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G. M. B. A. in CLAIRTON, PA.

The Missionary Benevolent Association held its semi-annual conference at Clairton, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 14, 1959. The Glassport M.B.A. local was the host. There were representatives present from the various locals in the eastern part of the United States and also from Windsor Canada.

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

The conference elected officers in the afternoon. All officers were retained with the exception of the assistant secretary, one auditor, and three organizers. Brother Joseph Collison was made honorary organizer, because of his inability to fulfill his duties as an organizer, due to his health.

In the evening the Glassport local presented a program of topics, Bible readings, and songs entitled, "The Day of the Lord's Preparation." To conclude the program, Bro. James Curry told of how he was inspired to write the hymn, "Till Earth Is Good Again." He sent the verses to Sister Sadie Cadman who composed the music for his hymn even though she was handicapped by the loss of her eyesight.

The next conference will be held at Detroit, Michigan branch #2 on the third Saturday of May, 1960. The location of the November meeting will be scheduled at that conference.

Corresponding Secretary: Sister Ruth E. Akerman.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED ON — AND, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO — WELL SPENT OR IDLY SPENT.

A good motto is — "Do the best you can today if you want to be ABLE to do better tomorrow."

A LETTER FROM CHEROKEE, N. C.

Dear Brother Will:

We were very sorry to hear about Sister Sadie's passing, and please accept our most sincere sympathy.

We do hope all is well with you and yours.

We had a very nice Thanksgiving yesterday. John and Lewee Crowe, Watty Chiltoskie and his daughter, Watty's brother G. B. Chiltoskie and wife, Mary, and a friend of G. B.'s, Lee Kennedy (I believe is his name) were all over to our place for dinner. Just like the first Thanksgiving, white people and Indians. We really enjoyed their company.

We have started another Sunday School at Watty's. We take the small children, we have quite a few of them now, into the kitchen and read different Bible stories to them. I really enjoy it, and everyone is glad that we have divided the classes. Of course, before we didn't really have enough for that class, but there are about three and sometimes four more small children that we pick up along the way.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Jonathan and Virginia

SMOCK COUPLE OBSERVE THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Brother Anthony and Sister Anna Thompson, of the Vanderbuilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, November 4th at 2 P.M.

A family dinner was held at Jimmie's Restaurant, Route 119 near Connellsville, Pa.

Brother and Sister Thompson came into the Church in 1912. Brother Thompson is an Elder in the Church and Sister Anna, a deaconess.

In their family they have 6 sons and 6 daughters, 36 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

C.E.K.

The Taste of Sorrow

When you've watched a beautiful flower
Wither and fade away;
When you've seen Winter's icy fingers
Close the Autumn's day;
When even the promise of Spring-time
Seems too, too far away—
Then you've known the taste of sorrow.
When mortal cords have rent in twain,
But tears do not heal the pain;
When constant suffering has caused you to grieve,
And loving hands could not relieve;
When you have prayed that labored breath
Might find blessed ease in death—
Then you've known the taste of sorrow.
Then you can behold hope's star so bright,
For you have known the despair of might;
Then another's dark valley you can share,
For you too have travelled there;
Then the upward path more clearly you can see,
For another beckons to thee—
When you've known the taste of sorrow.

Ruth Mountain

A Letter of Appreciation from California

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find a check for two dollars for the wonderful paper — The Gospel News.

I have been reading the Gospel News ever since 1945 and I look forward every month. After reading them I put them in a loose-leaf folder and I have made myself a few books.

In time when things are lonesome or I get home-sick, I turn to my Gospel News books. Though I have read them before, I still get a blessing reading them over and over again. May God bless you in

your good work. Your Sister in Christ, Josephine Buffa.

P.S. "Things have not been too encouraging for me of late relative to the printing of the paper — but your letter is very much appreciated. Brother Editor."

MONONGAHELA, PA.

The Ladies Uplift Circle held their General Meeting in Monongahela, Pa. December 12, 1959. There were not so many present, but the Lord was with us and we enjoyed the good things that were spoken, and also the communications that are sent in to our General Meetings. The President, Mabel Bickerton, presided over the meetings. Also gave the opening remarks. She spoke of the birth of Christ and of our hope in the Gospel. Sister Bonnie Smith read a part of the second chapter of St. Luke of the birth of Christ. Ethel Crosier sang "Silent Night."

The reports by delegates and letters from the various Circles were read and enjoyed. This was the first General Meeting held since the passing away of our beloved sister, Sadie Cadman, and we missed her presence very much. There are just a few of our Charter members with us today, but the Circle is growing, and we have a membership of over 400.

In the afternoon when the business was completed, the sisters gave testimonies to the goodness of God and some beautiful hymns were sung. Brother William Cadman being present spoke of the work being done among the Mexican people, and the spread of the Gospel.

The Sisters remembered the Church by offerings of \$25.00 to the General Church; \$100.00 to the Church Missionary Fund; \$200.00 to the Indian Mission Fund. Making a total of \$325.00 to help the Church along with the spreading of the Gospel.

The next General Meeting of the Sisters will be held at Bitner, Pa. on March 19th, 1960.

Mary E. Wilson, secretary

8 MILLION VOTING IN NIGERIA

LAGOS, Nigeria, Dec. 12 — Eight million voters in tense and teeming Nigeria vote today for a government to lead the world's largest Negro nation to independence next October.

The atmosphere was electric throughout the country, populated by a feuding amalgam of primitive tribesmen, Europeanized and Christianized natives, and Moslems in the northern provinces on the edge of the Sahara.

Troops and police were out in full force to supervise the balloting, which observers said could go almost any way between three main parties. All parties are agreed that independent Nigeria should remain in the British Commonwealth. (UPI)

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday evening, December 20, was turned over to the Sabbath School for a Christmas service in commemoration of the birth of Jesus, nearing now, 2000 years ago. The evening was very well spent in songs and speaking appropriate for the occasion. The Church was well filled up and lots of strange faces in our midst—but all were welcome.

Our little tots are given a fair opportunity in the service as well as the grown ups. The older ones rendered a cantata which was well received.

As is usual in this service and which has been carried on for many years, that about all the men present line up in front of the congregation and sing the 483rd hymn in our Hymn Book, titled "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning." There would be from 50 to 75 male voices taking part, and it is always enjoyed by all. Our closing song was "I Wish You A Merry Christmas."

APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my sincere thanks through the Gospel News to all who sent me cards of sympathy in the loss of my beloved husband, Wilbert C. Parlor. Your prayers were appreciated.

Sister Elizabeth M. Parlor

A LETTER

from

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Dec. 8, 1959

Brother Editor:

In a letter written by Sister Loretta Mazzeo, We are informed that the Lord has certainly blessed them in abundance of late in their Branch of the Church. We want to share our blessings with you all through the medium of the Gospel News (our wonderful paper).

On Dec. 6th we were blessed throughout the day. It began with two baptisms. The Lord's presence was felt by all at the river shore. While Brother Perri was speaking in the morning meeting—one of our sisters had a vision in which a personage dressed in white stood behind him. It was a wonderful joy to know that the Lord was in our midst.

In the afternoon meeting while the newly baptized ones were being confirmed, one of our brothers also had a vision in which he saw a personage all dressed in white with a golden book in his hand. What a glorious day we had, the Lord did surely shower His blessings upon us.

To conclude the day we had a wonderful M.B.A. meeting in the evening and a wonderful dream was related. Brother Cadman, I am so happy to be a small part in this glorious gospel, and we ask you all to remember us in your prayers, that we all some day meet on that Happy Shore. Sister Loretta Mazzeo.

FIRST COPPER SHIPMENT SINCE SOLOMON'S DAYS

The country's first commercial export of copper since King Solomon's days has been shipped abroad in a Dutch freighter. The shipment of 518 tons of dark reddish-brown copper cement in powder form from the Timna works has been bought by a German refining firm.

From "Jewish Hope"

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

Jesus speaking unto His disciples says: "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth."

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. A-men."

I wish to draw attention to the fact, that there is a very significant thought evident in the language used by the Saviour in the aforementioned scripture — and that is: He **only** promises to be with them in Which was not only to preach the gospel to all the as much as they themselves **obeyed** His command. world, but they were to teach men to observe **all** His commands — and His **promise** is, "and lo, I am with you **always**."

To me — that promise is to no effect, only is as much as they carry out His instructions — and we must remember that Christ speaks with authority (preach My commands to all the world).

As far as the scripture is concerned they endeavored to carry out His will — for that was the significance of His death on the cross — for the saving of all souls. History records a tragic end of His beloved disciples, but the promise was a blessing which was theirs, should they suffer for righteousness sake — and the righteous man will observe the commands of

God even unto death — the scripture abounds with such evidence. May I ask right here — is God still the same? Or is it just an idle tale that He is **the** same? — To all who believe in the Restored Gospel, I wish to remind you that according to the other witness (the Book of Mormon, the witness of a once blessed nation of people) the commandments of God must be obeyed, or woe be unto man. Bear in mind that His commands are not only, that we must not neglect the assembling of ourselves together as some have — but to preach the gospel to all the world — for that is what He died for — that others might have a little joy in this world and the hope of eternal life dwelling in their souls as well as you.

Remember that the soul that loves his neighbor as well as himself, has much in the word of God in the way of example, as well as that via of direct command. Take for example, the twelve disciples as recorded in the Fourth Book of Nephi in the Book of Mormon. They obeyed the commands of their Master, and they converted those people — and not many years passed away until it was heaven on earth to be in their midst — all brought about through the preaching of the gospel, and living righteously. Apparently, many of the restored Gospel have forgotten the language used in Rev. 14: 6-7 that it was restored for all peoples, and yet they will teach that God is still the same. Many have become very complacent in their attitude — instead of preaching the gospel as restored — they are looking and waiting for the **big things** to take place — the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven etc. Just as sure as John the Baptist was born into this world in fulfillment of prophecy — so will the choice seer be born in God's own time. — Just as sure as Israel sat under their own vine and fig tree in the days of Solomon — just as sure will the people of God enjoy that privilege again in these the last days. And we have evidence just as well, that as the people of the restored gospel have neglected the preaching of the word and to live righteously; they have been led into things that are abominable in the sight of God, even as others in the various ages have been. He is no respecter of persons. Let all men who profess to be Ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ remember this — "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." May I ask — Is God still the same?

ITALY

I have a very lengthy letter from Brother Randy in Italy, written very much in detail of which I will endeavor to give the most important affairs in and among his labors in Italy. Brother Mark is traveling around very much over there, and apparently is doing much good with his native people.

He is arranging to hold a con-

ference on the first Saturday in March, but it is not made clear as to where the conference will be held, but no doubt it will be where they built the church. He is planning to come home sometime in March. He is holding many meetings at various places and the Italian people evidently are very good to him. He is evidently making good impressions among Pente-

costal people and has been preaching in their churches. His labours are being confirmed by signs following the believers. He makes a plea in behalf of our young ministers relative to preaching the gospel—for the need is great, both at home and abroad.

I observe that the conference will be held at S. Dimetrio, and they are busy finishing up the

lower part of their church building in order to serve a lunch for the occasion. I will add, that Brother Randy has not been too well since going to Italy. May the Lord bless him with health the remainder of his time over there—and may the Lord bless his labours abundantly. Brother Cadman.

THE HEART SPEAKS ON REVELATIONS

It is at once marvelous and gratifying that we live in a time when a Church has been restored that believes in Revelations, dreams and Prophecies and all the wonderful, supernatural appearing gifts that the primitive Church of Christ possessed. We do not raise a questioning eyebrow when some one tells us of a vision they have received or of a Voice that spoke to them. We do not consider them Psycho cases; we do not encourage or advise them to see a psychiatrist, believing them to be suffering from some mental disorder. No, these things we do not do, for we believe implicitly that we have been blessed in these latter days to the extent that we are the recipients of all these gifts, so common in the days when Christ was on the earth.

However, does this mean that we are to believe and accept ALL revelations, ALL spiritual manifestations, ALL dreams? Is it absolutely necessary to our ultimate salvation that we accept each and every revelation just because it appears genuine? Are those who hesitate to accept, or who refuse to believe in some prophecies, going to be LOST? Are those who wholeheartedly believe, going to be the only ones who will be saved?

Or, let us reverse the situation. Shall the believer of a certain prophecy or revelation be denied salvation if the prophecy or revelation be eventually proven to have been NOT of God? Shall those who immediately recognize it as false alone be saved?

It is written in I John 4:11 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Yet, these being of a supernatural nature, it may be quite difficult for us to distinguish the true from the false, inasmuch that it is possible that we may actually fail to recognize a true revelation (from God), thereby rejecting it, or, on the other hand, possibly accept a false one. However, as long as we do not allow these revelations to influence our lives, in that we transgress the Lord's will, (and His will has been clearly laid out for us in the Holy Scriptures), then, acceptance or rejection, in itself, will have no bearing on our soul's salvation. It is my daily actions, how nearly my life conforms to the pattern set forth by Christ; how closely I adhere to His teachings and commandments, that shall decide my Eternity.

A revelation **must not** be contradictory to the Holy Scriptures, in order at least, to receive consideration as to its authenticity as God-Given, but, again I say, whether accepted by some as genuine and God inspired or revealed, or rejected by others as perhaps coming from another source, it should not be considered by any intelligent person as a means of judging another's Salvation.

I have believed and accepted some revelations, I have rejected others; as long as what I accept and reject coincide with God's Word, as long as I am not led astray from God and His commandments—then accepting or rejecting them shall have no effect on my ultimate hope for Salvation. But, the pointing of my finger at my brother, my condemnation of his decision in such a matter, this may injure me, for I have exalted myself as judge over him and his beliefs; I, who have but two natural eyes, merely five senses and no extra-sensory perception.

How can the ultimatum be given: "Woe unto you if you do not believe, or woe unto you that do believe" in a certain revelation?

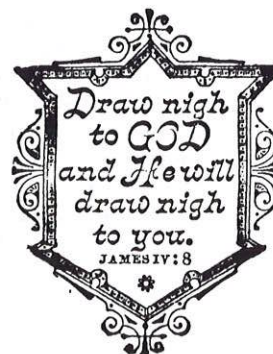
Have we two Gods that pit themselves one against the other, each handing out edicts contrary one to the other? Is this consistent with God's policy of seeking Eternal Salvation for ALL peoples, for, if a sizable group would be treading on dangerous ground

for accepting certain revelations and another group stood in danger of Eternal punishment for not accepting still another prophecy, then who is to say how many souls stood in jeopardy of death?

Thomas was not lost because he refused to believe in the very resurrected Christ, Himself, until it was proven to him eight days after the resurrection, John 20:21. Neither were the others saved solely because they recognized and believed in Him, altho they were called blessed. As a matter of fact, several of them **did not** recognize Him—He had to open their eyes first, Luke 24:13-45. Then, as now, it was the Disciple's deeds and zeal in the gospel, their display of love and charity, their following of His commandments and their continual striving to please Jesus that won them the victory over Death. And, since God is unchangeable, I shall continue to put more emphasis in what I do and say, than in what I accept or believe of current revelations, for I know that whatsoever He desires that I **should** accept, He will eventually prove to me to my satisfaction, so that I may live according to His desires, as long as I am sincere in wanting to serve Him. May we be completely pliable to His will, ready to forsake our own beliefs and interpretations in favor of His, for God knows our great limitations and He also knows the power of Satan.

Like Paul, let us say: "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Catherine Poma



The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122:1

Dear Girls and Boys:

Another year has gone and we look forward to a bright new one. The years come and go, with their seasons and with them our blessings and sorrows. It reminds me of the promise the Lord made to Noah ages ago, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas season and remembered the real meaning of it. In our last story we learned of the birth of Jesus. There are more interesting things about Jesus I want you to know. After his birth he was taken to the temple in Jerusalem by his parents. In this city lived a man named Simeon. He was a very good man and the scripture tells us the Holy Ghost was upon him. The Holy Ghost had revealed unto him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ, or Jesus. The spirit directed Simeon to go to the temple and here he met Mary and Joseph. He took the baby in his arms and blessed God. He spoke these wonderful words, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel." Joseph and Mary marvelled at the words Simeon spoke. Then he blessed them also and to Mary he said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against; yea a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Years later when Jesus hung on the cross it would seem to Mary that a sword had been thrust through her soul. Also in the temple was

a very old lady, a prophetess, named Anna. She had been in the temple for many years serving God with fastings and prayers. She came in and thanked God and told all who looked for redemption, about Jesus. After Jesus was blessed his parents returned to Nazareth. He grew as other children but Luke tells us he waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

Every year, his parents took him to Jerusalem to the feast of the passover. No doubt this was a very happy journey with their relatives and friends. Jesus was a boy 12 years of age when this incident happened: They had gone to Jerusalem as was the custom and as they were returning home Jesus stayed behind. His parents went a day's journey before they missed him. They thought he was with their kinsfolk. They turned back to Jerusalem to find him. They hunted for three days before they found him. He was in the temple in the midst of the learned men hearing and asking them questions. All who heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. His parents were amazed too. His mother asked him, "Son, why hast thou dealt with us? Thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." Jesus answered, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." His parents did not understand the meaning of this, but Mary kept all these sayings in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and found favour with God and man.

We do not know any more about Jesus as a child. His father, Joseph, was a carpenter and Jesus must have worked with him. Later when he surprised the people with his wise sayings and doings the question was asked, "Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" We do not read anymore about Jesus

until he is a man and is baptized by John the Baptist. He was baptized in the river Jordan. As he came out of the water he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit like a dove came upon him. There came a voice from heaven saying, "Thou art my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

If you wish to read in your Bible about the childhood of Jesus turn to the New Testament, Luke chapter 2, verses 25 to 52.

In our church we bless little children just as Jesus was. Do you know who blessed you? The Book of Mormon also tells us about blessing the children. When the Saviour was here on this land of America he visited people known to us as the American Indian. He did many wonderful things among them. He commanded that their little children be brought to Him. They sat on the ground around Him and the multitude knelt down while Jesus prayed unto the Father for them. When he had done this he wept again and said to the multitude, "Behold your little ones." As they looked toward heaven they saw the heaven opened and angels descended as it were in the midst of fire. They came down and encircled the children with fire and the angels ministered unto them. This was a wonderful thing and each man heard and saw it for himself. There were about 2,500 people witnessed this event. (Book of Mormon page 386, III Nephi 17:11-25.)

Aren't you proud to be in a church that follows the teachings of Jesus?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

I am glad you enjoyed hunting the answers to the questions. I received letters from many boys and girls. The first ones to get their answers in were Bonnie and David Hemming. They are the children of Bro. Herbert and Sister Shirley of the Monongahela Branch of the Church.

The answer to the December questions are:

1. Tree of life and tree of knowledge.
2. Mulberry trees.

3. Palm tree.

4. Fig tree.

5. Sycamore tree.

6. Palm trees.

Did you have them all correct?

Here are the new ones in the Bible:

1. The longest name in the Bible is Isaiah 8:1. Can you pronounce it?

2. What metal was used to make a calf which the children of Israel worshipped? Exodus 32:2-4.

3. Who said to Jesus, "Teach us to pray?" Luke 11-1.

4. Which Psalm is the longest? How many verses does it have?

5. In the Book of Mormon, I Nephi third chapter, find what the plates were made of that Laban had.

6. Also in the Book of Mormon, eighth Chapter of Mosiah, find what the twenty four plates were made of.

Teach me to pray Lord
Teach me to pray
Thanks for thy blessings
From day to day.

Help me scatter sunshine,
While here below.
As a child of the King, Lord
Where're I may go.

If you feel cross and maybe a little sassy look in your Bible in Proverbs 15, verse 1, and see what it tells you.

Sincerely,

Sister Mable
Box 72
Monongahela, Pa.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Sister Amy Martin

Keep your lamp very bright my Brother, that the heavy hearted, The heads bowed with burdens, and the eyes that are dim with weeping, may be guided along that narrow path without stumbling. Keep your lamp very bright my Sister, least the glamorous lights of darkness, blind the weak or the

tender ones. Lighten up the narrow way that God's children may not stumble.

Fathers trim your lamp, that your family may not walk in darkness, As you give them electric light, Give them spiritual light and food, as the Lord has given you.

This need is greater than that which makes their natural bodies sturdy, for our life is as a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, then vanisheth away.

Mothers keep your light shining brightly, for to you is entrusted the tender minds of the children. It is your privilege to help them spiritually and naturally, To teach them how to walk and where. For if they grow and find Favor in the eyes of the Lord, your children may be the Church of Another generation and citizens of the kingdom of heaven, Even as they will be citizens of the United States.

Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, keep your lamp burning brightly, for great is your privilege and great is your responsibility For you are building both for time and for eternity, trim your Lamp, always remembering; when you were in darkness God said, "Let there be light," and it was so.

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once,

And no man has the power

To tell just when the hands will stop

At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own,

Live, love, and work with a will;

Place no faith in tomorrow

For the clock may then be still.

The past is written; close the book on pages sad or gay

Within the future do not look,

But work for God today.

Author unknown

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED SISTER SADIE CADMAN

A Mother In Israel

A Mother in Israel? Indeed it was she;

Who guided her home with spirit so free.

She was never too busy to stop for a spell,

To listen to others, their woe's to tell.

The council she gave, was good and true,

Young mothers she helped, and their children too.

Her life was devoted to her God and her home.

Her companion in life, as a king on a throne;

Their lives, and example, in all that is good;

For they lived the life all true Christians should.

Her labor of love was endless you see,

Though crippled in body, determined was she,

To do all she could in planting good seed;

Toward spreading the Gospel, in word and in deed,

And helping others who had a need.

Now He has called her, our loss is her gain;

Let His will be done. Let us not complain

But thank Him, for letting us have her so long.

Her life was a full life, filled with a song,

Of praise to her God, her Redeemer, Her King.

So let us not mourn, but rather let's sing,

And praise Thee O God, for the promises written;

Though we must part on earth, we will all meet in Heaven.

Margaret Heaps

OBITUARIES

MARGARET DINTINO**Glassport, Pennsylvania**

Margaret Dintino, the daughter of Sister Concetta Dintino, passed away on November 20, 1959. She was forty-five years old and was a life-long resident of Glassport, Pa.

The service, which was held at the Glassport Church, was officiated by Brother Donald Curry with assistance by Brother William Genarro of Warren, Ohio.

Margaret was survived by her mother and three sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Molinatto, Mrs. Ann Pape, and Mrs. Nellie Scarnecchia.

She was confined to bed the last year of her four-year illness, and during this time she found great sustaining strength and hope by turning her heart toward Christ and the Church.

JOHN GIOVANNONE**Youngstown, Ohio**

One of the early pioneers of the Church of Jesus Christ in Youngstown, Brother John Giovannone, died October 30, 1959. He was 76 years old. Left to mourn his passing is his wife, Sister Theresa, six sons and five daughters. He also leaves his brother, Brother Dominic Giovannone, of the Warren, Ohio branch and a sister in Italy.

He was baptised into the Church in Youngstown on January 18, 1920 and remained a faithful brother for 39 years. Funeral services were conducted in the Church by Brother Tony Corrado, assisted by Brother Ralph Berardino and Brother Frank Giovannone.

MARY ANN DE CARLUCCI**Uniontown, Pennsylvania**

Sister Mary Ann De Carlucci,

aged 74, passed away at her home in Uniontown, Pa., Dec., 4, 1959. She was born Sept. 13, 1885 in Italy; and was baptized Feb. 2, 1923, by Bro. Michiel Falsetto. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ for 36 years.

She was the mother of eleven children, of which nine are surviving. Albert of Waynesburg, Pa., Henry and Sister Rafia at home. Fred and Richard of Uniontown. Sister Louise Rutherford of Florida. Mrs. Alice Kness of Uniontown. Mrs. Adeline Doyle of Florida, and 8 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brother Guy De Carlucci in 1958.

Services were held at her home, with Bro. George Johnson, Sr. and Henry Johnson officiating. Several hymns selections were done by the Brothers and Sisters of Roscoe. Internment in Silvian Heights Cemetery.

Her testimony has always been that the Church was first in her life. Her life was filled with charitable deeds and good works. We extend heart felt sympathy to her children and grandchildren.

CARMELLA SMITH**Warren, Ohio**

Sister Carmella Smith, 82, of Warren, Ohio died in the Trumbull hospital on Nov. 25, 1959 after an illness of three months. She was born in Italy in the year of 1877, and has been a resident of the United States for 49 years.

She was baptized into the Church at Niles, Ohio in 1932. She has been a very faithful sister and served as a deaconess in the Warren Branch of the church for many years. She was loved and respected by young and old. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters and two sons. Also two sisters in Italy. 20 grand children and two great grand children also survive.

The funeral services were conducted on November 28th with Brother William Gennaro officiating and was assisted by Bro. Giovannone Sr., Bro. F. Giovannone

sang a solo, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

Sister Smith was laid to rest in the Oakwood Cemetery.

A FRIEND TO THE INDIANS**PASSES ON**

(The Cherokee Times, Cherokee, North Carolina)

The Times has received the sorrowful news of the recent death of Mrs. William H. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., and joins the many friends here and elsewhere of her husband, the Rev. Mr. Cadman in expressing heartfelt condolences.

Mrs. Cadman visited Cherokee and the Great Smokies numerous times in company of her husband.

Mr. Cadman is a leading theologian of the Mormon Church (The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. W.H.C.) and has been a true friend of the American Indians for many years in his able ministry.

IN MEMORY OF**SISTER IDA RINGER**

Ida Jane (King) Ringer, a daughter of Solomon and Margaret King, died at the age of 87, on May 24, 1959 and was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., with the Brothers Anthony Di Battista and Alvin Swanson officiating.

She was born at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., on November 14, 1871, and spent her last 31 years in Vanderbilt. Being a mother of 12 children (6 sons and 6 daughters- she also had 27 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren and 17 great great grandchildren. Preceded in death by 2 children in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Ida Gibson, the wife of J. Clyde Gibson, passed away in 1952.

Sister Ringer leaves to mourn a husband, Brother Samuel Ringer, (who will be 85 on January 5, 1960 and is an Elder in the Church) and

5 sons, 4 daughters, and many friends.

Sister Ringer became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in 1911 at Hawkeye, Pa. (Mt. Pleasant Branch). She was baptized by Brotner Alex Fedder and remained faithful until death.

C.E.K.

Twenty-eight days after Sister Ringer's death a son Dorsay (Jack) Mosako, died June 22, 1959 and was buried at Alverton, Pa., on June 26, 1959.

TYPES AND SHADOWS

by James Heaps

While reading in Genesis on the life of Joseph I could see so many types of Christ I tho't I would write my thoughts to the Gospel News. If there ever was a type of Christ it was Joseph the favorite son of Jacob. He is one of the most interesting characters in the Bible. Fourteen chapters are devoted to his life. So fascinating and inspiring are these pages that both old and young read and reread them with increasing interest and fervor.

The story of how he was loved by his father, but hated by his brothers is remarkable in every detail. His forgiving spirit and the love he showed for his brethern appeal to all.

No spirit of revenge or retaliation was manifest in his dealings with his brethern. What appeared to be harsh on his part was only a veiled manifestation of his love and interest. Joseph was the first born of the beloved Rachel, for whom Jacob labored fourteen years. As an expression of his love for Joseph, Jacob made him a coat of many colors and this created a spirit of jealousy in the hearts of his brethern, who could not speak peaceably to Joseph, and even moreso after Joseph told them the two dreams he had that showed that Joseph would be over them. When they saw Joseph coming to them with food for them to eat as they worked in the field they said here comes the dreamer, come and let us slay him and cast

him into some pit, and we will say that some wild beast hath devoured him, and we shall see what shall become of his dreams. The older brother Ruben intreated them not to slay him but to cast him into the pit and this they did and then they sat down to eat. When they saw the Ishmaelites coming they decided to sell him to them and they took him from the pit and sold him for twenty pieces of silver. Here we see a true type of Christ. Joseph came to his brethern with natural food and they conspired against him. Jesus came to His own and His own received Him not. He was sold for thirty pieces of silver and put to death by his brethern, (the Jews). The pit that Joseph was in is a type of the grave in which Christ lay for three days. Joseph's deliverance a type of Christ deliverance from the grave. Even as Joseph's brethern had sat down to eat after putting him in the pit so did the Jews prepare to eat the passover after they had put Jesus on the cross.

Joseph's brethern killed a kid and dipped Joseph's coat in the blood in an effort to deceive their Father into thinking that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast. After the Jews had witnessed the crucifixion they sat down and divided His garments among them and cast lots for his vesture and said, "Let His blood be on us and our children." Joseph's coat was of many colors; Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." This takes in every race and color.

Just as the brethern of Joseph carried the burden of guilt for what they had done to Joseph and there was no rest for them, so the blood of Christ has been on the heads of the Jews for two thousand years and there is no rest for them. Little did those Jews know what it would mean to their children when they cried, "Let His blood be on us and our children." Within forty years from the time Christ predicted the destruction of Jerusalem it was besieged by the Romans and it is impossible to describe the horror of and the degradations suffered by the people

during that siege. More than a million souls were slain or carried away into captivity. It seemed that all the righteous blood from the days of Able was required of that generation. The calamities came as a punishment from the Almighty for the crime of Calvary. The siege lasted for more than three years, sword, pestilence, and famine, each playing it's part in the terrible destruction.

The very Temple became a scene of carnage and death, the blood of all sorts, carcasses of Priests, strangers lying in piles, corpses of all kinds lying in piles on the Altar. The fire fed on the luxurious cedarwood overlaid in gold. Friend and foe trampled to death on the gleaming Mosaics. Such was the beautiful Temple at Jerusalem, once the beautiful House of God but now a heap of ruins. Six hundred thousand dead bodies were carried out of the gates, the blood stained Jew; again and again down thru the years have suffered the pangs of famine and persecution. During the siege in famine they even devoured their own children and some were crucified on crosses even as they had crucified Christ. The noblest of their young men were carried off to Rome as slaves.

It is said that even Titus lifted up his hands toward Heaven in protest that he was not responsible for so great a catastrophe.

Yes after Joseph was put in the pit they sat down to eat and drink, not regarding the anguish of his soul, even so after the Jews crucified Jesus they stifled the voice of conscience and sat down to eat the passover. These types are linked to-gether and cannot be broken.

TO BE CONTINUED.

ITALIAN MISSIONARY WORK

After ten months of missionary work in Italy, Brother Frank Wooley of Youngstown is with us once more. Brother Frank is not happy to be back. He had hoped to stay in Italy with Brother Mark Randy another year. Due to the sudden cancellation of his visa by

the Italian government he was forced to leave Italy immediately. Brother Frank had hoped, and it was his prayer, that he would be able to accomplish a little more to support the Gospel over there.

Italy is a very mountainous country and traveling about from one place to another takes a day or two at a time to reach certain destinations. He traveled mostly by train and boat, and grew quite accustomed to doing a good bit of walking, which would be very tiring for a man almost 80 years old.

During the time he spent in Italy, Brother Frank baptised nine converts. We rejoiced to hear that one of these converts was Brother Frank's own sister. To baptise one Brother they had to climb down a hill about 600 feet to a small stream of water between two mountains. His greatest satisfaction while in Italy was to help bring peace between three families who had not been on friendly terms for some time.

Says Brother Frank, "No, I'm not happy to be home, so much of the Lord's work to be done." We have all said and heard it said many times, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." What reward will we reap if we leave the harvest to just a few? It will take the efforts of all to gather the fields of harvest that are spread out over the world. If we cannot actively support, actively encourage and actively carry out a definite missionary program, then our life in serving the Lord will have been — — — "Faith, without works."

"RECORD"

(American Bible Society)

The Southern Baptist Convention in Argentina planned a month's special evangelistic campaign for later this year, during which it is expected to distribute 300,000 copies of the Gospel of St. John in Spanish. (The Baptist's are very active indeed, Editor)

- W E D D I N G S -

Cowan - Rongaus

On October 3, 1959, Sister Martha Sue Cowan of Monongahela became the bride of Mr. James F. Rongaus. The double ring ceremony was performed by Brother I. A. Martin at his home in Fellsburg. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cowan of Monongahela, was given in marriage by her father.

The attendants were Miss Donna Pieraccioli and Mr. Gerald Mellinger.

Present during the ceremony were the bride's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cowan, the groom's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Rongaus, and the groom's brother, Kenneth Rongaus.

After the wedding supper the newlyweds left on a trip to New Jersey. The couple will make their home in Monongahela.

Mazzeo - Perri

The marriage of Brother Frank Mazzeo and Lydia Perri both of the New Brunswick Church here in New Jersey, took place on Sat. 28th at 3:30 p.m. in our church in this city. The bride's only attendant was Sister Florence Benyola of Hopelawn, N.J. Brother Eugene Perri Jr. served as best man for the groom.

After a reception the newly-weds left on a trip to Florida — upon returning home they will reside on Sudam St. in New Brunswick. Our sincere and best wishes are extended along with the Lord's blessing to the young couple. Branch Editors Loretta and Tony Mazzeo.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

I am in receipt of a letter from the Atlanta University, Georgia, from a young man from Nigeria, Africa. He is a brother of Jeremiah Umoh of Lagos, Nigeria

whom I am in regular correspondence with. He is now a student in the University having come here to finish up his education after being a student in the London University and Goldsmiths' College in England.

I will quote a part of his letter as follows: He says — "I hope the good Lord shall make my stay here in the United States interesting and, above all, profitable

My brother has told me of the great work that you have begun in our little village (In Nigeria) though regrettably he adds there is a spirit to destroy and check its growth. Here I will say to you — take courage! No man from time immemorial, has ever succeeded to fight against God! You are helping to establish God's Kingdom on earth. Paul tried to persecute God, but in the end he became God's servant and Minister of the Word. Herod tried to kill Christ but failed. There are many instances in the past and at present of people who tried to challenge God or His Kingdom.

The truth is that they always fail. Please keep up with your good work and you can always count on our full support — Sunny Akpai-diok, Jeremiah and myself. I only pray that the Lord may help me to complete my course and I shall then return to my home to join Sunny and Umoh in trying to see if we could help spread the work which you have already begun.

I'll always be delighted to read from you and will welcome any advice you have for me, as I'm but a stranger in this great country of yours.

Finally with all the good things said about you by Sunny and Umoh, with the pleasant idea that I have to accept you as father and personal friend, and I sincerely hope that we will come to know ourselves better. May the Lord richly bless you and your good work.

Yours very sincerely,

Mfon Umo.

RIGHT AND WRONG RELATIONSHIPS

When Jesus was preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, a certain Pharisee, who was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying: "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The reader has perhaps already guessed that the two foregoing commandments are not the first and second of the original ten. What Jesus did, really, was to place the ten commandments in two different categories, the first of which had to do with the Fatherhood of God, while the second had to do with the Brotherhood of man. In plain words, Jesus summed up the first five commandments to mean, in essence, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. His summation of the second group of five, namely the sixth through the tenth, means, in a nut shell, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. He concludes with the obvious observation that the success of His Gospel and whole plan of God, which had its foundation in law and was foreseen by the prophets, depends upon, (the fate of the developing Kingdom hangs upon) our observance of right relations between man and his fellowman on the other.

It might be said that Jesus spoke of Himself when He enunciated this most fundamental and all inclusive doctrine. Although He was God's Son, He was in a very broad sense God the Father appearing to men in such a form as they could behold with their eyes. No man, until that time, could look upon God and live. Here was God in such a guise as to give — not destroy life. "I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly."

As the Son of Man, He was the

chief corner stone in the great superstructure called The Brotherhood of Man. The Son of God referred to His disciples as servants. The Son of Man referred to them as brethren, and, in the consummation of His work on earth, said: "Henceforth (unto all eternity) I call you My friends."

Jesus' statement that the second commandment is like unto the first implies that He held all relationships to be of equal value, which teaches us that God's servants should be as humble before those whom they serve on earth as they are before God Himself. Happy is that servant whose spirit of preaching and prayer are equal.

The self righteous Scribes and Pharisees, who, above all the peoples of the earth, should have known that true morality has only to do with right relationships, were in Jesus' day making an outward pretense of serving God by making long prayers and, in a spirit of self interest, loving the high seats in the synagogues. They inflated the innocent habits of that period of time until, in their own eyes they became major sins and crimes. When Jesus dared to drink a glass of wine, He became, to the Pharisee, a wine bibber. When He plucked and ate ripened grain on the Sabbath, He became unto them the very essence of all that is unclean.

The Pharisee could be vain, conceited, individualistic, self seeking, dictatorial, a grandstander who loved applause and adulation, an opportunist, materialistic, covetous, censorious and hypocritical, but, so long as he refrained from indulging those innocent habits which have nothing to do with right relationships or genuine morality, he was in his own eyes an epitome of all righteousness. Proud of his own abstinence, he rejoiced and even thanked God that he was not as other men. Jesus, with withering contempt for their blindness in the whole field of relationships, accused the Pharisee of making clean the outside of the cup and platter; but their inward parts (where God's law and an intimate knowledge of right relationships should have been written) were full of ravening and wickedness.

He likened their perverted sense of right and wrong to straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

Jesus' words fell upon deaf ears. The pharisaic spirit of the age nailed Him to the cross, the unholy symbol of all wrong relatedness.

To be continued. James Curry

"THAT GREAT AND TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION"

There have been many fascinating things which have transpired among the people of God. I suppose one of the most outstanding instances is recorded in III Nephi — of the destruction that took place on this land. Samuel, the Lamanite, a prophet of God, had prophesied that there was to be a destruction on this land at the time of the crucifixion of Christ; also that darkness was to cover this land for the space of three days. As we read of what took place we realize how terrible it must have been! We read in the eighth chapter of III Nephi that in the thirty-fourth year, on the fourth day of the first month, a great storm arose, such as had never been known in all the land. A terrible tempest arose, thunder shook the whole earth, there were exceedingly sharp lightnings! Cities began to burn with fire, other cities were buried with earth, others sank into the sea! How terrible must have been this storm and destruction!! No doubt the people were filled with fear and remorse because they knew they had displeased the Lord. They had stoned the prophets and killed the saints. The Lord had raised up many prophets to speak unto the people and warn them concerning their wickedness. Instead of allowing that good spirit of God to come in they had allowed Satan to find a lodging place in their hearts. Instead of receiving the prophets they had caused many to be put to death.

In the fourteenth chapter of Alma we find that whosoever believed in the word of God was put into the fire; among these were women and little children. I want to say at this juncture: Woe unto those

that cause the innocent to suffer! We may think we are getting away with something, but the Lord knows all. Jesus said, "Woe unto those who offend one of my little ones, for it would be better if he had a millstone tied about his neck and cast into the sea." Thus we see the Lord remembered the sufferings of His people. In this eighth chapter of III Nephi we find that God began to destroy the wicked. I want to point out here that only the more 'more righteous' were spared. Who were these? In the tenth chapter of III Nephi we find the answer. It was they that had received the prophets and stoned them not, and they that had not shed the blood of the saints. In other words; it was they that had not allowed Satan to get hold of them. Oh, when I think of this scene; my heart is pained to the point that I feel the mourning of these people. Everything they had was gone, many of their friends had met death. This scene was filled with sadness.

This could all have been avoided had they listened to the word of God. They began to cry out and say, 'oh, that we had repented before this great and terrible day; then would our brethren, our mothers, sisters, and children have been spared.' They did weep and mourn for the space of three days. Then the storm ceased, the terrible noises were heard no more, the darkness passed away, etc. Then was the voice of the Lord heard saying, 'Now will ye come unto me, and become converted and become as a little child.' Many things did He speak unto them. Then their weeping and mourning turned into joy. They began to praise God for their lives had been spared.

All scriptures have been written for our benefit, that we might not make the same mistakes that others have made. Wickedness is growing. We hear things happening these days that seem almost unbelievable. Children are killing their parents, parents killing their children. It has come to the place where our wives and children are not safe in the streets. Wickedness is found in business, in the government, and I am sorry to say, it has even spread into religious

groups. I read where the Lord told Nephi that whoever possesses this land must live in righteousness or the time will come that they will be swept off the land. Let us remember that the word of God is sure and He says that not one jot or tittle shall pass away until it is fulfilled.

We, of the church, long for the glories of Zion to be poured out upon the church. We also have upon us a greater responsibility as our eyes have been opened to the truth of the word of God. Nephi cautions his brethren 'beware, lest you offend God, because you know different, for you understand the way of God.' He also says that those that don't know God shall have mercy shown unto them. So it is with us also, more is expected of us because our spiritual eyesight is much better, while others have been led by the blind. We might not stone the prophets or slay the saints but we might hinder the work of God by our actions. If we should become weak in the church we might bring reproach upon the church by some action we do while in the state of weakness. If we cause offenses we are also a hindrance to the work of God. There are many ways I might mention in which we become a hindrance instead of a help. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. I believe if we are a hindrance to the work of God we fall into the same category as those that stoned the prophets.

We have just reviewed what happened to those that stoned the prophets, therefore we desire that we may not suffer the same as they. We wonder when God will put a stop to wickedness especially on this land of promise as the Lord told Nephi whosoever shall possess this land must do it in righteousness or they "shall" be swept off. I seek not to scare nor to point a finger at anyone but I speak these things that we might not forget the word of God and what has happened to others. As I read this story I was much impressed for we desire to build up the kingdom of God that Zion may prevail, and the ancient of days shall sit in, where a man shall live to the age of a tree, the lamb and the lion shall lie down together. In

those days none shall say, "Knowest thou the Lord?", for all shall know Him from the North to the South and from the East to the West. Peace shall abound, the Choicseer shall come forth, and many other wonderful things shall come to pass. I have written much more than I intended to when I started this article so in conclusion we realize a great change must take place. We know not how or when, but it "will" come. Let us have our lamps filled with oil, all trimmed and bright, lest we be caught unawares as they were in the days of which I have just written; yea, in the day of that great and terrible destruction!

William Kunkel

LORAIN, OHIO

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that Lorain, Ohio has a new Gospel News Editor. She is Sister Margaret King, a member of good standing in our branch, who was baptized about sixteen months ago. May the Lord continue to bless her with more wisdom and more understanding as she continues to grow within the Gospel Restored.

It is also with great pleasure that for my last bit of reporting for our local to announce the wedding of Bonnie Jewel Calabrese, the daughter of Brother Joseph Calabrese and Sister Vicky Calabrese. She was united in marriage to Brother Isaac Smith of Glassport, Pa. He is the son of the late Brother Isaac Smith, who was one of the twelve apostles in the church and Sister Gertrude Smith.

The wedding took place on October 17, "Sweetest Day." The beautiful ceremony of uniting these two into holy matrimony was officiated by Evangelist Brother Dominic Thomas, uncle of the bride. The service was further enhanced by a spirit of sacredness; and beautification with the beautiful singing of the "Lord's Prayer" by Sister Dolores Thomas. She also sang, "I Love You Truly." Sister Adeline Ciccati accompanied the soloist on the piano.

The bride had as her maid of

honor Linda Grimes, and her bridesmaids were Cheryl Calabrese, sister of the bride, Pat Thomas, Rose Ann Lovalvo, and Sherry Calabrese Jr. bridesmaid, all cousins of the bride. Little Caundice Calabrese, also sister to the bride, was flower girl. The best man was James Curry. The ushers were Richard Curry, Leonard Anthony Lovalvo, Dennis Calabrese, and Philip Aquila, Jr. usher.

A lovely wedding buffet lunch was served at the reception in the early evening. The center of interest at the buffet was a beautiful large wedding cake baked by Sister Catherine Maselli Cocco.

After the reception the newlyweds traveled west with their destination being California. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith will reside at Glassport, Pa.

Both young people are baptized members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and also are members of good standing. One feels that God has sanctioned this marriage from above. What God puts together let no man put asunder is His commandment.

Sister Josephine Dominico

FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Brother Editor,

Last Sunday when Bro. George Heaps our Presiding Elder of the Anaheim Mission, was teaching our Sunday School class, he read of the conversion of Paul, in the book of The Acts. It was a wonderful lesson and it stirred our hearts. That evening we met at Bro. George Spata's home where the Mission is meeting, till our little church is completed, we were honored with the presences of many of the Saints of Bell branch. It was nice to see many of them come. Our meeting place was so full we had to sit in the hall and the kitchen. We were over-joyed for the encouraging visit of the Saints. It was sure uplifting. After opening in prayer I was glad to hear Bro. George say, "In this morning's lesson we read of the conversion of Paul. It would be nice to hear some of your conver-

sions, therefore, I am turning this meeting over to testimony. My heart started to pound and beat and I wanted to be the first to rise on my feet, for that morning's lesson was still fresh in my heart. When reading that scripture before, I never did apply it to myself. So the testimony was giving, first, to the visiting Saints. Such testimony take longer than usual and we were able to hear only a few, for the time went by so fast, still my heart was pounding. It wanted to speak. So on the next day, the Lord instilled in my thought, to write of my conversion, to the Gospel News — the more I thought the stronger my desire came, so I had to sit down and write.

It happened a few weeks before my conversion. . . I got baptized, for the spirit of repentance had come to me two years before, when Brother John Gammicchia came to our home, to bring me the glad tidings. It took me this long because I could not accept the book of Mormon, I had lived in Salt Lake and had spoken to many Mormons, and could not see their ways. But with these people (meaning us) I could not leave them alone, I received such a **great love** towards them they had so much patience I had received the spirit of repentance, I did not know, of such repentance when I was a Catholic. It was their Love that drew me to God. I loved the people, I enjoyed their company, and God was working with me all the time. I was receiving many dreams and revelations, but still I never asked to be baptized. Bro. John had the patience of Job, he never ceased to come, and feed me the word of God. As I write this I could feel the Spirit within me and tears roll down my cheeks. How grateful I feel towards God for His Great Compassion He had toward me. Brother John knew it was the Book of Mormon which was stopping me to ask for my baptism. He would go in fasting and praying for me, for he had received some kind of evidence that I was one of God's children. But I did not understand. Finally,

after a long time he repeated again as he had often done before, as to God in regard to this book. Somehow the words rang like a bell and I took him serious I did what he told me. So I went on my knees and broke my heart to God again. I had read the book many times but could never understand it, but this time I asked God to take the lead and open up where He wants me to read. On that day I seem to have plenty of time, before I opened the doors of the restaurant; So I relaxed and let God lead the way. I laid the book before me and opened up to 32 chap. of Alma. So I started to read and as I read my heart started to beat, the beating got stronger and stronger as I started to read into the 37 chap. as I read, a change started to take place and all at once like some one touched me with a magic wand. I felt like I was a celestial being. I was walking on air my body was as light as a feather. I felt I was in Heaven. For the assurance had come to me as a command. **Believe and be baptized** as if a voice was speaking to me through the book. Like Paul, He could not put into words when he was in the third Heaven, so it is with me. I cannot express the feeling I experienced on that day. Blessed day of all days it was for me, my body was like a ball of fire with joy divine.

I did not know what was happening to me. This I do know. I was converted by the words of Alma into a new person. The joy of the spirit was so great I just had to tell someone. I went into the kitchen to give the news to my husband, I told him what had happened to me, but he was in the dark for he too was not baptized and was not, till eight years from that time. He saw the glow in my being and turned and said, I'll believe it when I see it for I had told him I was expecting my baptism in the Church of Jesus Christ. Two weeks later I fulfilled that command and all the mysterious was unfolded.

Sister Mary Spata

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BIBLE READING ECHOES

From the dawn of human history, man has gazed with awe and fascination across the horizon. What secrets are buried in the sea's vast bosom and what strange lands and peoples and adventures are out there beyond the sunset?

The unknown has always presented a mystery and a challenge to mankind. Many have faced it with fear and shrinking. Others have accepted its challenge and have opened up new vistas of human knowledge.

Those who live and search in the Everlasting Light, His Holy Word, need have no fear of what lies beyond the oceans of water, the oceans of human experience, or the oceans of human thought. For the land and the sea are God's, and He rules in the kingdom of men.

From "The Record"
(American Bible Society)

NEWS FROM CANADA

In a letter a short time ago from brother and sister Douglas Ford, who live at Meaford, Ontario, they tell me about some of their travels to Grand River (Six Nations) reserve and also to Cape Croker a little farther north of their home. To make the trip to Grand River is about 160 miles to travel, while to Cape Croker is about 60 miles. Brother and sister Ford seem to enjoy working among the Indian people and she has a Sunday School class at Grand River.

On the Reservation at Cape Croker, the Indian people have certainly made them welcome. Some of our Indian members from the Sarnia Reservation, and some of our brothers and sisters from Detroit accompanied them to this latter place. Their meetings were well attended, and I understand a house has been offered to us, if there is any of us who can go there and live among them, and preach the gospel to them. Very generous of them indeed, and may the Lord bless them.

Editor

PERSECUTION OF JEWS

The Jews of Czechoslovakia have been given "due notice" that any contact with official representatives of Israel will mean a treason charge, the correspondent declared. This last hope of emigration has been taken away.

From "Jewish Hope"

FROM LITTLE ACORN'S DO BIG OAKS GROW

I read that Booker T. Washington was born on a plantation in Virginia — was only a boy when the slaves were freed at the end of the war between the states. Then he worked in a salt mine, then in a coal mine.

At night he studied. When he was old enough he hitchhiked his way to Hampton Institute, a famous school for Negroes in Hampton. He worked as a janitor to earn his way through the school and graduated in 1875. He was a good student and soon after his graduation, he was asked to teach there. In 1881 the people of Tuskegee, Alabama wanted him to come there and teach and found a new school for Negroes. — He went, classes at first were held in a church and an old shanty. He was the only teacher. He had only 40 students. The school grew fast. It became known as Tuskegee Institute. When Booker T. Washington died, the Institute had 101 buildings and thousands of acres of land. More important, it had 200 teachers and 1,500 students!

P.S. The old adage is, that God helps those who help themselves. Mr. Washington proved himself to be one of the wonders of his day, his faith was demonstrated by his works. James says that faith without works is dead. He says: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." The apostle also says: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils (lots of devils?) also believe, and tremble." Editor

YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Make good use of your stewardship;

The things that you can do,
Do your best today and every day,
Each day the whole year through.
Each night go over every thing

He has given you to do.

Make sure He will say "Well Done
To your trust you have been true."
For now is the day of probation,
And His work He is trusting to
You,

So take stock now in the Lord's
storehouse,
And make sure He was wise choos-
ing you.

Have you been a slothful servant,
Or have you tended your work
with care;

For now by God's Grace we have
Mercy;

Prepare for His Justice up there.

Amy Martin

FORGOTTEN

Immigrants from Cukurcka, S. E. Turkey, claim to be descendants of Jews who settled in that area at the time of the Babylonian exile some 2,000 years ago.

They still speak the Aramaic language of ancient Palestine and observe all the Jewish laws. Neither Turkish Jews nor Jewish historians had been aware of their existence until early in 1953 when the first of this small "forgotten" Jewish community, riding on donkeys, struggled into Istanbul on their way to Israel.

THEY WERE STRICT!

"And they were strict to observe that there should be no iniquity among them; and whoso was found to commit iniquity, and three witnesses of the church did condemn them before the elders, and if they repented not, and confessed not, their names were blotted out, and they were not numbered among the people of Christ. But as oft as they repented and sought forgiveness, with real intent, they were forgiven." Moroni 6-7,8.

P.S. The Apostle James says that "sin is the transgression of the law."

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Bro. Editor:

So many things have transpired in the recent past, and I have not heard from you, I really do not know where to begin or end. I sincerely hope by the help of God, you have overcome the recent happenings, and are still pressing on the upward way. Thank God, out in this part of the Vineyard, we are fair, over last week-end we buried brother Joe Collison, but considering all the suffering etc., etc. we must conclude, that whatever God does, is always for the best. It is said, behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face. Well, thank God, the New Year has arrived, Happy New Year, to all my brothers and sisters, throughout the Church. One prediction I heard, which I really indorse, is that 1960, for those who desire God purely, will be a banner year, but to the opposite, it will be one of Apostasy. To the faithful, my exhortation is, try to be more diligent, Matthew 24th, Chapter 22nd verse. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. As I see it, as the years roll by, the closer we are to God, the better it is going to be for one and all of us. Don't forget also, as we read in Matthew 12th, Chapter, 43rd through the 45th. verses. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty,, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself, seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worst than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. Three wonderful comments, I heard recently: at Bro. Joe Collison's funeral Dec. 31, I heard Bro. Domenic Thomas, speaking of a sister, recently departed, and also of our bro. and saying that their faithful lives, so closely resembled, and were so outstanding, that they may not ordinarily be remembered as a sister and brother, but as costly jewels, not only to us, but to the General Church as a whole.

Then that night at our Watch-Service, at Branch #3, it was said by a brother, since he had been in the Church, he has been fully satisfied with all the blessings and love of God, but what he is wondering about, is God satisfied with him? I also heard brother Joe Milantoni, of Branch #2, the 1st Sunday of the New Year, speaking on Haggai 1st Chap. 5th verse, "Consider your ways". The emphasis this brother puts in his talk, was felt by all, and brought a great blessing to the Church. Recently, at Branch #2, two bros. took a sister, who was pronounced incurable and dying, into the water and baptized her, she is now doing fine, and seems to be healthy, serving the Lord, her son has been baptized since, and her husband hopes to follow soon. May God abundantly bless them with the richness of His grace. Our program, at Branch #1, on the 20th of Dec. was a great success, we had the saints and their children, from all the surrounding branches and Windsor, also bro. and sister Maness, of the Sarnia Reservation. First we had community singing which was enjoyed by all. The theme of the program, centered around the birth of Christ, and was carried out beautifully with songs and recitations. The children were coached by bro. Anthony Scolaro, Sister Jennie Pietrangelo, and Sister Mary Dichera, and were particularly keen in bringing out their parts appropriately. Six of the children, scored highest for Perfect attendance, and the same number for highest marks in their classes. These all received presents, and the rest were encouraged to try harder for better results the next time. The senior Choir was coached by bro. Frank Conti, Eugene Amormino, at the Piano. May God help each one of us this year, and also for the future, to be each other's keeper, to strive for the faith, to hold up the banner of Christ, and to be pioneers of righteousness, that the day may soon come, when the Lord will make us a great magnet, to attract the Choice Seer, who will be a great factor, in drawing the world to God. May God abundantly bless all my dear bros. and sisters everywhere. Your bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

COMPASSION

Compassion for souls is what we all need;
To tarry in prayer; until they take heed
To the call that goes out; with each word that is given;
It is food for the soul; yes; it is manna from Heaven.
God's word is quite plain; to all who are seeking;
Tho some may deny it; and from it keep shrinking.
Compassion will win them; if we keep on trying
To win them to Christ; whose love is undying.
He labours, unceasing; no rest does He know;
He grieves o'er the wanderer; a-way from the fold.
Compassion! We need it to day;
O so much;
God grant us this blessing; for in THEE we trust.
All things are accomplished by HIS MIGHTY POWER;
The weak can be strong as a powerful tower;
IF; we have compassion on others you see;
The LORD will extend it, to you and to me.

Margaret Heaps

THE MAN WESLEY

John Wesley was of but ordinary stature, and yet of noble presence. His features were very handsome even in old age. He had an open brow, an eagle nose, a clear eye, and a fresh complexion. His manners were fine, and in choice company with Christian people he enjoyed relaxation. Persistent, laborious love for men's souls, steadfastness, and tranquillity of spirit were his most prominent traits of character. Even in doctrinal controversies he exhibited the greatest calmness. He was kind and very liberal. His industry has been named already. In the last fifty-two years of his life, it is estimated that he preached more than forty thousand sermons.

He was born in England on June 17, 1703 and died in 1791 after a long life of tireless labor and unselfish service. His fervent spirit and hearty brotherhood still survive in the body that bears his name.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



William H. Cadman

To my readers:

I feel like writing some on Paul's sayings in Galations, first chapter relative to the gospel or another gospel as related by him.

In the verses 6 and 7 he says: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you

into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." He then adds in the eighth verse "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." — very strong language, indeed on the part of Paul.

However strong it may be, the Saviour was very positive in His teachings — He has warned us about the idleness of our words, for He says we shall give an account of them. And I might add, that everything that He taught, whether in word, precept or example, becomes a part of His gospel unto the children of men. — and the apostle Peter declares that there is no other name given under heaven by which we may be saved, except the name of Jesus. And James declares that even if we keep the whole law and yet transgress in one point — we are guilty of the whole. I will add, that such was the gospel as taught by Paul and he adds — that if any preach any other gospel than what he had preached, let him be accursed.

Jesus warned His followers to be aware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves — that language really needs no comment. Then again He says: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into his kingdom; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." In the following verse, Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,

have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? In the following verse He replies to them saying "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Evidently they had obeyed a gospel which Paul says is not another, but there be some that trouble you. And of course, and person or persons who are acquainted with the word of God, knows that there would be many rise up and teach things that they should not — and they call it the gospel of Christ.

