salutations to all readers of The Gospel News.

We were blest of the Lord much during the week of May 24. Brothers came to speak to us from other places each evening of the week except Wednesday. That day a sister had invited some who could not understand English very well. She prayed about it, and her prayer was answered. Our presiding Elder preached that evening both in English and Italian. We were wonderfully blest all week.

May the Lord bless the brothers who sacrifice their time, money and all to feed our hungry souls. We are very grateful unto God and praise Him for His love and care.

We ask to be remembered in prayer and may God's richest blessings abound among His people. May many be added to the Church.

Love from McKees Rocks to all Missions and Branches.

P. S. The Choir sang each evening and a visitor was heard to say, "They sang with the spirit too." Praise God from whom all blessings flow.



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## WISE and UNWISE

This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me:

There was a little city, and a few men within it: and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

Now there were found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city: yet no man remembered that same poor man.

Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

Ecclesiastes, chapter 9.

## WICHITA, KANSAS

### Sister Phyllis & Family

We would like to renew our subscription for the Gospel News. We really enjoy reading it, and especially the news from various branches of the church, otherwise we would never hear.

We very much enjoy the articles of teaching and correction by Brother Cadman. It is enlightening to all.

We are happy to say Edward (my husband) is feeling better as long as he strictly refrains from any exertion whatever, and we are depending on our God for all things.

Dad and the rest of the family are well so far thank God. We still hold our family altar and are blessed accordingly. We have not been able to go to St. John for some time now on account of Edward not being able to stand the trip. I hope it won't be too long that we can meet again and worship together.

In closing we ask God's blessing on you both and your family; also the saints.

Find enclosed \$2.00 for the Gospel News.

## ALIQUIPPA NEWS

### Brother Joe Ross

We were blessed by the Lord again on Sunday, May 24, 1959, when Mrs. Philomena DeLuca, daughter of Brother and Sister Anthony Palmieri went to the waters of regeneration. She is the last of that family to render obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Preceding Sister Philomena are her three brothers, Brother Sela, Brother Paul, and Brother Ben who is now serving in the United States Navy. We are thankful to God for His blessings which He bestows upon us from time to time. This makes the second family in our branch of whom all are baptised and still in the service of God. Our prayer along with yours is that God will complete all the homes of the saints, present and future.

## REDSTONE NEWS

### By Brother Emmett E. Dale

We have been having a revival of the spirit in Little Redstone.

Since we are few in numbers, help has been coming in from the various branches down the river.

We had so many Elders and members last Sunday the building was full. The spirit was outpoured on us all on a wonderful discourse by Brother Neil. He chose for his sermon the method of communication from God to man.

We appreciate the help of the Elders from the various branches of the church, and they in turn get a feast of spiritual food at Little Redstone.

Come up and see us when you have the opportunity.

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Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business: and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. (Eccles. 5:2,3)

## POEM

### by Sister Jones of Little Redstone

I have found the Gospel lot's have not found  
It is the great Gospel that Joseph Smith found  
It is so sweet no money to pay  
Just read his book and start to pray.

If you think I am wrong and you are right  
Just pray and ask Jesus to show you the light  
Jesus is gone, yes that is true  
But he is coming back for me and you.

When I am on my knees talking to thee  
Grant me dear Lord all I need  
I love my brothers and sisters too  
You know dear Jesus this is true.  
When I am weak and feel discouraged  
I open by bible and read Jesus' word,  
And when my heart is in despair  
I go to Jesus with a whispered prayer.

Give me the love I need  
Help me to live close to thee  
When my heart starts to stray  
Help me dear Jesus to stop and pray.

This world is no friend to grace  
Help me dear Jesus to keep my faith  
When trials and troubles come along  
I think of Jesus and sing a song  
There's going to be a meeting in the air

People will be shouting the victory there  
Come my family at my command  
And we will march on to the promised land.

## TAKE NOTE:

I am in receipt of a letter from Rochester, N. Y., informing me that they are about to break ground for their new building. Our folks there will need some financial help from the various branches of the Church. Any help that you can afford them, mail to Ansel D'Amico, 135 Yates St., Rochester, N. Y.

**McKEES ROCKS BRANCH**

by Nina Di Cenzo

The McKees Rocks branch had a week of meetings starting on Sunday, May 24, until Friday, May 29, with guest speakers from various branches.

On Sunday, May 24, we had Brother William Cadman, who was also with us in our Sunday services. After a few hymns by the choir, Brother Cadman sang "The Handwriting On The Wall" Brother Tom Ross of Aliquippa opened the meeting, after which Brother Cadman spoke on the second chapter of Daniel, concerning Nebucanezer's dream and Daniel's interpretation, bringing it down to our days. Brother Tony Palmieri of Aliquippa closed with prayer.

On Monday, May 25, the speaker for the night was Brother John Ross of Aliquippa. After prayer by Brother Dan Casasanta, Brother Ross took verses 33 to 37 of the ninth chapter of St. Mark and verses 35 to 45 in the tenth chapter concerning the kingdom of heaven and humbleness we must have in order to be great in the eyes of the Lord to enter this kingdom of heaven. Meeting was closed by Brother Tom Ross.

On Tuesday, May 26, Brother Harry Robinson of West Elizabeth, opened the meeting. By taking his life and telling of the revelations and dreams that were given unto him, he showed one of the ways God moves to bring His people to the church. Then he read concerning the children of Israel and their journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan.

On Wednesday, May 27, Brother George Ondrasik opened the meeting with prayer after the choir sang their selections of hymns. Due to the absence of the speaker, Brother Dan Casasanta spoke on the twenty-fifth chapter of Saint Matthew concerning the ten virgins and their entrance to the kingdom of heaven. Before the meeting ended, he talked in Italian for the benefit of a few visitors. Brother Tony Nolfi closed with prayer.

On Thursday, May 28, Brother Dan Casasanta opened the meeting. Brother Alma Nolfi of Glassport showed the difference between the word Israel of the flesh and the word Israel of the spirit (third chapter of Romans and seventeenth chapter of Genesis). Brother Valentino of Glassport closed with prayer.

On Friday, May 29, Brother

Tony Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, opened the meeting and spoke concerning the sixth chapter of the Romans and the sixteenth chapter of Saint Luke, telling of baptism, paradise, perdition, and the preparation to make to meet God. A few minutes before the end of the meeting Brother Corrado spoke in Italian. The meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. Martin Michalko.

During these meetings we had visitors from Aliquippa, Greensburg, West Elizabeth, and those not in the church.

**G. M. B. A.**

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**New Jersey**

by Sister Ruth E. Akerman

The General Missionary Benevolent Association was held in the Church building in Hopelawn, New Jersey on May 16, 1959. There were delegates present from New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Michigan and Canada.

The conference was opened with a few remarks from Brother Thomas, then the usual business was taken up. Under new business, the new procedure for nominating organizers was brought up and the local's voted to accept this recommendation unanimously. There was also a suggestion presented to centralize the G.M. B.A. Conferences. This is to enable more members to attend and make it more convenient. After a discussion this question was put in the hands of a committee consisting of the Area Chairmen and G.M.B.A. President, Vice-President, Chaplin, and Secretary to meet in Lorain, Ohio on June 13, 1959. The Area Gatherings were continued on an optional basis for the next six months.

A proposal was presented and accepted with great enthusiasm to hold a G.M.B.A. Summer Spiritual Gathering. It will be held on Friday Evening, August 14th, and Saturday, August 15th.

In the evening the New Jersey Local presented their program in song and topics the theme being, "Our Church—Youth and America." The remainder of the time was devoted to speaking by several of the visiting brothers.

The November Conference will be held in Glassport, Pa.

**YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

Sister Mary Santilli

Sunday, June 14th, opened a very edifying as well as interesting week for the saints in Youngstown. On that Sunday we had the pleasure of hearing four of our Evangelists from New Jersey and vicinity, speak to us. A baptism was requested shortly after the morning meeting was adjourned.

Brother Alma Cadman, and Brother and Sister Furnier spent the next seven days with us. Special meetings were held for five nights and it was a privilege to have Brother Furnier bring to us his charts and talks on the "Seventh Day of Rest." Brother Furnier speaks with authority on a subject that has taken much prayer and much study. Brother Alma Cadman presents it in booklet form under this same title.

We thank God for the efforts of our brothers who are laboring to enlighten our minds and give us a better understanding of the word of God. We of the Church especially the young, are very much in need of teaching, and are very desirous to learn of the things of the Lord. We rejoiced to hear the words of wisdom that came to us this past week.

**An Account Given By The Historian Josephus**Composer of Music  
and an

Inventor of Musical Instruments

And now David being freed from wars and dangers, and enjoying for the future a profound peace, composed songs and hymns to God of several sorts of metre; some of those which he made were trimeters, and some were pentameters. He also made instruments of music, and taught the Levites to sing hymns to God, both on that called the sabbath day, and on other festivals. Now the construction was thus: The viol was an instrument of ten strings, it was played upon with a bow: the psaltery had twelve musical notes, and was played upon by the fingers: the cymbals were broad and large instruments, and were made of brass. And so much shall suffice to be spoken by us about these instruments, that the readers may not be wholly unacquainted with their nature.

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



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#### Bible Vacation School . . .

Here in Monongahela our Sisters conducted two weeks of Bible School for children. It began on June 15th with Mable Bickerton in charge. She was assisted by many of our sisters and attendants of our Sabbath School. It was two weeks of their time spent very profitable, not only for the little tots but for many who were just a little bigger and older. And I might say that it was inspiring for those who were much bigger.

I visited the school for a short time every morning during the two week's sessions but not for the purpose of telling them what to do and what not to do. I visited them to show my interest in their efforts in striving to do some good for the children of today, they are doing a world of good among the children—even little tots. I was very impressed by one of our young sisters with her two or three children from Clairton, Pa. It was not only for the sake of her children, but she herself had only been baptized into the Church a

short time, and while the children took their place in classes of appropriate age—she herself wanted to be pupil and took a place with the more older class of boys and girls, that she might learn with them. May God bless her along with her children

I always like the information given to us by Paul, wherein he says of some of his sisters in Christ were "teachers of good things." Likewise today—the sisters conducting the Bible School are certainly teachers of good things—things no doubt that these who are children now will be talking about fifty years from now.

I one time read of a Roman Catholic official of high standing in his church in effect make the following statement—"Let me have a child under my jurisdiction, say, until it is nine years old; I will guarantee you that it will never leave the Catholic Church." If the Roman Catholic has such confidence in himself to impress the child in the faith of the Catholic Church, what about the advocates of the Restored Gospel of Christ? Are they endeavoring to impress the youth of today with the good things? I often think of a hymn that use to be sung very much—"Only Remembered By What We Have Done." Too bad if we are remembered in fifty years from now because of our misdeeds, and our failure to remember our children while they are children.

On the last day of the school, on a Friday, an evening service was held in the church in the way of a program reviewing the past two week's work done by the children. The church was well filled with members and many non-members of the Church. Many came to see how the children had progressed during the two weeks of schooling—and I believe all were well pleased at the results. The highest attendance was 100 pupils, the lowest was 89.

I read that there is no law against that which is good, and the two weeks of Bible Schooling with our children, has certainly done much good.

### MONONGAHELA DOINGS

To all who might be interested—We here, the Church in Monongahela for years past, have made it a practice at Easter time, Christmas time and on some other occasions to turn over the Sunday evening meeting to the younger set for a meeting commemorating these events—such as the birth of Christ, His resurrection from the dead, etc.

We older ones have every Sunday in the year—have the Sunday morning, the afternoon, the night service besides the meetings which are held during the week. Yea, we adults have all the opportunity in the world to, in some way give vent to the praise of God, and if we are not careful, we might easily grow selfish and be neglectful of our children. So we are endeavoring to be unselfish and we grown-ups take a back seat on these occasions and spend

the time in observing and listening to the younger generation that is coming on.

You know, we are always great for bringing our children to the church with us, and such is a very good habit on our part, but sometimes a mother or father and especially the mother's, enjoyment of the service may be very much interrupted because of the restlessness of her children at her side. Ofttimes in the midst of an interesting sermon, or in a good testimony meeting she is obliged to get up and go out of the meeting—and it may end that particular meeting as far as she is concerned, and too, she no doubt feels embarrassed much because of her necessity to take a restless child out of the meeting, for it more or less disturbs others.

A few years ago I was approached by one of the sisters, also a mother herself, asking for

the privilege of remaining on the lower floor after the close of our Sabbath School with as many of the real young that would remain, and care for them in some appropriate way, so that their fathers and mothers would have more chance to enjoy the preaching service on the upper floor.

Well, we the brethren here did grant her the privilege of doing so, and it has proven a very good thing I am sure. The care of the children does not always rest on the same mother or sister, but one will take charge of it for awhile and then another takes hold and cheerfully does her part for a period of time. Of course they are not spending their time "baby-sitting", but are teaching these little tots to sing as are capable, and teaching them of stories in the Bible, etc.

So June 15th it happened to be what is called Children's Day, so we gave way in the evening

we grown-ups who like to hear ourselves talk and sing so much—took a back seat and allowed Sister Margaret Mellinger who is now caring for the little tots, to bring in her large family, that we big-ones might learn and be edified from the mouths of what I might say—the Infants. Margaret had a family of about 30 youngsters, and I will add that we had a wonderful service on this Sunday evening, all under the auspices of the M.B.A. I suppose their ages would range anywhere from 3 or 4 to perhaps 9 or 10 years old. Some too young to sing or recite, but still they would stand up in their places.

We had what I would call a good evening—a meek and lowly spirit prevalent throughout the service. Before closing the service, Brother and Sister Griffith and their son Lee (the trio) rendered us a beautiful song "Come Home" and then Brother Griffith gave quite a talk concerning our meeting. I followed with a brief talk—I told the audience that I had nothing but praise to offer, for the work that our sisters were accomplishing with our little children. May God continue to bless them in their work. I read of Paul making mention of the sisters in his day "were teachers of good things." And then let us not forget his admonition to us who may think we know it all, "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."

#### RAPID CITY, S. DAKOTA

Brother Bud Aldous

We feel to express ourselves today through the Gospel News that all who read it may know how grateful and thankful we are that God saw fit to call us into the Church when He did. At that time we were blessed daily with heavenly dreams and visions and other experiences and we often wondered why we had so many. But God knew what we were to do, even when we ourselves did not. Now all these things come to my mind, and, as we are alone out here, that is, in Rapid City, South Dakota, where there is no branch of the Church—these things that happened in the past still stay with us—and from time to time they serve as food for our souls—and cause us to thank God from whom they come.

We have had the privilege of fellowship with our Indian brothers up north of us at Eagle

Butte and Wakapala. However, this does not happen very often, for it is 350 miles a round trip to one place and 550 miles the round trip to the other, but nevertheless we are thankful we are in this part of the vineyard. God sure blesses our Indian brothers and sisters in their endeavors to serve Him. But I am sure that they would welcome all the help they can get. We are also thankful for the Gospel News, for we enjoy reading the writings of our brothers whom we have had the privilege to fellowship with, and others also.

Rapid City has a large Indian population. I'm sure the Church would be welcome here. It would be a wonderful blessing to me—even one brother would be a welcome sight to me. But we are taught patience and so we wait and pray day-by-day that the Gospel will come to Rapid City—in fact all through the west. I often wonder if there are any of our people out here. Perhaps through the Gospel News I can find out. If there is, it would be wonderful if we could get together and help one another for we have a constant hunger for the things of God. Fellowship is a wonderful thing. May God bless you all. Brother Bud Aldous, R.D.2, Rapid City, South Dakota.

P. S. Bro. Aldous, we have a few members in Denver, but still that is a long ways from where you are. (Editor)

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Sister Anna Carlini

Through the Gospel News, which is the most wonderful little paper to read, we have the advantage to express ourselves of what God does for us from day to day. May 31st was a glorious day for West Side Branch of the Church.

Brother Domenic Morrocco opened the Sabbath Morning service, reading the scripture in St. John's Gospel, 14th chapter, 1st to the 22nd verses. Brothers and sisters, while he was speaking to us with words of inspiration, the power of God was so abundant that the oil of gladness was flowing from vessel to vessel. Brother Morrocco then sat down and the spirit of prayer fell upon Brother Joseph Milantoni. While he was praying, a beautiful light that came down from heaven, opened to Brother P. Straccia and he began to sing in the Gift of Tongues. It was so melodious that

we all felt the presence of the Lord. How glorious it is to be in the company of the saints.

My great desire is to see many come to the knowledge of the truth and remain faithful to the end.

The 21st verse of this chapter says: He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

#### From "Jewish Hope" . . .

On May 8, 1958, as one of the first events in Israel's tenth anniversary celebrations, a building that had taken four years to build and cost \$2,000,000 was dedicated. It is the Supreme Religious Centre and is known as Hechal Shlomo—The Temple of Solomon—though, in fact, it is not a Temple and it should not be assumed that in that sense it represents the fulfilment of prophecy and that sacrifices are about to be offered there or are likely to be.

The building is seven stories high and is situated at the western approach to modern Jerusalem. Indeed the building itself is quite unsuited in its layout and appointments for use or adaptation as a Temple in the real meaning of the word. It is simply a religious centre and the seat of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. It contains the offices of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and of the Supreme Religious Court, Offices of the Chief Rabbis, a synagogue, lecture halls and conference halls, and houses a valuable collection of religious objects. In addition the building contains the Central Library of Religious Literature and the Institute for Religious Studies.

Although the Supreme Religious Centre is not the Temple of Biblical prophecy it is extremely important as indicating a move toward unity in Jewish religious affairs. Thus, it could be one of those small beginnings in God's purpose which lead to great fulfilments. Before there can be any approach to a rebuilding of the Temple it is essential that religious Jewry be united.

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow: and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

## *Signs of the Times . . .*

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

An alarming event—ignored in the main by the press, both secular and religious—took place recently in a New Jersey school community. The Newark Evening News reported that controversy rages over whether elementary school children can say grace before lunch. The Attorney General says it is illegal. The supervising principal replies that his attitude is ridiculous.

About 350 pupils of the school come from some distance and lunch in the cafeteria. They had been saying grace for some years in their classrooms just before leaving to eat. The practice was abandoned in March of 1957, and it was resumed again in April of 1958 when a petition bearing 603 names objected. Meanwhile the School Board asked the Attorney General for a ruling.

The decision given read: "Grace invokes divine blessing before a meal. As a religious exercise it is barred in the public schools of this state. There can be no legal or a constitutional objection, however, to the reading of passages from the Old Testament or repeating the Lord's Prayer immediately prior to the noon meal. The State Supreme Court has ruled that the Lord's Prayer and the Old Testament are non-sectarian.

The Attorney General is not to be condemned. He is enforcing New Jersey Law. But is not such a law contrary to the ideals of Christian America? Men can become so pompously legal as to be thoroughly ridiculous.

Think of this nonsense. You can recite the Lord's Prayer and be non-sectarian, but if you mention the One who gave it to his disciples, the Lord Jesus Christ, then you are sectarian and you must not mention his name in school!

The court says the New Testament is a sectarian book but the Old Testament is not. Who gave American Courts authority to pass judgment upon God's holy word?

Ponder carefully what that means. It means that those children cannot legally bow their heads and quietly before God, with their hands folded, thank God. Legal or not, it is an al-

religious vacuum. When people turn their backs upon God and most criminal violation of religious principle. Abraham Lincoln would have risen up and smitten it with oratorical thunder. William Jennings Bryan would have seared it with godly scorn. Daniel Webster would have made congressional rafters ring. But for some reason our leaders have subsided into a cowardly silence on such matters. Every Christian minister should speak out, if he is to uphold the Lord Jesus, who said that, "if any one caused these little ones to stumble, it were better for him that a millstone were tied about his neck and he be cast into the depths of the sea."

Little children instinctively pray to God. Many of them have been taught about Christ and instinctively thank him. Since when have the schools a right to belittle a child's faith in Christ? Who are they bothering when they bow their heads and silently say their prayers?

The Attorney General said that a silence period could be observed without any understanding that grace was to be repeated by the children to themselves.

The supervising principal then reminded the Attorney General—according to the article—that our legislators have incorporated "one nation under God" in the salute to the flag, but apparently in the schools we cannot mention God in prayer. How ridiculous can we become!

I have been reading many of the prayers of George Washington, the Father of our Country—not private prayers, but public prayers—prayers before the military, prayers before Congress, prayers before the leaders of our nation. And on these public occasions George Washington prayed in Christ name, unashamed to mention his Saviour. He was an American. What have we come to when we cannot do the same thing?

George Washington would not be allowed today to say a prayer in many schools, because he would probably mention the name of Jesus. Ponder that!

Seriously what are the schools headed for? An atheistic edu-

cational system? Atheism is a create a vacuum, Satan knows how to fill it.

What is the matter with us? Are we becoming fools in America? If this continues, some day a man will rise up and fill our religious vacuum; and he may be a charlatan, but our children will be well conditioned to make him a god.

The spirit of antichrist and antigod rides high. If it is inculcated in the children's minds at school where most of their waking life is spent, what will be able to counteract it when they reach maturity?

There is no escaping the conclusion that we are in a relentless battle for the children's mind and his eternal soul. The spiritually-minded can see Satan's ugly face as he uses earnest but unbelieving minorities to work his purposes. The devil knows that in those tender years when the child is susceptible to impressions of all kinds, religious impressions cut the deepest grooves in the child's mind.

Parent's, your children will have scars that will blunt their spiritual perception for the rest of their lives if they are taught, even by implication, that there is something wrong with praying to a loving heavenly Father in school.

One closing thought. Let it always be remembered that no nation can survive without God. Forget Him and He will destroy us. Six thousand years of recorded history—biblical and man-made—have proven this one fact more than anything else.

**If America forgets God, it is a sign that the end is near.**

### FOR A LONG, LIFE SPAN

Man's life expectancy has been growing longer with each generation, according to numerous statistics. Dr. Norman Phillips, an English physician now predicts the possibility of extending that life span to the age of 150. With other specialists on the subject of aging, he believes that man's organs and tissues of lasting that long "if not damaged by disease."

Dr. Phillips recommends moderation in eating and drinking as the key to a longer life. He advocates alternating periods of rest and exercise, regular health check-ups and "useful" interests.

**"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." (Eccles. 11:1**

## - W E D D I N G S -

## Difede - Benyola

## Scaglione - Girolamo

In a double ring ceremony on Saturday evening, April 25, 1959, at The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa., Miss Lucetta C. DiGirolamo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard DiGirolamo became the bride of Brother Richard L. Scaglione, son of Brother and Sister Louis Scaglione. Brother Temen B. Cherry officiated at the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a white embroidered organza floor-length gown with a finger-tip veil. Her sister, Mrs. Agatha Dainty was Matron of Honor, and Miss Donna Rae Reno and Miss Joyce Martin were Bridesmaids.

Brother Richard Christman served as Best Man. The Groom's brother John and the bride's brother Peter, were the ushers.

The predominating flowers were white mums, glads, and ferns.

Sister Pat Christman sang, accompanied by her mother, Sister Sara Neil.

reception was held in the Grange Hall at Ginger Hill for about 250 guests.

After a short honeymoon trip the couple now reside in their newly furnished apartment at Charleroi, Pa.

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## King - Christopher

Susan Christopher, of Republic, Pa. became the bride of Lawrence Edward King of Grindstone, Pa. on June 5th, 1959.

The ceremony was performed at The Church of Jesus Christ at Vanderbilt, Pa. Brother Joseph Shazer officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a white street-length dress, and carried a bouquet of white mums. She was given away by her brother. Her Matron of Honor was attired in a pink street length dress. The best man was Richard King. Both the mothers' of the bride and groom were present.

The soloist for the ceremony was Loretta Lowther singing "Walk Hand in Hand With Me" and "I Love You Truly", accompanied by Newanna King at the piano.

The couple are now residing at Brownville, Pa.

We wish to extend our Best Wishes and may God richly bless them.

On June 6, 1959, at 3 p.m. a double ring ceremony was performed in the Hopelawn Branch with Brother Joseph Benyola officiating.

Sister Nancy Benyola, daughter of Brother and Sister John R. Benyola of 140 Howard St., Hopelawn, N. J. was united in marriage to Mr. J. Jerry Difede of Belmar St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Matron of Honor was sister of the groom, Sister Ruth Difede, while the groom's brother-in-law Salvatore was best man. Bridesmaid was Sister Joan Benyola, sister of the bride. Usher was Brother Michael Difede, brother of the groom.

Brother Richard Benyola, pianist, provided the nuptial music. Sister Mary Feher was solist.

A reception was held in the School St. Auditorium, Woodbridge, N. J.

After a two week honeymoon in Miami Beach, Florida, the couple will reside at Condington Dr., Bound Brook, N. J.

We wish the couple God's full blessing.

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## Ali - Intrieri

Rosemarie Intrieri and John Ali were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 20th in The Church of Jesus Christ, Glassport, Pa., with Brother Alma Nolfi officiating. Mrs. Ali is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Intrieri of 37 Monongahela Ave., Glassport, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ali, R.D. 3, Mentor Rd., Elizabeth.

Mrs. Anna Mae Malloy, pianist, accompanied the soloists, Frances Dinardo who sang "Wedding Prayer" and "With This Ring" and Mrs. Sylvia Curry who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Viola Catone, sister of the bride, Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids, Mrs. Pat Nadeo and Miss Celeste Nadeo, cousins of the bride, Miss Kathleen Catone junior bridesmaid, who carried blue carnations, and Miss Nina Intrieri, flower girl, who carried a basket of white flowers.

The bridegroom had his brother, Julio Ali as best man, and his cousin, Bob LaVella, and brother-in-law, Carl Hutchenson, as ushers. Ring bearer was Frank Intrieri, nephew of the bride.

Following dinner and a reception at the Citizen's Hose Co., of

Glassport, Mr. and Mrs. Ali left for the Pocono Mountains. They will reside at 816 Monongahela Ave., Glassport. She is a payroll clerk at Pittsburgh Steel Foundry and he is employed at Pleasant Hills Motors. The Gospel News extends good wishes to the young couple.

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AN EXPERIENCE  
of  
Sister Rullo

I was baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ about thirty years ago, and about five years later I had this experience:

I was sorely afflicted at the time and was confined to my bed. I couldn't move. On that morning (I don't remember the exact date) I layed in bed very sick and my daughter who was 17 years old, had an appointment with the dentist at 10:00 a. m. and she came in to tell me that she was going—it was then 9:45 when she left.

I was left alone. I looked toward heaven and asked the Lord to help me—I said: "Oh Lord, I'm very sick, you know what I need: do whatever is your will to do—here I am Lord." Then I heard footsteps coming into my room, a young man came in, looking like a doctor. He carried a satchel like a doctor carries when he visits patients. I thought that my daughter had called a doctor. He asked me if I was the one who was sick, I answered yes, I am very sick. He answered and said—that is why I came, I know you are very sick. So he sat down on the side of my bed and examined me. He then told me of my condition and said: "I'll have to operate upon you." I told him that I was afraid for I already had been operated on three times, and he said: "I'll operate upon you in another way." I asked him how. He said: "Through your mouth."

He then took his jacket off and I saw his white shirt—the whitest I had ever seen and he began to roll up his shirt sleeve, all the way to his shoulder. He told me to open my mouth, he closed his hand or fingers tight, and put his hand in my mouth until it reached my stomach. I felt his fingers scraping in my stomach. I couldn't breathe, or move nor say anything. I felt as though I was dying. I thought to myself, I'm going to die and I won't see my family anymore, nor my brothers and sisters in



the church. I then shook hard and lost conscience. Sometime later I heard footsteps coming near my bedroom. I heard my daughter's voice, for she had come home from the dentist and she said, Oh my mother is asleep. I then opened my eyes and looked around. I felt as if I had just awoke from an operation. I was trying to figure out where I was and what had really happened to me.

I then began to remember of the doctor who came to me and all that he had told me. My eyes fell upon the clock and I saw that it was 11:45 a. m. I layed there wondering what had really happened to me in those two hours, from the time my daughter left me to go to the dentist until the time that she returned, me feeling as though I was coming out of a deep sleep after an operation. Then it all started to come back to me. I was then filled with God's Holy Spirit and His blessings began to fill me—my cup was truly running over.

I realized that God had visited me as a doctor and performed an operation for two hours. I got out of my bed and fell down on my knees, praising God for what He had done for me. I was so filled with God's spirit that I could not stop praising and glorifying Him—my wonderful Saviour—feeling like a new person, with health and strength given me from God my Saviour.

My daughter and I went to see Brother and Sister Heaps (Jim-mie's parents) and I told them of the wonderful experience I had that morning. Sister Heaps replied to me—Truly the Lord had visited you and performed the operation.

Some years later I had to have an x-ray taken of my stomach and the doctor told me I must have had something happen—for there had been a deep scar there, but it was healed. Thanks to our wonderful Saviour for He heard my cries and when I called upon Him—Jesus came.

#### Jews In Russia In Fear

Conditions among Jews in the Soviet Union, poor for years, are getting worse, according to reports from several sources. The deterioration of conditions is not primarily economic, but is based on other kinds of discrimination. The result is a fear so widespread that Russian Jews rarely talk to tourists, even visiting rabbis.

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN RECONNU

Brother Reconnu died in the Charleri-Monessen Hospital on July 1st, 1959 in the 68th year of his life after a long seige of illness. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the year of 1910. In a difficulty that arose in his life many years ago, Brother John got away from the Church, but he always was friendly.

During his sickness, and very recently while reading his Bible he read the scripture in Matthew 18:21, 22 "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" His experience was such that he asked his wife to call an Elder of the Church—he wanted to drop the past. Even though he had become a member of the Baptist Church, he was restored back into fellowship in the Church along with his wife. I myself visited him after that and he had become reconciled to the Church and he has now passed on to his reward, but owing to a divided condition in his family he will be laid away to rest by others.

He leaves his wife Blanche Cratty and four sons to mourn his passing. Brother John has been away from us for a long time—he will still be remembered by some in the church. He was at one time Secretary of the General Church. May the Lord bless and comfort his bereaved wife and children.

Brother Cadman

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### FLORINDO COLANGELO

McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania .

Florindo Colangelo died on April 16, 1959 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Dan Casasanta, at 518 Elizabeth Ave., McKees Rocks.

He is survived by five children, two daughters and three sons. He was born in Italy on April 29, 1882, and baptised in the Church of Jesus Christ on November 22, 1931 at Aliquippa. His funeral was attended by Brother John Ross of Aliquippa, assisted by Brother Anthony Corrado of Youngstown, and Brother Anthony Nolfi of McKees Rocks.

### ROBERT W. HART

Salina, Kansas

Robert W. Hart was killed in a car accident on June 6, 1959 near Concordia, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Sister Shirley Hart; four small children, his father, Brother Oliver Hart; his mother, and four sisters.

He was born in Solomon, Kansas on October 8, 1927. In recent years he had lived in Modesto, California and Denver, Colorado. He was liked by all that knew him, and had attended church many times in the past.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Tes-cott, Kansas, by Brother William F. Cox and Reverend Smith of the Methodist Church.

Our prayer is that the Lord will comfort his beloved wife and bless the little children in the days ahead.

### AN EXPERIENCE Modesto, Calif.

by Sister Virginia Lovalvo

As I was doing my housework about 11:40, I felt a tiredness as if I wanted to lay down and sleep: but knowing that I had work to do and that part of my family was coming home for lunch, there was not any time left to lie down and rest. So I picked up the Gospel News and went into the backyard, set myself into a comfortable chair and started to read. As I read, I noticed that the tired feeling left me, and I was having a special blessing in reading all those wonderful poems and hymns I came to your article. "Reminiscences of Past Days." (May issue, page six) This was real good I thought, because I always love to hear experiences concerning the early history of the Church.

As I was reading this article, I felt an overpowering of the Spirit of God. I read to the place where a Sister had a vision where she saw a woman all dressed in white, come in with a crown in her hands. In the crown were twelve stars. She laid the crown upon the stand and said, "This crown belongs to this Church."

As I read those words, the tears were flowing from my eyes and the power of God came upon me, as I started to plead with God saying, "O Lord, don't let this crown ever depart from us." meaning the Church. I repeated these words over and over so

many times and all at once my pleading changed to great rejoicing and I was saying, "O God Our Church A Beacon Light, Still stands through all the storm and night." I kept repeating those beautiful words over and over until I finally realized it was an answer to my prayers that God would not allow the crown to be taken away from the Church, confirming that the Church has stood through great trials and would continue to do so.

All this lasted until 2:30. Usually my family comes home for lunch a little after twelve o'clock, but today they were all late, and I was able to enjoy all this wonderful experience and blessing I felt a desire to write this experience and send it to you and when my husband came home I told him how the Lord had blessed me, he also felt the blessing of God and suggested that I write it and send it to you.

I sure enjoy the Gospel News. Every month I wait for it with great anticipation knowing there are many blessings for me within its contents. May God bless you and Sister Sadie always.

Sister Virginia, I think this is a wonderful experience, and am glad that you took time off long enough to write it for the little paper—it will help us to make the little paper a little bit bigger than it is. I believe the Assistant-to-the Editor will feel about as the Editor feels. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Brother Cadman

#### A Grandmother's View of Vacational Bible School

by Sister Hertha Jones

I have been a member of The Church of Jesus Christ since July 17, 1931, and I've always wished our Church had a Bible school in the summer. When my children were small they went to one of the other Protestant churches for their Vacational Bible School and so have my grandchildren, but now they have one of their own to attend.

I've talked with several of our teachers and helpers and they feel the same as I, that we have learned with the children and we have felt wonderfully blessed in being permitted to help, in this small way, in spreading the Gospel. As one of our older brothers has often remarked, "That the Sunday School was the Hot Bed of the Church, where tender little plants are grown from seed;

to be later transplanted to the church as they grow in years and understanding.

In our two weeks of Bible School, the children have been able to memorize the 23rd Psalm, the books of the New Testament, 1st Psalm, a new memory verse every day, and several new hymns that have been written by Mabel, and are beautiful; and a new Bible lesson every day. Our theme has been "Jesus, the Light of the World," from birth to ascension. We took our lessons from the Bible and Book of Mormon. It's a wonderful feeling to be able to help, and to see all these children studying their Bible so earnestly. I am sure all the others, who have helped in any way, feel the same as I, that we are the ones that should be thankful for the privilege we have had.

We must give Sister Mabel Bickerton credit for our wonderful-lesson workbooks and our new hymns. She worked all winter and spring planning these and also wrote the words and music for the hymns to go with our lessons. You'll have to hear them to appreciate just how lovely they are.