The experience that Paul had on his way to Damascus, humbled him down — he had learned that the Jesus whom he was persecuting, was really the Lord of heaven — the voice that spake to him, told him to go on to Damascus and it would be told him what he must do. Later we read where the Lord's servant Ananias, says to Paul, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. So Paul preached the same gospel, and says there is no other—even though an angel from heaven would preach another, let him be accursed.

In Hebrews 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: (the children of Israel in the wilderness, note the previous chapter) but the word preached did not profit them, (the children of Israel) not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Therefore in verse 17 of chapter 3, their carcasses fell in the wilderness. They reaped the reward of their disobedience — refusing to abide by the same gospel that was taught by Paul in his day. I will add then, that the same gospel was preached to Abraham, and eventually Abraham's seed through obedience, sat under their own vine and fig trees in the days of Solomon. First Kings 4-25.

Again in First Peter 4:6 "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they may be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." Undoubtedly the same gospel that Paul was preaching was preached to the dead — for Paul pronounces anathema on whomsoever preaches any other gospel.

In the Book of Mormon, the Nephite people preached the same gospel that Paul preached long before Paul was born into the world. I read in Second Nephi 25-26, "And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins." Again, the gospel that Paul preached — required him to arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins.

NILES, OHIO

Sister Nastasia, whose health is never the best but is grateful for the blessings of the past year. She wants you all to know that she is grateful to you all in remembering her in your prayers. The passing of the old year and the entering of the new one, no doubt, causes us to be thankful to the Lord for His loving care over us. And may

that thought cause us all to be a little more useful in the vineyard of the Lord — than what we may have been in the years that have passed on that will not return to us — whether well spent or otherwise.

San Diego, Calif.
Dec. 26, 1959

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I have been in the church three months, and may I say I never have been happier. I have discovered something wonderful. I have never felt closer to God.

I belong to Ladies Circle here in San Diego whom I feel is a stepping stone to my baptism. As I joined Ladies Circle before I was baptized.

May God Bless and Keep You,

HE IS ALWAYS THERE

When you are lonely, blue and alone and look about for someone to care;

He is always there.

When you need help and are in despair,

He is always there.

When you feel weary and friends have you none,

He is always there, He is the one.

He is always there to make our Burdens lighter, our will stronger, our love deeper.

When you need someone who will understand remember;

He is always there.

Eunice Coppa

THE SPIRIT OF ONENESS IN PURPOSE IS A NECESSITY

According to the report of the recent Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, their membership increased better than 46,000 in 1958 bringing their total membership up to nearly 1,150,000.

Of the world's 213 countries and political subdivisions listed by the United Nations, the Adventist Church is in 189 of them. They have not yet entered 24 small territories, such as Afghanistan, Andorra, Timor and Yemen.

In the belief that medical aid should accompany the preaching of the word, they are operating 107 hospitals and sanitariums, 114 dispensaries and clinics — valued at about \$60,000,000 and staffed by 421 physicians and 11,500 nurses and other workers.

Literature in 218 languages issued by 44 publishing houses and they support 324 colleges and secondary schools with over 3,100 teachers and nearly 46,500 students. There are more than 4,500 elementary schools with 8,650 teachers and above 226,700 pupils in an educational program carried on without state or federal help. Tithes and offerings of members, totaling over \$83,000,000 in 1958, support the global missionary endeavor.

P.S. I do not print this in the Gospel News for the purpose of supporting the faith and doctrine of the Adventist Church, — but undoubtedly, the secret of their success is the spirit of oneness of

purpose' in their theory of the great plan of redemption as instituted by Jesus Christ in which He certainly stressed the necessity of oneness with His disciples — and He prayed to His Father in Heaven, that His disciples be One even as Him and His Father are one. It is possible for an organization to be right in principle, and yet be far away from God because of division instead of the oneness of SPIRIT. The Catholic Church has spread throughout the world — apparently they are one in obeying the command of the Saviour to His disciples — Preach my Gospel to all the world. Right or wrong they are very much ONE in their efforts.

In the days of Martin Luther and many others, revolted against the mother church because of false principals and alleged corruption therein. A break from the mother church was the result, and whether the break on the part of the revolted was right or wrong — it resulted in a multitude of churches, known generally as Protestants, who themselves are divided asunder, and yet as individual churches, some of them have been very much in the spirit of oneness in their purpose and have spread considerable in their efforts. The spreading throughout the world, does not necessarily prove them to be right in the sight of God. If growth and spreading proves the righteousness of a cause — I presume the Roman Catholic Church has us all beat.

I am a thorough believer in the Restored Gospel of which Joseph Smith was the instrument used in bringing it forth. I am not only a believer in such, but I have preached it all, or about all my lifetime, and I expect to continue to do so, as long as life shall last with me on this terra-firma.

In the restoration of the Gospel and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, the divided condition of the Christian world is very much exposed. Yet people of the restored Gospel, who have preached it from the housetops have lost the spirit of oneness among themselves, and they are divided very much with one another. Principles are taught by some which appear very abominable to others, and while many things are taught,

which may not be so repugnant — yet is very inconsistent with the word of God. The spirit of oneness as in the beginning, is disappearing among the followers of the Restored Gospel and to my mind — people who may live in glass houses, should not throw stones.

I want to warn the people of The Church of Jesus Christ, that the same cause will produce the same effects in one age as well as another. We must not only teach repentance and baptism, but we must be one in the service of God, or suffer the inevitable — division and strife "which the Lord says in the Book of Mormon is of the devil."

COLORED JEWS IN OUGANDA

At the Jewish World Congress it was reported that two tribes were discovered in the jungles of Ouganda, who are acquainted with many Jewish customs and have a knowledge of the Hebrew language. They consist of about one-half million people.

It is assumed that groups of Jews had settled in the jungles of Ouganda during the sixth and seventh centuries and have been assimilated by local tribes who adopted their customs.

The chief of the tribes explained the wish to visit Israel to obtain technical help for raising the standard of living among his people.

From "Jewish Hope"

BROTHER FLEMING HAS AN ACCIDENT

As we were about to go to print, January 25th, we learn that Brother Fleming of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church, has had a serious accident which has resulted in one of his limbs being amputated below the knee. He works on a boat on the Monongahela River. We do not know all the particulars as to how it happened — but in behalf of all our brothers and sisters, we extend our sympathy to Brother and Sister Fleming and family. He is at present in the Brownsville Hospital, at Brownsville, Pa. Editor.

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Children obey your parents,"

Ephesians 6:1

Dear Girls and Boys:

From your many letters I know you are enjoying the stories and questions. Our story this month is a very old one. It is found in the Old Testament, Genesis, chapters 11 and 12 and in the Book of Mormon, Ether chapters 1 to 7.

After the flood, in the days of Noah, there began to be people again upon the earth. They all spoke the same language. They came from the east and west to a plain in the land of Shinar. They said to one another, "Let us get bricks and mortar and build a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven. Let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth." But the Lord came down to see the tower. He was not pleased with what they were doing. He saw that they had one language. He confounded it so that they could no longer understand each other. This was so confusing they had to stop building the tower. They called this place Babel, which means confusion. The Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of the earth.

In the Book of Mormon, Ether tells us about two brothers who prayed to the Lord not to confound their language. One of these men was Jared and the other was known only as the brother of Jared. The brother of Jared was a large and mighty man, highly favored of the Lord. The Lord heard and answered the brother's prayer and their language was not changed. Jared asked his brother to pray again saying, "Cry unto the Lord, That He will turn away His anger from our friends and not confound them." The Lord again answered the prayer so their families and friends were able to understand each other. Jared asked his brother again to pray and ask the Lord where they were to go. He was hoping it would be a land choice above all the earth and if it were so, they would be faithful unto the Lord. The Lord again heard

the prayer and said to Jared's brother, "Gather together all your families, your flocks, and all kinds of seeds. When you have done this lead the people into the valley which is northward and I will meet you there. I will go before you into a land which is choice above all others. I will bless your people and they will become a great nation. There will be none greater. I am doing all these things because you have cried unto me for a long time." This was a wonderful thing the Lord was going to do.

The people all went down to the northward valley. They named this valley Nimrod, after a mighty hunter. They laid snares to catch the fowls of the air, made a vessel to carry the fish, took swarms of bees and all kinds of seeds on their journey. As they came down into the valley the Lord was there in a cloud as He had promised. He talked with the Brother of Jared and told him He would take them where no man had ever been. He would go before them in this cloud and direct them.

They traveled in the wilderness, built barges to cross the many waters, always directed by the hand of the Lord. The Lord told Jared's brother that the people who would possess this choice land must serve Him or He would destroy them.

By and by they crossed the wilderness and came to a great sea. They pitched their tents here and named the place Moriancumer. Instead of coming directly to the choice land, America, they forgot God. They were made to stay here for four years. The Lord came down in a cloud again and talked to the brother of Jared, for three hours. The Lord chastened, or scolded him for forgetting to call upon His name. The brother of Jared was very sorry. The Lord said, "I will forgive you and your brethren but do not sin anymore. I will not always be with man." Some times we are like the brother of Jared. We forget God and do not always pray. This grieves the Lord that we forget the many

things He does for us.

After the Lord had forgiven them He gave them more instructions. He told the brother of Jared to build barges. They were to be small, light, peaked at both ends and watertight. There were eight of them as long as a tree. The brother of Jared wanted light so he could see to steer them. He was worried about crossing the great sea in darkness. They couldn't have windows because they would be dashed to pieces and they could not take fire. The Lord said these parges were to be like big whales. Even if the waves dashed upon them the Lord would bring them out of the depths of the great sea, because the winds and waters must obey Him. The Lord asked, "What do you want me to prepare for you so you can have light?"

The brother of Jared went up to a high mountain and out of a rock made sixteen small, clear, white stones. He held them in his hands and cried to the Lord, "Don't be angry with me, because I am weak. I know I am unworthy but have pity upon me and turn your anger from us, Thy people. Touch these stones with your finger so they will give us light on our journey, so we will not go in darkness."

The Lord stretched forth His hand and touched the stones one by one. Jared's brother saw the finger of the Lord and it looked like the finger of a man. He was afraid and fell down before the Lord. The Lord said, "Arise, why have ye fallen?" He said, "I saw the finger of the Lord, I feared lest He should smite me for I did not know that the Lord had flesh and blood." Then the Lord said to him, "Because of your faith you have seen that I shall take upon Me flesh and blood. Never has man come before Me with such exceeding faith as you have, for if it were not so, you could not have seen my finger." The Lord told the brother of Jared many wonderful things.

After the brother of Jared talked with the Lord he came down from the mountain. He placed one stone in each end of the barges. They boarded their vessels and started on their long journey putting their trust in the Lord. The brother of Jared sang praises all day long and even at night continued to

praise God. The Lord caused a furious wind to blow upon the waters to carry them to the promised land. Their vessels were buried many times in the deep sea but they were tight like a dish. They were tight like Noah's ark and nothing could harm them. They were on the sea 344 days. They landed on the shores of America, or the promised land. When they came ashore they bowed down upon the ground, humbled themselves with tears of joy, before the Lord because of His tender mercies towards them. These people were known as the Jaredites.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

The quiz for the month is to match the mother with her child.

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| 1. Eunice | Joseph A. |
| 2. Jochebed | Jesus B. |
| 3. Mary | John C. |
| 4. Elizabeth | Samuel D. |
| 5. Hannah | Timothy E. |
| 6. Eve | Moses F. |
| 7. Rachel | Reuben G. |
| 8. Sariah | Cain H. |
| 9. Leah | Isaac I. |
| 10. Sarah | Nephi J. |

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

NEW YEARS EVE MEETING

We here in Monongahela gathered in our church at 10 p.m. on December 31st and were in service until mid-night. There is no command for us to meet together while the old year is passing out and the new one being ushered in — but we are commanded not to forget the assembling of ourselves together.

Therefore, it was just another occasion for us to get together in songs of praise and prayer to Him who does all things well for all His creatures, and I might add, especially to those who are mindful of Him, while time is fast passing away. I often think of Peter's expression wherein he says, "The end of all things are at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins, First Peter 4-7,8. (about 2000 years ago Peter said the end of all things are at hand)

There was a nice turn-out at the

meeting. Songs of praise were sung and some scripture reading by young and old. Brother Meredith Griffith read an extensive article, suitable for the occasion.

If at no other time — this season of the year should remind us all, that time is fast passing away — and what changes the year 1960 might bring to pass — yea, rolling years, keep on rolling, and each year shortens the gap between us and our eternal destination. May the good Lord bless us all as time keeps passing on.

Brother W.H. Cadman

THE HEART SPEAKS ON SELF-CONDEMNATION

Marie is a very sincere and dedicated young lady; dedicated to living a life which will be pleasing to God, without actually branding her as "stuffy". She is attractive, well mannered, well educated, intelligent and highly thoughtful and considerate of others. She is modern, but of exceptionally high moral standards. She is a friend of all, especially the underdog, and with her gift of insight, has been able to help others by the advice she offers, when it is requested of her. To sum it all, she is extremely well liked and popular.

And yet, with all of this to her credit, she herself is burdened down with a problem that she is unable to cope with — principally self-condemnation, to the point that at times she considers herself a base hypocrite. Now, to everyone else, it is quite evident that she is all but that, for she is not the fawning, flattering type of person, although she does not hesitate to give praise when the occasion presents itself — but then, it is only sincere praise that she gives. However, being the sincere, conscientious person that she is, she places great emphasis upon her reactions toward certain people, under certain circumstances.

Her work is such that semi-weekly she comes in direct contact with Elizabeth. She must spend several hours with her, sometimes in the company of others, sometimes alone. Elizabeth is not one of Marie's favorite people — that is to say, she does not actually dislike her, but then, neither is

she overly fond of her, and she even resents her, on occasion. Perhaps it is because Elizabeth's ways are somewhat alien to Marie; her mannerisms are a source of irritation to her. Or, these thoughts of resentment may stem from feelings of inequality, of considering herself inferior to the other. But — Marie, popular, well liked, attractive — how can she possibly consider herself inferior to Elizabeth? She may be on a par to the other girl, but certainly not below her in intelligence or personality. It is possible that Elizabeth would smile to herself were she to guess the other girl's thoughts, for she herself recognizes Marie's attributes, and has often desired to be like her!

It is, perhaps, good that we sometimes harbor such feelings of subordination, of inferiority to another in a certain capacity, for while these feelings are not to be encouraged, still they help to keep the right equilibrium in a person's character. It is common knowledge that great singers and artists, who have even appeared before Kings and Queens, actually tremble before each and every appearance, before even a common audience. Why? Don't they know that they are rated as superior in their field, their popularity being second to none? And yet, having a full knowledge that this is true, they are besieged with doubts, before "curtain time" causing them to fear that this time they may not come up to expectation, and, perhaps lose the respect and acclamation of their fans. If this were not so, such a feeling of superiority and exaltation would develop within the individual that no one could possibly like them — they would be overcome with pride, and pride would eventually destroy them.

No matter how irritating Elizabeth's mannerisms and ways may be to Marie, Marie keeps the feeling of annoyance well hidden, and her friend has no suspicion that she is at times aggravating to Marie. As a matter of fact, the two appear quite congenial and most of the time, Marie even actually enjoys the visits with Elizabeth. And this is what bothers her so tremendously — "How can I appear to enjoy her when I know that deep down inside she

constantly annoys me; the way she throws back her head when she laughs, the way she holds the cup of coffee, taking small sips; the quirk of her lips when she is displeased . . ." Such trivial things such inconsequential things, and yet they are so very annoying to this Marie who is otherwise so charitable and well-adjusted.

She reasons thusly: "These things annoy me, and as a consequence they create a dislike for Elizabeth (though not entirely), therefore, by appearing friendly, I am actually being a hypocrite; yet my friendship towards her is sincere, since I do not actively dislike her — it is only her ways that aggravate me.

And Marie's friendliness IS sincere because it is genuine—in many instances she is actually able to overlook the annoyances, and in reality does not dwell on them — until she arrives home. Then, suddenly, away from Elizabeth, the girl looms in front of her, nothing about her is likeable, Marie shudders, and calls herself a hypocrite. "How could I have embraced her, how could I have smiled and appeared friendly when she is so distasteful to me? I am the world's biggest hypocrite and a grievous sinner." And she becomes overwhelmed with guilt feelings.

But, is she actually what she considers herself to be? Was she behaving dishonestly while in the presence of Elizabeth? She herself admits that she actually enjoyed her association with the girl, at times; frequently the visits are pleasant. Therefore, she was NOT acting or being dishonest when she smiled at the girl, or when she said that the time just flew. She was putting into effect the feelings of her heart at the time, believing that finally she had mastered the dislike she felt for Elizabeth from time to time.

It was only in retrospect that the girl appeared before Marie in unpleasantness; it was only her imagination that greatly magnified the other girls faults. Just as absence magnifies a loved ones goodness, and causes you to forget the unpleasant aspects of his personality, so does absence work in reverse and magnifies the unpleasantness connected with a person one does not particularly like — to the point

of completely obscuring the good in them. Then upon meeting again one comes face to face with the good in the person (for all people have good qualities in various amounts) and because the good is seen and recognized, we are able to thoroughly enjoy the person.

All good things come from God, we are told, and to show love and friendliness is GOOD. Therefore, what Marie must learn to subdue is her feelings of dislike and annoyance when she is away from Elizabeth, for this is Evil. Through prayer, this can be accomplished, for God always helps those who try to help themselves overcome evil, and eventually she will be able to accept her friend and actually not be bothered by her "faults", for they will cease to appear as such.

Catherine Poma

TOO MUCH PAPERWORK MINISTER COMPLAINS

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI)—Ministers of the Gospel are failing to exude a "sense of relaxed faith, joy and optimism" because they are spending too much time on paperwork, the president of the North Carolina Baptist state convention complained Monday night.

C. B. Deane of Rockingham, N.C., said preachers should "slow down, take time to think, more time to pray and more time to allow the Holy Spirit to invest us with a new sense of direction."

KENT MISSION Kent, Ohio

The Kent Mission of Kent, Ohio held their first New Year's Eve meeting in the home of Will and Sis Crall. Bro. Picciuto opened the meeting about 10:30 with Singing and Prayer. He chose Hebrews 8:13 for his text. Bro. Vince Gibson and Bro. Mario Milano of Cleveland, Branch #1 spoke on the same text. Bro. Picciuto offered the prayer to usher in the New Year. We were very happy to have in attendance at this meeting the Manes from Youngstown, The Milano's, Gibson's from the Cleveland. Besides the Brothers and Sisters and friends of the Kent Mission. This meeting was attended

by forty-five Brothers, Sisters and Friends of the Church of Jesus Christ.

We are having some wonderful meetings here in Kent. The Spirit of God is evident in the Brothers and Sisters, and Friends of our small mission. We extend an invitation to all Brothers and Sisters to visit our meetings sometime. We live just 2 miles from Exit 13 of the Ohio Turnpike and our name can be found in the telephone book. Please come to see us.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
Sister Evelyn Cral
9368 Root Drive
Kent, Ohio

LEST WE FORGET!

And these are they who have published peace, who have brought good tidings of good, who have published salvation, and said unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!

And O how beautiful upon the mountains were their feet!

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

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

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

For were it not for the redemption which he hath made for his people, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, I say unto you, were it not for this, all mankind must have perished." Mosiah 15-14 to 19 inclusive.

P.S. O how wonderful — did Mosiah extol the preachers of righteousness of his past — How wonderful he did extol the preachers of righteousness of his own day — Yea, let us give God praise for an impartial man like His servant Mosiah; for he not only extols them of his own day, our those in the days of the prophets — For he is made to exclaim: How beautiful — Yea, I repeat again, How beau-

tiful upon the mountains are the FEET of those who shall hereafter (does he mean those who are preaching the gospel today?) publish 'peace, yea, from this time henceforth and forever! (forever has no end — it must have some reference to the preacher of righteousness today) Yea how beautiful are their feet.

Mosiah does not stop here for he must give the pre-eminence to Jesus, Yea Him who bore our sins and our griefs, Him who was taken from prison and judgment and, may I ask: Who shall declare His generation? Mosiah says this is not all:

For how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed His people; yea, Him who has granted salvation unto His people; "... When they cry out today: "Come over to Macedonia and help us," The Editor believes our feet will be as beautiful in the sight of God as were His servants 'way' back yonder, for I read that He changes not. And He has pronounced a **woe** upon those who are at ease in Zion — which certainly applies to our day and time in this the twentieth century, for the days are getting short. But the time is yet to come as spoken of by the prophet Jeremiah "Therefore behold the days come, saith the Lord that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt: But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold the Lord shall send many fishers and hunters after them (might I say, preachers of the Gospel?) and undoubtedly their feet will be beautiful in the sight of Him who died for all His creatures. My readers, bear in mind that the Almighty God is still the same today — the Gospel was not restored to be trifled with anymore than in any other day or time. The gospel is for the saving of the souls of the human family, and through obedience to it — the will of God shall be done on earth at it is done in

heaven, The feet of the servants of God in this day, shall be beautiful upon the mountains as in any other day, if they are not too dilatory.

Brother Editor

WHAT DO YOU CHOOSE?

"And now remember, remember, my brethren, that whosoever perisheth, perisheth unto himself; and whosoever doeth iniquity, doeth it unto himself;; for behold, ye are free; ye are permitted to act for yourselves; for behold, God hath given unto you a knowledge and he hath made you free.

He hath given unto you that ye might know good from evil, and he hath given unto you that ye might choose life or death; and ye can do good and be restored unto that which is good, or have that which is good restored unto you; or ye can do evil, and have that which is evil restored unto you."

P. S. I would gather from the above scripture which is found in Helaman 14-30,31, that if we do evil here in this world, evil shall be restored to us in the world to come. Or, if we do good in this world, good shall be our lot in the world to come.

But with all the choice you may make in spending your life here—after all the freedom you may use in the life you may live—let us all remember that the Saviour has taught both in the Bible and Book of Mormon, that unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot be saved.

GOOD TO READ

Dear Editor:

I am writing this so it may help others that may be like me. I was baptized at the age of 18. I was the only young sister attending the afternoon meetings besides three or four older sisters. The desire to serve Christ was always in my heart, but there was a constant struggle between God and the outside world. We cannot have both.

I did not attend afternoon meetings like I should have done, but I kept praying that a strong desire would come over my heart, so I could serve God like I should. I was getting a little discouraged about church and I knew the trou-

ble was with me. I prayed that God would give me a stronger desire to serve Him and do church work. I prayed that my children would not be affected in any way, but if anything happened, it would be between God and me. Then I got sick and my nerves got the best of me, I struggled all night and if it wasn't for the good Lord I feel that I would never have made it. I felt that I would be made better for I received that strong desire to serve Him. The hymn, "Trust and Obey" was the only words that helped me through the night. I felt numb from my nerves being wound up.

The next morning Brother Teaman Cherry came and anointed me and I started to get better. I have a strong desire to serve the Lord and do church work. I thank God for giving me another chance. For all others that get discouraged, pray, hang on to that which you have — God hears us and He will give you the strength you need.

He works in mysterious ways, but He is always with us in that song: "Won't You Come Back Home, Won't You Come To Jesus, Won't You Come Back Home?"

Sister Shirley Scagline
Monongahela, Pa.

BROTHER RANDY TO RETURN HOME

In a letter this day of January 11th from brother Randy in Italy, he has, for some reason given up the idea of holding a Conference in Italy in March, and will return home early in February. Probably be home by the time this paper reaches you.

WORDS FROM THE DUST

Have spoken to us as follows:

"For behold, thus saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, unto his disciples, who should tarry, yea, and also to all his disciples, in the hearing of the multitude: Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature; And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned; And these signs shall follow them that believe"—& etc. Mormon 9-22,23. P.S. The two witnesses—Lamanites and Jews certainly bear the same witness of Jesus Christ.

A SELECTION

Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord,
to us:

Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and see me not;
Ye call me Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call be Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
IF I CONDEMN YOU, BLAME ME NOT.

(Inscription in the Cathedral of
Lubec, Germany)

Dear Editor:

Inclosed is some material for the Gospel News, for your approval. The one entitled Feed My Sheep I particularly like, because the message is to those who are in charge of the Lord's sheep, and there are many times he gets discouraged, and wonders if it's worth all he has to go through. This poem brings out so clearly the shepherd is employed by our Lord and Master.

In the last two weeks two of our young men have enlisted in the service of our country. Brother Robert Lowden and Richard King. We of the Branch try to send them away in good spirits by having, what we call a going away meeting. Sister Mary Ward is very talented in putting her good thoughts in poetry. All the young people and the older ones too put their talent to work, and we had two meetings which were filled with inspiration, not only for the boys who were leaving, but for all who attended. We thank the Lord for his blessings in this part of the vineyard, and send our warmest greetings to all the Saints everywhere.

Sister Wanda Johnson

CONVICTION

by Harry Lorber, Jr.
II Nephi 4, 19-20

That man is born unto trouble,
No living soul can deny;
The day sin entered the garden,
Our race was sentenced to die;
Though days are laden with trials,
And life, uncertain and short,
I know in whom I have trusted,
My God hath been my support.
The Lord commissioned the prophet,
The nation's sin to unveil;
The city wall was his pulpit,
In vain they strove to assail;
Despite the arrows of evil,
The Lord to him was a fort;
I know in whom I have trusted,
My God hath been my support.
The Lord instructed his servant
A fiery message to bring,
Rebuking Noah, the monarch,
And all the priests of the kings,
Although he died as a martyr,
The gospel, this did not thwart;
I know in whom I have trusted,
My God hath been my support.
In pain, in sickness and sorrow,
Your cry, the Saviour will hear;
His eye is full of compassion,
No sleep can deafen His ear;
Prove faithful here till He calls you,

That you may sing in His court,
"I know in whom I have trusted,
My God hath been my support."

(Dedicated to Brother W. H.
Cadman)

TYPES AND SHADOWS

by James Heaps

Judah is a type of the Judah of today. When he said, "What profit is there if we kill him; let us sell him." So, up to this time Judah has to make a profit regardless of how he makes it.

After they sold Joseph, they had to invent some story to cover their crime, so they killed a kid and put the blood on the coat of many colors. This kid is a type of the passover lamb that was slain about the time Jesus was crucified.

While Jacob and his sons were debating about the coat of many colors, and the blood upon it; At the crucifixion the Jews were debating about the garment and they cast lots among them to see what part each man should take.

After he had risen from the tomb, the chief priest and the pharisees paid the soldiers money to say the disciples had come and stolen his body, also the sons of Jacob had to make a good excuse to cover their crime. Jacob refused to be comforted and kept the crime he thought they had committed before them: So the crucifixion has been kept before the Jews. Hence the bitterness that is manifested by them when the name of Christ is mentioned. They have sought peace, but there is no peace. Their name has been cast out as evil, and their wound has been incurable. Jesus said, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate. Following the destruction of the temple, the land has been desolate for two thousand years.

Moses was sent to deliver the children of Israel, but before he was sent he was told to put his hand in his bosom and it became leprous, then he was told the second time and it was healed. Leprosy is a type of sin, and the only way for the Jews to be healed from this sin is to put their hand in his side. The healing can only come thru the atoning blood of Christ.

The taking of Joseph into Egypt shows how God turned to the Gentiles. The years that Joseph spent in prison is a type of Christ's humiliation. The prophet said, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed.

There was no one that could accuse Jesus justly. Pilate said, "I find no fault in the man." When Joseph came from prison he came not as a criminal, nor did he remain a servant. He was clothed in Princely garments and all the people bowed the knee before him. His rulership was with splendor and power and he was given the keys to all the storehouses of Egypt.

When Jesus comes again he will not be as a babe in a manger, but as the lion of the tribe of Judah. He will reign as king of kings and lord of lords. Joseph as ruler of Egypt, was a true type of Christ in so much that everything prospered. So it will be when Jesus comes again. We shall live and reign with him a thousand years. God will

turn everything over to Jesus, until the devil and the false prophet and the beast are cast into the bottomless pit, and God is all in all.

The butler and the baker is a type of the two thieves on the cross. One was restored to his position before pharaoh, the other was hung on a tree and the birds did eat his flesh. One thief said, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus said, "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise." Joseph told the butler and the baker it would take place in three days, and so the resurrection took place in three days.

In John's description of Christ he said, "I saw one like unto the son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about his paps with a golden girdle, his head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow and his eyes were as a flame of fire, and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and his voice as the sound of many waters, and he had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword, and his countenance was as the sun that shineth.

In his strength, Joseph as governor over Egypt is a type of Christ in his rulership over the world. Pharaoh caused him to be clothed in a vesture of fine linen, a gold chain was put around his neck, he was made the second ruler in power to the king himself, and all the people was commanded to bow the knee before him. Paul said, "as it is written; as I live saith the Lord every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

(To be continued)

Your Bro. in Christ
James Heaps

FROM THE RECORD

"American Bible Society"

No New Hat — from Fort Wayne, Indiana:

After reading in the Bible Society Record about the Finger - Fono I decided I did not need a new hat that I was thinking of. So here is my check for ten dollars and I feel happier!

NEW YEARS EVE MEETING (Bitner Branch)

On New Years Evening a watch meeting was held in the home of brother Oran and John Thomas — this was the thirtieth year in succession for these meetings at the home of brother Thomas. Apparently a general good time was enjoyed by those present, which included several members of the family of the late Brother and Sister Nephi Federer, and also the family of the late Brother and Sister Clyde Gibson was represented.

According to information given the Editor — in these thirty years of meetings in the home of brother Thomas there have been visitors there from mostly all the States.

Everyone enjoyed themselves singing hymns and having prayer and most of all — knowing that we're starting out the New Year by doing more for the Lord.

We are thankful to the Thomas family for their hospitality and kindness in preparing for the meeting as they did.

Sister Bokulick

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many brothers, sisters and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown during our recent bereavement, the loss of our mother, grandmother and wife, Sister Sadie Mains Cadman. Words cannot express the comfort your cards, flowers, messages and prayers gave us. It brought to our minds the words of the Saviour, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The text used in the service was so very fitting to her life. (Rev. 14-13) She has rested from all her labours and her works will follow her.

We realize our loss is heaven's gain and she has gone to Paradise which was so real to her. May God's richest blessings abide with all.

Bro. W. H. Cadman and family.

NEWS OF OLD MEXICO

Some news taken from a letter which was written by one of our sisters in California. In telling of their work among the Mexican people she says:

"Every Christmas the Sunday School buys some candy and toys for the children and I would like to thank you for the donation of \$5.00 for the Mexican children.

Right now we are interested in starting a Mission in Tiajuana, Mexico which is just across the border from San Diego, Calif. Our interest was aroused by a Mexican brother and sister from the Los Nietos Mission, who got us to go with them. They are a wonderful help and a good faithful brother and sister. There also has been experiences given regarding us going there.

Mexico is a land of contrast. They have mainly two classes of people there. The rich and poor. The section we are interested in is of course, the very poor. We saw people living in all kinds of shacks ranging from unpainted wood, about the size of a garage, to unfinished stucco with only the tar paper completed. We even saw people living in cardboard and tent type houses. There are no trees or grass in this section, only barren hills of hard clay or in some places fine sand. Clothing is scarce in these sections. Many children and adults go without shoes and other parts of clothing. Food is lacking to a great degree, in fact, people have been known to starve to death in this area. One of the tragic things that we have found is, that people have to buy all the water they use. Whatever water that can be gotten out of the ground is unfit for human consumption, therefore you see water pedlers driving up and down the streets selling water. It is amazing to me that they keep themselves as clean as they do.

They are very sincere and believe in God (many of them). I pray that God will touch their hearts to accept the restored gospel that the Church may be established in Mexico. If you will study the map of Mexico, you will find many interesting things about the many tribes there are. There are millions of full-blooded Indians in

Mexico.

We went over there on Christmas day. It rained the day before and most of Christmas day as well. Some of the roads could not be used. We parked our car on top of the hill and the children started coming up. Sister Carmen passed out the boxes of candy and some toys. We did not have enough (96 boxes). We felt bad that so many children were disappointed. So, the following Sunday we bagged up another 155 bags of candy and took it to the children and again that wasn't enough. I thought you would like to know where your money went.

Please remember us out here who are trying to work in Mexico among the House of Israel, with your prayers. There is a great need for the word of God.

Sincerely Your Sister in Christ. P.S. I just want to say that there is no employment of any kind in many, many parts of Mexico, therefore the poverty. They really have to get beans and flour (which is their food when they can get it)

I am thankful that my stepfather can speak the language. He is the only Minister out there (among us) who can speak the language. Pray that God will send laborers into the vineyard.

I, brother W. H. Cadman am pleased to see the interest that is taken with some among the poor Mexican people — poor indeed. May God bless your hearts and souls in your labours is my prayer. I like the message the Saviour sent back to John as recorded in Matthew 11:4,5. Among other things the Saviour consoles poor John with the fact, that the poor have the gospel preached unto them. Yea, praise God for brothers and sisters who can stoop and help lift up the down-fallen. He died on the cross for the down trodden, as well as Americans who are living in so much luxury. May God continue to bless you with the spirit of meekness and lowliness of heart. May He not only keep you lowly — but me along with you. I will just add that my trip to Africa, and my labours therein — has proven to be a good thing for my soul and also I believe I can speak in behalf of my beloved and departed wife in the same sense.

Brother W. H. Cadman

THAT WHICH IS RECORDED

While browsing through the pamphlet known as "Religious Experiences" the writing of the deceased brother William Cadman (and he was serving as president of the church at the time) I read on page 8 of the pamphlet wherein the subject of the "covenants made to Israel" are under consideration. Brother Cadman says that he had a powerful operation of the "Spirit of God" that we were not Israel, in the sense of being beneficiary under the covenants made to Israel, until we were incorporated with Israel, and that we would not be incorporated with Israel until we had carried the Gospel to them. He says: "I do not mention this for reproaching, but for the purpose of correcting an error, which evidently has been with latter day saints from the beginning in all their schemes of gathering. They (latter day saints) have been encouraging themselves by the promises made to Israel, under the covenants, and have neglected the first step in that direction, which is preaching the Gospel to the seed of Joseph. I can prove this by referring to their Revelations, (reported by themselves) to have been given almost seventy years ago. We, therefore, wish our people to understand this important 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." - - - I brother W. H. Cadman, will add that in my younger days in this church, and throughout my life in the church, we have been taught, that we would enjoy the favours and blessings of God in the last days, under the covenants made to Israel by carrying the Gospel to them — and especially to the Seed of Joseph. But we as Gentiles under the restoration, have slipped into the same "rut" as did the people of God in other ages of times — We expect Zion to be established before we do our part.

It is a recognized fact with most all Biblical Scholars, that the Jewish Nation of people, that while

looking and watching for their Messiah — overlooked Him (the babe that was born in Bethlehem) and they are still looking for a deliverer to come. The Saviour, Christ, did not come in the way they expected their deliverer to come, consequently, the builders rejected the chief corner Stone. To all Christian people, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Psalms 118:22. And though Jesus grew to manhood and proved to be a blessing to His people, yet he was judged as a sinner, and treated as a criminal — suffered death on a cross. It was once said: He came unto His own and His own received Him not. John 1:11. Even His disciples did not yet understand the greatness of His mission on earth — they expose that fact in their plea as recorded in Acts 1:6 "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel."

It was not too long after the slaying of him who was known by the name of Jesus Christ, that the Jews suffered at the hands of the Roman Army and have, ever since suffered at the hands of most nations of people, and were scattered throughout the world in fulfillment of the predictions of their own prophets. Their prophets still hold out hope for Israel. Yea, a time is coming in which they will see the folly of their forefathers ways — and if what I read today is true — there are thousands of Jews who are beginning to recognize the fact that the babe born in Bethlehem (and eventually treated as criminals are) is their long looked for Messiah, and thousands upon thousands are returning to their homeland as their own prophets said they would. Hence, the Jewish people — and especially their rulers did not understand the things pertaining to their day. Therefore, it is evident that the Jewish people overlooked the mark when they rejected Jesus Christ as their Deliverer and their Messiah. May I ask right here — It is not possible that Christian people of today, may overlook the ways of God in setting His hand the second time to recover His people Israel? (When I say Christian people in this instance, I mean all people who profess faith in Jesus Christ.)

Paul certainly warns us Gentiles in Romans 11th chapter not to boast - but take heed - for thou standest by faith — the covenant was made to Israel — the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, — in other words, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will fulfill His promises to Israel — for instance this land of promise (America) will yet be restored to the seed of Joseph, but with all that, they must obey the Gospel to be saved in the kingdom of heaven. The Holy One of Israel has declared and along with His servants has taught that unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he could in nowise enter the kingdom of heaven.

In His first appearance into the world for the redemption of man, He comes to the House of Israel first, they as a nation reject Him — but to as many as accepted Him He gave power to become the sons of God. The middle wall of petition was broken down, and through God's love the Jews preached the Gospel to the Gentiles. Yea, Paul says, "Yes verily, then sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

In the restoration of the Gospel (or God's second attempt to recover His people, Israel) He manifests Himself in power to the Gentiles and establishes His church in these last days, so that His people Israel might be gathered back into the fold of their Shepherd, Christ Jesus. Also to prepare a people for His second advent. As the Jewish brethren preached the Gospel to the world; under the restoration it has fallen the lot of the Gentile Church to return the favor, or as is made plain in Rev. 14-6,7, to be preached to the whole world.

Some L.D.S. are busy building temples the world over — others are wanting to build a temple for the Lord to come to. With many others it is not time to do anything. While others apparently, want to wait until the Choice Seer come, Zion established etc. And in the midst of these conditions many in foreign lands are calling: "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

The fathers in The Church of Jesus Christ who have now mostly passed on, made it very plain our duty to preach the Gospel and especially not to forget the covenant

people of God, and Gentiles are to become nursing fathers and mothers to Israel — that is if the prophet Isaiah knew what he was talking about. And the great man Mormon makes it very plain in III Nephi chapter 26 that Israel must accept the lesser things before the greater things will be given to them. To me, it is just as possible for the people of the restoration to miss the mark, as it was for the Jews. And a WOE is pronounced upon the Gentiles who are at ease in Zion.

Brother W.H. Cadman

EARTH HAS NO RESTING PLACE

(Dedicated to the memory of
Anthony Di Battista, Jr.)

Above the frightful, carnal scene
Of flood scourg'd sinners of our race,
The gentle dove flew strong and clean,
But found on earth no resting place.
Likewise, the Son of God repined
On earth in weary restlessness,
Admired the fox as it reclined,
The peaceful bird upon it's nest.
The songs that little children sing
So happily, so free of pain,
Are caught away by death's cruel sting,
E'er they begin the glad refrain.

The willing feet of multitudes
Of hopeful youth have never found
The pathway to diviner good,
Or sights and sounds of higher ground.
Thus God doth take unto His side,
As Noah took the gentle dove,
Those who on earth cannot abide
The lack of God's unmeasured love.
Arise, ye Saints of Latter Days,
Till all is held in love's embrace,
Till every knee shall bend in praise,
Till earth shall be man's resting place.

by James Curry

THE PROMISE

Joseph, who a fruitful bough,
By a well did dwell —
Whose branches o'er the wall did run,
A wondrous story to tell.
Of Lehi and his son of four
And his wife Sariah —
Did depart from the land of old
In the reign of Zedekiah.
It was by faith that he did go
When commanded by the Master —
And was by prophets long foretold
That Jerusalem would suffer disaster.

Now Lehi in his dream did see,
God's great plan of salvation —
And before his eyes he did see
The fate of every nation —
Now many things have come to pass
As the prophets have foretold
Bringing forth the past to us,
From the days of old.
Many things have come and gone
Since the angel has flown
And now the records have been revealed
And his glorious works are known,
Now in the Book of Mormon we find
A way that leads to salvation
And in the Bible you will also find
This great proclamation.
Unto those who have made the promise
This message to you I bring
Who will love and serve this living God
The Redeeming song they will sing!

By Bro. Frank Zeher
Brooklyn, New York

NEW YEARS EVE

Dear Editor:

As the old year went out and the new year came in, one of the young of McKees Rocks asked to be baptized at the home of Brother and Sister Casasanta. Quite a few of the brothers and sisters attended the meeting. The first Sabbath of the year saw Sister Nina De Cenzo, grand daughter of Brother Tony Nolfi, taken into the waters of regeneration by Brother John Manes of Cleveland, Ohio. We cannot help but praise God and send our love to all Saints everywhere.

McKees Rocks Branch

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BROTHER RANDY HOME FROM ITALY

Brother Editor:

I am back home by the grace of God (Letter is dated Feb. 6th) after spending some time abroad in the Italian Missions. I thank God and the Church for the privilege to serve.

I baptized several new members including a Pentecostal Minister and part of his congregation. It was a great experience to see our brothers and sisters in Italy have the same Gospel, and spirit as we have. I would have stayed longer for the need there is greater than I can express. We need missionaries or labourers in the field—May God move on others to go. I know that it is not all hardships, there is also a blessing with it.

A member of the Pentecostal church had an experience of a man telling her: I am sending my servant to listen to him and take care of him. I cannot express my gratefulness to God to honor me as His servant. The Lord prepared their hearts, so that I cannot say that it was my words that converted them—but it was the spirit of God. It is an example as to how God will build up His Kingdom. If we abide in His love He abides with us, and through Jesus Christ we all can come together in one fold and have one Shepherd. In Christ we win, in our own strength we lose. Thanks to the many who prayed for me and those who wrote to me. If God gives me the health and strength, I would go again.

We intended to have a conference in the month of March, but they did not have sufficient conveniences. In S. Demetrio it is cold and there is no heat in their homes. So it was decided to have a gathering the first Saturday and Sunday in September, which will precede the October Conference here in the U.S. The Missions in Italy are in their infancy and need competent help. I have translated the Marriage vows into Italian to help them. May God inspire others to go over there—the need is great. Brother Mark Randy.

NOTICE PLEASE

The Class of Ruth of the Monongahela Sunday School is undertaking to have published two hymns in memory of Sister Sadie Cadman, who taught the class for about twenty five years. One is "Til Earth is Good Again", for which Brother James Curry wrote the words. Sister Cadman wrote the melody after her sight was gone, about six weeks before her death. Many have requested copies of the song.

The second hymn is "The New Star" written by Sister Cadman in 1929, while planning a Christmas program, she needed a hymn telling about events on this land at the birth of Christ. "The New Star" was the result.

Both hymns will be arranged for piano in one sheet music folder with Sister Cadman's picture on the cover. The copyright will be in the name of the Church for desired future use. We hope to have them ready to sell by April Conference.

Sister Ruth Mountain

From Germany

Dear Brother Cadman:

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and enjoying God's blessings. Enclosed you will find three dollars for the renewal of the Gospel News, also my new address. I will be stationed here in Bamberg, Germany for a while.

I have enjoyed the Gospel News very much. It makes me feel that I'm back home with the saints, enjoying the blessings of God.

Coming here to Germany, makes me appreciate the blessed land of America more. Sometimes we take a lot for granted without thanking God. My prayer is, that the Lord will bless you, who are making it possible for the Gospel News to be published. Brother Elmer Santilli.

P.S. Brother Elmer. I am glad to hear from you. I did not know that you were so far away from home. May the Lord bless and care for you, Bro. Cadman.

Comments On III Nephi Chapter 21

Beginning with Verse 1—The Saviour speaking: "And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign, that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place—That I shall gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and establish again among them my Zion."—This language to my mind, is the equivalent of saying that Zion or the Kingdom of God was once enjoyed by them. (Israel). I do read where they sat under their own vine and fig tree in the days of Solomon. In Fourth Nephi I read that there was no contention, no strife in fact there was no evil among them, because the love of God possessed their souls. And in other places, I read that there were no happier people in all the world than were these people—and in the days of Peter, James and John—the followers of Jesus sat in Heavenly Places. I might add, that irrespective of what time and age they lived in—it was Zion to them in as much as they served the humble Nazarene faithfully.—and we must all remember that the Lord is still on the Throne.

The Saviour is endeavoring to make plain unto the Nephite people the times and seasons that were yet future to them—in fact sufficiently plain, that there need be no misunderstanding as to when God sets His hand again for the recovery of His people the House of Israel. In verse 2, He speaks of these things, meaning a knowledge of the affairs of their present day, by their records of those things being made unto the Gentiles, and then of course unto the—Nephite people.

In verse 3. The Saviour makes it plain unto the Nephites, that these things shall be made known unto them (Gentiles) by the Father—and then come forth of the Father unto you; (the Nephite people). That fact could not be stated any plainer.

In verse 4. The Saviour makes it plain that it is wisdom on the

part of the Father, that they (Gentiles) should be established in this land (America) and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things (the things recorded in the Book of Mormon) might come forth from them (Gentiles) unto a remnant of your seed, (American Indians) that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled.

In verse 5, Therefore, when these works and the works which shall be wrought among you hereafter shall come forth from the Gentiles unto your seed which have dwindled in unbelief because of iniquity; Then in verse 6, For it behoveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles—It is evident that God has decreed that the Gentile shall carry the Gospel unto the Seed of Joseph on this land—which are now made known unto us Gentiles, the American Indians.

Through obedience to the Gospel by the Gentiles—repenting and being baptized—they may be numbered among the people of the House of Israel.—To me there is no excuse for the Gentile Church under the Restoration, not knowing what their duty is towards the Seed of Joseph, or the American Indians. And in verse 7, It is made very plain that when these things shall be made known unto them—the Nephite people—It is a SIGN unto them that the work of the Father has already commenced.

The Saviour made it very plain in the New Testament, that there need not be any deception as to His coming—for as the lightning shineth from the east to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be. Likewise, when these records come forth (the restoration of the Gospel etc &c.) It is a sign infallible that the Lord God of Israel has commenced His work, and there is certainly a great responsibility on the true servants of God in this day.

(To be continued)

Brother W. H. Cadman

SMOKING AND CANCER

The latest study to lend support to the theory that cigarette smoking increases the risk of lung cancer is one conducted by the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Re-

search.

The Institute made a study of Seventh Day Adventists, who do not smoke because of religious convictions. The study was revealing. It showed that men who are Seventh Day Adventists are ninety times less likely to get lung cancer than other men.

Not only did the study show that they were ninety times less likely to get cancer, but it showed that they had fewer heart attacks and a lower incidence of other cancers, such as cancer of the mouth, larynx and esophagus.

The real significance of the Sloan-Kettering study is that it refutes the theory of those who are resisting the repeated conclusions which are obviously being drawn from more and more research studies on cigarette smoking. Many have said that smoking might be, in itself a symbol of a certain "inner factor," or a nervousness, or something of the kind, and that smoking might be a symptom of this "inner factor"—rather than the actual cause of cancer—which might be accredited to the "inner factor."

The study of Seventh Day Adventists seems to refute this theory, because the Seventh Day Adventists do not smoke regardless of the so-called "inner factor," and they do not seem to get the cancer because of the "inner factor."

Selected

P.S. The Savior commanded His people or His disciples to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. As far as the written word is concerned, the command is as vital as others, and while many may not agree with the Seventh Day Adventist relative to some of the tenets of their faith, and while they may not be any more harmless than other professors of religion, yet they do show their wisdom in the matter of cigarette smoking.

And, according to the above article, it is a religious conviction of theirs—in what way, the article does not say, but there are many ways to sin against our bodies and bring upon us diseases that are so rampant today, and of which Medical Science is charging cigarette

smoking (and might I say, a PLAGUE) of being responsible for. The findings of the aforementioned Institution, that Seventh Day Adventists are 90 times less likely to contract Lung Cancer than the smokers of cigarettes—proves the wisdom of their church in abstaining from the plague. We should not only act wisely in preserving our own bodies—but to sin against the body of Christ (the Church) is not only endangering our own salvation—but others as well.

Editor.

LOUIS SCHILLACI

Louis Schillaci, the son of our late bro. and sister Jos. and Theresa Schillaci of Glassport, Pa., died on Jan. 26 in the McKeesport hospital. He was buried from the Lorenz Funeral Home in Glassport on the 29th. Brother Anthony DiBattista and the Rev. William Finch officiated at the service. Interment was in the Jefferson Memorial Park.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow Mrs. Anna Bell Schillaci, four sons, three grand children, one sister and one brother. He was born in Reynoldsville on December of 1906. May the Lord comfort his loved ones.

JOHN SEVERINO PASSES ON

John P. Severino, husband of Sister Cecillia Severino died of a heart ailment on January 25, 1960. He was 48 years old.

Besides his wife, the former Cecillia Theodore, he leaves a son, Vincent; a daughter, Mrs. James R. Fitzer; a brother, Dominic, three sisters, Mrs. George Dinino, Mrs. Victor Genaro, and Mrs. Michael Nigro, and four grandchildren, all of Youngstown, Ohio.

Funeral services were held in the Church on Thursday, January 28th, with Brother A. A. Corrado officiating.

May the Lord comfort and give our sister the courage she needs to continue on. Our heart-felt prayers are with Sister Cecillia and her family.

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EDITORIAL LY

SPEAKING

O how foolish, and how vain, and how evil, and devilish, and how quick to do iniquity, and how slow to do good, are the children of men; yea, how quick to hearken unto the words of the evil one, and to set their hearts upon the vain things of the world!

Yea, how quick to be lifted up in pride; yea, how quick to boast, and do all manner of that which is iniquity; and how slow are they to remember the Lord their God, and to give ear unto his counsels, yea, how slow to walk in wisdom's path. I am quoting from the 12th chapter of Helaman verses 4 & 5.

Even though, we are taught that man was created from the dust of the earth, yet later down in this same chapter, Helaman speaks of the greatness of the NOTHINGNESS of men and says that he is

LESS than the dust of the earth. Yea, at the power of His (God's) word, the hills and the mountains tremble and quake and are broken up — and behold if the Lord shall say unto a man — Because of thine iniquities, thou shalt be cursed forever — IT SHALL BE DONE. Then again, he says: "And thus we see that except the Lord doth chasten his people with many afflictions, yea, except he doth visit them with death and with terror, and with famine and with all manner of pestilence, they will not remember him." What an indictment of God's creatures — yea, they whom He created in His own image and glory — if He lavishes His blessings upon them, they are lifted up in pride — yea, how easily do they forget their God and trample under their feet the Holy One — by setting aside His Holy commands and following their own ways instead.

I read where the prophet Isaiah certainly sees the frailties of men. In the 24th chapter second verse — he says: And it shall be, as with the people; so with the priests; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him." It would seem that Isaiah is conveying the fact, that the priest (might I say a servant of God) is no example to his people.

Oftimes the maid is an example to her mistress, likewise the man that lends his money to another — even for usury, oftentimes has set a good example to him that borrowed. Yet with all this, the prophet declares that the earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws and changed the ordinances, and broken the everlasting covenant. Farther on the prophet says: Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and FEW men left. Well did the servant Helaman speak of the nothingness of men — even less than the dust of which he was created from.

THE TWO ADAMS

Sister Amy Martin

MAN, whose life now appeareth as a vapor for a little while and then vanisheth away; created from the dust when God Said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." God breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and he became a LIVING SOUL.

After their disobedience, when the Lord accused them, Adam blamed Eve; she blamed the serpent; but the wrath of God was shared by ALL OF THEM. Read their curse in Genesis 3:11-20. Thus came death to all God's creatures, not an immediate death, but as a part of the curse; to return to the dust when the burden of the curse had been paid with pain and labor and probably repentance.

This would be good for all of us to remember when we offer our feeble excuses to the Lord and the Church, and when we blame another for OUR OWN UNDUTIFULNESS; that the wrath of God was shared by All. David asks "What is man, that Thou art mindful of Him?" He also says, "Thou hast made man little lower than the angels and put him over ALL THY WORKS."

Like a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. God knoweth our FRAME; He remembers we are dust. Perhaps this is why the NATURAL ADAM is constantly reaching for more of this world's goods — to pamper the natural man. How he loves to own land, acres of it, for which he has no use; Kindred of the Dust, with

Satan still prompting him to use it, not to the Glory of His Creator, but ever striving to entice God's servants from their MASTER.

The Lord repented that He had made man, and said, "My spirit will not always strive with man." But Noah found favor with the Lord, and the Lord saved Noah and his family, when He cleansed the world from sin, by the flood. But soon the serpent was busy again. Down through the years God had loyal servants among the prophets. Some were like faithful Abraham, (who was also called the friend of God) steadfast and true; Obeying the Lord without question. Some were led astray. "Lehi says, that he believed this serpent was a fallen angel, and being miserable forever, wanted every one else to be miserable."

Then after nothing else could help, God gave his only Son that man could have a way of redemption from the fall.

Now you may choose whether you will pamper the ADAM that must die; or strengthen the ADAM that lives forever. The Saviour likens the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN to children in their innocence. Soon they are tempted by the evil one, also by their natural desires; with the HOLY SPIRIT teaching them to overcome, but leaving them free to choose. We cannot serve Two Masters. If we choose to live after the flesh, we shall surely die. And as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God. Thus God's creatures may become His Sons, by obedience to his commands, not disobeying, as did our first parents; but honoring our Savior and obeying, like faithful Abraham, doubting nothing. Burying the First Adam in the watery grave and rising to new life as a Son.

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a Roaring Lion is walking about, seeking whom he may devour." 1st. Peter 5-8. Which man shall we strive to perfect? "For as in ADAM all die, so in CHRIST all are made alive." 1st. Cor. 15:22.

OBEDIENCE BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

Dear Gospel Reader:

At this time I feel inspired to tell an experience I had a few years after I was baptized into the church.

After a day of hard-work, I decided to go to bed early about 9:30 p.m. While I was in bed the spirit of God spoke to me that I should get up and go to Sister Marietta Ruzzi's house, who lived 18 miles away. I didn't understand whether I was doing the right thing or not, to get up from bed, and go at that hour of the night. While I was in doubt, a sweet voice whispered to me and said, "Arise and go". I answered back and said, "Yes, Lord I will be obedient unto thy word with only one desire in my heart, that thou will put my husband into a deep sleep, that he will not know when I leave this home and neither when I come back".

I dressed and soon was on my way at 11 p.m. I reached my destination and was just about to knock at the door of sister's home. To my great surprise, she and her husband were calling upon the Lord, that He would send someone to their home to watch their daughter Marrion who was very ill—She and her husband were assigned to a mission and had to leave at that hour. When the prayer was completed, I knocked at the door; Brother Ruzzi asked me to come in. I spoke to sister Ruzzi and said: "Dear sister, what does thine heart desire? The Lord commanded me that I should come at this hour of the night; and she answered and said: "Blessed be the name of the Lord", and then kissed me with a holy kiss. She then made her heart's desire known unto me. I then remained with Marrion who was very sick and I assisted her in all her needs. When brother and sister Marietta returned, we thanked the Lord, and soon I was on my way home. Arriving at an early hour of the morning.

Dear Gospel readers: How beautiful it is to hear the sweet whisper of the Lord and more wonderful when we obey Him. The scripture tells me that Obedience is better than Sacrifice. My earnest desire is that someday I may make that mark of Eternal Perfection. May God bless each and every one is my prayer.

Sister Anna Carlini,
Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Gospel News Readers:

At this time I want to thank God for the Most Wonderful paper, which is called the Gospel News. It unfolds the mysteries of God — revealing unto us the Beauty of the Lord Jesus—Whose name is Salvation and whose nature is Love.

We at the West Side Branch No. 2 are enjoying the blessing of God. And while the Lord makes His appearance—blessing us with inspired sermons, causing the gifts of tongues and songs of the angels to be made manifest, we thank the Lord for them.

We were blessed recently with

three baptisms. The beauty of these were, that they happen to be father, mother and their son. Their testimony is that they are happy to be in the service of God. We are also happy to have Bro. Matthew Miller and his wife visit us every first Sunday of the month. We always enjoy their fellowship, and wonderful sermons he brings forth. May the Lord bless them for their wonderful efforts in this church.

We always refer this Gospel to be the power of God — that is, this church is so different from any other upon the face of the earth. We have seen many-times the Arm of the Great Jehovah move in behalf of the believers. My desire is that this Gospel may bring many throughout the whole world to be enlisted into this Glorious church.

We sure can say what Timothy tells us that it is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

We, the West Side Branch No. 2 salute you all with the love of God.

Sister Anna Carlini

A VISION by Ruth Brandel

Sister Ruth in the act of prayer and in remembering the sick, mentioned brother Collison's name, looked up and she saw him in a blue suit and white shirt. He looked so healthy and immaculate. His family standing behind him in a circle, and Joe was worried about them. The Lord walked up beside him and said: "Joe, your time is short." Bro. Joe said, "Yes, I know, but I am only in my thirties." The Lord answered him—"I too was in my thirties when I had to leave this world." The Lord stepped forward and touched him and transferred him into a heavenly body. The light was so bright I would not have known him. The Lord looked at Bro. Joe with such love and said: "This is still brother Joe."

This vision is a wonderful consolation to us, and it has shown us that God loved Bro. Joe and wanted him too. Amen.

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Put on the whole armour of God,"
Ephesians 6:11

Dear Girls and Boys:

I am going to tell you two stories about some very brave young people. They were determined to do what was right regardless of what happened to them. When we put God first everything will come out right, just as it did for these children.

The first story is found in the Old Testament, Daniel 3. There was a king named Nebuchadnezzar who made a golden image. It was over 100 feet high and 10 feet wide. He set it in the plain of Dura in Babylon. Then he sent for all the princes, governors, captains, judges, treasurers, counsellors, sheriffs and rulers to come to the dedication of this idol. A herald went through the regions crying aloud, "O people, nations, and languages, when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Those who do not fall down and worship it at that hour, will be cast into a burning, fiery furnace."

When the time came for the music to be sounded the people fell to their knees and worshipped the image. Do you think everyone did? No. There were three who must have remembered one of the ten commandments given to Moses by God. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." These three were named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The king had set them over the affairs of the province of Babylon. When the king heard these three had disobeyed his command he was furious. He commanded that they be brought before him. "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that ye do not serve my gods nor worship the golden image I have set up?" asked the king. He continued, "When you hear the sound of music again and are ready to fall down and worship the image, all will be well. But if you do not,

you will be thrown into the midst of a burning, fiery furnace. And who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not afraid of this great king. This was their answer: "Oh, King Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer you. If it be so, our God, whom we serve is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand. But we will not serve your gods nor worship this golden image you have set up."

The king's countenance changed when he heard these words and he was filled with rage. He commanded his mighty men to bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in their coats, hats and other garments. Then he told the men to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it had ever been heated before. Then the three were thrown into this hot fire. It was so hot that the flames killed the men who had thrown our friends in. The king watched them fall, bound, into the midst of the raging fire. He cried out in astonishment, "Did not we cast thee, bound, into the fiery furnace?" His servants replied, "It is true, O king." "But I see four men, loose, walking in the fire, and they are not hurt. The fourth one is like the Son of God!" said the king. Nebuchadnezzar went closer to the mouth of the furnace. He called "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth." The three came out of the midst of the furnace. The princes, captains, governors, and all the people gathered there, saw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The fire had not burned their bodies, not even a hair on their heads was singed nor the smell of fire on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke to all, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who hath sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. He has changed the king's word and yielded their bodies that they

would rather serve their own God. Therefore I make a decree that all the people, nations and languages which speak anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego shall be cut to pieces because there is no other God that can deliver such as this."

The king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Our other story is from the Book of Mormon, chapters 56 and 57 of Alma. There was war between two great peoples known as the Lamanites and Nephites, but known to us as part of the House of Israel, the American Indian. Some of the Lamanites had been converted through the preaching of a good man named Ammon. When they saw how their wicked brethren were afflicting the Nephites they were very sad. They wanted to help the Nephites defend their country. But they had taken an oath, or made a promise, that they would not fight anymore. Helaman was their leader and persuaded them not to break their promise and go to war again. There were 2000 sons of these Lamanites who were young and had not taken this oath. They wanted Helaman to be their leader and they would join the army. They were very young, so young they called Helaman their father and he called them his sons. They said, "Father, behold our God is with us. 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." They were very brave, not afraid to die and thought more of the liberty of their fathers than themselves. They had been taught by their mothers that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them. They told Helaman all the words their mothers had taught them.

After the battle was over, Helaman's army was victorious. He counted his young men, fearing lest some had been slain. But to his great joy not one had fallen. They had fought as with the strength of God, never were men known to have such strength. Then Helaman remembered the words their mothers had taught them. They had been preserved by the

hand of God. All said it was His miraculous power, because of their exceeding faith in those things which they had been taught. They were young but their minds were firm and they had continually put their trust in God. The wicked people were driven out of their land and they had peace.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Were you able to match the children with their mothers in last month's quiz? I knew you could.

This month we are going to look for names of birds, I'm giving only the chapter number this time.

1. The first bird Noah sent from the ark was _____. Genesis 8.
2. Jesus told his disciples to be wise as serpents and harmless as _____. Matthew 10.
3. The wind brought these from the sea. Numbers 11.
4. Two men were swifter than _____. II Samuel 1.
5. Jesus told his disciples they were of more value than many _____. Luke 12.

If you want to know what the armour of a soldier of Christ is, read Ephesians 6:11,17.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

WEDDING

Zampella — Fantazier

On January 16, 1960, Sister Lucille Fantazier and Mr. Lawrence Zampella were united in marriage in the Hopelawn Church. Our presiding Elder, Joseph Benyola, officiated in the ceremony.

The Bride was given away by her father, Bro. John Fantazier. Best Man was Joseph Fantazier, uncle of the Bride, and Patricia Fantazier, Sister of the Bride as Maid of Honor. The Ushers were John Fantazier, Jr., Nick Zinzi, Jr., and Albert Scuotto. Bridesmaids were, Sharon Fantazier, Marsha Terry, and Brenda Gibson.

Mr. Herbert Richardson, a friend of the Bride, sang three selections, The Lords Prayer, I Love you Truly, and Because; and was accompanied by Bro. Richard Benyola at the Organ.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Marine Hall in Perth Amboy, with Brothers and Sisters of the Church as well as friends of the Bride and Groom

attending. After spending their Honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains, the newly weds will make their home at 155 Main Street, Metuchen, N. J. We extend Best Wishes to our Sister and her husband and may the Lord Bless them and give them many happy year's together.

by Bro. Joseph Perri

THE HEART SPEAKS OF STANDING ON MY OWN TWO FEET

In all walks of life, religious, political, social, etc., there are two groups of people: the ones who rely on their own God-given strength to carry them ahead, and the ones who seem to have no strength of their own, and therefore, rely on the strength of others, making of themselves somewhat of a parasite, or, in a lesser degree, at least a burden.

The self-sufficient person, (the individual who nourishes himself on his God-given ability and strength,) places his shoulders at the wheel of life, alongside his brother, and forges ahead, come what may. These are akin to the pioneers of old, those who plodded on, unceasingly, establishing new frontiers, freeing the oppressed. . . yes, even preaching God's word in the face of overwhelming odds. They are the ones with whom one need have no fear of sitting down around a table of discussion, for they know what they believe, and yet, are not quickly offended nor insulted, if proven wrong. They are the ones with whom one feels at ease. . . working together for the same cause, not against one another. When their mutual goal is good, God smiles upon them, for they are totally selfless, devoted to their labor, seeking the good of others. They are the soldiers, the workers, the disciples in a cause, without them the universe would literally stand still! Progress would cease!

And then there are the other kind of people, the burdens, the parasites; they live off the fat of the land, so to speak. . . they are the usurpers of the strength of their brothers. They must be constantly carried along, handled with 'kid gloves', spoken to in soft tones, babied, molly-coddled, their

caprices listened to for fear of offending them. . . they are constantly seeking and demanding attention and sympathy. . . they are always complaining of not receiving a 'fair deal', of being 'left behind', of being belittled, of being pushed into the background, etc. etc. etc.

The hard working brother is hindered from accomplishing his task in life because he is constantly having to cater to the other, and the other just 'laps it up', nourishing himself from his brother's labor.

In a way, they could justly be accused of aiding and abetting the enemy, for, if a soldier, during war times, has to constantly put down his weapon of defense or attack, in order to attend to his buddy's complaints, they both are in danger of the enemy advancing upon and overtaking them. . . if not destroying them both.

What, if anything, can be done about this? Must the hard working, industrious, courageous soldier forsake the slacker and go on ahead, without him, leaving the other to perish? God forbid! Rather, he will have to go on carrying the burden, all the while trying to awaken the other to a realization of his responsibilities. But the actual solution lies with the slacker recognizing his status in life, knowing that in order to fulfill his proper obligations to God and to man, he must become a better person, giving as well as taking, performing his duties with love, thinking less of self and more of others, for the ONLY way to overcome self-pity and cease being a burden to others is to become engrossed in doing for others.

The one who is busy caring for others, who is busy with the duties surrounding him, has no time for self-pity, for he is too busy being sorry for others. Self-pity is for the immature; a child constantly demands attention, not being sufficiently developed in mentality to know how to cater unto others, to supply the need of others. . . he sees only his own needs and demands.

But the child, with its demanding ways, hinders the mother from performing her various other

duties, as she should. How wonderful, how relaxed she feels when the child eventually grows up and she can then rely on it to some extent, when life becomes a bit too wearisome for her!

Applying the foregoing to myself. . . shall I be a burden to my brother or sister? Shall I cause them to say of me, 'Here comes our sister, let us be very careful of our speech. . . she is so touchy . . . she is easily offended. Let's be sure to include her in every subject we discuss, or she will feel left out and neglected. We must not disagree nor try to correct her or contradict her in any way, for she will become WEAK. Rather let us praise her.'

May I never have such an influence on my brother or sister!

I want to be loved and welcomed. I want to allow every one around me to feel at ease in my presence. I want to stand on my own two feet, for that is the reason God gave them to me, to stand on them and support myself, not to be constantly carried around by others. . . and I want to feel capable of helping to support those less fortunate than myself. . . yet, not boastingly, for God is the giver of all strength.

Catherine Poma

ON BEDSIDE MANNERS

S. Mercuri

A woman lay in her bed of affliction, suffering much pain, discouragement, sorrow, in an atmosphere of gloom and depression. She was filled with anxiety and fears. There was heaviness in her heart, and hope for recovery had long fled. For days, weeks, she suffered alone in her misery, not daring to express these feelings to her family for fear of creating any unhappiness within them. But suddenly one day, a ray of hope flickered in her mind. She could not imagine why she had not thought of it before - she would call her minister! He would be just the person to alleviate that awful heaviness within her whole being. With great anticipation, she called him and he gladly consented to come that very evening.

When the minister, accompanied by his wife, arrived at the appointed hour, he and his wife were en-

thusiastically received. As soon as they were made comfortable, the ailing woman commenced the conversation, but after having spoken only a few words, the attention of both the minister and his wife shifted to the ailing woman's husband; and from this moment until they left, she sat, patiently waiting for an encouraging word, or a prayer - anything that would remove that gnawing anxiety and fear within her heart. Unfortunately, she had been spiritually jilted, for the entire evening was spent in such talk as household items, broken china, job difficulties, etc., with not so much as one kind word for her. Was it any wonder that she despaired? Just before leaving, after prodding from his wife, the minister offered a feeble prayer in behalf of the woman, whose hopes by this time had been replaced with more darkness, discouragement and gloom.

It is upon this subject that I wish to offer a few comments at this time: **How good are our bedside manners when we visit the sick?** What is the subject of our conversation? Do we create an atmosphere of relaxation and calmness? Are we giving all of our attention to that sick person? Is our attitude a helpful one? Do we show real concern and interest in him, or do we talk about nonsensical things? Brother Smith's new car. Sister Jone's new hat? Do we selfishly talk about ourselves and our own needs at such a time? Frankly, I fail to see what good can be gained with such talk. Again, do we try to relieve some of the anxiety that so often besets a sick person? Do we give that sick person freedom to express his feelings and thoughts, or do we perhaps monopolize the conversation and thus actually aggravate that person's condition? (It is quite possible, you know.)

The sick person often has a great need to express his feelings and get them out of his system. He feels that he must talk, and in so doing, relieve himself of anxiety and fear.

To visit the sick means to bring joy, encouragement, hope. It is for this reason, mainly, that most visits are so greatly appreciated by the afflicted. The holy word of

God teaches us to "visit the sick." To "visit" means to create an air of cheerfulness and hope. Talk should be of interest to the sick person and should **always** be pleasant in nature, for the sick person lives in a dark world. Everything possible should be said (and done) to help change that world to one of light and hope. It is a well-known fact that half the cure of the sick comes from the very atmosphere, the environment, and the people around them. Those of you who have been hospitalized at some time or another know the value of a cheerful, smiling face, a kind word, a helpful hand. Those of you who have been at home ill know the comfort that can come from loving care and attention. (We need not even be ill to appreciate these things!)

At no time when visiting the sick should talk of trouble, personal hardships, or irrelevant material to the situation be brought into focus. The condition of the sick can only be aggravated by such talk. Therefore, if we cannot, or if we are unable to bring cheer, courage and hope, if it is difficult to leave **ourselves out** of the conversation, then it is much better that we stay at home, and if it is in our hearts to do so, offer a prayer for that sick person.

Much could be said upon this subject (as well as knowing **how** to comfort those who mourn), but let us suffice to say as the Apostle Paul ably put it: "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, think (and talk) on these things" when visiting the sick!

A COMMON PITFALL

By Brother Pasquale Marinetti

Of all the human traits that reflect the character and personality of the individual, self-righteousness is the most difficult to overcome. Like the defective vision of a man that cannot clearly identify colors, the distorted views of all self-righteousness also confuses the mental and spiritual perspectives. This defective trait creates some of the most difficult prob-

lems in the relationship of human beings. The above mentioned characteristic is quite deceptive, as evasive in its make-up; because it comes disguised as a cause, a principle, a service, and by all outward appearances, it appears acceptable. It roots itself in environments where it is least expected, such as: religious groups, political organizations, influential civic-minded individuals, and many worthy facets of activity. Since this trait of self-righteousness, germinates and thrives in places where much good is prevalent, self-righteousness becomes that much more repulsive to people who recognize it for what it is. It is not surprising therefore, that quite frequently, unjust criticism is directed toward the constructive efforts of a group, because of the stigma of a self-righteous individual who is affiliated with such a group.

The individual that becomes diseased with the harmful affects of self-righteousness, usually develops a warped interpretation of right and wrong. The person so affected, tends to inflate his favorable qualities to a degree of exaggerated proportions; and he reduces his unfavorable qualities to a point of insignificance. Consequently, he assumes the position of establishing his own character as a yardstick to gauge all others - with himself as the sole judge. This tendency of the self righteous develops an attitude of intolerance in his personality, and an instinctive habit of looking down at all people. Afflicted by this mental disease, the individual's reasoning powers lose their normal capacity for proper discernment; for the mind of the self-centered person is darkened by the shadows of partiality, prejudice, and pride. The person dwelling in the atmosphere of these darkened thoughts, becomes unreasonably critical of everything and everyone around him; for he finds a relished satisfaction in exposing the errors and failures of people. It is so easy for a person intent in looking for thorns, to become totally unaware of the beautiful colored flowers that thrive just as numerously in the same area where the thorns are discovered.

The proud nature of the self-

righteous causes him or her to formulate conclusions with rash decision, even before acquainting oneself with all the true facts or circumstances surrounding the person or persons in question. As a result, many innocent people have suffered injustices at the hands of the self-styled interpreter of moral correctness.

The intolerant and rigid observance of the law, which the Pharisees demonstrated in their relationship with all people, was the basic cause which provoked Jesus to expose their hypocrisy and superficial understanding of true religion. The Pharisees were so exacting in interpreting the written knowledge of their detailed religious laws and ordinances, that they failed to apply the more vital factors of kindness, tolerance, compassion, and justice, in their affairs with human beings in general.

Experience clearly brings out the fact, that a noticeable majority of people, who are apt to be susceptible to the fault of self-righteousness, and who become afflicted with this spiritual cancer, are the habitual church-goers who accept religion as a matter of routine, or a medium of reflecting culture, sociability, ambitious opportunities and motives of self interest. **This is the terrible pitfall that so many people with initial good intentions, and every evidence of acceptable honesty, generally stumble into;** when true humility, and recognition of human limitations, sincerity, and trust; are not maintained in proper balance, in our daily affairs with people all around us.

It is a natural tendency to think ourselves better than those with whom we associate. It is the instinctive fallacy of human nature. Therefore we cannot be too alert to this pitfall into which many of the best of us can fall.

South Dakota

In a letter dated Jan. 18th from brother DeMarrias of Wakpala, S.D. and received by Sister Ruth Mountain, part of his letter is as follows: On the 10th I buried one of my people (Indians) in a watery grave—in other words, I mean baptism. Some of my people dug or cut the ice in which I performed

the Holy Ordinance and in His Holy Name—Jesus Christ a new brother was born. I praise His Holy Name for all His Holy Works, Amen. We had a wonderful day.

Brother Earl DeMarrias Doings Of The Ladies Uplift Circle

One of our Sisters handed me a little note the other day that should be interesting to all of you. It happens to be an account just for the year 1959 which has passed. They gave to the church for missionary purposes \$1,875. \$100.00 for the Printing Fund, and \$125.00 to our conferences—or a total of \$2,100.00 all told for the year. Very good indeed my Sisters.

They are not only devoting a part of their time helping along in our financial affairs, but they are usually gathered somewhere once a week, in prayer and scriptural study. It is a good way for them to spend some of their spare time, I am sure. But it may not be "just" to say their "spare time"—for I believe many of them are sacrificing "time", that could be well spent in their daily routine of domestic duties. And often do we hear mention of "Mary" whom the Saviour said, had chosen that better part. My sisters also have chosen the better part.

Since my wife has passed on, I miss their gatherings in my home, but my doors will swing open anytime for you, and may the Lord bless your doings wherever you may be meeting. Brother Cadman.

BRANCH GATHERING HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY

Our semi-annual Branch Gathering of the East was held on November 29, 1959. Members of New Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, Hopelawn, and Brooklyn Mission #2 were present at this meeting. Also present with us were Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo and Family, and Sister Santina D'orazio from Florida, also Bro. Gene Perri, Jr., home on leave from the Army. After some singing, our presiding Elder, Bro. Joseph Benyola welcomed all that were present. Bro. Mazzeo opened our morning service and read a portion of scripture found in the third Chapter of John. It tells us con-

cerning the baptism of our Saviour Jesus Christ. His exhortation was centered on the life of Christ and that to tell of the ways of Christ one could not be involved in any trouble. He said, Jesus Christ was left out of the lives of men and women today, that is why much confusion prevails. Bro. Mazzeo likened the Lord as a medicine. When one is sick, he or she takes medicine in order to stop sickness. Thus, Jesus Christ has become our spiritual medicine and we should keep him in our life that our souls and hearts might be clean and made pure.

At the conclusion of his talk, Bro. Sam Dell gave us a wonderful talk based on the example Jesus has set forth for us to follow. He also told us that being obedient to the Gospel of Jesus Christ would give us an opportunity to be with the Lord in the morning of the First resurrection where the people of God will be together without end. The Gift of Tongues was spoken and the interpretation follows: "All those that hear the word of God and obey it, will receive eternal life—but all those that hear and reject it will receive eternal damnation". Our morning meeting ended singing doxology. Prayer by Bro. Nathan Peterkin.

Our afternoon meeting was given over to our young elders from the East, with Bro. Gene Perri, Jr., taking the leading part. He bore his testimony to the goodness of God toward him while being away from the church, serving in the Army of our Country. He also related some experiences he had in visiting among the Indians in the state of Washington. May God bless Bro. Gene in the remaining days he has to be away from us. He will be home the latter part of March. Brothers August D'orazio, Matthew Rogolino, Anthony Ensano, Joseph Perri and Paul Benyola followed in that order. An experience was given by Bro. Joseph Perri which states as follows: "In learning about the death of Sister Mary Ensana, I felt very sorry for her family. After pondering over various things that I remember our Sister as her voice came to me and spoke these words: 'Tell them (the family) not to cry for me, because I'm al-

ready there, but tell them to cry for themselves, because they have some to go yet before they get there." During the time that our Brother was relating this experience, Bro. Tony Sgro, under the influence of the spirit spoke these words: "There is but one way and one Salvation." May God comfort her family and other's who have recently lost their loved ones. Some testimonies were given and then communion was passed. A wonderful spirit prevailed in our partaking of the Lords Supper. There were approximately 275 gathered together in this gathering. Time did not permit us to continue any further and thus we were dismissed—parting from another having these words on our lips, "It was good for us to be here."

Our M.B.A. had its meeting at night with Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo relating to us the work which has been started in Florida. Our older Brothers and Sisters favored the young with some hymns from our little red hymn book. The choir sang a few selections, also. This ended our day and we can sing the words of the poet "For its good to be a saint of latter days."

NOTE: We might add here that Bro. Ishmael D'amico was the one who started these meetings about 15 or more years ago, and we have had 2 meetings every 6 months since then. We are longing for the day when we'll be able to be with the Lord and all his saints never to part any more. Let's remember Bro. D'amico's present condition.

Branch Editor,
Brother Joseph Perri

JOSEPH COLLISON PASSES ON

Brother Joseph Collison has passed on. He died on December 27 after a long illness. Date of his birth was on August 28, 1920. Surviving him are his wife, Hazel, two daughters, Gail and Shirley. His father and step mother Mr. and Mrs. Ross Collison, and three brothers, Howard, Donald, and Robert, all of Windsor, and one sister, Mrs. Ilene Smith of McKeesport, Pa.

Services were held in the church in Windsor on January 31, 1960 with Bro. D. Thomas in charge

and he was assisted by Bros. Joseph Milantoni and Allen Henderson, and Clifford Burgess was soloist, accompanied by Robert Burgess on the organ.

Brother Joseph was an Elder in the Church and was a very faithful and talented servant of the Lord. He was confined to his home the last year of his illness, during which time, many of his brothers and sisters visited him, and found in him a great inspiration—Let us praise God for such.

There is no doubt, but that which will be a great loss to the saints in Windsor, Ontario, will be an eternal blessing to Brother Joseph, and may this serve for consolation to his beloved wife Hazel and all his family. Yea, may his soul find a resting place in Paradise.

THE NAME MORMON

The Editor is in receipt of a letter from one of our readers, taking exception to a statement in the article "A Friend to The Indians Passes On" on page 1, January issue.

The exception is to the term "Mormon Church" being used as it is in the article. The article was taken from the North Carolina paper as it is written and I am sorry that it is taken exception to as it is. I added in brackets our correct title of the church, which I thought was sufficient.

To speak of the Mormon Church, it is generally understood to have reference to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah. But in reality, it is a nick name applied to all people who believe in the Book of Mormon, and while it may be used and no doubt is, in the way of reproach by some, yet by others it is used innocently of meaning any harm. To all who may be interested in the matter, I wish to inform you that "Mormon" was a man and we are firm believers in the Book that bears his name. Matterless of what we may be called, we will not recant from that by trying to hide his name, allowing the consequences be what they may—but the church of which is represented by the periodical known as the Gospel News and whose head-

quarters are in Monongahela, is known and incorporated under the name of "The Church of Jesus Christ," and not under any man's name.

I wish to remind you all who read these columns—that the term "Christian" as is used today, is as much out of place as the term Mormon is. The term Christian was a nick name imposed on the followers of Christ and according to John Wesley it meant most anything but GOOD. The Saviour never addressed His followers as Christians; neither in the Book of Mormon are the people of God addressed as Mormons. The term is a nickname in these modern times, and as Peter and his brethren were obliged to suffer as **Christians**—it seems that believers in the Book of Mormon may be obliged to suffer some too. Though I am confident that the Editor of the Cherokee Times just used the term as is commonly used. I know the Editor and she knows that I preach the Book of Mormon unto her people, the Indians. And her printing an Indian paper, she is doing a wonderful work in behalf of her people. I will just add that I have friends in the Church that is in Salt Lake City. I have visited in the city two or three times and was treated well, but when it comes to doctrinal matters, there are serious differences between what is known as the "Mormon Church", and The Church of Jesus Christ with its headquarters in Monongahela, Pa.

Hence, be it known that we have no part nor lot, with what is known as the "Mormon Church" in Utah.—But be it understood that we are firm believers in the Book of Mormon, just as much so as we are in the books written by Paul, Peter, John and others. And while Peter makes it very plain, that there is no other name given under heaven by which we can be saved—except in the name of Jesus, even we today believe, that the bride must bear the name of the bridegroom—even The Church of Jesus Christ.

RAYMOND BRYANT PASSES ON

Bro. Raymond Bryant, one of our Indian brothers of the Muncey

Reservation in Canada passes on. Brother Bryant was born in July of 1876 on the Reservation and died there on Jan. 24, 1960—would have been 84 years old had he lived until July. The information received says: "We are going to miss him on this Reservation. He was not afraid to testify in behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ. The funeral services were held in the Bear Creek Church, which was filled with friends and relations. It was a good indication of the respect he held in the community. The service was conducted by Bro. D. Thomas and Bro. Gerace.

P. S. Brother Bryant was baptized about 25 years ago, and it has been a pleasure for me to know him. He was a meek and lowly brother — inoffensive and active among his brethren. His home of which I have been in was a very humble one.

In my visits to the Reservation I always found him friendly. He will be missed by our brothers and sisters at the Muncey church. May his soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God. Bro. Cadman.

The Heart Speaks On:

An Understanding Heart by Catherine Pomo

"Why should I confide in them, why should I tell them my struggles, of my battles and victories, and sometimes, failures they wouldn't understand." This is the dejected cry torn from the lips of those who seek pity or mercy, and yes even help, and do not find it. For mercy and pity, which are very akin to love, can be found only among those with an understanding heart.

An understanding heart is a heart that feels the pain, the frustrations, the struggle to deny the flesh, the sorrows of another person; one who understands another's desire to do good, to better himself morally and spiritually, and yet, time and again seems to suffer apparent defeat; it realizes another's temptations to stray in forbidden paths, one who sees and realizes all of this and yet, does not judge the other, but rather, offers advice, encouragement, sympathy. It does not condone the back sliding but it does afford the support of its never ending faith in

the others' ultimate victory over sin.

How is an understanding heart acquired? Is it something one is born with? Occasionally, yes, for there are many people who are endowed with this gift of understanding, and, its next of kin, sympathy. To these, it comes quite naturally and easily, without first suffering to acquire it. God saw a heart that was pliable, 'like unto clay in the potters' hand', and gave this precious gift to it's possessor, knowing that it is much needed among the distressed, among suffering mankind.

But, generally speaking, understanding must be acquired thru suffering and tribulations. You, having been thru a siege of illness, are the fit person to offer me sympathy and understandings, when I, also, am stricken with the same type of malady. In me, you relive your own suffering, now past. You can remember your own pain and are able to understand my own suffering, therefore, you will offer me sympathy and help.

The person who has never been in the valley of despair, the person who has never been sorely tempted, and, yes stumbled, (if there indeed be such a one), this same rarely has understanding, pity, or love, for the brother who has been, or is in the midst of despair, or who has to keep continually fighting temptation. He does not understand the turmoil that goes on in the heart and mind of the so-called "weaker brother".

Yet, IS he the weaker brother, or is he the valiant soldier? Let us examine this for a moment. Is it the man who remains at home away from the battle lines during a war, that is proclaimed a hero, or, is it the man who overthrows the enemy, who returns victorious, having battled, perhaps against great odds, in the face of all manner of persecution, who, perhaps, has to "die a thousand deaths", daily, so to speak; is it not this latter one who is presented with a medal of honor, even tho' it be presented post-humously?

And so it is with us, in our battles with Satan. The more temptations we are able to resist, tho' it take every ounce of our spiritual strength to do so, the

greater the victory over him. It is not the struggle between right or wrong, (shall I do it, shall I not?) that will condemn me. It is the choice I make that can hurt me, if that choice be wrong. But, if my choice is to resist temptation, it will be like a medal of honor upon my shoulder, for it is not the temptations I am subjected to that will condemn me, but my reaction to them, if my reaction be to accept the proffered evil. Christ, Himself was tempted by the devil, who said, "If you are really the Son of God, ask these stones to become bread." Luke, 4:3, for Satan recognized Christ's physical need for nourishment. And yet, Christ knew that there were things far more important than His physical needs, so He retorted: "It is written, Thou shalt not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

Now, if I reason thusly: "If it were not for the Church, for my faith, for my spiritual understanding, I too would probably participate in this or that worldly pleasure, and probably enjoy it, but, I will not, this, in itself, will not condemn me, for we know that it is our belief in God's teachings, our love for Him and our church and our desire to obey its laws and regulations that prevent us from active participation in that which may lead us into error."

But, if the thought behind the statement is thus: "I wish the church did not forbid such and such, for then I would participate"; this, then, shows an unhappy frame of mind, for it reveals that I am unhappy in my decision to forego the temptation, actually resenting the necessity to give up the forbidden pleasure. It shows that I am not fighting the temptation with love for Christ, but that it is only fear of punishment that makes me deny myself the worldly pleasure in question.

To overcome gladly because I know it is a victory for me to do so, and because this is what God wants, is the right approach. But, to attempt, or actually to resist temptation, unhappily, grudgingly, is almost defeat, if not actually so. The acceptable attitude appears to be, "I could, but I will not, rather than, "I would, but I cannot."

Is the distinction clear? The

former attitude shows a joyous, positive willing offering of a sacrifice, for by admission, anything that one denies oneself, IS a sacrifice to the flesh, for the flesh always seeks its pleasure; but the latter attitude denotes an unhappy, unwilling frame of mind, admitting to oneself and to others, that we wish we did not have to deny ourselves and are practically being FORCED into submission to God's and the Church's laws.

And yet, the scriptures tell us to give gladly, not grudgingly, and what greater gift can we offer our God than a soul, pure and unspotted by partaking in anything that is contrary to God?

It is a great and wonderful thing to honestly be able to say, "Since God came into my heart, I have Lost all desire for the world and Its pleasure;" meaning that we do not have to fight against the world's temptation, for they no longer tempt us. But, it is no less wonderful to be able to say, "Since God came into my heart, I have been able to resist the desires of the flesh, the worldly pleasure, etc., thru prayer and fortitude." The first statement is an admission of God's great mercy in taking away the desires that could have, perhaps, destroyed us, if they are allowed to persist. The second, is an admission, an acknowledgment of strength bestowed upon us so that we, ourselves are able to fight and to overcome.

The person who has never been tempted to participate in a forbidden worldly pleasure, is indeed, fortunate and blessed, but can show no proof of courage, of fortitude, of strength to overcome in this respect; no victory over battle can be claimed, for if I am offered that which is prohibited and I refuse, not only because it is against my faith, but also because I do not enjoy what has been offered to me, regardless of faith, it is good, but shows no victory over Satan, of myself.

But, if I had at some time before my conversion, acquired a taste for a forbidden delicacy, and even now know that the flesh could enjoy it, were it not sinful to do so, if I now, REFUSE to

indulge, because I know it displeases God, if I fight the desire, fight the temptation to "give in" and with God's help, win in my battle, then I have been victorious over Satan, and God is well pleased, as is my soul, for I know that I have again proven that, "Each victory will help me another win", in the words of the poet.

To know and understand that We COULD enjoy a worldly pastime, need not cause us to feel guilty for we also have the knowledge that within us lies the POWER TO RESIST the temptation, if we will.

Has God so blessed us that all impure desires have been taken from us? Praise God! But, may we never look down upon our brother who is not quite so fortunate who must spend some of his time fighting, daily fighting the temptation to submit to that which is not pleasing to God. May we spend our time, when necessary, encouraging him, nourishing him with whatever spiritual food we may have at our disposal, giving of whatever strength God has been so good as to bless us with, for of ourselves, we have nothing; praying for him, not letting him think that he is a lost soul, unworthy of God's blessings, but assuring him that he is a valiant soldier for fighting and giving our approbation as he wins each round with old Satan. For one thing is sure: the lure of the world DOES become less powerful with each victory, and eventually diminishes into nothingness, until, we ourselves see it's worthlessness, as compared to God's all.

And, when all is said and done, who can say but that I myself, someday, may not stumble against the edge of a deep, dark pit, perhaps falling into it, and then God will return to me the kindness of an extended hand, firm and strong, coupled with an understanding heart, to pull me out of danger, setting me once more, upon a firm straight road, and then we will walk side by side, helping each other along the way, now smooth, now rocky, sometimes, I, leaning upon you, sometimes you, leaning upon me, until at last we reach our destination for which we have fought and sacrificed our mortal

bodies: the Haven of Eternal Rest and Joy. Amen!

Catherine Poma

SISTER MARGARET BEHANNA PASSES ON

Sister "Maggie" Ferguson Behanna passed away on January 11 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Mancini in Wesleyville, Pa., age, 77 after an extended illness.

She was born in New Eagle, Pa., the daughter of the late brother and sister Archibald Ferguson, and had lived in the Monongahela community for many years. She was married to Charles Behanna and on last Christmas Day, they commemorated their 57th anniversary—her husband still survives, along with two daughters, Mrs. Mary Mancini of Wesleyville and Mrs. Margaret Blackwell of Tempe, Arizona. Mrs. Herman Sechez of Erie who is looked upon as a daughter of the deceased, is the daughter of the eldest Behanna girl now deceased—Archetti Behanna Evans. Elaine's mother and father died when she was but an infant, her grandmother raised her, and I will add, was a good grandmother to her. Elaine, no doubt will always remember Grand Ma Behanna very dearly as the only mother she ever knew. May God bless Elaine along with four other grand children that survive. Until about 12 years ago they had lived in New Eagle, Pa.

Services were attended to in The Church of Jesus Christ, on State St. in Erie, Pa., with Brother T. D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio in charge and was assisted by brothers D. Battista and W. H. Cadman on Jan. 14. Singing and music was appropriate and beautiful.

Sister Behanna connected herself with the Church of Jesus Christ when a very young woman and has held on until the end of her days—May her soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God. The silent remains of Maggie Behanna was laid away in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery by the Dusckas Funeral Home of Buffalo Road, Wesleyville, Pa. May the

Lord comfort all the bereaved ones is my prayer.

LETTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Brother Will:

We hope this finds you enjoying God's richest blessings. We are all well here. Mother was here for two weeks with us and left for home on Sunday.

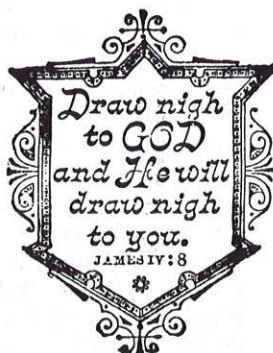
I am enclosing three dollars for a two year subscription for the Gospel News. We surely enjoy this paper.

Watty asked me to tell you his address is changed, as is John Crowe's and Mrs. Maney's. They have home delivery now. Mr. Watty Chiltoskie R.D. 1, Cherokee, N.C. Mr. John Crowe R.D. 1 Cherokee, N.C. Mrs. Muriel Maney, R.D. 1 Whittier, N.C.

We have started a small class for the young children who have been coming to Sunday School at Watty's home. I teach this class and am so glad that I can be of some help. It certainly helps the older class, for the youngsters are more quiet, and too, Jonathan doesn't have to include the children in explaining the lesson to the older ones.

Everything here is fine, and our desire is still to be among the Lamanite people. We dearly love them and pray that some day the Lord may open their eyes and they will understand. Pray for us and may God bless you. We hope to see you one of these days soon. Best wishes to you all.

Brother and Sister Jonathan &
Virginia Molinatto



FEED MY SHEEP

Feed my sheep, both the factious
rams and the weary

Ewes with spindly Lambs,

There may be wolves who would
raid the flock

Remember I'm with you and I'm
the Rock.

Feed my sheep, though they may
not eat the pasture

You choose for their wilful feet.

They may not recognize frauds you
see.

Stay alert! you're on watch for
me.

Feed my sheep, though the night
be long,

Didn't I choose you because you're
strong.

Though devils and peril haunt the
field,

Every evil to courage yields,

Feed my sheep, when you stand
alone and every ally

Is overthrown.

Frustrated you may be, but pa-
tience still,

Finally all things work my will.

Feed my sheep, who may forget
all you've done when the

Sun has set, and they are snugly
inside a fence.

Were you ever betrayed for thirty
pence?

Feed my sheep, for they are still
mine

The slattern, the limping, the ones
that whine,

The wicked, the lazy, I still would
keep,

It isn't easy Feed my sheep!

Vere Jamson

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SISTER BISCOTTI IS GRATEFUL

To all the brothers and sisters that remembered me with prayers and lovely cards, while I was in the hospital recently for surgery.

It sure makes one feel good to be remembered as I have, and surely the prayers of my brothers and sisters is what sustains us in time of need. I am coming along nicely now and hope very soon, to be as active as I always was. I thank the saints one and all.

Sister Angeline Biscotti

'T WAS A SHEEP

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray

In the parable Jesus told;

'Twas a grown up sheep that wandered away

From the ninety and nine in the fold.

And out on the hill-tops and out in the cold

'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought,

And back to the flock, and back to the fold

'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed

And cared for still today?

Because there is danger if they go wrong

They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,

Wherever they wander, wherever they go.

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long

Till the lambs are as wrong as they. So still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,

For the sake of the lambs today.

If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost

Some sheep will have to pay.

Author Unknown

THE HOLY EVENT

The Easter Season is upon us again and what joy and peace we find in reading of this holy event, the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Word of God.

There are times when we are overcome with the wonder and sim-

plicity of this plan of redemption which the Lord God set into operation whereby you and I may have the greatest gift of all, The Gift of Eternal Life.

We can never thank our Heavenly Father enough for this wonderful Jesus who so willingly died on the cruel cross, so that some day we may have the privilege of walking and talking with Him even as they did on the Road to Emmaus: "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

Coming down to our day and time, we find our hearts do burn within us with a desire to walk and talk with our Saviour.

May the Lord bless each one of us with strength and a desire to show forth this risen Christ in our lives that we may be a light unto others to show them the way and how we all can be a part of this wonderful plan of redemption.

Ethel N. Crosier

THIS IS MY LIFE

I want to live where love is because God is love. Love is happiness, love is success, Love is life, where love is God is. God is love, because He so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3-16.) He that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God. Love with-out distinction, with-out calculation, with - out procrastination. Love: Lavish it upon the poor, where it is very easy to do, especially upon the rich, who often need it most. Give pleasure because that comes of a truly loving spirit. One's life should be full of opportunities, to practice love, practice makes us what we are. Love is rich, in vigorous expressions of the whole Christian Character, the Christ-like nature in its fullest development. Having been built up by ceaseless practice to aid those qualifications to the highest type of life. Because He loved us, we love every-body. And loving Him, I must become like Him. This perfect character, this perfect life, remain side by side

with Him, who loved us, and gave Himself for us, and like Him do His Father's will, in drawing others to Christ. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1st John 2-15) If I want peace, love, joy, rest, and safety, my trust must be in Him and I must tell others, how Christ came to give that abundant life. To have abundantly, is to live abundantly, and to love forever, is to live forever. Love is life, God's love is equal to every occasion, ready for every emergency, whatever the fears may be. — God's love is still accessible. I want to talk with God, before I talk to man. To do my daily work with sunshine on my face, and love on my tongue. To be strong, in the presence of temptation, alert in the presence of opportunity, open eared to the call of conscience, for service or sacrifice, open minded to views of truth, which differ from mine. To make a duty a joy, and joy a duty. To be true to myself, and false to no man, diligent to make a living, and earnest in making a life. To cherish friendship, and guard confidence, to be faithful to every honest obligation, to make no promise I cannot keep. I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true, and live up to the light, I have obtained in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To do to others, as I would have them do to me. To be what I profess, not hearer of the word alone, but doer of it too. If ye love me keep my commandments. (John 14-18) Christ is the door to the narrow way, that leads to life, all other roads are detours to destruction. (Chorus of Hymn #440) He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me, His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sister Muriel Miller.

A NOTE FROM BROTHER COX, FROM KANSAS

We pray you won't grow discouraged with the Gospel News. It is a wonderful bit of cheer, it is one of the ties that bind us in Christian love. We are well Bro. and Sister Cox.

PRE - MILLENIAL

From a series of articles written by the late Bro. Wm. Cadman along about 1879.

In my last letter I proved that the United States was the little horn spoken of by Daniel composing the last political power mentioned in the scriptures within the Roman empire, and consequently the last important political power that will arise on the earth previous to the Kingdom of God which has to be in the last days; and also by reference to Daniel 7ch, 26 v. showed you that when the judgment shall sit its dominion shall be destroyed. It may not be very agreeable to our feelings to admit that our government will have an end, but it certainly will, and when it falls it will never rise again; and although I believe it has yet a season of great prosperity before it, yet I believe that season will be very brief, and I shall yet prove that it will be among the foremost if not the very first of all the powers on earth to fall.

Now, I trust that by this time my readers will have at least some degree of confidence in the prophets, because faith in their integrity and truthfulness becomes indispensably necessary as we begin to unfold the opening glories of Zion and the great events which have not yet (but are about to) transpire. We have previously noticed that the little horn will be succeeded by the Ancient of Days. "I beheld till the thrones were cast down and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne was like the fiery flame and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him. Thousands and thousands ministered unto him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; judgment was set and the books were opened," see Daniel 7ch. It has been said, and no doubt correctly, that Adam was the Ancient of Days, and we may also state that he was the first man to whom God gave dominion or swayed a sceptre over human beings. We are accustomed to admire the form of government called democratic and we believe that it is the best form now existing. But we have a promise in Micah 4th, 8v that God will give us the first dominion, and we shall yet prove that that prom-

ise will be fulfilled upon this land. The first dominion, then, is the same dominion that was given unto Adam, theocratical in character and in extent universal. A theocracy is a government immediately directed by God. A volume, it appears to me, might be written of unapproached importance showing the many advantages this form of government has above all others. We have a remarkable evidence of God's immediate control in the days of Adam, in the case of Cain before killing Abel. It is generally supposed that the former was angry because his own offering was rejected and his brother's accepted. That was only the beginning of his troubles: he feared the final result would be that Abel would succeed his father in exercising dominion instead of himself who was the elder, therefore, the Almighty appeared unto him saying, "Why are thou wrath and why is thy countenance fallen if thou doest well? Shalt thou not be accepted, and if thou doest not well sin lieth at the door and unto thee shall be his (Abel's) desire and thou shalt rule over him; "using precisely the same words as were used to Eve in the case of placing her under the dominion of Adam, which in that case included her off-spring. Cain experienced an evidence of God's displeasure in his offering being rejected, but the Almighty encouraged him to do better and plainly held out the promise of dominion on those conditions. But the devil led him on to slay his brother to make the matter sure, blindly supposing that his parents would never have another son to succeed Adam. Then the Almighty appeared unto Cain again and cursed him excluding him from all favors, and afterward we find that Seth was born and Eve rejoiced because God had appointed her another seed instead of Abel whom Cain slew. See Gen. 4ch 6,7v, also 3ch. 16v.

The ancient of days that will sit, then, is the original government of God re-established upon the earth. Not Adam, but one exercising the same dominion as he. His garments being white conveys the idea of purity. "His hair as the pure wool" proclaims antiquity. The fiery stream that issued and came forth before him, and his wheels as burning fire" indicates the principal

means used by the Almighty in the overthrow of the nations at that time, viz, fire. See Isa. 24ch 6v; Second Peter 3ch. 10v; Rev. 17ch, 16v, and indeed we might make reference to many more. The thousand thousands that will minister unto him and ten thousand times ten thousands that will stand before him indicate the glory and boundless extent of that glorious kingdom, as described by Daniel 7ch, 27v. "And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

Now we wish it to be understood that this is not the coming of the Saviour, but it is the building up of the kingdom of God upon some part of the earth prior to his coming — the stone kingdom or fifth empire which will eventually become universal when our judges will be restored as at first and our counsellors as at the beginning; as is evident by observing Dan. 7ch, 13, 14 v. "I saw in the night visions and behold one like the Son of Man came with the cloud of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days and they brought him near before him, and there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people, nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Here we notice Daniel declares that he saw one like unto Son of Man coming to the Ancient of Days. We must remember his wonderful description of what he has presented unto us under that term, and unless some person is found sufficiently reckless to maintain that Daniel in this instance is mistaken, we must conclude that the Ancient of Days will exist previous to the coming of Christ, and that Christ will come to the Ancient of Days.

Now my friends upon what part of the earth's terra firma will this remarkable event transpire? It certainly will not compare with the account given by Zechariah 14ch. We find there that Jerusalem is besieged, the city taken, the houses rifled, women ravished, half of the people of the city in captivity and the residue cut off from the city;

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EDITORIAL LY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

I am in receipt of an anonymous letter. It is not a letter of disrespect in any way, but a letter of intelligence. I cannot very well ignore it, neither do I have a desire to do so—because it appeals to me and I am much in sympathy with the sister who hath written it (whoever she may be). I am going to try and answer it as best I can, and I will quote its contents as I proceed, or at least I will quote much of it. I am addressed as:—

"Dear Brother Cadman:

Your articles and notes in the Gospel News are so inspiring to me. But I have such a feeling of helplessness when I look about me. Why have we wandered in this wilderness for so many years? Not being able to unite in one accord of purpose and mind. Why?

Is it because we have so long ignored or not carried out whole heartedly the revelations we have received of the Lord? Is it because of a superior attitude of all's well, I'm livingly righteously? Is it because we have and are today failing to organize and work with the talent we have within the Church? Young leaders of the Church, those who are all for missionary work, capable, and inspiring elders, do not receive encouragement and help they need to nourish this desire and carry it out. These young leaders are not able to give of their youth to the Master as they would like to do. A lot of talent is being buried, and seemingly no one cares. Thus far I have quoted the letter as it is written—some comment on my part may be in place.

P.S. In the first paragraph she says she has been inspired in the articles and notes that I have written in the Gospel News. Very well dear Sister—In the first place it will be observed that my writings tends to remind our readers that God is ever the same and that His people must keep themselves unspotted from this sinful world and preach the gospel to all mankind—at least in as much as they will listen. If we have been wandering in the wilderness some, it is because we have

been neglectful in our manner of life and have not preached the Glad Tidings of Salvation as we should of done. When Israel failed to obey the commands of God, He sentenced them to spend 40 years in the wilderness—not that it was His will to punish His people, but as the blessings of Heaven is only obtained through obedience—so was the entering the land of promise to them to be obtained through doing His will. There is no other conclusion then, that had they been obedient, they would have entered the land of Canaan 40 years sooner. Therefore, the disobedient perished in the wilderness. I have heard it said that it took them all that time to make a journey that should have taken only 11 days. I don't know if that is exaggerated or not, it may be.

You ask, Why have we wandered in this wilderness?—If the Children of Israel was deprived of their blessings because of their neglect to obey Him, is He going to be more lenient with the Gentiles of today? If Romans means what it says in the 11th chapt, 18,19, and 20th verses, it will be woe unto the Gentiles if they are not obedient to the will of God—even as His SEVERITY fell upon the people who were the Apple of His eye.

There is a cause for wandering in the wilderness. The people of the faith of the restored gospel in and through Joseph Smith, have been scattered asunder—the fruits of disobedience—and who dare say nay? Failing to carry out the will of God, has brought about a bewildered condition, obedience brings about or clears the atmosphere. With professors of the Restored Gospel, as time passes on the discord is becoming greater. The admonition of our departed brethern was to be one in spirit and preach the gospel—I might add without limitation, at least in as much as we have opportunity, and doors thrown open to us. Yes, dear Sister, we have wandered in the wilderness, and the WHY of it is, everybody wants their own way—instead of preaching the Gospel, that according to their own testimony has brought a hope of Eternal Life into their souls.

But even as in the wilderness of old, God blessed faithful men and women, so today with all the discord and bewilderment there is, yet on my recent trip to Florida, I talked to the brother, a native of the Bahama Islands who along with his wife was moved upon to obey the Gospel—he has a desire now to go to the Islands and tell his people about The Church of Jesus Christ. I told him that I hoped that time would come to him. May God bless his soul to the extent that he will be like many others, carry the glad tidings to his people. You know how concerned Paul became about his people. He says: "I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethern, my kinsman according to the flesh." On my way home from Florida I stopped at the University of Atlanta, Georgia and had a talk to the Nigerian young man who is so anxious that we do not give up the good work that we have started in his home town in Nigeria—he along with his roommate would like to come to our Conference.

There is still much in the anonymous letter yet for me to comment upon. If all goes well I will continue it in the next issue. Editor.

in short we behold the Jews suffering in the direst calamities and the Saviour appears on the Mount of Olives as their deliver. The two circumstances are entirely different in every particular with the exception that in each case the Saviour appears. Isaiah 59ch, 20v. informs us that the Redeemer will come to Zion and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord, and this will be found upon examination to differ widely in surrounding circumstances, with what transpires in Palestine. You will find an extended account in the 37, 38 and 39 chapters of Ezekiel of the restoration of the house of Israel. That they shall become one nation upon the mountains of Israel, one king shall be king to them all and that they shall no more be divided into two nations, and God's sanctuary shall be in the midst of them, his tabernacle shall also be with them and in short they will become his people for evermore, dwelling safely and enjoying prosperity; also that they will be invaded by a foreign enemy who without gaining any advantages over the people described as Israel, will be utterly destroyed and become food for the fowls of the air and the beasts of the forest, and that God will plead against him with pestilences and with blood and rain upon him, an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. Now we beg leave to state that this account does not correspond in any degree with what Zechariah describes as taking place at Jerusalem in Palestine, and that there certainly is some mistake in applying these widely varying prophecies to one circumstance which is to take place in Palestine; and we shall endeavor to prove in future that they have distinct meanings both with regards to time and locality and that the locality of these wonderful events when Israel shall become one nation will be in the land that the Lord gave unto Jacob. See Ezk. 37ch. 25v.

NEWS FROM MODESTO,, CALIF.

February 12, 1960

Dear Brother Editor:

Starting the new year of 1960, the Lord has surely blessed our branch in Modesto.

We have had many visitors from different branches throughout the

church. Brother Michael, Sister Rose Randazzo and family from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Brother and Sister Robert Watson Jr. and family; Brother and Sister Ether Furnier and family from San Fernando, California; and Brother and Sister Thurman Furnier from Pennsylvania were with us to usher the new year in. We had a wonderful meeting of thanksgiving and praise to God.

The following week was spent in special meetings. Brother Furnier gave us a very wonderful and beneficial explanation of his charts on Times and Seasons. These meetings were enjoyed by all who attended.

As the new year continued, the Lord also blessed us with two baptisms. Two weeks ago while Brother Joseph Lovalvo was preaching on the name of the church in the Book of Mormon, a lady who has been attending church for several months asked for her to be baptized. The lady, Sister Ashby, had come to the church through her mother-in-law reading an article in the newspaper on our District Conference. Both of the ladies were formerly members of the Mormon Church. Dissatisfied with their religion, they began searching for the true gospel. She said she had never found the love of God as she did among our group in Modesto.

Brother Dan, sister Delores Picciuto and children from Painesville, Ohio, and Brother Jim Heaps from Anaheim, California spent a few days with us. Their visit was a blessing to our branch. At the Sunday meeting in which they were present, God blessed us abundantly. After solos were sung by Sister Rose Lovalvo and Brother Dan Picciuto, Brother Jim Heaps opened the meeting. He spoke on the experiences of David. He said, "David had sinned, but his repentance was greater." Brother Dan Picciuto followed Brother Heaps, speaking on Godly sorrow and Godly jealousy. Brother Picciuto extended the invitation to accept Christ. He told the congregation not to procrastinate their day of salvation. As he finished, a lady rose to her feet and said, "I have waited long enough; and if God wants me, I'm ready to be baptized. The lady, Sister Metheny, was the mother-in-law to Sister Ashby, who had been baptized previously. The baptism was per-

formed by Brother Picciuto. God surely has blessed the Methenys and Ashbys with great experiences and revelations concerning the divine authenticity of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Our Branch was especially thrilled to see Brother Mark Randy home once again. The Lord blessed him in his missionary work in Italy.

We sincerely ask all the saints to pray that God will bless our branch so that many souls will be brought to the knowledge of truth.

THE BRANCH EDITORS,

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

"Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

The above scripture (I cor. 14:34) has been under contest for centuries. Gradually many denominations have discarded its application and ordained women ministers. They explain this by saying Paul wrote nineteen hundred years ago; they say such logic is not applicable today.

The arguments (as such) for or against such theorizing have no place in this column. Women have done prodigious church work in the past and the same Apostle so compliments them in another of his epistles. In modern times they performed sacrificial feats for the benefit of mankind. A case in point: the two women that waited on the border of Nepal for sixteen years until they were admitted to set up a church and hospital, the first of either for that country of eight million souls.

But it is in the scope of this column to report the conditions relative to the most recent denomination to adopt female ordination. Sweden's state Lutheran Church will ordain three women to the ministry in April. At first the move was opposed by some in the church who suggested a boycott—asked that the public not recognize services performed by the women. The public reaction to this was sharp. One editorial said: "Priests here are also public servants. If they do not wish to abide by the law they have only one recourse—to withdraw from the church."

The trend to modernism continues. The Higher Law and Written Law

succumbs to civil law and public opinion.

The masses are a poor judge when it comes to any church or prophet. Despite what is said about "fifty million Frenchmen," it is more aptly said, "too many people are too often wrong."

The death of one "Daddy Grace" proves that millions can be led aside by one. In more than twenty-five years of establishing "heavens" Grace acquired three million followers, apartment houses, hotels, theaters, and plantations. He died leaving an estate of \$25 million, which the government is suing for back taxes. All this was accumulated he said to "upbuild the Kingdom of Heaven." The only upbuilding ever done was his own pomp and personal wealth.

The faithful to Grace have set forth a hymn that goes:

Daddy Grace is a holy prophet,
An angel and a holy man,
He has the key to the Kingdom,
Has it always in his hand.

When Father Divine died many of his "angels" were taken in by this Daddy Grace. Now that Grace is in the dust we wonder who the next "prophet" will be. Satan will provide, be sure.

Modernism—with big dollar overtones.

THE HEART SPEAKS ON CHARITY, WHAT A JEWEL!

We know of an organization that is very active in its desire to bring in new members; with every ounce of strength at its disposal, it tirelessly works at the task of recruiting them. . . and, with every new member signed, there is great satisfaction manifested. Part of this is due to the additional revenue which will be received because of the new member, and some of the exhilaration is because of the satisfaction enjoyed at their growing number.

However, from time to time, possibly because of inability to meet the demands of the organization, lack of funds to pay their dues, or, possibly from disagreement with the faction, old members drop out. By some, this is greeted with a shrug of the shoulders and a remark such as: 'Well, he wasn't very good, anyhow. He wasn't a very active member; he didn't have much determination.' No sorrow, no tears, no im-

ploring, no begging to reconsider. Perhaps his thoughts are: "Well, I'm still in, that's the important thing. . .!"

But, is it the important thing? It is only his love of self and the total disregard for his fellowman that makes him believe that he, himself, is of greater importance than his brother that has been allowed to 'drop out.' It may be that his brother has contributed a great deal more to the welfare of the organization than appears on the surface, although he may not have 'sounded the trumpet.'

Is this not the same brother that was welcomed into the fraternity with such fanfare and rejoicing? What has happened, then? Why, almost, a feeling of smug satisfaction when he dropped out? It is evident that the change of heart has not occurred solely in the backsliding one. . . the same change occurred in the brother who remains, for his heart is not true within him, since, where there should be sorrowing and unhappiness, there is somewhat a feeling of almost elation.

And yet, at this very moment, the head of the fraternity is sad, and upset at the thought of losing a convert. This, of course, is not a consistent, for if there was sincere love for one another and for its president, the mourning would extend unto ALL MEMBERS. There would immediately be a general campaign to attempt to persuade the withdrawing brother back into the fold; if necessary, even to the carrying of the extra weight on their own shoulders. Perhaps, at some later date, the backsliding brother may fall into some money, and make restitution of all his back dues, even with interest!

If we probe deeply beneath the surface of reasoning, we will find ideas imbedded in the mind of the uncharitable ones that are a carry-back to childhood reasoning. The small child 'tattles' on his brother, not because he has the welfare of the mother at heart, (he is too young to realize mother's need for help and assistance in raising her family), but, so that Mother can make mental comparison and realize how much better HE is, who, at the moment is not the author of this particular bit of mischief. He will 'tell' on his brother, but is not

really distressed by the other's actions. . he merely runs to Mother to show that he is the GOOD BOY, while brother is naughty.

This trait of immaturity carries into adulthood, and is manifested at various times, such as, when as each member drops out, the remaining one thinks: 'I am the strong, good member.' The president will note this and will compliment me. I am not weak like the other member!' In a sense, he is bolstering his ego, because deep down inside he knows he is NOT superior to his brother, and may actually be quite inferior! Sometimes, however, such feelings are prompted by active dislikes of another, hence the remaining member is, in essence, saying, 'Good riddance'; having no regard for the head of the organization who desires to retain them both.

How alien, how different are these thoughts from those of a charitable brother who feels very badly; he has come to love the missing brother, and feels the absence of him so poignantly. . . he shares the deep sense of loss with the head of the organization. The charitable brother will go to the one who has withdrawn and endeavor to prove to him that their friendship is to be in no wise jeopardized because of the 'dropping out'. However, he does not allow himself to be influenced by the weak or ex-member to also withdraw from the organization. His duty is to strengthen the other, to try to persuade him to return, to convince him that he will not be regarded as foolish or a weakling, once he returns.

By fortifying the other, by showing him he is wanted and needed, he is, in truth, doing himself a service . . . first, because in order to be strong, an organization cannot afford to lose its members, and secondly, because the president, seeing the zeal shown in the interest of the weak brother, will reward the charitable one by having a greater esteem of him, if not by actual gifts . . . for he has shown CHARITY.