I hope that another year will see more Vacational Bible Schools started in our Church, because it is one sure way for the children to learn the basic principles of our Church. I'm sure that everyone here in Monongahela who has had a part in our Vacation Bible School work, will be glad to help in any way to further the teaching of the scriptures to your children as well as ours.

We sincerely thank our Heavenly Father for our Vacation Bible School.

P. S. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 (Editor)

#### A MIRACLE IN ALIQUIPPA

by Sister Joan Gibson

The miracle that I am about to write concerns my daughter, Earleen. She is 6 years old and is in the first grade of school. Earleen was born with asthma and through this she has always been sick quite a bit.

On the 28th day of January, the school notified me by telephone that Earleen was to have her physical examination and they wanted to know if I could be there. I told them that I had no way to get there that day.

It happened that the doctor was not able to be there either so they were to examine her the next morning. I went out to the school the next day and while we were waiting for the doctor to come, one of the mothers there whom I never knew or saw before, asked me if sugar diabetes was hereditary. I told her that I thought it was. She said that she was worried because her father had it and she was afraid for her son. As we were talking there she was called in. When she came out, I asked her if everything was all right. She said that it was. Then another mother was called in and then they called me.

Little did I know what they were about to tell me. The nurse then asked me what Earleen had eaten the night before. I told her, but this didn't seem to make any difference. When she kept on asking me these questions I became alarmed. I asked her why she was asking me all these questions. She told me that they found that Earleen had sugar diabetes. I felt as if the roof had come down on me. As the doctor was examining her, he was asking me questions about both sides of our family. It happened that this doctor is my family doctor, and then I remembered that my mother-in-law had sugar diabetes when she died. When they heard this they were even more concerned. The nurse told the doctor that she made two tests on her and both of them showed sugar diabetes. So they said that they were going to take two or three more tests on her the next few days. If the sugar still showed, I was to take her to the hospital for more tests. At this point, I was in a daze. I just couldn't believe that Earleen had sugar diabetes. As I have said before, she has always been so sick with her asthma condition and now with this other sickness, I didn't think she could stand it.

When Jim, my husband, came home from work, he asked me about the examination. I didn't tell him much. I thought I would wait until we had our supper and then tell him everything. But he knew by the way that I was talking that something was wrong. So we went to get dressed to go to church. I then told him that they found that Earleen had sugar diabetes and that they were to take another test the next morning. I thought that we would wait until they were done with the test, in order to make sure, and then we would have her

anointed. But Jim disagreed with me and said that it would be better if we had her anointed in church that night before they took any more tests. So when we went to church that night he told Brother John Ross, our presiding elder, everything. Immediately he talked to the other elders and they decided to have a prayer meeting for Earleen and then the elders anointed her. I could never thank my brothers and sisters enough for the humble prayers that they offered to God. They really poured their hearts out to God and I thank God for them. After we went home from church, Jim and I felt to continue our prayer with fasting. We fasted until we heard the report from the nurse the next morning. Within me, I knew that God had heard all the prayers that were given for Earleen. I knew that he performed miracles before and that He would do it now. I prayed even up to the time that I talked to the nurse about the test. Before I called the nurse, I got on my knees and prayed to God to hear our prayers, and to honor the anointing, and may the nurse tell me that Earleen was all right. I then called her, but when I did, she wasn't quite finished with the test yet. When she came to the phone again, the very words she said were, "Mrs. Gibson, Earleen is all right." But they wanted to take another test the next day to be sure. While I was still on the phone, I thanked God that he heard our prayers. I knew that if they didn't find any sugar diabetes in her that day, that God wouldn't go back on his word and they wouldn't find any in her the next day. The next morning, the nurse called me and told me that Earleen was clear and no more tests were going to be made. I didn't have to take her to the hospital either. It is wonderful to know that we can always go to God with what ever trouble we have. If we have faith and trust in God, He will hear us and answer our prayers.

#### MELVIN K. MOUNTAIN, JR. GRADUATED, WED

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mountain of Hodgson Street were among the Monongahelans present at the Baccalaureate Service (May 31), and Commencement at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, their son, Melvin K. Mountain, Jr., a member of the Class graduated Tuesday, June 2.

Present also was Melvin's fiancée, Miss Virginia Henery of Beaver Falls, their wedding to be solemnized at 7:30 o'clock in the reformed Presbyterian Church of Beaver Falls. The young man's maternal grandfather, the Reverend William H. Cadman, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, Lincoln Street, will assist Virginia's minister at the ceremony.

In attendance with the parents and grandfather at Baccalaureate and Commencement were Melvin's sister, Mrs. R. E. Ackman and her daughters, Terri and Patti.

This evening's bride is a member of the Monongahela Junior High School faculty.

Melvin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration at Geneva. His College activities included membership in the Economics, Pep, English Clubs; he was on the advertising and sales staff of "The Chimes," English Club publication; was Cabinet Exchange editor and reporter.

He has accepted a position in the merchandising field with Gimbel Brothers in Pittsburgh. (From the Monongahela Republican)

#### NEWS ITEMS

Brother and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo on their way back to their home in Florida from New Jersey, spent a few days with us here in Monongahela. Brother Mazzeo occupied our pulpit twice while here, and we were glad to have their company for a few days. On their way to Florida they expect to call on Brother and Sister Jonathan Molinnato near Cherokee, N. C.

This day, June 29th, Brothers Nicholas Liberto and Joseph Ashton Smith of San Diego, Calif. called here for a short visit. We were glad to see them.

Brother and Sister Parrott of Nortonville, Ky. spent Sunday June 28th here in Monongahela. We were very glad to see them again. We have now entered the vacationing season and no doubt many of our brothers and sisters will be on the go. Brother and Sister Bittinger are now visiting in Detroit and among the saints in Canada. In a letter I received from Sister Louise Marshall of Whittier, Calif., dated about June 24th, she informs me that Brother Heaps is spending much of his time in bed. Bro-

ther Jimmie is not a well man anymore.

I understand that Brother V. J. Lovaivo of Northridge, Calif. attended the last District Conference in Calif., but he is far from being a well man. May the Lord bless our brethren and sisters in their afflictions. Brother Liberto on his way here from Calif., says that he called on the few members we have at Sopris, Colo. He tells me that they should have some Missionary Workers call and spend a little time there. It is true today as it was in the days of the Saviour—the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Brothers Harry Tucker and George Neill are away on a trip to Florida.

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Curse not the king, nor thou in thy thought, and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

(Eccles. 10:20)

According to the latest accounts received here Brother Joseph Collison of Windsor, Ont. Canada is very, very poorly.

Sister Barbara Mountain Achman here in Monongahela while attending the family reunion of her husband's family on the 4th of July, slipped and fell and broke her left limb just above the ankle. She was taken to the Memorial Hospital where her limb was placed in a cast—and she will now be walking on crutches for some time. Our sympathy goes out to Barbey.

#### IMPERIAL, PENNSYLVANIA

Will Kunkel

We here in the Imperial Branch have much reason to rejoice. Since the first of the year we have had eight baptisms. I have previously reported on the first five of our baptisms. I would like now to mention our last three. First is a young man, Clarence Gilbert, who comes from the state of Maine. He married Dorothy Belmonte, daughter of Sister Belmonte. He met up with the church and he loved the church from the first time he visited it. He is a very fine young man and will be a blessing to our branch. We also baptised a young couple, Betty and Herb Buffington, daughter-in-law and son of Sister and Brother Ervin Buffington. This young couple have two children, ages ten and

seven. These children have been afflicted with blisters on their feet which each summer would become so bad they would hardly be able to walk. The boy, Roger, said I want to be anointed for this affliction so God can heal me. They were presented before the Elders of the Branch who in turn prayed for them and praise God the children were healed. This was a wonderful testimony for the parents and also the children will never forget this either. Roger told me, "When I grow up I want to belong to this church." I think of words found in the Book of Mormon where it says the tongues of children were loosed and the words they uttered were so great they could not be recorded. (III Nephi, 26th chapter, 14th verse)

We have now about thirty young people plus the parents. We started here in Imperial with twelve members. Sister Martha Christman had a dream of first a few baptisms and then saw a numberless host come to the church. We rejoice in this because we realize that every soldier enlisted in the army of Christ is one less soldier in the army of Satan. We desire not only to grow in number but to grow in the things of God. In the tenth chapter of Moroni it says, Come unto Christ and lay hold upon every good gift. Such gifts as knowledge, wisdom, understanding, prophecy, beholding of angels and administering spirits, healing, tongues and interpretation; these are the things we desire that we may be as Jesus said: harmless as doves and as wise as serpents.

Brother Gilbert had a wonderful experience when he first visited the church. One of our Elders was speaking on Nephi, when his brethren were about to throw him in the sea. Nephi arose and said whosoever shall touch me his hand shall wither as a dry reed, because of the power of God upon him. And it goes on to say that after a space of many days God said unto Nephi stretch forth thine hand and shock thy brethren that they might know that God is with you. When our Elder said these words he stretched forth his hands and a shock passed from his hands into Brother Gil and he felt the current the same as the brethren of Nephi did.

In closing this article we have among our young people a young girl who is very talented in composing. She wrote a song and

a couple of poems of which I am enclosing one, which I think is filled with wonderful words. This young girl does not belong to the church but we trust someday that she will as the words which she composes indicates the good that is within her. The scripture says God is the giver of all good and I'm convinced God seeks out those that desire to do good. May God bless our brothers and sisters everywhere and we extend an invitation to all to come and visit with us.

### "The Saviour's Calling You"

The Saviour waits for you  
Won't you listen to his plea?  
Won't you come to Him today  
And live a life that's sin free?

He'd take away your worry  
And you'd find a peace so sweet.  
Won't you listen to Him calling  
Won't you with your Saviour meet?

Some night as you kneel down  
At your bedside and humbly pray  
That the Lord up in heaven  
would  
Turn the night for you to day.

Ask Him if He might break  
The bonds that tightly tie you,  
To this world of sin and darkness.  
He surely won't deny you.

When you have passed on and  
Must go before the Lord.  
What will be your excuse?  
What will be your reward?

Did you do much for Him  
On this earth here below?  
Did His loving grace and mercy  
To others did you show?

Will you go right up to Him and  
Say, "Master, I've done my best,"  
Or will you try to hide  
Like some of the evil rest.

Do you think you've satisfied Him  
Or is there a shadow of doubt?  
Do you toss about and wonder if  
From heaven you'll be kept out?

Won't you listen to your Saviour?  
Won't you hear Him calling you?  
Won't you answer "Master, here  
Am I, your very will to do."

### AN ENJOYABLE TRIP

Bro. and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo

On May 12th we left West Palm Beach to visit our children and our brothers and sisters in New Jersey. It was a grand trip, not

only in Spiritual blessings and to shake hands with our brothers and sisters again, but the Lord has blessed us financially—for we here in West Palm Beach are trying to build a House of Worship as our membership is increasing—not enough room in our homes any more to hold our meetings. The folks in New Jersey were most generous in contributing to our Fund. We pray that the Lord reward them with great blessings.

Our visit to New Brunswick Edison, Metuchen, Hopelawn and Freehold, N. J. and Bronx and Brooklyn Missions were enjoyed very much. It does our hearts good to see all their faces again—those who we have known many years through the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Arriving in Monongahela June 17th we were welcomed by the saints and were made comfortable at the home of Brother and Sister Louis Scaglione. On Thursday Morning June 18th we attended the Bible School in the Monongahela Church. It proved to be a great blessing to us. We enjoyed it immensely—hope and pray we may see the day when all our churches may follow that of Monongahela City in having a Bible Class. It is indeed a great work. Our hearts were filled to overflowing to hear the children sing (93 were present) and recite verses, read scripture and do little things.

On Friday we attended the first half hour of Bible School, then we left for Uniontown, Pa. to visit with our Sister DiCarlucci. Brother W. H. Cadman went with us and he was our guide for the day—and he was a good one.

On our way and as we approached our church in Bitner, we found they were having a Bible School in progress. After viewing what the children had accomplished, we were invited to attend the closing of their school. We stayed with pleasure. The children sang some of the songs they had learned, and which was well done. It was very enjoyable—we will remember it for a long time.

The next two days were well spent—Saturday was the General Ladies Uplift Circle Day, and at three p. m. we attended the beautiful wedding of Brother and Sister John Ali in Glassport—Sunday we attended services in Monongahela and in Glassport and concluding with a Father's Day program in Monongahela in the evening.

On our way home from Monongahela to Florida we desired to visit with Brother and Sister Jonathan Molinatto in the Smoky Mountain regions near Cherokee, N. C. It did our hearts good to see them again, and also Brother Iorio. May the Lord bless them for their humble efforts in preaching among the seed of Joseph (Indians). Brother Cadman, your directions were perfect.

The last day of our trip we stopped at Lakeland, Fla. and visited with Sister E. Aquilina. It was nice to see her again. Riding a few more miles we stopped in Fort Pierce at Brother and Sister Frank Rogolino's—glad to see them again. It brought to our minds the hymn, "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." —Hope that will come to pass in the near future.

Thanks and praise to God for a safe and enjoyable trip. Our thanks and appreciation to all our brothers and sisters for their kind hospitality in making our stay with you a pleasant one

grated from Jerusalem 600 b. c. to this land and became a mighty nation of people—and like most nations of people, they forgot their God and were as they were when Columbus found them in 1492. During this meeting the Indian people present sang for us in their native tongue. We enjoyed once more the privilege of speaking to some of the people who are descendants of little Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brothers.

At the close of this meeting we, along with Brother and Sister Molinatto's family including Brother Iorio from Warren, Ohio had a visit with each other while eating our dinner together on a tourist parking table. We had a very nice, but a short visit with the Molinatto's, and then we started homeward on the next day—Monday.

Before leaving on Monday, we called on our friend Mrs. Beck, Editor of the Cherokee Times—an Indian paper. She is also proprietor of a fine restaurant in Cherokee. She is a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indian people.

to Christ, to use as He directed in proclaiming His saving power and grace, and that in God's sight they, too, were beautiful—truly beautiful.

But wait—there is still more to tell—for I saw also feet that were not beautiful in God's sight—feet that were bearing their owners daily nearer a Moslem grave and a Christian eternity. From feet to faces I lifted my eyes and saw stoniness of heart—yes, faces revealed the hard hearts of the Islamic followers of a dead prophet. Not all, for some were evidently drinking in the message of salvation. But even as they listened, fear and superstition gripped their hearts, holding them back from open confession of Christ, who lives for evermore.

Small wonder then that my thoughts turned to your feet also. In my heart's eye and in the light of Scripture I could see them as well. In obedience to the Lord's command you are praying for us and sacrificing for His work in this place. Thereby you were with us, seated on that mountainside, partaking in the Word preached—and in God's sight beautiful also are your feet—helping in bringing good tidings to needy souls. You are with us—we are partners in making Christ known.

Graham and Mildred Hay  
Selassie Leprosarium  
Ethiopia

### I SAT LOOKING AT MY FEET (Africa Now)

DO I HEAR someone say, "Is that all you had to do?" Wait until I tell you more—I'm thankful for my feet. They never cause pain or discomfort, and the Lord keeps them shod.

That Sunday afternoon my feet had carried me up the mountain-side to a cluster of Ethiopian huts. Several of our Ethiopian Christians were with me, and one of them was preaching to a few Moslems seated with us on the ground. Sitting there, I looked down at my feet and thought, "They may not be beautiful in man's sight, but they are to God, for He has said, 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation.'"

Then I noticed the feet round about me. I saw the bare feet of my leperous friends—nothing beautiful about them to the human eye. Deformed from loss of toes and shrinkage of bony structure, some bandaged to protect open sores from the stones that bruise and cut nerveless feet. Had I known nothing more than the eye revealed, I would have agreed—no beauty there. But I knew that those were the feet of God's willing messengers. I knew those feet were yielded

### TRIP TO CHEROKEE, N. C.

Brother Cadman

My daughter and son-in-law, Grace and Arthur, went for about a week's trip the first week in June and they took their parents with them. We headed southward to Cherokee, North Carolina arriving there on a Saturday evening. After getting located for the night we drove out to Brother and Sister Molinatto's home, and found them ready to come in town to look for us. We were glad to see one another again.

I arranged to have meetings with them on Sunday. One meeting was in a small building of a Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Webb just a few miles away, and I enjoyed myself again speaking to the small audience that was present.

At the close of this meeting we made quite a drive to the top of Big Witch Mountain where we held a meeting in an Indian home. I had also been in this home on former occasions. There were several Indian people present, and I enjoyed talking to them out of the Book of Mormon which is a history of the dealing of God with their forefathers on this land known to us as America. Their forefathers emi-

### LETTER . . .

To The Editor

Detroit, Michigan

June, 1959

Dear Bro. Editor:-

At this writing, my wife and I, are in fairly good health, physically and otherwise, and sincerely hope you, Sister Cadman, and all saints throughout the Church are the same also. I received your card sometime ago, and was quite pleased to hear from you. Thank God, we in this part of the Vineyard are fair, and doing our best to come up to the promise we made at the river's brink, to serve God in spirit and in truth until our last breath, and sincerely hope, all saints everywhere are doing the same, for He has promised us His aid, when we united be. I believe for us to reach our highest goal in the Church, we must do so by much prayer and fasting, proceed according to the power of

the Holy Ghost, be in one accord, have all things in common, and be the light, leaven, and seasoning salt of the earth. Jesus said in John 17th chapter and 21st verse, That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me. There is a oneness, stressed through-out the bible and Book of Mormon, for us to succeed in the task we are undertaking, therefore I do here by call it to the attention of all saints, that as the Church is about ready, to make an earnest effort to send out missionaries, for the evangelization of the Human family, that we drop all our differences, be one, and stand behind the Church, with the powerful spirit of Jesus Christ, to further His cause here upon the face of the earth. After our late conference bros. Joe Loyalvo, and Mark Randy, made a visit to Branch No. 1, on Wed. night, April 8th and gave us two very encouraging talks. Our bros. were quite welcome in our midst. On Sunday April 26th, the Castellis, my wife and I, a Bro. and sister went to Sarnia, we had a very enjoyable time spiritually, sisters Jackson, and Maness, are recuperating very nicely, and appreciate the prayers of the saints. On Saturday, May the 2nd., we had our District organized, we had many blessings, and enjoyed the peace and love of God. On Sunday May the 3rd, there was a bro baptised at Branch No. 3 Bro. Ralph Lest, is now in charge of Port Huron Mission, and I understand that Bro. Summerville is again re-instated in the Church. On May 10th, Mother's Day, Bro. Domenic Thomas was main speaker at Branch No. 2. We had two young sisters baptized in the afternoon. On Sunday, May 24th, we spent a very pleasant day in Windsor, all saints are in fairly good health, with the exception of Bro. Joe Collison, and Sister Ford, we solicit the prayers of all saints throughout the Church on their behalf, Hoping, and praying, that God's richest blessings will attend us, as we make an earnest effort in the greatest cause, that we could undertake, on the face of the earth, I beg to be, your bro. in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller

July, 1959

How are you and dear Sister Cadman these warm days? O.K I hope. Thank God my wife and I, also Brother and Sister Bittinger, who are here with us while I am writing this article, are fine, and anticipating a wonderful future, if we can just remain humble and faithful until our last breath, as we sing, Happy if with my latest breath, I may but gasp His name, preach Him to all and cry in death, behold, behold the lamb. It may not affect all saints similarly, but to me hymn No. 411, Live closer to Jesus, draw nearer each day. Abide in His presence, ne'er from Him to stray; Why thoughtlessly linger, why wander afar, while yet He is calling, "Come, just as you are," is a genuine reality, if we draw near to Him, He will do the same to us. His blessings are sure if we prove faithful to Him. I shall now make mention of some of the things that have transpired in this section of the Vineyard recently.

On Monday May 31st., Brother Mervin Heath took Sister Maude Stallworth, my wife and I, to Port Huron, and Sarnia. There were so many good things done in our midst, that it is almost inexpressible. But naming a few, Brother Dononic Cotalisse, his wife, and son Matthew, were in our midst, and brought such a humble spirit among us, that we decided to pray for Brother and Sister Bird, who we do not see in our midst quite frequently, to pray for Sister Dutton who is quite ill, and for Georgian Bay, Cape Croker Reservation where we hope to go some of these days, to preach the Gospel to some of the Remnant of the House of Israel. On Sunday the 7th of June, being at Branch No. 3, we heard a wonderful sermon preached by Brother Silver Criscuolo on the mission of the seventy evangelists of the Church, which brought a good spirit in our midst. On Wednesday night the 10th of June, Brother Paul Vitto, gave a very interesting talk at Branch No. 1, on the subject of Prayer, other Brothers joined in on this subject, and we just had an enjoyable time indeed.

On Saturday June the 13th, the Evangelists enjoyed a very wonderful meeting in Lorain. A beautiful cake was given us, made in the form of a bible, and the let-

tering on it, "Lorain Welcomes the Evangelists." In our meetings we enjoyed the love, peace, and the spirit of God, and felt blessed, that we could attend. On Sunday the 14th of June, service was introduced at Branch No. 2, by Brother John Gammichia, who spoke on part of the 11th chapter of Hebrews, other brothers speaking also. In the afternoon Brother Domonic Cotelesse, speaking on the same subject, mentioned the 5th verse, where it is said, that Enoch was transported, that he should not see death, for before his transportation, he had this testimony, that he pleased God. There was much brought out on this subject, and all told we just had a wonderful time indeed.

On Sunday morning June 21st, we had Brother Joseph Bittinger in Branch No. 1 He spoke from John 10th chapter, 1st verse thru the 15th, on the Good Shepherd, and oh, what a wonderful talk he did give us. Sister Bittinger, was in our midst, and also gave a very blessed testimony. Thru the week, Brother Bittinger, at home showed us pictures of many churches, that the saints have built, and many places, where he has been, many grand sights to be seen, and will show us other pictures of the work in Nigeria, at Branch No. 3, on Monday night. On Sunday June 28th, Brother and Sister Bittinger, Mr. Lloyd Robotham, his wife and baby, my wife and I, visited Port Huron and Sarnia. We stopped in Port Huron and found, the saints there, carrying on faithfully. In Sarnia, we had a grand time indeed, three car loads of brothers and sisters, their children, and friends, from the Branches No. 2 and 3, met with us in Sarnia, and oh what a wonderful time we had, tongue cannot express. However Sandra Maness was prayed for, also Sister Dutton, and a young sister from Branch No. 2. We surely left singing, praises to our dear Heavenly Father, for His mercy still endures, ever faithful, ever sure. We also wish that everyone will continue to pray, for all the sick, in the Church. May God bless you one and all, is the prayer of your Brother in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller



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## TOMORROW

by Sister Evelyn Mapes  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tomorrow the sun may never shine  
So why not give your heart right now  
To someone very sweet and dear  
Who died on Calvary to set us free  
That we may live in peace with Him

Tomorrow the sun may never shine  
So please dear Lord be by my side  
Until I shall see you in paradise.

So I will end this line dear Lord  
To let you know I love you so  
Because you died for us dear Lord  
To make it safe for us to go.

## FROM THE JEWISH HOPE:

Excerpt from Mr. Michelson's  
Letter

In speaking of conditions in Palestine and Algiers—Mr. Michelson says:

"My heart was so touched that I prayed the Lord may send in the means to relieve these poor poverty stricken Jews. In many cases I was surprised to see how the dwellers in these shacks have done their best to try and keep things clean. Others seem to be stricken with apathy because of the terrible surroundings and have lost faith of seeing better days."

We want to help these poor people. So many are destitute. We cannot let them perish. We want to do everything we can to show them the love of Christ. There is no one who cares for them, but Jesus has laid the burden of these poor suffering people so heavily upon my heart that I have no rest. I have seen their suffering with my own eyes and they are constantly before me. I see them stretching out their hands towards me, pleading with me for the necessities of life. Oh, how anxious I am to bring them to Jesus.

Please join us in prayer that the Lord may undertake for us.

## Prison Physician Warns About Immodesty

Dr. Luchtenstein, physician of Tombs Prison in New York City, said recently, "the so-called crimes of passion are increasing alarmingly, and will continue to do so in my opinion until the principle cause is eliminated. This it seems to me, is the present style of dress which, to say the least, is immodest. Immodest dress has a direct bearing on crime incitation, no matter how innocent the wearer may be."

This observation comes from an official who has worked with 170,000 prisoners in 12 years of penal experience.

Shame caused Adam and Eve to cover themselves with fig leaves. God not only endorsed the idea of wearing clothing, but He gave them better clothes—the skins of animals. All through the Bible nakedness in public is condemned, and modesty most highly commended.

Dr. Luchtenstein's warning probably will not have much effect on unbelievers; but we hope that Christians will take heed and not become a stumbling block to others in the realm of dress.

—Selected from Good News  
Broadcaster

## Very Thoughtful, Indeed

Dear Brother Cadman,

This is to inform you that at our death we have willed one-half of our possessions to the Headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ to be used to help spread the gospel to the world.

We feel that if God loves us enough to give us material things, the least we can do is to return one-half when we leave this earth, so that others may get to know Him. We feel that our children should work and earn their own way in this life and to trust in God. That is why we are not leaving all our possessions to our children.

Brother and Sister—

P. S. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (II Cor. 9:7)

May the Lord bless our brother and sister for their thoughtfulness of the Church. (Editor)

## Seminole Leaders Praised by Seaton For Tribal Gains

(from The Miami Herald)

Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton said that treatment of the American Indians "has been one of the really bright spots of the Eisenhower administration."

The federal government is spending 163 million dollars this year on activities "designed to help the Indian people in this country get to the point where they can take care of themselves," Seaton said.

"After all," he added, "this is what the Indians themselves want."

Seaton said the amount spent on each of the 300,000 men, women and children who live on Indian reservations comes to about \$540.

Seaton paid special tribute to the Seminole Indians in Florida.

The Seminoles are not wards of the federal government, he said, noting that the tribe has "never bothered to get around to signing a peace treaty with us either."

Seaton predicted, however, that under present tribal leadership the Seminoles "will move forward in the next 10 years more than they've moved in the last 100 years."

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## Heap Big War Only Moons Away, So Hopis Say

(from The San Diego Union)

Six Hopi Indians from Northern Arizona came to the United Nations with the message that the time of a big war is only months away.

They said this was foretold in a step-by-step prophecy made thousands of years ago by the creator Massawu and handed down in their tribe by word of mouth.

They have now reached the stage, they said, when they must go to the big building in glass walls and inform all the nations of the prophecy.

They are from Oraibi Village. They happened to be in New York for a council with the Iroquois.

With them is Mad Bear, a Tuscarora from Syracuse, N. Y. Their spokesman is a Hopi chief, Dan

Katchongva of the Sun Clan. His interpreter is Banauyacya of the Fox Clan.

The chief wanted to see the U. N. high leader, but that is Secy. Gen. Dag Hammarskjöld. He is in Europe. So the group was received by Gerald T. Widdrington, a Canadian who is deputy chief of the visitors service.

Katchongva explained that the Hopis wanted to tell the whole world there would be a big war between good and evil forces, that the nations would be purified and that eternal life would follow.

Widdrington said they would have to wait until the General Assembly meets. But he promised to see what he could do in the meantime.

#### NEWS ITEMS

In a letter from Brother James T. Moore of Imperial dated July 7, 1959, he says: "I spent some time in Waltersville and Campston, Kentucky teaching this wonderful Gospel. Another soul has been added to the Church. I baptized my brother Charles, 69 years of age, on June 28th."

Pray for those in these parts of the land.

I received a letter this day, July 9, from Brother Todaro, informing me that he was flying back to Italy on July 16th. May the Lord be with him.

Job, ninth chapter: "If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse." Jesus says, "He that exalteth himself shall be abased and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

During the first part of July, Brothers George Neill and Harry Tucker delivered a car to Florida and brought another one back for the firm for which Brother Landrey works. While in Florida they attended meeting with our brothers and sisters at West Palm Beach and enjoyed themselves very much.

July 17: Brother George Johnson of Grindstone, Pa., in renewing his subscription to the Gospel News writes a few lines to me from which I will quote some of his sayings. He says: "We here in Roscoe are having some good meetings though there is room for improvement. There is unity among us and apparently there is nothing to hinder our progress. We are blessed with

musical talent and a choir has been organized, and we are enjoying their beautiful singing. On Sunday, July 12th we called it 'sing-inspiration.' It certainly was a blessing. We felt the Spirit of God and were made to rejoice. We feel it is good to provide opportunity for expression such as this. We have many aged members in our branch. The way the Lord has been working, I am full of confidence and hope for the future."

Monongahela, Pa. On Sunday, July 19th, we assembled at the river shore and a young couple (husband and wife) baptized. Then again we assembled on the shore on July 26th and baptized another convert. May the Lord continue to bless the words that are spoken from the pulpit, and the testimonies of our brothers and sisters.

August 3rd: In a letter from Brother and Sister Molinatto of near Cherokee, N. C., they seem to be enjoying life down in the Big Smokie Mountains. They like the mountain country. They have had quite a few visitors from among our brothers and sisters, which they are very glad to see. With the Elders who have visited them, they have gone to meetings held in Indian homes and also a Gentile's home where their talks have been enjoyed. Virginia says they took some of them on a sight seeing trip one day and saw some beautiful sights; mountains, and more mountains.

Sister Nicosia of Anaheim, California writes and tells me of a wonderful week she and others had spent with the saints in Modesto. Apparently they had a wonderful visit and enjoyed the hospitality of our church people in that city. She says it is like home. May the Lord bless you all. (Editor)

A letter from Brother Akpaidiok of Nigeria, who has spent a couple of years in school at the Columbia University, N. Y., and at Lincoln University near Philadelphia and who graduated from Columbia on June 2nd, left for his home in Nigeria on a boat from New York on August 3rd. He expects to arrive home about the 28th.

Brother Sunny hopes to use his education to the honor and glory of God among his native people. He says, "Please tell the brothers he appreciates every help they gave while he was studying, and that as he goes, their prayers may go with him to the gratification in God's service. He further says: "If there are any ar-

rangements I can make for the coming brothers, please let me know and I will be glad to serve."

#### LETTER FROM ITALY

by Brothers Randy and Wooley

Dear Brother Cadman: I have traveled quite a few miles since I left home. The most modern city that I have seen so far is Frankfurt, Germany, both in highways, buildings and the people are very courteous. The ones I talked to all spoke English.

Rome is truly beautiful and modern, but over populated like the rest of Italy. I am very anxious to do my duty and am very careful. I do want God to lead me, for this is different than anything that I have ever undertaken. There is so much to do here and I already feel that we have some brothers and sisters who have the true restored gospel in their hearts, while some came for the loaves and fishes. S. Demetrio is about 1½ hours ride by car from Connetello where Brother Todaro lives. I did not realize that there is such great distances from one to another. We will try to spend some time in each place and with the help of God, and your prayers, we hope to give you a good report—that you, the saints of God, will be justified.

I arrived at Reggio at 10:20 a. m. on July 30, 1959. Brother Frank Wooley and Brother Todaro and three other members were waiting for me. The others did not get the telegram in time to come, for I was delayed in Rome overnight. I am tired but happy to meet Brother Wooley—only wish that he was younger. On the way to Connetello we stopped to see Brother Giuseppe Forti, originally from Youngstown, Ohio—a very nice man and his wife who has not yet been baptized. She made teas for us the English style. They were happy to see us. The man that drove us also attends our church but is not yet baptized. They began to sing hymns in the car, and from what I heard, they have fine voices.

Brother Frank is truly ready to do some good, but we are without transportation. We first go to S. Dimetrio and then to Bucino and to Meriti Porto, where there are four members to see us.

There is a lot more to be done here throughout than has been told us. We will, with the help of God, do our best. Pray for us.

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



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For my editorial writing this time, I will give you a brief account of a trip I made east just recently. I boarded a plane on July 20th at the Pittsburgh Airport and Brother D. Rose of Brooklyn met me at Newark, N. J. and took me to his home. My object on this trip, was to visit the Shinnecock Indian Reservation on Long Island—near 1000 miles east of New York City, so we left the next day for our objective. Sister Rose and one of her daughters accompanied us as far as her parents home (Brother and Sister Valenti's home) about 60 miles out on our way.

He has a very nice home built right in the forest on the Island. They have a room fitted to hold meetings in—having seven or eight members in the community. They have also bought four or five lots for a church building. They feel that they would have more attendance if they had a public place in which to worship. May the Lord help our brothers and sisters who live in the Isles of the sea.

Brother Rose and I continued on our journey after having a lunch and rest in our brother's home. The Reservation is near the city of Southampton—a very nice place where many well-to-do people live, especially in the summer months and then lock up for the winter and go to Florida. There are many large mansions and large estates in and around the city. It is a beautiful place and is just off the shore of the Atlantic.

We then drove to the Reservation but I do not have too much to report concerning it. It was very quiet and we saw very few people there. We

drove until we came to their church (Presbyterian) which was open and we entered it. It was a very nice building. We walked around it and found the Minister who was living in the rear of the church. He is a colored minister who serves the church on the Reservation—also supplies a church in Southampton as well. They took us in the church, played and sang for us. The minister then had us get into his car and he took us all around the reservation and the City of Southampton, explaining to us the places of interest, and to the Atlantic shore where the big waves were continually rolling in.

On returning to his church, we had a very nice conversation with him. We introduced ourselves to him as Ministers of The Church of Jesus Christ—our faith in the Book of Mormon and of the Indian people being a part of the House of Israel. He knew nothing of the Book of Mormon except what little he had heard. We probably had a half hour talk or more with him. He listened to us and manifested much interest in what we had to tell him. We gave him one of our Books of Mormon and other literature, which he received gladly. We bade him goodbye, but it was a very interesting talk we had with the Rev. Paul N. Robinson. We then started on our return trip to the home of Brother Valenti, arriving there late in the evening and spent two nights at their home and held meetings with them. While in one meeting I thought of the many people who live on the isles of the sea. On the next day we returned to the home of Brother and Sister Rose in Brooklyn.

On the same day Brother Rose and myself drove to Hopelawn, N. J. and attended one of Brother Furnier's meetings in the Metuchen church. He and his wife had been in New Jersey about two weeks holding meetings, and I learned that his meetings had been very well attended. While there that evening, I had a phone call from home and learned that I was wanted in Youngstown, Ohio on Saturday afternoon to attend a Missionary Board meeting, prior to Brother Randy leaving for Italy. I did not know what to do, the folks in Brooklyn expected me to be there on Sunday, but Brother Joseph Benyola and I boarded a plane on Saturday morning for Youngstown, attended the meeting in the afternoon, and then boarded a plane and arrived back in New York about mid-night.