Am I, as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, also guilty of being uncharitable? Am I a disappointment to Christ, for He, the head of the Church, grieves when a member becomes overwhelmed with weakness and 'drops out.' Should I not also mourn, all the while increas-

ingly putting my efforts toward helping my brother 'find' himself . . . and, if need be, should I not carry the extra burden of his weight upon my shoulders?

But what if the backsliding brother is a 'black sheep'?

Although Christ speaks of the so-called 'black sheep', who am I to judge . . . it may be that the sheep in question is actually white, but has fallen into a puddle of mud and became soiled, thereby making positive distinction difficult; however, the quality underneath, the fleck, the wool, (the desire the character, the heart), is quite fine.

Do I seek mercy? Let me first show it unto others. My own feet, have, at times, become soiled with the mud that is splashed upon them when I venture too closely to the puddle. How refreshing it is, how very welcome, at such times, to hear these words: 'Step into my home; I am not afraid that you will soil me or my house. I will prepare a tubfull of water so that you may be cleansed and refreshed, and then we will have some food together, for how do I know that tomorrow I may be the one who slips into the muddy waters and then I will surely have YOU to aid me.'

Let me be charitable, Oh God!

Catherine Poma

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Bro. Editor:-

I sincerely hope when these few lines reach you, you and the rest of the family, will be found enjoying God's richest blessings, health, peace, and much success, naturally and otherwise. Thank God, up to the present moment we are fairly well, and striving for the Kingdom. In Phil. 2nd. Chap. 12th. and 13th. verses, we are told, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." For it is God which worketh in you both to will, and to do of His good pleasure. Sometimes I think that from the Cradle, to the grave, if we did not have a Divine hand, guiding our footsteps, I do not know what would become of us, but when the evil powers, try to down us, He is always right by our sides, and we can hear Him saying, I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you, yet a little while and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also, This to me is great consol-

ation. On the 4th. Sunday of January, two car loads of bros. and sisters went to Sarnia, we passed through Port Huron, and found the few there, busy about their Master's business. In Sarnia, we had an enjoyable time, we are now having visitors from the Re-organized Church. May God work out a plan, where all who want to serve Him faithfully, upon the face of the earth, in spirit and in truth, be given spiritual vision to do so, for it is said, where there is no vision, the people perisheth. On Sunday, Jan. 7th., we visited Branch #2, and had quite an enjoyable time, the speakers for our Morning Service were bros. Domonic Cotellesse, and Reno Bologna. Bro. Domonic opened the service on Romans 12th. Chapter, reading the 1st. three verses, and speaking mostly on the subject, not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God, also coupling this subject, with Hymn #448, Are ye able said the Master? He said the only ones who are acceptable to the Master, are those who come to Him, with a broken heart, and a contrite spirit, always ready to lift Him up, and bear their cross, enduring unto the end. Bro. Reno speaking on the same subject, said to do this, (not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind) we would have to change our sense of values, put the vain things out of our lives, put on the real, and follow the pattern of Christ, unto the end of our lives, and we will not fail to gain eternal bliss. He said we should have a time to think, a time to act, a time to do the will of God. In the afternoon the life of Helaman, the son of Helaman, the son of Alma was portrayed, how he served God with justice and equity, and was successful in doing a wonderful work for the Master. May God help us some day to be more active, that we may help to bring the world to Christ. To do this, we must be dedicated, consecrated, and sanctified, and be in one mind, as were the sons of Mosiah, who left the natural things behind and went forth, as instruments or vessels in the hand of God, and what a great harvest did they gather, for the Master's use. The field

is ripe for us today, if we will go out and work in unison to this end. Sisters Maness, Jackson, and Sandra Maness, were just here for us to pray for Sandra, who is ill. We wish the whole Church, will be praying for her, along with us, also for Sarnia, that a grand work, will spread and grow up there. Wishing all bros. and sisters, the peace and love of God, plus many, many blessings from above, I beg to be your bro. in Christ,

Matthew T. Miller.

You Ask, What Is The Ancient of Days?

The Answer Is Written

Religious Experiences:

Here is a Kingdom, then that we (the Church) are looking for; the Kingdom of Christ; called by our brother Daniel, "The Ancient of Days," which will fulfill the covenants made to Israel; prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the ancient of days; (Church of Kingdom WHC) introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion. How plain and simple are the late president Cadman's words — brief, marvelous, wonderful and yet so plain.

Religious Experiences: On page 15 and 16 president Cadman the deceased, is describing the blessings that will be enjoyed under the influence of Christ's Kingdom and he says:—The center of all this happiness, joy and satisfaction will be in the New Jerusalem previously referred to, which city this scripture states, 2 shall be low in a low place." President Cadman (now deceased) makes the following appeal —and I quote him "Now, my brothers and sisters, don't you feel the Spirit of God in these applications of Scripture? If so, are you not willing to perform the part God has intended you to perform to produce such glorious results, which is: carrying the Gospel to the seed of Joseph.—Yea; how simple—how plain and condensed were the words of our late presidents, Cadman and Cherry to The Church of Jesus Christ, concerning its duty in preaching the gospel, which will produce the blessings long looked for by faithful servants of God.

As for me, president W. H. C. I feel that this is good reading for all members of the church today.

The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." John 10:16.

Dear Girls and Boys,

We have all heard the resurrection story from the Bible many times so I thought you would enjoy the one from the Book of Mormon. This book is a record of the people who lived on this land of America 600 years before the birth of Christ. After Jesus was crucified in Jerusalem He visited these people whom we know as the American Indian. You remember I told you about a Lamanite named Samuel who told the people of the birth of Jesus. He also warned them of destruction that would come upon this land of America if they would not repent. It would come when Jesus was crucified.

When the thirty-third year came, as Samuel had prophesied, the people began to look for the sign. For three days there was to be darkness throughout the land. On the fourth day of the first month of the thirty-fourth year there arose a great storm such as never had been known. There was a terrible tempest, thunder and sharp lightning. The earth was shaken. It was so severe it seemed the earth would break in two. No one had ever seen such a storm! Many of their great cities were burned and others sunk in the sea. Their great buildings fell to the earth. The highways were spoiled and many smooth places became rough. This terrible storm lasted only three hours. The whole land was changed because of the whirlwinds, thunderings, lightnings and earthquakes. After the storm, a thick darkness settled over the land. It was so thick that the people could feel it. Lights could not be lit, nor fire made with wood. No light from the sun, moon or stars could be seen. The darkness lasted three days. The people cried and cried because of all this destruction. Many of the wicked ones were heard to cry, 'Oh, that we had repented before this terrible day had come upon us. Maybe these things would never have happened and our loved ones would have been spared.'

While the people were weeping a very surprising thing happened. A voice was heard all over the land. It said, "Woe, woe unto the people except they repent. I have caused all these things to come upon you because you have been wicked. Will you return to Me, repent of your sins that I may heal you? Behold I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the light and the life of the world. I have come to save the world from sin. Whoever repents and comes to Me as a little child, I will receive. I have laid down my life for thee." The people were so astonished that they stopped crying. All was very quiet for many hours. Then the voice of Jesus was heard again. This time He said they were of the house of Israel. Many times He would liked to have gathered them under His wings as a hen gathers her chickens but they would not come unto Him. But now, if they would not repent, their dwelling places would be left desolate. At the end of the three days the darkness disappeared and it was morning again. The people now were happy and gave thanks to the Lord, Jesus Christ their Redeemer.

Later the people gathered together about the temple in the land Bountiful. Everyone was talking about these things that had happened. Also about Jesus Christ and the sign about his death. Suddenly they heard this voice again. It seemed to come from heaven. They couldn't understand it. It was not a harsh voice, nor a loud voice, but a small voice which seemed to make them shake and caused their hearts to burn. Again they heard the voice but they couldn't understand it. They heard it the third time and now they understood. It said, "Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name — hear ye Him."

As they were listening and looking upward they saw a Man, dressed in white coming down out of heaven. He came down and stood in their midst. They were afraid to speak as they thought it was an angel. He stretched forth his hand and spoke; "Behold, I am Jesus Christ,

whom the prophets testified shall come into the world." After He had spoken, they fell to the earth. They remembered it had been told them that Christ would show himself to them after His ascension into heaven. Jesus said, "Arise, come feel my side and the prints of the nails in my hands and feet. Then you will know I have been slain for the sins of the world. One by one they went forth and put their hands into His side and felt the prints of the nails in His hands and feet. They knew it was Jesus, of whom the prophets had told them.

While Jesus was with them He chose twelve men to be His disciples on this land just as He had done in Jerusalem. He gave them power to baptize and teach the same things He had taught in Palestine. Jesus healed their sick, blessed their children, made the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk. The people were very happy and bowed down at His feet to worship Him. They wanted Jesus to stay with them but He told them He was going to visit the lost tribes of Israel. Now the time had come when He must leave them. A cloud came down and covered them so they could not see Jesus. While they were over shadowed He ascended into heaven.

Isn't this a beautiful Easter story? And to think it all happened here in America many, many years ago.

Search The Scriptures

Where can you find the word Easter in the Bible?

Who am I?

I am a baby. I have a brother and a sister. My sister helps care for me. My mother made an ark of bulrushes for me. The king's daughter found me in the little ark where Mother had hidden me. She took me for her baby and saved my life. You can find my name in the book of Exodus.

All the answers sent from last month's questions about birds were all correct. I am glad you enjoyed looking for them.

Read in the New Testament, Matthew 7: 24, 28 about two men. Which man would you like to be?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Box 72
Monongahela, Pa.

Obituaries

THOMAS SHUSTER PASSES ON Dravosburg, Pa.

Bro. Thomas Shuster, age 79, passed away at his home in Dravosburg, Pa., February 2, 1960. He was born May 4, 1880 in West Mifflin, and resided in the Dravosburg area all his life. He was Baptized March 4, 1948 by Bro. Anthony DiBattista and confirmed by Bro. Isaac Smith. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ until the end of his life.

Husband of the late Margaret McConeghy Shuster, he is survived by two sons, Howard Shuster of Glassport, Pa. and Earl Shuster of Dravosburg, Pa. Eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Laura White of Rock Creek, Ohio and Mrs. Elizabeth Downey and Mrs. Mary Lewis both of Dravosburg, Pa.

Services were held at the Finney Funeral Home, Dravosburg, and was officiated by Bro. Anthony DiBattista. Mrs. Bonnie Smith played the organ and Mrs. Silvia Curry and Mrs. Elizabeth Staley sang three beautiful hymns, Beyond the Sunset, O Paradise and Sweet By and By.

Internment took place in Versailles Cemetery, McKeesport, Pa.

His testimony was that he had found in the Church of Jesus Christ something that he had never known before and his heart was always full of joy.

VINCENT DE GENNARO Youngstown, Ohio

Brother Vincent DeGennaro of Girard, Ohio died on February 5, 1960 in St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was born in Italy in 1874. He settled in Glassport, Pa. and came to Girard, Ohio in 1921. He was a car repairman for the Erie Railroad, retiring 21 years ago.

Brother DeGennaro was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on January 26, 1919 and was later ordained an Elder. He leaves his wife, Sister Consillia; two daughters; and two sisters.

Brother DeGennaro had a hard life with much trial and sickness. Our prayers go out to his daughter, Viola, with whom he made his home, that she may have strength

to continue and care for Sister Consillia, who has been an invalid for many years.

Funeral services were held at the McClurkin Funeral Home in Girard on February 8, 1960 with Brother Tony Corrado officiating.

WILBERT C. PARLOR PASSES ON DECEMBER 16, 1959

Brother Wilbert Parlor, 69, of the Jefferson Plan, West Elizabeth, died yesterday in the McKeesport Hospital. He was a son of the late William J. and Sarah A. Cadman Parlor. He was a retired employee of the Mississippi Glass Co. and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Jefferson. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch Parlor; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Toye of West Elizabeth; and three brothers, Robert Parlor of Elrama and Ralph and Clyde Parlor, both at home.

Funeral services were conducted at the Harry E. Drum Funeral Home in West Elizabeth. Services were in charge of Elders Samuel Kirschner and Anthony DiBattista. Interment in the Monongahela Cemetery.

Wilbert was a grand son of the late Wm. Cadman. He was very well known in the community and will be missed by many, including the members of the church whom he has met with for so long.

May the Lord comfort his widow, Elizabeth and all others, especially who were near and dear by the ties of nature.

DOMENIC BENENATI PASSES ON

Brother Benenati passed away on January 26, 1960 in the San Diego County Hospital after suffering from a stroke he encountered one week before his passing on. He was born in Italy in 1891 and later came to America where he obeyed the Gospel by being baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1930. He leaves his wife Rose to mourn his passing.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ in San Diego, California, on February 3, 1960—Brother Richard Castelli officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. May the Lord comfort our sister in her bereavement.

NEWS FROM THE FREDONIA BRANCH

We of the Fredonia Branch send our love to all readers of the Gospel News.

While meditating on the scriptures, the words of our Savior came to me, "Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, that is God."

And so if Christ, the perfect man said, there is but one that is good how far we are from being good. For we but stumble and fall, picking ourselves up as we go trudging along that straight and narrow way.

We, of the Church, must be firm in serving God, not giving in to the lusts, sins and temptations of the evil one and not being a hinderance to any soul wanting to be a fellow worker in Christ.

We must uphold the Gospel of Christ and bear testimonies to the truth of the Book of Mormon. Yes, for there is but one GOOD, that is God and upon Him we must rely. For we, as mortal beings, are as nothing yea, even less than the dust of the earth. We must keep the commandments of God, It is good for our health, if for nothing else. But we have so very much more to gain, yea, eternal life with God, that is our goal.

Let no man stand in your way of serving God. For unto whom much is given, much is required. Yea, we are blessed above all people of the earth, for unto us is given the keys of the kingdom, we have the true and only gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And if we, being so blessed fall from the ways of God, then it will not be well with us.

I would exhort all members of The Church of Jesus Christ to be pure and spotless before our God, that it might be well with us. Above all, let us have Charity, which is the pure love of God. Christ said by this ye shall know my disciples for they love one another. So Brothers let us love one another and serve God with all our hearts.

Bro. Arthur Gehly.

JEWELS OF DAVID, THE KING.

Sister Amy Martin.

Beautiful are the Words of David ending the 19th Psalms, which says, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my

strength and my redeemer."

For truly then, the Lord is our strength and our salvation and with the promise that He would put his Laws into our hearts, and in our minds He would write them. Then seldom, if ever, would our temptations need to overcome our knowledge of right or wrong.

And, if like David, we could really say, "I foresaw the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand; I shall not be moved." We would be putting on the armour God has provided for us. David, having faith in the promised Savior, knew that in God's good time, the promised Christ would bring about the resurrection and said, "My flesh shall rest in hope."

Perhaps we, who have been permitted to be numbered among the Lord's people, and have had the blessed assurance of the resurrection, can understand the prayers or meditations, such as these. Who shall abide in thy tabernacle? And answers it, "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness; and speaketh truth in his heart; backbiteth not with his tongue; nor doeth evil to his neighbor; or taketh up a reproach against his neighbors."

How very easy it is to do these things without intending to. Just as many think of David's sin in the death of Uriah, for which he was made to suffer very much in remorse, and in the death of the child and the defiling of his wives, as Nathan had prophesied. The prophecy being fulfilled by his own son, Absalom, his best beloved of all his sons, also Absalom's death. Yet this man of many wars, whose foes were without and within, could say, I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. "My Help cometh from the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth." Also from the beautiful 19th Psalm, "The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

David's faith and loyalty to God and the promise that Jesus, Our Lord, would be born of his seed, makes us need to forget the acts that we, with natural judgment, disapprove of. Seeing that God has said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart." In Samuel 23rd. Chapter, 2nd verse, these are the last words

of David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel, "The spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue."

After Jesus had risen and stood in the midst of them, He said All things must be fulfilled which was written of Him in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets and in the PSALMS. So let us feast on these wise words, the Precious Jewels like this one, "I have thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." "Preserve me O God, for in thee do I put my trust."

NOTE FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Enclosed find two dollars for the Gospel News. I enjoy reading it very much and would be at a loss without it. It is a way for the saints to keep in contact with one another and to enjoy the blessings and experiences given to our brothers and sisters.

I also enjoy the articles our elder brothers write. May God bless you all. Sister Mary Altomare.

GENERAL EXISTING CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

I am going to write about some of the existing conditions, and way of life prevailing in Nigeria. Things that we saw and some things that we heard from the Nigerians, also from a few white people we met there. The (we) includes brother Wm. H. Cadman whom I accompanied in 1954. And brother Alma Nolfi who accompanied me in 1958. I am certain they will remember some of the things which I will relate. I feel it is good to acquaint our people with the experiences we gained and the astonishing contrast to our present day way of life in America.

Many pagan customs and rituals are still widely practiced, the weird and devilish-appearing witch doctor can be seen most everywhere. His service is greatly sought after by many, and he is greatly feared by many.

I believe all of us that have been in Africa on missionary work, the experience has had a tremendous impact on our lives, the ever-present need for missionaries, both men and women. We can truly appreciate great men like David Livingston, Dr. Albert Schweitzer and the many others that have given their lives

because their hearts have been touched by the need; of others that were not able to help themselves.

Many strange and some fascinating things we experienced in Nigeria, and many impressed us very deeply. One of the first is the great masses of people who are just milling about aimlessly it appears, especially in the towns and cities. All the streets are filled and overflowing. Much of the time it is difficult to drive a car through the streets. The horn on your car becomes an absolute necessity. Without it, it would be almost impossible to get through the streets. You can hardly walk the street and carry anything, even a letter to the Post Office without being approached by numbers of men wanting to help you, to carry whatever you have, even to mail a letter by shoving their way to the window in front of a waiting line to get stamps.

Then you are confronted with many beggars holding out their hands, begging for alms. This is a heart rending experience, for most of these are very badly crippled or terribly deformed, and possibly no home or anyone to care for them.

Then we saw people sleeping right on the road or street, no blankets or anything except the bare ground or street, sound asleep. Many times we would have to step around them and wonder that they were not run over by the cars. Many women sitting on the street or along the roads selling oranges, bananas or ground nut (peanuts) etc. In Lagos we bought oranges two for one penny from a lady on the street and she peeled the outer peel off them as she sold them, unless you told her not to. It appeared to be customary that they sell but one item or product at a time.

There are many hawkers trying to sell their wares, especially watches or some kind of jewelry. They will follow you from place to place trying to induce you to buy, and will reduce their price by half what they first quoted. Even if you buy like as not you will get a cheap product. There are some that have good quality products, but they are not cheap.

But these thousands of poor people have to try to make a few pennys anyway they can. You wonder how they manage to make enough to exist.

Many people have a great misconception of white people by thinking they are all rich, or have money unlimited. One day we stopped to buy some peanuts from a lady by the road side, she had already quoted us the price per cup measure, just then a man came walking by and spoke to the lady in Efik language, immediately she doubled the price to us, as a result we refused to buy any of her peanuts. We found it to be a rather general practice to charge the white people two or three times as much as the Nigerians, especially if a stranger and did not know the prices of the products you were wanting to buy. We usually took a native with us who knew the prices and let him do our buying, but if the shop keeper discovered that he was posting us on the prices, they would order our servant out of their shop and become very angry with him. Some of the more prominent businesses seem to have one price to all customers.

But we should not be surprised when we take into consideration, that many of these people make only a few pennys a day. An old lady we met at Calabar, worked about a week making the cord and weaving a fish net, then she would get no more than five pence when selling it. I remarked I thought that was very little for a whole week's work. Her reply was that labor is very cheap here. Like everywhere else, we discovered there are a few rich and we were told that some of these oppress the poor mercilessly.

There are about 20,000 Nigerians working under contract on the Spanish Island of Fernando Po, in the Gulf of Guinea, South of Nigeria, getting perhaps twenty pounds for two years work, or about \$56.00 in U.S. money, about 9 cents a day. Not much wonder they think the white man is rich.

Some of these things sound almost unbelievable, nevertheless they are true. There are literally thousands who are not able to find work of any kind at these ridiculously low wages, because of the great surplus of men available. Many of those who have jobs are required to work very hard, knowing that there are always other men waiting to take their places. I was told that if we wanted to hire some help not to offer them money, but food, that many would be glad to work for

their meals only. It is very obvious that there are many who do not know where their next meal will come from, or when.

Some of the people told us that if they eat once a day they could live. I saw people eat dry bread as if it were a delicacy. How often I think of this as I see the waste of food in our homes, "We are a wasteful people". In an experience brother Joseph Shazer had a couple of years ago, he was told to go and tell brother J. Bittinger the words quoted above. As he came and told me, he said he believed the experience was for the church as a whole, we, is plural. I fear we are wasteful in many ways and that the Lord is not pleased with our extravagance, that we take too much for granted. To be continued.

Joseph Bittinger.

LORAIN, OHIO

Dear Brother Editor:

Lorain held the all Ohio gathering for M.B.A. on Saturday, February 21, 1960. Our little church was filled with Brothers, Sisters and friends from all over Ohio, as well as many from Detroit.

Our Lorain group gave a program entitled, "It came to Pass". It told of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from the time of his birth to the restoration up to our day and time. Many beautiful hymns were included in the program. One hymn entitled the "Apostasy", was written by Brother Frank Calabrese sung to the tune of 148.

The spirit of the Lord was felt all through the meeting, and was enjoyed by all. After the program, several Brothers in the Ministry were called upon to give their testimonies with hymns being sung by the Lorain Choir after each testimony.

The spirit of our Lord was with us still on the Sabbath. It was a wonderful day spent in the service of the Lord. Many stayed over for the Sunday service.

I, myself, am still bewildered and amazed at the depth of his love for a sinner like me. I see with different eyes feel with a new heart things that I never knew existed. I cannot praise God enough for the Gospel Restored and for my new way of life.

The group that formed the Choir will try to remain together and will

practice the first Sunday of each month. May the Lord be with them always and Bless their efforts.

Margaret King

A TRIP TO FLORIDA

My son-in-law, Arthur Landrey, works with a firm that conducts a "car rental business" and they had a new Buick to deliver to a man in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. on Feb. 19th. My daughter Sara and her husband, Paul Vancik, delivered the car. We left here in the afternoon of Feb. 15 right in the midst of the recent big snow storm. Everything went well with us and we arrived in West Palm Beach on Thursday evening. We phoned to brother Gabriel Mazzeo and in a little while he and his wife came in a car to take us to their home. But the brethren had arranged a meeting for the evening, so brother Gabriel took me to the meeting, while sister Mazzeo took my daughter and her husband along with three of their children to the home. We all stayed at the Mazzeo home for the night.

The next day the Vanciks left for Ft. Lauderdale to deliver the car and they then proceeded on to Miami to visit Paul's cousins. They returned for Sundays meetings. I attended an Elders' meeting with the brothers, and on Sunday attended their services in the home of Bro. Sirangelo. He and his wife have a large room in their home fitted up for holding services. I was surprised to see so many gathered together—there were about fifty adults besides some children. I knew most of them—some had formerly lived in New York state, New Jersey and other places, and one sister I had met in California a couple of years ago. Some of these present had come a long way to be present on this occasion—consequently, we held one long meeting—preaching, then a testimony meeting, then those who had come so far, got started back home early in the afternoon. All seemed to enjoy the service. They held their M.B.A. Meeting on Sunday evening which I also attended.

In the few days we had to spend in Florida the brothers took us around visiting as much as was possible. I will add that this part of Florida is a beautiful country—the beauty of the cities was thrilling to me, and the arrangement of the

palm trees—the cleanliness of the snow-white buildings along with the big blue sea was inspiring to me—It caused me to wonder—what can Heaven be.

A meeting was to be held at Fort Pierce on Monday night, so we started for there about noon-day on Monday—taking our time to see places of interest as we traveled on. The rolling waves of the big sea was a sight for us all and especially for the children. It was summer weather and the children had their shoes off and would stand in the waves as they rolled in—and even I myself had to satisfy my curiosity by walking out and dip my hands into the water.

We eventually arrived at brother and sister Matthew Rogolino's home in time for supper. They have a nice home, lots of room around, both inside and outside as well. We were made welcome and we were interested in the orange trees, the grapefruit, lemons and other fruits as well, even they had a banana tree in their yard. The nature of these fruits is strange, at least to us who are not accustomed of seeing them. There are blossoms, little lemons, large lemons, green lemons and yellow ones all on the trees at the same time. I believe orange trees are the same way. May I say: what wonderful work is the Handiwork of God. It makes me think of Paul when he asks: Who has been His counsellor?

The services in the evening was held at the home of Brother Patsy Rogolino—the father of Matthew, about 8 miles out of Ft. Pierce. They live in a trailer and not having much room to hold the meetings therein, brother Patsy built a two car garage for the purpose of holding their meetings. It is a well built building (not quite finished yet) 22x30 feet, made of cement blocks all painted white—a wonderful contribution to accommodate a place for services. They can seat quite a few people in it, and they have organized a Sabbath School and apparently are carrying on very well. And, may carrying on very well. And, may the good Lord bless them in their efforts to spread the glad tidings of Heaven in their locality. In doing so, I read that even their feet will be blessed.

Many that had been at the Sunday services, followed us to Ft.

Pierce to the meeting—a distance of possibly 60 miles for them to travel. I occupied the pulpit again that evening—endeavoring to encourage them along on the narrow road that leads to Eternal bliss. May God bless every honest effort that is being put forth in Florida as well as in other places, to roll along the Little Stone that was cut out of the mountains without hands. Such is the purpose of the Restored Gospel is my firm conviction.

In this place our brethren have baptized a colored man and his wife, whom I was pleased to meet. They were both at the meeting along with some of their children. As I understand, they were directed to this church by a very vivid experience and the results were, they asked for baptism. The brother told me that he now has a desire to go back to the Bahama Islands to tell his people of what he has found in The Church of Jesus Christ. May God still continue to bless the preaching of His word, that many other souls will be directed to the place of redemption, whether it happen to be in sunny Florida, or in Africa's dark regions and even up in Cape Croker's cold country. Brethren and sisters in Christ may I ask of you: What manner of men and women must we be that our candles may always be brightly burning and shining into the distant corners of the earth, and the vision of Nephi be fulfilled wherein he saw the Church of the Lamb of God in all parts of the earth, even though its numbers were small and its dominion was not big. May God hasten the day, when His servants will no longer sit in easy chairs—but be up and doing, and be about their Father's business.

The next morning after this meeting we started North toward home. We stopped at the Atlanta University at Atlanta, Georgia. It is a school for the colored race and is large and from all appearances a wonderful institution of learning. Atlanta is certainly a growing and prosperous city. It takes in the whole county, except one town in it—so we were told. Our purpose of stopping there was, to meet a young man from Nigeria—a student in the University. After going to several different buildings and offices, we located the young man. Had a nice visit with him. I had

never met him before, but had corresponded some with him, and I do so with his brother in Nigeria. Apparently he is a fine young student, and after having considerable schooling in London, he came over here to get his Masters degree. He expects to get through and hopes to be able to return home in September. Along with his room-mate who is also from another part of Africa, and two young girls we took several pictures and then bade them goodbye.

Our next stop was at Cherokee, N.C. arrived at Brother Molinatto's home late in the evening. The Mountain road was so bad we could not enter his place, though I did pull on a pair of rubbers and made it up to their house for a short visit with Jonathan, Virginia and their two children. They were all very well and apparently satisfied with their lot. May God bless them. We stayed all night in a Motel at Cherokee, but the weather was so threatening that we thought it best to get on toward home—very sorry that we could not have a visit with the Molinattos. On the way out we called at three or four Indian homes of old acquaintances just long enough to shake hands and say hello. Coming through W. Va. the highway we were on was under water in one place for two or three hundred yards. We hesitated along with many others for quite a while, finally we all started through the water, which came up into our car, the water got into my suit case—we eventually got through it and went on our way rejoicing—arriving home about mid-afternoon on Friday the 25th. This is much longer than I expected it to be. I hope it will not worry you.

Brother Cadman

WEDDING

On December 28, 1959, Sister Dorothy Ruth Ritchie of Monongahela was married to Mr. Charles E. Stanley of Donora, Pa. The double ring ceremony was performed by Brother Idris Martin at his home in Fellsburg. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Wayne Eoyd. Her sister, Uarda Boyd, was the matron of honor and Wayne Boyd was best man.

Also present during the ceremony were the mothers of the bride and groom, Sister Margaret Ritchie and

Mrs. Caroline Stanley, and the bride's grandmother, Sister Janet Aitken.

Charles, who was home on leave from the U.S. Army, expects to be transferred to Fort Ord, California where Dorothy will join him in the near future.

OUR MANNER OF PRAYER

You have probably heard this poem. It was found on the body of a Confederate soldier:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve,

I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help that I might do greater things,

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy,

I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life,

I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I was given nothing that I had asked for,

But everything that I had hoped for.

Despite myself, my prayers were answered;

I am among all men most richly blessed.

— Anonymous

It does seem that our prayers are sometimes answered in strange and unseen ways, and at times we even become impatient, this is a human failing in each of us. We pray so often, we can sometimes become lax and pray with repetition, and without actually thinking of what we are asking. I wonder what we would have said in our prayers if we had lived in King Solomon's time, when the Lord said that He would dwell in the temple and hear all our prayers, under those circumstances just

what would we say.

Picture yourself attending the dedication of the temple, seeing Solomon standing at the altar with his arms stretched forth to the heavens, and hearing his magnificent prayer.

Solomon asked the Lord to always hear and harken to the prayers of his servants when they pray at the temple. He asked for protection for the people of Israel from their enemies, plagues, and draught. He asked the Lord to hear the prayers of strangers that might stop by the temple and pray.

The Lord told Solomon that He would answer this prayer; if Solomon would walk as his father, David had walked. Think of how Solomon and his people must have rejoiced, after learning this.

It certainly is a wonderful feeling, to know that the Lord is listening to our prayers. We have each felt the Lord's presence at one time or another. We have felt the change in our meetings when the Spirit makes itself known, and we strive to have it happen more often. It's these in-between times in which we have to be careful.

In the story of Jephthah, we find a lesson about being over anxious, and not taking into consideration what we are saying.

Read what Jephthah vowed:

And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, if thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them, and the Lord delivered them into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith even twenty cities, and unto the plain of vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. And Jephthah came to Miacah unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor

daughter. And it came to pass when he saw her, that he rent his clothes and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back His daughter realized this and told her father to give her two months in which to sanctify herself (at the end of which time he sacrificed her).

An unwise prayer is also mentioned in Jonah, Chapter 4-3. Jonah entered the city of Nineveh, which was very evil, and proclaimed that it would be overthrown in forty days, but the people repented when they heard this, and the Lord spared them. This made Jonah angry, and he asked the Lord to take his life, saying that it was better to die than to live. Why? It could have been because his prediction didn't come to pass thus causing him, to lose face.

The Lord decided to teach Jonah a lesson after this incident. The Lord gave Jonah a gourd, this pleased him, but during the night the Lord made a worm eat and destroy the gourd, causing Jonah to despair. Then the Lord caused the sun to beat down on Jonah's head until he fainted, and again he asked to die rather than live. Then the Lord said, "Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?" Jonah answered, "I do well to be angry even unto death." Then the Lord told him, "You had pity on a gourd, which you didn't create or labor over, then why shouldn't I have pity on a city with a population of over 120,000 souls."

In conclusion, Ecclesiastes Chapter 5 Verses 2 to 5 says: Do not be rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by a multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst now and not pay.

Bro. Jim Martin

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THE ANCIENT OF DAYS DID YOU ASK ABOUT?

Read on pages 22 and 23 of "Religious Experiences"—literature we scattered around as far back as 1899. The closing words are: "By acceptance of the Gospel of Christ, they, (Israel) will be restored to the favour of Heaven, as in their former condition. The covenants made unto Abraham, and unto Jacob, in their behalf, will be fulfilled. Gentile power, pride and hypocrisy will be suppressed and destroyed, and the fifth universal Empire, or what some call the Stone Kingdom, spoken of by Daniel, as the Ancient of Days will be established."

How plain and simple is the teaching of the late president Wm. Cadman.

TODAY

God is so kind and merciful, to have given us today. It is ours with all its shining seconds, minutes, and hours, to strive with honest efforts to solve the problems of today. Asking Him for strength for today, is all the strength we need, for if we solve the problems of each hour, we do it for today. Our happiness, joys and love today, depends on our making each minute of the day, minutes of thankfulness. If we would be grateful tomorrow we must not delay our thoughts of gratitude until tomorrow, for tomorrow may never come, we must be grateful today.

Today is swiftly passing its time will soon be through. Is any heart the lighter for what you did, or said to ease the burdens of today? How many of those little deeds of kindness did you put into the hour, for God today? Having used your opportunities to cause the weary of heart along life's way to answer the call, if Jesus should come to their listening ears today? Stop and think my friend, what it would mean, if Christ should walk your way today, how would He look? What would He say? It would not matter, what He would wear, if you would know Him anywhere. Upon your heart, you would feel His touch, and you should love Him, oh so much. And

then you would hear Him say, come walk my friend, with me today. Or would the sad story be, without hope, without peace, without God? Knowing what we have been today, will make us what we may be tomorrow.

Sister Muriel Miller.

THE WORLD IS MINE

Today upon a bus I saw a lovely maiden with golden hair
I envied her—she seemed so gay—
and wished I were as fair.
When suddenly she arose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle:
She had one foot and wore a crutch;
but as she passed, a smile.
O God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two feet—the world is mine!
And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm.

I talked with him—he said to me,
It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."

O God, forgive me when I whine;

I have two eyes—the world is mine!

Then walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.

He stood and watched the others play;

It seemed he knew not what to do.

I stopped a moment, then I said.

"Why don't you join the others, dear?"

He looked ahead without a word,
and then I knew, he could not hear.

O God, forgive me when I whine;

I have two ears—the world is mine!

With feet to take me where I'd go,

With eyes to see the sunset's glow.

With ears to hear what I would know,

O God, forgive me when I whine;

I'm blessed, indeed! The world is mine!

—Author Unknown.

A COUNTRY OF THE POOR

Israel is a country where hundreds of thousands of refugees have fled for their lives under the fire of persecution, and left their property behind. The countries from which they came took all their belongings except perhaps only a suit case and clothes.

INDUSTRIES OF TOMORROW

Beersheba, the rapidly growing administrative center of Israel's semi-arid south, is in many ways still a pioneer settlement. Compared to the people in the large towns up north, Beershebaites are an unconventional lot. They work hard, dream big, and prefer to drop the word "impossible" from their vocabulary.

Beersheba's industrialists of tomorrow are a case in point. Their small, squalid row of work shops on the outskirts of town may seem an inauspicious beginning. Yet here, amidst blinding heat and desert dust, newcomers have set out to make this barren spot the industrial heart of the Negev.

The crude tin shacks, lack of sufficient up-to-date machinery and scarcity of skilled labor fail to discourage these industrialists of tomorrow.

WATER

The laying of the first 108 inch pipe at Kfar Saba was a triumph for Israel industry and opened a new phase for the country's agriculture. The Yuval Gad factory had many physical and technical problems to solve, for when the decision to make pre-stressed concrete pipes of this size - 108" diameter and 16½ feet long, weighing 30 tons - they had not been made anywhere in the world as yet. Larger pipes have been made of reinforced concrete, but their use was out of the question for Israel, because of the expense and their bulk. Yuval Gad is manufacturing 15 of the pipes daily. 16,000 will be required. When the Jordan-Negev line is completed in about ten years, the water of the upper Jordan will flow, not to the Dead Sea, but to the living Negev.

"Jewish Hope"

"THOUGHT"

What is this substance called thought? The dictionary calls it "something held in the mind, the process of reasoning; meditation; study." Although thought is singular, yet there are many avenues on which it travels. I have always wondered what kind of thoughts go

thru a persons' mind that is about to take someone's life. Surely his 'thought' becomes so large it occupies the whole portion of his mind until there is no room for his conscience, subsequently the conscience must flee; his present thought takes control of his whole body and commands it to do evil.

Take for an example, the habitual drunkard. He no doubt, some time or other gets a thought to better himself. While his mind is entertained with this good 'thought,' along comes this more impressive thought to go back to drunkenness. Why is this the more impressive thought? It must be getting more nourishment than his thoughts of overcoming this weakness. Perhaps he feeds this evil thought by being in places that would be a temptation, connecting himself with friends that would encourage it. Then again he might just plain love being drunk more than his responsibility for himself and for others. Thus to overcome his evil thoughts he must break off the supply line of nourishment. Then he must repair the source of nourishment for those good thoughts. Most everything can be destroyed by shutting off its' life line, including thoughts which incline us to do wrong.

Let us now examine the opposite side of this picture: the person that attains good thoughts. What causes the difference between he that entertains good thoughts and he that entertains the evil thoughts? He that has his mind occupied with good must have been in good surroundings; having good companions, daily reading the scriptures, praying without ceasing, considering the feelings of others, attending church regularly (without some feeble excuse for staying at home) and many other things which I could mention.

Let us go back now and analyze these surroundings which make our good thoughts to flourish. First is our companions: There is an old saying, "I can tell what kind of person he is by the company he keeps." Suppose I became weak and was about to yield to some evil thought because of a trial I am going through. A good companion would offer advice, help of any kind, pray with us or do whatever he could. Thus by his fervent efforts he would help us to smother some evil thought we might have had.

But—if our companion was evil he might advise us like this; go drink your sorrows away, render evil for evil, destroy your enemy, avenge those that trouble you and etc. Keeping good company is of the utmost importance in our lives. Solomon writes in the 18th chapter, 24th verse, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Next is daily reading of the Scriptures: This plays a vital role in our lives. It brings to mind our requirements, such as praying for our enemies and to do unto others as you would have done to you. It broadens our minds to know how God has dealt with his people and their rewards for bearing their crosses and not giving way to evil thoughts. Praying without ceasing is a requirement which Jesus gave unto his people. When we are praying our minds are free from evil. We are filled with compassion; absent then are hatred, malice, jealousy, strife, and etc. which are of the devil. III Nephi: chapter 11: verse 29: says: "For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another."

Consider the feelings of others: Take thought before we utter a word lest that word becomes a stumbling block to others. Brother Moore tells of a saying his father told him when he was a boy. He often said, "Think twice before you jump once because you might jump on a thorn." I suppose we all sometime or another have met up with someone that enjoyed saying things that would hurt others. These things ought not to be, might I say, especially among the people of God. I know of a man that runs a junk yard who at one time was a poor man. He has prospered somewhat but still lives in moderate surroundings. When asked why he didn't buy a big expensive car he replied, "I would make my neighbors feel bad if I had a big expensive car and they had an old car." When I heard this I admired this man for considering others. Our thoughts then have to be good thoughts or else we might be entertaining some small bad thought that will grow into

something larger. When I was ordained an Elder in this church the brother which was to ordain me read my duties. When he said not to have any offending habits that hit me like nothing I had ever heard before. I have tried to live up to that requirement. I think that requirement is good for all of us, not just the Priesthood alone, but all. We sometimes fall short as none of us are perfect but we must keep on trying. A woodsman doesn't chop a tree down with one blow but he keeps hacking away until the tree falls. The farmer that sits on the fence gets little plowing done. A good thought then makes us think of others first. A bad thought makes us think of ourselves first.

Jesus knew well what was best for us when he said to do good for evil and to love our enemies. Therefore we must be careful what we say and do lest we offend others. Jesus also said we must give an account of every idle word.

Attending meetings regularly also is nourishment for good thoughts. Sometimes we might use some feeble excuse to stay home like the parable found in Luke: One had bought a piece of ground, one had married a wife, one had bought a yoke of oxen. I once heard it said that when a man makes an excuse he is already guilty. We may go to church feeling downtrodden over some trial we are going through. Perhaps the Scriptures preached on, or one's testimony might be very fitting for us. Sometimes it might be a hymn we sing, maybe a word of prayer, maybe just a warm handshake and the feeling that someone else helps to bear your burdens. Then we depart for our homes with joy again in our hearts. We will then be free from the elements that lead to bad thoughts; disgust, self-pity, inflating our problems to be greater than they are, and etc. When we sit at home we are doing just what Satan wants. We are sitting in the avenue in which he walks—idleness. He will begin to feed and nourish our disgust, self-pity and etc. I once heard of a sister that had her feelings hurt so she said, 'I won't go back to church any more.' The voice of the Lord spoke to her and said, 'But what have I done to Thee?'

In conclusion then must we say that the thoughts of our minds

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EDITORIALLY

SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

To My Readers:

This is a continuation of the anonymous letter referred to in my last Editorial. I will add again that the letter is one of intelligence and of good intentions on the part of the writer. My concern is: can I answer it with the intelligence that it should be answered? It continues as follows:

Dear Brother Cadman:

"Because we have failed to unite in one purpose, failed to organize our resources, failed to encourage and uplift and train those new converts, we are fast approaching a sad state. We cannot expect the Lord to work with us unless we make an initial effort to open the door for Him so that He can guide our movements. We cannot be guided or directed if we are not already in motion.

"The Spirit of Oneness in Purpose," the present article you wrote in the Gospel News is clear. But how do we go about obtaining it? By sitting back and waiting on the Lord? I say no. (that is a good answer, Sister and Brother Cadman is just like you in that matter. We must go forward.) We must make a step ourselves if we want to receive help of the Lord. This applies for the most part not to the sheep of His fold, but to the Shepherds. (again, very good.)

I love The Church of Jesus Christ and know the doctrines are pure. But it avails nothing as far as "works of faith" go; because there is no indication on the part of most of our leaders that they want to work for the honor and glory of His church.

My sincere and fervent prayer is that our leaders, those we look to for guidance, encouragement, and example; may sincerely and earnestly re-examine their attitudes and that they may pray to the Lord for wisdom and help as they have NEVER done before. (Signed) "Sincerely a Sister in Christ—(The quotations in brackets are mine, Editor.)—Aside from some of my own

comments, I have quoted the unsigned letter as it is written. Part of the letter was quoted in my last article and the other part of it in this one.

The closing and sincere prayer of the writer is, "That our Leaders re-examine their attitudes and pray to the Lord for wisdom." It is wonderful to be blessed with good leaders and good followers who will really follow and listen. The Church has a Missionary Board composed of the leading brothers of the Church whose desire is to give every competent elder in the church an opportunity to go out and preach the gospel—thus far, very little response has been given. There is no need for any to bury their talent. The parable of the Saviour in Matthew 25-14, makes that very plain.

The Church has published much literature to make its faith plain on the simple plan of salvation as taught by the Saviour. When I was younger in the church, and the Church eventually ordained me as one of its ministers, I considered it was my duty, to acquaint myself with our written faith and to abide therein and I was at liberty to use the talent that would be or was given me through the activity of myself and others, many doors and places have been thrown open unto our ministers to go and preach the gospel. There was no need for me to bury my talent. And, woe unto me if I do. PLEASE!—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more UNGODLINESS." II Tim. 2-15,16.

If the foregoing scripture is abided by as it should be, I believe it would be an answer to much that is being raised about training. And, remember that we cannot expect to accomplish much in the way of redeeming souls unless we can present our bodies a living SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service — so saith the scriptures. I ask: Are we doing that?—The following will make this article a little longer than I wish for—but in the earlier days of the restoration—Two Elders were sent to Europe—Their fare was paid to their destination which was Liverpool, England. They boarded ship in N.Y. with very little in their pockets. They were going to a strange land where they had no friends. Naturally they wondered what they were going to do when they would land. Eventually their ship docked in Liverpool. As they walked down off the gang plank from the ship, a stranger stepped up to them and said: I want you two men to come to my house, the Lord showed you unto me in a dream last night. They went with him and their mission work started. They baptized the family and had wonderful success on their mission. The command of the Saviour to His disciples was to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and according to Paul their "sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. The teaching of the Saviour was "Be ye one even as my Father and I are one."—I may not be just as I should be, but the word of God and the past simplicity of The Church of Jesus Christ, has priority with me, over and above the theories and the opinions of all MEN.

points out the path on which we walk. If they be bad thoughts and we yield, then we must pay the price. If they be good thoughts, then we reap the rewards. Jesus said, 'For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of heart bringeth forth good things and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.' (Matt. ch. 12) Thus as a drunkard turns to his drink, a hot-tempered person to his violence, an inconsiderate person to speaking without consideration of others: there is no excuse for it! Some may say, 'Oh, it is my weakness' but how will that sound at the judgement bar of God when He says to give account of our stewardship? Will the Lord be satisfied with that answer? I doubt it. Let us take THOUGHT!

Imperial, Pa. Branch
William Kunkel

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Everything is soaring these days, likewise the Gospel News has taken a flight from \$1.50 per year to \$2.00 per year. Sorry but is needful. Also our new hymn books which are identical with the previous ones in content — though bound in better material and a very handsome looking book will sell for \$2.00 a copy. It might be interesting to you all to know, that in the recent printing of better than 5,500 books, we had sufficient money in the Book Fund to take care of the job.

Editor

Install. #2

General Existing Conditions In Africa

When we stepped off the Plane January 16, 1958 at Ikeja Airport, ten miles North of Lagos, it was almost like stepping into an oven. The heat was intense. But when you tell people you are going to Calabar, Province, they will say that it is very hot and humid down there, that the climate is bad, especially for white people. It was recently stated one out of every three missionaries that went to Nigeria, either died or had to leave there because of sickness they contracted there. Much of this area has long been known and referred to as "the white man's graveyard". In times past of the many expeditions that

ventured into this land, sickness and disease resulted in a large number of deaths. This is the principal reason there is no white settlements found today, and no large tracts of land being held by whites, as are found in other parts of Africa. This is one of the main reasons there are better feelings, and better relations existing than are to be found in perhaps any other African Colony. There is less white exploitation, hence less resentment of whites.

It appears Americans are sincerely liked and very much trusted by the vast majority of Nigerians.

Water is a major problem as it is in much of Africa, because of its scarcity people will use water from most any kind of a dirty stagnant pond or hole, and may carry it for miles, this is the cause of much sickness and disease. Where there is a stream it is a common sight to see people washing their clothing, bathing and carrying water for drinking all at the same time.

Near a larger village, perhaps, you will find a public well, but they are few indeed. We were told that one of the worst things was people who had contagious diseases, that would go and bathe for hours in the streams hoping to give their disease to others. We had all the water we used boiled and put thru a filter.

When out in the bush country away from our station, they would cut us down green coconuts and we would drink the juice. It was very satisfying and would quench both thirst and hunger.

The people of Calabar, Province, use very little if any milk. There are many goats, we never saw one being milked, or any signs of milking. No cows anywhere. Probably no more than 20 head of beef cattle in all our travels. It was strange to us that we did not see any beast of burden, not a horse, mule, donkey, or camel in the whole region. The absence of livestock I believe is due to the fact there is no grass, and very little other vegetation for them to live on. Farms as we know them just do not exist in the South Eastern Region. What they call a farm is a small plot usually covered with palm trees, that is dug up and worked by hand, mostly by the women and children, we would call them but garden plots. The only exceptions were when we flew over

the region, we saw perhaps five or six large groves or plantations, probably orange or coffee groves, no doubt operated by Corporations, or large missions. We were told that some of the church missions that have been established there for a number of years have acquired sufficient land to become almost self-supporting, exhibiting the wisdom of their leaders. This is the great palm fruit region, a belt that extends all the way across South West Africa. All who own a few palm trees have a little income from the fruit that is harvested regularly through-out the year, after the oil has been pressed out of the fruit, some of this oil is used in their food, the remainder is sold on the market, there is always a ready market for the oil. A number of palm trees are prized possession to their owner. There are many people who do not own any land, and some land is in disputed ownership which sometimes causes quarrels, fighting and sometimes death at planting time. But we don't have to go to Africa to find this happening as we well know.

Much of Nigeria is primitive beyond the imagination of most Americans, except for the automobiles and trucks which are few comparatively speaking. And the Air-Lines, (which is very good) and serves all the larger and more important cities in the entire country, on regular schedules. Cars are beyond the reach of all but a very few, we were told all cars are sold for cash. No financing is permitted natives.

The bicycle has become the universal vehicle of transportation. The products transported on them is almost beyond comprehension, just a few are pigs, goats, 50 gallon oil drums, large containers of all kinds of fruit and produce, hauled for many miles. They think nothing of traveling 40 to 60 miles to market, or to attend church. Much of the time the roads may not be more than a sand path twisting between the trees for miles, more suited to bicycles than to cars. They have to pay a license on them. The police set up road blocks and check all who pass by to catch those whose license have expired.

We never saw a stove anywhere. They do their cooking by building a fire on the ground between stones on which they place a pot to cook

food. When a pot of Cassava has been cooked, like as not it will be set on the floor with the family gathered around it, each getting their share from the pot. The fingers are still used when eating instead of table ware. In Calabar, region practically all the houses are mud huts, a bamboo frame plastered inside and out with mud, a hard sand floor with a thatched roof. Farther north they have grass huts. Furniture in most of the homes consists of a few chairs or stools, some have a table others do not, some sort of clothes cupboard. Bedding we saw was mostly on the dirt floor. The several sick people we visited or saw were laying on the floor or ground. We were called to pray for one old man. They had put the poor man out in the yard to die. He was absolutely nude laying right in the dirt. They threw an old piece of blanket over him. We prayed for the poor sick man and went on our way. We never heard of him again. I will say something more about this later on.

(to be continued)

J. Bittinger

**INSPIRED BY MEDITATION
ANNIE HEAPS
MOTHER OF JAMES HEAPS
OF CALIFORNIA**

When shall these wondering eyes
behold what Prophets long fore-
told;

When every tribe from every land,
shall to Mount Zion come?

Then will we lift our voices high,
in joyful songs of praise,

When every kindred, every tongue,
shall swell the joyful lays

To Thee, our great Deliver, to Thee
our songs shall rise;

Oh, joyful notes of gladness shall
rend the lofty skys.

**CHORUS REIGN, O TUNE OUR
OH HALLELUJAH PEACEFUL
HEARTS TO SING;**

**SING GLORIOUS SONGS OF VIC-
TORY, TO OUR REDEEMER
KING.**

**THAT PEACEFUL LONG EXPEC-
TED TIME,**

**THE GOSPELS PEACEFUL
REIGN.**

**WHEN BABYLON SHALL BE
OVERTHROWN AND ALL THE
WORLD THEIR SAVIOUR
OWN.**

Oh come and let us all unite, the
glorious Gospel spread,

Until the honest hearted to Mount
Zion shall be led;

From East and West from North
and South and the Islands of the
sea,

When every race from every land
shall heart with heart agree

To spread the Gospel's joyful sound,
**THE POWER OF GOD RE-
STORED**

To earth with all its joyful sound,
with all its gifts restored.

That man may now again enjoy, and
prove the Power Devine,

The blessings which our Fathers
knew: The Holy Patriarchs.

Shall man his Makers law frus-
trate? Shall man His plan dis-
dain?

And change His scared ordinance
and break His covenant?

Oh mortal man what will you do
when eye to eye you see

The Saviour who the plan laid down,
and died on Calvary?

Oh wondrous love my dying Lord,
and can it ever be?

That man should Thine Own plan
deny, my Saviour can it be?

But soon will come that glorious
time, that long expected day
When peace and concord shall a-
bound to all the world's remotest
bounds,

Thy Kingdom come O Glorious
King, Thy will on earth be done,

As by Angelic Hosts above, O let
Thy will be done.

April 1, 1960

During the course of business in the Friday evening session of conference, hymn #236, "What Was Witnessed In The Heavens" was sung. When this hymn was sung, Bro. Furnier arose with the power of the spirit; three brothers also getting up with the power of the tongues. The interpretation of the Gift of Tongues was given in the form of a question; "How long will it take the saints to wake up?" There were several experiences, corroborating these heavenly blessings and Bro. Furnier rose up in the power of the spirit, and declared these words, "Thus saith the Lord; my people must serve me with all their might and not in vain." A brother spoke of his rejoicing that God took over our meeting, but let's not forget, for God wants us to repent and be a better people before him. It was also mentioned of a wonderful rev-

elation that came to Sister Nicholas (Indian sister) and also another brother recently, who had a vision of seeing and talking to Moses, and also to the Lord.

Bro. Mark Randy was anointed for illness. Bro. A. A. Corrado did the anointing. May God abundantly bless this brother and may the scriptures be fulfilled that who the Lord set free is free indeed. Bro. Charles Behanna was anointed for illness. The anointing was done by Bro. Mark Randy. Bro. Vincent Gibson was anointed and prayer was offered by Bro. Gorie Ciarravino. Bro. W. H. Cadman was anointed; prayer was offered by Bro. Mark Randy. There was brought up in our midst about sanctification. Bro. A. A. Corrado related a grand experience he had about this heavenly blessing, recently, which caused great rejoicing in our midst. Bro. Furnier spoke a few words, saying that the blessing we were receiving was what he had been praying for, also mentioning an experience he had previously, wherein the Lord spoke to him while he was in prayer and fasting and said, "Wait." He asked what he should wait for. The Lord answered, "Wait in Righteousness." The session was closed with prayer by Bro. Paul Benyola.

Sunday morning, a number of hymns, a solo by Bro. C. A. Burgess, "Others," (Help me to live for others, that I may live like Thee.) A solo by Bro. James Lovalvo, "How Great Thou Art." The Junior Church of Monongahela sang, "Longing for the Gathering," "Just a closer walk with Thee." Monongahela and Glassport Choirs sang jointly, "Til Earth is Good Again." This hymn was written by Bro. James Curry with music composed by our late Sister Sadie Cadman. A wonderful spirit prevailed as everyone seemed to sense the presence of Sister Sadie as the combined choirs sang. It created such a feeling of peace and quietness that Bro. Joe Benyola used hymn No. 265, "Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love," to introduce the service. Prayer was offered by Bro. Domenic Moraco. Followed with hymn No. 94, "I saw a mighty Angel Fly." Bro. Joe Benyola read a portion of scripture found in John 16th Chapter, and 33rd verse. "That in me Ye might have peace." Bro. Ben-

yola started out giving praise, honour, glory and adoration unto God, for the wonderful peace we are enjoying in our midst. How wonderful the peace, God has established into our hearts, which has given us unspeakable joy.

We spoke of our business meeting Friday night and how our heavenly Father took over our meeting and blessed us so abundantly that we could not contain it. Sang hymn No. 13, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning." Bro. James Heaps, spoke about our departed Sister Cadman. Although she is not with us in the flesh, yet she is still with us in spirit. When he first went to church, they were singing, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning, and it gave him a wonderful impression.

When Bro. Cherry first visited his home, he had a bandage on his eye, Bro. Cherry took off the bandage, and anointed his eye with oil, and now he has his eye, thanks, praise and glory unto God. How his parents, didn't want to accept the Book of Mormon, but finally, his father, told his mother, to read a verse of it, he liked it and said, "Read another verse." She kept reading and eventually both of them were enveloped into the Gospel of Jesus Christ, spoke about his recent illness, how his son demanded that he should be anointed, and when he was, his blood stayed, and he began to recover, and has been recovering since. May the name of God be praised. Sang hymn No. 236, "What was witnessed in the Heavens." A sister was anointed, prayer was offered by Bro. T. S. Furnier. Bro. Joe Calabrese then spoke, continuing on the same topic of peace, saying if we had not found this wonderful peace where would we have been this day? Again this sister was anointed, prayer was offered by Bro. Joe Calabrese. Bro. Domenic Moraco, then spoke about the anointing, also mentioning that Bro. Charles Ashton is here with us in spirit, he heard the Angel singing, "Where He leads me I will follow." Bro. Valentino of Glassport spoke a few words in the interest of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sang hymn No. 338, "Jesus Whispers Peace."

Brother D. Thomas

FREDONIA, PA.

Dear Editor;

Many times I have thought I would like to write to the Gospel News about our Church at Fredonia. I want every one to know how happy we are with all the good things we have here. For many years there had been no meetings held in this area. Then about fourteen years ago some interest was aroused and a few people were baptized, and these, as well as the members already here, have held meetings continuously ever since.

Of course, these new members were inexperienced and probably made many mistakes. If so, it was never intentional, what ever our faults were I believe it can be said to our credit, that we were sincere and I know we were determined never to give up what we had received.

For many years four of us never failed to meet on a week evening and it became our custom, as it still is, to study the Book of Mormon. At this time there are always at least ten or twelve at the Wednesday evening meeting. Some of the others want to be there and for different reasons cannot. We understand all good desires. I can say I enjoy all the services. We have a good teacher, we hear wonderful sermons, we love each other and many times thank God for his spirit we feel in our midst.

We have our little Church and are sure that something worthwhile has been accomplished here.