I then attended the services in Brooklyn along with Brother Furnier, and then back to N. J. where I spent two nights in two different pulpits. I visited with our assistant editor, Brother Funkhouser, and arrived back in Pittsburgh by plane on July 28th.

All told I had a very nice time with our people in New York and New Jersey.

### "TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU"

by Joseph Bittinger

Today in America we have many faiths and creeds being taught by men all claiming to be the followers of Jesus Christ, men and women claiming Divine Authority, or divinely commissioned to preach Christ, and if we listen to them it will not take long until they are endeavoring to impress us with the fact that

they (whatever particular faith they happen to represent) are the true disciples of Jesus Christ, and that they alone are preaching the true gospel as taught by Him and His disciples. Hence if anyone is to find salvation, or be saved in the kingdom of God, they must adhere strictly to their teachings. We cannot doubt their sincerity either, but, it is imperative there must be Truth in conjunction with sincerity, to lead men to the kingdom of heaven.

When the disciples asked Jesus what should be the sign of His coming, and the end of the world, Jesus said: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come (preaching) in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Today we hear more men, and women preaching in the name of Christ than ever before, that He was the Son of God; born of the virgin Mary, was baptized by John the Baptist, that he chose twelve apost-

les, He healed the sick, and did many wonderful miracles and etc. That he was crucified, buried, and on the third day He arose, appeared to His followers on several occasions during a forty day period of time, then, He ascended up to heaven, and most Christians expect Him to return to earth sometime. But when it comes to what He and His disciples taught, many of those claiming divine authority are in discord, they are unwilling to accept the plain and simple teachings of Christ, and His disciples. There certainly is confusion among the professed followers of Christ today on doctrine and order. Jesus said, it would be those coming (preaching) in His name, "Saying, that I am Christ," that would deceive many.

It is very inconsistent to believe what the scripture says about Christ, and disbelieving the things He taught, His word of Truth. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31,32)

The contentions are not so much about Him, but about His teachings, and their application. Jesus said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Idle worship had its appeal to the people of God in ages passed, and they were all brought to judgement because of it; these too were the doctrines of men, a departure from the truth of God. Jesus warned us to be aware of false prophets, who would depart from the Word of Truth and preach the erroneous doctrines of men in these latter days. They have by their substitutions and omissions made the way of truth to be of no affect, vain worship is being taught and practiced contrary to Christ's commandments. Paul in writing to Timothy, says, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables." Today men and women seeking the truth hardly know where to find it because of so many saying, lo, this is the way, follow us, all diverse one from the other. Error is not always easy to detect especially by those who are not enough concerned to make thorough and determined invest-

igation of that which is being presented as the divine truth. Every person has a right to their own opinion so long as it does not conflict with the scripture, but when one's opinion is in conflict with the scripture, then the scripture should be the accepted authority. Customs and traditions are being like-wise taught and practiced by large segments of professed believers in Christ, who have been lead to believe these too, are scriptural, when many of these customs were motivated by men seeking to circumvent the true order established by Jesus Christ as the basic principles of His Church.

Why are people so easily misled, when the destiny of their soul is involved, it would seem they are more willing to take risky chances involving eternal life, or their eternal destiny, than they will take in the material things of life, when they purchase something considered valuable, they want to be certain they get clear title, that it is worth the value to be paid, that it is genuine and not counterfeit, and that it will be a valuable asset to them. This is wisdom. Otherwise they may prove to be very foolish, as Jesus said, in Matthew 25th chapter, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered, and slept." The foolish took too much for granted, they thought they were sufficiently prepared, and ready, but alas they discovered they had not met all the requirements, they called upon the five wise for help, but the wise tells them they must go to those who sell and buy for themselves. Yes, they had failed to purchase something: Perhaps it was some of the Holy Ordinances of the gospel they had been taught to believe as being unnecessary, or unessential. Perhaps they had accepted a substitute and now they discover their mistake while they go to buy (or try to correct their error, or mistake) the Bridegroom comes and those that were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut.

This will be what happens, when it is too late, many people will discover they have been foolish, they have been deceived by teachers of false doctrines and

customs. The Saviour said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name cast out devils and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (St. Matt. 7: 21-23.) These are serious words spoken by him who holds our eternal destiny, the ones who have built wisely on the Rock of Christ Jesus, and His truth, He will say, enter ye into my joy's prepared from the foundation of the world. While to those who have built foolishly on the sands of error and deception, and false customs and traditions, He will say, depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire. He said there would be weeping, and gnashing of teeth.

#### THIS IS ETERNITY

by Hollis A. Burge

Nothing you can do will take you out of eternity. You are there now. Time is but the essence of eternity. Eternity is an eternal now. The day you drew your first breath you started on your march throughout eternity. Contrary to the sign on the mountain side; viz, "Where will you spend eternity?" You cannot spend it. You can spend one minute, one hour, one year, but eternity is limitless: It reaches before the beginning and continues beyond the end. Eternity belongs to God. "In him was life" (John 1:4). Before the worlds were framed he lived. The spark of life was with him. Flesh and bones belong to time. The spirit, breath, pneuma belongs to the infinite. Life is that tangible—intangible something that cannot be defined. Here today, gone tomorrow, fleeting yet continuing, never definable, never discovered, never found—yet very real. Life is a part of eternity. Possessed by a body, yet elusive as the evening breeze. Life, and eternity belong to the infinite. God and life is eternity. You are in eternity now. What a solemn warning to the unsaved. What a glorious thought for the Christian!

## Signs of the Times . . .

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

A real point of contention, if allowed to become so, can be the methods used by churches to educate or 'raise' their converts. Some groups have very elaborate schedules of up-bringing while others are totally unconcerned after the newcomer's name is on the books. Between these two extremes lay the vast majority of world denominations. It is not the purpose of this column to criticize any method, for we could get lost in an abyss of criticism. It is our purpose to be analytical so as to better observe world conditions.

Two hundred years ago, or only half that far back, joining a church was of small consequence. Chances were one grew up under the very shadow of the local parish and becoming a member was no more change than donning Sunday clothes to go to service. The Church, or churches, was the center of society and all were familiar with its fundamentals and teachings. Most of the laws of the land and rules for personal conduct came from the church, directly or indirectly. Thus, when a convert entered a congregation the only new thing he did was to 'tend meetin' regular.'

But time, the sculptor of history, has carved a new way of life today. The atomic age has brought "fallout", not only from a mushroom cloud but from a religious life as well. Most children grow up in "good" homes but not necessarily God-fearing ones; the difference between the two is the difference that must be overcome to live a Christ-like life. To overcome the world we must be born again. Today, this new birth is not understood by inheritance, it must be taught.

Some organizations believe this 'education' will be picked up as the new member remains in church through the years. At times it does happen this way, but all too often a mediocre member is developed that is in the church on Sunday and far out of the church the other six days of the week. Unfortunately, this is becoming an accepted way of living today.

Most churches do have a method or circicular for raising new members. This is necessary, as the ways of the Lord have to be

learned. But many church programs are just too much history and people. Too often there is not enough God and Bible. This is not an intended fault of the familiarization programs. It is only that they presume people know right from wrong. Unfortunately wrong has become so much a way of life today (especially in the United States), that it is difficult to detect it as sin. It should be taught that comparative values must be taken from the scriptures.

Indoctrination classes and discussion groups would do well to recognize their full responsibility. It is not amiss to quote of Luther, Wesley, or Gibbons; but The Bible must be the prime textbook and the final examination. In the end the proselyte, even after conversion, must decide on His Church—according to what He has taught.

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The mark of pastoral success for a minister in Christendom is usually the size of his congregation and its location. A lad "fresh out" will start his career in humanity at a small, rural, challenging church. As his ability increases he will move from smaller to larger parish, until he ends up in the city where he occupies a post of sizable income.

"How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm?" This was the theme of the fifteenth Annual Church and Community Workshop at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. 100 pastors wrestled with the problem of the rural preacher for two weeks. Resolutions were accepted but no concrete answers found. The Rev. Dr. John Oman, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church in Minneapolis summed it up: "I never saw such self esteem. I guess its low salary; a feeling that they are not successful because of the old idea that as soon as you become a success you move to the city..."

It all goes to prove that the most significant sign of the times is the dollar sign.

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The Oral Roberts Crusade has made news again, this time with tragedy. At the start of his Detroit meetings in July, Mrs. Wanda Beach signed a testimony card and announced that she was

"healed and saved." Wanda had been a diabetic and under treatment most of her 37 years.

But the testimony was never given in public. Mrs Beach signed the card, discontinued treatments and started eating everything. "It felt wonderful," she said. Less than two days later she was dead.

Who is to blame?—Roberts and his preaching? Wanda and her faith? Doctors and their treatment? These are hard questions; there are no easy answers.

## YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On Sunday, July 26th, the saints in Youngstown were blessed by the Lord in having a wonderful day of worship. Visiting brothers and sisters were present from many branches, and we had in our midst four of the Apostles.

Brother Mark Randy from California opened the meeting, calling hymn "Ye Who Are Called" as a salute to the ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Randy gave us an inspired talk on the love of God and took examples from the Bible on how God poured out his blessings on the Gentiles, a people who were hated and looked down on by His chosen people, the Israelites. In closing, Brother Randy said that there was only one thing he wanted to take with him to the land of Italy where he will do work for our Lord Jesus and that is a humble spirit. If he takes nothing else he prays that this spirit of humbleness will go with him. He also added that he would take the prayers and love of his brothers and sisters with him.

Brother Paul D'Amico followed and spoke on the love of God, proclaiming his desire to some day be released from his duties to go to the land of Italy to preach the Gospel. He quoted from our Church History Book, page 38, "Verily, Verily thus saith the Lord unto my servants, go ye forth and preach my gospel unto all this Continent, and when you return I will give you power to preach my Gospel to all Nations." Brother Paul Kunkel then rose in the spirit and confirmed what Brother Paul had said.

As Brother D'Amico finished speaking Jack Laverie rose to his feet and asked for his baptism. As soon as the meeting was closed Jack's wife, Amelia came forward and requested her baptism. About ten minutes later

August Giovanni, who had left the church and driven about five blocks, came back to the church seeking Brother Tony Corrado to ask for his baptism.

Just as the afternoon meeting got underway, Brother Mark Randy had to leave to board a plane for Detroit. He walked down the aisle and one by one the brothers and sisters left their seats to bid him a last farewell. Brother Mark Randy performed the three baptisms of our new members. May this be a wonderful start for him in the work that lies ahead of him. Our prayers, our love and our thoughts are truly going to follow this humble brother. A glorious day in Youngstown was had by all, and is a day that will live in the hearts of three, as the day their life was given back to them. Thank God for his abundant and rewarding blessings here below.

#### - W E D D I N G -

##### Demchak - Reitz

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Demchak are residing in Wisebecker Lane, this city, following their return from a honeymoon trip to New England. The bride is the former Margaret D. Reitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Annonio of Monessen. Her husband is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Demchak of Monongahela.

They were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony in The Church of Jesus Christ here in Monongahela at 6:30 p. m. on June 27th—Brother Meredith Griffith officiating. Nancy Hatalowich of Monessen was maid of honor. Best man was Ralph Bright of Monongahela. A reception was held in the Pythian Center, Monessen and was attended by about 200 guests.

Margaret attended classes at Monessen High School and is employed at the Monongahela Memorial Hospital. Her husband was graduated from the Monongahela High School and is a construction company employee.

The Gospel News extends best wishes to Joseph and Margaret.

#### Apparently some confusion...

I have been approached about the First Resurrection: I will quote as is written. John on the Isle of Patmos speaks of a first resurrection in Rev. 20:5. Alma also dwells on the subject of a first resurrection in his writings in the Book of Alma, chapter 40, from which I will first quote.

In verse 2 Alma says there is

no resurrection until after the coming of Christ. In this case he is speaking of the first coming of Christ (meaning His birth into the world and His crucifixion). In verse 4 he makes it plain that there is a time appointed for all men to come forth from the dead. In verse 15 some have understood that the resurrection of the soul was a "first resurrection" and Alma admitted that it may be termed as such. Then in verse 16 he declares that there is a first resurrection, a resurrection of all those who have been, or who are, or who shall be, down to the resurrection of Christ from the dead. (In this instance Alma is speaking of all people who lived and died before Christ was crucified.) And in verse 18 he shows plainly that he is speaking of the resurrection of the body. In verses 18 and 19 he makes it plain that those who die before the death of Christ, had their resurrection before those who died after the resurrection of Christ. That is very plain. Now when Alma speaks of the first resurrection, he has reference to the time when Christ arose from the dead, and of those who lived before Him.

Now if you will turn to the account by Matthew in chapter 27:52,53 "and the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints which slept (dead,WHC) arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." This is the first resurrection spoken of by Alma in chapter 40 of his writings.

The Book of Revelation is credited to the apostle John who was cast onto the Isle of Patmos many years after the ascension of Christ for the testimony of Jesus. He was shown things which must shortly come to pass: (Yet future,WHC). In chapter 20 he speaks of the "first resurrection" which takes place at the second coming of Christ, verse 5. In verse 6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall" (future WHC) be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Christ a thousand years."

The first resurrection that John speaks of is yet to come. After the reign of the thousand years of Christ the devil is loosed, and which is referred to as the second resurrection.

If you will refer to Hebrews 11:39,40 the writer speaking of those who lived before Christ

comfort and peace in remembering—"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, (we who live after Christ WHC) that without us should not be made perfect. I understand from this, that those of the first resurrection at the time of Christ are not yet made perfect—but we will all be perfected together. And if you will read in Rev.: 22:2 among the fruits that are borne, that the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. If I understand right the city of God is upon the earth. The nations are bringing their honor and glory into it, while on the outside of the city are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolators and whosoever (people WHC) loveth and maketh a lie.

I firmly believe that mortals have much to learn concerning the depths of The Great Plan of salvation for which Christ died on Calvary's Cross.

#### OBITUARIES

##### CLIFFORD E. BERNARD

Lorain, Ohio

Brother Bernard was born on Sept. 4, 1902 in Glouster, Ohio, and later moved to Logan, West Va. He lived in West Va. until one year ago, when he moved to Lorain, Ohio, where he resided until the time of his calling, July 2, 1959.

He leaves his wife, Eunice, whom he married on Sept. 5, 1933, his mother, five brothers, one sister and a niece, who made her home with them. He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ on Feb. 18, 1959 and remained a faithful member.

Funeral services were held at the Harris Funeral Home in Logan, W. Va. on Monday, July 6, 1959 and was conducted by Brother Frank Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio. Service was also held at the Dovin Home on Friday evening, July 3rd, prior to moving the body to Logan, W. Va. Brother Joseph Calabrese was in charge of the service and was assisted by Brother Alfred Dominico and Brother Louis Ciccati. Sacred music was supplied by a quartet of sisters who sang, "Asleep In Jesus" and "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort and bless Sister Eunice, and may she always find



ing the five months that she and Brother Bernard have obeyed the Gospel and bore witness to the goodness of God together.

### CHARLEY BRECI

San Diego, California

Brother Charley Breci was born in Sicily, Ital on February 10, 1893. He migrated to America in 1911, and lived in Omaha, Nebraska until 1927 when he went to Detroit, Michigan. He became acquainted with the Church of Jesus Christ in 1931 and accepted the Gospel on June 21, 1932. He was ordained a minister in 1939 and moved to San Diego in 1944. He and his wife, Josephine, were greatly instrumental in establishing the Church there, meetings having been held in their home basement for 7½ years before a building was erected for the worship of God in San Diego. He was beloved of all, and his kind smile will long be remembered.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his companion of 15 years, Josephine, and two brothers in Italy.

### WE'LL MEET AGAIN!

Dedicated to Sister Breci)

by Catherine Poma

I know not where, I know not when,  
But, this I know: we'll meet again;

On some far distant shore;  
And, when we do, how sweet 'twill be,  
Our own beloved ones to see,  
And then, to part no more.

A smile, a shout, a warm embrace,  
And there we'll be, all face to face,

Beloved,, brother, friend...  
The bitter tears all wiped away,  
No loneliness shall mar our day,  
Each broken heart will mend.

Remember now the word of God:  
Our home is not beneath the sod...

We'll just be resting there;  
And when the trumpet call shall sound,  
We'll spring right up from 'neath the ground,

And meet you in the air.  
So, smile and trust the Lord,  
Some day you'll see the ones above,

Within that Land, so fair;  
And, when a thousand years are done,  
Your joys will only have begun,  
...Pray God that I'll be there!

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**"ABSURDITIES"**

I am in receipt of two copies of the "Gospel Minutes" a small paper published in Fort Worth, Texas. The writer seems to be bent on exposing what he calls "absurdities" in the Book of Mormon and in doing so exposes himself of being partial—or more proper to say—prejudiced against the book.

He refers to the Solomon Spaulding story which certainly exposes his lack of knowledge as far as the Book of Mormon is concerned. Of course he refers to many of the teachings of men, which the Book of Mormon is not responsible for. He endeavors to entangle Signey Rigdon with the Spaulding story and him, (Rigdon), meeting up with Joseph Smith, a fortune teller, and by hocus-pocus the Book of Mormon appeared.

As it was in the days of Christ on earth—it seems as though evil minded men have changed little. It is written in Matthew 11:18, 19 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children." Joseph Smith gave testimony that he never met Mr. Rigdon until after the Book of Mormon was published, and his testimony is corroborated by men of honor, such as might place the man in Texas in shame—unless he is too much like the inconsistent sinners and publicans that the Saviour speaks of.

He speaks, or refers to, the teachings of men, such as Brigham Young and others. He refers to the Doc. and Cov., Pearl of Great Price and other pamphlets of which the Book of Mormon is not responsible. And as for inaccuracies, grammatical errors, etc., he need not depart from his Bible to find such if he wants to be honest with himself and with others.

I will add that his reference to Rev. 22:18 is certainly astonishing—he has much to learn himself. Some of our best learned men do not agree with him in his interpretation of that scripture. John simply has reference to adding to his own writings. It might be well for the gentleman to read Deut. 4:2, for much has been written since Moses wrote the first books of the Bible.

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## LOOKING

by Paul W. Smith

God has seen fit to endow all of the higher forms of animal life with the sense of sight. Under ordinary circumstances, the mature person has learned most of his lessons in life by looking at this or that.

Looking may be backward, sidewise, downward, forward, or upward. To look backward is to leave a crooked furrow; a side-wise look may result in defeat; a downward look is one of discouragement; but a look forward

makes a straight furrow; and an upward look will result in a righteous life and an eternal home.

The climactic look is "unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," and for His coming, the blessed hope of the church. Prayerfulness, expectancy in regard to His coming, and abiding in Him now will make us ready for the hour of His return. How very pertinent is the exhortation of the apostle, "Looking diligently lest any fail of the grace of God."

—The Free Methodist

## REPENTANCE

by George Johnson, Sr.

Repentance is an often used word, which many people have never paused in reflection and thought on of the importance of it in the spiritual life of the individual. It is not only an outward condition, but true repentance is a condition of the soul, or of the heart. Our whole spiritual life and hope is bound up in this condition of repentance. It is one of the great gifts of God unto man.

When man broke the first commandment, God could not just hand over to mankind the gift of repentance, because He had said: "In the day that thou sinnest, thou shalt surely die." Therefore, the whole plan of redemption is centered around the condition of repentance. Sin got its deadly hold upon the hearts of men, and according to divine justice, they became citizens of the kingdom of the devil. Had they not chosen, of their own free will, to disobey God? Whomsoever a man obeys, is he not his master? God had proclaimed the word, and He could not change, unless a price was paid, to reclaim that which was lost.

The scripture says man became carnal, devilish, and sinful. God could not go to Satan and say: "I've changed my mind, I'm taking these for my own." They were by default, the servants of Satan, therefore, a righteous plan had to be devised to pay the cost of gaining these servants of Satan back to their original master.

It pained the heart of our Lord to see mankind in such a lost and fallen state, destined to be cut off from all good and eventually die, and that eternally. What could overcome justice—paying the cost of redeeming them? Death was the price. Who could pay it? Man could not help himself. All men were sinful and worthy of death.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should have everlasting life. Jesus Christ was made flesh like unto sinful men and He loved them enough to be counted a sinner and die a malefactor's death, and pay the cost of redemption. This atonement and redemption, is offered on condition of repentance, and that is, true repentance, which a sinner knows when he realizes his true fate. This repentance is offered to all men, white, black, bond or free. "Who

soever will, may partake of the waters of life freely." Is this the end of repentance? If it is used once, is it enough to carry a man or woman through this journey of life? Repentance is not something like a tool that can be used and put upon a shelf to rust. It is an attitude of the heart. A way of life, somewhat like putting on a coat to be worn daily. It has everything to do with our life in Christ. For instance, finding out the things of God. Alma, in the Book of Mormon, 26th chapter, 21st verse. "And now behold my brethren, what natural man is there that knoweth these things? I say unto you, there is none that knoweth these things save it be the penitent. 22nd verse: Yea he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing—unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea unto such it shall be given to reveal things which may never have been revealed; yea and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls to repentance, etc.

None receive the divine joy of the saints, but the penitent, Alma, 27th chapter, 18th verse, speaking of the joy that overcame Ammon. Now was not this exceeding joy? Behold this is joy which none receive save it be the truly penitent, and humble seekers of happiness.

Who is the atonement for? Who receiveth salvation? Alma answers these questions in the 42nd chapter starting at the 22nd verse through 24. But there is a law given and a punishment affixed, and a repentance granted which repentance mercy claimeth; otherwise justice claimeth the creature and executeth the law, and the law inflicteth the punishment; if not so, the works of justice would be destroyed, and God would cease to be God. But God ceaseth not to be God, and mercy claimeth the penitent, and mercy cometh because of the atonement; and the atonement bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead, and the resurrection of the dead bringeth back men into his presence to be judged according to their works, according to the law and justice. For behold justice exercises all his demands, and also mercy claimeth all which are her own, and thus none but the truly penitent are saved.

Faith, hope, and charity; the greatest of these is charity. Now, we may have hope and faith,

but without the condition of lowliness of heart, which a penitent heart brings forth, all is vain. Moroni in the 7th chapter, 43 and part of 44th verses says: "And again, behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith and hope, save he shall be meek and lowly in heart. If so his faith and hope is vain." The condition of being truly penitent in heart is to fulfill the condition of coming to the sacrament table. We promise to remember Jesus—that hung on the cross for our sins. Being appreciative of such blessings. Having a full remembrance that he has saved us from death, and we love him because he first loved us. Greater love hath no man than one who will lay his life down for a friend.

Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for one who would follow Jesus, to be repentent in heart, or meek and lowly. We can see how sincere or insincere a person is in the service of God, if he be penitent or proud. To sum up, we cannot really know Jesus without being penitent. We cannot enjoy the joy that is given in Christ, lest we are penitent. We cannot have salvation without it. We can have hope and faith, but without repentance it is vain.

How is your attitude? Are you meek and lowly? If not, all is vain.

#### SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

by Catherine Poma

The day of July 6, 1959 dawned as usual, warm bright morning, blue skies and the dreary promise that San Diego's mid-summer heat wave would continue.

Brother and Sister Brei had just had a leisurely breakfast, and then, at about 7:00 a. m., 'while the dew was still on the roses,' they both descended into the garden to look over their fruit trees and to admire the flowers and vegetables which they took such pride in raising. Brother Charley picked a few ripe tomatoes and handed them to his wife, Josephine, with these last words to her: "Bring them into the house." She went inside and from time to time looked out to see that he was all right, for he suffered from a heart ailment. He appeared to be strong, for the previous day, Sunday, he had delivered an excellent sermon reminding us that 'from dust we come and to dust we return' and exhorting us to be faithful until the end, 'for what doth it avail us if we serve God 20 or 25 years

and at the last half hour renege?

Never-the-less, she kept close watch on him; at 8:15 she glanced down and saw that he was apparently all right, and just 'puttering around'... at 8:30 she looked out and did not see him. The fear that had been her constant companion since his condition became known, manifested itself and she called out to him. Receiving no answer she quickly descended and her premonition was fulfilled: he was lying down on the ground in a narrow, low enclosure. It was as tho he had settled himself in there—to rest, for there were no bruises on his head or body from a fall.

He was still breathing, tho not conscious, and she cried out to summon aid. While the neighbors were administering to him, she ran upstairs to get further help, but when she tried to return to him the neighbors barred her from approaching her husband, for he had already expired.

Grief at the passing of a beloved is always hard to bear, but grief mingled with doubt is doubly unbearable. And so it was that the thought troubled her: 'Would I have been able to save him had he been in the house? What actually happened, was it his heart? What were his last thoughts; had he tried to talk or call to me?'

In her anguish, she cried out to the Lord that these questions might be answered... and our Lord, in His great mercy, which surpasses all understanding, gave a wonderful revelation to Maria Vultaggio Campbell, and which has given to our bereaved sister a certain measure of peace.

And so, for these things, we again thank our God, for He is merciful.

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This is an account of a revelation given to Maria Vultaggio Campbell on July 6, 1959, the evening of the day that Brother Charley Brei passed away from this life.

She had entered her bedroom, sat down on the edge of her bed and was looking thru her box of greeting cards, trying to find one to send to Sister Josephine Brei, appropriate to the occasion. Thru her mind flitted the words of the hymn, 'I Come To The Garden Alone,' when suddenly there appeared before her Brother Charley Brei, dressed in light colored casual clothes, and wearing a short-

sleeved white shirt. To the right of him also appeared the mourning figure of Sister Josie, holding her head in her hands and bowed in a downcast position. She appeared to be in a deep sorrow.

Brother Charley seemed to be trying to speak to her, but, somehow, because of her deep bereavement, he was unable to reach her. Her face was turned away from him so that she could neither see nor hear him.

Brother Charley then turned to Mary, saying, "What are you doing?" She replied, "I'm going to send a sympathy card to your wife, Josie." Brother Charley smiled and softly said, "No, don't do that; listen, I have been trying to speak to her, but she doesn't hear me because she is so sad. She is very distressed over the fact that I passed away in the garden, away from her, so please give her this message for me. It all happened so beautifully. I was in the garden when I saw a ray of light and I heard a Voice calling, 'Charley, it is time to go now; come with Me. I love the garden and I know how hard you have worked in it and how many weeds you have pulled out of this world and in their place planted blooms for me. So now, while you are so close to the soil I love so well, I will call you to come to My garden.'

"So you see," continued Brother Charley, "I had to go right away, and I am glad that it happened that way, for it was so beautiful."

#### A PLEASANT VISIT

by Joseph Bittinger

On June 18th, 1959, my wife and I left our home for a visit to the brothers and sisters in the Detroit area. I had been suffering with a very severe attack of sciatica for a few months and was unable to work or get around during this period of time with out great pain. I was feeling much improved but the Doctor said not to go to work yet, but rather take a trip somewhere, so this gave me the opportunity that I had been hoping for for quite a while. So to be brief as possible I will not go into too much detail.

Sunday, June 21st, we were at Branch No. 1 for the morning service, where I opened the service and spoke on the Good Shepherd. I enjoyed speaking to a

very nice audience. For the afternoon service we were at Branch No. 3 where I was again asked to open the service which I did, and here too, I felt much liberty in speaking and meeting with the Saints. The following Sunday we went to visit the Indian Mission at Sarnia, Ont. In company with Brother and Sister M. Miller, and his nephew and his wife, he drove us there and returned in Brother Miller's car. We enjoyed the day very much, this was only the second time that my wife and I had visited there, the other time along with Brother and Sister Wm. Cadman now several years past. We were very happy to see and meet with Brother and Sister Maness after so long a time, as well as all the others who were present both Indians and Gentiles. I was glad to see a couple of car loads of the saints from Branch No. 2 present at Sarnia. I believe all can say it was good to be there, and may God bless the Indian people of this Reserve, and our people who are trying so faithfully to help them to understand the gospel. We spent two evenings with the Saints in Windsor where we also enjoyed ourselves in their service. We went to visit Brother Joseph Collison twice, the first time only about one hour, the second visit we spent the greater part of the day with him, and while he is a very sick man, yet he appeared to enjoy our visit. We talked about many things, times, and places with him. While he is seriously afflicted, he is courageous indeed. May God bless him abundantly. If God be for us, who can be against us—tho His ways are as high above man's ways as the heavens are above the earth, yet not even a sparrow falls to the ground without being noticed by Him, the Saviour said ye are of more value than many sparrows.

We were very sorry to learn that Sister L. Ford had become sick again and was in the Hospital at Windsor, along with Brother and Sister A. Henderson we paid her a visit, and found her cheerful as usual tho weak in body, said she did not have any pain but a little exertion left her exhausted or tired out. We had prayer with her and returned to the Henderson home again, after having dinner with them we returned to Detroit, Branch No. 3 for the evening service. We spent one evening at Branch No. 4 where we had a nice service and a good attendance, many from Branch No. 2 were there,

as they had cancelled their meeting so they could be present. We were in meetings nearly every night somewhere, as we were invited to meet with the Ladies Uplift Circle, and the M.B.A. Then I showed the African slides at Branches No. 2 and 3, with a nice attendance each evening. The last Sunday we spent at Branch No. 2, where as usual when visiting you are expected to open the meeting, this I did by using Peter 2:1-10, and again the Lord blessed us by giving us a portion of His Holy Spirit, both morning and afternoon. In the evening Brother and Sister J. Milantoni and Brother and Sister D. Cottellesse took us to Brother and Sister M. Randazzo whose son is seriously afflicted and we wished to visit them before returning home, our visit tho short gave us the satisfaction of feeling that we probably had given them a little encouragement in the midst of their trouble, may God give them strength, and courage.

We want to thank all you wonderful brothers and sisters whom we had the privilege of being in your homes, we enjoyed your love and hospitality, and company. And those whom we did not have the opportunity to visit this time we hope to be able to visit you in the future, if it is the Lord's will.

May God bless you all, is my prayer.

#### CONSISTENT?

The "Christian Standard", a small paper published by the Standard Publishing Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio, which is devoted to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, its doctrines, its ordinances, and its fruits, has an article in the July 4th issue on page 7 which in my judgement does not measure up to its motto—"devoted to the restoration of New Testament Christianity."

The periodical states that, "Jesus arose, took the customary basin and towel, girded himself, and began to wash the feet of His disciples, His guests!"

If the "Christian Standard" wishes the restoration of New Testament Christianity, it should quote the account therein as it is written. I beg leave to say that there is nothing in that scripture about the customary basin and towel. But it does say that He pourest water into a

basin. The inference is that Jesus was merely carrying out a custom of the day, which the scripture as recorded in John 13 will not bear out.

The periodical further says "This service was usually assigned to a lowly servant. Why should Jesus, Lord and Master, thus humble himself?"

One may well ask the Christian Standard, why did Jesus humble Himself in taking up His abode on His Father's foot-stool? Jesus became servant of all, therefore He washed the feet of His guests. The scripture abounds with the evidence that—I came not to do my own will, but the will of my Father who sent me. Therefore, it must have been the will of the Father that His only begotten Son, should wash the feet of His beloved disciples. As far as custom is concerned, baptism was carried on long before Jesus was born into the world—a custom which was necessary for Him to abide by, in order to fulfill all righteousness—and the custom or ordinances was such, that it required Him to go down into the water, and His commandment is such, that if we would be saved in the Kingdom of Heaven, we must follow Him.

As for the blistering rebuke you speak of given to John and Peter—I fail to see the justification of your statement. The Saviour simply answered Peter, "if I wash not, thou hast no part with me." A kind, but positive statement even as twas said to Nicodemus "unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

The periodical further states that "He (Jesus) was serving notice that personal pride and leadership would reduce a disciple to the lowest rank. (Very well—I read that the Lamb became servant of all, a low rank was it not?—good to be lowly, and meek as well. WHC) Foot Washing as a religious ceremony has no Scriptural meaning or authority."—May I ask: is that what you call a restoration of New Testament Christianity? Let us take note of what Jesus Christ says about the matter: In John 13, beginning with verse 13, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well for so I am. If then, your Lord and Master has washed your feet: ye also ought (not if you might merely wish to, but

He says YE ought—WHC) to wash one another's feet. For I (the Lord of heaven and earth—WHC) have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord: neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. (Finally, I will add, —WHC): The Lord of Life and Glory says: If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

If we are going to be consistent with New Testament Christianity—let us praise the Lord, Who doeth and has done All Things Well. Editor

## LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

San Fernando Valley, Calif.

Dear Brother Editor:

I have wonderful news to report to The Gospel News at this time. In the Church of Jesus Christ we are as one family all bound together in the love of God. Naturally we want to share it with everyone.

Last Sunday two of our members had their prayers answered. Brother Joe Genero, a visiting elder from Warren, Ohio, opened our morning service using a text from Matthew. At the closing of his talk he related how his son was healed and a great blessing was felt. Brother Leonard Lovalvo, from Modesto, followed in much the same spirit telling how grateful he was to be in this wonderful gospel. Brother Joseph Lovalvo, also from Modesto, then felt inspired to speak and beckon unto those who were not baptised. At this time such a great overpowering spirit was felt and Brother Jim Jones, husband of Sister June Jones, walked to the front and called for his baptism. Sister Alice Molisano, wife of Brother Sam Molisano, felt God calling her and she arose to her feet and called for her baptism. These two new members have been coming for some time and many prayers have gone up in their behalf, and God saw fit in His own due time to call them.

God was certainly with us that day blessing us abundantly and making us very thankful to be

in such a wonderful church.

Love to all the saints from the San Fernando Valley Branch

Sister Elaine Watson

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Mc Kees Rocks, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Editor:

Love to all the saints everywhere from McKees Rocks.

A dream was had July 11, of a member, in which four children appeared. They were less than a year old but not infants.

After a little more than a week, Brother Dan Casasanta, baptized his brother, Jessie Casasanta. It is quite some time that we witnessed such a baptism. The power from on high came down on Brother Dan while at the water's edge, and he was made to speak with a loud voice, "Now is the time, God is calling, tomorrow may be too late."

The pleading was with more words and power than I am able to put down on paper. We praise the Lord for His wonderful works.

July 28, three more were baptized, Arlene and Anna Colangelo, and Ralph Ciotti.

May many be added to His church is our prayer in Christ Jesus.

May God bless you and all the saints everywhere.

Martha Laird

## OUR GUIDE

by William T. McElroy

Through every dark hour there is a way open toward the light if we can but find it; and God is always waiting to guide us if we are willing to follow the leading of His Holy Spirit. He reaches out His hand to lead us, but often we either fail to see it or are unwilling to grasp it. We do not even have to ask for His guidance, though such a prayer is pleasing to Him, for the promise is, "The Lord will guide you continually" (Isaiah: 58:11). We have only to reach up and lay hold upon the guiding hand that divine love is ever extending.

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## SO CRIES THE WORLD

by Catherine Poma

My life is filled with strife that  
tortures me,  
And from it, only God can set me  
free;  
Sometimes, I want to be just His  
alone,  
To hear Him tell me I'm His very  
own,  
For then I know that I'll belong,  
Where there is prayer, love and  
song,  
And then again, my eyes behold  
the World,  
With all its fascinating charms,  
unfurled.  
It taunts and tries to tempt me  
past control,  
It slyly whispers to me, 'You've  
no Soul.' . . .  
Whatever shall become of me?  
Oh, God of Love, I turn to Thee!

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This battle raging in my heart  
may be  
The very end of my serenity . . .  
One part of me cries: 'Leave the  
World alone,  
For Jesus wants you for His very  
own,  
He'll give you peace, abundantly,  
And He will surely set you  
free. . .'  
And then, the other side of me  
appears,  
And I am once again, beset by  
fears:  
'Enjoy Today, Tomorrow may be  
late,  
You're still so young . . . and  
God can wait . . .'  
Oh, God of Love, for Peace I  
yearn!

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I raise my eyes and face the  
skies, above,  
And, suddenly, I know it's God  
I love;  
And yet, the moment that I turn  
around,  
And set my wistful eyes upon the  
ground,  
How eagerly do they caress  
The things that Jesus may not  
bless!  
My Lord, my God, I know the  
road, the Way . . .  
All that I ask of Thee, is strength  
to pray . . .  
For prayer is the weapon that  
I need,  
To fight, so that I may be freed  
From Sin and its captivity . . .  
Oh, God of Love, I turn to Thee!

## NEWS ITEMS

### Yongstown, Ohio

Sister Ann Damore and Brother Phillip Damore have left Youngstown to live in Los Angeles, California. Sister Ann's beautiful singing will long linger in our memories and Brother Phillip was always a sincere worker in offices that seemed only he could fill. We will always remember with love and affection our Sister Ann and Brother Phillip, along with their family. They added much to the Youngstown branch. To the saints out California way we say, "Our loss will be your gain."

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Brother Elmer Santelli, President of the Youngstown M.B.A. is receiving his training in the Medical Corps. of the United States Army in Texas. For anyone wishing to write to Brother Elmer his address is as follows:

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Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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From Florida: I want to renew my subscription for the Gospel News. I really enjoy reading it very much.

Now that we have made our home here in Florida, we feel that this is the only way to hear from our brothers and sisters, of whom we would not otherwise hear.

Sister S. D'Orazio

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Brothers Anthony Lovalvo of Detroit and Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio made a short visit to the Editor's home recently. He was very glad to have them call.

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The Young Peoples' gathering in Aliquippa on August 14 and 15 was very well attended. Saturday evening attendance was about 700, and a very nice evening was enjoyed. Saturday's services were held in the High School Auditorium in Aliquippa.

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Wakpala, S. Dakota  
August 24, 1959

Brother Editor: We arrived here Saturday afternoon, the 22nd at

4:30 p. m. Had Sunday School and two services on Sunday. Not very many attended. We are expecting to go to Cherry Creek, and Eagle Butte sometime soon. We had a hard storm in Minn. Took refuge in a farm home. The people were very good to us, and gave us our supper. We were there two hours, until the worst of the storm was over, then we drove a few miles to Sleepy Eye, Minn., where we got a motel for the night. About an hour ago, a very hard windstorm, accompanied with rain passed over this place. (Wakpala) The storm blew out one of the window lights 40"x40". The window frame is old. We will have to replace the glass, or possibly the whole window. The storm is over now.

Brother and Sister Furnier and Brother and Sister S. Costerelli

May God be with you. WHC

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## How Terribly The Master's Words Are Being Fulfilled!

Quake Death Toll  
Since 1900

—Throughout history, earthquakes have claimed millions of lives. Since 1900, seven have had death tolls of 10,000 or more.

They were:

Messina, Italy, in 1908,  
75,000 dead.

Avezzano, Italy, in 1915,  
29,970 dead.

Kansu, China, in 1920,  
180,000 dead.

Tokyo, Japan, in 1923,  
143,000 dead.

Kansu, China, in 1932,  
70,000 dead.

Quetta, India, in 1935,  
60,000 dead.

Erzigan, Turkey, in 1939,  
23,020 dead.

Coming next month . . .

## "THE CHILDREN'S CORNER"

A special section written for the youngsters of the Church and certain to rouse interest with stories, quizzes and games. It is edited by Sister Mabel Brickerton who knows the Church and children and how the two should go together.

## LETTERS FROM ITALY

August 4, 1959

Brother Editor:

I have had some good times with Brother Frank Wooley. He is sure a fine man. We had feet-washing at Cannitello last Sunday, August 2nd—their first in that place. Since it was the first for most of them, I feel that we had a nice time. We do have some very good members here, even though they are few. We ordained the first deaconess—Sister Lena LoRicco, a fine woman. Her husband is also a fine man. Sister Lena is cook for us when we stay at Cannitello. Brother Wooley and I came to S. Demetrio Corone, quite a place. It is up on the mountain tops. These people are for the most part very good and friendly people—every one seems to be helpful in the way of direction and giving us information. We had no difficulty in finding this place. Almost everyone in town knows of Brother Buonofiglio—he is a man of good report. Our church looks very nice and is in a good spot.

Brother Buonofiglio has a good family—twin girls 16 years old and pretty; two fine young sons, one at home and one in the army. They get up at 4 a. m. They are poor but very clean, hard working both men and women. They always have a smile on their faces when they talk to us. The place where they live is very scenic. We can see five other towns from up here. It is truly amazing what these people can do with this mountain-hard soil. Every little plot is planted with trees or vegetables.

If you brothers and sisters in America would send here in care of Brother Buonofiglio, some good used clothing for the poor brothers and sisters, it would sure help them. Most other churches do the same through "Care".

(Brothers and sisters, this is just another opportunity to show our faith in good works and good deeds. Bro. WHC.)

I believe that we do have a good man here in S. Demetrio—well respected by the church and community. They have here about 60 members, but since they all are farmers, about 40 to 50 are in the meeting on Sunday. (Very good, Brother Mark—WHC) The Roman Catholic Church is trying hard to overthrow them, but God truly blesses them.

We will remain here until the 10th, and then go to Buccino if God wills. I am well pleased with

these people here. I met a man on the bus who said to me that he knew the church people and he said they truly serve God better than the Catholics—they are the true saints. It made me feel good. (Brother Mark, you know Jesus taught us all to let our light shine. It looks as if they are obeying His command. WHC)

Pray for us. Brother Mark and Frank.

**P. S. In sending clothing as suggested by Brother Randy, address as follows:**

Giuseppe Buonofiglio  
S. Demetrio Corone  
Cosenza, Italy

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Also from Italy...

August 12, 1959

To The Gospel News:

Brother Griffith and brothers of the Board of Missions, I arrived here on the 30th of July. Brothers Wooley, Todaro and others met me. We went on to Connitello, where we stayed and visited several brothers and sisters at Reggio. One sister had a very nice experience concerning me before I arrived. A wonderful blessing was felt in it.

There are seven members in Reggio—very faithful. We ordained a deaconess here on Sunday and had Feet Washing Service—their first. I praise God for strength which He gives us, for we do so much walking in mountain country. A brother invited me to have dinner with him, but he forgot that I was a city dweller. It was ten kilometers to his home and I must say that I was worried on account of my heart trouble, for it was rough stony road. But I stood the walk as well as my brother did.

We came to S. Demetrio on Monday and we have had to walk more in one week than I have done in one year at home. Brother Buonofiglio is a good Elder and has spent the week with me. The Lord has been with us in testifying in every house of the glory of God. One of the brothers said he would get permission for me to speak over a loud speaker. I could not accept it, for I do not have a letter of recommendation from Brother Cadman. (Brother Randy should have had my letter by that time. WHC)

Brother Buonofiglio has been arrested several times, and while they were building the church the police stopped them until they proved that the Church was

chartered. He has been threatened but he is very well spoken of by the public. There is much to be done here and we want to start a singing class.

We came to Buccino and S. Dimetrio on the 10th and lodged in a hotel for the night. In the morning we walked a distance of 11 kilometers to a brother's home—stopped on the road wherever we saw people and preached to them—and we were invited to eat, or drink some fresh water, which is very abundant here. On our arrival at the brother's home we embraced—he is a great soldier for Christ.

This morning we were up at 4:00 a. m. and came to S. Gregorio—our feet were so tired, but we kept on until we arrived at our destination. We saw the lot that they would like to build a church on. The place where they meet is too small and very poor. They need a better place. Their membership is about 110. I want to say that our people are full of hospitality—they are poor, but they offer whatever they have. They are happy.

Bro. Buonofiglio was arrested from his home at the order of the priest, and accused of being a leader of a sect of evil people. He said that God gave him words to speak, and the priest was surprised that a farmer without learning, could speak so freely of the Bible. Some have lost their jobs because of the church, others cannot get a job, because the priest has his hand in everything. Wonderful are the experiences that the Lord has given our brethren. We have to buy some mountain shoes, and even though we should buy a car, we still have much walking to do.

Do not worry for me, but pray for us. As God healed me in 1958, so will he care for us now.

Brother Wooley and Randy  
**P. S. Most of our spending is for travel and lodging.**

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## The Warning Voice Of Jesus

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ: and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

#### Lest We Overlook The Mark

A certain scripture is bearing on my mind and I wish to draw attention to it.

Nephi in his vision was looking down on our day, and beyond the present conditions. Of course we are fast verging into the things that he saw and they are becoming visible to our eyes.

In chapter 14 of First Nephi and the 9th verse it reads: "And it came to pass that he (the angel) said unto me: Look and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose founder is the devil."

Nephi sees a church here and in plain words, says that it is of the devil, and in verse 11 he describes her as the whore of all the earth, she has dominion over all the earth, among all nations and people. In plain words it is a church which has become universal—the world over—and Nephi says that the devil is its founder. We must not forget the words of the Saviour, where He says that the road which leads to destruction is broad and many walk there, while the way that leads to eternal life is narrow and few be there that find it. If the Saviour's words mean anything, we must conclude that the masses are in error, being led by the devil.

I wish now to draw your attention to the 12th verse, where Nephi sees a church which he describes as the Church of the Lamb of God. Bear in mind that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God. Therefore, Nephi sees a church bearing the name of Jesus Christ, just as vividly as he sees the one which he describes as the great and abominable and the whore of all the earth. A whore as defined by Webster is a prostitute, a harlot, and remember that the church is likened to in the scripture in the feminine gender—a woman.

In Revelation 12:1&2, there is presented to us a woman gorgeously robed. She is persecuted by the red dragon, and in verse 14 she is given the wings of a great eagle and she flies into the wild-

erness. There is no question but what this woman represented the church which was established by the Saviour. The woman now gone to what I might call a place of refuge (wilderness). The mother, or the church, having fled and the red dragon having been wroth with her, he now goes to make war with the remnant of her seed—the poor, struggling saints left without the protection of their mother (the Church). He, the red dragon (the evil power) makes war with them. If you will turn to Rev. 13:7 you will observe that the power that made war with the saints, also overcame them. In other words, the devil was victorious over the Church and her children.

Now turn to Rev. 17:3—John is carried away in the spirit into the wilderness and he says I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, etc. The description of this woman as given by John is beyond the grasp of the mortal mind, only inasmuch as the God of heaven may reveal. The description is horrible—the mother of harlots—she is drunken with the blood of the saints and her golden cup is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. Undoubtedly this woman represents the church in its depraved and fallen state. And evidently she wields her power from that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth. In verse 14 of chapter 17 this same power shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall (future) overcome them. It is plain that the Church or the Kingdom of Jesus Christ will yet be victorious and His will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Now let us turn back to First Nephi, 14th chapter. It is evident that the great and abominable church is all over the world and has dominion over it among all nations. In verse 12 the Church of the Lamb whose members are also upon all the face of the earth, yet their dominions are small because of the wickedness of the great whore. Evidently the people of God are among all nations when the great whore gathers its forces together against the Lamb of God or His Church. If the people of God are to be upon all the face of the earth, then they must preach the gospel throughout the world, unless Nephi is wrong. Therefore is the restoration of the gospel, ushered in by the angel of God, who declared it must be preached to all peoples. (Rev. 14:6&7)

To me, W. H. Cadman, it is evident that the kingdom will not be given to the saints of the Most High God until the gospel is preached to the nations and all peoples—and even though the dominion of the saints of God, whoever and wherever you are. Nephi assures you that the power of God will come to your rescue, to the downfall of the great abominable church, including the nations, and then as Daniel says, the saints shall possess the kingdom.

Well did the Saviour say that the harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few. His command is, "Pray that the Lord send more laborers into the vineyard."

### HOW DO WE READ?

HEAVEN! The very word "heaven" creates in one's soul that which is good. It creates good thought in a person. The poet has said, "I want to go there." It is a word that in some way creates joy

and happiness—there is no fear mingled with the word Heaven. And too, the word paradise has about the same effect to a person. I read where Jesus tells the penitent thief: "this day shalt thou be with me in paradise—where Jesus is, it must be good to be

there. Then I read in the Book of Mormon in Alma 40-41 that the spirits of all men as soon as they depart from the mortal body are taken home to that God who gave them life, whether they be good or evil. Then the righteous are received into a place of happiness

and rest, which is alled paradise—to await the resurrection of the body. Then also the spirits of the wicked—those who chose evil rather than good, the spirit of the devil takes possession of their house. These shall be cast out into outer darkness, etc.

I have often declared in my preaching of the gospel, that hell is not the final place of punishment. Let us see how much the scripture will bear that statement out. I do not like to talk much about hell, but not long ago I received a letter wanting some explanation about hell. According to the Scholars it is translated in various ways. As translated from "Sheol" in the Hebrew it simply means a place for the dead, without reference to happiness or the opposite. I believe that most people believe there is an intermediate between this life and heaven. The scripture bears it out to my mind very positively. I read in Second Nephi 9-12 where death and hell *must* deliver up their dead, and hell *must* deliver its captive spirits—the grave *must* deliver up its captive bodies. If Nephi means what he says, then the *grave* and *hell must* deliver up its captives—the grave holds captive the bodies, and hell holds captive the spirits. As the grave is intermediate, so must hell be. I have quoted just what is written. Bro. Cadman.

The resurrection liberates the bodies from its prison, the grave, and hell liberates its captive spirits—may I ask, is hell not intermediate?

Let us turn to the book of Jude, verse 6: "The angels which kept not their first estate—they are reserved in chains of darkness (*somewhere*) unto the judgment day." Intermediate is it not? The Catholic Church has a place called purgatory—to *them* it is an intermediate place. Now let us take note of Rev. 20-13 "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works." This reads in sense very much as what I have previously quoted from Second Nephi. While John speaks of these two places giving up their dead, it is the spirits that are delivered from hell, not the body.

I might now add that the grave, death, hell and paradise will have served their purpose, have they not? We now observe where these things (grave, death and hell) are to be destroyed, and Paul says the last enemy to be destroyed is death. In verse 14 of Rev. 20 we

see that these things "death and hell" were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death from whence there is not return. But in the 21st and 22nd chapters of Rev. I read where the gates of the city are open to the nations, they bring their honor and glory into it, and many enter through the gates into the city, and on the outside of the city are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers, etc., proving the fact that the wicked were not yet thrust into the lake of fire—which is the final destination of the wicked. Let all men give heed to the word as it is written. Bro. Cadman.

### DON'T DRIFT WITH THE TIDE by Brother Bud Martin

In our first local M. B. A. gathering in Roscoe our theme was "The Ship of Zion", and one day as I was thinking of this great ship, I visualized its course and I saw the ship driven by the power of God and it was on an upward way against the current, and as we worked upstream another ship went by us in the opposite direction downstream and there were many people upon this ship, but I could not hear any motors operating, but it was just drifting with the tide and I noticed the people who were on this ship seemed very content and satisfied, not aware of their peril, for as I looked I saw that soon they would leave the quiet waters and would drift into the rapids where they would be most powerless to save themselves, for these rapids I noticed led to a great waterfall of thousands of feet to utter destruction.

I have pondered much concerning this experience and many scriptures have been brought to me many times concerning this condition. When we think of the course of these two ships we think of the 7th chapter of Matthew where Jesus ends His sermon on the mount and He speaks of two gates and two roads to travel, this being contrary to the belief I have heard many times in our day that there are many ways to get to heaven. Most believe that a good moral life is all that's required of man but we know this is not true. We have heard many express themselves that as an illustration that many roads lead unto a city, some travel from the North, South, East, and West, but they all arrive at the same point—but this is not so of the way to

eternal life; only one road leads there—the straight and narrow road that Jesus speaks of in Matthew, 7th chapter, 14th verse: "Straight is the gate and narrow the way; and few there be that find it."

Yes, to travel this road it is a struggle upstream, you must be sure of your way; and must have patience and endurance, for it is a narrow and upward road, it is also a road of endurance and those that travel thereon cannot step to the right or they will fall to destruction. Our eyes must be kept single and our steps ever forward until we reach the end of the way, where we shall receive eternal life.

The only other road Jesus speaks of is written in Matthew 7th chapter, 13th verse: "For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in there at."

Yes, this is an easy road to travel, the gate is wide and easy to enter, the road is broad and a downward road and because of the many that travel thereon, man is swept along with the tide not aware of the destruction that awaits at the end.

I thought also how true it is that Satan's shrewd way of using that silken cord in binding those that drift with the tide, and when they are aware of the destruction, it is too late for they are already unto the rapids and certain destruction.

As we said before a good moral life is not enough to please God, if it were so it would defeat the plan of Christ, for at the same time He speaks of the two roads to travel He also tells them that all those that say "Lord, Lord" will not enter into the kingdom of heaven but only those that do the will of the Father. We would think by this that not all those that say 'I believe in God and His Son Jesus,' but rather as Jesus said only those that do the will of the Father which was given by His Son Jesus. Yes, we believe God's will is what His Son taught us to do and preach, the first being repentance and baptism and then following all of His teachings.

He said that many would say to Him in that day, "Lord, Lord, haven't we prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works." And then "I will say to them depart from me ye that work iniquity, I never knew you." So says our Lord

Jesus. Why did He reject those who did many wonderful works in His name? Because they did not do the will of the father in following Jesus in all His teachings. In closing we say again, don't drift with the tide, but walk after Jesus, thus doing the will of the Father.

### ONENESS OF TEACHING IS IMPERATIVE

I have been approached about the term 'apostle' and the term 'disciple' as used in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

The term 'apostle' as is used today, is defined a 'messenger' and not necessarily confined to religion. In Matthew 10:1 Jesus called unto Him His twelve disciples and gave them power over unclean spirits, etc.—and in Luke 6:13 the disciples whom He called He named 'apostles'. They were to be witnesses of the resurrection of Christ and to preach the gospel to all the world. The Saviour of all men designated them as apostles—that should suffice. Many places in the Book of Mormon they are referred to as the apostles.

The word 'disciple' as understood today, is a **follower**—one may be a disciple in religion, or of some other profession. In the Book of Mormon Jesus calls twelve of His followers for the same purpose of preaching the gospel—especially to the seed of Joseph on the land of promise—now known to us as America. Those brethren are always referred to as 'disciples', no other name given them except in one case (at least as far as I can recall) in First Nephi 12:8, 9, 10. In Nephi's vision, they are spoken of as 'twelve ministers' and are also referred to as twelve disciples of the Lamb "who are chosen to minister unto thy seed." This means the seed of Joseph on this land, though the word is spoken directly to Nephi.

Their calling and labors are about as was the Apostles in Jerusalem—to bear witness of the resurrected Redeemer and preach the plan of Salvation as taught them by Jesus Christ. There is, though, one exception I will draw attention to. In verse 9 of First Nephi, twelfth chapter—in some way, the twelve apostles of the Lamb are to judge the twelve tribes of Israel, including the twelve disciples or ministers on this land. And in turn the twelve on this land shall judge thy seed,

which I presume will be the seed of Joseph on this land. This is something that I have never been able to understand—that is, the passing of judgement by the apostles and the twelve disciples, though I do have my thoughts about the matter. But we must not forget that the God of heaven is the final judge of all.

As far as I have observed, the Saviour gives no name to the twelve on this land, other than speaking of them as His disciples. In Moroni 2:1, 2 and, in what we might call the ordination of the twelve disciples, there is no name given them. Why it is so, I do not know, but it is interesting to note—that in the instructions given them by the Saviour He says: "For thus do mine apostles." He does not seem to make any distinction between them as far as authority to administer is concerned. For instance, read the 5th verse of Fourth Nephi, "And there were great and marvelous works wrought by the disciples of Jesus, (meaning the twelve) insomuch that they did heal the sick, and raise the dead, and cause the lame to walk, and the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear; and all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men; and in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus." I would say, that as men of God, these disciples were not a **wit** behind the apostles in Jerusalem. And I will also add: that their prosperity in Christ was due to the fact that the redemption of the soul was the acme of their goal—and they taught as Jesus had taught them to do. Yea, they were one in the great mission which the Master had trusted in their hands—**God is still the same**. Likewise, the devil is still the same old fellow—he is sly and cunning, ever on the job. I believe that two of his great weapons among people of the Restored Gospel, has been and still is, **strife and contention**.

President Cadman

### The heart speaks on WHAT IS A TRUE CHRISTIAN by Catherine Poma

I wonder, just what is the description of a good Christian? Since one daily hears of people referred to as such, the thought comes to mind that the inference here is that there may also exist the opposite, or bad Christian.

However, since Christian means followers of Christ, or Christlike, it is obvious that there cannot be both **GOOD** and **BAD** Christians, for Christ was **ONLY** good, and to be Christ-like, one must necessarily be **ONLY** good. Nevertheless, there can be **FALSE** Christians, or people purporting to be Christians, claiming to be Christians, publicly assuming the role of a Christian, and yet, their actions belie the claim, and eventually, these will be found out, for, "Ye shall know the tree by its fruit."

Certainly, we must all agree that the status of being true or false Christian has nothing at all to do with one's outward appearance, whether he be short or tall, lean or stout, homely or handsome by human standards, therefore it must be that the true Christian is to be recognized solely by his moral standards and visible actions.

#### Why visible?

Because the hidden thoughts and desires of the heart eventually manifest themselves and then the world may catch a glimpse of the "hidden man", betrayed by his visible actions.

In many cases, tho' not all, the hidden thoughts project themselves onto the countenance of a person, although he may be entirely unaware of the revelation. Particularly the eyes have a tendency to expose the individuals' thoughts, whether they be pure or impure, and so the expression that 'the eyes are the mirror of the soul', is a common one, and true. Subconsciously, man knows this, hence the furtive eyes that are quickly averted and 'will not hold your own' . . . fearful that the hidden secrets and actions or thoughts of guilt, may be discovered. However, unless and until such hidden actions and thoughts are openly revealed man must, of a necessity, (and justly so), be judged, (at least by his fellow-man,) solely and entirely by his outward actions and speech, for the secret evil thoughts can injure only the producer of them and not the person they are directed at, unless they are put into action, in which case they then become visible and open to judgement.

Now, since my rating as a true Christian is to be determined solely by what is apparent to others, what, then, must I do, and how must I conduct my life in order to be recognized as such? Will my regular presence in Church, my warm handshake, my greeting of 'God bless you, brother, sister', my broad smile, be suffi-

cient to establish my rating as a true Christian? No; for although these visible actions are of some worth and entirely necessary toward that end, still, they are NOT of supreme importance.

Is it, then, the ability to face a congregation and, with forceful words move them to tears and to repentance, the secret, the secret to one's being acclaimed a true Christian? No; again it is no, for, while this is an admirable and much to be welcomed gift, and very necessary for the preaching of the Word, still, this is only the gift of eloquence with words, that has been bestowed upon the recipient and has nothing to do with his rating as a true Christian, for, 'though I speak with the tongue of men and angels and have not Charity, I am as a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal;' 1 Cor. 13:1. Yet, while one speaks 'in the Spirit,' surely, in that moment he is worthy of Christ, for would God pour out His Spirit upon him, if he were not?

Is it the manner in which one maneuvers the written word into lovely sounding phrases; the ability to write and express what one feels; the gift of composing hymns and poems extolling the magnificence and goodness of Christ; the ability to project one's religious beliefs or spiritual thoughts into another's mind; the zeal and fervency with which one goes about trying to gain converts to one's church . . . it is this, then, that will establish one's reputation as a true Christian?

Once again, the answer appears to be no . . . for, once more, while these gifts are to be prized inasmuch as they can uplift and give encouragement where it is needed, as, undoubtedly, that was the purpose of God in bestowing them, in the first place . . . they will not of themselves be sufficient to prove one a true Christian. For the pen will write only what the scribe wills and cannot expose the mysteries of his heart and mind, unless he so desires. Still, if deep in the fathomless pit of a well there be sweet, pure water, that only, then, can come forth from it's depths, and if the water is bitter or impure, only bitterness and impurity can surge forth from it.

So, once more, the question is poised: How does a true Christian live? How is he recognized?

Well, how did Christ live? Were not His thoughts always for others? Was not He purely unselfish? So, to be Christ-like, I too, must be unselfish, not loving self

more than my brother. Sometimes I may have to sacrifice my own self, my very ego, in order to appease my fellow-man. I must subordinate my own feelings, in order to keep others happy. Do I feel that I have cause to be hurt? Trample down then, the feelings of self-pity, the desire for vengeance . . . it may be that I actually have NO grounds for anger. Hurt feelings may actually stem from the interpretation I, myself, have put upon my brothers' words or actions. He may have acted in the very best of interests, *my* interests, and I, blindly and childishly, (or is the word, foolishly?) may have put my own interpretation upon his acts or words.

A true Christian searches out ALL truths and does not allow himself to be bound by feelings of anger, prejudice or jealousy. He is not eternally puffing himself up with superiority . . . nor, is he constantly on the defensive because of his feelings of inferiority.

Superiority breeds pride, and pride cannot be hidden . . . it constantly manifests itself, both by words and by actions. The person that is proud of his gifts or achievements is in danger of losing them, for all spiritual gifts come from God and are to be used according to His original plan in bestowing them. Among other things, each gift must bring joy unto others, but undue pride can quickly cause displeasure to replace joy.

Now, why should I feel inferior to others, or, what is it to suppose oneself to be inferior? Inferiority is the direct opposite of superiority, . . . pride breeding superiority. Why is it that one harbors feelings of inferiority?

In actuality, inferiority feelings stem from the secret desire to be acclaimed and admired, and, in comparing ourselves with others, we feel or think we see our insufficiencies. True, I may not be as gifted, I may not be as intelligent or as versed in worldly or religious affairs, and although my brother has these very highly esteemed traits and achievements (in the eyes of man), still, they do not bring him any closer to the bosom of God; all this does is clothe him with poise, poise being the realization and assurance that one is superior to another in intellect or appearance, and this, again breeds pride and pride is the direct opposite of humbleness, the humility that brings one close to God.

If I could but realize that, although I do not possess these ap-

parent qualities or gifts, still God has filled my heart, and I, therefore, am the possessor of a spiritual quality unknown to me, but none-the-less, visible unto others perhaps to the point of meriting THEIR envy, or at best, their love and desire to be like unto me, then my feelings of envy-breeding inferiority would quickly vanish. For inferiority DOES breed jealousy, since the person with such a complex gazes at another who appears to possess traits and qualities which he does not, and sometimes desires them to the point of arousing jealous tendencies within himself. So that inferiority feelings also may breed covetousness, and the commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet."

Now, if I, believing myself to be lowly and beneath another in QUALITIES of Goodness, (Charity, Love, Truthfulness, High Moral Standards, Humility, or other spiritual qualities taught by Christ), and in comparing myself with my brother, realize that I do not measure up to his stature, then, if I desire these apparent good qualities, it is GOOD and entirely in the spirit of a true Christian.

We must discern the difference between inferiority feelings and humble feelings. To be humble is the acme of all desires, for the humble person cannot hurt his fellowman, he constantly appeases him; he has no feelings of jealousy, for he admires and aspires to be like those that appear greater than he . . . he is not jealous of them. We are not jealous of Christ, we try to become like Him, to imitate Him. Christ is ALL good, there were no BAD traits about Him, therefore anything He did is worthy of our acceptance, worthy of our imitating.

Man, on the other hand, is a mixture of good and bad. The true Christian admires and tries to imitate the good qualities of another, and rejects the bad, though he does not despise the possessor of them . . . he only despises the evil traits of him. So then, by absorbing all the good around me, I become Christlike, I become humble and lowly and then the world recognizes me for what I aspire to be . . . a true Christian . . . for a true Christian is humble . . . and lowly.

It is never a question with any of us of faith or no faith; the question always is, "In what or in whom do we put our faith?"



## OBITUARIES

### EMMA LOUISE RECHEDY

Sister Emma Rechedy died on August 8, 1959 in the Greenville Hospital, Greenville, Pa., following a stroke. Sister Rechedy was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ on July 9, 1950.

She is survived by her husband, Brother Peter Rechedy, six daughters and five sons. Funeral services at the Galloway Funeral Home in Hartford, Ohio were officiated by Brother Anthony Corrado and assisted by Brother Ralph Berardino.

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### NUNZUATO ZEMA

Brother Nunzuato died April 21, 1959 at the age of 75 after a very short illness. He leaves to mourn his wife, Sister Antonetta Zema, three daughters and five sons.

He was baptised 10 years ago in Bell California and was a faithful brother to the end of his days.

Brother Robert Watson, Jr. was in charge of the services and place of interment was Valhalla Memorial Park. May God comfort the loved ones for the loss of our brother.

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### ROSALIA ROSE FERRANTE

Our faithful Sister Rosalia Rose Ferrante died July 10, 1959 in the home of her daughter Sister Grace Brutz. She leaves to mourn her husband Brother Frank Ferrante, five daughters, one son, four sisters and her mother, Sister Madona.

She was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ February, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan where she has resided until a couple of months ago.

Brother James Lovalvo took charge of the services with solist Sister June Jones singing "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus" and "Someone Will Go". She was laid to rest at Valhalla Memorial Park. Sister Rose had a wonderful testimony and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

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### ELLA MAE DUTTON

#### Sarnia Reservation

Sister Ella Mae Dutton was born on the Sarnia Reservation,

Ontario, Canada, April 3rd, 1902. She was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ, around 1947, and renewed September 1, 1957. She passed on to her reward, August 8th, 1959, a little past her 57th year. She had been ill for a good while, but bore it well. She is survived by a sister-in-law, and a brother-in-law. Up to our last meeting with her, she substantiated the truth of the Gospel implicitly. Funeral services were conducted in the United Church of Canada, by the Minister, Rev. S. Miner, officiating, August 10th, 1959. Funeral Director, D. J. Roff; place of interment, Sarnia Reserve Cemetery. Our sincere prayer is that God will comfort the bereaved.

### Writings of

#### Benjamin Windchester

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As it ever had been, and now is, the privilege of the saints to receive revelation direct from heaven; and is also one of the distinctive features that distinguish the Latter Day Saints from other societies, we think it proper to make a few observations upon the designs of them, that the reader may know the benefits of such a blessing.

The doctrine of immediate revelation from God is objected to by most societies who profess Christianity, and the principal reason why, we conceive to be for want of a correct understanding of the object that the Lord has had in view in revealing His will to His people. Some have supposed that a new revelation cannot be given without making known another gospel. The moment we introduce the subject, we are assailed by priest and professor, who say there is not to be more revelation. They say there is but one true gospel. We readily admit there is but one true plan of salvation, but we readily deny that the object of new revelation is to reveal another gospel. The gospel is the law of God, or the invariable rule of adoption, and through an obedience to it, men and women are made the adopted sons and daughters of God. And revelations were given to the people of God.

It is evident that the antiquity of the gospel is equal to that of the earth. It is also said there is no other name given under heaven whereby man can be saved except the name of Jesus Christ. Again life and immortality were brought to light through the gospel. Enoch,

Noah, and the patriarchs, were acquainted with the principals of life and immortality. It is also said that the gospel was preached to Abraham—See Gal. 3:8. To the children of Israel in the wilderness—See Heb. 4:2. Indeed, all the patriarchs and prophets, were made the adopted sons of God through obedience to the principles of righteousness; and they received many revelations, but not to change the gospel, or to cause them to adopt some other plan for the salvation of their souls. But often received revelations giving them directions for their temporal safety. For instance, a husband had several sons; and also a plantation — of course there are various works to perform, and these sons are the persons made choice of to do them. Hence he reveals his will to one saying, "Go and plough such a field"; and to another "Go and do something else"; and so on, till he gives each one directions and his portion of the work to perform. Again, there are various works to do at different seasons of the year; consequently, he gives direction that each work day may be performed in its proper season and time thereof.

In like manner, according to the Savior's parable, the Lord is the husbandman of all the earth, and He has had, and has yet, various works to do at different ages of the world, and He always has given various revelations adopted to the works that were necessary to be done. Yet not to reveal a new gospel, for it is a perfect law of liberty, devised by an infinite being, consequently it is also infinite, and of necessity, as we have before said, remains in all ages the same invariable rule of adoption.

When the authority, or Holy Priesthood is taken away, and men are deprived of the privilege to administer the ordinances, it may be restored by revelation, or the administration of an angel. But as for the letter of the gospel—there is no need for revelation, unless it is lost, but it was not lost to the patriarchs; for by it they were made to understand the principles of life and immortality. Whether or not the ordinances were administered prior to the appearance of Christ in the flesh, we leave the reader to judge.

The Lord having a particular work to do in the days of Noah, (and He always works by means) hence He said to His servant, Noah, go and proclaim the principles of righteousness to this generation, and tell them that I

will bring a swift destruction by a flood upon them, if they do not turn from their wickedness—that I may leave them without excuse; And in the meantime prepare an ark for the saving of thyself and thy family. Noah moved forward with fear, and prepared the ark, and by this means rode safely over the flood. Thus the Lord imparted such intelligence to Noah, as suited the occasion, which proved beneficial to himself and family, even to their temporal salvation. But this revelation and commandment to Noah was not designed as a rule of faith, for future generations, that is. It was not a commandment for any other person, or persons, that they should build arks or warn antediluvians of a flood; but only for the time being.