It is sad but true that where people work so hard to build up, the evil one works just as hard to tear it down. I have worried so much about this and have felt that I must struggle hard to prevent it. But just lately I came to realize that this is not necessary at all. If we would only do less of this kind of thing and give God a chance to take care of it. I know if I am as good a person as I should be, if I love all others as I must, if I fulfill my obligation to the Church by being dutiful, obedient and carry my share of the work, if I am never deceitful or a trouble maker then there is nothing for me to worry about, God will do the rest.

I am so hopeful that the future here will be much better than the past.

Someone wrote to me recently

that if we could see ourselves as we can see others, we would have all we can do to correct ourselves instead of others. This I intend to do. In the Gospel News for March the poem "Feed My Sheep" impressed me as being very true. Of course we know these words were said to Peter by Christ, but when I read it I thought of our President, the other Brothers who try to lead us and also the presiding Elder here. The last line, "It isn't easy — but feed my sheep" we should all remember. Yes I thank God for all those who do not quit when it gets a little hard. If they did, what would become of me?

I sincerely thank God for The Church of Jesus Christ because I have not found any other way to save my soul in the kingdom of God. And I also thank Him for the privilege of being a member of the Church at Fredonia.

Sister Martha Kelly

DEMETRO ARCURE PASSES ON

Demetro Arcure, better known to his brothers and Sisters of the Church of Jesus Christ as Brother Leo, was born in Reggio Calabria, Italy on Aug. 19, 1894. Leaving Italy as a young man to come to America and settled in West Virginia where he met his beloved wife with whom he shared 36 years of happy married life.

Coming to New Jersey and settling in Edison where he first came in contact with the Church of Jesus Christ and on Oct. 23, 1928 he was baptized into the Church. Most of his life was spent with the Brothers and Sisters of Metuchen Branch—being a member there since he moved to Metuchen 22 years ago. As a Deacon and Teacher of the Church, he looked after the welfare of his Brothers and Sisters to the end.

On Nov. 19, 1959, he departed this life leaving behind his beloved wife, Sister Stella, five sons, Anthony, Frank, Brother Joseph, Leo and Philip; and four daughters, Sister Theresa Vadasz, Sister Edith Blazer, Sister Jennie and Sister Stella. Also eleven grandchildren.

Anthony J. Vadasz

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Seek the Lord and his strength,"
Psalms 105:4

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you one of my favorite stories this time. It is about the disciples of Jesus. John was known as the Beloved Disciple. He was a fisherman. He was one of the three that Jesus took with Him up on the mountain when He was transfigured. John wrote the gospel of St. John and John I, II, and III in our Bible. He was put on the Isle of Patmos to die but while there, wrote the Book of Revelation. Before Jesus ascended into heaven He told Peter how he would die. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord what shall this man do?" meaning John. Jesus answered, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." The saying went abroad that, that disciple would not die. We believe he is still living.

When Jesus was here on this land of America He chose twelve disciples just as He had done in Palestine. When it came time for Him to go He asked His disciples one by one what special thing they might desire of Him. "What do you desire of Me after I am gone to the Father?", He asked. Nine of them asked that they would live to the age of man and when their ministry was ended go quickly to His kingdom. Jesus said to them, "Blessed are you. When you are 72 years old you shall come to Me in my kingdom and find rest." The other three were silent. Jesus knew their thoughts and that they wished the same as John the Apostle had desired of Him in Palestine. They desired that they should never die. They wanted to work among the people here on earth and bring many souls to Christ as long as the world would stand.

Jesus said, "More blessed are you, for you shall never taste of death, but you shall live until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father. You shall have no pain while you live in the flesh, neither sorrow, except for the sins of the world. You shall have fullness of joy and shall sit down in the

kingdom of my Father." Jesus touched each disciple with his finger, except these three who would never die. Then He departed. The three disciples were caught up to heaven. They saw and heard unspeakable things which they were forbidden by the Lord to tell. When they came back to earth they went forth preaching and baptizing.

The Lord made a change on their bodies so that nothing could hurt them. Death could not have power over them. They were put in prison by their enemies, they were even buried. They were cast into fiery furnaces and put in cages with wild animals but no harm came to them. No earthly bonds could hold them. They were as angles. If they prayed unto God to show themselves to people they could do so, otherwise they would not be seen. They will be among the Gentiles and the Gentiles will not know them. They will also be among the Jews and the Jews will not know them.

These men have a marvelous work to perform. When the Lord sees fit in His wisdom they shall minister or preach to all the scattered tribes of Israel. They shall bring many to know of Jesus among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people.

We do not know the names of these three Nephites because Mormon was forbidden to write them. We believe they are still here ministering to the people and helping to bring souls to Christ. Some of our brothers and sisters have had experiences with these men. It is a great blessing to know they have visited some in the Church of Jesus Christ. I hope you may meet them sometime and receive a great blessing.

Ruth Laird, age 11 years, from Corapolis, Pa. has sent us this little poem.

"JESUS"

Jesus was a very good lad.
He was never bad.
He would help his mother all day.
Then she would say, "Thank you
Jesus for helping today."
To Joseph he would show great love,

And he would pray to his Father above.

Jesus died on the cross to save us all,

Why don't we accept his call?

Search the Scriptures

The answer to last month's quiz was Moses. I think everyone had it correct. The word Easter was found in Acts 12.

WHO?

1. Was the wisest king in the world? I Kings 4:29
2. Walked safely out of a lion's den? Daniel 6
3. Had a coat of many colours? Genesis 37:3
4. Killed a thousand with the jaw-bone of an ass? Judges 15:16
5. Had peacocks and apes brought every three years to him by ship? II Chronicles 9:21

Practice reading Psalms 61 and then try reading it aloud to someone. Maybe Mother, Father or Grandma?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

FROM WHENCE COMETH FEAR?

S. Mercuri

What profit to man is fear? So great a hindrance to man is his fear, so often his downfall, so great a pain, and yet, "the greatest thing to fear is fear itself." (F.D.R.)

There is a storehouse of material on this subject, but I will touch only lightly upon it. Thus, to receive some enlightenment upon the origin of fear, it is necessary for us to go back to the creation of man. . . .

It pleased God to create man and He provided well for him, supplying his every need; notwithstanding, leaving also the commandment that he partake not of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Until this time, neither Adam nor Eve knew fear (any aspect of it), for had they known it, they might not have broken the commandment of God. Fear was first known, therefore, when Adam and Eve hid themselves from the voice of God, with Adam answering God that he was afraid, because he was naked (was this the real reason for his fear?). From this time henceforth, fear was known to man and was likewise known to the beasts of the earth and fowl of the air (Gen. 9:2). We can conclude, therefore, that fear

primarily comes as a result of wrongdoing. I say primarily, because later on I shall explain a different side or aspect to fear.

There are many kinds of fears, of which I will enumerate only a few.

.....Man becomes fearful when he has in some way broken the law, and as Adam, will often abscond. Thus, for fear of punishment, for fear of being reproved or reprimanded, man will many times, as Adam, not admit his wrongdoing. (Was Adam's fear really based upon his knowledge of the fact that he would be punished if he partook of the forbidden fruit? Did he tell the truth when he said he was "afraid because he was naked?") Out of fear, then, come lies, from lies, more evil, which evil can, and often will, lead to man's own destruction. Even a small child will often hide from his parents after some wrongdoing (the same ancient pattern of hiding), for fear of the punishment which will be administered to him. (Humanity has not changed much emotionally and psychologically speaking since its creation.)

.....Because of fear of the future, man will often take steps contrary to the whisperings of his heart. He will create one blunder after another and soon find himself in a quandary. There was one such man who had such extreme fear that his children would be hurt by the heavy city traffic that he impulsively moved to a suburb, far from the traffic of the city; but ironically, he, himself, ran over his child one day as he was backing out of his driveway, killing the child in so doing. This man feared the future, and because he feared, made a rash move, not realizing that at no time is man free from danger and that we oftentimes bring things upon ourselves because of our ignorance. The weight of this man's fear far surpassed that of his faith, and thus he suffered the consequences.

.....Because of fear, the character of man is often reduced to one of weakness. He fears to take the initiative in matters; he fears to voice his thoughts and the feelings of his heart. He remains quivering in the background, fearful that he may be pounced upon if he should say the wrong thing or make the wrong move. This kind of fear can

be emotionally damaging because it creates in man feelings of inadequacy and inferiority. This man is always fearful to make any kind of move, so he sits quietly, waiting always for others to talk or act. This man is no asset to any organization. While his thoughts may be good, and though he inwardly realizes that he has something that would be beneficial to all, it is all to no avail. How often in the truth not expressed, be it great or little, for fear of receiving ridicule or persecution? Therefore, we see here that fear can be a very real deterrent to progress and to the fulfillment of good.

.....Again we have seen fear at work within a man at his job. How often does he fear lest some other person take over his position? He is forever watchful, scrutinizing his fellow workers, tending to dominate. He is fearful that he will lose face or prestige. This fear creates a terrible resentment within this man and a spirit of competitiveness, when all the while perhaps he may be very secure and highly appreciated by his superiors. On the other hand fear can create nervousness in another worker and because of this, his work becomes unsatisfactory, filled with mistakes. He is in constant fear of being criticized or looked down upon, and rather than concentrate on improving his work, his mind is filled with fear and worry and he clearly reveals a great lack of self confidence. Anxiety soon closes in on this man. This kind of fear will cause this man to lose his position, and unless he gets his bearings and faces his own weakness and overcomes them, he will go from one job to another, always unsuccessful, and each time feeling all the more inadequate and useless.

.....Man fears so many things: Where is his next meal coming from? How shall he clothe himself? How will he pay his debts? How can he solve his problems? Is there anyone he can go to in confidence? What should his next move be? etc., etc. You may call these worries, but worries are only produced by fear. Why all these fears? Of what benefit is fear to man? Why do some people have more fear than others? It is easily explained: If you will but take a look around you, you will notice that those people

who apparently have more difficulties are those who are filled with more fear, which fear rules their lives. Then we see others who are in possibly greater stress and surrounded by obstacles but obviously unaffected by them. These are those people who do not fear but who trust completely in God. These are people who do not allow their troubles (or fears) to overcome them and who demonstrate great faith in the face of great trials. **There can be no fear in the presence of such faith.**

.....How often does man "look for trouble" by his fears? He looks into the future and visualizes the storms which shall beset him. He distresses himself as to how he can possibly overcome these terrible storms, if they ever come. In so doing, his mind has fled so far from God, that he no longer possesses that "perfect love which casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment, and he that feareth is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18)

Fear is a weight about the neck, tearing man down, weakening him, making him inutile and spineless. No great feat was ever accomplished in the presence of fear. To name only a few, had Columbus feared, he would never have crossed a tempestuous ocean with a mutinied crew, but always he looked ahead at the light he beheld in the distance. Napoleon once stated that "he who feared defeat was already defeated." (True faith is real believing that one will receive.) Had Patrick Henry been fearful, he would never have uttered those famous words: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" (He had the courage of his convictions and was not influenced by the weakness or fear of others.)

Think of the many great servants of God who accomplished so much to further God's work in the face of many obstacles. God used these men because they were strong of character, courageous, fearless, willing workers. God has no respect for people who are filled with fear, for these people do not really trust in Him completely and wholeheartedly. God shall provide always, eternally, for those people who have undying faith in Him, even tho' that faith be as small as a mustard seed. How

much smaller than a mustard seed, then, is our faith in the face of a multitude of worries and fears? Fear is indeed a great obstacle to success and such fear must be and can be completely eliminated. How? Very simply: By the exercising of real FAITH!

How often does man profess to be the follower of God, and yet when an ill-wind comes his way, he is quickly overcome with fear and is even as a house that is built on a sandy foundation. It is by trial and tribulation that man proves his faith, and if he is filled with fear, or even allows few fears to remain within him, he is not a true servant of God, for where there is real faith, there can be no fear, even the slightest fear!

As long as the Apostle Peter kept his eyes fixed upon the Lord (Matt. 14:29), he walked upon the waters, but when he saw the wind, he was afraid and began to sink. And what did Jesus answer to his pleas for help lest he sink? "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" Here again we see fear enveloping a man so completely that he no longer sees God, who is so very near, and thus is almost overcome by his fear of the storm.

Let us refresh our minds by reading Matt. 6:25-34 and Luke 12:22-32, and if we have any fears, surely belief in these words can erase them. We believe these words because we know they are true, and if these words are true, then, why do we continue to worry and fear? The way has been made so easy for all, but man chooses always to steer away from that which would benefit his soul.

Though fear is often damaging to man as mentioned heretofore, and a real obstacle to him, there is also a positive aspect to fear. Fear is the product of man's imagination, and as one writer put it, "Fear guides more to duty than gratitude — for one man of virtue who loves God because he feels he is obligated to Him for His goodness, there are thousands who are good only from their apprehension (or fear) of punishment." But here, whichever way it might be, we see the manifestation of fear put to good use. The scriptures are filled with having the "fear of the Lord," and in one instance, we read where "the fear of the Lord is the beginning

of wisdom." (Prov. 1:7) This fear is unlike the previously mentioned fear in that it is edifying to the soul of man. The "fear of God" is explained as "that reverence for God which leads to obedience, because of one's realization of His power, as well as of His love to man." While the former fear is evil, the latter is good. The one hails from man's weakness, his lack of faith, and the other from his strength and great faith.

It is for us to choose, then, which fear we will permit to dominate our lives. It is for us to open our eyes to the truth that is in our hands, leaving behind now, this very moment, all fears, great or small, which would destroy so great a treasure in our possession!

The Lord's Prayer As Recorded in The Douay Version of the Bible.

Beginning in Matthew 6-9

Thus therefore shall you pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our supersubstantial bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

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The Version by the Doctors of the Church of Scotland and published by Alexander Campbell in 1826.

In Matthew 6.

Thus, therefore, pray ye: "Our Father, who art in heaven, thy name be hallowed: thy reign come; thy will be done upon the earth, as it is in heaven; give us to-day our daily bread; forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and abandon us not to temptation, but preserve us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures by the New World Translation Committee A.D. 1950. Published by Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc.

Matthew 9.

You must pray, then, this way: "Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. Let your kingdom come. Let your will come to pass, as in heaven, also upon

earth. Give us today our bread for this day; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the wicked one."

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The Holy Bible

From ancient Eastern Manuscripts.

Containing the Old and New Testaments Translated from the Peshitta, The Authorized Bible of the Church of the East.

By George M. Lamsa. Published by the A. J. Holman Co. in 1957.

Matthew 6-9

Therefore pray ye in this manner: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so on earth.

Give us bread for our needs from day to day.

And forgive us our offences, as we have forgiven our offenders.

And do not let us enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Holy Scriptures of the New Testament Translated and Corrected by the Spirit of Revelation, by Joseph Smith Jr. and published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

(I believe it is generally understood, that this was only a revision by Joseph Smith and not a translation from another language. W. H.C.)

Matthew 6-9

Therefore after this manner shall ye pray saying: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And suffer us not to be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

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Revised Standard Version

Published in 1946

In Matthew 6

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our
debtors;

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil."

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New Testament—A new Translation by James Moffatt.

Matthew 6.

Let this be how you pray:

'our Father in heaven,
thy name be revered,
thy Reign begin.
thy will be done on earth as in
heaven!

give us to-day our bread for the
morrow,

and forgive us our debts

as we ourselves have forgiven our
debtors,

and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.'

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Arranged with the Revised Version of 1881 and preferred by the American Revisors.

Matthew 6.

After this manner therefore pray ye: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

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The Lords Prayer as recorded in the Book of Mormon is as follows.

III Nephi 13-9

After this manner therefore pray ye: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen."

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Authorized King James Version
Often spoken of as 'The Beloved Version.'

Matthew 6-9

After this manner therefore pray ye: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temp-

tation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever Amen."

The foregoing is a copy of the Lord's Prayer from ten different sources, that is, from nine Bibles and the Book of Mormon.

I do not think that there are any contradictory statements in them, but the learned men (the translators) are certainly not in accord with one another in the words they use to convey the thought from the originals of which they have translated from. I presume that the men who have done the translating, were among the best scholars of the day.

EDITOR.

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Bro. Editor:

We were overjoyed to hear from you from Florida, and glad you enjoyed yourself so much while there. We were also particularly happy to have you in our district conference, and enjoyed your intervention, which helped us along very nicely. I shall now mention a few things, which have transpired here recently. On the 4th of Mar. 1960, we had our M.B.A. area gathering, in Branch #1. The young people were in charge, and drew up a very nice program; the theme being, "Standing on the promises of God." This dealt with the, Prophesies of Christ, His coming, life on earth, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven, and all the fulfilment, that was prophesied, by all the holy Prophets. It was mentioned, that one of the sisters had petitioned the Lord, about this meeting, and she saw one, seeming to be an Israelite, standing in our midst, and he said, we are a fortunate people, to have the God of Israel, as our God. Bro. Joe Calabreze of Loraine, Ohio, was in our midst, and spoke. He said he felt the spirit of God among us. Also spoke about 3rd Nephi 17th. Chapter, when 2500 Nephites, were visited of the Saviour, and He asked if there were any sick or afflicted, in their midst, to bring them to Him, and He healed them all, also spoke about the earth-quake in Morocco, Africa, which took better than 12,000 lives. Bro. Frank Vitto, Area Chairman, also spoke on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On the 1st. Sunday of March, we went to Port Huron and Sarnia, and had an en-

joyable time. We met Bro. Summer-ville, in Port Huron, who was quite pleased to see us. The Maness'es family were going to California, hope they enjoyed their visit. Our District Conference convened, at Branch #1, March 19th, 1960. Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, Pres. of the District, in opening remarks said, we are wasting too much time adjusting troubles between ourselves, instead of going out into the world, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We had three sessions. The first was only open to the Priesthood, the other two were open to all. Bro. W. H. Cadman, spoke in the night session, and pointed out the weaknesses of the Latter-day work, how disappointed he is that the people of God, instead of being the light of the world. They are so much mixed up, with confusion and strife, that they are failing to represent the Church; as light, leaven, and the seasoning salt of the earth. He read a passage in Mormon 8th. Chapter, 33rd. through the 36 verses. He said that Moroni, looking into futurity, saw our condition, and we should exert ourselves, and see whether we are walking in the light or not, for God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. People instead of living a life of simplicity, as God wants us to do, we spend our time, speaking of things to come. Spoke about his father, coming to this country, there was a catastrophe along the way. Instead of being down and praying, like the rest, he was laughing. When reproached, he told them, he was willing to reap what he had sown. but made up his mind, that if he should reach land safely, and had the chance, he would gladly serve the Lord. Not long, after coming here, he found the Gospel and was happy to obey the truth. Let's be careful, let's live righteously before God, and not be puffed up in our pride, after the pattern of the world, for if we do, we will be destroyed, as the wicked on this land. at the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the righteous spared, and the wicked destroyed. On Sunday we met in the Couson's High School, near 9 mile road and Gratiot. A Bro. being sick was anointed by Bro. Dominic Moraco.

The quartet from Branch #1 sang a #Hide thou me. Bro. Rocco Biscotti, of Cleveland, Ohio, offered

prayer. The quartet, sang another #lead by the Master's hand. Bro. W. H. Cadman read a portion of scripture, found in the Gospel of St. Matthew, 12th. Chapter, 33rd. verse, 35th. through the 37th., and developed a subject on "Choosing good or evil." He said every tree bringeth forth if it's kind, a good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and an evil tree, bringeth forth evil fruit, make the tree good, make my life good, or in other words, watch my steps. If our lives be right before God, it would have a tendency of bringing us closer to each other, but if it be the opposite, there will be a tendency of divisions and trifles, in our midst. None is good but God, but here below, we must follow after the example of Jesus Christ, that by His aid, we may be saved into the Kingdom of Heaven. Position in the Church, does not make us good, it should only cause us to become more humble, because the greater the position, the greater the responsibility. St. Paul's righteousness, rejoiceth not in that which is evil, but in that which is good. Let us endeavour to be the seasoning salt of the earth, and we will never go wrong. What shall it profit us, if we shall gain the whole world, and lose our souls? After Bro. Cadman was through speaking, a sister rose to her feet and said, that it was not Bro. Cadman speaking, but the Lord speaking through him, and we should take heed, to do the things he said, for God will not tolerate sin among us in the least degree. One Bro. understood that some of the people, did not accept Bro. Cadman's words, and they let them pass by. Another sister saw an angel, directing with the finger, every word Bro. Cadman spoke. Others Bros. spoke, and the meeting came to a close with prayer by Bro. Joe Calabrese. P.S. Sister Jackson of Sarnia, Reservation, fell on the ice and fractured her hip. She requests the prayers of all Bros. and Sisters. Bros. Jimmie Heaps, and Bobby Watson, of California, are here giving us some wonderful talks, I shall speak of this at a future date. May God abundantly bless His people, wherever they dwell throughout the world. Your Bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller.

FLORENZA DEL FUOCO DEROTIT, MICH.

Sister Florenza Del Fuoco, of Detroit, Mich., nearing her 85th birthday, died March 13, 1960 after quite a siege of illness. She was born in Italy, November 1st, 1875 and has been for many years, a resident of the United States. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, November 2nd, 1947, in Detroit, Branch #1, and was faithful to the end. She was loved and respected by all. Dear mother of three sons, three daughters, 24 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, also survive. The funeral services, were conducted, March 15, 1960 in the Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #1, Detroit, Mich., by bro. Paul Vitto. Pianist, sister Barbara Pietrangelo. Place of Interment, Gethsemane Cemetery. We extend heart-felt sympathy, to her offspring.

IN MEMORY OF:

Brother Kenneth E. Fleming, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Vanderbilt Branch. Bro. Fleming was born Dec. 19, 1926 and died Feb. 16, 1960 at 1 a.m. at the Monessen Plant of Pittsburgh Steel Co.

He reportedly suffered a heart attack. The funeral service was held in the Ira Blair & sons Funeral Home, Perryopolis, Pa.

The Funeral was conducted by Bro. Joseph Shazer assisted by Brothers T. S. Furnier and Joseph Biddenger. Due to cold weather and large amounts of snow and drifts the Interment was on Sat. Feb. 20, 1960 at 7:30 p.m. in Flatwoods Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow Evelyn; a daughter Martha Candance; his parents Bro. and Sis. Ray E. Fleming of Dawson R.D.; three sisters, Mrs. Virginia Huey of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Thelma Nickols of Fayette City, Pa.; Sis. Newanna King of Dawson, R.D.; and a Bro. John Ray Fleming of Grindstone, R.D., Pa.

Bro. Kenneth will be missed by the Brothers and Sisters of the Church and many Friends.

Dear Bro. Editor.

Just to inform you of the passing on of one of our sisters from the New Brunswick, N. J. Branch.

Sister Francesca Samaro, wife of Bro. Natale Samaro passed away

on Feb. 15, 1960. Leaving to mourn her passing besides her husband are five children, eight grand children, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in our branch, being officiated by Bro. Carmen Sgro, and assisted by Bro. Joseph Perri.

Sister Francesca was baptized into the church on June 6, 1926 and was dutiful until she became ill. She was also very humble and very desirous to serve the Lord, until the time of her passing.

May the Lord bless and Comfort her loved ones is our prayer.

Branch Editors

Sis. Loretta Mazzeo, and

Bro. Anthony Mazzeo

A TRIP TO DETROIT, MICH.

Having received a phone call from brother Ciaravino of Detroit (President of the Michigan-Canadian District of the Church) requesting me to attend their District Conference in Detroit in our Church on Harper Ave. I boarded a plane on the morning of March 18th at the Pittsburgh Airport at 9:30—landed in Cleveland and then was on the ground in the Willow Run Airport, Detroit at about 11:05 a.m. It was a very pleasant flight — calm and smooth flying. It was my first experience of looking down on the earth from above, when it was covered with snow. The earth being all white was really a beautiful sight to me. Brother Milatoni met me at the Airport and took me to his home.— Later in the day president Ciaravino took me to his home.

Their Conference met in their Church on Harper Ave., at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 19th. This opening meeting was for the Elders only and a nice representation was present. The afternoon and evening meeting were open to all. The meetings were well attended, and their business affairs apparently went off very well, and too, I believe this was their first conference since the organization of the district.

In the way of economy, they did not serve any meals at the church, but took their guests to their homes at noon and evening. It was not only an economical act on their part — but it saved a lot of work for the sisters especially, and I believe everybody enjoyed themselves and were glad to see one another again.

There was much snow in Michigan but the weather was not too bad.

In the Saturday Evening meeting and after they were through with their business — they called on me to address the audience, so I occupied the pulpit possibly for an hour. There was some non-members in our midst and our church auditorium was very well filled up. The day was very well spent.

For the Sunday Morning meeting they had engaged the East Detroit High School Auditorium. It was well that they did, for it was estimated that better than 600 people were present. — And I will add that it was a very nice looking audience. There was considerable singing before the meeting was opened, both by the audience and a quartet of male voices sang several pieces. I occupied the pulpit again in this meeting for about one hour, and then gave-way to others — the large audience was very attentive and I believe the service was enjoyed by all present. We were obliged to vacate the school building by one o'clock p.m. This ended the meeting for the day.

I did some visiting the few days I was in Detroit and also in Windsor, Ont. I occupied the pulpit again on Tuesday evening in our church while there. It had been some time since I was there, but was glad to visit the Windsor saints again. In our large crowd on Sunday I met Sister Nicholas one of our Indian sisters from Canada. I was glad to see her again. I baptized her on the Muncey Reservation in 1932. She is not so young anymore, but has been very faithful all these years. May God continue to bless her along with all our Indian people. I also met brother and sister Douglas Ford from away up in Canada — a place where it is hard to get in and out of at this season of the year, on account of deep snow. Sister Ford is soon to go under an operation — remember her in your prayers.

The next day after attending the meeting in Windsor, brother Allen Henderson drove me to the Metropolitan Airport, Detroit where I boarded a plane at 2:30 p.m. and was on the ground at the Pittsburgh Airport at 4:20. Had a splendid

trip and enjoyed myself in mingling with our church folks throughout my stay with them.

Sincerely, Brother W. H. Cadman

THE GENERAL CIRCLE

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held Saturday, March 19, 1960, in the Church at Bitner, Pa.

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing, "My God I Am Thine," prayer by Sister King, continued with hymn, "The World Needs the Gospel of Love." The 11th chapter of St. John was read by Sister Thomas.

Mabel Bickerton, President, made the opening remarks and spoke of how the world needs the Gospel of Love and if we walk in the light we will not stumble. In our efforts to help the Church, we want to be Mary's and Martha's. Sister Mabel encouraged us to try to keep ever before us the original aims that the sisters started out with forty years ago, which were: Raise our life to a higher standard in the Gospel, acquaint ourselves with the scriptures and help the Church with missionary work. She also asked that all those who have had dreams or experiences to bring them to the General Circle so we can all hear them. In checking back over the Circle records, it was found that a Circle was organized in Bitner on March of 1931 by Sisters Hanna Skillen and Elizabeth Davidson. Sister Mabel then expressed the wish that a Circle be established in every branch of the Church which would fulfill Sister Cadman's desire.

We then sang, "An Angel Came Down," after which the meeting was turned over to the sisters to express themselves. Several spoke praising God and thanking Him for their many blessings. Also, expressing their appreciation of the Circle, the fellowship we have with one another and the satisfaction we receive in working for the Lord. Sisters King and Bea Demcheck related dreams which they had had in regard to the Circle.

The regular order of business was then taken care of. The roll call of officers with all present. The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted. Reports of

Circles were given by delegates and letters. The morning session was closed with hymn, "Constantly Abiding," and prayer by Sister Erma Ross.

The afternoon session was opened with hymn, "Follow the Gleam," and prayer by Sister Fleming.

The business of the Circle was continued. Plans were made for the Fortieth Anniversary Service, which will be held in Monongahela, July 9, 1960. The annual History Report of the Circle was given and accepted as read. Donations were made to the Church as follows: \$25 to the Church Conference, \$100 to the Church Missionary Fund, \$50 to the Church Printing Fund and \$350 to the Indian Mission Work. The Circle is sending ten hymn books to Wakpala, S. D. at their request.

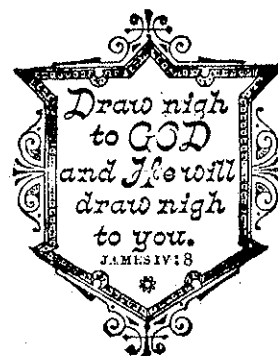
Brothers Shazer, Furnier, DiBattista and A. B. Cadman all made short talks to the Sisters encouraging them because they are engaged in a commendable work. They are busy every moment of the day in doing work for the Church of Jesus Christ, which has been a lifting and building up of the Church.

A group of the Bitner Young People very ably sang the very beautiful hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

A vote of thanks was extended to our Sisters in the Bitner Branch for their generous hospitality. The next General Meeting will be held June 25th at Glassport, Pa.

This General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was closed with the congregation singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and prayer by Sister Evans.

Sister Ethel N. Crosier



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"OVERHEARD IN AN ORCHARD"

Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."
Said the sparrow to the robin,
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."
Elizabeth Cheney. (Selected)
"He careth for you" First Peter 7:7
P.S. While visiting in the home
of brother and sister Funkhouser in
New Jersey recently, I copied the
above lines from a Motto on their
wall. — I thought it good to read.

Editor

SWEET MEDITATION

As the minutes and hours roll by,
We wonder what each day may
bring.
Earthly cares have no promise for
life
But sorrow all around doth bring.
When our Saviour and we met face
to face,
We gave Him our burden, He gave
us grace.
And when we come to the end of
the race,
Not one hair of our head will be
lost.
When my stay on earth has ter-
minated,
I will exchange my cross for a
crown.
Full of jewels and precious stones,
Then great music in heaven will
sound.
We seek for the grace of God Di-
vine,
To help us through this valley of
tears;
For Christ is our friend, so good,
so kind,
He wipes away our sorrow and
fears.

Sister Anna Nastasia.

OH, YES, 'TIS TRUE

My friend, each time I look at you,
So far removed from heav'n and God,
I cannot stop the tears that flow
Upon my cheek, to wet the sod;
I want to take you by the hand,
Never to let you walk alone,
I'd lead you there, before my Lord,
To see the tears that match my own.
For He and I, Oh yes, 'tis true,
Mingle our tears, and cry for you.

Each time I kneel in prayer, my
friend,
Your name goes wafting thru the
air;
And, Jesus, loving you as I,
Repeats your name in His own
prayer. . .
He turns to God, His Father, mine. .
And begs, 'Give him a few more
days,
Perhaps he'll see his life is vain,
And change his foolish, erring ways.
For He and I, Oh, yes 'tis true,
Mingle our cries and plead for you.
'Jesus, my Lord,' I cry to Him,
'He's not an evil sort of man;
Open his eyes that he may see
Clearly, the Father's wondrous plan.'
And then He takes this prayer of
mine,
Brings it before the Father's throne,
Wistfully, then, He looks at you,
And adds a few thoughts of His own.
For He and I, Oh, yes, 'tis true,
Mingle our thoughts, and pray for
you!

Catherine Poma

SISTER BERTHA FORD WRITES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am so grateful for all the
beautiful cards, letters and the
prayers of saints while I was in the
hospital for surgery it was so won-
derful to know one has such wonder-
ful Brothers and Sisters. I am now
hoping and praying for strength to
be able to go back to the Grand
River Mission with my brothers,
sisters and friends there.

Please continue to pray for me,
also all in this part of the vine-
yard. Sister in Christ.

Bertha Ford

A FEW LINES FROM

SISTER CROMLISH

Donora, Pa.

Dear Bro. Cadman and your fami-
ly have my sympathy. May God
bless you and comfort you all in
my prayer. I am too nervous to
write, my feet pain me. So I am
sending you this (money) for the
Gospel News — so glad to get it.
I read it all over two and three
times. So good to hear from my
brothers and sisters, May God bless
them all. Love, Sister Cromlish.

P.S. There are not many of you
throughout the Church that will

know sister Cromlish. Well, she has
been in the church for many years
— was the wife of brother George
Cromlish who died many years ago.
She is not able to attend church
any more, having become very fe-
ble and I believe she is some where
in the nineties now and makes her
home with her daughter at Donora,
Pa. May the Lord continue to bless
Sister Cromlish (Bro. Cadman)

Her address is: Sister Cromlish

125 Ida Ave
Donora, Pa

April 11, 1960

Dear Brother Cadman,

This is to inform you of the pass-
ing on of Brother Fortunato Scal-
zone. He passed away October 10,
1959 after a short illness. He leaves
to mourn his passing, his wife,
Sister Catherine and six children.
Funeral services were held in the
New Brunswick Branch October 13,
1959 with Brother Eugene Perri Sr.
officiating. Brother Fortunato was
born September 29, 1892 and was
baptized into the church June 12,
1938. He had remained faithful
until the time of his passing. May
the Lord comfort and bless his
family.

Branch Editors

THE DAY OF BAPTISM

It has been said that the day of
one's baptism is the happiest day
of one's life: joyous, full of glad-
ness, relief. . . some say that they
felt a burden roll off their shoul-
ders, not a care in their heads. . .
they were at peace with the world
and God.

How wonderful, how blessed to
have such a holy experience! It
must indeed be a glorious feeling,
a never to be forgotten day of joy,
the kind of baptism day one hopes
for, the kind of day all who are
not baptized WAIT for. . . and,
some are still waiting and waiting.

I am waiting for the day when
I shall be swept off my feet and
made to call for my baptism in an
ecstasy of spiritual love! This
seems to be the logic of many.

And, to some, it actually does
happen just like that. . . no feeling of
doubt, of uneasiness, of fear. Won-
derful day of joy.

But, . . . what about the others, the numberless others who enter into baptism because they KNOW that they should. They have a keen desire to be saved on that Great Day, they know that they are on the right road, they are sorry for their sins and want to start life anew in the likeness of Him, but, even while they are requesting baptism, they fear, they doubt.

Fear what? Doubt what? Why, they fear that they will not be able to resist all evil. They doubt that they will be able to walk in the newness of life for the rest of their days. After the novelty of baptism wears off, (is the reasoning), twenty, thirty or even ten, years in the future looms ahead, God willing. Can I persist until the end of my days?

Will I fall away half way down the road? Can I endure the mockery, the scoffing I will inevitably encounter? And what of the recriminations, what of all the sneers of those I have loved, and still love. Can I stand THAT?

The test of love for God will come, perhaps on that very day, (and, usually we are faced with a test the very first days, for our friends and relatives are bound to notice an immediate change in us. 'NO,' becomes a very much more common word in our vocabulary, instead of the 'YES,' which before our conversion, was more predominately used by us.)

So, what can we say of this latter group of brethren, who have the complete joy lacking on the day of their baptism? What about this group in whom fear and doubt is intermingled with joy. Is their conversion merely 'of the flesh,' as the term is occasionally used regarding who do not have a true repentance. Are they lacking in God's holy Spirit. Did they rush the day of their salvation? Should they have waited until ALL fear and doubt were gone even tho it might mean to wait forever? I cannot believe so, I SHALL not believe so, for I myself was of these 27 years ago.

And yet, I had a repentant spirit; I had cried out in anguish of spirit, many a time, 'My God! My God! Am I not worthy? Wilt Thou have mercy upon me! I want to serve Thee, I love Thee, but I have not the strength to request baptism.' Daily, many times daily, my heart

cried out loudly unto God. I say loudly, for God can hear the vibrations of the heart, and just as an audible cry is torn from the throat when the body is in agony, just so were the cries, inaudible to man, torn from my heart, until, finally, the Lord said, 'Enough!' and I literally was raised from my seat, sobbing and crying, asking for my baptism.

And yet, the day was an unhappy one. . . fearful of the recriminations I was to receive from the one I loved. Every one gathered about me, full of smiles and congratulations. The smiles I returned were formed on my lips alone, they did not sprout from the heart, for it was full of forebodings and doubt. I survived the day; there are no happy memories about it. . . the only happiness is in retrospect, looking back on it for it WAS the day of my salvation. The only joy is in thinking back just as one thinks back on one's childhood and remembers it as a wonderful time, the most wonderful time of our lives, even smiling about the things that at the time made us dreadfully unhappy, such as not being allowed all the freedom we craved, or because we had to do certain chores that we resented, or because we were constantly quarrelling with our brothers or sisters, or both!).

So it was with the day of my baptism. . . a young girl of 19, entering into a religion foreign to her husband. . . and his people, a virtual traitor to their, and once her, religion.

Can't you see how fear, fright, and dread became mingled with relief at being accepted by God as one of His, to the extent that fear and doubt surpassed the joy that should have been rightfully, there? But, possibly, to actually see it would be necessary to go through such an experience, and then one would surely know and sympathize.

Now, shall I say, 'It was not time for my baptism, it was not the way I should have felt, it can't last?' God forbid! For, it HAS lasted in the face of tribulations, it has lasted thru tears and weakness and near despair; it HAS lasted long enough for me to see those relatives to whom I had turned traitor, make their covenant with God; it has lasted long enough for me to see my own child become one of

God's own children; it has lasted long enough for me to see the husband of another child accept Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ; it has lasted long enough for me to see my very own gradually realize that I was NOT wrong on that day 27 years ago, and I pray God that it may last to see him accept the Lord as his own, on another day, together with my other child.

How can it be said, 'It is not time,' for ANYTIME is the right time when the desire to do good in the future, is there, for that is repentance. . . a desire to do good, to discontinue the old life and do better in the future, tho' the fear that we may not be able to do so, may be present.

Any day could be the day of our salvation, but EVERY day is not; for it to be our day, we must have a sorrowing in our hearts, a longing to be one of those accepted by Christ, a desire. . . a strong desire . . . to be one of the family of Christ; a willingness to adhere to the regulations of the Church, although we have no definite assurance in our hearts that we may be able to do so. The Strength comes from God, as the time of each trial approaches; the wisdom to choose Good is given to us by God and the Holy Spirit, each time the enemy of our souls entices us with the forbidden evil fruits; our Conscience, (the good within us,) is reawakened daily by God with each prompting by the world to partake of it's glittering array of synthetic merchandise, so that we may recognize that what the world offers us is merely an imitation of life. . . the true life, the genuine life, is in serving God, for then the reward is precious, it is without price, it is the Crown of Everlasting Life.

No, there is not just ONE day, there may be many days that we have the privilege to accept Christ, but, we know not which day may be the LAST day, the LAST opportunity given to us, hence the admonition given by Amulek, in the 34th chapter of Alma, 33-35 verses, that we do not procrastinate the day of our salvation, or repentance and acceptance of God, else, it may be too late.

And, this I DO know, this is sure: that when we finally do take the great step that revolutionizes our lives, God also steps with us,

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

III NEPHI VERSE 21 COMMENTS CONTINUED

Commencing with verse 8, "And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider."

We must remember—especially you, who profess a restoration of the Gospel and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, that it is God setting forth His hand the second time for the restoration of His people Israel, who have been so long dispersed because of the transgression of their forefathers. And too, Him revealing Himself unto the Gentiles concerning the great plan of redemption, and showing His mercy unto them, that they in turn might show mercy unto His down-trodden people—for which the prophets of old prayed so much.

Hence, as in the scripture I have just quoted: its magnitude shall be such, that kings and men who shall be sitting in lofty places shall wake-up and take notice—yea, the happenings of the day, far beyond the imagination—the things that all the prophets had spoken of, and which had its latter-day beginning on Cumorah's lonely hill, when the angel of God visited Joseph Smith, yea, and as one of the prophets has called it "A marvelous work and a wonder." The day being ushered in when it shall no longer be said "That the Lord God liveth that brought the Children of Israel up out of Egypt—But the Lord liveth, that brought the Children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. "He says I will bring them again — Again is very significant is it not? Can you imagine the magnanimity of God's doings in the restoration of the people who were once the apple of His eye?—Such is what the angel flew to Cumorah's Hill for. And it will cause kings and the lofty to see and to hear that which they had not known. May the Gentiles who have thus far listened and obeyed, be diligent, and hasten on the day, when the knowledge of these things shall fill the earth,

and the glorious things of Zion be a reality—and no longer a mere anticipation.

Verse 9 "For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great work among them; and there shall be among them, those who will not believe it, although a man shall declare it unto them—But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, though he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil."

You will notice that in my quotations of this scripture, it says, "For in that day"—meaning the day or time of the restoration of the Gospel and of the fulfillment of which he has been speaking of—the work of gathering Israel, bringing to pass a marvelous work and wonder in the purpose of God.

Some have said the servant spoken of here is the Choice of Seer—but such is only an opinion of man—this scripture gives no hint as to who he may be. Some think he is a Gentile—which may easily be—undoubtedly he is a servant who will rise up in the Church in the restoration—It is a waste of time on our part in speculating as to who he is. It should suffice for us to read that prophets of old have foreseen that faithful servants will rise up and carry on—if not, how can the 'marvelous work and wonder' be accomplished? It is evident that he is not a slothful servant—but a dutiful one. As to who he might be, should not be our concern—He will be—is sufficient for me.

His life shall be in the hand, or in the care of the Lord—and He doeth all things well. It says that they shall not hurt him—yet it says he shall be marred—might I say he is abused to some extent? Must be, for the Lord says "I will heal him." Again I say: It should be sufficient to read that the Lord will care for His servant, whether it be you, me or some one else. It is an instance which comes to pass in the dispensation of time in which you and I are living. It is evident that this servant is preaching the Gospel—the gospel that has been restored, for in verse 11, it says: that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, which the Father shall cause him to bring forth, it shall be done even as Moses said, they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant—It will make no difference whether Jew or Gentile, he must obey the Gospel or be cut off. As in verse 12. "And my people who are a remnant of Jacob (remember that the American Indians are a remnant of Jacob.) shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest etc. and none can deliver them out of their hands—due to the fact that they have refused to listen to the servant or the servants of God. It is not likely that faithful Gentiles in the church will be trodden down, neither is it likely that the faithful of any people at that time will be trodding down disobedient people, for we read in instances where God has used the wicked to destroy the wicked. I read in Mormon 4-5 "that it is by the wicked that the wicked are punished."

Let all who profess to follow the Lord Jesus Christ remember the parable of the ten talents. The Lord blessed the two who exercised themselves with what had been entrusted to their care—but what a contrast there was toward him who hid his talent—The Lord says to

him: "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed."

Brother W. H. Cadman
(To be continued)

NOTE: If all goes well, Brothers Ross and Swanson will leave New York City at 9 p.m. by plane, on April 23 to begin their duties on Missionary work in Nigeria, W. Africa. They expect to arrive at the Lagos Airport (Capital of Nigeria) on the 25th — Editor.

stretching out His hand so that we may grasp it, constantly supporting us and leading us on, guiding us onward thru the thick fog of fear and doubt. . on, ever onward. until we finally see His Glorious Son. . if we only ask Him to.

Catherine Poma

Brother Editor

I would like to tell you that if God permits, my husband and I are going to Sicily and Italy for a few weeks. My husband's people are in Sicily, and after forty years he is finally going to see them again. This has been his dream for many a year. I also pray God that I may have the opportunity of seeing at least some of my brethren out there. So, for a couple of months, at least, I will not be sending any poems, but I hope to be able to write of our trip on our return home. May God Bless you all, and remember us in your prayers.

Sister Catherine Poma

DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Bro. Editor:-

I sincerely hope since we last met, you have been getting along very nicely in the Master's service. Thank God, to me it was a great blessing to be in conference, and have the Lord speak to us, as we may say, person to person. This is one of the most blessed conferences I have ever attended, and do sincerely hope, and pray, that as we go into futurity, I may have the pleasure, of attending many more like it, or even better. We had different Bros. to visit us before the conference, and also after, of which I shall make reference as I see fit.

On Wednesday night, March 23rd, Bros. Bob Watson Sr., and Jimmie Heaps, of California, visited Branch #1, and spoke, they gave us two good talks filled with the peace, and love of God. May God abundantly bless them. On Sunday morning, March 27th, Bro. Heaps and Bro. Bob Watson Sr., were in Windsor. Bro. Heaps read a portion of scripture found in Hebrews 12th Chapter, 1st and 2nd verses. He said that God called Abraham, and told

him to go to a place where He would send him, and he would be greatly blessed. He fulfilled the will of God, and became one of the greatest men, who ever walked upon the face of the earth. He spoke about the witnesses, and said that Isaac was a true pattern of Christ, he never rebelled against the will of God. Two great witnesses, Moses and Elijah, who appeared to Christ and His Apostles, on the Mount of Transfiguration. He said that people can do whatever they want to you, but no man can rob you of your character. Another witness, was the woman at the Well, with Jesus. He spoke about the time when he was ill recently, how his son demanded, that he should be anointed, and although, he was very seriously ill, when anointed, his blood pressure stayed, and he has been feeling better ever since.

While writing this article, I have just been told of Bro. Heaps granddaughter's accidental death, of which we render, sincere condolence. May God comfort the bereaved.

We also have had many important talks in our midst recently, of which one was the report of Bro. Mark Randy, of his trip to Italy, which was quite impressive, and a talk by Bro. Otto Henderson of Windsor, given in Branch #1, on April the 17th. May God abundantly bless all of our dear Bros. who have so diligently spoken unto us. The Choir of Branch #1, has also been a source of inspiration, in singing to us, both in Windsor, and Detroit.

On Sunday, April 24th., both Bro. Nick Pietrangelo's car, and mine went to Sarnia. We, went by Port Huron, and found the few faithfuls there, still serving the Lord in spirit and in truth. We went to visit sister Jackson, who is recuperating, from a fractured hip, in the Sarnia, General Hospital, and Bro. Nick, anointed her. We wish all saints, will join us in praying, for her. Thank God, we had a sister, baptized in Branch #1, today. (Sunday). She was baptized by Bro. Concetto Alessandro. We do wish, hope, and pray, that all bros. and sisters, throughout the Church,

will be praying for us, and we will do the same for them, as the Lord enables us. May God bless us all.

Your Bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

A TRIP TO NEW JERSEY

I had an opportunity to make a trip to New Jersey, leaving home at noon on April 15th. Mr. and Mrs. John Nusida of this community were delivering a new Buick car to Long Island, N. Y. for the Massey Buick Co., and they wanted me to go with them. We had a very nice trip, arriving in New Jersey about 8:00 p.m. They left me at New Brunswick where I was taken to the home of Bro. Joseph Benyola at Hopelawn, while Mr. and Mrs. Nusida went on to New York City and then delivered their car the next day.

I stayed in Hopelawn for the Sunday Morning (Easter Sunday) service where I occupied the pulpit and had a very nice audience to talk to. We had a very nice service which included some very fine and appropriate singing for the occasion. Sister Mary Fehr sang a solo for us as well. The seats were pretty well filled and the audience was very attentive. During the course of the sermon, a brother had a vision which he related before the closing of the meeting.

In the after-noon I attended the service at the Edison church where a nice audience was also present. While the afternoon service in our churches are open for all to bear testimony, yet I being a visitor on the occasion, took up considerable time in addressing the congregation. I was glad to have the privilege of meeting with the saints in the Edison Branch once more.

For my evening lunch, I was taken to the home of brother and sister George Funkhouser, who live out in the mountain country of New Jersey, a place too, of much history of the activities of General George Washington and his army in the days that have passed by. It is a lovely residential district at the foot of the mountains where, I am told that deers from the mountains are some times seen in the back yards

of the homes in the district. To me it is a beautiful residential spot. After having our supper at the Funkhouser residence, they then took me into our church in New Brunswick to attend an Easter Service and they had a very nice program — I enjoyed the evening.

The program was composed of good singing appropriate for the occasion, and included several short talks by various brothers relative to the resurrection of Christ. I considered the talks very good, and appropriate.

They then deviated, or may be, more proper to say, at the conclusion of the program; they asked me to sing a piece for them, so I sang for them, "The Christ of The Cross is the theme of My Song," which to me is a beautiful song — The Christ of the Cross, Which in conclusion reads: "My Christ of the Cross." I enjoyed this service very much — even though I did have a part in the singing.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. Nussida, returning from New York City, picked me up in their car and brought me back home, arriving at 12:00 midnight on the 18th. It was a short but a very nice trip and I wish to express my appreciation to all of you in New Jersey for the hospitality shown toward me.

Bro. W. H. Cadman
Sincerely,

P.S. At the conclusion of this service, I called in the home of Bro. Louis Mazzeo who was stricken with a stroke of paralysis some few years ago, and had a little visit with him. He is still very poorly, but his speech is very good and he can converse very well with a person. Otherwise he is very helpless. May the Lord bless him and his faithful wife is my prayer.

RENEWING THEIR PLEA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Sometime ago we made a request for help to build a church building here in West Palm Beach, Fla. The response thus far was from about one half of the various Branches. And we are grateful for your help. May the Lord reward you. To you whom we have not as yet heard from, we will appreciate some help from you as well, for we are in extreme need of a building in which to worship. But we are unable as yet to start to build, because of the

lack of funds.

Will you please come to our aid and lend us a Helping Hand. We need help. Kindly send your offering to The Church of Jesus Christ.

% Gabriel Mazzeo
4476 Whispering Pines Rd.
West Palm Beach, Fla.

DETROIT, MICH., APRIL 5, 1960

Dear Gospel Readers:

We thank God for this wonderful paper called the Gospel News. It gives us an opportunity to tell the wonders of the Lord Jesus.

March 20th was a glorious Sabbath day for us. Our elder brothers were speaking to us through the power of God. Their subject was "How to conduct ourselves in the Church of Jesus Christ" as children of the Lord, and the spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the meeting. After the morning service we could hardly wait to return for the afternoon fellowship meeting. While the spirit of testimony was in our midst, we could feel the oil of gladness flowing from vessel to vessel. The Elders then administered sacrament.

In partaking of the Lord's supper I could feel the spirit of God swelling in my bosom. The hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee" was then sung.

While I was sitting at the piano the Lord revealed to me that we should form a circle. We then formed a circle and the spirit of prayer fell upon Bro. Joseph Milantoni. The power of God was with us and while he was giving thanks unto the Lord, brother Fred Straccia sang in the Angels' tongues.

Dear Gospel Readers; how wonderful it is to fellowship with the saints, and to glorify His High and Holy Name — and, let us exalt His name together, Psalm. 34:3. Salutations with God's love from the West Side Branch, Detroit.

A TRIP TO YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

In response to an invitation to attend the District organization meeting in Youngstown on April 30th; I boarded a plane at the Pittsburgh Airport which lifted at about 9:35 a.m. I was on the ground at my destination in one-half hour, and was in the meeting with my brethren at 11 o'clock a.m. I spent the day with them in three meetings — did not have much to say in the business affairs, but I did address them

in the night meeting. Quite a large crowd assembled together.

During the business sessions I was very well pleased to see the harmonious attitude of the Ohio district, in their endeavors to keep in accord with the General Church. (What I mean by the General Church, matterless where it is located. All Branches of the Church are required to keep in harmony and submissive to the Order and Law enacted by the Incorporated body of The Church of Jesus Christ, whose Headquarters are in Monongahela, Pa. — I felt well pleased with the Ohio District brethren's demeanour in that respect. And I will say, not only to the Ohio District — It is incumbent upon us all to be in harmony with the Church at large — i.e., The Church of Jesus Christ. There was a good attendance of the Elders at their meetings. And in as much as I could hear and understand, I enjoyed the meeting. We had a very nice service in the evening.

On Sunday Morning they held their meeting in the Auditorium of the Woodrow Wilson school building — anticipating a much larger crowd than their own building would accommodate comfortably. A large audience was present. They would have me take the lead, which I did, and I occupied most all the time. Another brother or two spoke briefly. I believe all enjoyed the meeting. On Monday I left Youngstown on the train — left at 9:45 a.m. and did not arrive home until 1:30 p.m., much slower than the plane and much cheaper.

Bro. Cadman

CREATION TO THE TIME OF THE FLOOD

M.B.A. Topic — Fredonia, Pa.

The first verse of the old Bible reads, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." We also read that the earth was without form and void — meaning without shape and empty — and it was dark. But there was water there and the spirit of God moved over the water.

On the first day of creation God made the light. The light he called day and the darkness night. Next he made the firmament which he said was heaven. I believe it was the part of heaven where the sun, moon, and stars are, or as we say the sky. He divided the waters

which were under the firmament from the water above the firmament, which surely must mean separating the water on the earth from the water in the clouds, this is the second day. On the third day he went farther and separated the water from the land. The land was called earth and the waters — more than one body of water — were called seas. Then the grass, herbs, and trees came forth. The Bible states that these were fruit trees. The fourth day lights were put in the firmament, the greater light to rule the day, which we now call the sun. The lesser light or moon was made for the night. He created the stars also. When all this was finished he was ready for the living creatures. So the fifth day the waters brought forth the many fish that live in them. The birds that fly also were created, the Scripture calls them winged fowl. God blessed these living things and said, "Be fruitful and multiply." Next the animals came, including cattle and creeping things. God saw that all he had made was good, so he said "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." But notice the verse that reads that God created man "in his own image." Adam was formed from the dust, God breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and Adam became a living soul.

Knowing he would need a help-mate, God caused Adam to sleep, one of his ribs was taken from which Eve was made. Adam said she is "bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh," and he called her woman. This was the sixth day.

The work of creation was finished so God rested on the seventh day. From this we get our week, six days of work and a day of rest. The day of rest was blessed and sanctified.

The first parents, of all who have lived in this world, were placed in a beautiful garden called Eden. It is described as a place of rivers, trees for food, and the animals were there too. There were also gold and other precious stones and remember the tree of life and the tree of knowledge were there in the midst of the garden.

This man and woman were given all these things for their use and were told to be fruitful and multiply. God was pleased with all his creation. I wonder what he thinks

of it now? Because of the evil spirit even this perfect condition did not last. The serpent was more clever than the other beasts and he tempted Eve to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge, which was the only one God had forbidden them to eat. He said if they did they would surely die. The evil one told the first lie and said they would not die but rather would be as Gods knowing good and evil. Isn't it sad that Eve, who was created by God, and given all these perfect things, didn't put all her trust in him? But Eve saw something she wanted because the fruit looked good, was good, and could make her wise. I don't know how wise these two were, but we know they were innocent. So the woman ate and Adam ate also. They were no longer innocent, they saw their nakedness, which they tried to cover, and they were also afraid. I suppose they were afraid because they had disobeyed God. For the first time they felt they had to hide from God. But we can not hide ourselves or anything else from him. So they confessed, as with all who disobey, God was not pleased and they were punished. I also believe when we repent and confess He is quick to forgive.

The serpent was cursed and was told that the descendants of the woman and his descendants would be enemies to each other. If as we suppose, this is the snake family, it is still true. God said if they now ate of the tree of life they would live forever, so they were sent from the garden of Eden. Adam was to rule over Eve and she was to bear her children in sorrow. Adam was to till the ground and struggle against the weeds in order to have food. He was told that at the end of his life he would return to the ground, "for dust thou art and to dust thou shall return." The apostle Paul said "Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." "For as in Adam all die, in Christ shall all be made alive."

The first son, Cain, was born and Eve said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Abel was also born. He was a shepherd and Cain was a farmer. They worshipped God, each brought what they raised as an offering. God was pleased with the offering of sheep but not the offering of the ground which Cain

made. Cain was very angry and God asked him why. If he did well he would be accepted. If he did not well it was because of sin. He paid no attention to this warning because sin ruled and he killed his brother. When God asked, "Where is Abel?" Cain spoke the second lie, "I know not." He too learned that God can not be deceived, that God knew about this terrible thing, so the first born person was a liar and a murderer. If we sometimes think we have trouble, none of us has ever gone through sorrow compared to this. The murder of one son by another. His punishment was to become a fugitive and a vagabond. Cain complained that others would try to kill him. I think that God tried to teach that he shall judge and avenge, by saying that if anyone killed Cain, God would avenge him seven times. Cain left his home and lived in the land of Nod east of Eden. There he knew his wife and his son's name was Enoch - not Enoch the descendant of Seth who was not to die. The first city mentioned was named for this son of Cain. One of Cain's descendants raised cattle, one made the harp and organ, and one learned the art of using brass and iron. The father of these men was also a murderer.

Eve bore the third son, Seth, and she said, "God gave me another instead of Abel." Then it is written that man began to call upon the name of the Lord, but surely Adam and Eve and Abel had already served him before this time.

When man and the woman
Began to repent,
Angels from heaven
To earth were sent.
Revealing to them,
The redemption plan
The atoning blood,
Christ the infinite man.

Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born and lived to be 930 years. Enoch was the seventh generation. There are only four verses written about him, but it does say he walked with God, and when he was 365 years old, God took him. He was the father of Methuselah, and the oldest man, who lived 969 years. Methuselah was also the grandfather of Noah, builder of the Ark and called a preacher or righteousness. At this time many people lived in the world and strange things happened. Sons of God mar-

ried daughters of men. Life was now shortened, 120 years were to be the days of man. There were mighty men and men of renown and also giants. Because of the wickedness and evil in just ten generations God was sorry he had ever made man. He said he would destroy man and all living creatures, but Noah found favor with God and it is written he was a just man and perfect in his generation and he walked with God. Because of this he was told to build the ark, in which his wife and three sons and their wives and two of each kind of animal were to escape the flood. The flood lasted one year and ten days. At the end of this time these were the only living things in the world. This took place in the year 1656. In the 102 Psalm it is written, "of old that hast laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish but thou shalt endure." Also "thou art the same and thy years shall have no end. The children of thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be established before thee."