Next, the Lord said to His servant Abraham, "get thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, and I will make thee a great nation in the land of Canaan. The Lord had a particular work to do, which was: To raise up a righteous nation to perpetuate His name, attributes and commandment. The inhabitants of the earth were then fast degenerating from the law of Heaven, and sinking in darkness, and inclining to heathen mythology. The revelation given to Abraham differed much from those to Noah; yet they were adopted to the work for which they were given.

Again, He sent His holy angel to His servant Lot, to warn him of the awful conflagration that was shortly to come upon Sodom and Gomorrah, and direct him to a place of refuge. Now Lot did not undertake to build an ark, to save himself from destruction; for the directions given to him, for his temporal safety, differed from those given to Noah. Surely if he had been like the many of the present generation, he would have said that there was enough revelations, already given—that there was no necessity for any more. And what would have been the consequence—we leave every person to judge for himself. Yet Lot, no doubt, became a righteous man through obedience to the same law of God that Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and others did.

(To be continued.)

(Contributed by Brother George Johnson.)

P.S. I might add that Benjamin Winchester was presiding Elder of the church in Philadelphia, Pa., at or about the time of the death of Joseph Smith.

## - W E D D I N G -

### Manes - Casasanta

On July 11, 1959, Sister Betty Ann Casasanta became the bride of Brother John H. Manes, son of Sister Sarah Manes of Youngstown, Ohio. The double ring ceremony, performed by the bride's father and assisted by Brothers Otto Henderson and Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Ontario, took place in The Church of Jesus Christ, McKees Rocks.

The bride, daughter of Brother and Sister Daniel Casasanta, of Elizabeth Avenue, wore a gown of rosepoint lace and a fingertip illusion veil.

She was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Brother Richard Lawson.

The attendants were cousins of the bride. Sister Anna Colangelo was maid of honor, and Sister Arlene Colangelo and Marlene Nolli were bridesmaids.

Brother Lewis DeAngelo was best man, and Brothers Joseph and Nick Manes, brother of the groom, were ushers.

Nina DiCenzo sang two solos, with Sister Erme Lawson, sister of the bride, at the organ.

After the reception the couple left for a trip north. The newlyweds are residing at Cleveland, Ohio.

### GOOD THINGS FOR THOUGHT

"It is better to go to the House of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. — Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. — The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. — It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the songs of fools. — For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity." Eccle. 7.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Eccle. 12:1.

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and walk in the ways of

thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Eccle. 11-9.

Alma to his son Helaman: "O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God. Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever. Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that He may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." Alma 37-35, 37.

### A Voice From The Dead:

Dear Brother Editor:

Greetings. I am sitting in my hospital room, looking at the greatness of the California mountains and thinking of the hymn, "My God how great Thou Art." God said to Job "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth." For the earth proclaims His Greatness and the Heavens His Glory.

I have been living between life and death for several days, but am now on the way to recovery. I was so low they would not allow any of the Elders in to see me, and my family only for short periods. But when I did not respond to treatment very much, my son George phoned the hospital and said rules or no rules, he wanted the Elders in to anoint his father, so Brothers Jim Lovalvo and Robert Watson, Sr., came in at noon and anointed me and at three o'clock my blood pressure held its own and they removed the needles from my arm that was feeding me medicine to hold my blood pressure at a safe level, but after the anointing I held my own and was on my way to recovery. Thank God. They told my son George that he would have to take the responsibility of bringing the Elders in for they feared the least disturbance could be dangerous, but God was surely good to us all.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking all the brothers and sisters for the beautiful cards

and words of comfort that came to me from all parts of the country. Also I wish to thank every one that has contributed to the Anaheim Mission. We don't have many brothers on the building, but we are getting done a little at a time and some day we hope to be meeting in our little church.

We had a tragedy here yesterday. A young man was brought in with a heart attack and he was dead in 15 minutes — even before they could do anything for him. Heart Attack is the No. 1 killer today.

Bros. Otto Henderson and wife, Cliff Burgess and wife were in to see me; also Brother and Sister Sirangelo from Florida, and Rose Carrara and Josephine Brecci of San Diego were in too, and it was good to see all of them again.

I asked the Doctor if he thought I could preach again—and he said perhaps if I didn't preach hell's fire. I told him I did not preach hell's fire and he said to preach the Love of God and he thought I'd be all right. I guess he meant I must not get excited.

I am so glad brother Cadman that your health has been good and you are able to get around like you do. I hope you and sister Cadman are with us for many more years. If you can make a trip to California we would be very happy to do all we can to make your visit a happy one. There is always room in our home for the saints. Love to all, — Bro. James Heaps.

P.S. Since this letter was written Jim is home again so pray for him, that God will keep him in His care for he will not be able to stand another attack like this last one.

(I presume that this note was written by Sister Heaps.—Editor.)

## LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

Youngstown, Ohio

Of appreciation:

Dear Brother Cadman, Editor,

I am enclosing you a check for renewal of my Gospel News. Due to the steel strike it has slipped my mind.

The Gospel News is one of my dearest papers. By it I am close to my brothers and sisters of other branches. It sure makes one feel good to read and to hear of how the Lord is working

among His chosen people in different parts of the vineyard.

May the Lord continue to bless you and accompany you all the days of your life. Receive best regards from me and my family.

Brother Angelo Capots

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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Editor:

I shall now report on some of the activities that have taken place in this part of the Vineyard, recently. On Sunday the 5th of July, we were at Branch No. 3, and heard Brother Paul D'Amico give a wonderful talk from Ether 13th chapter, 1st verse to the end of the 10th verse, on God's blessings to Israel through Abraham, which is transferred to us the Gentiles, by obedience to the restored Gospel, being faithful to it, and bringing the message of Salvation back to Israel, and to the four corners of the world. Brother Paul gave us a very nice talk, which was enjoyed by all. Brother Simmone was also present and spoke encouragingly. Meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Fred D'Amico. On Sunday the 12th of July, we were at Branch No. 2. Meeting was opened with prayer. Brother Eugene Kline, of Painsville, Ohio read a portion of Scripture found in Mosiah 18th chapter, verses 7 to 10, and gave us a good talk on what constitutes the true worship of God. Other speakers took part in the meeting. We also had a sister baptised that day.

Sunday morning, July 19th, meeting was opened at Branch No. 1 with prayer by Brother Leonard Lovalvo of Modesto, California. Sister Rose Lovalvo sang a solo, "Jesus Lead Me All The Way," accompanied at the piano by her sister Sharon. Brother Lovalvo read a portion of scripture found in St. John's Gospel 14th chapter, 12th verse to the end of the chapter, and gave us a good talk on this passage. Mostly on the verse which says, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he also do, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father. Brother V. J. Lovalvo, who was also with us then spoke. He said the 26th of July this year, he shall have been in the Church 26 years, and nothing in this world has ever captivated his life and enveloped his soul, and that of his family, as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He gave us a won-

derful talk, every word he spoke was vital, hence I will not write them. May God abundantly bless him. Everyone was overjoyed to have them in our midst. Meeting concluded with prayer.

On Sunday July 26th, at the Branch No. 2, opening prayer was offered by Brother Joe Milantoni. A brother was anointed. Brother Cliff Burgess sang Hymn No. 5, How long wilt thou forget? Dedicated to Brother Joe Collison, and Dennis Randazza. Brother Lovalvo read a portion of scripture found in 2nd Nephi, 30th chapter, 8th verse through the 15th verse, and spoke on the Peaceful reign of Christ and many other things which are quite needful and requisite for us all. We felt blessed to hear the soul inspiring talk given by Brother Jim.

On Sunday the 2nd of August, meeting was opened at Branch No. 1 by Brother Ralph Berardino of Youngstown, Ohio. He read a passage of scripture found in Hebrews 4th chapter, and gave us a very inspired talk.

On Sunday August the 30th Mr. Lloyd Robotham, his wife, went with my wife, Sister Maude Stallworth, and myself, to Port Huron, and Sarnia. At Port Huron we found Brother Maness, with Brother and Sister Ford, from Meaford, Canada, they along with the few saints there, seemed to have been enjoying themselves quite well. Brother & Sister Summerville were there later, and he was anointed. Sister Maness took me to another Reservation, known as Kettle Point, to pray for a little girl, may all the saints be praying for her. Later on in Sarnia, we had Sunday School and washing of feet service, Brother and Sister Ford then having returned from Port Huron, and were with us also. Mr. Lloyd Robotham was anointed. In Branch No. 1 a Brother Sam Pagana was reinstated in the Church. Our trip to Sarnia, and other places, was a great blessing to one and all of us. Wishing you and all, the great blessings of God.

Your Brother in Christ

Matthew T. Miller

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Metuchen, New Jersey

Dear Brother Cadman:

I write this letter to inform you of an experience of the amazing mystery of the Spirit of God. The following is an experience

that took place in Metuchen Branch on Sunday Aug. 2, 1959.

The day started out as usual with our Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and after this our morning service. Our presiding Elder Sam Risola opened the meeting and took his text from the Book of Mormon—the ninth chapter of Mormon. He gave a very good talk which was enjoyed by all. He was followed by Brother Paul Benyola who also spoke on the same thing. The meeting was enjoyed by all but the Spirit of God did not manifest itself until after the meeting was dismissed. As the Brother and Sisters were shaking hands, the Spirit of God descended upon two of the young people in our midst and they requested baptism. I was outside the building and when I heard the beautiful words of that Hymn (I Surrender All), then I knew that the Angels in Heaven were rejoicing for another soul had returned to the fold of God. I quickly went back in and saw tears of happiness and joy flowing from the eyes of the brothers and sisters and also from the two who requested baptism. The two who were baptized were Sam Risola, Jr. and his wife Arlene.

May the Lord bless these two new members of the Church and may they hold fast to this rod of iron and turn neither to the left or right but follow in the footsteps of our Lord is my prayer and I am sure of all the saints. The blessings of God were spread abundantly among us that day.

That is all I have to say in regard to this experience. I was happy to see you at the meeting in Edison Branch and enjoyed very much listening to your talk.

May God bless and keep you is my constant prayer and also the prayer of the Saints of Metuchen Branch.

Anthony J. Vadasz

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#### St. John, Kansas

Dear Brother Editor:

I am really late about sending in my renewal for the Gospel News but don't want to be without it as it brings so much enjoyment when I read it—it costs so little yet its value is priceless as it brings us each closer to one another.

We here in St. John are getting along pretty well. This summer we have had the privilege of having Brother Alex Robinson

and his family and Sister Lydia Robinson with us for the past 6 weeks. It was a blessing to have them with us and we had services each Sunday. One Sunday Brother Cox and his family were with us and Sister Mary Rich and her six little children have been with us each Sunday so we really felt blessed.

On Sunday July 26th we had Brother Charles Smith and Brother Tony Di Battiste from Glassport, Pa. with us and really had an enjoyable visit with them. They came in on Friday evening and left Sunday evening to go to Sopris, Colorado to visit with the church folks there. Brother Alex visited with all the brothers and sisters in Wichita and found them doing their best to serve God. Brother Ed Wergin is not too well but is better than he was several months ago. We manage to have our Sabbath School each Sunday morning and then about once every month Brother Cox and family come to meet with us and we have our morning services and fellowship meeting.

I surely hope this will find you feeling much better than when I last heard.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sister Eva Delp (Sanders)

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Dear Readers of the Gospel News,

We would like to report our visit to the saints in the states of Colorado and Kansas. We left Elizabeth, Pa. on Thursday, July 23 and arrived at St. John, Kansas on Friday evening. There Brother Alex Robinson's parents received us into their home. We were glad to be able to fellowship also with Brother Alex, who was vacationing at the time in St. John. Brother Cox, the presiding elder of St. John, lives about 100 miles from St. John in Salina, and we were sorry that we did not get the opportunity to see him. We stayed in St. John for Sunday service and certainly enjoyed being with the brothers and sisters there.

Leaving St. John, we went to Sopris, Colorado where we arrived on Monday, July 27. We stayed in Sopris for three days, visited all the saints there and invited them to attend a Sunday service.

On Thursday we went to Tucumcari, New Mexico where we visited Alexander Cherry and his family. They received us warmly, and we stayed there a day and

a half.

On Saturday we returned to Sopris, Colorado, and on Sunday we held a service during which we administered sacrament and held feet washing. God surely blessed us in so doing, and all the saints there were very kind toward us.

On Monday, August 3 we went to Denver, Colorado where we remained for three days. We visited the saints and on Wednesday evening gathered together for a meeting at Brother and Sister Gevin's home. We enjoyed a fine meeting during which we anointed Brother Gevin and blessed his son.

The saints in Kansas and Colorado treated us wonderfully, and we can say that God surely blessed us throughout the entire trip. The saints there, especially in Sopris and Denver where there are no elders, need assistance. We would advise all who travel through that section of the country to stop and visit in an effort to assist and uplift them spiritually.

Brother Anthony DiBattista  
and  
Brother Charles Smith

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#### McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Editor:

McKees Rocks branch of the Church of Jesus Christ again praises God for the brothers who came and preached. Also for the ones who came to visit and fellowship.

One Sunday of August, Brother Frank Calabrese and Brother Dominic Cotalessi preached. We were much impressed on the words spoken to us of the Indians. A great promise has been made from God, to pour out a great blessing upon them.

Another Sunday, Brother Alma Nolfi and Brother Valentine did think to come, we enjoyed a great blessing.

The last Sunday of the month Brother Martin of Monongahela City came. We had much joy in what he had to tell us. We have experienced much joy in the testimonies of the visiting brothers and sisters as well as our own brothers and sisters of McKees Rocks.

We do sing with the brothers and sisters, the hymn, "Rejoice, Ye Saints of Latter Days," May the Lord ever keep us united in

His great love, and the true faith of Jesus Christ.

God bless you dear Editor and all His people everywhere.

Sincerely,  
Martha Laird

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### Detroit, Michigan

Dear Gospel News Readers:

I want to thank God for this wonderful little paper which is called the "Gospel News." It contains wonders and mysteries of God which satisfy both heart and soul.

How wonderful it is to sit down and contemplate the goodness of the Lord when we are gathered with the saints.

On August 2nd the Detroit and Windsor District met at the West Side Church in Detroit. The Church was filled to capacity. Brother James Loyalvo from California was our guest speaker. His text was taken from Second Nephi, 30th chapter, concerning the peaceful reign. Brothers and Sisters, there are no words in which I can express myself—and no measure to measure the joy and happiness of the saints to have been under the sound of the voice of our brother. While he was speaking to us, he was encircled with the power of God and the oil of gladness was flowing from vessel to vessel. How wonderful is it to our souls to have His mysteries revealed to us through His Royal Priesthood.

Thank God for this wonderful Gospel, which is pure, Spotless and Immaculate, only attained through the atoning blood of the Lamb. My greatest desire is, that some day the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea. May the Lord bless you all.

Sister Anna Carlini

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### Imperial, Pennsylvania

To "The Gospel News"

We here in the Imperial branch again have reason to rejoice for on August 2, Dorothy Gilbert was baptized into the Church. She is the daughter of Sister Frances Belmonte, a very faithful sister. About ten months ago I remember Sister Frances telling me, "If I only had one child in the Church." She now has two daughters and two son-in-laws baptized. Thus we see

by the faithfulness of a parent, even the children reap the rewards.

We have had several baptisms; four of which were in the state of Kentucky. They are Brother James Moore's people at the place he was raised as a boy. We have been concerned about a new building as we have increased our membership considerably and have quite a number of young people and children. Brother Jim decided to visit a man who owns land in this community, in hopes of obtaining land on which to build someday. While talking to this man the man said, "I won't sell you the land, I'll give it to you." So we see that God hears and answers prayer as we have been concerned with this matter.

We were blessed to have Brother George Neal with us on Sunday morning, August 16, and then Brother Joe Malantoni and Brother John Ross on this Sunday evening. These brethren were all greatly blessed and preached the words of life unto us. August 19, Wednesday evening, we had the Brothers Joe Calabrese, Jim Curry, Don Curry, and Tony Loyalvo with us. We all enjoyed ourselves very much. The fellowship which we in the Church enjoy is worth more than all the world has to offer. I think of when the disciples asked Jesus what would be their reward for they had given up lands and, etc. for Him; He turned and said, whatsoever we have given up shall be restored a hundredfold. When we meet with our brothers and sisters we remember this promise.

I never knew of the church until I was about fifteen years old. As a boy, I worked for Brother Moore on his farm. One day as we were hauling in hay I looked across the field to see two men coming towards us. Brother Moore introduced them to me as Brothers Dan Casasanta and George Ondrasik, Elders of the McKees Rocks Branch. They began to work right along with us hauling in the hay. I had never before seen a Minister working for his people but I had always seen it the other way around. I never forgot that. It isn't always what we say that might convince people of the Gospel but how we act and what we do. Someone can tell us over and over again what to do, but if he shows us it is so much easier. I believe that is one reason Jesus calls His people 'sheep'. Sheep follow the shepherd while most other animals have to be driven from behind. In this church the

priesthood does not ask us to do anything they would not do first. They labor with their own hands to support themselves. It is amazing how sheep respect their shepherd; they follow him on, trusting him, wherever he may lead them, and how that shepherd dearly loves his sheep! King David was a good example of this. He even risked his own life to save the sheep from the lion. While in the church the members realize that the Priesthood would not lead them in places that he himself would not go first. What fellowship between the Shepherd and the Sheep! Would not he lay down his life for his sheep? I believe he would. Now compare this shepherd as the Priesthood and the sheep as the members. In many other churches if the members do not like their shepherd they simply release him from his job. If the shepherd is offered a higher paying job elsewhere he is quick to leave his sheep to go there. We in this church believe as Jesus said, "A good shepherd will never leave his sheep."

In conclusion, we say to the world: (tenth chapter of Moroni) "And again I would exhort you that ye would come unto Christ and lay hold upon every good gift and touch not the evil gift nor the unclean thing. And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem, yea, put on thy beautiful garments, oh daughter of Zion, and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the Eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled. Yea, come unto Christ and be perfected in Him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your might, mind, and all strength, then is His grace sufficient for you, that by His grace ye may be perfected in Christ, and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God."

William Kunkel

### BOOKS NAMED IN THE BIBLE

It has been said that the Bible calls for the Book of Mormon. The Bible itself is a book of books which contains many books. The Bible speaks of a number of books that are not found in it, some twenty in number, such as the:

Book of the Wars of the Lord—Num. 21:14.

Book of Jasher—Josh. 10:13; Second Samuel 1:18.

Book of Acts of Solomon—First Kings 11:41.

Book of Samuel the Seer, and Nathan the Prophet, and Gad the Seer—First Chron. 29:29.

Book of Abijah the Prophet, and Vision of Iddo the Seer—Second Chron. 9:29.

Book of Shemaiah the Prophet—Second Chron. 12:15.

Book of the Story of the Prophet Iddo—Second Chron. 13:22.

Book of Jehu—Second Chron. 20:34.

The Story of the Book of the Kings—Second Chron. 24-27.

Book of the Acts of Uzziah—Second Chron. 25-22.

The Acts of Mannasah, written among the Sayings of the Seers—Second Chron. 33:18, 19.

The Lamentations of Israel were written but are not found—Second Chron. 35:25.

The Prophecy of Uriah—Jer. 26:20.

First Epistle to the Corinthians—First Cor. 5:9.

Epistle Concerning the Common Salvation—Jude 3d. verse.

Prophecy of Enoch—Jude 14th verse.

Those books above mentioned cannot be found in the Bible. But the Book of Mormon is the book which now comes under special notice. Although the name Mormon is not mentioned, yet the character of the Book, its purposes and designs, and also the incidents and circumstances attending its coming forth, together with its importance, is more particularly pointed out than any other book that is mentioned in the Bible that is not found in it. There are many passages of scripture which have a special reference to the Book of Mormon, but we shall notice them one at a time for the present during the introduction of this investigation. The 29th chapter of Isaiah points out the Book in a direct manner. The 11th and 12th verses thus.

Verse 11—"And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, read this, I pray thee; and he saith I cannot, for it is sealed."

Verse 12—"And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, read this, I pray thee; and

he saith I am not learned."

The reader will observe that in these two verses there are four distinct objects specifically pointed out: the vision, the Book, the learned man and the unlearned man. There is a vast amount of irrefutable evidence that can be presented to show that the book spoken of in these two verses is the Book of Mormon. The 18th and 19th verses explains the character of the Book.

"And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the Book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness."

Verse 19—"The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel."

P.S. These are things which I believe our younger people should know about. I have taken this article from a paper published about 50 years ago, known as "The Truth Teller." (WHC)

### A REAL HOME

Edward Earl Puriton in his book "Efficient Living" in describing a real home says:

"A real home is a gymnasium because it has a program to give the child a healthy body; it is a lighthouse because it reveals the breakers ahead, and shows a clear way past them; it is a playground providing for innocent games and sports; it is a workshop where the child is taught to do things; it is a forum where honest and open discussions of life's great problems are helpfully conducted; it is a secret society where family loyalties are sacred; it is a health resort where mothers are natural physicians; it is a co-operative league where the interests of each is made the interest of all; it is a temple of worship where the child learns of a Heavenly Father whose love finds a ready response in the heart of the child."

—Religious Telescope

### EXPLODING POPULATIONS

The world we serve is a world of exploding populations. The figures are frightening. A recent study by the United Nations Department of

Economics and Social Affairs projects a world population of 3,800,000,000 in 1975 and 6,300,000,000 in the year 2000 A.D. To put it another way, every thirty seconds eighty-five new babies are born into the world; forty-five people die in the same period, giving a net increase of 40 persons every half minute. The sobering fact is that accessions to the Christian Church do not even approximate these fantastic figures, and there are as a consequence more non-Christians in the world today than there were on the Day of Pentecost, in spite of the centuries of evangelism that have intervened.

—"Record" (American Bible Society)

### "LIVING THE WAY WE PRAY"

I knelt to pray when day was done,  
And prayed: "O Lord, bless everyone;

Lift from each saddened heart the pain,

And let the sick be well again."  
And then I woke another day  
And carelessly went on my way.  
The whole day long I did not try

To wipe a tear from any eye;  
I did not try to share the load  
Of my brother on the road:  
I did not even go to see  
The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was done,  
I prayed: "Oh Lord, bless everyone."

But as I prayed, into my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear,

Pause, hypocrite, before you pray:  
Whom have you tried to bless today?

God's sweetest blessings always go

By hands that serve Him here below.

And then I hid my face and cried,  
"Forgive me, Lord for I have lied;

Let me but live another day  
And I will live the way I pray."  
Author Unknown

Contributed by Sister Delp  
St. John Kansas



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## FOOLISH VIRGINS OF TODAY

With never a thought of watching,  
The foolish have gone to buy:  
With no true faith in His coming,  
Are deaf to the warning cry.

"I cannot," says one, "comprehend it —

That the Lord is surely near;  
But I think in the far-off ages,  
If ever, He will appear.

"While the world is not half converted,

And we are progressing so fine,  
'Twould be a pity to hinder  
Our work, so nearly divine."

Says another, "I don't believe it—  
That the Lord will frighten us so;  
'Tis only a spiritual coming  
Of which I'm caring to know.

"I'm zealous, religious, and active  
Go often to meetings and pray,  
And testify to inquirers,  
He'll always remain away.

"I'll help support the preaching  
If the minster will always say,  
'My Lord delayeth His coming,  
Except in a spiritual way.'

"I'm a model man and a deacon,  
The church's pillar and stay;  
I do not approve of this preaching  
That Christ may come in our day.

"We are doing much good at the present,  
Are devout in deed and word;  
The doctrine would stop our conversions,  
And real progress retard.

"The world we are making much better;  
'Tisn't ready for Him to reign;  
Our plans, so very far-reaching,  
Defer His coming again.

"'Twould hinder the making of money —  
And missions on money depend.  
In stocks I've largely invested —  
Quite distant must be the end.

"I cannot, I will not receive it,  
For all things the same remain  
Since the days of the sleeping fathers;  
'Peace and safety' is my refrain."

With never a thought of watching,  
The foolish have gone to buy;  
With no true faith in His coming,  
Are deaf to the warning cry.

—(Origin Unknown)

## SHORT ITEMS

Dear Editor:

Enclosed are two dollars for the renewal of my Gospel News. I extend my thanks to you and all who make it possible.

It is truly an inspiration and blessing each time I read it. May God keep and bless you all in His good way.

Sister Maude Budge,

St. John, Kansas.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed are two dollars for the renewal of the Gospel News. We enjoy it tremendously, especially the editorials. Also in reading about the saints' experiences past and present is heartening indeed. Hoping all is well with you and your family. Sincerely, Herbert Berg, North Brunswick, N. J.

Take Note: The General Church Librarian's address has been changed — address him as follows: James F. Campbell, 540 High Street, Monongahela, Pa.

In a letter from Sister F. Rogolino, Fort Pierce, Fla. — "Bro. Cadman, just wanted to write and tell you of the wonderful joy and comfort I have found in the Gospel news. — I know there are many who are comforted and blessed through the Gospel News, and I have felt inspired to write these words to you, that you may know that your labor is not in vain. May the Lord bless you and Sister Cadman." P.S. According to Sister Rogolino's letter, she had been very ill and suffered much pain. In reading the Gospel News, she read the experience in the last paper of a sister, relative to Brother Breci's death, and it proved to be a wonderful experience to her. — Editor.

West Palm Beach, Fla.: In a letter dated 9-28-59 from Sister Carmela Mazzeo, she informs us as follows: "We let you know that on August 30th we were privileged to see two more souls come to the Fold of Christ. It did our hearts good to go to the Florida shore and sing, 'Yes, we'll gather at the River.' Our desire is to see many more come to the Blessed Gospel. It made us very happy to have the presence of brother and sister Dominic Thomas of Detroit with us that day."

## LETTER FROM ITALY

The Gospel News:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ our Lord: After almost 30 years I came here in Italy to visit my home town and, to my surprise a large number of friends and relatives came to meet me. Me entering the town was quite a sight—some of them still remembered my youthful activity. I remembered only a few.

I have held a number of meetings here with large numbers attending, also brother and sister Castelli of Detroit have come to the meetings. They are at this time visiting near my home town. While on the train I met a man from a town where my mother-in-law was born, and while talking of the Gospel, he had heard of me coming to Sicily, and asked me to come to Castellamare and preach to them. The same day I had a meeting at Cinisi at 5 P.M. I then went by train to Castellamare and held a meeting that night in a church of God (Pentecostal Church) and they are a very active people in Italy. They have churches in most every town. They are very courteous with me. They gave me complete charge of the meetings and they followed me wherever I held meetings. I have spent much time with their minister and gave him a Book of Mormon. He asked me many questions. Last night after holding the last meeting here, and having an overflowing crowd—some had to stand outside—they paraded me to my Uncle's home where I am now staying — everybody kissed me in the street and with tears in their eyes—begged me to come back. I told them I would if some of them desired to be baptized. My duty to the brothers and sisters in S. Demetrio is foremost at this time. I promised them that I would return and stay with them awhile.

In Cinisi the town Engineer asked me to hold a meeting in the Engineers house — a large num-

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Edited by

Sister Mabel Bickerton

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ber of people turned out. I used John 3, Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night for my text. With the help of God, I explained to them that man cannot understand the things of God unless they humble themselves and are born of water and the spirit. I was wonderfully blessed and to my surprise I had no difficulty with language. All went well until I said that we cannot measure the scope of God's laws with an Engineer's yardstick, and then they began to clap their hands, beginning with Engineer Anania. Sir Anania came to me and embraced me in front of all. The spirit of God fell upon me, and I pleaded with them to give their lives to God. I ask all my brothers and sisters in Christ — when you read these words — pray not only for Italy but for the world. The need is increasing. Brother Elders, pray to God as you may have never done before, that the Lord send more laborers into the vineyard in this last dispensation of time. We are really late and the time is far spent. I thank God for the opportunity to work for Him, and for the church which sent me out. I have never felt a greater flame than I do now to do His will. I thank God for my wife and family who were willing to let me go.

I will leave today for Calabria where I expect to meet brother Wooley and then to Fresinone and meet brother and sister Ingnagni, then stop at Rome where we have some brothers and sisters, and then on to Foggia where we have some more saints, and then to S. Demetrio. Please, some of you write to me and keep me posted with church activities at home. My address is Chiesa di Jesu Christo Case alte, Cannitello, Reggio, Calabria, Italy. Receive our love in Christ. Mark.

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G. M. B. A.

#### SPIRITUAL GATHERING

Secretary: Sister Ruth Akerman

The General Missionary Benevolent Association held its first Spiritual Gathering in Aliquippa, Pa., on August 14-15, 1959. The gathering was opened on Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. in the church building. After the meeting was opened the Aliquippa Choir gave several selections. Bro. Domenic Thomas then introduced the following: Bro. James Gibson, President of Aliquippa Local; Bro. John Ross, Presiding Elder of Aliquippa Branch; Bro. W. H. Cad-

man, President of the Church. Bro. Ross and Bro. Gibson welcomed those present. Bro. Cadman spoke of the difference between the gatherings of today with those of years past. He also told of his secret desire for he and his wife to travel among the saints throughout the church, if God would see fit to restore her to good health. Bro. Domenic Morocco offered prayer in behalf of Sister Cadman.

Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, a former president of the G.M.B.A., spoke of the wonderful fellowship found in our church. Sister Sadie Cadman told of her appreciation of the church, and that membership in the M.B.A., and at a later time, the church, satisfied an unfulfilled desire which she had since she was very young to become a missionary in foreign lands. Brother Domenic Thomas then concluded with an expression of thanksgiving that we as a people have the potential to enjoy the fullest and finest life possible. Brother Dan Casasanta of McKees Rocks closed the meeting with prayer.

The Saturday Service was held in the Aliquippa High School. The morning meeting was opened with community singing. A solo entitled, "Our Church" was then sung by Sister Julie Cottelesse of Detroit, Michigan. Brother W. H. Cadman offered prayer. Speakers were then introduced. Bro. Guido Marinetti spoke of how the individual can train himself for service to the church. He stressed the need for education and training in various occupations and professions. He also referred to trained and educated men of the Bible whom God worked through. The congregation then sang, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." Bro. Donald Curry spoke of developing the Church as a group, stressing the need for cooperation rather than competition among the young people. "Invisible Hands" was then sung, and Bro. Joseph Calabrese closed in prayer.

The Afternoon Service was opened with community singing. Sister Vera Naro of Lorain, Ohio, sang a solo entitled, "God Give Us Peace." Brother George Neill offered prayer. Bro. Patsy Marinetti spoke of how the young people of the church can train and prepare themselves for missionary work, stressing an understanding of cultures and languages. A Panel Board discussion was then held to answer questions written by the congregation. The Panel Board was comprised of the three aforementioned speakers, Bro. Gorie

Ciaravino and Bro. George Neill. Brothers W. H. Cadman, Alma Cadman and Thurman Furnier were also asked to sit on the panel. Bro. Domenic Thomas acted as moderator. There was a lively discussion. The meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. James Curry.

Before the Evening Service was opened reflective piano music was played by Bro. Bob Marinetti. We then had community singing. A solo entitled "How Great Thou Art" was sung by Sister Delores Thomas of Detroit, Michigan. Bro. Paul Benyola of Philadelphia offered the opening prayer. The Brothers that volunteered for missionary work to Africa then spoke. Bro. Alvin Swanson stated that in his 21 years in the church his greatest desire has been to spread the gospel, and of the courage needed to do missionary work. After the congregation had sung "The Gospel Restored," Bro. John Ross spoke of his desire to do what he felt to be God's will. "The Time is Far Spent," was sung and Bro. Joseph Malintoni spoke of the goodness of God. Bro. W. H. Cadman spoke of his hope of the brethren succeeding in the various missionary fields. Bro. Alvin Swanson closed the Gathering with a prayer.

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#### Seventh Day Adventist Church

The church was organized at Battle Creek, Mich., in 1863. It has 291,000 members and ranks 26th in size among the U. S. Protestant Churches. But they rank first by a wide margin in their missionary effort. They have 2000 missionaries at work in 185 countries. Marvelous indeed.

They also rank first in giving. Their total contributions last year averaged \$212 for every man, woman and child. This compared with per capita giving of \$56 for U. S. church members as a whole. They believe that the time is near for Christ to return to the earth in the promised "second advent." Exactly how near, they do not profess to know. The church strictly forbids any attempt to set a specific year or date.

In Battle Creek, Mich., when formally organized in 1863 they had a membership of about 3,500. Today, less than a century later, they have churches on every continent with a world membership of more than 1,100,000.

P.S. It is evident that a *oneness of faith and purpose*, is the motivating power that moves an institution along the way. — Editor.

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

#### Second Corinthians 6:14-15

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

In the first place it must be remembered that Paul is speaking to the Corinthian saints, admonishing them not to get entangled with, or under obligation to, persons which might make it hard for them to fulfill the covenant they had made with their Lord and Master, in rendering obedience to the Gospel. To me it is wonderful counsel to him or her who may not want anything to get in their pathway in the service of God. And, how easily it is for people to make blunders, especially in their youth that will cause them to have a rough road to travel all through life, because of a mis-step at some time in their lives and with all the regrets and sorrow. It may happen that there is no other way out of it—but to endure it.

Paul's counsel then is good to us all in the many angles of our lives. And we can become yoked in so many ways with persons. How careful one of the latter day faith (the restored gospel) should be in selecting a mate for life in marriage whose religious affiliations may be as opposite as day is from night. There may not be so much risk in protestants marrying protestants, but there is much risk when catholics and protestants marry—for in the eyes of the Catholic Church they are not really married, unless they are married by a catholic

clergyman, even though the law of the land gives both Protestant and Catholic ministers the right of performing the ceremony. It is well for contracting parties in marriage to consider well, and especially if one is Roman Catholic—it will be very difficult in raising a family of children as they should be raised, and especially if one is a close adherent of the Restored Gospel. So much for the married status.

Being unequally yoked together is not necessarily a matter of being yoked together in marriage, but it can happen in our temporal affairs of life as well. For instance, if a man goes into business with another who does not care how he makes money in his business—a man who may have no regards for the other fellow's rights, a man who will do the other fellow before he gets a chance to do him—I would hate to be yoked up with a man of that kind.

Be not unequally yoked together did Paul say? Yes, he did. May I ask, can unrighteousness and righteousness mix with each other? Nay, not any more than oil will mix with water. What an awful thing it must be for a faithful follower of Jesus to marry an infidel. Can they live in happiness with each other? Is it possible for infidelity and fidelity to be in harmony with each other? Where is the good common sense of the followers of Christ in making alliances with persons who are at so much variance with their own faith in God? Can the temple of God be in harmony with idols? If ye then are the temple of God—how can ye be yoked with any person or persons and find yourself under obligations to man in evil things—are you serving God faithfully? It is just another way of being unequally yoked together—of which the wonderful man Paul admonishes the Corinthians.

Is Christ in accord with Belial? God forbid—for how could He be God and be agreeable with such a being? If He was yoked with Belial—He (God) would certainly be **unequally yoked** with an evil being. I do not know from the scripture who or what is **Belial**, but it is found in scripture that his descendants are a bad people (worthless). The term is generally understood as used by Paul as an appellative of Satan, as the personification of all that is bad. One writer speaks of him as a fallen angel. It is evident that his character is such that the Saviour is not in accord with him. And I will close this by saying: Be ye careful who you get **yoked** up with—either in marriage or other affairs. At least keep yourself free, that you might serve God and do what is right, irrespective of any power or powers that may be.

### THE WITNESS THAT LIVES FOREVER

by Brother Bud Martin

I feel compelled to relate an experience I had years ago, shortly after I received the greatest blessing of my life, that of being called into the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the way of testimony; my Mother and Dad were baptized into the Church before I was born, and being brought up in the Church, I accepted everything the Church believed, and the Book of Mormon was never a

stumbling block to me, because I accepted it before I ever read it. I knew it was a part of His Church. But I soon found out that the Lord wanted me not only to believe but to really know of its truths.

One day, as I was reading the brief history of Joseph Smith in the front of the Book of Mormon, the Spirit of the Lord came down upon me so strong, I could hardly see the word to read, because of the convincing power of the Lord, tears streamed down my face and Oh, what joy I received — I can-

not express. Then I seemed to be taken away and I thought, Oh! — this is so plain to me, why can't everyone believe this wonderful record! My mind went to the three witnesses: Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris, and there was no doubt in my mind that surely these men were honest and upright, men whose word could not be questioned. Yet at this time their word or honor as witnesses to this record was not accepted by the world. Then a thought came to me of the legal world — of the documents ac-

cepted today that were hundreds of years old, and how the world, long after all the witnesses were dead and gone, would check back on the honesty of the witnesses signed to the documents and if their honesty was beyond reproach the truth of the documents would be accepted without question.

Then I wondered and desired to know, from the bottom of my heart, why this wonderful record could not be accepted the same way. The witness of the spirit was upon me and I couldn't possibly understand, why others could not accept this record as I was receiving it. Then the thought was given me as an answer, and understanding came to me — I thought of the witnesses and I realized then that there was One Witness that didn't have His Name recorded with the rest—the witness that never dies—who lives on forever, bearing witness to all those who are seeking with an open mind and Heart. — This same witness whose spirit was upon me, into convincing me beyond all that man could ever tell me, until it is no longer a belief to me, but a knowledge, that this record is the work of God and all truth. I began to realize that man can accept this record in only one way and that is by the spirit of the Lord bearing witness unto him. We may teach with the hope that a seed may be planted, but the convincing of this record must come from that Witness that never dies, who lives on forever and ever. Amen.

### ISRAEL

Since May 15, 1948, more than 870,000 destitute immigrants have poured into this strip of land on the shores of the Mediterranean, a country about the size of New Jersey, whose territory was one-third desert and whose population at the time of the establishment of the State numbered about 660,000. From the DP camps of Europe, from the ghettos of North Africa and Iraq, from Eastern Europe and the Balkans, from Yemen's remote mountain villages and from the plains of India the exiles converged upon Israel, driven by fear and sustained by hope, uncertain of what they would find, yet determined to build a new life for themselves and for their children.

Today, fast-growing towns and flourishing villages from the hills of Galilee to the shores of Eilat

bear witness that this hope has not been in vain. A country which only half a century ago was but a deserted, malaria-ridden province of the Ottoman empire has become an oasis of productivity and progress in the slowly awakening Middle East.

### PERSECUTION

It is reported that the campaign to suppress the Jews in Russia is continuing and synagogues have been closed and the Scrolls confiscated. Jews have been arrested on charges of "Zionist propaganda" because in their Passover ceremonies they participated in the traditional Passover toast: "Next year in Jerusalem."

Several Jews are reported to have been arrested for baking matzoh, the unleavened bread eaten at the Passover season.

The report also disclosed that a Jewish cemetery was recently divided and a market built on half of it. The dismantling of Jewish cemeteries and the sale of tombstones for commercial purposes was reported to be one of the principal elements of the current anti-Jewish campaign.

From "Jewish Hope

These words came to me on July 30, 1959 at 3:55 a.m.

by Sister Alice Coddington

1. He will come again to walk with all His loved ones.  
He will come again to walk on Zion's shore.  
He will preach to those, who still prove faithful.  
When that glorious day we stand on Zion's shore.
2. He will come again to tell us of this Gospel,  
And to take us home where we will part no more.  
Where all our sorrows will turn to gladness  
When we reach Zion's shore.
3. All the Saints will be together, hand in hand on Zion's land.  
Where our Father who dwells in heaven  
Comes to take us by the hand.
4. Oh, that will be a glorious moment.  
When face to face we each shall stand.  
To be counted in His number,  
And to go with Christ our Lord, to His promised land.

5. Oh, I know there will be shouting,  
And praising Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And the Saints will be so happy,  
When they walk beside our Lord.

6. Soon the day will be awakening.  
And the Saints will cry no more.  
For 'tis Zion's land will flourish  
Upon this world to part no more.

7. We will all be robed in glory,  
Those who worship and adorn,  
Jesus Christ our Holy Saviour,  
Who in Bethlehem was born.

Chorus:

He will come in glorified splendor.  
And bring Zion to this land.  
Where the Saints of Christ shall flourish,  
And dwell forever by the Lord's command.

### - W E D D I N G -

#### Campitelli - Pietrangelo

The wedding of Mr. Norman Campitelli to Sister Rosalie Pietrangelo, took place at 1 P.M. on Saturday, Sept. 5th, 1959, at Detroit Branch No. 1, of the Church of Jesus Christ. Bro. Patsy Marinetti, uncle of the Bride Officiated. The maid of honor, was sister Patricia Gioia, and attending the bride was her sister, Sister Barbara Pietrangelo, and her sister Gloria Marinetti. Best man was Mr. William Campitelli, brother of the groom. The ushers were Bros. Louis Vitto, and Nick Mangiapane. Nuptial music was provided by Robert Marinetti, cousin of the bride. She wore a full length gown of Chantilly lace, and a finger tip veil, and carried a bouquet of Amazon lilies. Bridesmaid were dressed in varietal pastel gowns of embroidered nylon, and carried carnations, in the same hue. In the evening, a reception was held, after which the Newlyweds left on a trip to Northern Michigan. On their return they will reside on Hartwell Ave., in Detroit. We extend best wishes and God's richest blessings to them.

## *Signs of the Times . . .*

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

We are living in a time of change—rapid change. Overnight the whole face of a city or countryside can be transformed as to be unrecognizable. The change might be constructive or destructive, depending on the intention; the change can also be for good or bad, depending on how one looks at it.

Just such a change is now developing. It is not rapid when watched day to day, but in the decade of years ahead the change will be great enough to awe the most staunch skeptic. And if anyone thinks ten years is a long time in history, let him count off how quickly the last ten years of his life flicked by.

Changes are wrought by works and work is the result of effort. An herculean effort is now in progress which will eventually effect all our lives, regardless of our station. It is the most costly, most expansive, and most dedicated attempt ever undertaken by man. It is only starting, but as some success is encountered (if there is to be success) velocity and magnitude of the attempt will be felt in every facet of modern human society. Even real estate will be affected, for already Congress has introduced legislation to control property if man walks on "land" other than terrestrial. Once space travel is accomplished or possible, the change in religious and sociological attitude can be likened to an upheaval. Virtually every deep-rooted concept and code of man's existence can be challenged. For this reason I watch the space program very closely and learn all I can about the people involved directly in it.

Very much involved are seven certain men and their wives. These men are becoming known as the astronauts. Basically they are jet plane pilots, the best in all America, now undergoing intensive training to prepare them for trips into the fringes of space. The trips will get longer and longer until they touch the moon, other planets, and beyond. This is the plan, but how do the people in it feel about it?

There are religious sentiments involved, for the men and their wives have mentioned this aspect and discussed the religious ques-

tion with their advisors. One couple in particular, claims religion plays an extremely important role in their lives. Their minister has assured them there is no religious reason why man should not explore space. Another wife attests she would rather have her husband in space than on the sea. This is certainly symbolic of change. Men (and women) have grown so in technological confidence they would brave the unknown, limitless void rather than the comparative safety of the earth's oceans.

But more in keeping with our subject of change is the enthusiasm expressed by a grandmother when she learned of her grandson's participation in the space program. A pioneer herself in the last century, she was an early settler in California. Giving her opinion in new-found exuberance, she considers space the new frontier. This is the change that will take place in people — they will consider space "the west," "the colonies," "the expedition." A marked difference is noticeable between these endeavors and the space effort, however. They were conquerable; space is too much for man to master but he will lose himself trying.

As he tries, the world will change. More and more resources, along with manpower, will be poured into the development of means to get to other worlds. Fine works, art, culture, in fact all of the refinements of civilization will be secondary to the effort of getting away from earth. And all of this will not be good for man in relationship with God.

It will be all but impossible to teach the young that the God of the Bible is also the Supreme of all the universe. One can even predict that man will believe he can escape God if he gets away from where all the Bible stories happened. Indeed, the experiences of Christ and the Prophets will seem a long way off when the daily conversation is in light years of speed and distance. More and more God will become the occupant of some far off galaxy and "finding God" will become not a spiritual invitation but a challenge to man's stage rockets and technology.

A decade, or two, will produce a changed world. One thing will not change: God. Once before man built his tower heavenward with mortar and brick; a move from Him stopped the work. Now, as a new "tower" rises with satellites and space station, we wonder if He will move similarly. It remains to be seen if He is pleased or displeased with the changes in the creatures of His likeness.

## LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Brother Editor:

There is a sign in the Detroit City Hall that reads: "The Lord is that Spirit; And where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." We have the Liberty Bell; we have the Statue of Liberty for every one to look upon when they enter our shores. The constitution gives us Liberty and freedom of worship. Our President stands for freedom and Liberty of all Nations.

The countries that are held down under bondage and slavery are those nations that are not allowed to read their Bibles. In dark Africa they have more freedom than some nations that are supposed to be Christian, but hold their people in darkness and bondage.

Jesus said whom the Son sets free is free indeed. The truth shall make you free; Paul said, Am I not an Apostle, am I not free? We are not children of the bond woman but of the free. Paul said, pray for us; that the word of the Lord may have free course. Peter said, for so is the will of God; that with well doing ye might put to silence ignorant men; as free; not using your liberty as a cloak of maliciousness; but as servants of God.

The first week in the hospital they had me strapped down in bed with each arm tied to the sides of the bed with the blood pressure apparatus on one arm and giving me medication to hold my blood pressure at a safe level on the other; when I would come to and feel those straps on me I would try to break them, for I felt I was surely under bondage; even though it was for my own good. O, it is wonderful to feel free. No one was allowed in to see me but the family; after five days, and not showing much improvement, Rusty, my son told the doctors that rules or no rules, he wanted two of our ministers in to anoint his father and the Dr. told him he would have to take the responsi-

bility if anything happened to me. Bro. Jim Lovaivo and Bro. Bob Watson, Sr., came and anointed me at noon on Friday and at three o'clock that afternoon my blood pressure held its own for the first time and my arms were untied and I was allowed to move them a little and believe me, it was a wonderful feeling. The doctor told me I would go home this week; thank God.

While I have been recuperating I had much time to think about the Church when you and I came in. It is forty eight years for me and it must be over sixty for you. There have been many things bothering me and one is the difference in the Spirit of rejoicing; and the liberty to give vent to our feelings as it once was.

Jesus said rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you but rather rejoice that your names are written in Heaven. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said; I thank Thee Father that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. I believe the Lord gave vent and rejoiced in the spirit and expressed Himself aloud. Luke 9:37: "And when He was come nigh even to the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice; for all the mighty works that they had seen."

Luke 19:39: "And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him; Master rebuke thy disciples and He answered them and said, I tell you that if these would hold their peace the stones would cry out."

Peter said to the lame man: Look on us; silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee. And he leaped up; walking, and praising God. And the people were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened." But instead of Peter taking any Glory he said, "Why marvel ye at this or why look on us, as though by our own power or Holiness we had made this man to walk. Giving God all the Glory for it belongs to Him."

As ministers of God we are commanded to anoint the sick and the prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise them up; how important it is when any one is healed under the anointing of the ministry that we all should praise God and give Him the Glory realizing we are only channels through which God does His own work; and this should make us very humble rather

than boastful or feeling our own importance, for it is us who need God, not Him that needs us. As He told the Pharisees; "if these would hold their peace, the stones would cry out." So we must praise and Glorify God always for His wonderful works and for all that He does for every one of us. It is my belief He is displeased with us when we fail to give Him all praise and Glory for it belongs to Him only. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

We read where Jesus healed ten lepers and only one came back to give Him thanks. Jesus said, "Were there not ten? Where are the nine?" Many times we take our blessings for granted and neglect to thank Him for the blessings we receive every day. We should begin our days with praise and end them with thanksgiving.

We still have seasons of refreshing but it grieves me to see creeping in causes of divisions rather than unity among people of God. Here again God will do His own work; for He said He will turn and over turn until He would have a people that would do HIS WILL; my prayer is that I might be in that number; and I am sure it is the desire of all the honest in heart everywhere. David said, "Let every thing that hath breath Praise the Lord." Paul tells us there are diversities of gifts but the same spirit; there are differences of administration but it is the same Lord; there are differences of operation but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. No two people are alike; so God in His wisdom knew no two people would operate the same; administer the same or manifest the spirit the same. Many times I have enjoyed the blessings of God when it was only a small still voice and I would rejoice in my soul and there have been times when some outward manifestation was given in the spirit and I would rejoice with them also. The liberty we receive in the Gospel does not give us the right to deprive any one of the same liberty in their worship; regardless of how they may give vent to the spirit; as long as God is being praised.

Why should the people of God who is the keeper of their souls. Paul said to the Galatians: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you unto the grace of Christ unto an-

other Gospel. Which is not another; but there are some that trouble you and would pervert the Gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached let him be accursed. Oh foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you?" Apparently there were some in the church that were teaching things not taught by Paul; and were bringing them under bondage. Paul said: "This only would I learn of you; Received ye the spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish having begun in the spirit are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

Joseph Smith was commanded to rely upon that which was written. I believe if we would all abide by the word that is written and submit our will to His, we would advance more rapidly than we are. We waste so much time trying to get our own way; that the spreading of the Gospel is hindered.

I'll write oftener since I am not allowed to do much else. Please pray for our work here in Anaheim. We would love to see you in Calif. soon. May God richly bless you is our prayer.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
Jimmy Heaps

#### A THANKFUL HEART

by Darrell L. Ridgeway

God of the winds, the snow, the rains,

The tides that fall and rise,  
The Painter of the vales and plains,

Lamplighter of the skies;  
Thou who hast made the land and sea

And holdest each apart,  
Wouldst thou but grant me this one plea:

Give me a thankful heart!

Giver of calm in time of strife,  
Giver of balm in pain;  
Thou who alone canst give of life  
And right all things amain;  
Thou who gavest love that wooed  
And drew this soul apart;  
That I might show my gratitude:  
Give me a thankful heart!

God of the atom and its power,  
Wise keeper of the time;  
Guider of men when dark the hour,  
Giver of peace sublime;  
Giver of faith that sees the way  
Though heaven and earth depart;

Thou who hast given all, I pray:  
Give me a thankful heart!

—Home Life



## The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Dear Boys and Girls,

We would like to share the Gospel News with you. The editors thought it would be nice for you to enjoy it too.

I am going to tell you a story about Jesus and a lad. This story is one of the many miracles Jesus performed. Many, many people had come to hear Jesus. When Jesus saw them he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people?" Philip answered that two hundred pennyworth of bread would not be enough to feed them. But Andrew, one of the crowd with five barley loaves and two small fish. Andrew knew this would not be enough to feed the people but he told Jesus. There was much grass there so Jesus told the people to sit down. There were about five thousand men. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish and gave thanks. The disciples passed the food to all the people. There was enough for everyone! Jesus told them to gather all that was left that nothing be lost. The disciples did as Jesus asked and there was enough left to fill twelve baskets. When the men saw this wonderful miracle they said, "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world."

I think this story is like the Gospel today even after we have tasted of it there is still plenty for everyone to enjoy. If you can read your Bible maybe you would like to find this miracle. It is in the New Testament, the book of St. John, chapter 6. Ask Mother to tell you some of the other miracles Jesus performed.

Next month I will tell you another story. It is about a baby. His name starts with J. Do you know who it is?

Numbers to Know . . . . .

### BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How many stones did David put in his bag when he went to kill the giant?

4 - 5 - 8

2. Which day did God bless because he had rested from all his work?

first - fourth - seventh

### BOOK OF MORMON QUESTIONS

1. How many vessels, or barges, was the brother of Jared commanded to make?

8 - 4 - 16

2. How many stones were used to light these barges?

16 - 10 - 8

See if you can find the answers to these questions. The Bible tells us to "Search the scriptures," (St. John 5:39). If you would like to send me the answers, my address is:

Sister Mabel

Box 72

Monongahela, Pa.

Tell me your name, age, and what branch of the church you attend.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

### AN EXPERIENCE

In my dream I found myself in the middle of a wheat field — in fact, as far as I could see in every direction was wheat. It was the color of Gold, the grains of wheat were as large as a small soup bean. The wheat was about 5½ feet tall. As I looked at the wheat it all bowed toward me as if to honor me.

I was very much troubled, for I knew it was ready to harvest, but I saw no one but myself, and I awoke. As I came out of my dream, I felt as though I had stepped on an electric wire—my whole body shook as if I had been shocked. I folded my arms to keep my body from shaking so hard, and I was weeping bitterly.

Signed, Sister . . . . .

P.S. Does this experience mean anything to us? To me, it should cause us to get down on our knees and plead with the Lord to send more workers into the vineyard. (Editor).

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The only comfort that counts is the comfort that results when we do something about the things that make us all uncomfortable.

### The Heart Speaks On:

#### LOVING THINE ENEMY

by Catherine Poma

"Ye have heard it said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.' But, I say unto you, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you . . .—Matt. 5:43, 44.

Of all the Lord's commandments, this is, perhaps, the most difficult to follow and fulfill, for every man walking down the street is not one's enemy . . . a man becomes an enemy to another when he is moved by hostile feelings with active disposition to injure; one who is an adversary, a foe; one who cherishes resentment or malicious purpose toward another; an antagonist; one who deliberately hurts another's person or feelings . . . and then, has no repentant heart or spirit; one who constantly, slyly or openly, maliciously tends to degrade or abuse another in the eyes of his fellow-man; one who deliberately attempts to malign another by calling attention to the other's faults or shortcomings, not to correct him, but solely to injure him, thus, by dwarfing the other's capabilities or accomplishments, he, himself, appears exalted by comparison. Oh, yes, Satan can enter into the heart of man and cause him to become a vicious enemy to his own brother, in the flesh or the spirit, whether by reason of jealousy or to satisfy his own ego, or possibly in consequence of a wrong, imagined or otherwise.

How, then, am I able to fulfill the scripture and, 'Love My Enemy? . . . In conclusion, the Lord's Prayer reads: "Forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who trespass against me." . . . All right, I will forgive; I will not seek vengeance or retribution; I will force myself not to HATE, if possible, but how is it possible for me to LOVE? Certainly, God knows I am human. I am not supernaturally endowed with grace and mercy as Christ was. Love, like hate, is not a passive emotion. It is not something that is done without feelings of the heart, as, raise your hand, smile, or even, swallow this capsule! Love and hate are powerful emotions and we actually have no control over them, that is, no physical control. We can no more halt the emotional turmoil that love and hate creates within us than we can prevent ourselves from coming

down with the measles, once exposed to them, merely by saying, "I will not contract the disease"; . . . unless given medical aid, you stand a likely chance of becoming ill with the measles, (save, if God intervenes).

Then, what could He have meant? Would He ask us — nay — command us, to do anything save He first found a way out to accomplishment. How, then, can He ask me to "love my enemy?" With all the turmoil of hate that automatically wells up within a person, when he has constantly been subjected to antagonism or ridicule by his enemy, how can one possibly "kiss him with a holy kiss" and appear to love one's enemy, without harboring hypocritical feelings? The Christian who wants to honestly serve God, detests the very appearance of hypocrisy — it is very distasteful to him — for if he indulged even slightly in being a hypocrite, he would feel terribly guilty, and, feeling guilty, he would become estranged from the presence of God's Spirit. So, the actual act of the handclasp, or the "holy kiss", is NOT the solution to fulfilling the commandment.

However, the thought or desire that may prompt such a demonstration may hold the key to unlock the mystery. If the thought behind the handshake is, "I do not love you, but, I shall try, try, try!" then, this is what I believe Jesus meant when he spoke those words. TRY to love your enemy, TRY to trample down the feelings of resentment and hate and anger, TRY to overcome the hate that wells up within you. But, try, HOW? Is it sufficient to say, "I shall TRY to love my enemy?" My own personal experience has been that it is not, in itself, enough. But, and now we come to the crux of it all, to the magic formula that SOLVES the problem — but, if we try WITH CONSTANT PRAYER to our God, begging Him to give us the strength to forgive and to love, all the while making the visible effort of forgiveness and love, then, this is NOT hypocrisy. This, rather, is what God wants and is obedience to God's word. Even while you are trying to forget your hurt, does a feeling of resentment creep up and try to smother the good effort? Quickly, turn your heart and mind to God . . . ask Him, beg Him to dispell the thoughts that would betray you.

Do not say, as I have heard said many times, "The Lord will

take care of my enemy," thereby implying that you hope God will avenge you; for then you will be seeking revenge and revenge and love are not synonymous, or in keeping with one another. Rather, ask Him to help you overcome your anger, your hurt, or your feelings of resentment. Ask Him to give you the strength to love and forgive; ask Him to give you the courage not to make any outward or visible display of your animosity toward your enemy, or the one you dislike, for such actions are contagious, a demonstration of dislike is immediately retaliated in like manner. To conceal these ungodly feelings while fighting them is NOT hypocrisy, for the hypocrite lies even to himself, and deceives his enemy by lulling him into a feeling of security, all the while cunningly devising schemes to avenge himself, or, "get even." But, the sincere Christian is constantly fighting a battle with himself, trying to conquer the hurt, trying to overcome the hatred or distaste that automatically springs up within himself; constantly forcing himself to keep from openly displaying his inward emotions that orment him, that fill him with guilt, until, finally, through God's help, through His Spirit and through one's own tremendous efforts, the antagonistic feelings begin to subside, God's Holy Spirit takes over and we are no longer carnally minded and are able to say as Christ did, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do," and thus, fulfill the text.

## OBITUARIES

### DENNIS MICHAEL RANDAZZO

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Dennis had been seriously ill for almost two years. He expired on September 23, 1959 at his home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He was the beloved son of a Brother Physician, Dr. Michael and Sister Rose Randazzo. He also leaves behind him a younger brother, Terrance Randazzo.

The service was conducted in the Vasu Funeral Home in Royal Oak, Michigan with Brother Dominic Thomas officiating assisted by Brother Reno Bologne. The service terminated in the mausoleum of White Chapel Cemetery, where Dennis is interred.

The faith and strength shown by Dennis through his suffering, along with the patience and love of his parents toward him, have been sources of blessings and inspiration for all who even touched the fringe.

Dennis was born on November 28, 1949. He was a child in age but showed a wisdom of the mature in his love for God. He clung to God in prayer in his hours of need and so God mercifully lifted this worn little spirit out of the ever ministering arms of his parents to the peace giving shelter of His own.

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### MARY D. ENSANA

Edison, New Jersey

The passing on of Sister Mary Ensana, wife of Brother Rocco Ensana, of Edison, N. J., came as a grieving shock last month. She succumbed unexpectedly October 27, 1959, in her home on Plainfield Avenue.

Sister Mary was a much loved and long standing member of The Church, being one of the first few in the New Jersey area. She was born in 1904 and married to Brother Rocco in 1921. Her baptism took place in 1926 and her faith has stood firm for more than thirty years.

Surviving Sister Mary's departure are: her husband, Rocco; a son, Anthony; two daughters, Mrs. George Funkhouser and Mrs. August D'Orazio. Also attending the funeral were numerous relatives, friends, and Brothers and Sisters in The Church, in such numbers that more than sixty cars were required.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by Gowen Funeral Home in New Brunswick. The services were presided over by Brother Samuel Dell, commencing at the funeral home, continuing at the Edison branch, and concluding in Van Liew Cemetery, the place of interment.

A real joy to Sister Mary was the fulfillment of seeing all her children, and their companions, in The Church. The parting of Sister Mary leaves a marked emptiness. She was mother, wife, counselor, sister. All who knew her loved her; those who met her recognized a saint of unshakable dedication. Our only consolation is in the words, "Til We Meet Again."

## Writings of

Benjamin Winchester

1841

(Continued from last Issue)

After Israel had groaned in bondage, in Egypt, four hundred years the Lord resolved to fulfill the promise made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that their posterity should inherit the land of Canaan; and in order to do it, He called out of the burning bush to His son Moses, and made known to him His intentions. Now, at this time the Lord had one of the greatest works to do that had ever been done since the time of the creation. The circumstances the children of Israel were in called for immediate interposition, not only of the power of God, but for His council. The Lord gave particular directions to deliver Israel from the Egyptians. Moses did not assume his commission, neither did he act upon those given to Noah, Abraham, or Joseph; but he received one for himself; not to build an ark to escape destruction in time of a flood, or to direct Israel to flee to Zoar to escape an awful conflagration, but to stand before Pharaoh, bring the ten plagues upon Egypt — to instruct the children of Israel in all things necessary for their safety — go before and lead them out of Egypt. Thus Moses had a different work from that of any other prophet. God gave revelations adapted to that great and marvelous work — that strange act.

But with all the revelations that were given to the Israelites, there was no entire new plan for salvation devised. "But," says one, "You astonish me. Was not the ceremonial law a new plan for the salvation of man?"

We answer in the negative. It was only appended to that which was delivered to the Patriarchs. Paul declares that this new law was not one of faith or righteousness. "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse of it" . . . etc. But that no man is justified by the works of law in the sight of God, it is evident; for the just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith; but the man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Wherefore serveth the law? It was added because of transgression. Added to what? To the gospel till the seed

(Christ) should come to whom the promise was made: it was ordained by angels in the hands of a mediator. Is the law then against the promise of God? God forbid.

"For if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law." — Gal. 3:10, 21. Paul in another place says it was a law of carnal ordinances. Peter said that it was a yoke, which was too hard for them, or their fathers to bear. From all these sayings we conclude that the law of Moses was no new plan of life and salvation; but because of the wickedness of the Israelites this law was added, which Peter said, was a yoke upon them. Thus we discover that all the revelations that were given so far, were not to make known another gospel; although they differed from each other according as the several works for which they were given required.

At the commencement of the Christian era, the Lord commenced one of the greatest works that He has ever performed since the beginning, as follows: First: God or Christ manifested in the flesh. Second: He sent John the Baptist as a forerunner to prepare the way, and proclaim the kingdom of God was at hand. Third: Christ being baptized and then inviting all to take up their cross and follow Him. Fourth: Choosing the twelve apostles, and then the other seventy, whom He sent before Him with a proclamation, also that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. Fifth: Him being crucified, or offered as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Sixth: The resurrection. Seventh: Establishment of His Kingdom. Eighth: The gospel preached to all the world. Hence He said to His servants, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Indeed, the principles of the gospel were known at the very beginning of the church. Yet the revelations that the apostles received were of major importance, for their temporal salvation, and the advancement of the cause of God. Most certainly He did not reveal another gospel. He revealed to them the place of safety at the time Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman army. He gave them instructions how to travel: where to go to preach with success, directed His servants to such places. The apostles, by the spirit of

prophecy forewarned the saints of the anti-Christ, and the great falling away. Yet all their revelations were not given to cause them to adopt some other doctrine, or gospel. Thus we discover that the object of new revelation from time to time, was to carry the purposes of God into effect. Tell me, O man! When did God ever do a work on earth without first revealing it to His servants the prophets, and when necessary employed them as instruments to do it?

"Surely," says the prophet, "the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secrets to the prophets." (Amos 3-7) "When there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." — Prov. 29:18.

Again, tell me, has the Lord yet any work to do on earth, or when the volume of inspiration was closed, did He cease to be a God to give instruction, and work miracles? If He does not do any other work on earth, woe be unto the inhabitants thereof. But perhaps the testimony of John will now come with force to the Mind of the reader: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people." Indeed according to the testimony of the Prophets, the Lord has one of the greatest works to perform as yet, that He has ever done since He spoke the word, and chaos heard, and the world rolled into order.

It is reported that many of the clerical order have concurred in stating that the Latter Day Saints preach a new gospel; and the reason why they make such a statement we conceive to be, first, because we believe that it is our privilege to receive revelations, as well as former day saints; and that we contend that revelations have been given, and men commissioned once more to preach the gospel; second, they have the nonsensical, unscriptural, and unchristian like idea that another revelation cannot be given without revealing a new gospel. We are often troubled with individuals who come to us of the same thing, and by doing so they display as much ignorance of the Bible and the designs of the revelation as any set of men we could mention.

Now, we positively deny that we preach any other gospel than that which Christ and the apostles preached. We make this state-

ment to correct the public mind of the erroneous idea that we do preach another gospel.

Why not believe that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever? Why believe He gave revelations to the apostles; and not today? Surely, he that lacks wisdom today, can ask God (who giveth liberally and abraideth not) and it shall be given him. See James 1:5.

Indeed, nothing could be more plain, and explicit from the Bible than that God has one of the greatest works to do in these latter days, that He ever done; and if the prophecies are true, miracles and revelations will be given, such as will be adapted to the great work of God. The gospel must be preached to all the world as a witness that the coming of the Lord is nigh. Israel must be gathered, Zion built, and, in a word the way prepared for the appearance of the Messiah. But, Oh, the deep rooted blindness, and superstition that is so interwoven with traditions of so many who profess Christianity! Hath not the prophets declared that the last days shall be the greatest days for miracles, and revelations that ever were? We answer in the affirmative.

P.S. Benjamin Winchester who was presiding elder in Philadelphia at about the time Joseph was slain, evidently was a very capable man. In the confusion that followed the death of Joseph, he aligned himself with Sidney Rigdon. — WHC.

### THE JOY OF WORK

by Sister Murial Miller

The joy of doing one's work well is the purest, least diluted, most permanent, divine and abiding joy of which a human is capable. Work is one of the main factors in the paths to success. Work usually makes up the largest part of life, thus think now, this is your chance. If one does not work, his time is wasted, if he does not think, the quality of his work stagnates, and retards one's individual progress. Work while you have a chance to work, thus leaving to others the stupidities, and vanities that do not count. Without work, many a man or woman has thought, he or she was think about themselves, when they are not enticed by the call of work, to do something for the world in which they are living. Work dis-

peis discouragement, because it turns consciousness, littleness, and loneliness from our paths, and lights up the way before us, of possible achievement. To find one's work, is to find one's place in the world. Loyalty plays a big part, in the life and work of all of us. Work most worth while is done for eternity. It enters into character building, when it is done for God. When God wants us to do important work for Him, He does not call the idle. He calls those who already are busily engaged in useful service. What a need there is in the Lord's Vineyard for real workers, intelligent, determined, sacrificing workers. Jesus was so impressed, with the whitened harvest-fields, that He appealed to His disciples to pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest. Ever since that appeal, there has been an employment bureau open, from which no one need be turned away. God was calling for workers then. He is still calling for workers now, and while He wants skillful workers, He mostly wants willing workers. Whoever we may be, He can help us do something worthwhile for Him, whatever may be the nature of the work allotted to us. As laborers for God, we must strive to work earnestly, and whole-heartedly, not as unto men, but as unto God. We must give the best to our work. It is dependent upon the try, try again spirit, and is done by those who grit their teeth, in the face of difficulty, disappointment, and persecution, and push steadily on with confidence in themselves, and faith in God, to bring them out all right, eventually. A winner never quits, a quitter will never win. "I ought to do something for Jesus, I ought to do something today. The harvest is great, and the laborers are few, Lord. Let me do something, I pray."

### INDIAN TERRITORY

by Brother T. D. Buccì

I have always been interested in the Indian people, even during my school days and more so since my conversion in the restored gospel. The Book of Mormon, which is a record of the ancient American or the forefather of the American Indian, which also contains the fullness of the gospel. This record came to us by an Angel of the Lord, and translated by the Gift and the power of God. We are not affiliated with the Mormons or any latter day fac-

tion. We are an independent organization, having the power and authority by revelation and succession after the death of Joseph Smith. We hold the Bible and the Book of Mormon as divine records. The Book of Mormon has been misrepresented. It is some times associated with polygamy, which is a gross error. Let me quote one passage out of the Book of Mormon: "Wherefore my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none." Language could not be any plainer. There are other scriptures in the record to support this. The book containing the origin and destiny of the American Indian, thus the interest of this church to convey this message unto them. I'm afraid that we have been somewhat slack in this respect. I hope and pray that the church will put forth more effort in this matter, which is of great importance. The church has had many revelations concerning this mission. Let's get behind this. It's later than you think. Great and marvelous are the things that are in store for the house of Israel and the American Indian for they are of the house of Israel.

The state of Oklahoma has been designated over a hundred years ago as the Indian Territory. The act of congress in 1830 called "The Removal Act" that all Indians east of the Mississippi should be moved to the west of the Mississippi. Not long after this the Indians of the south were driven to the Indian Territory, with much suffering and misery. Sometimes referred to as the trail of blood and tears.