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

First of all I want to thank you for the lovely plants and for your prayers in my behalf. God has been merciful to me in my hours of affliction and pain, and I know it was only his hand that brought me through, even though the doctors gave me no hope of complete recovery I can trust in my God to let me live each day for him.

It makes me stop and think when we know we have his mercy and grace to keep us going each day. I have thought a lot at this time of my loved ones who are not in the family and fold of God. Time is so short and life so uncertain, the souls of these loved ones who are going astray has been a great burden to my heart and I ask my brothers and sisters to pray especially for the ones who are near and dear to me.

As I lay in bed Sunday night I heard the words of this poem and I got up and wrote them down.

I have never written a poem before so I knew it was inspired by God. . .

"Am I My Brothers Keeper"

Am I my brothers keeper?

I heard the preacher say,

Will you show a little mercy

On the one who's gone astray?
When things look black and gloomy
And all his courage gone,

Do you pray and help your brother,
Or say, "Oh, he's doing wrong."
Do you let him fall in muck and mire

And watch him go astray?

"Oh, I've got other things to do
I work for Christ each day."

Are you not responsible for him
Did you not a promise make,
That you would love your brother
When even the world forsakes?

What will be your answer,

As you stand before the Lord

"You are your brother's keeper?
It's written in my Word."

Sister Martha Christman

Installment #3.

NATURAL EXISTING CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

In Nigeria polygamy is legal: And a man can marry as many wives as he wants, or as many as he can afford to buy. He has to pay a dowry to the parents. A woman (or girl) cannot be bought or sold against her will; she must be willing to marry a man before they can take the dowry for her. (Excepting those of Moslem Faith). While women's rights are very limited, yet, she has more than in some other parts of Africa. Largely women are the ones supporting families; many are forced to work very hard from early morning until late in the evening. Men are permitted to whip their wives so-long as they do not wound them; (we witnessed one incident of whipping at Calabar). Some men are downright tyrants: And can be jailed for wounding their wives. We were told that some men are beginning to fear their wives, some have been driven to retaliation by killing their husbands. I read in a newspaper while over there of an old chief that died, he had 102 wives; probably there are others that have as many as this man, or even more. The more wives a man has the more prosperous he is. We observed that most of the chiefs had quite large cement block houses, and furniture that was the best we saw anywhere, equal to the Europeans there. While there are many polygamists: There are also many that believe in and practice monogamy. Most of the Christian Churches (faiths) do not permit or condone polygamy by

their members, however, we learned a few churches do condone it: Mohammedans are permitted to marry four wives; or not to have more than four at one time; (some have numerous concubines). There are millions of these Moslems especially in the Northern Region. These have little love for Christians: Pagans are still the largest group by far of the population; for the missionaries are easier to convert to Christianity; and to work among than Moslems. Many young men cannot marry because they do not have the money to buy a wife. I ask a few why they did not get married? Their reply was usually the same, "Tell me where I will get the money to buy a wife."

There is very little social contact between men and women before marriage. There is no courtship or love making between young people, as is common practice with Americans. It is obvious; the bonds of love and affection do not exist as we know them. Men and their wives seldom travel together even to church, men usually walk with men; and women with women. Customarily men do not make you acquainted with their wives, if they do; it is an exception rather than a rule.

Each community has an elected chief who exercises authority over his subjects, he issues certain decrees that must be obeyed; his message or decrees are relayed by tom-toms, through-out the whole area. All the people understand these code messages. One evening I heard one of these tom-toms being thumped, I asked our servant boy what it meant? He said, the chief said: "For all to come and pay taxes." Because of the chief's power and influence they are relied upon considerably to keep law and order. If there is any major outbreak of lawlessness by a certain clan the chief is one of the first to be taken custody, (We were told this happens sometimes). When the chief issues an order forbidding the cutting of palm fruit for three weeks; that's a law: Anyone caught violating his order will be penalized. I understand this is done to prevent stealing of the fruit. We were told that Nigeria is the worst country in Africa for stealing. When the order is given to cut palm fruit tomorrow people are out early in the morning

cutting their fruit, but sometimes the thief has been there even earlier and stolen their fruit.

One evening the chief gave an order to clear the area around the church building of the tropical vegetation that had grown up. Next morning the whole village turned out; men, women and children with their machettes. They soon had an area perhaps two acres cleared. One man checked all those present. Those absent would have to explain to the chief. This clearing was to permit more light into the church; and be a protection against large snakes or other intruders getting too close to the building before being seen. Some snakes are more than twenty feet long.

When a house is built the family puts up the bamboo frame, then the chief gives the order and it becomes a community project to plaster it with mud, which is done with the bare hands. When going into any new district even as a missionary, it is always wise and desirable to contact the chief. In most all districts we entered when they learned of our coming we were invited in to one of their church buildings. There usually was a large group waiting to give us a very cordial welcome, including a welcoming committee; besides being presented with letters of welcome, (which in composition would be difficult to excell). Most chiefs appear to have a fair education and speak English rather well. And appear to have a very sincere desire to see the lot of their people improved both spiritually and economically.

No doubt many people have the idea that most of the natives are nude, this is not a fact: We were told there are some who are nude farther back in the country because they are so poor they do not have money to buy any clothing. It is a fact that many of the children go nude until nine or ten years old, they must be clothed to go to school, most were covered with some kind of a garment when they came to church. A few places farther back in the bush where it is more isolated we saw a few children venture into our services in the nude. All children are bare-footed and most of the adults too.

As for the women we were much impressed with their modesty. Except for two incidents. One incident

Bro. Cadman witnessed while I was in the Hospital. The other Bro. Nolfi and myself saw as we were driving along a main highway. There is some exposure of the upper portion of the body but this cannot be taken as any reflection of their modesty. From our observations a Nigerian woman would be very much embarrassed and ashamed to be seen in a pair of shorts as is worn in public in this country. No where did we see anything that we could class as indecency; excepting the two mentioned above. We cannot say as much for the men as we saw numerous acts of moral deficiency by them.

(to be continued.)

Joseph Bittinger

NOTICE

To all concerned:

Please do not ship any clothing to the Monongahela Branch of the church. The surplus space in our church here is overcrowded now. Address us for shipping instructions, and if the clothing is shipped to its final destination — it will save double transportation charges. Abide by these instructions until further notice.

Bro. Cadman

INTEGRATING THE EXILES

One of the most difficult and important problems of the State of Israel is not only the return of the exiles, but the integration of these people who are coming from all over the world, and the making of one people out of all these "tribes."

The Jews are a scattered people, and have been for generations, so it is natural that each group of Jews coming bring with them the customs of the country where they have lived, their culture or lack of culture, and their lack of education.

CALIFORNIA OBITUARIES

Dear Brother Carman,

It falls my duty to inform you of the deaths in the California Area

Our beloved Sis. Cora Marshall passed away December 20, 1959 in Hawthorne, Calif. at the age of 78. Services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ, Bell Branch and were conducted by Bros. John Dulise and James Heaps. Sis. June Jones of San Fernando Valley Branch sang, "O, Paradise" and "After". She was interred at Mem-

ory Garden Memorial Park in Brea, Calif. and leaves to mourn, her husband James and children, Bro. Harry Marshall, Elder and Sis. Goldie Jones of Bell Branch and Tom and Charles Marshall. She was born in Altoona, Pa. and became a member of the church Sept. 29, 1935 at Vanderbilt, Pa. She came to California in Nov., 1950 transferring her membership to Bell Branch. Everyone will long remember our Sisters wonderful testimonies. She truly was what is referred to as a "pillar" in the church.

Bonnie Simpson Burch, daughter of Walter and Sis. Elizabeth Simpson, and grand-daughter of Bro. and Sis. James Heaps of Anaheim, Calif. met with a fatal accident on April 17, 1960 involving three cars and injuring eleven persons including her husband Fred and their 21 month old son who escaped without serious injury. Needless to say our young Sisters passing was quite a shock to the families and to the Church in general here in the Calif. District.

Services were held in the Church of Jesus Christ, Anaheim, Calif. and were conducted by Bros. V. James Lovalvo and Robert Watson, Jr. Sis. June Jones of San Fernando Valley Branch sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and Bro. Anthony Brutz of San Fernando Valley Branch sang "Near to the Heart of God". She was interred at Forest Lawn Cypress in Cypress, Calif. and leaves to mourn her mother, father, grandparents, two sisters, aunts and uncles and many, many friends. She was born Jan. 16, 1939 in Greensburg, Pa. and became a member of the church at Bell Branch on August 30, 1953.

Sis. Harriett Meo
(Assis. Secretary Bell Branch)

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our brothers and sisters and friends, for the kindness and sympathy shown during our recent bereavement, the loss of husband and father Joseph Collison. Words cannot express the comfort your messages, cards and flowers and prayers gave us.

Many thanks to you all for the help you gave us in so many ways for over a year. May God bless you all abundantly.

Sister Hazel Collison

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Proverbs 3:5

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story about a king who learned about God in a very miraculous way. It is taken from the Book of Mormon in the book of Alma.

There was a man named Ammon, a Nephite, who went to the land of Ishmael. As he entered the land, the Lamanites took him and bound him. They were people who did not follow the teachings of the Lord. It was their custom to bind all the Nephites and take them before their king. The king whose name was Lamoni would sometimes put them in prison, cast them out of his land or slay them. When Ammon was brought before the king he asked him if he desired to live in the land among the Lamanites or in his own land. Ammon replied, "I wish to live here for awhile, maybe until I die." This pleased the king. He ordered Ammon's bands removed. He made him his servant.

Ammon, with other servants, watched the king's flocks. Some of the Lamanites who were watering their flocks met Ammon. They began to scatter the king's flocks. The king's servants were worried for fear the king would slay them. Ammon thought this was his opportunity to win favor with them and maybe they would believe him. Ammon ordered the servants to gather their flocks together. He took his sling and stones and with mighty power began to throw them at these wicked men. They were surprised at his great strength but thought they could slay Ammon. Six of the Lamanites fell. The others were driven back. The king's servants saw the great strength of Ammon and went to tell the king. King Lamoni said, "Surely this is more than a man." Now the Lamanites called God the Great Spirit. King Lamoni thought Ammon was the Great Spirit. He remembered his father had taught him these things.

The king called Ammon to him. Ammon asked, "What wilt thou that I should do for thee, Oh King?" An

hour passed before the King could speak because he did not know what to say. Ammon asked again, "What do you desire of me?" The king did not answer. Ammon was filled with the spirit of God and he knew the king's thoughts. He said, "Behold, I am a man, and your servant. Whatever you desire of me I will do." The king was amazed that Ammon knew his thoughts. Then he began to speak, "Who are you? Are you the Great Spirit that knows all things?" Ammon replied, "I am not." He began to explain many things about God. He told him the Great Spirit was God. He made the heaven and earth. God looks down on all His children and knows their hearts. Lamoni asked, "Are you sent from God?" Ammon said, "I am a man, created after the image of God. I am called by His holy spirit to teach these things unto this people." He told the king all about the creation of the world, about Lehi who left Jerusalem and came to America, the Promised Land. He said Christ would come. Yes, many, many wonderful things Ammon explained to the king. The king believed and began to cry unto God, "Oh Lord, have mercy. The mercy you have had for the people of Nephi have upon me and my people." Now a very surprising thing happened as he said this. King Lamoni fell to the earth as if he were dead. His servants took him into his wife and laid him upon a bed. For two days and two nights he lay there as if dead. The queen and their children mourned for him.

They were preparing to bury the king when the queen having heard of Ammon, desired to see him. She said, "The king's servants say that you are a prophet of the holy God and you have great power. If this is true, go in and see my husband. He has been on his bed two days and two nights as if dead. Some say he is dead and some he is not. As for me I do not know." Ammon knew the king was not dead but was under the power of God. He went in to see the king as the queen desired. He said, "The king is not dead but sleepeth. Tomorrow he shall rise

again. Do not bury him. Do you believe this?" She answered, "Yes, I believe." "You shall be blessed for such great faith", said Ammon. She went in and watched over the king until the next day.

The next day just as Ammon said, the king arose and stretched forth his hand to the queen. He said, "Blessed be the name of God. I have seen my Redeemer." He sank down again and the queen sank also, being overcome with the power of God. Ammon's prayers had been answered. He knelt down to thank God for what He had done. The servants began to call upon God too, and fell to the earth.

A woman whose name was Abish had been converted many years before on account of her father's remarkable vision, went to her mistress, the queen, and took her by the hand. As soon as Abish touched her, she arose and cried, "Oh blessed Jesus, have mercy on this people." The king arose also. The servants and others declared their hearts had been changed and they no longer desired to do evil. Many saw angels. Some would not hear words of Ammon therefore they went their way. But those who believed were baptized and became a righteous people. We know that God's arm is extended to all people who will repent and believe on His name.

Search the Scriptures

1. What six things does the Lord hate? Proverbs 6
2. What four things are little upon the earth but are wise? Proverbs 30

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

MOORE — ROSS NUPTIALS

On April 23, 1960, at 10:00 a.m., Judith Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore of Aliquippa, and Anthony Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, Sr. of Aliquippa, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Bro. John Ross, Sr. officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attended by Shirley Curley, matron of honor, and Charlotte Todd, bridesmaid. The groom was attended by Matthew DeLuca, best man, and William Ross, usher.

Sis. Betty D'Antonio served as organist and was assisted by Sis.

Janet Ross. Sisters Ruth Jumper, Ruth Palmieri, Sarah Palmieri, and Betty D'Antonio sang "I Love You Truly" and "O Promise me."

Following their honeymoon to Florida, they will reside with the groom's parents at 100 Cleveland and Division Street, Aliquippa. Our sincerest congratulations to the newlyweds. May God bestow upon them His richest blessings.

Sis. Janet Ross
Branch Editor

DETROIT, MICH.

GALANTE — BRECI NUPTIALS

The marriage of Bro. Salvatore Galante, of Branch #1 Detroit, and sister Josephine Brecci of San Diego, California, took place Friday, the 22nd of April, 1960. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Gorie Ciaravino. Attending the couple, were the Groom's niece, and nephew, sister Frances Camarda, and Bro. Michaelangelo Gioia. The ceremony, followed by a brief reception, took place in the home of niece of Bro. Galante. The couple are planning a trip to California. May the Lord abundantly bless them, and grant them many years, of peace, joy, and happiness.

PIETRANGELO - PETITTI NUPTIALS

Miss Anna Petitti of Rochester, N.Y. and Donato Pietrangelo of Niagara Falls, Ont., Canada were united in marriage on April 9, 1960 with Elder Ansel D'Amico officiating in the Church of Jesus Christ in Rochester.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Petitti of Foggia, Italy. While the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pietrangelo of Niagara Falls, Ont.

The bride was given away by her Uncle, Mr. A. Gallucci of Rochester. Matron of Honor was Mrs. A. Palumbo of Niagara Falls Ont. The brides maids were Mrs. Joseph Roseto, Miss Arlene Gallucci, and Miss Joanne Locci. Ushers were Joseph Roseto, Richard Gallucci of this city and V. Pietrangelo of Niagara Falls, Ont. Piano accompanist was Ronald J. D'Amico.

After the wedding reception at the Florentine Club, the young couple left on their honeymoon trip by motor to Canada.

This was the first wedding in the new church in Rochester and was

largely attended.

SWANSON - SCHAFFER

NUPTIALS

On Friday evening December 18 at 7:30 in the Church of Jesus Christ, South Greensburg, Pa. Sister Leda Swanson, daughter of brother and sister Alvin Swanson was married to Mr. Albert Schaffer of New Alexander, Pa.

Bro. Alvin Swanson officiated at the marriage. Reception followed at the bride's home. The couple will reside at New Alexander. We wish God's blessing upon them.

A Double Wedding in the Church of Jesus Christ in South Greensburg, Pa. December 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Sister Aneta Louise Follavolleta became the bride of Bro. Robert Noel, and Bro. Lirio Follavolleta was married to sister Marie Elaine Kimmel. Bro. Alvin Swanson officiating.

Anita and Lirio are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Follavolleta of South Greensburg, and Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Kimmel of Jeanette, Pa.

A reception followed the ceremony at the South Greensburg Firemans Hall. Both couples will reside in South Greensburg, Pa.

May God bless these young couples throughout their lives.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In Loving Memory of, Bro. Daniel Leroy (Lee) Lint age 68, a well known resident of Grindstone R.D. for 33 years, passed away suddenly Wednesday, April 13, 1960 at 8:30 A.M. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. AdaBelle King Lint; Four daughters, Mrs. Katherine Thomas, Carmichaels; Mrs. Viola Lowery, Mrs. Charlotte Strickler, and Beatrice Hall all of Grindstone R.D.; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; four brothers, William, of Herminie; George, James, and Charles Edward all of Scottdale; five sisters, Mrs. Etta Shaner, Pennsville; Mrs. Sadie Wilkins, Ruffsdsale; Mrs. Verna Kelley, DuBois; Mrs. Stella Palambino, New Kensington; Mrs. Rebecca Thomas, Youngwood.

Services were held Saturday, April 16, 1960 at 2:00 P.M. in the Church of Jesus Christ, Vanderbilt, Pa. and conducted by Brothers

George Johnson and Joseph Shazer. Brother Lint was laid to rest in the Flatwoods Cemetery. He will be missed by many Brothers, Sisters and Friends.

EMIL GEROME CLEVELAND, OHIO

Brother Emil Gerome of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on March 25, 1960 Brother Gerome was born in Rionero Sannitico, Italy, on October 8, 1894. He later came to America and was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ in 1921 and was ordained an Elder in 1936.

Services were conducted at the Eastside Cleveland Branch No. 1 in Euclid, Ohio, on March 28, 1960, with Bro. Rocco Biscotti in charge and assisted by Bro. Mario Milano and Bro. August Perloni.

The young peoples' chorus sang "Rock of Ages" and "There's A Land Which Is Fairer Than Day." Bro. Milano spoke in the Italian language and gave a recitation of the 23rd Psalm. Bro. Biscotti followed with the 15th Chapter of the 1st Corinthians verses 50 to 53 inclusive.

We, the brothers and sisters and friends of the Cleveland Branch, wish to express our sincere sympathy to his beloved wife, Mrs. Sarah Gerome; two sons, Elio and John; and two daughters, Mrs. Priscilla Calabrese and Mrs. Alice Vento and their families.

Brother Gerome will be missed very much by the Cleveland Branch for through his testimony many have come to the knowledge of the truth. He was loved very much by the young people and he left us a wonderful example for which to follow. We know that if we will endure to the end in serving God in spirit and truth, one day we will see our brother again in the Paradise of God.

May the Lord bless and comfort his family in their bereavement.

Sister Betty Milano

NILES, OHIO

I am still alive to confess the goodness and mercies of God. On March 9th I was very ill. I was unable to stand on my feet. I called my doctor and he answered that he knew of nothing that would help me—only prayer unto God will give you relief.

Well, I began to ask God for help.

I said, "Father I have tried to help myself but I cannot find any relief. Men fail to help me, but I know that thou never fails. I did not go to church this Wednesday night, but I ask God to hear some one's prayer in my behalf. While I was waiting for the mercies of God I felt the pain leave my body — I got up and I felt that the pain was all gone. Since then till now my pain is gone. Thank God that He heard mine, or someone's worthy prayer. He has promised us that if we seek first the kingdom of God, He will help us according to our needs.

Sister Anna Nastasia

OUR RECENT CONFERENCE

The April Conference met as usual here in Monongahela with a good delegation of Elders assembled. Brother Thomas of Detroit has written an account of part of the conference for me, so I will not write very much on this occasion. I am anxious to get this off to the printing house.

Our business went off as usual and I believe to most all of us, it was a very encouraging conference. We had delegates here from Canada north of us, Florida on the south and from both the Atlantic and Pacific coast's, and from various states throughout. And as is usual, all were glad to meet and see one-another again. Our business sessions started on a Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and ended at about 9:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Sunday service was held in the Fireman's Hall in the new Eagle Boro on Sunday morning, and there was estimated to be better than one thousand persons seated. The service was opened by brother Joseph Benyola of Hopelawn, N.J. and was followed by various speakers. It was a lengthy service as there was no afternoon meeting. We engaged in a half hour or more of singing prior to the opening of the service. All told we had a very nice service on Sunday. President Cadman sat down with the audience while his Counsellors brothers Furrner and Bittinger took charge of the service.

One of the special interests in the Conference was the report of brother Mark Randy of Modesto, Calif. telling of his recent Missionary work in Italy. He told of baptizing a Minister of another faith and part

of his congregation, along with much other work in his native country. Reports were made also of brother and sister Pardue and their daughter Norma, of California, who have crossed the border into Mexico and are labouring among the Mexican people. Brothers Ross of Aliquippa and Swanson of New Alexander, Pa., are still waiting on their visa's to Nigeria, Africa where many people are waiting on them. May the Lord bless all is my prayer. The rest of this article was written by Bro. Thomas of Detroit.

A SCANDALOUS ARTICLE IN A NEW YORK PAPER

To Our Readers:

An article has appeared in "Il Progresso Italo-Americano" in New York City, dated Sabato 16 April 1960 and written by one Filippo De Marsanich. It is scandalous on the part of an Editor to permit the publishing of such a thing. It is simply the work of the devil.

It is about a religious body of folk in San Demetrio Cosenza in Italy. The name of the church is not mentioned except by the term "Mormons", but the Minister's name is mentioned and it reveals the fact that it is The Church of Jesus Christ in San Demetrio Cosenza, that has been reproached by the writer; "DeMarsanich". I happen to know the Minister in question and it was possibly five or six years ago since he was on this mission.

Apparently about 40 members of the Catholic church became converted and father Constantino goes to Rome for advice. To me, that is sufficient to reveal the source of trouble that our people in Italy are having in order to serve God. The Book of Mormon does not only condemn polygamy, as you have insinuated prevails among the "Mormons" you refer to, but it also reveals that in the last days a church was to arise, known as the Great and Abominable Church, it covers the whole earth and it is revealed therein that the devil is the founder of it. While the Church of the Lamb of God are few, and their dominion is very small.

This article causes me to refer to Rev. 17 ch., verse 6. "And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And I

wondered, when I saw her, with great admiration." I am quoting from the Douay Version of the Bible, and King James Version is about identical. The apostle John in this 17th chapter is simply describing the condition of the apostate church and he charges her with committing fornication with the kings of the earth, in both Bibles that I have mentioned.

I will add, that I think who ever is the author of the article, published in the New York paper deserves about the same denunciation which the Saviour gave the scribes and Pharisees as recorded in Matthew 23, 33 "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" King James, and Douay versions are very much in harmony in this scripture.

To all members of The Church of Jesus Christ, do not let these things trouble you too much. — For after the devil was thrust out of heaven he persecuted the woman, (the Church) and the Book of Mormon reveals the fact, that the devil is the founder of the Great and Abominable Church as seen in these last days.

I have a statement here from our brother who is in charge of the church at San Demetrio. In referring to the article that appeared in the paper here, he says it is not true. And that none of our members have returned to the catholic church.

Sincerely Brother Cadman

A GOOD LETTER

Dear Brother Editor,

"Is your all on the altar?" This was the theme of today's meeting and a question we should all ask ourselves daily. Branch #4 rejoiced today that God had sent us visitors from Loraine, Ohio to worship with us in our Sabbath day service. Brother Louis Ciccati, from Ohio, opened our meeting and very beautifully reminded us that we all have something to lay on the altar. He brought to our attention the words, "If you cannot speak like the Angels or preach like Paul, you can tell of the love of Jesus." He spoke of how important it is to deny ourselves for God and for our neighbors. We must always remember to show our love for those less fortunate than ourselves and to love our neighbors as ourselves. The world and the people therein are good because God made

them; it is the evil therein that we should shun. This brought to my mind your words, Brother Cadman, when you were here last, "Our light should never shine so brightly as it should in the midst of evil." In closing Brother Ciccati mentioned that it is not always easy to deny ourselves, it is rather a battle but if there were not a battle to fight, there wouldn't be a victory; and if there weren't a cross to bear there wouldn't be a crown to win.

Brother Joseph Calabrese, also of Loraine, Ohio, spoke further on the same theme. He pointed out to us that though this subject is quite a simple fact and one that needs no great explanation, yet it is good to be constantly reminded of these words. We know evil is always there and we must be alerted to be on guard so that we may be quick to deny evil and quicker still to take up the things that are God's will. We need to remember constantly that we must be ready to deny ourselves even to the point of the fiery furnace if necessary. "Whosoever shall lose his life for My sake shall find it." When we deny self we think love instead of hate. By denial of our selfish desires we try to show unselfish love to those we come in contact with so they will be attracted to good and find salvation as we did. To quote Brother Cadman again, "Our souls were saved that we might help to save others."

Brother Gorie spoke, in conclusion, that each tiny yield to temptation will sink us a little further into the mire of evil until finally, if we are not careful, it will take a great deal of power to pull us out.

Brother Peter Capone closed our meeting in prayer.

We met in our afternoon meeting for fellowship and to observe the ordinance of feet-washing. Brother Tony Lovalvo was ordained an elder in this meeting also. We were joined by some of our Brothers and Sisters from Branch #2 for this wonderful event, among whom was Brother Dominic Thomas, who opened our meeting. He spoke on the scripture which tells us how Jesus introduced the ordinance of feet-washing. He told us that when

Jesus said, "Follow Me," He meant exactly that, and we are to do the things that Jesus did for He did them as examples to us that we might see clearly how to follow Him. Brother Thomas also reminded us that feet-washing had a deeper purpose and we should not partake of it outwardly only, but humble ourselves as we go about God's bidding. We enjoyed a great blessing this day and as we watched our Brother Lovalvo take his seat with his Brother elders we offered a silent prayer that all God's plans for our Brother will be fulfilled for Brother Lovalvo is full of zeal in service to God.

Once again we thank God for his grace and mercy in giving us another good Sabbath day.

We of Branch #4 welcome Brother Gorie Ciaravino as our new Presiding Elder and I'm sure we shall all strive to co-operate, to the fullest extent, with our Brother during his term in office for the good of the branch. We enjoyed many good meetings while our Brother Frank Vitto was our Presiding Elder and the members appreciated the time and effort he put forth to full-fill his office.

Sister Betty Capone

WORD WINDOWS

"If the message of the Good News is to reach the heart, it must be presented in the words which speak to the heart."

Once again the translation of some of the great truths of the Gospel become windows to let in the light of faith, hope and love.

Faith

The Mossi people in French West Africa speak of "faith" as "leaning on God." This would seem to be faith, confidence, trust and dependence all included in one phrase. The Valiente Indians of Panama describe "faith" as "catching God in the mind." The Loma people of Liberia translate "to have faith in the Gospel" as "to lay one's hand on the Good News." This phrase reflects the Loma practice of identifying oneself with an object or action by "laying one's hand on it," that is, indicating to all who witness the act that here is one who completely identifies himself with the truth for

which he stands.

Hope

Hope is sometimes one of the most difficult terms to translate in the entire Bible.

It is not because people do not hope for things, but so often they speak of hoping as simply "waiting." Hope is therefore a blend of two activities: waiting and desiring.

The Maya language describes the dependence of hope by the phrase "on what it hangs." "Our hope in God" means that "we hang on to God." The object of hope is the support of one's expectant waiting.

Love

There is no Gospel without love, even as there is no life without faith. Sometimes love is described in strong, powerful terms. The Miskitos of eastern Nicaragua and Honduras say that "love" is "pain of the heart." There is love which so dominates the soul that its closest emotion seems to be pain. For the Tzotzils of Mexico John 3:16 reads, "God so hurt in His heart, that He gave His only Son." Here is compassion of an open heart which sought in Christ to reconcile the world unto Himself.

Excerpts from "God's Word in Man's Language" by Eugene A. Nida, Ph.D. Secretary for Translations.

"American Bible Society Record."

A VERY SAD AFFAIR

A beloved sister, Mrs. Bonnie S. Burch, the daughter of Brother and Sister Walter Simpsons and a grand daughter of Bro. and Sister James Heaps of Anaheim, Calif. was killed instantly in a car accident on Easter Sunday. She and her husband and their 21 month old baby were returning to Los Angeles after a week end vacation, were forced over a 50 foot embankment by another car. Bonnie was killed instantly, Mr. Burch suffered only minor injuries while the baby was sleeping and was not injured.

Mrs. Burch had been secretary to the purchasing agent of Long Beach State College, where her husband is a student. I feel very sorry indeed to learn of this accident. May God bless and comfort you all. Brother Cadman.

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PARTS OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE FOUND

Articles presumed to have been part of King Solomon's Temple or its courtyard have been discovered under the floor of the Dome of the Rock in the Old City of Jerusalem, according to a report in the Jerusalem Post. Several workers, it is stated, have found inscriptions and remains dating back to King Solomon. Attempts are now being made to persuade the Jordan authorities to permit a scientific examination of the finds and further examination of the site.

June, 1960

God Shows In Your Face

You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or you play;
A tried, true barometer serves in the place—
However you live, it will show in your face.
The false, the deceit that you bear in your heart
Will not stay inside where it first got a start;
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace—
What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.
If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you can give;
If you live close to God, in His infinite grace—
You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

—Author Unknown

I will just add that I went by plane to Detroit on May 27 to attend the Young Peoples Conference, which was held in Lincoln Park High School Auditorium. Saturday's meetings were well attended and a wonderful program was rendered by our young people in Detroit in the evening meeting. There was one long meeting on Sunday morning and there were better than 800 persons seated. The meeting was opened by Brother A. B. Cadman and several speakers followed. A song service preceded the speaking. Everybody seemed to enjoy them-

selves with one another from New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Canada and throughout the state of Michigan. After the meetings were over, I spent two nights in Canada, returning home by plane on May 31. Editor.

Taken From The McKeesport Daily News

In the McKeesport Daily News of May 26, 1960 (News Section) there is an item in the news column of the "Birth of Greenock Came 120 Years Ago" that attracts my attention. It is as follows: "Near the Youghiogheny River, where the town first started, a Mormon church once stood, one of the oldest of that denomination in the country. It was erected in 1862 and destroyed by fire in 1871. The organization of the local church is commemorated in a plaque outside a Mormon church at Wakpala, South Dakota."

A little comment on my part might be of interest to the readers of the Gospel News. The church that was built at Greenock in 1862 is the church which now has its Headquarters in Monongahela, Pa. We are often referred to as Mormons which is generally confused with the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, which is a mistake. They effected an organization at Greenock in 1862 in the building that was a few years later destroyed by fire. It was organized under the title of the Church of Jesus Christ of Greenock in the Month of July. It was incorporated in June of 1865 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Some few years ago, I visited the old foundation which was partly to be seen on the river bank, though grown up with bushes. My parents attended the organization meeting in 1862, and often I have heard them talk of the wonderful experiences at the Old Greenock Church. One in particular I will mention. A number of the members lived across the river at what was called "Coulterville" now known as Coulter. A number of them were crossing the river one day on a Flat Boat of some kind when a severe storm arose—the storm was such that they thought the boat was go-

ing to sink. One of the brethren standing on shore gave the command of God—commanding the storm to cease and the storm ceased and they landed safely singing that old hymn which has become so familiar to us all today,—"Fear not brethren, lo, 'tis Jesus Holds the helm and guides the ship." My father and mother were on that boat with many others and I have often heard them talk of that occasion. Yea, God is still the same. The church referred to in Wakpala, S. D. is one of our churches with an Indian congregation. I have been in Wakpala several times, and we have white missionaries out there at this date, June 1. The Church is incorporated and known as The Church of Jesus Christ and we are firm believers in the Book of Mormon which teaches that a man shall have only one wife and concubines none. I FEEL AT THIS JUNCTURE TO PRAISE GOD.

(Editor—Cadman)

NEWS FROM WAKPALA AND NIGERIA

To Our Readers:

I am this day in receipt of a letter from Brother Bittinger who along with Brother Kirschner and their wives are in Wakpala, South Dakota. Also a very encouraging letter from Brother Swanson who along with Brother Ross are in Nigeria, West Africa.

I could not ask for a more encouraging letter than what Brother Bittinger has written to me of their work among the Indian people. The Indian people out there are very attentive, and they are having good attendance at their meetings. They are holding meetings each night this week. (June 8). I believe this is Brother Kirschner's first visit among Indian people, and I understand that he is enjoying himself. Brother Aldeous and family of Rapid City, S. D. spent the Sunday with them. When I made my first trip to S. Dakota I realized that their doors were open to us. Woe be unto us as Gentiles if we fail to do our duty towards the Seed of Joseph, when they open their doors to us. (Brother Cadman).

I received a letter this day from Brother Swanson. You all know he is in Africa. I have had two letters thus far from Brother Ross. I want you all to know that these Brothers are thus far full of joy and in happy anticipation of the work that lies before them. I am pleased with Brother Swanson's letter today. It makes it hard for me to keep back my tears when I realize that their feelings thus far, are as mine when I was in Africa. Of course the devil will rage—he would not be a bad devil if he didn't. I have always taught that Christ died on the cross for all people. My advice to you all is, don't trouble yourselves too much about time—but let us spend MUCH TIME on our knees in behalf of our Brothers who are laboring so far away from their loved ones.

I had lived in hopes that my beloved wife would have been made strong and able to travel with me for a few years, as my Brothers are now, in laboring among people who have been downtrodden for so long. Her passing and my hair gotten so gray will limit my activities some. But the Lord's Will be done. May I ask you all not to trouble yourselves so much about the mysterious things of God, and, of this world—let us be more concerned about the souls of the downtrodden who may not know their God.

Brother Cadman, W. H.

ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Our district conference convened on Saturday, April 23, 1960 with a good representation of Elders present. Our meeting was opened with singing hymn #367. And prayer was offered by Brother Joseph Benyola. Continued with singing hymn #248. Brother Joseph Benyola, our district President read the rules Governing District Conferences, and an open discussion was held. The following were elected to serve as District officers. First Councillor, Rocco Ensano; Second Councillor, Dominick Rose; Secretary, Dominick Persico; Assistant Sec., George Funkhouser, Jr.; Financial Sec., August D'Orazo; Treasurer, Anthony Ensano; Missionary Fund Treasurer, Frank Mazzeo; Librarian, James Benyola; District Historian, Paul Benyola; Auditors, James Link and Samuel Risola.

A motion was passed that each Branch and Mission donate \$25.00 to the District within three months. A motion was passed to hold a District Gathering on the 15th of May at the Hopelawn Branch. All were urged to attend. A motion was passed to have Hopelawn as the District Headquarters. A motion was passed to have the president and the councilors seek out a meeting place for the October Conference. A motion was passed to transfer Brother Paul Benyola and the Saints from Washington, D.C. to the Hopelawn Branch. A motion was passed to adjourn. Sang the Doxology and were led in prayer by Brother Dominick Rose.

Respectfully Submitted,
President: Joseph Benyola
Secretary: Dominick Persico
Ass't. Sec.: George Funkhouser, Jr.

THANK YOU ALL

Sister Jennie Hanna

(Port Huron, Michigan, Mission)

Dear brothers and sisters in the True Church of Jesus Christ: I want to thank you all for the prayers and greetings. Many times one or two car loads of the people would come to cheer me and have a service and to administer sacrament to me, during the time I was not able to meet with them at the church because of arthritis and other afflictions.

I am feeling a lot better now and I thank my Dear Heavenly Father for the many answered prayers when I would be in so much pain that I could hardly move. I hope soon to be able to go to church again.

Sincerely, Sister Hanna.

P.S.—I am glad to hear that Sister Hanna is not neglected. She is up in the eighties and is a wonderful old lady. (Editor).

SECULAR VS. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Good For Thought Editor)

Recently five Mennonite fathers were imprisoned because they refused to send their children to public schools. Had they paid fines, they would have been set free; but, being men of extremely strong convictions, they upheld their beliefs to the uttermost that they might win the right to control the education of their children. This religious sect, and others like it, hold the

tradition that secular education is corruptive to and incompatible with their religious faith and way of life. Since their early establishment in this country they have resisted cultural progress in favor of their simple 17th-century existence. As a result, progress has passed them by, and they have become a strange anomaly of the past in a modern world of mechanical, chemical, and electronic advancement.

This instance points very clearly the issue of secular vs. religious education. These people believe that any learning that does not directly concern religious morals, principals, and doctrines is not only unnecessary but actually harmful to one's service to God. This idea is not limited to the Mennonites and other related groups, nor did it originate with them. The controversy between religious and secular education in our American Christian culture began with our modern separation of church and state. Through the long Middle Ages the Church was the real power in the European Western world as it controlled most phases of Medieval life—political, economic, religious, and educational. Kings, nobles, and serfs alike bowed to the will of the Church. What men were taught and what they thought and believed were rigidly limited and controlled by the Church, and those who departed from the orthodox beliefs were censured or even put to death. For example, the Church held the belief that the Earth was the center of the universe and that the sun revolved around the Earth. Copernicus, an astronomer and Mathematician, theorized that the Earth really revolves around the sun. Although he was later proven to be correct, his theory was against that held by the Medieval Church, and the Church forced him to recant.

Formal education, as it existed in the Middle Ages was in the hands of the clergy. The nobility sent their children to the monks and priests to learn how to read and write. The clergy needed to be literate because it was their task to read and transcribe the scriptures—and to interpret them to the common people who could not read them for themselves. Not only did reading and writing serve chiefly the religious function of preserving and spreading the message of the scriptures,

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EDITORIAL SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

Dear Readers:

Due to a conversation with one of my brothers recently, I'll send these lines, hoping it will have a good effect on all who read The Gospel News.

First, I wish to draw your attention to an article written by S. Mercuri whom I feel certain that I know, and who lives in California. You will find it in the March issue, 1960 of The Gospel News on page 7, entitled "On Bedside Manners" and the Editor thinks it is a very good write-up on the subject. And I will add, that if there is any place we should be careful as to our conversation—it is in a sick room, and I will add further, that people who are professing to serve God should, without question, know their place in visiting sick people. S. Mercuri says: "To visit the sick means to bring joy, encouragement, hope." (If we cannot do so, we might do better by staying at home, likewise with the sending of cards or letters to sick people, Editor) which may and do jog them of their shortcomings, which does not and has not created a very friendly feeling towards the writer.

I like the last few words of S. Mercuri wherein she says: "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, think (and talk) on these things" when visiting the sick. (very good S. Mercuri, Edt.)

There is another article on page one in the May issue of the Gospel News, 1960 entitled "Thought" that

I wish to draw my readers attention to. It is written by Wm. Kunkel—he lives here in Pennsylvania, And to, it seems like a oneness of spirit with the two writers, one on the west coast and the other here in the east—evidently seeing conditions that justify the thoughts in which they give vent to, with their pen.

Brothers Kunkel's write-up is not just in the same channel as Sister Mercuri's, but they both hit the nail on the head, where it should be hit. Please notice a few words of brother Kunkel's: "Consider the feelings of others. Take thought before we utter a word lest it becomes a stumbling block to others. Brother Moore tells of a saying his father told him when he was a boy. He often said: "Think twice before you jump once, because you might jump on a thorn." (Very good counsel brother Moore for you to remember your father. Ed.) The concluding remarks of Brother Kunkel's in his article is very good as follows: "In conclusion then must we say, that the thoughts of our minds points out the path on which we walk." (very good brother Kunkel. Editor)

Before closing my remarks I wish to add: "One time while I was at work in the shop before I retired therefrom, I received a call to go to the bedside of a very sick man. I was not well acquainted with the man, but from what I had heard of him—he was not a good man, and he was terrible afraid to die. I went to his bedside in my working clothes. My feelings were, that as long as there was life there was hope. I talked to him—not of his feelings with his faults in his life, but I prayed that the Lord would extend mercy (for vengeance belongeth to God) and spare him that he might do better, but the poor man had to die, even though he was afraid to."

The talk I had with my visiting brother recently, has prompted me to write as I have written—that in writing cards or letters to sick or afflicted people, do so in a sympathetic manner, and offer to help in some way, may win people over to you, instead of turning them against you and from the church.

I heard a story once that goes something like this: "A man who had been getting h—— all week at home, went to church on Sunday morning thinking he would get some relief, but he got h—— there too." The apostle James teaches us that: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." You may write cards or letters to sick people and not only turn them against yourself, but will turn them against the church in which you worship God—If we would win others, we should and must be a light to those who may be sitting in darkness.

but most other forms of art and learning — painting, architecture, music, philosophy, etc.—were dominated and influenced by the religious motive because none of these could escape the control of the Church.

We generally think of the founding fathers of America as coming to the New World to find religious freedom. It is true that they were

a part of the Protestant Reformation and that they broke away from the old church-state order because they believed it was corrupt; but in nowise did they have in mind to let every man serve God according to the dictates of his own conscience. They brought a reformed set of doctrines with them, but the method of preserving these doctrines within

the minds of the people were the same as the system which they left in the Old World. Religion still dominated all phases of life, and the government still forced the people to follow the established church doctrine. The leaders of the government were the ministers of the Church, and any man or woman who was found to be not in the faith of

the established doctrine was immediately brought into line or severely punished or banned from the colony. Education, as in Europe, served the purpose of religion. Children were taught to read and write so they could read the Scriptures. The first college in the country, Harvard, was established to train men for the ministry.

It was not long, however, before many were motivated by a desire for true religious freedom. Such men as Roger Williams and William Penn helped to give every man the right to serve God in his own way. The end of government control of religion separated these two institutions and made them independent of one another. The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States which guarantees individual religious freedom was one of the final blows that severed church and state.

The control of education was then divided between the two separated institutions. The governments of the states established public education, yet the law permitted religious groups to establish and maintain schools as long as they met certain qualifications. The public school system controlled by the state governments had to uphold the law of the land that no religious belief or doctrine could be forced upon an individual. Since the public schools were open to Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and even Atheists, religion, a highly factionalized subject, could not be included as part of the curriculum, lest it violate the right of religious freedom. Thus was born secular education in the United States.

Not only was the system of secular education established through men's desire for freedom, but a whole secular body of thought and knowledge developed as a result of this desire for freedom and as a result, also, of other sweeping changes.

Men began to discover that certain natural laws were in operation which, try as it may, the Church with all of its traditional theories could not deny. With the rise of science to bend a hostile environment to man's welfare, the coming of the Industrial Revolution to harness the Earth's power, and a seemingly limitless frontier of land and natural resources before us ready

to be reaped for its crop of material wealth and creature comforts, secular knowledge and learning forged ahead to develop what was destined to become the world's most powerful nation.

All that we have mentioned not only helped to create secular education, but helped, as well, to draw secular and religious thought and education further apart. The conservative nature of religious thought also helped separate the two. We could define secular thought as facts and ideas that are not acceptable to the traditional religious way of thinking. Religious thought and doctrine of Medieval times were extremely narrow and conservative. We have already indicated how in the Dark Ages no man dared to advance a new idea. If a new idea, even though it were true, were brought forth and rejected, it was ruthlessly suppressed. If, however, a new idea happened somehow to prevail, in spite of the conservative atmosphere, it was merely absorbed into the accepted body of traditional doctrine, and it thus no longer posed a threat. Secular thought in the Middle Ages had little chance of survival because it was immediately stamped out or absorbed. Today, religion under our present political system does not have the power to stamp out new ideas and practices, so the best it can do is to refuse to accept them or to take a neutral stand. Consequently, in an age when searching for new ideas and ways of doing things has practically become a way of life, a wide gap has come to exist between the religious and the secular. With most people today the division that exists between the secular and religious is a division created in the mind through separate association with the two. When they are in school or on the job, they think and work within one frame of reference; when they are in church, they think and work within another. These think of religion as something that is related only to Church and seldom carry it into their secular life. We might call this the separation of Church and life. It is not that they reject the secular or the religious—they just seldom bring the two together. Oddly enough many of us may hold religious beliefs that are out of line with our actual secular practice in

life; we may accept both in their own spheres and never realize that these two sets of principles are at variance with one another.

The rejection by some religious groups and persons of secular education is a case in point. Though secular education is widely accepted today by most religious groups, there are still some other than the Mennonites who feel that one cannot be educated in secular schools and still serve God. These people condemn education but at the same time enjoy its products, and even bend most of their energies toward obtaining them. It can be said that education is the foundation of culture. By culture is meant the laws and ideas that govern our relationships as a society and the material products we produce that help us as a group to survive physically. Without education we would not be living in our ultra-comfortable homes, driving our expensive automobiles, eating the best prepared foods, enjoying the best health medical science can offer, and feeling the comfortable security of a good job and the protection of a fair system of law and government. If we reject education on religious or any other grounds, we must reject also the culture that depends upon education. The Mennonites are men and women of true convictions. They reject secular education, and they also reject the culture that it has built and maintains. How many people reject one and seek after the other? Such live by dual standards.

Within our minds the secular and the religious may be two worlds, yet we live in both of them. Many people never realize the difference between the two and show no concern over the matter. The conscientious, religiously-inclined person, however, often finds the two in conflict within himself because his religious teachings tell him that the secular is evil and should be avoided as much as possible. Yet he has a difficult time avoiding it because it is life itself. What he really is trying to avoid is sin and in doing so he often condemns, through association, the culture also. Example—many people become drunk on alcoholic beverages and do things that are harmful under its influence. Some people ruin their lives and the lives of others through excessive drinking. Therefore, to some it is a

sin to drink any alcoholic beverages at any time, even for medicinal purposes. To such people it is not the intemperate use of alcoholic drink that becomes a sin, but, rather, the alcoholic drink itself. Someone once said that intemperance is the greatest sin. Excessive indulgence in anything can become a sin, but that does not make the material object sinful. There is no sin in objects, only in our wrong use of them. We are robbing ourselves when we condemn our culture through associating it with sin. If we do this, we are much like the woman who refused to have any knives in her kitchen because knives can be used to injure or even kill people.

We must learn to bring the secular and religious together. This includes, of course, the acceptance of secular education which is nothing more than the basis of our secular culture, which we cannot escape. Of course there is much corruption to be found in all our cultural institutions, government, economy, education. We reject the corruption, but how can we reject the institutions themselves? It is only through the development of these institutions that he will rise yet to higher planes. God has endowed man with a portion of His own divine creativity with which to labor and produce. The time must come when there shall no longer be a separation of church and state, when there shall no longer be secular and religious, but there shall be one kingdom under the divine authorship of God. This condition, however, will not resemble the Medieval condition when the two were joined together, but men and women will be free to develop their talents and to utilize all knowledge to the building of a peaceful kingdom the like of which the world has never seen or imagined.

by Donald J. Curry

LETTER FROM AFRICA

Dear Sister:

It was one day that I was beaten by my class teacher in the school for not having a Holy Bible. Since I am an orphan, I cannot afford to buy one. As I lamented very much on how I would have money to purchase one, then one night in the dream I was given this your address by an old man. After a long conversation with this man in the

dream, he asked me to sing and that my request will be granted.

With him in the dream, we sang "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus." To my greatest expectation, I believe that when once the address is correct, and reaches your hand through brotherly and sisterly love that I hope to have my request fulfilled by sending me a Holy Bible.

Thank you for your patience in reading and listening to me. May God bless you and your family forever. Amen. Yours in Christ.

Uduak Nelson.

P.S.—This is rather a remarkable experience as related in this letter. Sister Bickerton says she has not written a letter to Africa for several years, and she knows nothing about the writer—however Mabel is sending the writer a Holy Bible. May it prove to be to the writer as to the Psalmist, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Editor.

OHIO DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

April 30, 1960 was the date of the date of the Ohio District organization meeting in Youngstown, Ohio. A fast and prayer meeting was held in the morning before the afternoon business was transacted. Brother Rocco Biscotti is presiding over the Ohio District with Brother A. A. Corrado as First Counselor and Brother Paul D'Amico as Second Counselor. The spirit of oneness and unity throughout this day was commented on by Brother W. H. Cadman and was very uplifting to the brothers who attended from Ohio; and Rochester in New York.

In the evening a special meeting was held, presided over by Brother Rocco Biscotti. A nice group of brothers and sisters was assembled and heard Brother W. H. Cadman speak on Ephesians, 4th Chapter, telling us our righteousness should be like a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Brother Cadman vigorously stressed the many distractions and evils all about us that call from all sides to lead us away from the Church. Therefore, it is of absolute necessity that we be fed when in Church, that we may go away with souls filled, eager to return. This is the only thing that will keep us firm and hold our interest in coming to Church often and regularly. He also said we should thank God for

the little things that we have; and for the little things God has done for His Church.

Brother Frank Calabrese of Lorain followed and all were filled with joy at the beautiful words and singing of, "We Are Walking in the Beautiful Light of God," which Brother Frank requested we sing. Brother A. A. Corrado, following, asked that we work for the night is coming, that we may be found on the right side. Present Sunday morning were many visiting Brothers and Sisters who enjoyed the words of Brother W. H. Cadman and Brother Paul D'Amico.

A very nice weekend and a good beginning for the Ohio District conferences.

THE HEART SPEAKS ON: OUR GUILTY THOUGHTS

Occasionally, we hear reference to "the sin that is committed in the mind": "if you sin in your mind, you are just as guilty as tho' you had actually committed the transgression"—and some use scripture to back up their statement. True, the sin of the mind, IS degrading and abasing, if it is committed. But, from time to time, a guilt-laden soul will carry around a burden of non-existent sin merely because they have momentarily, at various times, found their minds pre-occupied by guilty thoughts. Now, if we were to all be judged and condemned according to our unclean thoughts I do not believe there is a living soul, with their right faculties about them, who has not repeatedly been guilty of this "sin".

In voluntary transgression, (not of thought, but, of actual participation in sinful acts), were I to repeatedly commit crimes of violence, of avarice, of lust, etc, could I really expect to be forgiven on the "last day?" I hardly think so. Such crimes, such sins, are forgiven, thru repentance, but forgiveness is dependent on a promise never to sin again, which promise must be kept. But, if I continue to repeat them, over and over again, I do not feel that I could expect to obtain mercy.

Now, thoughts are traitorous phenomena; they constantly project themselves onto our minds, whether we want them or not, much as a television set is constantly projecting images onto the screen. When the

channel finally goes off the air, then, the screen remains blank. Similarly, when sleep comes to our exhausted bodies, all thoughts are wiped away, (at least, in-so-far as our consciousness may be aware of them.)

As a rule, the true Christian has good, wholesome thoughts, flitting thru his mind. But, there are times when even the true Christian is bothered with thoughts which are not so pure, (perhaps, at this moment he may not be entirely worthy of the name, True Christian.) These may be thoughts of anger, jealousy, frustration, bitterness — perhaps, even avarice or unwholesome desires.

When these thoughts are projected onto the screen of our mind, we, as a rule, immediately feel guilty of actual sin, for, according to some interpretations of scripture, "you are as guilty of sin if you commit it in your mind as you would be to actually do it."

And I agree, wholeheartedly—I would be as guilty of sin IF I COMMIT IT in my mind, as I would be if I had actually transgressed in body. But—did I commit it in my mind, or was the unclean thought thrust upon me unwittingly? Did I relish the thought, allow myself to wallow in it, or did I immediately rebuke it?

How many times have you said, "I shall close my mind to all thoughts for five minutes." Have you ever succeeded, or, was it possible for only an instant or two. Immediately, after this short span of time, did you not find your mind starting to clutter up with all manner of thoughts, particularly those closest to the heart? It is not possible under ordinary circumstances to close the door of the mind for any length of time, past a moment or two. Thought is as natural as breathing in and out, and much more difficult to control.

But, and this is our salvation from unclean thoughts, we can constantly clean the house of our minds, sweeping out the dirt and filth that would accumulate, replacing the dirt with sweet cleanliness by rebuking any evil thought, and, in it's place, substituting wholesome thoughts, prayer, uplifting words. Naturally speaking, a housewife has to continually keep a dust mop or cloth in her hands, if

she desires a spotless house, free of all dust. She can never stop the dust from coming in, no matter how tightly she fastens the doors and windows. Dust will filter in, but, she can continually fight it, eliminating it constantly, by wiping it off the furniture and floors and then shaking out the gathered dust from the cloth which she employs. She cannot, justly, be accused of being a poor or slovenly housekeeper just because the dirt is continually filtering in—she can only be accused, by others, or herself, if she allows it to settle in her home, instead of removing it.

Similarly, it is not the unclean thoughts which thrust themselves onto our minds, against our will, that will condemn us, rather, it is our dwelling upon them, our liking them, our allowing them to remain that is displeasing to God. When an evil or unclean thought presents itself, shall I think: "I have sinned, just as though I had already participated in fulfillment of the thought, as though I had put it into effect". No, I shall not, for I am not always responsible for my thoughts. But in this I AM responsible: how quickly I hasten to rebuke and put the bad thought from me; my haste in calling upon our heavenly Father to extend His aid so that I can fight temptation.

Even Christ, for a moment, weakened to say: "Let this cup pass from me." Math 26:39; but, immediately, He replaced it with another: "Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt". Had He continued to plead, (and this would have been utterly impossible, He being the Son of God), "Let this cup pass, let this cup pass", then He would have been guilty of transgression, for the thought and desire would have continued to be against God's plans.

Let us not be bowed with grief and guilt feelings for the ungodlike thoughts that are unwittingly thrust upon our minds, since continued guilt and grief estranges us from God, for, who can pray or be happy about God's work when he feels guilty? Do we not become dejected, calling ourselves hypocrites; do we not feel that with all our attendance in church we may be no longer a child of God? Do we not feel forsaken and abandoned by Him? And is this good? May it not

actually become a reality, for then we might mentally shrug, and say, "What's the use, I'll never make the grade". Is this not what the enemy of our souls desires? Let us, instead, immediately rebuke the evil thought, giving it no opportunity to sear or mar our souls, asking God for His protectiveness against the enemy who is the devisor and instigator of all, evil, anyway—right from the times of Adam and Eve. Let us be ashamed, but determined not to harbor unclean thoughts, for harboring a thought may eventually bring us to fulfillment of it, and then, we would have cause to lament.

Let us not ever, allow ourselves to wallow or dwell in an unclean thought for, this is degrading and will abase us, and being abased, we cannot be exalted, and, if we are not exalted, we cannot ever see God.

So, in conclusion, let us repeat: like the housewife, we have a perpetual clean-up job to perform, if we would be mentally and spiritually spotless—and our clean-up tools are prayer, will power and the desire to keep morally and spiritually clean. And, it is my belief that the Saints of God want to be just that.

Catherine Poma

FRANCIONE - COTELLESSE WEDDING

On April 30, 1960, sister Lydia Julie Cotellesse, and brother Paul Francione were united in marriage, in the Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #2. Our presiding Elder, brother Joseph Milantoni, Lydia's uncle, assisted by brother Gorie Ciaravino, officiated in the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, brother Domenico Cotellesse. Best man was Mr. Nicholas Francione, brother of the groom. Carol Ciaravino, of Detroit, Lydia's cousin, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were sisters Virginia Morle, of Dearborn, and Harriet D'Amico, of Detroit. Sister Dominic Thomas, of Dearborn, sang, "Love Divine" and "Because", and was accompanied by Robert Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y., at the piano. Another cousin of the bride, Karen Milantoni, of Detroit, was flower girl. Ushers were Richard Bologna, of Allen Park, and brother Alex Gentile, of Lincoln Park. Jared Thomas, of Dearborn, was ring bearer. Af-

ter the ceremony, a reception was held at the American Legion Hall, Lincoln Park, Mich., with brothers and sisters of the Church, as well as friends, of the bride and groom attending. After spending their honeymoon, in Mackinac Island, the newlyweds, will make their home at 9345 Vaughan, Detroit 28, Mich.

We extend best wishes, to our sister and her husband, and may the Lord bless them, abundantly, and give them many happy years together.

By Sister Anna Carlini

ALLIQUIPPA, PENNA.

A Farewell Meeting for Our Missionaries to Nigeria

On Saturday eve, May 21, 1960, our church building was filled to capacity with Saints and visitors from area branches, eager to bid Brothers John Ross, Sr. and Alvin Swanson farewell and Godspeed. Brother Joseph Bittinger introduced the service, commenting on the courage and determination of our brothers in offering their services to the work in Nigeria and thanking God for this answer to his many prayers and their willingness to make this necessary sacrifice. He referred to Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd, 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." He also urged us to remember them and their families in prayer. The first and last verses of Hymn No. 86, "Ye Who Called to Labor," were sung. Brother A. A. Corrado followed, stressing the glory of the work our brothers are taking in hand and calling upon us to commit them to God to preserve them, to grant them success and eventually, a safe return.