After the turn of the century the Indian population began to increase. Mexico, Central America, and South America number into the millions, which reminds me of the words of our Saviour: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

I had learned some years ago, through an Indian friend, now deceased, that an Indian exposition was held in Anadarko, Okla., once a year. I often thought to myself what an opportunity to contact the Indian people. I was informed that thousands of Indians gathered there. So it became my desire to attend one. Perhaps do a little good in spreading the word.

This year I was informed by

the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the exposition would be held on Aug. 17 thru the 22. I felt inspired and determined to attend, if possible, that I might do some good. After making some inquiries and preparation, Brother Fred Musolino a member of Youngstown branch, who was baptized in the church in the month of Feb. 1958 at 4 below zero in Lake Erie after attending a meeting in Lorain, Ohio, volunteered to drive to Anadarko, Okla. Brother Fred is interested in the Indian work.

We left on Aug. 11 and arrived in Pawnee on the second day, which is north-west of Tulsa, Okla. Our purpose in Pawnee was to locate a family that had visited the home of Bro. Cadman in Sept. of 1958. Mr. Sid Joseph Moore. We went directly to the Post Office to inquire for the home address of Mr. Moore. We were told that Mr. Moore had not called for his mail for some time and did not know where he lived. A young Indian boy was in the post office at the time, I presume about 16, and I asked him if he knew Mr. Moore. He said he did but did not know where he lived. I asked him if he knew any-one that did and he said, yes, and took us to the home of Mrs. Blane Lee, a sister-in-law to Mr. Moore. After some conversation with her, she informed us that Mr. Moore was down in Anadarko, which I believe is over 200 miles from Pawnee. We then left some literature and the Book of Mormon with her and left for Anadarko.

Arriving in Anadarko late at night we got a motel room and rested, for it was a long, hard drive. The morning found us refreshed and ready to work. We began to contact Indian people and told them of our mission in Okla. We went to the Indian Camp, which was a little ways out of town and to our amazement and joy we saw hundreds of tents pitched in a large field. I presume that there were three or four thousand Indians camped there, which came from the western states. Many more attended the week of ceremonies, dances and activities.

We had no trouble in finding Mr. Moore and found him to be a very pleasant man and a wonderful person, that goes for his family as well. He was kind and respectful and helped us in many respects. We would go from tent to tent and informed them of the restoration and their origin, those

that were willing to hear. At times we would go into the little town and talked to those that would listen.

We were introduced to Mr. Robert Goombi of the Kiowa tribe, president of the exposition by Mr. Moore. Informing him of our mission I asked for permission to hold a religious service on Sunday morning. He asked me for my credential, which I showed him, and was given permission to hold the services. We then scouted around for a loud speaker or P. A. system, with no success, finally we learned of an Indian man at the camp that had one. After contacting him we rented it from him for five dollars.

On Sunday morning we were somewhat disappointed, for not too many attended the services, however many heard the preaching from their tents by the loud speaker. We had good liberty in expounding the word from the Book of Mormon. In our midst we had a lady writer Mitzi Humble Clem of San Antonio, Texas, doing research work on the Indian people for she was writing a book on them. We had an interesting conversation with her.

On Monday was the beginning of the exposition and there was a lot of activities, and on the following day we left for home. It is my profound hope that the church may become more active in the Indian mission work. In fasting, in praying, and what ever means are required. We hope and pray that what little effort we have put forth may some day bare fruit. Grace and peace be with all the Saints. Amen

## LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

From Windsor .....  
Dear Bro. Cadman,  
sideration in so many different ways from the saints. We endeavored to answer as many as possible, but have fallen behind the last couple of months. May we use the medium of the gospel news to express our humble thanks for all the kindness shown towards us.

May the Lord richly repay each and everyone with that substance that money cannot buy. Continue to remember us in prayer that we might always say, Lord, thy will be done.

Bro. Cadman, Joe has shown no sign of improvement. Much swell-

ing has left his legs, but there is much more in his stomach. There is more sign of a weakened condition, but he is able to walk to the bathroom and to the table to eat.

We are thankful to God for the strength He gives us daily and trust He will see fit to continue to be with us.

We trust that you and Sister Cadman are enjoying the best of health and that God will ever be your guide.

Love from your Bro. and Sister  
in Christ  
Joe & Hazel Collison.

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Bitner News .....  
Dear Editor:

The Lord has certainly been good too us in Bitner. We have had five baptisms here of late and several renewals. There has been several of our sisters hospitalized, but with God's help are well and home again with their families. Among them was our Primary S. School teacher, Karen Lowe.

The director of our Bible school, Naomi Cottom, along with the help of the other teachers conducted a Bible School for two weeks—and then they had a special meeting, telling and showing the parents what the children had learned. The S. School held its annual outing at Fick's Grove and we had a wonderful turn-out. We all look forward to these gatherings.

Bros. Joseph Calabrese and Tony Lovalvo from Detroit visited our Branch and everybody rejoiced with their presence. We also had a meeting at Bro. Thomas's home and we gained another brother and sister in our Branch of the church. God's spirit was present with us. We have had many visitors this summer and as you know, Brother Thomas is not too well and is handicaped with an affliction. He appreciates having you all come and visit us that can. The Lord has blessed him all his life. Again we welcome you all.  
Sister Bokulich.

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News from St. John Kansas.....  
Dear Brother Editor:

We wanted to let you know of the wonderful day the brothers and sisters of the St. John Mission spent together Sunday, September 20th. First in the morning Brother Cox and family of Salina and Sister Pallegi of Tulsa, Okla., and Sister Mary Rich, came for Sunday School and morning serv-

ices at the church, then in the afternoon the brothers and sisters from Wichita and the sisters from Lincoln joined us for the afternoon meeting. The ordinance of feet washing was attended to and the Lord's supper and then the meeting was turned over to the brothers and sisters for their fellowship service. A baby was blessed by Brother Jones of Wichita.

This was indeed a day of blessing for all of us and it was the first time in about two years that all had been in attendance at the same time. We missed very much the presence of Brother and Sister Giles who are making their home in Las Cruces, New Mexico while Brother Giles is in the army.

Those who spent the day together were: Brother and Sister Cox and boys of Salina; Sister Pallegi of Tulsa; Sister Teach, Sister Kunkle and Sister Hart and children and a friend from Lincoln; Brother Jones, Sister Maude Jones, Brother and Sister Wergin and Sister Amelia of Wichita. Sister Budge, Sister Smith, Sister Burnett, and Sister Eva Delp and Charley Delp of St. John. Sister Mary Rich and children of Great Bend. Brother Jones read for the scripture the 13th chapter of St. John.

The St. John Mission asked to be remembered in the prayers of the brothers and sisters that we may grow spiritually stronger and that our love may increase.

Sister Eva Delp

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Letter of News from California ....  
Dear Readers:

The saints of California greet you; Summer is now leaving us and that means vacations are almost over with. Truly I for one, am sorry to see this happen — as during the vacation season, many of our brothers and sisters have come to California to visit us. We got to meet many of the saints we didn't know previously.

I noticed each handshake and each greeting surely made me realize more how close we are in Jesus and that we are from the family of God. We had the pleasure of meeting brothers and sisters from Canada — Brother and Sister Otto Henderson and Brother and Sister Burges. We enjoyed their fellowship very much. The

wonderful preaching we heard from our two brothers was uplifting to our souls. It must be the love of God in our hearts for one another for our brothers to come so far to visit us. They could have relaxed at home or on a mountain top some place, but no, their desire was to visit the saints. It is the secret of fellowship—the love of Jesus that He preached about many years ago. The world seeks pleasure everywhere, while the saints visit one with the other.

Bro. Gramika from Detroit, with Sister Catherine, his wife, were out here. It was good to see them again. We always enjoy brother John's message from the pulpit. Brother and Sister Joseph Lovalvo came from Modesto to our Conference. He was also on his vacation and he was going to visit among our brothers and sisters who live far from the church. I am sure his visit will be well spent. Many saints visited us out here in California this summer from all parts of the States. May God bless them.

I am happy to say that the Church Bldg. of the Mission in Anaheim is almost completed. Bro. George Heaps says it will be soon that we will be holding meetings in it. It has been a slow process for not too much help has been given from the brothers in labor for one reason or another. There are not too many brothers out here in Anaheim, so it has been going slowly, but with the help of God we hope to complete it soon and hold our services in, and we start to invite our friends and neighbors in to our meetings. We are now holding our meetings in Brother Spata's home and we are crowded. We pray that we will see the building filled with God's people. Many dreams has God given us concerning the Anaheim building which insures us that God will bless us with many souls. Remember us in your prayers always.

I am sure that many of you are wondering about Bro. James Heaps — for you must have heard that he was a very sick man. We almost lost our brother with a heart attack. I am happy to say that since two of our brothers went to the hospital and anointed him he started to get better and praise God he is home now. The Drs. were amazed as he should have been dead for his condition

was such that a slight move might have caused his death. We know in whom we have believed. We praise God for sparing brother Heaps a little longer. He knows we need Bro. Heaps. God knows we need him here in Anaheim Mission to help his son George. I pray God will bless you all everywhere. Remember us in your prayers. Sister Sadie Nicosia.

### EDGAR A. GUEST

#### Real Housecleaning

Say, brother, do you ever clean house—

Not with mop or with broom—

Do you ever look into yourself  
As a woman looks into a room

And notice the flaws in your work,

And the various stains on your soul,

Then begin cleaning house, as you should,

And make a fresh start to your goal?

Clean house with yourself, and wash out

All the imprints of envy and scorn,

And let your eyes sparkle once more

Like the dew-jeweled grasses at morn.

Rub out all the stains and the grime

Of the struggle for riches or fame;

Rub out the conceit and the pride,

And remove the dead ashes of shame.

Clean house with yourself!  
Carry out

All the useless ideas that you find;

Why lumber your soul with dead things

Or with old-foggy notions your mind?

Start afresh in this battle of life,

With a body internally clean;  
For, what are all outwardly charms

If your soul isn't fit to be seen?

Life does not require us to make good; it asks only that we give our best on each new level of experience.



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## CHRISTMAS ECHOES

A backlog of Christmas memories  
Shine in the firelight glow;  
Flooding my heart with longing  
For joys that I used to know.

The laughter of little children  
Around the Christmas tree;  
The practicing of carols  
For the "fest" that was to be.

The fragrance of cookies baking  
The stockings that had to be  
hung;  
The happy bustle of Christmas  
Gives joy to old and young.

Dear mothers who are busy  
In all these happy ways;  
Thank God for the sweet  
memories  
You'll treasure all your days.

by Mary Ostling

## BROTHER FRANK WOOLEY WELCOMED HOME

"I wish I could have stayed longer," were about the first words Brother Frank Wooley said as he came through the gates of the Youngstown airport on Thursday, October 15th. A number of Brothers and Sisters along with Brother Frank's family greeted him joyously on his return from the land of Italy.

On Sunday, October 18th, Brother Frank opened the morning services and not fully recovered from a recent illness, we all rejoiced to hear his voice once more. In the afternoon before attending our feet washing ordinance three brothers were ordained teachers in the Youngstown branch. They are: Brother Don Pandone, Brother Joe Manes and Brother Richard Santilli. The newest member of Brother and Sister Brown's fine family was also blessed.

A very full and satisfying day was enjoyed by all. May God bless Brother Frank Wooley, who will be 80 years of age in November, for his unselfish love of our Lord Jesus Christ. May he be an inspiration to many of our younger brothers, that they may desire to go forth to all nations, kindreds and tongues, preaching the gospel with power and authority.

## TWO KINGS

from

JACOB and ESAU

by Sister Amy Martin

How great can be our small mistakes! When Esau gave his birthright in exchange for food, he might have only been thinking of his Father's lands, servants and cattle. He may have forgotten the promise of God to Abraham that were also a part of his heritage. Hebrews 12:16-17 tells us 'lest there be anyone like Esau who sold his birthright for a morsel of meat and afterward was rejected, when he would have inherited the blessing, for He found no place of repentance, though He sought it carefully with bitter tears.'

Now in later generations, we see two KINGS from Jacob and Esau and a part of the promised Blessing—JESUS in whom all nations of the earth would be blessed—for He was "A Light to lighten the Gentiles and a Glory to Thy people Israel." And now today, we celebrate the birth of Jesus—The Son of God, of the tribe of JUDAH, who was the son of JACOB. Pilate very truthfully wrote over our Saviour's cross—"Jesus; KING OF THE JEWS," even though Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world."

Now Herod, the King, was of Idumean origin, also called Edomites, of whom ESAU was the fore-parent. The terrible acts of bloodshed which Herod perpetrated in his own family, as well as others, including the slaying of the infants, which was in great contrast to the LOVE, MERCY AND PATIENCE which was shown by our LORD, THE KING. Herod, the King, being sure his death would be the cause of joy and not sorrow in Israel, therefore to be sure there would be much mourning at his death, he imprisoned the heads of the most eminent families in Judea; leaving orders that they be executed at his death. But they were set free.

When JESUS, THE KING, was born, even the angels rejoiced. And all through His life on earth, He was the one who suffered for mankind—suffering even unto death. And there were no hired mourners, but even the heavens were darkened and BLEAK indeed

were the hearts of his followers, for as yet, they did not understand that He must die and rise again. And now, after almost two thousand years have passed, HIS BELOVED NAME is still spoken with reverence and love by millions.

And HE still lives and rules in the hearts of as many as will HEAR and OBEY. For the KING, by His death prepared the way that all mankind might be set free from sin and death. It is sad indeed that HIS PRECIOUS NAME is many times used lightly and many times profanely—to curse; when God meant it ONLY FOR A BLESSING, and there is no other name under Heaven, whereby We can be saved.

## The Lord Is Blessing His Labourers In California

by The Editor

My wife received a letter from one of the sisters in the church just recently, and in it she relates an experience that she had, which I think would be good to pass on. I hope the sister will not feel that I am overstepping my bounds—for after all the experiences of one another may serve a good purpose to us all. The sister had been having a struggle in order to keep on going.

She says: "One Morning—Jan. 1959 I had prepared myself to go to work. I locked my door and walked out of the house. The day was a beautiful one—the sky was very blue—clouds billowy white and it was warm. I looked up into the sky and I appreciated the beauty and I spoke and said: 'O Lord if I could see your Face. I would be so uplifted.' I longed to see Jesus' Face.

Instantly—there was a stillness, I heard a soft, sweet voice. It didn't startle me—it was a soothing, penetrating voice. It spoke in my ear, it said: "Why do you want to see my face? To see my face would only bring a 'moment' of joy. You know I died for you—what mother, father, sister, brother, husband, child or friend would die that you may live? I died that all mankind would have Salvation." I don't want you to remember my face—I want you to remember my 'Hands'—remember the scars were made that you may

live." The blessing was great—I shed tears for one half hour, for I had 15 minutes to walk to the bus—then, when I got off the bus, I had to walk to the school where I work.

The Lord spoke to me and taught me for the full time—I asked questions and He answered me. I learned in that half hour, what I could not have learned in a lifetime.

One question I asked was: "Lord you knew times were going to be worse and the Devil was going to try and deceive us; the prophets said these things—but like Paul, Peter, James and John—they wrote books for us. Why didn't You write a Book also in the Bible to warn us more, it would be so helpful?" Quickly the answer came—"Why I need not write a Book—I am with you—I'm just a *Prayer away*. All you need to do is ask—and it shall be given you."

I asked: "Lord your church is the right church I know—but why shouldn't it be strong, attended more regularly, why is it taken so lightly? The Lord answered and said: "Picture a ladder—on top of the ladder, put up there what you want *most*. Do you want to be a Doctor, a Lawyer, a Teacher, a Nurse—or do you want me on the ladder? To get what one wants, he studies, does research, puts many hours in—does extra outside activities to help out his ambition—he works and works until he is exhausted—and then after all his hours of toil, tired he may be—he has attained his *degree*. That is like the Gospel of Jesus—It's how bad or how much one wants his degree."

Dear sister Cadman this experience was for me. It was a long one and I learned much—everything was so plain—so easy. I do love Jesus more than anything and I do want to put Him first. We have started a Ladies' Circle. The Lord has blessed us so much. We have a *Project*, we saved clothes for the Mexican Mission, and four carloads of our Circle Sisters went last Sunday and spent the day with them—we ate with them and fellowshiped with them. Here in San Diego a Spanish young lady was baptized. Her testimony was—that she came to know our people and God through our Ladies Circle.

P.S. Dear Sister do pardon me if I have overstepped my bounds in publishing a part of your letter in the Gospel News. You wrote it to my wife, and as it was in the days of the Apostle Paul and his

coworkers—so it is today, our sisters are having wonderful experiences in their labors, and are becoming teachers of good things, even as in the days of old—and may the Lord bless you sisters in San Diego, Calif., and not only broaden the field of your activities—but may the Lord multiply your talents, and send you more helpers in the field of Golden Grain—which is so ripe and *should be harvested*. Jesus said: "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."—continue to hold or lift Him up to the Mexican people as well as all others. And may God bless you all. I like the scripture wherein it says: "That God is the same yesterday today and forever." He will bless our sisters today—even as in days of old in their labors, and if *we* want to sit in an easy chair—I imagine He will let us sit. Again, may God bless my sisters. Sincerely, your brother, Editor.

### Ordinance of Washing Feet

by Dominic Moraco

The Church of Jesus Christ is among the very few denominations in the world, if indeed not the only one, which implements the ordinance of feet washing as instituted by Christ.

In fact, by many this ordinance is spurned, misrepresented and ridiculed as is no other saying of Christ recorded in the gospels.

It is quite evident in the account given by John (John 13:2-17) that feet washing was instituted by Christ as a regular church ordinance just as much as baptism and sacrament. It was an express command. "Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet; for I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you . . ."

When He went down into the Jordan and was baptized He gave them an example—when He broke bread in the upper room, He was giving them an example to be observed and followed not only by the members of the Priesthood, but by the entire church membership. The same is true of feet washing. We find in at least one instance where it was observed in the Apostolic church: In Paul's writing to Timothy relative to certain conditions under which widows should be taken under the financial care of the church and provided for, he says she should

be "Well reported of for good works, if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she had **WASHED THE SAINTS' FEET . . .**"

The question may be posed as to why this ordinance is not mentioned in the Book of Mormon. We must realize that the Book of Mormon is not intended to serve as an exact duplication of the Bible in every detail.

The ordinance of feet washing, like other gospel ordinances, is intended to teach us some important lessons. In the first place, it shows us the meaning of real humility. It sets forth our position of equality in the church, showing that we are all Brothers and Sisters in Christ belonging on the same common level. Jesus Himself, our Lord and Master bowed to wash the feet of His Brethren; how much more then we should wash one another's feet.

Looking back over my 22 years in the church, I can recall many wonderful feet washing services where the blessing of our God was showered upon us bringing to fulfillment the words of Christ: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." May each brother who has fully surrendered to the Restored Gospel, matterless of the position he may hold in the church, always feel humble enough to wash his brother's feet. May each sister so love her sister in Christ that she can always feel sufficiently humble to wash her sister's feet. In the last great day our Lord will say, "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done each of us the courage to prove all it unto me. May God grant unto things and hold fast to that which is good."

### STRENGTH

by Margaret Heaps

Have you felt the surging power  
Of HIS Spirit; in your breast?  
In the midst of trial and turmoil  
Has your soul sweet peace and rest?

Or do Satan's darts upset you,  
Or do you stronger grow  
With each trial, when you are  
tested  
Does your metal brighter glow.

For it is gold, that stands the  
fire;  
And it is pure thru and thru;  
It is this the Saviour wishes  
To be found in me and you.

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Readers:

On a recent visit I made to a part of the vineyard, one of my brothers invited me to go to a hospital with him to visit a sick sister. I went with him, it was a large institution and like all others of its kind, was well filled up with afflicted people. On entering the room of our sister we found her very cheerful and contemplating returning home soon. It was pleasing to find her so pleasant, and she seemed very glad to see us. After a short visit we bade her good bye.

On leaving the building, my brother drew my attention to a large sign that was on the outside door. It was so unusual that I took a pencil and paper and copied it off. It is as follows:

#### VISITORS PLEASE

#### DO NOT

Enter hospital in "too" casual clothes.

If you appear wearing:

Shorts or Beachwear

Strapless or Low-cut Dresses

You will be asked to leave.

(Signed) The Administrator.

Civilization (advancement in social culture) seems to be on the wane in this age of time. It certainly does not speak well for us, when a sign like the foregoing has to be placed on a hospital door, and I feel certain that the Administrator would not have done so unless there was a just reason for it. I wonder why there is not a ban placed against smoking in the hospitals. Not long ago I visited a hospital and was in a small ward where there were four beds. One of our church members (a sister) was a patient therein. As I sat by her bedside, I observed that visitors as well as patients were smoking cigarettes—the room was blue with smoke—very unpleasant for a well person, much less a sick one. During the confinement of the sister in this institution, she was affected very much by the smoke in the ward she was in. It looks as though there is nothing much that a non-smoker can do about it, especially in a hospital. But if smokers have no regard for Institutions which are provided *wholly* for caring for the unfortunate—they should at least have some consideration for the inmates therein, and do their smoking on the outside and not in sick rooms. The man or the woman that will persist in smoking in a hospital, creating unpleasant conditions for sick people—certainly has no regard for the teaching of Jesus Christ, wherein He teaches us "to do unto others as we would be done by, and love our neighbors as ourselves."

Sometime ago I stopped in a restaurant for a meal and I noticed the following sign posted therein: "Please do not smoke, there might be a gentleman present." Notices of that kind used to be posted in behalf of our fair ladies—but not anymore. A few years ago we had one of our Nigerian native brothers over here on a visit—and in his country they, as a rule, are very scantily dressed—not having clothing to cover their nakedness as they should have. The sights he saw in this land so long civilized, no doubt gave him much thought. And may I ask, "Civilization! Civilization, to where has thou taken thy flight?" To the true followers of Jesus Christ, wherever you are: Watch Your Step.

### WHICH ARE YOU?

From the beginning of time, good deeds have always been recognized, if not at the time of actual performance, perhaps years later, or even after the good-doers themselves have deceased. Having thought upon the subject of GIVING for several days, I have come to the conclusion that in all ages of time there have been two classes of people: GIVERS and RECEIVERS.

Givers can be divided into smaller groups: Those who give for the sheer joy of giving may be called HEART GIVERS and those who give purely as a matter of conscience may be called CONSCIENCE GIVERS.

Those who give because it is in their hearts to give and to do good, derive much joy in so doing and are rewarded by the wonder-

ful feeling it imparts. These HEART GIVERS will give to the point of sacrificing even all that they have for the sake of being helpful, and once having done this good, it is forgotten and unthought of. These can undoubtedly be called the true saints of God, for their hearts are good and pure. The HEART GIVER will not hesitate when a favor is asked of him. He is quick to answer, quick to give; he is pleased and happy to oblige anyone who might come to him for aid, whether it be in a monetary way or otherwise. The HEART GIVER *knows* that all he possesses has been given him of God. He gives wholeheartedly and without reservation, placing his own needs last.

The CONSCIENCE GIVER, on the other hand, wants to give because he knows that God is pleased with a person who gives, but,

when the CONSCIENCE GIVER gives of his substance, his heart is not in the matter. He gives for fear of the punishment God may administer to him if he does not give, or he fears he will make a bad impression if he refuses. The CONSCIENCE GIVER is never cheerful when he gives, though he might give the outward appearance of so being. He worries lest he be left wanting, needy. He dwells upon his future; he looks upon those around him, whether they give as he does. The CONSCIENCE GIVER often gives for the sake of appearance, to receive praise. He feels resentment because he finds himself in the position of *having* to give, perhaps more often than others, not realizing that God may have given him more and therefore should be more willing to share. (So many times, the person who has the

least does the most giving.) The CONSCIENCE GIVER often gives to receive remuneration or compensation of some kind. There is a motive to his giving, not realizing that God compensates all good sooner or later. (Cast thy bread upon the waters, and after many days it shall return.)

The CONSCIENCE GIVER is shaky, with misgivings in his heart, always in a state of insecurity, worrisome, somewhat selfish, inconsiderate of others at times. He gives, but always in fear of what might happen to him if he should reject a favor asked of him or if he refuses to give when it is in his realm to do so. The CONSCIENCE GIVER often reminds others of the good he has done to them and often demanding some kind of compensation for this.

The CONSCIENCE GIVER will often boast of the good he has done and derives some satisfaction out of knowing that he has done this good, and because it is really not in his heart to do good, he is forever talking about it. It is not so with the HEART GIVER, for he seldom, if ever, talks of his good deeds. He does not boast, nor does he seek recognition.

There is much that could be said about giving (see Romans, Chapter 12), because giving in itself does not only entail the giving of those things which are material. The entire Bible speaks upon giving in one way or another. Need more be said? Which, then, are you? a HEART GIVER or a CONSCIENCE GIVER? You be the judge.

#### The Heart Speaks On:

##### DISILLUSIONMENT

by Catherine Poma

Ah, Yes! What can hurt the heart and spirit more than to be disillusioned about anything or, more particularly, anyone? We are not referring to the ordinary every day things and people we encounter in our daily lives, for, on these we have not set our hearts, nor have we set up idealistic ideas or standards about them. We are speaking, more precisely, about the people we have learned to love, or about people that have already made a favorable impression on us.

If we like them, we immediately weave a figurative halo about their heads; we commence to imagine them free from defects, (according to our own standards of what constitutes a defect;) in other

words, we begin to fit them into the pattern of our own lives, believing that in a similar occasion, they would react as we would, under similar circumstances.

We definitely convince ourselves that our new found friends or brethren, are just about perfect; that they could not possibly do any wrong, especially to us, that they would never hurt us.

And, for a while, (the length of time varying from days to years, perhaps), our belief seems to be justified . . . and then, one dreadful, unhappy gloomy, disheartening day, we hear the resounding crash of the pedestal upon which we have set our friend! A word, an act, thoughtless, unkind, but, oh, so human, reveals the fact that they, too are possessed with human frailties, and have faults, perhaps grave ones.

Immediately, we become shattered, we lose faith in ALL human beings, we will NEVER again trust anyone, our very hearts ache within us . . . we are deep in the throes of disillusionment!

And then, we enter into a period of anguish, of withdrawal from everyone, of distrust, accompanied by spiritual weakness. This period, too, varies and it's length depends upon our capacity for prayer, for eventually, God's light will shine thru our gloom and will reveal to us this truth: our brethren ARE truly like unto ourselves; at times, the epitome of perfection, at times, VERY imperfect.

So then, in the future, shall I go along, blinding my eyes to ALL fault and error in my brother; shall I burrow my head in the sand, figuratively speaking, as the foolish ostrich does, so that I may be open to the disappointment and anguish that an attack of disillusionment brings? No! I will open my eyes to all the faults of my loved ones, as they are revealed to me, not in a spirit of deliberate probing, of searching, of trying to discover all the fault and error of my brother so that I may comment and pass judgment on them, but, rather so that I may know that they exist and learning to accept them, loving my brethren in SPITE of them. I must become aware that even as I constantly try to trample down and destroy my own imperfections, (with varied amounts of success), so must THEY too, be doing, else God would not bless them, as He appears to be doing, whether by healings or other manifestation of the Spirit, for I sincerely believe in all testimonies given, professing God's blessings.

Thus, by realizing that we are all imperfect and yet, all striving for perfection, I gradually am able to overcome the terrible anguish that generally accompanies disillusionment, and come to the understanding that only ONE is truly perfect, and that One, even Christ Jesus.

#### MY GRATITUDE

by Catherine Poma

God of my heart, I offer Thee  
Thanks for the things you've given  
me,

Altho, at times, I fail to see  
All of their worth and magnitude.  
Now, while my eyes are opened  
wide,  
Dear Lord, draw closer to my side,  
That I may unto Thee confide  
My gratitude.

Thanks for the dawn at break of  
day,  
That tears the veil of night  
away,  
And wakes me from my sleep, to  
pray

With greater love and strength,  
imbued;  
Thanks for a tree's tall majesty,  
As, arms outstretched, it beckons  
me,  
And blessed shade, it offers me,  
In gentle mood.

Thanks for the moon you've placed  
so high,  
To guide my feet, as I go by,  
And for the stars that ride the  
sky,

In bright resplendant multitude.  
Thanks for the lake, the brook,  
the sea,  
For all they hold to nourish me,  
And for the earth, who tenderly  
Prepares my food.

But, most of all, my glad heart  
sings  
For love the church of Jesus,  
brings,  
For when an angry sentence  
stings,  
No malice in our midst, is brewed.  
And, tho' a word may pierce the  
heart,  
As with an arrows pointed dart,  
No hatred shall remain to start  
The devil's feud!

Thanks for the love of family;  
For all Thy generosity,  
Accept these humble thanks from  
me,  
Tho they be simple, plain and  
crude.

Someday, dear Lord, when I am  
nigh  
Unto Thy throne, I'll surely sigh  
With perfect thanks, for then  
will I  
Have been renewed!

## The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"For unto us a child is born,"  
Isaiah 9:6.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Everyone is happy and busy at this time of the year. Some children know only the customs of the land but we who know the true meaning of Christmas are really blessed. I want to tell you of a very precious gift that was given to the world many years ago.

There was a young lady named Mary, called a virgin which means very good. An angel came to her and told her she would be the mother of a baby boy who was to be named Jesus. She was very happy. A man named Joseph was her husband. He had been told by an angel in a dream about the baby and he was to name him Jesus.

The king of the land sent word to all the people to go to the city or town where they were born to pay their taxes. Joseph and Mary traveled to a little place named Bethlehem. Many people were there. All the Inns were crowded. Mary and Joseph found a place to stay in a stable. While there the baby Jesus was born. Now in the same country shepherds were watching their flocks by night. The glory of the Lord shown around them and they were afraid. An angel appeared and told them a Saviour was born. They heard singing and looking up into heaven they saw many angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The shepherds were given a sign how to find the babe. He was to be wrapped in swaddling clothes and be in a manger. They praised God and went and found Mary and Joseph. The baby was lying in a manger just as the angel had told them. They went abroad and told everyone the wonderful news.

Now in the East a new star appeared in the heavens. Some wise men saw it and knew a king had been born. They followed this star, which went before them and stopped where the young child was. When they went into the house they saw Mary and the baby Jesus. They fell down and worshipped him. They brought treasures and gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Jesus was the precious gift from

God to the world nearly two thousand years ago. If you want to read this story look in the New Testament in Matthew chapter 2, verses 1 to 11, and Luke 2, verses 1 to 20.

There is an interesting story in the Book of Mormon found on page 350, Helaman chapters 14 and 15. It is about a prophet named Samuel the Lamanite. God told him to warn the people of their wickedness. They wouldn't let Samuel in the city to preach so he got up on the city wall. He told them that in five more years the Son of God would be born. A sign would be given of His coming. There would be great lights in heaven. The night before Jesus was to be born there would be no darkness and it would appear as a day. It would be like a day and a night and a day as if it were a long, long day. Also a new star would appear in heaven. Many people heard Samuel tell these things from the city wall. Those who believed were baptized. Many did not believe his words so they threw stones at him and tried to shoot him with arrows. The Lord protected Samuel and they were not able to hurt him. They tried to get Samuel but he jumped down from the wall and went to his own country where he preached to his own people.

Now five years had passed away since Samuel told of the sign of the birth of Jesus. People began to doubt the prophecy and said the time had passed. This caused an uproar throughout the land. The good people who believed Samuel were very sad and anxiously waited for that day and night and day that would be as one day. The wicked people set a day and if the sign wasn't given by that time they would put all the believers to death. There was a man named Nephi who went to God in prayer. He was very sad when he heard what the people were planning to do. The Lord spoke to Nephi saying, "Be of good cheer, for behold the time is at hand and tomorrow I come into the world." When the sun went down the same day Nephi prayed, there was no darkness. The people who did not believe were afraid

and fell to the earth. There was no darkness that night, but it was a light as midday. In the morning the sun arose as usual and all the people knew this was night while here in this land it the day Samuel had spoken about. A new star appeared too. Baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem at was day. Many more people believed and were baptized and peace was among them. These people we know today as the American Indians. They are descendants of Joseph who was sold in Egypt. Do you remember the angels sang peace in their song to the shepherds in the land of Judea? Jesus brought peace to all.

I hope when you hear these stories about Jesus you will understand more about this season of the year. If time has been rightly recorded this is the birthday of Jesus, our King.

### SEARCH The Scriptures

Did you enjoy hunting the answers to last month's questions? Here are the answers: See how many you had correct.

"Numbers to know," five stones; seventh day; eight barges; sixteen stones for light.

Our new questions are the names of trees. I will tell you where they are found and you find the names.

The first questions are in the Old Testament.

1. There were two trees in the Garden of Eden, Genesis chapter 2, verse 9.

2. In the tops of what trees was David to hear a going sound? II Samuel 5:24.

3. Deborah, a prophetess, dwelt under a ..... tree. Judges 4:5.

Look for the following in the New Testament:

4. Jesus saw Nathanael under a ..... tree. John 1:48.

5. There was a little man who could not see Jesus so he climbed a ..... tree. Luke 19:4.

6. The people took branches of these trees and went forth to meet Jesus. John 12:13.

I hope you are keeping the Golden Rule. Maybe you would like to read it in your Bible. It is found in Matthew 7:12.

I would enjoy hearing from you, if you want to send your answers.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel  
Box 72  
Monongahela,  
Pa.

## O B I T U A R I E S

### SADIE B. CADMAN

Monongahela, Pennsylvania

Sister Sadie B. Cadamn passed away at her home on November 18th, 1959, in the 82nd year of her life. She was born in McKeesport, Pa. on June 12th, 1878, the daughter of the late Enoch and Irene Soles Maines. On June 27th of 1901 she was united in marriage to W. H. Cadman and they celebrated their 58th anniversary in June of 1959. To this union four children were born, namely Mabel Bickerton of West Elizabeth, Ruth Mountain, Sara Vancik and Grace Landrey all of Monongahela. All, along with their father, are surviving. Also among the survivors are 12 grand children and seven great grand children. Two sisters also survive namely, Mrs. Della Logue and Miss Mabel Maines of McKeesport and one brother Frank Maines of New Kensington, Pa. The Maines and Soles families were among the pioneers of the McKeesport community.

Sister Cadman connected herself with The Church of Jesus Christ in October of 1902, and has been a very faithful worker in the church these many years. No doubt she will be remembered for her accomplishments for many years to come. Among her attributes are those of being poet, composer, writer and organizer. With God's inspiration she originated the Ladies Uplift Circle and presided as its presiden for a lengthy span. The Church hymnal abounds with pieces of her poetic and musical talent. Even in her last days with us she was engaged in compilation of a concordance for the Book of Mormon. In all her efforts and accomplishments, one of the greatest memories of Sister Sadie is that she was never known to raise up in anger.

She passed away on the morning of November 18th and was laid to rest in the Monongahela cemetery on the 21st by Bebout and Yohe Funeral Directors. Brother James Campbell was in charge of the services, while Brother Burgess of Windsor, Ont. delivered the oration over her silent remains. Services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ, in Monongahela.

Sister Cadman will long be remembered. May the Lord bless

us all in memory of her, as she was blessed with a portion of His spirit while she was with us.

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### LAWRENCE E. DUCKWORTH

Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Brother Duckworth of near Uniontown, Pa., died suddenly at his home on October 20, 1959 in his 51st year. He had been ailing for about two years, but death came sudden at last. He leaves his wife and two children along with his Mother sister Joseph Bittinger and several brothers and sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Joseph Shazer who was assisted by Bros. Furnier and W. H. Cadman from the DeCarlo Funeral Home in Uniontown. Interment in the Sylvan Heights Cemetery. — "Not till the loom is silent, And the shuttles cease to fly Will God unfold the canvass And show the reason why. — The dark threads are as needful, In the skillful weavers hand As the threads of gold and silver To the pattern that he planned." (Selected). May the Lord comfort Lawrence's wife and children—his mother and all who have been bereaved of their loved one. The deceased was a step-son of brother Joseph Bittinger.

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### PAULA KOETH

Warren, Ohio

Paula Koeth, 3 year old daughter of James E. and Sister Rita Molinatto Koeth, was taken from this life on Oct. 8, 1959, through an untimely accident. She was born Feb. 6, 1956, in Warren, Ohio. Besides her parents, she is survived by a brother David, her maternal grandparents, Bro. Pete and Sister Elizabeth Molinatto; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Koeth, of Greene. Funeral services were held at the Roberts Memorial Home. May the Lord bless and comfort her parsts and family.

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### WILLIAM C. DREER

Bro. Dreer was born Oct. 24, 1897, in Greenock, Penna. and passed from this life on Oct. 9, 1959, after a four-year old illness.

He leaves his wife, Sister Rose, three daughters; Sister Jean Genaro, Marjory Cero, and Doris Crandall; a son Raymond Dora-zio; a sister, Gertie Smith of Elizabeth, Penna.; and two brothers; Bro. Philip Dreer, of Kinsman, Ohio, and Edward Dreer, of McKeesport, Penna. also eight grandchildren.

Funeral services, held at the McFarland, and Son Funeral Home, were conducted by Bro. William Gennaro, and Bro. A. A. Corrado. Hymns "Someday He'll Make It Plain", and "O Paradise", were beautifully sung by Sister Phyllis Kuhn. A very comforting prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Cadman, at the Cemetery.

Bro. Chester, as he was known to all, was a very faithful brother, and was loved by all. We will miss him very much. May the Lord bless and comfort Sister Rose, and her family.

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### LORENZO SANTINI

Detroit, Michigan

Bro. Lorenzo Santini was born in Italy, August 10th, 1884, and came to the United States later. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, February 22nd 1931, at Branch #1. He passed on to his reward October 7th, 1959, a little better than his 75th year. He had been ill for a long time, but was patient in tribulation. He is survived by a cousin, Mr. Patsy Santini, of Monongahela, Pa. He remained a very faithful member of the Church to the end. Funeral services were conducted at the R. G. and G. R. Harri's Funeral Home, Saturday, Oct. 1th, 1959, by Bro. Anthony Scolaro. Interment at Gethsemane Cemetery. Our sincere prayer, is that God will comfort the bereaved.

### DEEPEST THANKS:

October 30, 1959  
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

We wish to express our thanks and deep gratitude to all our dear Brothers and Sisters for the many get well cards and gifts that were sent and given to our son Dennis, during the two years of his sufferings.

Our little boy died September 23, 1959. He would have been ten years old next month (November). He always looked towards



the future, hoping one day when he was old enough, he was going to be a "member in The Church of Jesus Christ." A few weeks after he died, he appeared to me in a dream and said, "Mother, look where they embalmed me but I'm not really dead." I realized when I had awakened that it was we who had yet to struggle for the true great living in that great beyond.

Our Brothers and Sisters have shown the true "Highlights" of this wonderful Gospel during our sorrow. We wish to thank all the Branches of the Church for their condolences and prayers. May God Bless You and your families always. — And Sister Betty, may God continue to bless you with that loving kindness you had towards Dennis and I. —

Your Bro. and Sister in Christ,  
Dr. Michael & Rose Randazzo.

#### LETTER FROM ITALY

9-29-59

Dear Editor:

I went to my home town on the 28th of August and a number of persons were awaiting me at the station. I did not recognize any one, nor did any of them recognize me. They expected to see me with wavy hair as I had when I left there thirty years ago. Another man arrived at the station just before I did by the same name as me, and they took him for me. I held seven meetings in my home town. The last one was so blessed, that after the meeting many stayed and asked me many questions—how we baptize and the duties of members. Since then I have received two letters and one person requesting baptism.

I came back to Reggio on the seventh of Sept., to get brother Wooly and then on to Fresinone where J. Ignagni had requested me to come. We held a meeting there on Sunday the 13th, with about 15 visitors. Sister Ignagni told me of an experience in which she saw me come to Italy—it gave me courage and strengthened my faith. Being close to Rome, and having two members there brother and sister Carrozza were glad to see us, and they gave us our dinner and wanted us to start a church in Rome. I then visited some of my cousins and I do have some very nice relations there. They were very good to us—fed and kept us, and said that if we would start a church there (Rome) they would be the first members.

I must say that I do have a desire to start a church there. We had promised the young people at S. Demetrio that we would be back there in Sept., so we left Rome on the 16th for that place. On arrival there, a sister whom I had not met before had an experience concerning us coming—in which she was told to come to the church on the Sunday—she did and she was healed of her sickness. Glory be to His Name. We performed a baptism the following day—brother Wooly officiating. Then we walked to Bro. Buonofiglio's home, it was a distance of 6 kilometers—it was hot and we got so tired that we just could not go any further — we were exhausted on arrival.

We held meeting on the 27th—(and from the account given by Bro. Mark they had an enjoyable time). It truly was an hour of rejoicing. The Lord God through His love, makes His appearance like He does in our meetings in the states.

I praise His Holy name and bless Him.

I miss my family very much—but I am thankful to God to be in His service. We will stay at S. Demetrio until after the October Conference. Continue praying for us.

Brothers Marco and Frank

#### - W E D D I N G -

Lovalvo - Bologna

San Fernando Valley in California is home to recentwed, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard James Lovalvo, which followed their honeymoon to Northern Michigan.

The couple exchanged nuptial promises on July 18, 1959, at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #2, Detroit, Michigan, with the Bridegroom's father, Bro. V. James Lovalvo, officiating, assisted by Bro. Joseph Milantoni.

"Because" and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung by Sister Dolores Thomas, accompanied by Sister Roseann Wood.

Vera Mae, daughter of Bro. and Sister Querino Bologna, chose white lace with tulle for her wedding gown.

The bride is a graduate of Allen Park High School. Her bridegroom, son of Bro. and Sister V. James Lovalvo, received his Bachelor of Science Degree at U.C.L.A. and is now in his second year of Medical School.

Leonard and Vera wish to convey their appreciation to the wonderful guests, who attended their wedding and reception in Michigan and their reception in California.

#### THE SABBATH DAY

by Bro. V. James Lovalvo

Is it Saturday, the seventh day of the week, or Sunday, the first day of the week? This has now become a very controversial question among Christian Churches, especially since the Seventh Day Adventist Church has come into existence.

They boldly proclaim that the Christian world is wrong in observing Sunday as the Sabbath instead of Saturday.

While it is true that among the Ten Commandments it is written, "to keep the Sabbath (Seventh Day) holy" I assure the reader that I have no intention to change the Law of God; yet it is my firm belief, founded on Scripture and Sacred History, that to observe Sunday, the first day of the week, as our Sabbath was approved by the Lord and was taught and exemplified by the Holy Apostles as well.

Jesus once said that He had come, not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it. (Matt. 5:17) Consider the statement well, for it is truly an important one. In no way was the Law and the prophets to be destroyed, for God's word is never destroyed, but it can be fulfilled. (developed, completed, etc.) And it was in Christ Jesus. He superseded the Law and the prophets by fulfilling them and did so in all their respective phases. The law of sacrifice was fulfilled in His Sacrificial death. Circumcision became the "circumcision made without hands", e.i. Baptism. The Passover became the "Lord's Supper". The law, "Thou shalt not kill" was superseded by the more perfect law, "Whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the Judgment" (Matt. 5:22) "Thou shalt not commit adultery" was superseded by "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart". (Matt. 5:28)

If the reader will study the 5th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, he will readily see how completely Christ fulfilled the Law.

In the Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi, 9:17, Christ says, "In me

is the Law of Moses fulfilled". The Bible tells us that Jesus preached in the Synagogues on the Sabbath day. I do not question this because He did come to fulfill the Law. Therefore, He was obedient, even to observing the Sabbath day. However, as His commandments superseded the rest of the Law, so I believe that the day of His resurrection (the first day of the week) superseded the old Sabbath day. (seventh day) This I shall endeavor to subsequently prove.

To complete or fulfill the Law does not destroy it, but rather enhances it by the more glorious teachings of our Lord, Jesus. Of the Sabbath Law, He once said that "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath". Note that the authority of Christ extends to the abrogation of the whole Law, including the Law of the Sabbath. This does not mean that Christ denies the divine law of the Sabbath, but boldly proclaims that He, as the Word of God made flesh, is the Lord of the Sabbath, even as He was Lord of all the Law and the prophets.

In Jesus Christ then we see a fulfillment of the Law, (including the Sabbath law) and the birth of a new Testament of which He was the Giver, Mediator, Instructor and Divine beginning. History gives us conclusive evidence that the Christians of the Apostolic days observed the first day of the week as the day of Worship and partaking of the Lord's Supper in commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ. This day, Sunday, the first day of the week was referred by the Apostles and the Christians as "The Lord's Day". The term, "The Lord's Day" given to the first day of the week (Sunday) unquestionably was used by the Apostles and Christians as attested to by Bible and History. In Acts 20:7, it is recorded "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, etc." 1st Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week" etc. Rev. 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day", etc.

Mosheim, in his Ecclesiastical History, Century II, Book I, Chapter 4, writes, "The Christians assembled themselves for the worship of God in private dwelling houses, in caves and places where the dead were buried. They met on the first day of the week (Sunday; and here and there on the seventh day (Saturday), which

was the Jewish Sabbath".

Observe that the historian emphasizes that the Christians met on the first day of the week for the "Worship of God". And this continued from then on. Notice that the seventh day is referred as the "Jewish Sabbath" and that the Christians met "here and there" on the Jewish Sabbath. But, most important, they assembled on the FIRST day of the week. (Sunday) Thus indicating that the first day was superseding the seventh day as the day for worshipping God.

Mosheim, in Book I, page 178, writes, "When the Christians celebrated the Lord's Supper, which they were accustomed to do on Sundays" etc. (He then describes the manner in which they administered the Lord's Supper) It had now become a custom to worship God and partake of the Lord's Supper on the FIRST day of the week. (Sunday) Some of the modern Theologians, who claim that the Sunday Sabbath is wrong, had better study the Word of God and Ecclesiastical History, all the more, for if we, who worship God on Sunday are erring, then the Apostles and all of the early followers of Christ were wrong. I do not think they were wrong, because they were, without a doubt, men endowed with Divine Inspiration. Surely, if they were erring, God would have put them straight on this question.

Justin Martyr, near the close of his "Apology", which he presented to Antoninus Pius, A.D. 150, gives the following account. "On the day, which is called Sunday, all, whether dwelling in the towns or in the villages, hold meetings; and the Memoirs of the Apostles and the writings of the Apostles are read. . . . We all commonly hold our assemblies on SUNDAY because it is the first day on which God converted the darkness and matter, and framed the world; and Jesus Christ, our Saviour, on the same day arose from the Dead."

Again note that as early as 150 A.D., the disciples are still meeting on the first day of the week plainly called by them, SUNDAY. The writer, Justin Martyr, compares the Resurrection of Christ, which took place on the first day of the week to God's conversion of darkness and Matter on the first day of Creation. This to me is a wonderful thought.

In the beginning of Creation, on the first day God said, "Let there be light". "And so it was" His

first work was to create "Light", because it is essential to life and progress. Without light there can neither be life nor progress. Darken the light of the Sun and all life would quickly perish, and deterioration would set in and shortly the Earth would die.

The actual beginning of the "New Testament", the Body and Blood of Christ, or of His Gospel was not in His birth, which in itself was miraculous, but in the Light of His glorious Resurrection. Hebrews 9:16, 17 reads, "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the Testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the Testator liveth". Now death is the end of life. It is symbolic of Darkness. If Christ had not Risen, the world would have remained in Darkness, as it was in the beginning. But Christ arose on the first day of the week and the glorious LIGHT of His Love and Life begins to illuminate the entire world. Now, at His Resurrection would life and progress really commence. On the FIRST day, or SUNDAY.

Is it any wonder then that the Apostles and disciples of Jesus worshipped on the first day of the week. Then understood the Divine significance of His Resurrection on the "First Day". Hence the reason they called it "The Lord's Day", in His Honor. (The seventh day superseded by the first day, Sunday). Let us continue with a little more History.

It is written in Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, Century I, Book I, Chapter 4, Paragraph 4, "The Christians of this Century assembled for the Worship of God, and for their advancement in piety, on the FIRST day of the week; the day on which Christ re-assumed HIS life. For that this day was set apart for religious worship by the Apostles themselves, and that after the example of the Church in Jerusalem, it was generally observed, we have unexceptionable testimony".

Gabriel Alaspinaeus, in his Ecclesiastical History, Book I, Page 53, writes "In vain some learned men labor to persuade us, that in all the early Churches, both, the first and last days of the week were held sacred. The Churches of Bithynia, mentioned by Pliny, devoted but ONE stated day to their public worship; and beyond all controversy, that was what we call the Lord's Day, or the first day of the week".

Eusebius, in his Ecclesiastical History, Volume I, Page 168, writes "So then, Synods and Assemblies of Bishops came together and unanimously drew up in letters an ecclesiastical decree for the faithful everywhere, to the effect that the mystery of the Lord's resurrection from the dead should never be celebrated on any other day but the Lord's Day (Sunday), and that on that day alone we should observe the close of the Paschal feast."

I believe I have given the reader sufficient proof, Biblically and Historically that the worshipping of God on the FIRST day of the week, or SUNDAY does not constitute a breaking of the Sabbath law as given to Moses, but rather a fulfillment of it, and that it was taught by the Apostles and observed by the early Christians. I believe it was by Divine Inspiration, or else God would have revealed otherwise

The Catholic Church has been accused by the Seventh Day Adventist Church of being guilty of changing the law of the Sabbath from the seventh day (Saturday) to the first day (Sunday) of the week. This allegation is referred to as the "Mark of the Beast" by them. I write this plainly because the Seventh Day Adventists do not hide this fact from anyone. In fact, they hold the worshipping of God on the Seventh day of the week as the Basis of their Faith. They are bold in this proclamation, thus justifying their tenets on the law of the Sabbath. I beg humbly to differ with them on this subject, not because I want to defend the tenets of the Catholic Church, but I differ only in the light of Biblical and Historical Facts. It is true that the Catholic Church (History reveals this very plainly) enacted a law making the worshipping of God on Sunday a mandatory thing and declares that it is the originator of the Sunday Sabbath. Allow me to say, without fear of contradiction, that the Catholic Church was NOT the originator of the Sunday worshipping of God. All it did was to follow the custom that had already been established by the Apostles and substantiate that which had already been observed by the Holy men of God hundreds of years before. If the Catholic Church takes credit for being the originators of the Sunday Sabbath, then it should study the Bible and Ecclesiastical History more thoroughly.

I write this article with prejudice towards no church or persons,

but only in the hope that this controversial subject can be cleared up in the minds of any who may be confused over it. For the members of the Church of Jesus Christ, I say in conclusion that when the Gospel was restored the Lord blessed the Brethren as they met on Sunday. If God would have wanted us to worship Him on the seventh day (Saturday), He certainly would have revealed it. As a Minister, I counsel all my Brothers and Sisters to keep our Sabbath Holy unto the Lord. It is shameful how the world desecrates the Lord's Day. As a word of warning, do not let the world attract you, but rather live so we may attract the world by our righteous example.

#### Gathering:

#### NEW YORK CITY

July, 1959

by Sister Belle Rose

On Sunday July 26, 1959, we met at the Church building of the Brooklyn Mission at 404-A Willoughby Avenue, together with our Brothers and Sisters of the Bronx Branch. Brother and Sister Valenti from Long Island were also present with us, together with his group from Long Island.

Before the opening of the service the Bronx MBA Local Choral Group, composed of both Brooklyn and Bronx members, sang a selection entitled "God S Loved The World". Brother Wm. H. Cadman, was the principal speaker in the morning service. His sermon was based on the 55th Chapter of the prophet Isaiah, with exhortation to endeavour to labour for the spiritual things which last, more than the material which will eventually pass away, and at the same time exhorting all unto the promises of Christ as well as the blessings of those who believe and endure in the faith until the end. Bro. Thurman Furnier, who has been visiting this part of the vineyard, followed Bro. Cadman, with additional exhortations to keep ourselves in the pathways of righteousness in adhering to the teachings of our Saviour Christ Jesus. Bro. Vincent Lupo, of the Bronx Branch, followed with a few words of exhortation in the Italian language for the benefit of our Italian brothers and sisters, covering the scripture which was read. We then proceeded to the blessing of sister Ethel Olmo's baby girl; the blessing was called on by brother

Furnier. After dismissal we had a light luncheon prepared by the Brothers and sisters which gave everyone an opportunity of greeting each other and relating experiences.

For the afternoon meeting we had in our midst the brothers and sisters from the Brooklyn, Bath Avenue mission, as well as a few brothers and sisters from New Jersey, and brother Paul Benyola from Philadelphia.

Before the meeting was opened the Bronx choral group sang another selection entitled "How great Thou Art".

Each of the Elders present spoke in turn giving us words of edification in the service of our King. Brother Paul Benyola gave us an inspiring exhortation based on the hymn entitled "Then Jesus Came", emphasizing the change that takes place in our lives when the Lord Jesus Christ comes in, and the importance of living a truly righteous life. After the various exhortations of our elders, Communion was passed to all members present, in remembrance of our Saviour.

The Bronx MBA Local also met here in Brooklyn. A few selections were sung by the choral group. Brother Furnier remained in our midst and we then engaged in a session of questions and answers based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which was enjoyed by all present. Thus ended a wonderful day spent in the fellowship of the saints and in the service of our Heavenly Father. God Bless everyone and may His Truth continue to march forward.

#### GENERAL CIRCLE MEETING

The General Circle Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held on Saturday Sept. 19, 1959 in the church at Edison, N. J.

The opening remarks were made by the president Mabel Bickerton. The reports were given from the different circles by letter. There was a good attendance morning and afternoon. Sister Ethel Crosier read the 5th Psalm in the morning meeting. Sister Bickerton spoke of the beginning of the Circle and of the good work it has done. Donations were made to the Church as follows: \$100 to the Indian Work. \$100 towards the work in Italy; \$100 towards the work in Africa; \$25 to the Church Conference; \$25 to the Book Fund. Bros. W. H. Cadman, Rocco Ensana, Anthony En-

sana, and Herbert Hemings all made short addresses to the sisters. Much praise given them for the work they are doing. A group of Sisters from Eldora (Monongahela) sang "No Other One But Jesus." —composed by Sister Pizzari of Edison. Sister Sylvia Curry of Glassport, Pa. sang "He Tenderly Looked At Me."

We in New Jersey were very grateful to be given the privilege of having the General Circle meeting in New Jersey. The next meeting at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman on Dec. 12, 1959.

Betty Dorazio

### POEM

by Marie Yoder

A meek and holy man was He,  
He died upon the cross for me.

Great was that which He has done,  
For He was God's only son.

Yet no one cared for Him that day,  
When for our sins He went to pay.

Can you match this priceless love?  
A love so great from Heaven above

Don't wait, my brother, til too late,  
To try to enter God's golden gate.

For when you do, shame there'll be,  
When God's own face you shall see.

### EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER

"The Signs of Times" in the Gospel News brings to my mind how rapidly things are changing. About two months ago a Priest in this locality called together the men of his Parish and when they arrived he told them that the meeting was unusual, something different than they had been accustomed to. Then he read in John 13th chapter about washing feet, explained in his own way. He told them this is to show humility and that he was going to wash their feet like Jesus did His disciples.

He also stated that this was done in the early times of the Catholic faith, but somehow through the years it had been abolished. He told them it was going to be reinstated again."

(Well it is very plainly recorded that Jesus washed His disciples feet, in the 13th chapt. of John—and He told them very plainly

that they ought also to wash one another's feet. Editor)

In this same letter that I have received, the writer tells of another instance of which I will relate. She says: "Then the other evening I was talking to a lady here whom I have known for many years. She was telling me of being at her church which is Episcopalian, that a special speaker (of their faith) preached on Divine healing and gave the scripture as found in James 5-14. He said that it is going to be instituted in the church. Of course the speaker was one of high calling in their church with many D.D.'s after his name."

The writer of the letter then says: "It brings to my mind also the scripture text in Matthew 7-21, 27 (Lord, Lord)."

P.S.: It seems to me, to be very late in the day, to see a move of this kind with these two churches—but still, it is better to be a little late awakening up, than never to do so." (Editor)

### LETTERS . . .

To The Editor

July, 1959

Brother Wm. H. Cadman, was the guest at the home of brother and sister Dominick Rose, Brooklyn, N. Y. during the week of July 20th. Brother Cadman arrived on Monday, July 20th at Newark Airport and brother Rose was there to meet him and bring him to Brooklyn. On Tuesday, Brother Cadman, brother Rose and family started on their trip to Long Island. Our first stop, about 60 miles out, was at Ronkonkoma, where brother Salvatore Valenti has now made his residence. After having a light lunch Bro. Cadman and brother D. Rose proceeded to the Schinneck Indian reservation, about 45 miles further out, in Southampton, L. I.

There they met the Rev. Paul Robinson, Presbyterian minister of the church on the reservation, who took them on a tour of Southampton and the Atlantic ocean seashore. Before they left to return home, Brother Cadman, explained to the Rev. Robinson, who they were and introduced the Book of Mormon and our Church's interest in the American Indian, leaving with him a copy of the Book of Mormon and other church literature.

Tuesday night was spent at Bro. Valenti's home. The next day

Bro. Rose, took brother Cadman, to Commack, L. I. for a visit at the home of brother Rose's father. Wednesday evening we had service at Brother Valenti's home, with a nice group meeting together to praise and worship our Eternal Father. The next morning we started back for Brooklyn. In the afternoon brother Cadman and brother Rose left for New Jersey and attended meeting in Metuchen, where we met brother Furrner.

On Friday brother Cadman and brother Rose went to visit the United Nations Building. After a nice guided tour Brother Cadman had a brief conversation with the young lady who had been their guide, whom they discovered was Arabian and a Christian. Brother Cadman gave a brief introduction as to who they were and about the Church of Jesus Christ. He GOSPEL NEWS Gal. 13 also took her address to send her some of our church literature. Upon returning home brother Cadman had his experience in riding our subways during the peak of the rush hours. That evening we had a wonderful service at the Brooklyn Established mission, with many wonderful words of exhortation by our brother Cadman, concerning our faithfulness to our Saviour as well as our duty toward our fellowmen.

Although the next morning Brother Cadman had to leave suddenly to fly to Youngstown, Ohio, with brother Joseph Benyola, to attend a meeting of the Missionary Board, he returned that same night flying back so that he could be with us in Brooklyn for the gathering on Sunday morning.

We enjoyed our brother's visit with us and may the Lord bless him and strengthen him for his wonderful desire to try to visit all the brothers and sisters and for his encouraging words on the importance of this Restored Gospel and The Church of Jesus Christ.

Sister Belle Rose  
Editor

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Dear Brother Cadman:

Being chosen as editor of the Cleveland Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, I deem it a great privilege to write to you concerning the wonderful blessing felt by all of the Brothers and Sisters, from Cleveland, who attended the October 3, 1959, Conference.

I believe that as we progress to learn of the things of God, we

begin to feel the change that comes over us in our daily lives. As we begin to possess this change, it seems as though we want to express our feelings to everyone and everything about us. The outside world begins to notice this change, also, and this is where the real trials of life begin. We must, first of all, conduct ourselves in a manner that becomes us and our Church. Having not attended too many conferences in the past few years, being that I was just recently baptized, I noticed that the majority of our people were very attentive to the service as it was being conducted. We are very fortunate to inherit the true Gospel of Jesus Christ through God and our parents, and I know that at this Conference a great blessing was given to our people. It seems, however, that some of our young people are not as attentive as they should be to what is *really* taking place in the Church today. We must strive to better ourselves, to study more of the Word of God, try to encourage others about God, and most of all show ourselves as an example! This is the hardest part, yet the easiest to follow, of trying to gain the experience that our parents and brothers and sisters have gained throughout the years. If we, the young people, would only listen to our elderly Brothers' and Sisters' experiences, dreams, and the many other things they have learned, we would progress with the spiritual side of life.

I hope and pray that God will be merciful upon all of His people. And I also pray that more of our young people would take the things of God and what is to come more seriously. I know that God will bless us, His *chosen people*, when we strive to come closer together and understand one another to the extent that we will all become One-in-Christ.

Sincerely,  
Sister Betty Milano  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Detroit, Mich.  
Oct., 1959

Dear Brother Editor:

I received your recent communication with joy, and was quite pleased to hear that you and sister Cadman were still doing nicely, thank God we are so, and still aspiring after higher ground. We have many inspiring characters, such men as King Benjamin, Mosiah, Alma, Ammon and his brethren, and King Lamoni, who

have been so sincere, and have laid such immaculate example, before us, that we are impelled by reading of them, to be after their similitude. Many times, I think of what Lamoni said, when asked what should be done because their enemies were so vile in destroying them. He said in Alma 24th., Chap. 11th, and 12th verses, "And now behold my brethren, since it was all that we could do (as we were most lost of all mankind), to repent of all our sins, and the many murders which we have committed, and to get God to take them away from our hearts, for it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God, that He would take away our stain. Now, my best beloved brethren, since God hath taken away our stains, and our swords have become bright, then let us stain our swords no more with the blood of our brethren." This attitude is surely an inspiration to me, and should be to all people, who desire to serve God in spirit and in truth. These Anti-Nephi-Lehies, never went back on their promise, to serve God faithfully, and it was truly reflected in their offspring, for we find Helaman's 2,060 stripping soldiers, when faced with the most dreadful circumstances, remembered the teaching of their mothers, that if they did not fear or doubt, the Lord would take care of them, they went through several major conflicts, and there was not one of them killed. On Sunday the 13th of September, there was a brother and sister baptized in Branch No. 1, also on the 20th, there were two other baptisms, another brother and a sister, in Branch No. 1. I like what was brought out in our late Conference in Detroit, while the brother was preaching in the Book of Daniel, 2nd Chapter, concerning a Kingdom that would be set up, that never would be destroyed, the tongues were spoken and the interpretation given, that we represent this Kingdom, as long as we possess the love of God, and will treat each other, as we wish to be treated. On Sunday the 11th of October we went with Bro. and Sister Burgess, and Bro. Cotelesse to Grand River and had a very enjoyable time. On Saturday and Sunday October 17th and 18th, Bro. Domonic Cotelesse, his companion, my wife and I, went with Bro. and Sister Maness and family to Georgian Bay, Cape Croker, and had a very happy visit with our friends on the Reservation, we visited around on Saturday, and had a meeting appointed for 2 P.M. on Sunday, we

also went to Meaford and did the same, and had a meeting there, Saturday night, which was greatly blessed. On Sunday afternoon, Bro. Douglas Ford, drove his car, and took his companion, Sister Leata Ford, who seems to be much improved from her recent illness, Bro. Ford's sister Mabel McKay, and her companion, to our meeting in Cape Croker, we had it in a very large home, which was filled to capacity, (about 40 or more). The Lord greatly blessed us in this meeting. At the close of it, there were those who came up to us, even as the poor among the Zoramites, and told us if they knew earlier that we were coming, they would have brought us a much greater congregation. They said they have been waiting for the truth, and wanted to know how soon we can get back with them permanently. We wish to present this matter to the General Church for solution and development. May God bless all brothers and sisters.

Your brother in Christ,  
Matthew T. Miller.

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Fredonia, Pa.

To the Gospel News:

We in the Fredonia Branch want to say hello to the readers of the Gospel News and tell of some of the happenings around our newly made Branch. Throughout the summer months we have had many visitors. In July we had the pleasure of having the Erie Brothers and Sisters meet with us. Our little church was filled with the saints and the Spirit of God. We held feet washing service in the afternoon, which was beneficial to all.

We enjoyed having Bro. Will and Sister Sadie and their daughter Grace and family with us one beautiful Sunday in August. Also with us this same day was Bro. Alma Cadman, his daughters, Jean Cattaneo and Edith Terrill and his granddaughter Linda Cattaneo. It was a joy to all of us in having our two elder brothers speak to us from the pulpit.

Bro. and Sister Furnier have been very faithful in visiting us, they always have words of wisdom and encouragement.

On Sunday, October 25, Bro. and Sister Moore, Bro. and Sister George Ondrasik and Bro. Martin Michalko visited with us. This day was truly enjoyed by all.

Our quarterly feet washing service was held on the first of

November. We had visitors from Imperial. We can say that we enjoy the visits from the Saints and we look forward for the day when we shall part no more. Bro. and Sister William Kunkle, Bro. and Sister Jack Rosemeier, Bro. and Sister Clarence Gilbert, Bro. and Sister Robert Buffington were with us on that day.

Two of our young Brothers were ordained on that day. Carl McCartney was ordained a Deacon and Arthur Gehly as a Teacher. Our Branch is progressing very rapidly.

May God bless and keep you.  
Sister Martha Gehly, Editor.

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#### Meaford, Ontario

In a letter recently received from Brother and Sister Douglas Ford in Canada the writer says:

"We have been having some wonderful times in this part of the Vineyard. We were blessed with a visit from Brother and Sister Matthew Miller, and Brother and Sister Domenic Cotellesse from Detroit, Sister Mabel McKay, and Brother and Sister Maness from the Sarnia Indian Reservation here in Ontario. They went to Cape Croker on Oct. 17th and talked to the people there and then returned here, and we had a meeting at Sister McKay's home.

We had a wonderful time and on Sunday we all went to Cape Croker for a service. There were about 50 souls present and one man said that had he known about the meeting, he would have had all his congregation there (I understand these are Indian people) to hear our brothers preach. According to this letter they had a wonderful meeting—many hearts were touched.

Please pray for us—we plan a return trip to Cape Croker this next Sunday with Brother and Sister Burgess, Brother Cotellesse, Brother and Sister Maness and ourselves. We still go to Grand River Mission (Six Nations Indian Reserve) church. It takes us four hours to drive it, but it is well worth the effort we make. On our last trip we blew out a gasket in the car, but we thank God it was no worse, and we were able to get home safe."

P.S.: According to this letter of Brother and Sister Ford — the

doors of the "Seed of Joseph" are open to us, even "way" up in Canada. Well Brother and Sister Ford and the others with you—I am certainly glad to see your interest in the Indian people — you know our fathers preached so much about them when they were here on the earth—their preaching and my own experiences has grounded it deep into my soul—and while it is apparent that I have reached a time in life that I may not go much longer—I hope that my manner of life will have inspired others to carry on—for the lesser things must be accepted before the greater things will be fulfilled. (Third Nephi 26.)

Brother Cadman.

#### PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

A condition of near panic among Soviet Jews has developed as a result of the forcible closing of the Great Synagogue of Chernovitz in the Ukraine recently. The news of the closing of the historic synagogue in a city in which Jews are more than half the population spread swiftly through Jewish centers of the Ukraine and of European Russia. The news has created "something near panic among the Jews of the Soviet Union who regard it as an evil omen for their future."

The report said that the Great Synagogue was widely used until the sudden closing.

The Soviet authorities sent the synagogue's Torah to two small huts used for Jewish prayers on the outskirts of Chernovitz.

from "Jewish Hope"

#### ETHIOPIA: 150 miles on foot

From Bako, deep in the south of Ethiopia a missionary writes: "A large party came in from Soddu. They were four national missionaries with their wives and children. One couple was returning to us after conference at Soddu, the other three couples were new missionaries sent to us by the Wallamo church.

These dear folks had come 150 miles on foot, carrying their little ones, to settle among a strange people for Jesus' sake."

Pray for these Ethiopian Christians as they so sacrificially serve the Lord in this area so far from their homes.

(Soudan Witness)

While we may rejoice that the Bible is "the best seller," we need to realize how active the forces of engrossing darkness are. Only as each born-again believer stands as a light in his place will the Light of God's Word continue to shine. Five hundred years of Bible printing have required the same thing as fifteen hundred years of Bible copying—faithful Christians who will let the light shine through their lives and courage. And it must be so today. The Light will shine as long as we are willing to fight the battle of resisting the darkness. It has always been a battle. Let us be alert to detect the subtle creeping of darkness as well as the sudden shutting off of the Light.—

Episcopal Recorder

#### SPAN of LIVING

Days are the rush of moments  
Piled to an ordered heap,  
Or left to sprawl into nothingness  
While laziness lies asleep.  
Ordered they build a castle  
Of doing the best you can  
That reaches into the heavens  
And glows with the rainbow-span  
by Mary Gustafson

#### "KEY TO SCRIPTURES"

Rummaging in an old Devonshire attic while home on furlough, an English officer came upon a Latin Bible dated 1581 and bearing on the title page the signature of John Milton! The famous poet had written on the blank leaf a prayer in these words: "O blessed Lord God, who hast commanded that we should not adde to Thy Word, nor yet take from it, grant I beseech thee, that I may neither think Thy certainty true, Scriptures to be doubtful, nor the uncertain to be canonicall, but possess me with awful and reverent thoughts—that I adoring the fullness there of, may avoid all hastie, supine, forced and uncharitable expositions, and fetch my little light and candle of knowledge from that first shine and prime rayes of Thee, the onely Light my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

—Arion

Religion without morality is a tree without fruits; morality without religion is a tree without roots.