As an encouragement to them, he recounted an experience of Brothers Joseph and Armand Gennaro of Niles, Ohio during World War II on whom he had laid his hands and prayed, committing them to God. Later, although separated on the battlefields of France during combat, both were preserved and returned home safely. Brother Ross

expressed himself briefly, revealing that he and Brother Swanson were desirous to honor God and the church. Brother Swanson followed him, expressing thanks to all for their encouragement and prayers.

Sister Isabel Hendler of the McKees Rocks, Pa. branch related a recent dream indicating that Brother Ross would go to Africa. Brother William H. Cadman was the last speaker. He informed us that, as President of the Church, he had given each of our brothers identical letters addressed to any Nigerian authority it may concern, recommending them as men of God and representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ. He also referred to Colossians 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye have heard before in the word of truth of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, "as it is in all the world" and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth. Also Romans 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into "all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." Brother Cadman pointed up by these scriptures that in Paul's time the sound of the Gospel had finally gone throughout the world. He added that these scriptures had been drawn to his attention many years ago.

In closing, we sang the beautiful hymn by W. W. Phelps, No. 47, "When Shall We All Meet Again?" Brother A. A. Corrado led us in prayer.

P.S.—We also had an enjoyable time on Sunday. Brothers Frank Giovannone and Rocco Biscotti gave inspiring talks. At the close of our afternoon service, we formed a circle and held hands while Brother Biscotti offered a beautiful prayer for Brothers Ross and Swanson. He asked the Lord to send a heavenly personage to accompany them somewhat like it happened to the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace. We also rejoiced to learn that the Greensburg Saints had a good day that Sunday. Brother Swanson's son-in-law and a young lady were baptized. On Monday afternoon, a goodly representation of area Saints together with the immediate Ross and Swanson families bade our brothers farewell and Godspeed as

they boarded their plane at Greater Pittsburgh Airport. We look forward to a good report by our brothers, perhaps like the recent report by Bro. Mark Randy, lately returned from Italy.

Bro. Thomas Ross,

Assistant Branch Editor

P.S.—While I attended the Farewell Meeting as referred to in the afore mentioned letter written by Bro. Thomas Ross, I did not attend their meeting on Sunday—But Brother Bittinger and myself was at the Airport to see the brothers off for Africa. I was very glad to see so many there for the occasion. And when it came to say good-bye lots of tears were shed. It is quite a sacrifice for them to make—leaving their beloved wives and their families to go to far-off Africa. Their plane left at 3:45 p.m. due in N.Y. at 5 o'clock and they left N.Y. for London in a Jet Plane at 9:30 p.m. arriving early in London the next morning. Left London in the evening and were at Lagos Airport between 7 and 8 o'clock the next morning.

Leaving home on Monday afternoon, and were at their destination on Wednesday morning between 7 and 8 thousand miles away from their loved ones. It is not only a sacrifice on the part of the brothers that went but also on the part of the loved ones at home. May God comfort and care for the ones that have gone—and not to forget those who have remained behind to keep the home-fires burning.

Brother Cadman

FROM FLORIDA

Dear Brother Cadman:

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for two years toward the Gospel News. We sure like our little paper and don't want to be without it. It is one way we keep in close contact with one-another and it brings us great joy to read the wonderful experiences and articles written by our members. Trusting you are in the best of health. If it is the Lord's will we may visit with you this month.

Sincerely,

Brother Frank Sirangelo,
West Palm Beach

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul,"
Psalms 103:1

Dear Girls and Boys:

I want to tell you a story about a man who lived to be nine hundred and fifty years old! Isn't that a long, long time? His name was Noah. We read in the Bible he was just and perfect and for the sake of this one man, God saved the earth from destruction.

The people on the earth became so wicked that God was sorry He made man. The Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created, also beasts, creeping things and fowls of the air." Because Noah served God and was a good man the Lord was going to save him and his family. He told Noah a great flood was coming upon the earth and would destroy every living thing. God told him to build an ark of gopher wood. This great ark was to be covered with pitch inside and outside. It was to have three stories, a door and a window. He was to take two of every living thing upon the earth and enough food for his family and the animals into the ark.

Noah obeyed God and started to build the ark. No doubt his friends and neighbors laughed at him as day by day he followed God's plans. At last it was finished and the time came to enter the ark. Noah; his wife; his three sons, Ham, Shem, and Japheth and their wives entered the ark. There were just eight of them along with the other living things. Two by two they went into the ark which had been made very long, wide and high. God himself closed the great door upon them. Then it began to rain! All day and all night it rained. The windows of heaven were opened. It rained and rained for forty days and forty nights. All the high hills and mountains were covered with water. Every living thing died, men, cattle, creeping things and fowls. The only ones alive were those who were in the ark with Noah. The water was on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Then one day God sent a wind to pass over the earth. On the seven-

teenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountain of Ararat. Finally the tops of the mountains could be seen. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window and sent out a raven. He also sent out a dove but she could not find a place to rest so she returned. Noah put out his hand and took the dove back into the ark. He waited seven days and sent the dove out again. In the evening she returned with an olive leaf in her mouth. Noah knew the treetops were above the water now. He waited another seven days and sent the dove out again. This time she did not return so he knew the water had gone away and there was dry land.

Noah waited until God told him to leave the ark. How happy they were as they came out. Every beast, cattle, creeping thing and every fowl and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. They were so thankful they built an altar and gave thanks to God for His care. God was pleased and said, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Never again will I destroy the earth with a flood." God gave a great sign to Noah of this promise. He put a bow in the clouds. This was the first rainbow. It is beautiful to think that God put it in the sky to tell the world He would never destroy the earth with water. When we see it we must remember it was God's great promise to Noah hundreds of years ago. I know everytime they saw it they thanked God for saving them from destruction. It has been said that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is like this big ark. If we love God and do His will, we too shall be saved from many things.

If you want to read this story in your Bible look in the Old Testament, Genesis, chapters 6,7,8 and 9. Search the Scriptures

I know you have admired the beautiful colors in the rainbow. Find the colors in the following references, most of which are seen

in the rainbow.

Exodus 36:11 - Acts 16:14 -
Mark 6:39 - Isaiah 1:18 - Zechariah 6:6 - Genesis 30:32 - Leviticus 13:30.

Sincerely
Sister Mabel

NEWS FROM FREDONIA

Dear Brother Editor:

On April 24, we held our feet washing service with the Saints from Erie assembled with us. It was a beautiful Sabbath day for them to travel to be with us. Erie is a small group much like ours, and together, we make a nice crowd.

In place of our regular Sunday School class, a group of the Erie brothers and sisters gave an Easter program. "The Greatest Story ever Told," was its title, and it centered around a beautiful song written by sister Esther Dyer. It was concerning the restoration of the gospel and the Easter story. The children also gave their contribution to the program. Erie has a wonderful group of children who are very eager to learn the will of God and are very active in it also. They even took part in the testimony meeting. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Brother John Mancini introduced the morning service which was enjoyed by all.

Feet washing service was held in the afternoon. We enjoyed the testimonies of our brothers and sisters. We surely had a wonderful day in the service of the Lord.

Sister Martha Gehly

LIFE'S CLOCK

The clock of life is wound but once -
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop,

At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed -

To lose one's health is worse,

To lose one's soul is such a loss

As no man can restore.

The present is our own. live, love,
toil with a will,

Place no faith in tomorrow, for the
clock may then be still.

Author Unknown

We Gathered at The River

June 5th: After the close of our afternoon services, we gathered at the river shore and baptized a con-

vert who has been attending our meetings lately. A nice crowd gathered at the river for the occasion. Monongahela Branch.

GENERAL EXISTING CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

Installment #4

It is not always easy for the natives to live a Christian life after they have given their lives to Christ, however sincere they may be. There are many ancient customs being practiced, some are strange and tragic, many are down-right evil in nature. And some of these pagan rituals are still practiced by some who have embraced Christianity, (this should not be any great surprise, when we consider these have been practiced for thousands of years by entire tribes, until the coming of missionaries in recent years.) Some of these customs touches nearly every aspect of a family's daily life. I will give you an example. A brother in the church had a wife and five or six children, his brother died; leaving a wife and six children, suddenly our brother inherited another wife and six children, making him two wives and eleven or twelve children, it is a custom to take the wife and children of a brother that dies. This man had a very hard time to provide for his own family as he was very poor, but now it was doubly difficult. We gave him some extra food we had from time to time to help out.

This is a dilemma that can befall most of the people in one way or another. To put these children out with their mother no doubt would be cruel, apparently no other person will pay any attention to a widow or orphan children. Eventually this resulted in his suspension from the church.

I was told that in some areas people are so superstitious they won't plant a fruit tree of any kind believing if they do they will be certain to die before it bears any fruit. A foolish belief I know, but at the same time I remember many foolish customs and superstitions that prevailed and was practiced in the area where I was raised from a child, and are being practiced yet today. I believe we can all find some of these right in our neighborhood without trying very hard, still prevailing or being practiced here in

civilized America.

The wife that does not bear her husband a child within a certain period of time (preferably a male child) is not wanted. It is considered to be a shame or evil to not bear a child and is grounds for divorcing her. Women without a child become frantic fearing they will be put away by their husbands. This belief is kept alive by the many practicing witch doctors roving about in their devilish looking costumes, (Practicing voo dooism) these fellows charge high fees for their services, some of which are very cruel and painful operations.

Our Elders informed us about this evil custom still being practiced in some of the missions, asking us to speak out against it and we were approached by one woman wanting advice as to what she should do, because many people were advising her to submit to this evil pagan custom. Submission is to permit one of these voo doo doctors, to lacerate the upper part of the body then rub in a concoction of charcoal that will leave permanent scars for life. This is supposed to produce fertility. We spoke out against this practice, and told them this was an evil thing of the devil, and no good could be accomplished by it. I only mention these things to show how difficult it is for those who want to live as servants of God. They need a lot of help and encouragement, and stand in need of much prayer.

Many were very surprised to hear us speak about their evil customs and practices and wondered how we learned things they regarded as being their secrets. Most of the Christians want to break down these evil and cruel practices.

In a previous article I mentioned about being called to pray for an old man who was very sick lying out in the yard in the dirt. This man had been put outside to die. As we prayed for him I felt it would be a blessing if he could pass on immediately, and I believe Brother Nolfi felt as I did about him. The poor man may have had to lie out there for days, as it is considered an evil for any person to die in the house. Therefore, when a person gets sick and it is thought they may die, they are put out until they die or get better so they can be taken back in the house again.

Superstition and fear has cer-

tainly caused many to be devoid of any love or mercy whatever. The reader should always bear in mind that we are in a land where perhaps 70 per cent are pagans. And cannibalism still exists in certain areas. There is a group of cannibals not far from where we lived, that still sacrifice certain of their own people in their religious ceremonies. Our church people told us about them, thinking we did not believe them. One day as we were visiting a mission in the area, they asked us to drive into this village to see these people, so we drove our car right in the village and were soon surrounded by men, women and children looking us over. As our interpreter talked to them for us, the women were afraid we were policemen looking for someone. If we had any reason to disbelieve what we had been told about these people being cannibals, that doubt now was gone. These were the weirdest, evil looking people we saw anywhere, and as near naked. I could say much more about these people but I will refrain.

We noticed most of the meat we saw hanging in the shops had the skin on it, for quite a while I wondered about this, then I learned there were some people that would not buy any meat unless they could see the skin, so as to see it is not human flesh they are buying. Strange things are not so strange after all once we understand their purpose and meaning.

Certain areas were pointed out to us as being unsafe to travel through at night on foot unless there were several together, this is not fear of wild animals, but savage people. The police told us there are not many murders committed anymore and when a person is killed, like as not it will be in connection with a pagan religious rite. The police will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to find the killers, and if they are found guilty of murder, are usually hung. There is considerable respect for the Law, when it involves killing. We had a man to guard our house at night from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. He was very efficient and armed with a machet, and sometimes a gun that was very old, but probably would shoot. He always kept an oil light burning near by.

Joseph Bittinger

(To be continued)

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to convey thru the Gospel News our thanks and appreciation for the many beautiful cards and words of comfort we received from many of our Brothers and Sisters as well as the beautiful floral tributes that was received during our time of grief and bereavement at the loss of our loved one. It was comforting to know that so many took time to write and to pray, for we are sure we could not have borne our grief but for answer to prayers that was offered up in our behalf. What can we say? Words fail so we will say thank you all and God bless you everyone.

Sister Elizabeth Simpson and Wally and their family, Brother and sister Heaps

OLD MEXICO

Brother Cadman How are you?

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. Just a few lines to let you know how we are progressing in Mexico. We are living in a trailer near the border of Mexico on the U. S. side because of the lack of facilities in the areas where we are working. (We can come and go each day).

Yesterday, May 8, 1960, we had three baptisms. They surely did bring forth fruits meet for repentance. These people live in the mountains. They are several miles out of the city. One of these is a man over 90 years old. The first time he came to our meetings, the spirit of God raised him up and he cried out "that the hymns that were being sung reached down into his soul." He cried the whole meeting through and then last week he told me he wanted to be baptized.

I cannot help but rejoice over this. That after 90 years he met with the Church of Jesus Christ to save his soul. He has a good mind and is very active. The other two are a young couple very sincere and humble—the man 23 and his wife 18.

The mountaineous roads are very dangerous. Most of the people do not have employment, therefore we can work with them during the week.

They are being taught both Bible and Book of Mormon.

Sincerely,

Brother Edward Perdue

P.S. Brother Perdue—I rejoice with you, and may God bless you—and continue to bless you, also your

wife and Norma in your labours. You know the Lord has said that He will send fishers and hunters in to the mountains, valleys etc.

Brother Cadman

"THE RAINY SABBATH WE BASKED IN BLESSED SUNSHINE"

Sunday, May 8, 1960 will long be remembered and held dear to our hearts. It started at 8 A.M. with a fast and prayer meeting. Then Sunday School and a wonderful morning Service, opened by Brother Joseph Calabrese.

Brother Frank Rivera followed with the importance of honoring our parents and love for our neighbors. He related how the Blessings of God are upon our country because the Gospel was restored within it. He also related his first meeting with Juan Gonzalez who was to be baptized right after the meeting.

A large group comprised of many visitors along with the brothers and sisters went to the lake to witness the baptism. Even though the sky was overcast and it rained most of the day, it did not keep this large group away.

We resumed at 2 P.M. and were delighted to have Brother Rocco Biscotti and his companion with us, as well as Brother and Sister Thomas from Cleveland, Brother Isaac and Sister Bonnie Smith from Pa. Brother Biscotti opened the Service by telling how he first met Brother Rivera on his bed of affliction and how God healed him instantly.

As Brother Biscotti spoke on how much Puerto Rico, Italy and every country needs a Moses to lead the people with the power of God, he said he strongly felt that the Lord must have called John Gonzales to assist Brother Rivera to go among the Spanish speaking people. Just then Brother Rivera rose to his feet in the Gift of Tongues. Brother Biscotti warned these two brothers to be fixed in their purpose to serve the Lord for Satan will sift them. He asked all to watch and pray for the world cannot find peace without Jesus.

As Brother Biscotti was confirming our new Brother, he spoke in the gift of Tongues. After Sacrament we had feet washing. Then again as our new Brother was washing Brother Rivera's feet, the Gift of Tongues was spoken by Brother

Rivera.

Our new Brother testified of his past life and of the new life he will live for Christ. He told us that when he was in need everyone turned from him and forgot him. Trembling, with tears flowing freely, he said, "They forgot me—but I will not forget them. I will go to them and teach them the true way to follow Christ. I want to show my people the way and if they hit me on one cheek, I will turn the other. Yes, I will do that for Jesus. He died for me, and I ask you all pray for me.

Brother Rivera told us of the ways of the Puerto Rican people. He related that he was once a policeman for the government—strong, mean, tough and rough. When God called him he changed his club and gun for the Bible and Book of Mormon. He wants to spend his life doing the Lord's work according to the will of God and not the will of man.

Then our New Brother's two sons were Blessed into the Church and his wife anointed. Then our dear Beloved Sister Rosemary was anointed by Brother Biscotti. In her affliction, she murmurs not and gives weaker ones strength and courage to go on. She is a shining example of a true follower of Christ.

Brother and sister Thomas gave their Testimonies and we thank God for our strong older Brothers and Sisters like the Thomas's. Brother Thomas will be 84 this month and his companion is 73. May God Bless them and keep them faithful to the end.

Our meeting closed after 5 o'clock. We enjoyed God's Blessings so much that we cared not for time. We pray we may have many more Sabbaths like this one.

Brother Cadman, words cannot express our feelings here in Lorain. God has been so good to us and blessed us immensely.

Please remember us in your prayers for Satan is already busy at work among these Puerto Rican people in Lorain. There is much work to do for the Lord here amongst these people and Satan knows it and he is not idle.

Margaret King

THIRD NEPHI 21, VERSE 13

Comments Continued

Verse 13 "Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies be cut off."

This verse conveys the fact that the seed of Joseph (the American Indians) are going to be delivered from the oppression that they have so long been under. Their adversaries are the Gentiles, and it is particularly referring to the Gentiles on this land of America and of course it includes all their enemies whoever they may be.

In verse 14 "Yea, woe be unto the Gentiles except they repent; for it shall come to pass in that day, (the day of the restored gospel) saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots." To me, this has reference to the destruction which shall befall this nation of people because of their wickedness and in verse 15, it shows that their cities shall be cut off, their strongholds (military installations) shall be thrown down, or destroyed. We are, undoubtedly the strongest nation on earth today—but we must remember that the strong nations of the past have crumbled to the earth because of being at variance to God's will. Our groves shall be plucked up—our cities shall be destroyed. Our lying and deceivings, envyings, and strifes, priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away.

This 21st chapter of Third Nephi from which I am quoting are the words of Jesus Christ and they are certainly prophetic of the day in which we now live. May I ask: where do you read of more corruption than what is rampant in the United States of America today? Take this murder trial that is going on in California today—(the Finch case). And the Van Rie case in Boston and what might we say of the general conditions in our courts of today—men and women with hands raised under oath to tell the truth, seems to be more of a farce than anything else. And, surely the eyes of the courts are not blind to it. I have only touched upon the corruption that is in this land today very lightly indeed. The destruction of life, and property by thieves and robbers in high places as well as low is almost indescribable. The decree of God as related in verse 21

is, "And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, (upon who?) even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard. May I ask again upon who? my answer is, upon this Gentile Nation of people, known as Americans.

"But if they (Gentiles) will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, (the necessity of a warning voice being lifted to this Gentile nation by the Ministers of Jesus Christ—whoever and wherever you are.) and they (Gentiles) shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land (America) for their inheritance; Verse 22.

In verse 23 "And they (Gentiles who repent and obey) will assist my people, the remnant of Jacob (Indians) and as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem." It is universally understood by all believers in the Book of Mormon, that the American Indians will yet return to God through obeying the Restored Gospel, and help build a city which will be known as afore stated (A New Jerusalem) on this land of promise and this Church has applied this city as the one spoken of in Isaiah 32,19 "the city shall be low in a low place."—and they (the Gentiles) shall assist my people (remnant of Jacob, the Indian people) who are scattered—even as the Indians are today; in unto the City that has been built for them, or for a righteous people, and for the Gentiles who repent and obey the gospel shall be numbered with them. And the seed of Joseph (the Indian people) shall be gathered upon all the face of the land, in unto the city which they shall have built. Yea, the prophecies abound with information, that the whole House of Israel (the seed of Joseph) shall be gathered back to the lands which were given them by the God of Israel. This land of America to our understanding, was given to the Joseph and his posterity as recorded in Genesis 49-22,26 verses inclusive—Readers take time to read this scripture.

In reverting to III Nephi and verse 25, "And then shall the power of heaven come down among them

(in the New Jerusalem) and I also will be in the midst." Yea, the Saviour descends and makes Himself manifest in the city that has been built. We do not understand this to be His final coming when He will come to take vengeance on them that know not God and have not obeyed the gospel, but it is simply a manifestation—confirming His work among His people thus far, and assuring them that the Father is moving to fulfill the covenant He made with their forefathers, that He would gather them back into His fold in the last days. Likewise shall the Lord Jesus Christ appear upon the Mt. of Olives in time yet to come, as is recorded in Zechariah 14th chapter, and fight their battles for them (Jews) putting an end to the persecution of the Jewish people, by professed Christian people. The nations, Christian or otherwise, shall yet pay the penalty for their transgressions toward the Jews. Hence the manifestation on His part to His people while they are in this mortal state, assuring them that My Word Shall be Fulfilled—the oppressor shall be oppressed.

Brother Cadman
(to be continued)

TAKE NOTICE PLEASE

My helpers have requested that when you change the address of where your paper is to be sent,—please give your old address as well for it makes it more convenient for us to look up, especially where we have a large list of subscribers.

Also, use the same name to which the paper is being sent. For instance, the subscription may have been taken out in one name in a family, and when renewed it may be the same address but a different name—husband or the wife's and it makes confusion.

Also when sending in a new subscription, please specify that it is a new subscription. Recently I received a renewal from one of our subscribers—just a note and the money but nothing to show from what city, or even the state in which it came from. (only the name) I eventually found out who it belonged to.

Please be a little more accurate and greatly oblige us. Editor.

PRAYER

Prayer is the very heart of the religious life, a source of spiritual power, open to all people. Prayer is so important and vital, that we should be praying, and regularly. Prayer is not just words. Our prayer is our life, and one must strive to bring his life into harmony, with his prayers, if they are to mean anything to God. Prayers of the heart takes us into the presence of God, the giver of life, in whose presence there is abundant overflowing grace. It gives courage, faith and joy in living and working with a desire, to do our best, and deepen our belief in God. The presence of God is far greater, than any attempt of ours to express it, His love greater than any benefit we may ask from it. Our prayer life grows, by practice. Prayer does give better health, greater wisdom, and inspiration, which we would not have without prayer, so that others, would see new and great possibilities in life, through our prayers. Prayer is the offering up of our desire to God. There must be a feeling, earnestness, a deep sense of need. Therefore God has to bring us into places of great need, and make us hungry for Him. Prayer will open the door to the most difficult problems. The Israelites, were so oppressed by tailmasters, in Egypt that they cried unto God for deliverance. God heard their prayers, and sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt, towards the Promised Land.

The spirit of love, is one of the highest forms of Holy desire, and divine prayer. We should ask God to help and protect us before we start out on any enterprise. We must have faith, in prayer, because without faith, it is impossible to please God. Elijah prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it rained not. And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain. He prayed continually until the answer came.

In order to pray in faith, we should know that we are praying according to the will of God. Confidence in God is very necessary, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us, and we know, we have received, that we desired of Him. When we pray, with a singleness of heart, to God, and

a desire to glorify Him, in our prayers, we are blessed, because we are not asking, to satisfy our own selfish desires. The higher elements in our prayers should be the work, of the Holy Spirit. To pray in the spirit, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Our prayer life should not stop in pouring out our desires, until our prayers, loosen His hands, to work for us, but it should be so broad as to thank God, for blessings given, and extended to the ends of the earth, for the salvation of the world. Who so offereth praise, glorifieth God.

Be anxious for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. To have fellowship with the Father, and Jesus Christ, is one of the sweetest and highest forms of prayer. Letting God speak to us, through the Holy Spirit, brings nourishment, and strength. Let us covet that fellowship, by being much in secret prayer, knowing that prayer is the highest form of concentration, of which the human mind is capable.

Prayer is mans greatest hope of God, and of help from God, and in prayer lies the hope of the world, since prayer is the most powerful means of man to God, to ask for fitting things. A prayer for guidance promoting understanding and duty, to one another, in holding up the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and spreading peace, by praying for it; knowing that sincere prayer is the guiding light of God, leading to brotherhood. Prayer is a priceless magnet, or treasure capable of giving mankind years and years of finest pleasure. Hymn #497 2nd Vs. "Have we trials and temptations; Is there trouble anywhere; We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer."

Sister Muriel Miller

(I received this letter today June 6 from India)

**CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
DISTRIBUTION SERVICE**

L. M. Compound
Trivandrum - 1
Date April 1960

Eddie S. Alfred.

Subject — Literature urgently needed.

Dear Friends in Christ:

I have started a Christian Literature Distribution Service. The aim of the service is to collect Christian literature from different places and send to several unsaved and saved people throughout India. Now I am giving the magazines and other literature once in a month to about 60 people, and I think that this is the only effective method to win the unsaved Indians. Now I would like to increase the number in my mailing list. But before that I would like to tell you that the present literature that I have been receiving from England and America is not sufficient to meet my requirements. So, I shall be very much thankful if you will kindly send me a packet of literature of any kinds such as gospel tracts, books, Bible pictures, papers, magazines, etc. . . . Used literature is also welcome. If you can send me any kinds of literature each month, kindly fill the below form and send it to me as early as possible. We can also use picture rolls, Bibles, testaments and gospels.

I am the eldest son of a pastor, and I am very much interested in winning souls to Christ. I am doing the gospel work for the past 8 years. I cannot write every time when I receive literature from you. But at the end of every year, I will send you a letter and a report regarding the Christian Literature Distributing Service. Kindly help me in this effort by sending any literature each month if possible. Always pray for me. I do pray for you all. Kindly send me an encouraging reply. Please send the literature to: Thanking you, Yours for lost souls.

Eddie S. Alfred

L. M. Compound,

Mission House

Trivandrum - 1, Kerala, India.

P.S. Any one sending any literature in response to this request; do so by making mention of The Gospel News of Monongahela, Pa. U.S.A., and your own personal address if you wish to. Brother Cadman.

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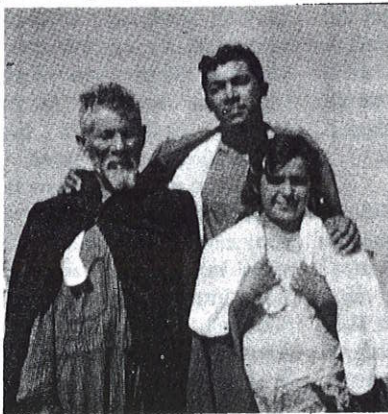
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OLD MEXICO

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going. Last Sunday three more young married adults made a covenant with the Lord. This makes six wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico.

We had a one room house built (very cheaply) for us to live in among these people. They are very sincere and happy about the gospel coming their way. We gave up the trailer to cut expenses and of course in this area where we are, there are no facilities of any kind. Some of these people walk for miles to come to church and during the week



Three of our converts in Mexico

they come to our home because they want to sing and learn. The talent among them is amazing. Some of them have beautiful voices and it thrills our souls to hear them sing praises unto God.

Our prayer is that God will gather in all the house of Israel, that they may once again become a fair and delightful people and that they may know He is their God and they are His people.

Pray for us brother Cadman—the task ahead of us is not easy. We trust you are well. Say Hello to all the brothers and sisters. May God bless you. Sincerely, Brother and Sister Perdue.

(Especially may I say: May God bless all souls who are sacrificing the luxuries of life for the welfare of other people's souls. May God abundantly bless brother and sister Perdue in their work.) Bro. Cadman.

GOOD NEWS

Hear now, my friends, we have good news;

Of a Gospel restored, to convince Gentile and Jew:

Of the gathering in of all Israel abroad,

And it is, in accord with Gods Holy word.

Pray can you tell me, how it came about?

Was it because salvation's message, was held in doubt?

We tell of the Angel that flew thru the sky,

Crying, Fear God and give Glory to Him on high.

For judgment is come, and the Gospels restored;

All power is given as it was before, The gifts and the callings restored as at first,

When Jesus established His Church here on earth.

Give ear and repent, and to His Truth draw near;

His Spirit will guide you, and cast out all fear

Of what may befall, those that dwell on the earth,

And spend all their time, in play in mirth.

Not heeding the message the Angel brought down,

Forsaking the Saviour, Ignoring the Crown;

Their doom has been sealed, our reward is assured,

Let us press on, and all things endure;

For the promise is to those, that prove True to the end,

O let us all pray, for both foe and friend,

That souls may be saved, and Angels rejoice

Because we do our part, and they make Him their choice.

Margaret Heaps

SOME NEWS ITEMS

Brother Cadman:

Enclosed find two dollars for the Gospel News. We have been enjoying the Gospel News for many years now and want to continue to read it.

We have been blessed many times in reading it and also have learned of the different happenings throughout the church and elsewhere. May

God continue to bless you in this work is our sincere prayer. Your Brother in Christ. Daniel Corrado, Niles, Ohio.

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Brother Cadman:

Enclosed find two dollars for renewal of the Gospel News for another year, which I have enjoyed reading in the past.

The Lord has been gracious to me, a Sister Pauline Belfast formerly of Maine, now lives in Hollywood close to me. With the help of God we trust our visits will be more frequent than they had been. We all are enjoying good health and good fellowship when we meet at W. P. Beach for Sunday Service. May God bless and keep you for many more years is my prayer. Your Sister in Christ, Katherine Henshaw, Hollywood, Fla.

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This Day I have received a letter from Sister Catherine Poma of San Diego, Calif. who is now visiting in Sicily and Italy with her husband. She has written me a newsy letter and evidently is having a wonderful time. She has visited our church at Cannitello. I imagine Sister Poma will give us a good write-up for the Gospel News of her trip after she returns home. In speaking of her spiritual observations and in speaking of the influence exercised by the priests, she says it is virtually impossible for anyone to procure work if they are known to frequent a non-Catholic church. The letter I received is dated June 8.

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Sister Mabel Bickerton, along with many willing helpers are conducting a Vocation Bible School this past week and this week in the Church here in Monongahela. I have visited the school every day thus far, and for no other purpose but to let our Sisters realize that I am interested in their good work. This morning (June 20) I went a little earlier than usual and they were all in the upstairs room in a short service of worship. I sat down in the rear seat of the room, where there were approximately 100 children of various ages with their teachers before starting their les-

sons on the lower floor. I have no doubt, but what the youths gathered for the occasion, will have much good seed sown in their little hearts which will bud forth in God's own due time. The apostle Paul exhorts us to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. The Book of Mormon makes it very plain that all good comes from God, and evil comes from the devil. May the Lord bless our sisters in their efforts to sow good seed in the hearts of our children. Brother Cadman.

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June 17th. I learned by letter this day that brother Swanson, whom was stricken ill while on Missionary duties in Nigeria, Africa and was taken to a hospital very sick, was up and going again—much better, but was still feeble after the ordeal. May God bless our brothers Ross and Swanson while they are out in the vineyard. I understand that they had at this time baptized four converts. Brothers We Will Remember You and Your Families Too. Bro. Cadman.

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While he was president of Harvard, Dr. James B. Conant kept a strange object on his desk: the model of a turtle. Under the turtle was a carved inscription: "Consider the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out." Frank S. Mead in Tarbell's Teachers Guide.

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I am still pressing forward to the mark of perfection and hope to always be found to do so.

I am still bearing my cross as God gives me strength. I still am able to go to the meetings of this church which I enjoy as a wonderful privilege. Sister Nastasia, Niles, Ohio.

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Wakpala, South Dakota: In a letter from Brothers Bittinger and Kirschner written on June 17 they say—we had a baptism here today, will not be surprised if there are more before we leave here on Monday. (for home WHC). Wish we could stay longer. We wish that some Elder could come out here soon as we leave. One is badly needed. The work is here. One is needed to hold the work together and push it forward. We need laborers in the vineyard. (According to the way these brothers write to me—there is much

encouragement in South Dakota.) Editor.

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Edison, New Jersey. A letter from sister Fisher this day, June 21.

Brother Sam Dell's brother was baptized this morning. We thank God for another soul. We had a wonderful meeting and we certainly enjoyed it. Brother Cadman I want to relate an experience of Sister Briggs of the Edison Branch. (I will touch on it briefly WHC). She was rushed to the hospital again. The doctors told her that they could do nothing for her, and that she would have to go home and learn to live with her affliction. So when the Drs. gave up, the Lord took over. About mid-night she was suffering very bad—she put herself in the hands of God. She then felt a hand rest upon her face and her body was filled with electric—she felt the power of God—got up out of her bed and started to walk—since then she is enjoying good health and has no pain. (Let us all praise God with sister Briggs) Editor.

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A letter from brother Sunny Akpaidiok dated in Nigeria June 15. A few excerpts: Speaking of bro. Swanson and Ross—he says they are now living here with me at Ikot Ekpene, E. Nigeria. I took them to meet the secretary of the Nazarenes. The brothers are very good people and my people seem to like them so much, even though they have not yet been with them for long. They really have a lot of souls to get together and by the Grace of God, they are going to do a lot of work as they will in due course report to you. Brother Sunny.

FAREWELL GATHERING

On Saturday, June 4, the Roscoe Branch met with the family and friends of Brother Louis Checchi, to bid him goodbye for awhile, and to ask God's blessing upon him. Louis was very faithful, and will be missed very much in the three months he will be gone.

He was presented a gift of fine books, which we hope will give him many pleasant hours. He was a teacher in the Charleroi Senior High School, also in our Branch. The following poem was composed for the occasion by Sister Mary Ward. Louis Checchi's Farewell Gathering

Once more we have gathered together, to bid a young Brother adieu; and with God's help will endeavor, to send him off with a blessing that's true.

Three years ago, in the month of May, there was a conference called the M.B.A. To this meeting you were invited, to meet the young who were united.

You accepted this invitation to satisfy a friend, never thinking that the outcome might be such a joyous end. For the love that you encountered, you could hardly comprehend, to find a people so beloved; entreat a stranger as a friend. Thus returning home, you had a change of heart, made a promise within yourself; a new journey you must start.

It wasn't long until you entered, into the straight and narrow road; here you found the Christ, your Saviour, ready and willing to share your load. To sustain this natural life, the things you must afford, you chose teaching as your profession. Ordained a teacher of Jesus Christ; to teach his holy word, you must live beyond question.

Now the National Law has called you; home and church you will sadly leave; but remember God, Your Father, and the faith you have believed. If temptations you encounter, cares of life upon you roll, Pray that the Holy Comforter may abide within your soul. His invisible Hand will guide you, Bring you safely home again, to the ones you left behind you, joining in a glad refrain.

Sister Ward is the daughter of Brother Isaac and Bertha Smith. Mary is very talented and a real worker in the Branch. This is one of many compositions she has written. Her Mother wrote Hymn No. 6 in the Church Hymnal.

Amy Martin

VINCENZO MARGIORE PASSES ON

Brother Vincenzo Margiore of Brooklyn, New York passed on to his reward suddenly on June 11, 1960. Bro. Margiore was born in Naples, Italy on January 30, 1886. He came to America in the year 1920, and made Brooklyn his residence. He was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ in 1930, by Bro. Rocco Ensana, and remained faithful until his death. He is sur-

vived by seven children, now married, namely, Arthur, Alfred, Amelia, Evelyn, Lydia, Mary and Julia. His companion had passed on a few years ago.

Funeral Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, Bath Avenue, Brooklyn Mission, on June 14, 1960.

Brother Joseph Benyola, of the Hopelawn, N. J. Branch, officiated, assisted by Bro. Rocco Ensana, Edison, N. J., and John Galante of Brooklyn. Scripture from First Cor. Chapter 15, were read during the services, by the elders.

Internment took place at Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Our sincere prayer is that God will bless and comfort the families of our departed brother.

Belle Rose
Branch Editor

MUNCEY, ONT. NEWS

Brother John Hendrickx, our deacon at the Muncey Mission, passed away in Chatham, Ont., on June 19. He was born in Belgium in 1891, baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ April 1, 1945.

Surviving him are his wife, six daughters, two sons and 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Bro. Allen Henderson was in charge of the services, assisted by Brothers S. Coumo and A. Gerace. The Muncey Mission is going to miss Brother John very much. He was always a willing worker, always ready to stand up and give his testimony for Jesus Christ. He worked hard to build his place in the Mansions of Glory—now he has gone home to rest in peace.

P.S. Receiving the news of brothers Hendrickx passing suddenly, over the phone from Detroit this A.M., I was made to feel sorry.

He always seemed so friendly and energetic in doing his part in the service of God—a very humble brother. Bro. Cadman

SISTER MAZZEO PASSES ON

Sister Mariangela Mazzeo of Detroit, Branch #4 passed away on May 30, 1960. Our Sister was born in Italy on March 4, 1888 and she came to America in 1912. She met the Gospel and was baptized many years ago.

Sister Mazzeo had been ill many years and had spent the past four

years in a convalescent home. She looked forward to visits from the Brothers and Sisters and was eager to have our Elder Brothers bring the word of God to her.

She is survived by a son and three grandchildren, step-children and step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Harris Funeral Home and Brother Dominic Moraco took charge, assisted by Brother A. R. Lovalvo.

Faith had helped Sister Mazzeo through many painful hours. Losing our older Brothers and Sisters is like losing precious jewels. We hope God will grant that a portion of their ways of righteousness will remain with us.

We pray the Lord will comfort the bereaved.

Sister Betty Cayone
Sister Rose C. Randazzo

NEWS FROM SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brother Cadman,

The saints of the San Fernando Valley feel thankful that the Lord continues to bless us in our meetings. In our meeting of May 22nd, we surely felt his spirit in our midst.

Brother George Heaps, presiding elder of Anaheim, and his family visited with us and he gave a very inspiring sermon.

In the afternoon a group of young people visited us from the Church of Nazarene and their quartet sang several hymns for us which were very gratifying. The rest of the meeting was spent in testimony, and there was a spirit of humility which could be felt by everyone.

Sister Margaret Musoti, of the Youngstown branch visited us for several months and we enjoyed her fellowship.

Remember us in your prayers that we may increase in love and grow stronger spiritually from day to day.

Sisters Ann Danmore
Alice Molisani

SCHMITT - ARCURI NUPTIALS

The wedding of Sister Jennie Arcuri, daughter of Sister Stella Arcuri and our late Bro. Demetro Arcuri, 55 Railroad Avenue, Metuchen, N. J., to Mr. Norbert Schmitt, son of Mrs. Ludgar Schmitt, Hoboken, N. J., took place Saturday at 3:30

p.m., May 7, 1960, in the Church of Jesus Christ, Hopelawn, N. J. Bro. James Benyola performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given away by her brother Anthony. She carried orchids and carnations. Sister Stella Arcuri was maid of honor while the bridesmaids were Sister Mary Cervone, and Miss Carol Ann Vadasz, niece of the bride. The groom was attended by Bro. George Benyola as best man. Ushers were Bro. Frank Cervone and Thomas Arcuri, nephew of the bride. Soloists were Sister Mary Feher and Bro. Joseph Arcuri. The bridegroom is a graduate of Augustine High School, Friedberg, Germany and also attended Stevens Institute of Technology. Mrs. Schmitt attended Metuchen High School and Middlesex County Vocational High School.

After a reception at the American Legion Hall in Metuchen, the couple left for a wedding trip to Florida and upon their return will reside in Nixon, N. J. May the Lord bless them and grant them many years of peace, joy, and happiness.

NEW JERSEY

On May 15, 1960, our first District Meeting was held in the Hopelawn Branch. Bro. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, was visiting us this day and introduced the service with Hymn, "Lead Me To Calvary." Prayer was offered by Bro. Corrado and followed with Hymn, "Won't You Come Back Home." He read from Mark 10: 17-22 verses, and spoke concerning the memory of our baptism. He also said that some come to Jesus to tempt him, or for curiosity. Others come with sincerity, forsaking treasures and follow Him with faith and obedience. A great blessing was received in his exhortation. The gift of tongues was had by one brother. Bro. Rocco Ensano then followed after the congregation sang Hymn, "Have You Counted The Cost." He spoke regarding Nicodamus and the Birth of the Spirit. Bro. Ensano encouraged all to come to Christ. Hymn #450 was then sung followed by Hymn #92 which preceded the blessing of a new babe, Judy Lynn Benyola, the daughter of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Margaret Benyola. Prayer was offered by Bro. Corrado. "Praise God" was sung and prayer was offered by Bro. Domi-

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

III NEPHI 21 VERSE 26 (Comments Continued)

"And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem."

The afore going scripture, makes it very plain that these miraculous things are to take place in the day or dispensation of the restoration of the gospel being preached to this people (seed of Joseph). And it is made very plain thus far in my comments, that the Gentiles must preach or carry the gospel to them—and the prophet Isaiah makes it very plain that the Gentiles must become nursing fathers and mothers to them. To my mind—and I will add, that men or women who profess a knowledge of the restored gospel to day and at the same time have no interest or sympathy with the House of Israel as a whole, including the poor persecuted Jews, surely are void of the Spirit that Jesus made manifest, when He told certain people on one occasion—"In as much as ye did it not unto these, ye did it not unto ME." Yea: Great is the plan of salvation.

When one thinks of the ten lost tribes of Israel, lost for ages to the known world, and they must be brought to light in the dispensation that has been ushered in by the angel of God, revealing unto the Gentile, Joseph Smith this marvelous work.

In verse 27 it declares that the work shall commence among all the dispersed of MY (God's) people, with the Father, to prepare the way whereby they may come unto Me, that they may call on the Father in my name.

Again: in the dispensation which was ushered in by the angel of God through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, I read in verse 28 is the time when the Father is preparing among all nations, whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance. And as in verse 29, It is in this same day His people (Israel) shall go out from all nations. They shall not go out in haste, nor by flight, (apparently they will not be driven out) for the day of driving God's covenant people are coming to an end. The Lord will not only lead them, but He will protect them from the rear. For He says I will be their rearward.

This 21st chapter of IIINephi is full of plain statements, relative to the work of God in recovering His long lost and fallen people The House of Israel. And, in restoring the gospel in and through the instrumentality of the Gentiles, it has become evident that He is no respecter of persons. The Gentiles though wonderfully favored—being partakers of Israel's blessings (while Israel has been left out in the cold) but have not learned a lesson from the past dealings of God towards peoples, irrespective of who they may have been. It seems to me (as it is to others) that Gentiles have been blessed too much for their own good, and instead of being in one mind in the things that pertain to their salvation and the salvation of others—their minds are set on the big things, i. e. what one might call big things—Zion to be established, the choice seer to come, other records to come forth and so on.

In short, the Gentiles of our day have been and still are too much concerned about the things that are not their concern. The preaching of the gospel and living faithful on the part of the Gentile Saints, will eventually bring about the time when they shall sit under their own vine and fig tree, and Zion shall flourish—Yea: the will of God shall be done on earth as it is in heaven—the accomplishments of faithful servants who have exercised their talents, instead of burying them. The end. Brother W. H. Cadman.

nick Rose. A very adequate lunch was served to a large crowd and the afternoon meeting convened at 2 p.m. Bro. Dominick Rose opened the meeting with Hymn, "I Have A Friend In Heaven". Another blessing then took place with Bro. Frank Mazzeo offering the prayer. Bro. Rose gave an inspiring talk. Bro. Corrado related some experiences which he had while visiting in Italy. Several other brothers all gave us much in the way of food for our souls. The day was enjoyed by all. There was a large crowd present of

brothers and sisters from all of our branches and missions in New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Ohio were also represented. We were very happy to see all who were present and know to that every soul was blessed.

Sister Mary Persico
Branch Editor

MOUNTAIN WITH RIDDLE

Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest summit, is a mountain with a riddle. Years ago, mountain climbers discovered the frozen carcass of a

leopard embedded in stone and ice near its peak. To this day, no one has been able to explain how or why it got there.

Even Hemingway, hardly a riddle fancier, has been intrigued by the subject. He wrote a short story about a dying author seated at the foot of Kilimanjaro, bitterly contemplating futile love affairs and wasted talent, and wondering if the congealed leopard had something to do with life's meaning.

Mount Kilimanjaro and all the animals, vegetables and minerals on

it offer no solution to metaphysical problems; perhaps because the mountain itself is a riddle of nature.

Bordering Tanganyika and Kenya, Kilimanjaro soars 19,500 feet above sea level to permanent snow-capped heights in the midst of darkest Africa's most lush, tropical jungle. As one humorous visitor put it:

"It's as if a massive mound of spinach sprouted a vanilla ice cream cone."

Despite the fact that its Kibo summit is higher than any peak in the Swiss Alps, Kilimanjaro has been called a no-trouble mountain by sophisticated mountain climbers. It has a fairly gentle slope, permitting scaling without ropes or axes. All a would-be Alpinist needs is good wind and the ability to adjust to rapid temperature changes.

At the top of the Kibo summit, early 20th century German climbers left a little black book in which present-day scalers can inscribe their names. The view from this peak justifies the rigors of the climb. It offers a breath-taking panorama of jungle and wild life that could delight even the most demanding of Hollywood's cinematic cameramen.

Mount Kilimanjaro is one of the highlights in a series of American Express escorted tours through Africa which run as long as 56 days and visits Belgium, the Belgian Congo, French Congo, Union of South Africa, Ruanda-Urundi, the Rhodesias, Kenya, Tanganyika and Egypt. Departures from New York by air continue through late November.

CHILE'S EARTHQUAKES

SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI)—On a Saturday morning in Chile, life has just begun to stir at 6 a.m. Few are up so early. Those who were on May 21 were fortunate.

For at 6:05 a.m. three Saturdays ago, a catastrophe of Biblical proportions struck this friendly Latin land. Thousands were killed and injured during its 10-day rage. Untold terrors were visited upon 1,500,000 persons who saw the face of the earth twisted beneath their feet.

Before the catastrophe ended, earthquakes, tidal waves, floods, volcanic eruptions, disease and starvation tortured the living. Whole cities collapsed and islands vanished

volcanoes were born and deadly seismic waves were sent hurling 10,000 miles across the Pacific.

One of Greatest Disasters

Mere death tolls and damage figures—grim as they were—utterly fail to impart the calamity of these plagues. This was one of the 20th Century's greatest natural catastrophes, one of the greatest disasters of recorded history in South America, rival in its deadly forces even to the great plagues of the Old Testament when the Lord said to Moses—"I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all the wonders . . ."

Chile was smitten with the triple terror of the three most powerful forces locked within the earth. If this was no godly manifestation, there was at least the message that nature's force is not yet servant to man.

This is the story of nature's assault on Chile.

Earthquakes Start

At 6:05 a.m. May 21 there began a series of earthquakes that changed the map of Chile, destroying an area about the size of New York state.

The earthquakes aroused sleeping volcanos and created deadly tidal waves that swept to Hawaii and Japan. It flooded vast areas of southern Chile.

Before the ten days of terror ended, mountain hamlets were buried, large towns were crumbled and fishing villages washed away.

The cost of damage was estimated at 600 million dollars. More than 5,000 persons were dead or presumed dead, 450,000 were homeless on the long, friendly land below the equator, and another 150,000 persons' homes were badly damaged.

The first tremor occurred 300 miles south of this capital city. It lasted only 35 seconds.

In Concepcion, Chile's third largest city and the country's biggest industrial center, workers fled into the streets and thereby saved their lives.

The first temblor collapsed 30 per cent of Concepcion's buildings killing 138 persons who were unable to get away from falling walls and roofs.

By nightfall the fearful populace prayed that the catastrophe had ended. But it was only the harbinger

of worse to come.

At 3:05 p.m. on the following day the angry earth heaved again and toppled homes, buildings and theaters in Concepcion, Valdivia, Puerto Montt and Temuco.

Nine minutes later one of the mightiest earthquakes in modern history shook the slender country from its cold Pacific shores on the west to the towering Andes mountains on its eastern border.

Rivers Flood Towns

Avalanches cascaded down Andean slopes to bury railroads and highways and damming rivers that flooded unprotected hamlets. Other villages were buried under rock-slides.

Islands were sucked into oblivion under the gulfs of Ancud and Corcovado. New islands were thrust above the waters.

The tremor, which registered the highest recorded mark on Richter-scale seismographs, reached into the very bowels of the earth.

Volcanoes that had been inactive for centuries began casting up their molten rock. A tidal wave flooded the coastline for 500 miles and swept fishing villages and whole populations into the seas. Freighters capsized and fishermen drowned in their boats.

Just before the strongest earthquake struck, Miguel Letelier, a university student, was walking with his parents through the plaza of Valdivia.

Thrown To Ground

"Everyone standing fell or was thrown to the ground," Letelier said. "No one could get up again for at least five minutes. Then the river began to rise, coming up and up until it flooded all lower parts of the city."

"That night and the next night were unending nightmares. The ground shook every one or two minutes. There was no electricity and the city was completely black. Everybody slept in streets and parks."

Letelier recalled that hotels and restaurants gave their food stocks away.

"After the first day the shortage was desperate," Letelier said. "I saw two men fighting with knives over a piece of bread."

At Puerto Montt, a picture-postcard city in Chile's famed lake country which many American

tourists have visited, thousands of horrified residents ran screaming into the streets when their homes trembled early Sunday afternoon.

Like End of World

"We were still in a stupor when the big one came," Gregorio Nieto said. "It seemed like the end of the world. People fell to the street and couldn't rise. When they rose they fell again. It was impossible to do anything but trust in God."

A tourist said picturesque Puerto Montt had been "torn into a thousand pieces."

Like the distant mumbling of thunder in a passing storm, hundreds of aftershocks rippled through the disaster zone. Most were minor tremors but 12 passed the intensity of six on the Richter scale, strong enough to be classified as major earthquakes.

To My Readers:

I was approached a few days ago, regarding an incident concerning the 27th verse of First Cor., 9th chapter which I thought was very rude. It reads as follows: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

In all my long life I never heard this scripture questioned, either in this church or by others not of this church. The word "lest" as used therein simply conveys the fact—that Paul entertained a fear that he might become a castaway himself after preaching to others. The word "lest" denotes a fear just as though it had been expressed: "for fear that I might become a castaway".

In Hebrews 2,1, I read as follows: "lest at any time we should let them slip." In these few words Paul uses the word "we" which is plural and he includes himself in the matter. Paul was warning his brethren to give heed to things that they had heard—it could be summed up as follows: "for fear we should let them slip." To me—(Editor) that is plain English.

It might be interesting to quote from other translations this verse of scripture. The Douay Version reads: "But I chastise my body and bring it into subjection: lest perhaps, when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway."

A translation from the Peshitta, by George M. Lamsa. "But I conquer and subdue my body so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, will I despise myself." I have a New Testament translated by Scholars of the Scotland Church as follows: "But I bruise my body, and lead it captive, lest perhaps having proclaimed to others, I myself should be one not approved." I have other translations of the Bible here, but surely that which I have quoted should be plain enough to anyone whom may have a reasonable mind concerning the utterance of Paul, for he certainly entertained a fear, lest after preaching the Gospel to others, he might fail himself—for he certainly knew that Jesus made it very plain, that the promise was to them that would endure to the end that would be saved. And to show the possibility of failing, He says to those who may of once knew the way, and then to depart from it—it would of been better if that person had never been born. Paul was no exception to the rule. (Editor)

THE HEART SPEAKS ON MY REDEEMER

"My Lord, my God, my Father, my Jesus, my Saviour, my Redeemer." How many times have I addressed Him in these loving terms; and how many more times have I thought of Him as such, fervently and faithfully believing that He was mine. And, so He is. Thru my obedience and because of His great love and mercy, I CAN say, "He is mine"—mine to love, to cherish, to implore, to serve, to defend. Just as my natural father is mine, so is my Spiritual Father, mine, for all Eternity—He made me His, and so He is mine.

But, even as my natural father is not mine alone, but belongs to others, i.e., my fleshly brothers and sisters, even so, I must not forget that God is also the Father of my spiritual family. They, too, have the right to say, "My Father, my God, etc. every bit as much right as I have. And, they too, have the right to love, serve and implore Him, and He will listen to them, too inasmuch as they ask righteously.

So, then, it is apparent that I must be very, very careful not to attempt to place Him in a position of "taking sides", (not that He

could ever be influenced to do so, for He is no respecter of persons, only a lover and respecter of righteousness.

If a grievance develops between my brother and myself, I must exercise great precaution when I pray—if I have the liberty to pray, for oftentimes, during periods of disputations, this is not granted us, this freedom to pray. I can no more turn to Him in a sulking, whining manner, seeking sympathy, and expect to receive it, than I could turn to my natural father, pitting him against my natural brethren, and expect to have him side with me wholeheartedly.

This is not meant to imply, of course, that it would be wrong or unreasonable for us to take our hurts to Him, for I believe that the place for it IS at His feet, I must only be wary and exert great care in the manner in which I present my problem to Him.

If I prostrate myself at His foot, asking for enough strength of character to forgive the real or imagined offense, then, that is good. But, if I go to Him complaining against my brethren, hoping to have Him take MY side of the argument, thinking, "Well, I am His child, He will avenge me", then, I am forgetting that my brother is ALSO His child—and a good father cannot take sides when one child pits him against the other. He can only examine the situation, and fairly, without favoritism, reprimand and correct, always in the interest of love. Even so, God can correct, chastise, and reprimand, but not because WE ask Him to do so. Our duty is to ask for a heart big enough to forget and forgive. He will set the erring one straight—even tho the erring one be I. It is also a fact, if we will admit it, that in many cases, in an argument or verbal scuffle, nearly all parties concerned are somewhat to blame—regardless of the instigator, or person who started the trouble to begin with, for in the heat of verbal exchange, it is a very simple matter to offend someone, sometimes very deeply, causing wounds that time, alone, can heal.

So then, being all brethren, and all children of the same Father, do we all rush to Him with our grievances against one another? Is it not better if we all go one to the other, asking forgiveness of each

other, not with lips, alone, but, realizing that we are all fleshly, beg forgiveness from the heart.

To say, "I am sorry, my brother, that I hurt you, I should not have said what I did," has greater meaning of humbleness, and is more apt to erase the hurt, than to say: "If I hurt your feelings, I'm sorry, so forgive me,"—implying that: I did not mean what YOU think I meant. You put the wrong interpretation on my words, therefore I am not at fault, YOU are, in causing the misunderstanding, however, in order to set things straight between us, I will apologize." This type of apology can only serve to add fuel to the fire. Of course, there are definitely cases where the situation is actually so, an innocent word or act can be misconstrued or misinterpreted by someone quick to take offense, but in many cases the offending words ARE spoken with full intent to injure, or afflict, because of the situation present. Then a full apology is in order: "Forgive me, I'm sorry, I should not have said what I did, etc", rather than, "If I offended you, I'm sorry," for very few people can remain unruffled in the face of a direct attack.

To mind comes the thought, that perhaps, after hasty, thoughtless words are spoken, and hearts are wounded, it may be common to go to God in prayer, (when our tempers are calmer), and ask His forgiveness, telling Him that since we have forgiven the hurt received, won't He forgive us for our part in the fracas. There is nothing wrong with this, excepting that one very important step has been omitted: have we gone to our brethren and told him that we are sorry we had an argument, that we, too, were at fault, and that we must love and forgive one another? For, by what stretch of the imagination can we assume that: "Now that I am at peace with myself, if my brother is still angry or upset over the incident, it is no concern of mine. I have forgiven him, I've gotten over it. "Where, oh where, do we get the assurance that, "God has forgiven me, see, I have no rancor left?", while my brother is still stewing in the heat of the words I flung at him? Am I not my brothers keeper? Is not MY GOD, also his God? How, then, can I lull myself spiritually to sleep, thinking, "Now, I am guilt-

less, for I have forgotten and forgiven?"

It may be that my brother was so deeply hurt by my words or act, that he cannot find peace—even tho' I tell him I'm sorry. I feel that OUR God will be pleased only after I have repeatedly shown my brother by words or act, (or both), that I AM sorry I spoke or acted hastily or thoughtlessly or perhaps, a bit cruelly.

If he is a sincere son of God, eventually, he, too, will forgive, for he, too, will be praying to OUR God for strength and bigness of heart to forgive, just as he wants to be forgiven, for THIS IS the Church of Jesus Christ.

Catherine Poma

TAKE NOTICE

Dear Readers:

Of late I have been approached on the matter of administering the Sacrament and the account given in Matthew 26:27 is referred to. The accounts given in various translations may interest you.

King James, Matt. 26-27 "And he took the cup, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it."

Douay Version, Matt. 26-27, "And taking the chalice, he gave thanks and gave unto them, saying: Drink ye all of this."

Doctors of the Church of Scotland, Version, Matt. 26-27 "Then he took the cup, and, having giving thanks, gave it to them, saying, Drink here of all of you; for this is my blood, &."

New World Translation—Copyright by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Matt. 26-27 "Also he took a cup and, having given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink out of it, all of YOU; for this means my blood of the covenant."

Translation by James Moffatt, Matt. 26-27 "He also took a cup, and after thanking God he gave it to them saying, Drink of it, all of you; this means my blood, &"

Revised Standard Version, Matt. 26-27, "And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, &."

Translation by George M. Lamsa, from the Peshitte, Matt. 26-27, "Then he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink of it, all of you. This is

my blood of the new testament, &".

The Book of Mormon, Moroni 4th and 5th chapters plainly states of the bread and wine, "that the blessing is asked upon it, to the souls of those who drink of it, that they do it, in remembrance of the blood of thy Son, which was shed for them; &."

As president of the Church, I instruct all Branches of the church, matterless of what District of the Church you are in, to carry out the general order of the Church in administering the Sacrament. The fact, that we have organized Districts in the church, does not in any other way, than that which has been, and still is our custom. Our custom is, to pass the Sacrament but once in the meeting.

President of the Church,
Brother Cadman

NEWS FROM KANSAS

Brother Editor:

Brother Cadman, here is some news from Kansas for the Gospel News. On the 21st of April Brother and Sister Furnier and Brother and Sister Bittinger arrived in Kansas for a few days visit. We had a blessed time together and our visitors laboured hard in our behalf. Brothers Furnier and Bittinger held meetings almost every night in one locale or another. Meetings were held in Lincoln, Enterprise, Wichita, St. John and Salina, which required much travel for our brothers. Several meetings were wonderful experience, accompanied by singing in the spirit and spiritual power in speaking. We felt so fortunate here in Kansas to have our brothers and sisters among us, even for a short time.

On May 28th, we had more occasion to rejoice as Brother and Sister Kirschner and Brother and Sister Bittinger stopped to spend Sunday with us in Lincoln, Kansas. They were on their way to visit the Lamanites in South Dakota via Denver. How glad we were to have them spend the Lord's day with us. Needless to say, what a fine time we had in the praise of God. They departed on Monday A.M. and we send our prayers that they may be instrumental in saving souls among Joseph's seed.

The next week our brother Elder Giles and sister Giles arrived from New Mexico. Bro. Giles had just

finished his two years of service in the army and is moving to Salina, Kansas. How fortunate we feel to have our brother and sister in Christ home again. May God bless them in their endeavors to spread the Gospel of Love to all that will hear them.

So our cup of joy is overflowing here in Kansas, as God has been so good to us. One can't convey in words that wonderful spirit that fills our hearts in meeting together in spirit and truth. We send our prayers, our mutual hopes and desires, to all the saints, particularly to those who labour in foreign fields. May they not grow discouraged.

Sincerely,

Bro. and Sister Wm. Cox

SISTER AITKIN PASSES ON

In loving memory of Sister Janet Aitkin, age 78, who passed on to her reward on May 1, 1960.

Sister Aitkin, the mother of Sister Ellen Martin of the Monongahela Branch and Sister Margaret Richie of the Eldora Mission, was baptized at the age of 75 and was a very loving and faithful sister up until her death.

Sister Aitkin was born in Scotland and came to this country on May 5, 1902.

She leaves 5 daughters and 3 sons to mourn her passing also 29 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

We, the brothers and sisters of the Monongahela Branch wish to express our deep felt sympathy to the family of Sister Aitkin. For we will miss her warm hand clasp and cheery greeting.

Funeral services were held at the Lawson Funeral Home in charge of Bro. W. H. Cadman and Bro. James Campbell.

Bro. John Majoros sang and Sister Mabel Bickerton accompanied him.

Our prayer is that the Lord may bless and comfort the family.

Bro. James Campbell

GENTILES AND AMERICA

We who have read the Book of Mormon, know and understand how this land of America was first inhabited. How God moved upon the brother of Jared and his brother and their families when the language was confounded at the building of the tower of Babel and brought them to this great land. They were

commanded to build barges to travel in and through the great faith of the brother of Jared, the Lord touched stones and caused them to make light for their vessels. The Lord told them that He would lead them to a land of promise but that they should serve Him or they would be destroyed. For sometime they did serve the Lord, then after many generations they forsook the Lord and were destroyed by their wars with one another.

Then we read where God moved upon the house of Lehi and brought him with his family and a few other faithful souls to this great land from the land of Jerusalem just before it was destroyed about 600 years before Christ. We read how the Lord blessed them with wonderful blessings—both temporal and spiritual, how Christ appeared to them upon this land and blessed them miraculously. He told them that they were the lost sheep of the house of Israel that he had told the Jews in Jerusalem that he must go to visit, he also told them that there were other lost sheep also, that he must visit. After Christ visited them on this land they had 200 years of peace and they had all things common. Then we learn sorrowfully that after all these blessings they forgot the Lord and were destroyed by their wars with one another. The only ones who were left were a few Lamanites, who today compose our great Indian race of people on this land of America.

In further study of the Book of Mormon we learn from the 13th chapter of I Nephi that Nephi was given a vision where he saw many waters that divided the Gentiles from this land and he saw the spirit of God that it wrought upon a man among the Gentiles and he went forth upon the many waters and found this land of America. In reading our histories we learn that in 1492 Columbus crossed many waters and was brought to this wonderful land. Later in Nephi's dream we learn that many other Gentiles followed him. They, the Gentiles, scattered the seed of Lehi (Indians) and they were smitten, the spirit of the Lord rested upon the Gentiles and they prospered and obtained the land for their inheritance.

Nephi prophesied that the fullness of the gospel was to come

forth to the Gentiles upon this land. We know that when Joseph Smith was just a lad and was perplexed about what church he should join, he read in the book of James that if any man lacked wisdom he should ask of God. He went and prayed that he might know what to do and then he was visited by an angel who told him the Lord was going to use him to bring forth a record that contained the fullness of the gospel. This record (The Book of Mormon) was the writings of those whom the Lord so miraculously brought to this land and how He dealt with them, also the promises He made to them and to those who would repent and accept His gospel. The Lord used Joseph Smith in bringing forth the gospel to the Gentiles and now the gospel is to go from them to the Jews (the seed of Lehi) on this land.

Many promises are made to the seed of Lehi. They are to build a city upon this land and faithful Gentiles will be permitted to assist them. Today we see the majority of this great people (Indians) in poverty and want in many places while the wealth of this land is being sent to foreign lands to help them but God will not let this condition forever exist and in the near future will come to the aid of his ancient covenant people. We feel that the work of the father has already commenced among the lost tribes of the house of Israel.

Sister Eva Delp

OVER HALF AGADIR'S JEWS LOST IN MOROCCAN QUAKE

Some 1,500 of the 2,300 Jews who lived in Agadir were killed in the earthquake and tidal wave that smashed great sections of this Moroccan town. It is reported that only 800 of 2,300 Jewish residents in this coastal town survived the disaster, and that 80 per cent of the houses in the Jewish section collapsed.

The Lubavitcher Jewish school in Agadir, which had an enrollment of 100 boys, is reported to be completely destroyed. 70 of the pupils had been killed and 10 others critically injured.

"Jewish Hope"

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Oh God, thou knowest my foolishness." Psalm 69:5

Dear Girls and Boys:

Thanks for the many letters I have received. I am glad you enjoy the stories and are learning to use your Bible in finding the answers to the questions.

The story this month is another very old story. It is found in the book of Jonah in the Old Testament.

Once there was a man who thought he could run away from God. This man was Jonah, a prophet. Now we know we can't hide from the Lord. He sees and knows everything we do. We even sing about it in our Church Hymnal, "My God Thou Seest Me".

The word of the Lord came to Jonah one day saying, "Arise, go to Ninevah, that great city, cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me." Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah and tell the people of their wicked ways and be saved from destruction. In this city there were more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who could not discern between their right nor left hand.

Jonah quickly went to the city of Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish instead of Ninevah. He paid his fare and went down into the ship. Soon he was fast asleep. The ship went out to sea. The Lord sent a great wind into the sea and there was a mighty storm. It was so strong it seemed as though the ship would break. The mariners, or sailors, were afraid. They began to pray to their gods. They even threw the ship's cargo out into the sea to make the ship lighter. But the terrible storm continued. Jonah was still asleep. The master of the ship came to him and said, "What do you mean, O Sleeper? Get up and pray unto your God. Maybe he will help us." But the sailors said, "Let us cast lots so we will see which one of us is the cause of the storm." They cast lots and the lot fell upon Jonah.

They began to ask Jonah many questions. "What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country and who are

your people?" Jonah said, "I am a Hebrew. I tried to run away from the Lord. I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which made the sea and the dry land." The sailors asked him, "What shall we do with you so that the sea will be calm again?" Jonah answered, "Take me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm. For I know that because of me this storm has come upon us." The sailors tried to row the ship to shore but the wind was too strong. They took Jonah and cast him into the sea and it became calm.

Eut Jonah did not drown. The Lord had not forgotten him. He still loved and wanted him to do His work. The Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. He was inside of the fish for three days and three nights. While he was there he prayed and prayed. He thought of many things. He made God a promise that he would obey Him. When the three days were passed the Lord spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah again the second time. "Arise, go to Ninevah, that great city, and preach unto it, the preaching I bid thee." Jonah arose and this time went to Ninevah. It took him three days. He began to preach unto the people. He told them that in forty days their city would be destroyed because of their wickedness. When the king heard of Jonah's warning he listened. He came down from his throne and took off his robe. He told the people to cry mightily unto God. He had the warning sent throughout Ninevah. The king's nobles published Jonah's words everywhere. The people turned from their evil ways and this saved their city from destruction.

Jonah said to God in his prayer, "I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness and repentest thee of the evil."

Search the Scriptures

Find 1. A mighty hunter. Genesis

10:9

2. Played a harp. I Samuel

16:23

3. Who walked with God. Genesis 5:22

4. Two fishermen. Matthew 4:18

5. A very fat man. Judges 3:17

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

HYMNS WE LOVE

Our "understanding" of the hymns we love, of the visions and stories behind them, gives us a new appreciation of their beauty and power. Who wrote the poem? Who composed the music that carries the words on the wings of song? What is the message?

Such is the triumphant spirit inspired by a great hymn. "I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also," wrote Paul to the Corinthians."

Nearer, My God To Thee

Poem by Flower Admas

Tune by Lowell Mason

Nearer, my God to Thee,

Nearer to Thee,

E'en though it be a cross

That raiseth me;

Still all my song shall be,

Nearer, my God to Thee,

Nearer, my God to Thee,

Nearer to Thee.

* * * *

Then with my waking tho'ts

Bright with Thy praise,

Out of my stony griefs

Bethel I'll raise;

So by my woes to be

Nearer, my God, to Thee.

Many people consider this hymn, so full of trust and aspiration, to be the best ever written by a woman. The gifted and romantic author was the daughter of a talented and fearless English journalist, Benjamin Flower. While still a young man, he wrote several articles expressing political views too radical for his times, and as a result, was sentenced to serve six months in a London prison.

Sarah Flower was their daughter, and she, like her father gave early promise of a brilliant and varied career. The dream of her youth had been to go on the stage, for she believed the drama, as well as the pulpit, could teach religious truths. Her very uncertain health, however, soon forced to abandon all thought of the stage as a career. Greatly

disappointed, at first, she turned her talents to writing, little realizing that in this field was to lie her greatest achievement.

Heh hymn, "Nearer, My God to Thee," is based on the story of Jacob, as told in Genesis 28: 11-17. Jacob, fleeing from Esau's wrath, went to sleep on a lonely hillside, with a stone for a pillow, and dreamed that he saw a ladder reaching up to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it. In the morning he arose refreshed and named the place of his vision, "Bethel, the House of God."

As we read the hymn, we can see references to this story:

Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone.
There let the way appear
Steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee.

Few hymns have such a rich heritage of associations surrounding its use. It was the favorite hymn of the martyred President William McKinley, and brought comfort and peace to him in his last hours. His physician, Dr. M. D. Mann, reported that the dying president softly sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee, E'en though it be a cross, "saying—"This has been my constant prayer."

On the day of President McKinley's funeral, September 19, 1901, this hymn was sung in his memory in countless churches, large and small, all over the land. In England, too, by the order of King Edward VII, the hymn was sung at the McKinley memorial services held in Westminster Abbey.

In the last moments of the Titanic tragedy, on Sunday, April 14, 1912, the ship's band played this hymn, while the vessel was slowly sinking after having struck an iceberg on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic. The prayer and perfect trust in these verses have helped men meet the greatest crises of human life.

The hymn is a supreme and triumphant expression of the message that even in darkness and trouble may we be lifted nearer to God; the golden "steps unto heaven" may be revealed to us. Yet the hymn has been so often used in times of sad-

ness that we overlook sometimes the real note of joy, of exaltation, which soars upward to a climax in the last stanza;

Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

In times of joy as well as in sorrow our song should still be "Nearer, my God to Thee."

Sister Mamie Funkhouser,
Edison Branch

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear bro. Editor:

We were delighted to see you, in our recent G.M.E.A. Conference, and thankful, the good Lord has blessed us, so that everything, keeps moving along, I hope in the right way, that what Grace has started, may end in joy, Peace, and happiness, to the Glory and admonition, of our dear Heavenly Father. On Sunday the 8th of May, (Mother's Day) we were at Branch #3, and enjoyed quite a delightful time. Morning service was full of blessings, reading poems, dedicated to Mothers, singing appropriate hymns, and bro. Silverio Criscuolo, Ausilio Vito, giving good talks, dedicated to the blessedness of the occasion. On Sunday, May the 15th the service was opened at Branch #2, on parts of 3rd Nephi 25th and 26th Chapters. A good feeling, was felt in this service. Bro. Joe Milantoni rose on his feet, being greatly inspired, and spoke to us, words of everlasting life. Bro. Reno Bologna, also gave us a nice talk, speaking on the healing of the ten lepers, he admonished us, that when we have received the blessings of God, we should all show our appreciation, and do our utmost, to bring about in our lives, the designs, of our Heavenly Father, that the people, coming in touch with us, might be inspired, to serve God better, and in time, we may have Heaven, here upon the face of the earth. The tongues was spoken, and the interpretation given, "Whosoever believeth and surrenders, to God, shall not be left behind." On this same date, there were three sisters, and a bro. baptized at Branch #1. Baptizing was done by bro. Tony

Scolaro, and John Buffa. On Sunday, May 22nd we were in Windsor, and had quite an enjoyable time. Principal speaker was bro. Jack Ford, from Kinsmen, Ohio, he read a portion of scripture, found in 1st. John 3rd Chapter, three first verses, and gave us a nice talk, "On how to be the true followers, of Jesus Christ." We spent a lovely time in Windsor. On Sunday, May 29th we met at the Lincoln Park High School, for our service. Many selections were sung, from our Church Hymnals. The quartet from Branch #1 sang a selection, "Do you know" A solo, by sister Deloris Thomas, "Til Earth is good again". The joint Choir, of Branches #2 and 4, sang the selection, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Alma Cadman read a portion of scripture, found in the 11th Chapter, of Isaiah reading through the Chapter. He said he was very much pleased, that his life was spared, that he could be with us, and that he could feel the blessings of God, dwelling in our midst. Bro. Alma gave a full account, from the Creation down, and proved pointedly, what the Restoration of the Gospel is meant to accomplish. Bro. John Mansini of Erie, Pa. also spoke, giving a wonderful development, of bro. Alma's talk, which was very enlightening and inspiring. A very solemn prayer was offered for bro. Mario Francione, who is quite ill, also for others, who were ill in our midst. On Wednesday night, June 1st bro. Alma Cadman, and Julius Sipos, of Metuchen, New Jersey, were in our midst, at branch #1, and gave us wonderful talks. On Sunday, June 5th bro. and sister D. Cotellesse, my wife and I, went to Port Huron, and Sarnia. We saw few in Port Huron, humbly going forth, doing our Heavenly, Father's will, and the same in Sarnia. Sister Jackson, is recuperating, from her broken hip, and may be back with us in our services. Kindly remember bro. Mario Francione, and sister Eva Lambert, of Windsor, in your daily devotions. They need our prayers very badly, also all the others who are ill in the Church of Jesus Christ. May God abundantly bless all my dear bro. and sisters, is the prayer, of your bro. in Christ. Matthew T. Miller.

DEPENDABILITY

Dependability, is possible only in

so far, as the whole personality, achieves a staunch unity, that can be counted on to bring all the elements together, at the right time, and in the right place. Characters with a unifying pattern of thought and feeling, having organized their lives, around some supreme values, and achieved a powerful concentration of purpose, that gives coherence to everything, he or she does. We either go forward, or backward, there is no middle way. To succeed at any task, we must always strive for better, nothing is good enough, remember, if you haven't done your best. Men who never do anything, are never known. Strive to devote your time, to prayer and good works, in love and service to God. Good will, and good intentions, plus wisdom, is the equation, for truly effective, and acceptable service. It is doing things in life, that counts, it's the work we intended to do, or the labor, we have just begun, that puts us right on the ledger sheet it's the work we have really done. Loyalty, displays a big part in the life, and work, of everyone, no matter what the job may be. We must be loyal to Jesus, self, family, and employer, in order to manifest in deeds, our responsibilities, fairly. Sow good works every day, to reap happiness. Happiness comes, when trustworthiness, has been faithfully, and unstintingly, discharged. Honesty like courage, and good will, is always needed, in the journey of growth, because all three, are parts of the same effort. Never was a good work done, without effort. A duty that is slighted, is a blight upon your name. No one has become great, without some degree, of divine inspiration. Success is not so much a matter of talent, or opportunity, as of concentration, and persistence. The great thing in this world, is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are going. Jesus has set the pattern before us, pointing out to each one, the most practical, and direct way for guidance, along the road of life. In Him is the truth for your life. "John 14-6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way the truth and the life." Jesus is concerned with our heart, our motives, and our dedication. Our talents, our time and our opportunities, are passing, if we use them for Christ, they multiply, but if we withhold our efforts, and en-

ergies, they waste away, and what we might have done, we never do. Jesus has little patience, with idle individuals. It's your honor, and your courage, that your finished work, is evidence of your progress, in being reflectors, of His love. "John 14-15, If you love me keep my commandments." "2nd Timothy, 2-15, Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The Lord Jesus declared, we should be His witnesses, His ambassadors of good will, yielding, completely to His commandments. To think deeply, be honest, look the facts in the face, with His grace and help, to spend every moment as bearers of His light. By your labor, you shall be known as you are. Give of your best to the Master, and the best will come back to you.

Sister Muriel Miller

TO BE LOVED, WANTED AND APPRECIATED

I have heard the question asked at various times with regard to the missionary work being conducted among the different nations of peoples.

How can anyone go and stay among those people and preach to them? It would appear there are some who are inclined to feel and to think that people so poverty stricken, with many sick and afflicted; being oppressed and held in ignorance by fear and superstition: Whose way of life is so different from ours just do not merit hearing the Gospel of Christ, or Salvation. But these are the kind of people that Jesus sought-out and mingled with, these were the ones that needed Him the most. Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinner to repentance." Jesus did not judge people by looking at the out-ward appearance; but He looked into the intent of the heart: Thus, He saw He could do nothing for those selfrighteous; dignified educated Jewish Scribes, Rabbis, and Pharisees etc. In St. Matt. 23. He denounced them as being hypocrites, and likened them to whited sepulchres, which appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and all uncleannes, etc. But the great multitudes of unlearned, poor, sick and afflicted: His heart was filled with love and com-

passion for them. They would listen to Him speaking and bring their sick to be healed. No doubt many of these people had been looked-upon by the Elders and Priests who were sitting in Mose seat; at that time as being out-casts and vagabonds unworthy of any consideration or of Salvation. Jesus knew these masses of people needed to be shown some attention, love and affection; thus He taught them, healed and fed them when they were hungry. He demonstrated a love care and affection such as no one had ever before shown to the poor and downtrodden of humanity. Thus many followed Him and some served Him even until their death. Jesus said to the disciples of John, "Go and shew again those things which ye do hear and see, the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them".

I can think of no other thing in life that is so much desired as to be loved, wanted and appreciated. So much is dependent upon the expression of these vital attributes; in our temporal lives they are very necessary and desirable. And they have a great bearing on our success or failure. The lack of love, appreciation and understanding, is causing much failure, sorrow, disappointment, and trouble to mankind everywhere. Love knows no bounds; and love is tolerant: The LOVE OF GOD: Charity, is the greatest of all gifts. Many persons in all ages of time have written volumes endeavoring to define it and to discover it's expanse, to finally become lost in it's infinity: For it's heights, depth, length and breadth cannot be fathomed by the human mind. This is the love that Jesus has for man; the kind of love He exhibited and imparted to the meek and humble of men. A love and compassion for them that was so great it was difficult for the people to understand or believe what they were seeing, hearing and experiencing. Jesus did so many things no other person ever did before for them; and spoke as no other man had ever spoken to the people before. Some said, "who is this that forgiveth sins also". Many things that Jesus done and said, astonished and amazed the multitudes, especially those supposed

leaders of Israel. When He permitted a woman of ill repute, a great sinner, to anoint His feet with precious ointment, to wash them with her tears, and wipe them with the hairs of her head. Customarily this woman's actions would not have been permitted. In defending her strange actions, Jesus said, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little". She loved and appreciated Jesus very much. Love begets love: Those that obeyed and followed Him in humility were endowed with this same gift of love, and appreciation of Jesus our Saviour; a Divine mutual love: A servant of God who has received this gift of love cannot help but love his fellow-men and want to help him to be saved in the Kingdom of God; to help those that are in need, or sick etc.

The masses of people in many parts of the world are not unlike those in the days of Christ; in many aspect and principals the multitudes of common people are synonymous. The multitudes of poor, sick, afflicted, and oppressed are starved for love, care and affection. This is the condition we found in Nigeria, a people begging for to be taught, and for missionaries that will show them love, sympathy and affection. To whom they can in turn trust and depend upon as saviours. Their very conduct and actions towards us were expressions of love and appreciation, they accepted us as men of God: People came to our house to greet us and say, "we came to welcome you", some came for miles to spend probably an hour or two with us. Others came to be prayed for because they were sick, some of these returned later to tell us they were healed through our prayers. Five Policemen came and asked us to bless them; we took them in to our living room and Brother Cadman and myself prayed for God to bless these humble men, they mounted their bicycles and went on about their duty. (They were native police). Sometimes we were met on the roads by many wanting us to pray for them because they were sick, some for other reasons. At times they were so numerous it was necessary to put them in groups

so we could pray for them all. These people were very humble and sincere; and would kneel down in the dirt road while waiting for our prayers to be offered in their behalf.

Though very poor they gave to us very generously of their products, eggs, yams, chickens, banana, oranges etc. We gave of our surplus to others that were in need. We could not help but feel that we were sincerely appreciated and respected. These humble and sincere expressions of gratitude, fill our hearts with a great compassion and love for these people. What a wonderful joy and satisfaction to speak to a congregation, many of which has walked miles bare-footed in sand roads so hot that sometimes they are actually burned. They consider it a great honor for missionaries to come and mingle with them and teach them. Many are very eager and desirous to learn; and to be taught. I shall never forget when we visited old Brother Bassey, in his mud hut and heard him say over and over again how honored he was that we visited him in his hut.

Joseph Bittinger

GOD'S WORD FOR BIBLELESS TRIBES

by George M. Cowan

Deep in the Amazon jungle an Ocaina Indian returned recently to his tribe. While away he had heard the Gospel explained in simple Spanish and had put his trust in Christ. Neither his education nor his elementary Spanish, however, had enabled him to read and understand the Spanish Bible. Forced to rely on his memory, he began to tell his fellow tribesmen of God's Son, who had come to earth and died for them. "But why did Christ have to die?" they asked. "Well," he reported later, "I couldn't quite remember what had been told me, but I told them that people have to die or the world would get too populated, so Christ showed us how to die."

This man did not mean to pervert the truth. He was desperately in earnest as he tried to answer the honest questions of his listeners. But he had no place to find the answers. He needed the Word of God in his own Ocaina language, written

right then, not years later.

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A PRAYER OF PLEADING

O God, on whom we all depend,
Whose mighty fortress we must share

Please keep us daily in thy path
And guide us always with thy care.

It is not for thy bread alone

That we should bow to thee

But to give praise and glory

That thou might honored be.

We seek thee out in time of need

In time of deep distress

And O dear God, we plead to thee

For greater tenderness.

But if instead we offered thee

A little sacrifice

It would not be our lot to seek

Thy mercy would suffice.

Dear God, it is our deep desire

That we might perfect be

And therefore Lord, it is ourself

That we must offer thee.

In doing so we know that thou

Will ever grateful be,

Our sorrow share—Our burden bear

Our strength near to deple'te

Dear God what more is there in life,

What greater need there be

Than that, dear Lord, to share our

love

And in return be loved by thee?

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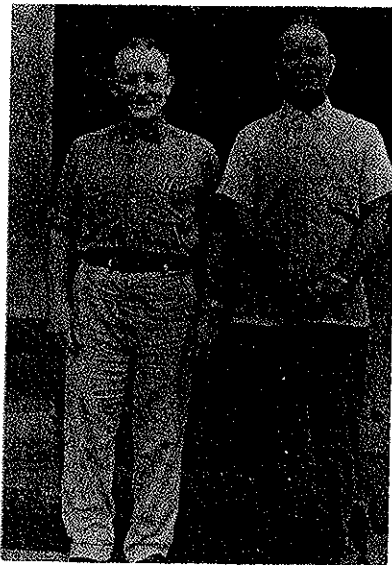
Brother Editor;

We are all enjoying good health and God's blessings daily. Letting you know also, that we are holding meetings on Sunday Morning and Friday Evenings in our new church. Since we started to hold services in the new building, the Lord has been blessing us immensely. We have had four baptisms, one renewal, one wedding and one child blessed in these two months. We hope the good Lord will continue to bless us and bring many souls to salvation.

The address of our new Church is as follows: The Church of Jesus Christ, 1529 N. Winton Rd., Rochester, N. Y.

P.S. Our new Church in Rochester will be dedicated on July 31st.

Bro. Ansel D'Amico,
Presiding Elder



A very pleasant looking picture of Brothers Swanson and Ross taken in Nigeria. I do not know who sent the photo, but it is written on the back — "The Handsomest Men in Ikot Ekpene." — fine I am sure, it is a good picture of John and Alvin.

Bro. Cadman

GHOST UNIT SAVES DAY FOR ALLIES

When a few British machine gunners were thrown into a vulnerable gap in Allied lines near Bethune,

Belgium, early in 1918, they didn't expect ghosts to come to their aid.

The Germans began shelling the British as soon as they took up their position. But not for long. Without apparent reason, the enemy machine gun began raking and pulverizing a deserted, barren stretch of land.

Suddenly the firing stopped. The entire German infantry unit turned and fled. Capt. Cecil W. Haywood, of British intelligence, interviewed hundreds of German prisoners and got the story of why they ran.

Victory Seemed Near

The prisoners, many of them officers, told of how they sang as they neared the break in the Allied lines. Victory seemed near. Their machine gunners were busy peppering the handful of British.

Then the entire German infantry unit saw a formation of white-clad men mounted on white horses on a hill near Bethune. Artillery and machine-gun fire was turned on the white cavalry. In spite of the terrific concentration of power, not one white horseman fell.

Their magnificent leader rode in front. By his side could be seen a great sword like those used by crusaders hundreds of years ago.

As the white army approached unharmed, the Germans fled in terror and the Allied position was saved. (Copied)

IMPERIAL BRANCH NEWS

We have had reason to rejoice here in the Imperial, Pa. Branch, for on May 8 we baptized a young woman by the name of Shirley Pershin. She is the daughter of Sister and Brother Ervin Buffington. The parents of this young woman have been very faithful to the church so we trust the Lord may bless the daughter with the selfsame qualities. Shirley grew up in this church, married, then was away from the church about two years. During this time she remembered the songs we sang, the testimonies, all the things she had been taught. Her heart began to hunger and thirst for the things she once knew. A lady came to her door and began

to preach another gospel to her. Shirley remembered the things she had heard in her parents' church and she told this lady that what she preached wasn't according to the word of God. Shirley confounded this woman. Finally the woman said to Shirley, "If you know so much why don't you belong to that church?" When Shirley heard that, the words sunk deep, and cut, I might say, the very marrow of the bones. She returned to The Church and soon asked for her baptism. We trust the Lord may touch her husband also, as he is a fine young man.

There is a good lesson in this story. Sometimes we think our children sit by without absorbing the things which are both said and done. When children grow up under the sound of the Gospel, can they be satisfied anywhere else? I say, Nay, but the day will come when they will realize that they are as strangers in a strange land. The Egyptians told the children of Israel one time to sing them a song. Israel answered, "It is hard to sing a song in a strange land". They hung their harps on a tree for the music was gone from their hearts. So it is for we that once knew the things of God and then wandered away. Our music is gone, that sweet melody has departed. We might be happy for a little season but deep down inside us there is a continual gnawing of hunger. We might ignore it for awhile but it refuses to be ignored. "Blessed is he that hungereth and thirst after me for he shall be filled". King David in his writings tells what the men of God shall be like: "He shall be like a tree which is planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." When we render obedience to the Gospel of Christ, we then become sheep, having a shepherd. No more tossed to and fro but guarded safely by the "true shepherd".

We also baptized Shirley's sister, Margaret Kroscko, three weeks later on May 29. She was married before her parents came in contact

with this church. She did not know this church as a child but there was a seeking power in her that only the Gospel of Christ could satisfy. She is a fine young woman and we trust God will pour out His gifts and blessings upon her, severally according to His will. Her two children have previously been blessed in the church as babies. We also trust the Lord will soon call her husband into the church.

Some time ago we in the branch had fasting and prayer that the Lord might send us good brothers and sisters to help us along in this the "King's business". When we started here as a mission we had twelve members. We now have thirty-six members so we have tripled in size. We trust that we many continue to seek out the honest of heart, wherever they may be. We have a hymn that reads "Can any soul say, I am glad you passed my way, for 'twas you that told me of the sinners' friend".

We send our regards to all the saints throughout the church.

William Kunkle

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

I sincerely hope you, and the rest of brothers and sisters everywhere, are in good health, and coming along nicely. Out here in this section of the Vineyard, the water is running very roughly, brother Mario Francione, has departed this life, and will be buried today. Much condolence, to the loved ones, our bro. has left behind. Bro. Fred D'Amico, had a stroke last Friday, (June 24) is in the Emergency Department, of the Hospital, and is not expected to pull through, unless by the goodness and mercy of our dear Heavenly Father. Oh, how we need to draw nearer to God, that He can help us in our infirmities. May all bros. and sisters, be praying for our bro. and his family, that God, will take care of them in their bereavement. Bro. George Danichuck, is in the same condition, in another Hospital. May God come to his rescue also. We are in a very serious period of the age, one in which, "Luke 21-26," men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things, which are coming on the earth; for the powers of Heaven shall be shaken. I am glad as we find in Ezekiel 9th. chap. and 4th verse,

where the Lord sent the man, with the Linen clothes, and writer's ink-horn, by his side, to Jerusalem, to set a mark upon the foreheads, of the men that sigh, and that cry, for all the abominations, that be done in the midst thereof. When the Lord comes, He will gather His own, on His right side, the rest, will be placed on the left side, or destroyed as Ezekiel depicts. We have had in Branch #1, Monday, June 6th, through, Friday, June 10th a series of talks, given by bro. T. S. Furnier, in Charts, and books, which were very instructive, we learned much and were greatly benefited, by our bros. instructions. At branch #3, on Sunday, June 12th bro. Pete Capone gave us a wonderful talk, on a lesson he was following, on Abraham, and Joseph. These were two of our staunchest men of old, if we could be like them, we would go a long way in the direction of serving God, in an acceptable manner. In the afternoon, bro. T. S. Furnier was there and gave us a wonderful talk. On Wednesday night, June 15, in Branch #1, bro. John Buffa, was our speaker. He read a portion of scripture found in Matt. 17th, Chapter, and read a few verses on the transfiguration, also reading in Luke 4th. Chap. 18th verse, why Jesus came. Our bro. gave us quite an enlightened talk on these subjects. On Sunday, June 19th bros. Tony Lovalvo, and Frank Vitto, were in Branch #1, and gave us wonderful talks, on the Prodigal Son, found in Luke 11th Chapter, 11th verse, through the 24th. We welcome our bros. in our midst, and they fed our souls very much. In the afternoon of the same day, bro. and sister Furnier, were in our midst, and gave us wonderful talks. Kindly pray for all the sick and bereaved. May God bless you, one and all. Your bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

ADELLA DePIERO

PASSES ON

Sister Adella DePiero was born in Italy in November of 1886. She came to this country in 1915—she came in contact with The Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized in February of 1919.

Truly she has been a Godly Sister in the church through the course of her life. After 41 years of service unto the Lord, she has left a family

of eight children and her husband (brother Peter DePiero). Four sons, four daughters, eighteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren survive her.

She passed on from this life on June 12th. Bros. Alma Nolfi and William Gennaro conducted the service at our church in Glassport, Pa. Their text used was taken from the 11th chapter of St. John from the 19th verse to the 26th inclusive.

Sister DePiero will be missed very much by the brothers and sisters of the Glassport Church. She was loved by all who knew her. She left a wonderful example of a servant of God. We hope to prove faithful that we might meet her in the Paradise of God. May God's comfort and peace abide with her family who mourn her passing.

Branch Editor

ROSCOE BRANCH

Bro. Matthew Hixenbaugh, 82, of Houston, died in Washington, June 27, 1960. He was born July 24, 1877 in Roscoe, Pa. He was baptized in Roscoe in 1896 at the age of 7 years. Surviving are 6 sons and 2 daughters—24 grand children and 14 great-grand children and several brothers and sisters.

Services were held Thursday, June 30 at the Wylie Funeral Home at Houston. Brother Idris Martin and Brother James Campbell officiating. Interment at Forest Lawn Gardens.

We of Roscoe remember a Sunday 5 years ago when a man of 78 came into our midst after a long absence. He asked to be reunited with Christ's church, and surely we remember the countenance that showed forth the Love of God. For God did clasp him to his bosom. Every time he would enter the church the tears of joy streamed down his face. He had joy unspeakable for a time, then sickness took its toll, and brother Hixenbaugh longed to go to that place of rest. He will be missed by all of the Brothers and Sisters that knew him.

Branch Editor,

Sister Wanda Johnson

BROTHER MARIO FRANCIONE

Brother Mario Francione, of Branch #4, passed away on June 24. Brother Francione was born in Rome, Italy in August, 1890. He would have been 70 years old this

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

COMMENTS ON FIRST NEPHI

Chapter 22

Beginning At Verse One:

And now it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had read these things which were engraved upon the plates of brass, my brethren came unto me and said unto me: What meaneth these things which ye have read? Behold, are they to be understood according to things which are spiritual, which shall come to pass according to the spirit and not the flesh?

In the previous chapter (23rd) Nephi had read the words of the prophet Isaiah, which were found on the Brass plates (which are sometimes referred to as the plates of Laban) concerning the restoration of the House of Israel, when the Lord would lift up His hand to the Gentiles, and set up His standard to the people and the sons and daughters of Israel would be carried in their — the Gentiles arms. Nephi explains to his brothers that these things are both temporal and spiritual. — I will add that it will not be sufficient, only to preach the word to lost Israel by the Gentiles, but they, the Gentiles must become fathers and mothers to them. In plain words, the Gentiles must lend them a helping hand in their material and physical needs, as well as

that which is good for their souls.

In verse 3 and 4, Nephi explains unto his brothers: that sooner or later their people will be scattered among all nations, and upon all the face of the earth. In verse 4 he says: "Yea, the more part of all the tribes have been led away; (the present tense) and they are scattered to and fro upon the isles of the sea; and whither they are (present tense) none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away. (They, the Nephite people were led to this land we call America.)

In verse 5, it is made very plain that Israel is scattered because they harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel. And they have become hated of all nations. Hence in the restoration of the gospel — (the coming - forth of the Book of Mormon) The Mighty God who promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He would remember their children in the last days, has now set forth His hand the second, and last time to recover His people who once became the Apple of His eye. And in doing so: it is made very plain in verse 6 that the Gentiles must become a standard (an example, in whom suffering Israel can look up to) and their children carried in their arms &c. These things are temporal — and it meneth us in the days to come (the seed of Joseph, the American Indian people) and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel.

May I ask: do we as Gentiles actually believe these scriptures? Are we as brethren prepared to lend a helping hand in the temporal needs as well as to carry the Glad Tidings of the gospel to them? Would it not be very well for our young sisters who are also anxious to lend a helping hand in the work of God in gathering Israel as well as in all nations, such as among the afflicted Africans, whom our brothers — (Swanson and Ross are now laboring with) would it not be well for some of our young sisters be qualified to go into rooms where Nurses are needed and help suffering and needy humans on the way to recovery — Yea, doing unto others as you would wish to be done by?

Let us all stop and think — not only think — but ask ourselves the question: Are the souls of the bodies of those who need to be nursed — Are their souls as precious in the sight of the Heavenly Father as your's and mine are? A faithful child will do what is in it's power to help rescue another from perishing.

(To be continued)

Bro. Cadman W.H.

year and 34 years of this good lifetime were spent as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Mario came to the United States from Italy in 1919, and it was in Detroit that he met the Church of Jesus Christ. He was baptized in February, 1926, and he spent a part of his life in the Church in Rochester, New York, and came here to Branch #4 as a wise, kind teacher in the Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Grace, his sons Nicholas and Paul,

and his daughters, Sisters Connie and Antoinette Marinetti of Rochester, New York. He is also survived by two brothers and four grandchildren.

The service was held in Branch #4 with Brother Ciaravino officiating, assisted by Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York. Our Elder Brother spoke of how Brother Francione's theme in life was constantly, "Be ye prepared."

Brother and Sister Francione had planned on making their home with

their daughters in Rochester for the balance of their days. Sister Francione will carry out these plans.

Interment at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Sisters Rose Randazzo
and Betty Capone

MANKIND'S END

PREDICTED JULY 14, 1960

MILAN, July 6 (AP)— A Milan doctor has moved with his family and 12 followers to Mt. Blanc ex-

pecting the destruction of mankind by a "mercury bomb" July 14.

Dr. Elio Bianca says the explosion will knock the earth 45 degrees off its axis, sending ocean waters over the land. Only the highest peaks, such as 15,781-foot Mt. Blanc, will escape the flood, he says.

He says he received a divine prediction of the "nuclear flood" from an ailing sister in 1954.

BROTHER ANTONIO FINAZZI PASSES ON

Brother Finazzi was born in Italy on June 6, 1890 and baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ Branch #3 Detroit, Michigan on March 15, 1953. He died February 20, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan. Brother Finazzi was laid to rest in Forrest Lawn Cemetery, February 23, 1960 with Brother Silver Criscuolo conducting the services at Verbeyden Funeral Home. Brother Finazzi leaves a sister, brother and many nieces and nephews to mourn his passing.

ALFRED J. D'AMICO PASSES ON

Brother Alfred J. (Fred) D'Amico passed on to his reward on June 27, 1960 in the Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan after been stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage on June 24th, from which he did not rally.

He was born in March of 1915 at Glassport, Pa., and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in March of 1939, and later ordained into the Ministry of the church, and had served as Presiding Officer of the Church located on seven mile road in Detroit for several years. His funeral service was conducted in the Church on July 1st with Brother W. H. Cadman officiating and Brother Silverio Criscuolo assisting. Singing by Brother C. Burgess and Sister Dorothy Henderson. Music by Bobby Marinette of Rochester, N. Y. Interment in Gethsemane cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

Alfred has always been known among his friends as "Fred". He leaves to mourn his departure—his beloved wife Josephine, four daughters, Arline, Harriet, Joyce, Marjorie Dee, and one son Alfred. He also leaves his parents, brother and sister Ishmael D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y., three brothers, Ansel, John and Paul and sisters Lorretta Maggio of Rochester, N. Y. and

Erma Rossi of Aliquippa, Pa. He also left many friends both in the church and out of it who will miss his friendly manner of life. No doubt he will be missed very much by his brothers and sisters in the church, with whom he has worshipped. May the Lord comfort his companion Josephine, and all his children and all who were near and dear to him. May we all entertain the hope, that someday we will all clasp hands again.

A MIGHTY WEAPON

BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN who rarely speaks without dispensing wisdom, lived up to expectations in his address before the graduating class of University of Detroit last week.

In his address he pointed out the need for the prevalence of truth and warned that a nation decays when truth passes out of it. "If truth wins we can't lose," he concluded. He also told his audience that they would be in a minority but "God operates through a minority."

Bearing the Bishop's words in mind, the graduates should be ready to contribute to the world what it needs most today. The courage of individualism.

Too much power for good is lost in the struggle for conformity on a high level. Too many college graduates feel their diploma is a passport to a high-salaried job and an easy existence.

The world needs courage and individualism. And one need not fear to be an individual.

One man, plus truth, makes a popular majority.

OUR ITALIAN HOLIDAY

by Catherine Poma

It is almost two weeks since I have returned from our trip to Italy, and, in answer to a request from our Brother Cadman, I will attempt to give an account of it. Tho it is several days since we left the faraway land, still my heart is strangely reluctant to detach itself from the scenes of so many memories and to accept the inevitable return to everyday living among everyday scenes. Perhaps, it is because this was no everyday occurrence, at least, not for me; this going into lands of which I had heard tell, of names so familiar, but, nevertheless, so very strange to me.

Sicily, Pompei, Rome—these are all common names to my ears, as are the names of smaller villages and people which we visited. But, the ear causes the mind to conjure up an image which has no actual resemblance to that which the eye finally, in precision of detail, eventually conveys to it.

Sometimes, our idea of a person or a place, based on what our ears have heard, is much more entrancing, lovelier, better than what it is in reality, but some of the lovely scenes it was my good fortune to see, are of a loveliness beyond anything I had imagined. For instance, did you ever stop to think that perhaps the Lord's artistry extends into the sky immediately next to the layer of clouds visible to us? The cloud formations are mountainous, jutting out into the skies in jagged peaks, and yet the sides of these peaks are soft, downy, billowy looking. And what of the sunrises and sunsets up there, 36,000 feet above the earth? Picture violet, orange and blue lights playing upon mounds of pure white cotton; as far as your eye can reach nothing but puff upon puff of dazzling white snow. Let your imagination run wild; you won't come near to the true beauty of such a scene.

We arrived in Palermo just 26 hours after our takeoff from San Diego: 11½ hours flying time, 4½ hours waiting time. Waiting, signifying tiresome hours that dragged, at various airports, while we waited for the next planes that would take us to our ultimate destination. At last Sicily. What a feeling of tenseness, of excitement, what emotions take hold when one finally sees the coastline come into view, and then the plane swoops down and you catch a glimpse of a multitude of people at the airport, their eyes glued to the plane,—and you know that your own people are there in that crowd.

You sneak a look at your husband who is standing next to his seat along with all the other passengers, and he is peering out the window, the excitement showing on his face, and you think, "40 years, 40 years since he left. Why that's almost a lifetime." Some of those adults down there, who must certainly share the same excitement were mere children of between 4 and 10 years of age; others were

not even born on that day of parting, long, long, ago. Is blood thicker than water? What sort of people will we appear to them to be? Will they love us? We cannot overlook the face that we are of a different religion. How will that affect our meeting? And, as the plane came to a slightly bumpy landing and we piled out of it, some of the questions were answered. We recognized strange faces, for they had a familiar look to them—of course, blood is thicker than water—the traces and proof of it are on the faces: one mold, one family. It's easy to love your own, they look like you.

But, the spirit also has a certain power which is stronger than that of the flesh—a certain something which can only be defined by me as the Power of God, which draws men one to the other. Little Pia is no blood relation to me, for that matter, none of them is. Yet we were drawn one to the other by powerful, yet unseen bonds of love, sparked into existence by her searching questions regarding the Church of Jesus Christ. Appropriately, she called me Aunt, but, in her letter to me, since I returned she referred to me as her sister, for she felt the overpowering pull of the Spirit of Christ upon her heart and was drawn to me as a spiritual sister. She has the wonderful gift of forgiveness which I tried to encourage in her — for who doesn't daily find it necessary to forgive and, who, daily, is not in need of forgiveness?

She and her husband later took us to Cannitello, Calabria, where we have our church and the Lord so moved upon them that they cried openly, in that little church where just a handful of God's people were gathered.

Altho, I am definitely getting ahead of my story, I will state here that the Church of Case Alte is in a modest, but pleasant building, with approximately 50 to 60 capacity. Upstairs is a somewhat good sized apartment, where Brother Todaro's blind mother lives, (she is in her middle 90's. She shares the apartment with her widowed daughter. It, apparently, is also headquarters for extending hospitality to visiting Saints, altho we were also very cordially invited by Brother Foto to have lunch at his house in Reggio. However, we de-

clined, for Sicily is several hundred tortuous miles away, over hilly country and we were anxious to return home, five of us having travelled in a small foreign car, with a small child, who, I might add, was quite comfortable at our expense. We had a welcome and delicious Continental style lunch, which was shared by the few brothers and sisters present, after which we took our leave. I have come away from that church building which overlooks the Straits of Messina and Messina, itself, with the strengthened belief that the Spirit of God manifests itself in the heart of total strangers, exercising a drawing power which pulls people together in His love. My desire to visit these brothers and sisters could not be denied.

In the face of odds, by prayer, this desire was fulfilled and God Blessed us for those very few hours we spent together in testimony and visiting. I felt a sadness upon me, however, for their small number brought to my mind the early days of our San Diego Mission, when we, too, were but a very small handful, and our spirits were lonely for great gatherings. How many times did we look around at the empty benches, and later on, empty seats, and cry tears of loneliness? But God has never forsaken his people and I know that He will not forsake them, either, in that land of Italy.

(To be continued)

NOTICE

At Fredonia we have just finished insulating and plastering our church.

We are also installing a furnace to replace a stove. Because this will be put in our small Sunday School room, we are adding two more school rooms. This is all very expensive of course, and even with each of us doing all we can it is a little hard. If any Brother, Sister, Branch or Mission feels like helping us it will all be deeply appreciated.

May God bless our Brothers and Sisters everywhere.

Brother Russel Cadman,
Fredonia, Pa.,
R.D. #2

"LEST WE FORGET"

Brethren and Sisters should be very careful when visiting one another, as to their conversation, for

many times things are said, or the sayings of another are repeated so that deep wounds are caused. How easily and how often are the seeds of discord and contention scattered abroad, which bring forth thorns and thistles that prick the heart. Why not scatter a little sunshine, or the seed of the pure white lily, or of the fragrant rose? We would not think of taking a bouquet of thorns to a sick friend, would we? Nay but rather something to cheer. If we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of His. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, etc.; but slandering, strife, and back biting are not of God.

G. M. B. A. CONFERENCE HELD

A large representation from the various branches of the Church met in the Lincoln Park High School, Lincoln Park, Michigan, on May 16, 1960 for the bi-annual conference of the General Missionary Benevolent Association.

The morning session was taken up with the unfinished business, and officers' reports.

In the afternoon the new business, beginning with the reports of the delegates of the various locals, was conducted. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the building of a central meeting place. Although the G.M.B.A. has neither the authority nor the desire to erect such a building, it tried to initiate action on the matter by establishing a building fund from which the General Church might draw in the event that they undertake such a project.

After the business of the conference was concluded in the evening meeting, the host local, Detroit Branch #2, presented an enjoyable program of topic and song entitled, "What Manner Of Men Ought Ye To Be?"

The Detroit and Windsor branches met together for the Sunday morning service with Bro. Gorie Ciarravino presiding.

The next G.M.B.A. conference will be held in Youngstown, Ohio on the second Saturday of November.

Assistant Secretary,
Linda Grimes

AGADIR DISASTER

Most of the 2,300 Jews in Agadir, Morocco, perished in the recent earthquake. Only about 800 were rescued and are in great need. Five

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Many of the 250 Jews in the village of Inezgane, a short distance from Agadir, also perished.

SUGAR

A sugar factory in Afula, promises to be an important factor in Israel's economic development.

The plant is unique and probably the only one of its kind since it is undertaking experiments to produce sugar from various raw products and from a variety of different kinds of sugar plants. Due to the fact that sugar beets should not be stored for long periods, the factory at Afula must be able to use large quantities. It is now geared to using 80,000 to 90,000 tons in the course of a three months' season.

GREENSBURG, PA.

On Friday evening, May 20, 1960, a farewell luncheon was held by the South Greensburg Branch in honor of Bro. Alvin Swanson who is now, along with Bro. John Ross, in Nigeria, Africa serving God as missionaries to the Nigerian people.

We of the South Greensburg Branch have enjoyed the blessings of God along with Bro. Swanson for many years, and as a Brother he has been a shining light to many of us who knew him. We trust that God will bless both he and Bro. Ross with much success in the converting of souls to God.

Bro. Alvin's remarks to us at this meeting were heart felt in as much as he put it, "I feel a closeness to each one of you in serving God, for we all at sometime have

traveled together or communed one with another in furthering the word of God." He exhorted us all to keep strong in the faith and reminded us that only true success in any endeavor is the result of much humility and praying to God.

We will miss Bro. Alvin in Greensburg, but we are happy with the attitude that the word of God has been introduced and is now in process of being preached throughout the world.

We also honored Sister Yolanda Fallavollita, Sister Lucy Fucella, and Patsy Fallavollita, who are now vacationing with Sister Yolanda's mother in Frocnone, Italy. We pray that they may be used instrumentally in introducing the word of God to her family.

As a highlight to our meeting which we enjoyed on Sunday, May 22, 1960, two new members, Bro. James Sheffler and Sister Patty Swanger pledged their lives to God and were baptized.

God has blessed us here in Greensburg, and we feel to give honor and glory to His name and pray for strength that we may always stand ready to do His will.

Sister Verna Grazan

ISRAEL IMMIGRATION

Israel's immigration problems have been many. The merging of the exiles from over 70 countries with many different backgrounds and languages is no easy task. Included among the immigrants were some that other nations carefully turn back—the blind, the aged, the diseased.

From Jewish Hope

P. S. May God bless the poor Jews of today, whose forefathers away back yonder failed to see their Messiah in the child Jesus and nailed Him to the cross. Their cry "let his blood be upon us and our children" has been literally fulfilled. Let every soul who professes faith in Jesus—pray for the poor Jews. Brother Cadman

CIOTTI - COLANGELO NUPTIALS

On July 9, 1960, Sister Arlene Colangelo and Brother Ralph Ciotti were united in marriage, in the Church of Jesus Christ, McKees Rocks, Pa. Brother Dan Casasanta, Arlene's uncle officiated. The bride was given away by her father, Mr.

William Colangelo. Best man was Brother Paul Ciotti, brother of the groom. Anna Colangelo, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Marlene Nolfi, cousin of the bride, and Nancy Ciotti, sister of the groom. Ushers were Will McDonald, and Brother Frank Ciotti, brother of the groom. Sisters Betty Ann Manes of Ohio, and Ernie Lawson sang "I Love You Truly" and "Whither Thou Goest".

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the WEU Hall, McKees Rocks, Pa., with brothers and sisters of the church, as well as friends and relatives of the bride and groom attending.

After spending their honeymoon in Erie, they will make their home at 335 Kearsarge Street, Pittsburgh 11, Pa.

May the Lord bless them and give them many happy years together.

Sister Nina DiCenzo

McKEES ROCKS NEWS

Sunday, June 12, Brother and Sister Dominick Cotellesse of Detroit, Michigan, and Brother and Sister Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Canada, visited the McKees Rocks Branch for the morning service. Brother Cotellesse opened the meeting and spoke on the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, verses one through six, stressing that we must "seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near". Brother Burgess Dominick Rose of Brooklyn, New York, and Brother Benny Palmer of Alliquippa, attended the fellowship meeting with us. Brother Rose testified of God's healing his youngest daughter who had scarlet fever.

The following Sunday, Brother Frank Rosato of Rochester, New York, opened the meeting with the fourteenth chapter of John, verses one through six, telling what Jesus told the disciples of His leaving to prepare a place for them. Also, bringing out the parable of the ten virgins. Brother John Manes of Ohio, brought out that only through Christ can we receive the hope of eternal life. Brother and Sister Tony Picvito of Kent, Ohio, and Brother and Sister Gene Kline of Painsville, Ohio, attended the afternoon meeting.

Tuesday, June 21, the M.B.A. had a special testimony and prayer meeting for Brother Ross and

Brother Swanson.

The following Tuesday, we witnessed the baptism of Brother Frank Ciotti, the youngest son of Brother and Sister Joe Ciotti.

Sunday, July 3, Brother Valentino of Glassport, spent the morning with us. Opening the meeting, he spoke of the eighteenth chapter of Luke, bringing out the rich man justifying himself before the Lord Jesus.

Nina DiCenzo

HOPELAWN, N. J.

On May 15, 1960 we all attended the first and historical Atlantic Coast District spiritual gathering. The Brothers and Sisters from Brooklyn Established Mission met together with the Brothers and Sisters of the Bronx Branch in a bus hired for the purpose of taking this trip to Hopelawn New Jersey Branch of the Church. (District Headquarters)

The Brothers and Sisters who boarded the bus at the Bronx had a grand time singing hymns and fellowship during the trip down through Manhattan to Broadway and Canal Street; where the Brooklyn Brothers and Sisters boarded the bus with great joy of seeing everyone.

The bus was then on the way to New Jersey.

With the added company on the bus we all joined together in singing hymns and relating our various experiences. We had such a joyous time that we were greatly blessed and were in readiness to partake of all the wonderful blessings which the Lord had prepared for us to receive at the gathering.

The trip going to New Jersey was quick and pleasant and safe thank God.

The meetings, both morning and afternoon, were a spiritual success. We also had Brother Tony Corrado and his wife, who were visiting in New Jersey that day, which was a wonderful surprise for all of us. We heard great words of God preached by our Brother elders; and the theme was to give up the things of this world and follow Jesus and we will be saved in eternity. We also heard a few testimonies of what the Lord is doing for His children daily. The sacrament was passed to all the members of the church.

A nice and enjoyable luncheon was also prepared by our Brothers and Sisters of the New Jersey area which everyone enjoyed.

The meeting being brought to a close we all took leave of one another and we of New York boarded the bus again on our way home.

Needless to say we were still singing hymns and praising our Lord God on our trip home. Thank God He saw us through the trip safe and sound wherever we parted to go on our way to our respective homes.

Bronx Branch Editor,
Belle Rose

A TRIP TO WESTERN KENTUCKY

Dear Gospel News Readers,

"It is written to give honor to every man that worketh good" (Romans 2:10); also it is written, "They who labour in the word and doctrine are worthy of double honour" (1 Timothy 5:17).

Brother William Cadman was ready to go when he received a letter from Brother and Sister L. R. Parrot of Nortonville, Kentucky. They were hungry for the word of God.

We have a hymn fitting for Brother William: "Ready to go, ready to stay, Ready my place to fill, Ready for service, lowly or great, Ready to do His will". He asked Jim and I if we could take him on this trip. Brother Martin Michalko heard of our plans and he volunteered to go along, so the four of us started out early in the morning of June 23rd. We arrived safe at the home of Brother and Sister Parrot the next day and we were received with much gladness and joy. We often sing a hymn something like this: "There were ninety and nine that safely lay, in the shelter of His fold, but one was out in the hills away, far off from the gates of gold, way out in the mountains, wild and bare, away from the tender shepherd's care". And surely our Brother and Sister are far away from the church and they get hungry from time to time. We had our first service that very night and God poured out His blessings upon us. We had three other services including feet washing and communion. Each service was a blessing to us all. Our purpose in making this trip was to lift up and

strengthen our Brother and Sister and God strengthened and lifted us all up. He is the great shepherd and from Him all blessings flow.

Brother and Sister Parrots' adopted daughter, Carol, is about sixteen years old. She had hands laid on her head for spiritual guidance. Such a beautiful prayer was offered by Brother William for this young girl.

There are some who want to know "How did Brother and Sister Parrot obey the gospel and why are they so far from the church?" There is a distance of over 300 miles between those baptized in the eastern part of Kentucky (these are of the household of James Moore) and those baptized in the western part of Kentucky and this is 600 miles from Monongahela City.

Sister Jessie Parrot was a Chester before her marriage to Roy Parrot. Her parents obeyed this gospel, also her brother, Vernon. When Jessie grew up into womanhood she neglected her spiritual teachings and went out into the world. She met Roy while he was in Pittsburgh working. They married, then the depression days came. He found himself without work and returned to Kentucky, taking Jessie with him. Roy was stricken with a severe back ailment and could not work in the mines where he had found employment. They then realized their need for God. They started to go to different churches. Roy said at times he had to crawl, his back was so bad. One night they attended a church service and Roy went up to the altar to get 'saved and healed'. Jessie knew that this was not the doctrine she had been taught. She said to Roy, "Are you going to join this church?" In desperation Roy cried out, "Well, what do you want me to do?" Jessie said, "I know what I'll do, I'll send word to Monongahela City to send Elders down here to us". The next morning Jessie said the spirit of God moved upon her to write to Brother William Cadman. He and Brother Joseph Bittinger came to them and held services and baptized them. Roy was healed of his back affliction and today he is strong and healthy and still works in the mines at the age of 59.

On our return home Brother William wanted us to see Serpent Mound in Ohio so we left our route

and drove up a steep hill. On top of this hill we were amazed to look upon the work of an ancient and silent people. An immense mound of ground formed into a serpent. We had to climb up into a tower to look down to get the complete view of this serpent. It covers, I might say, an acre of ground. The tail is coiled, the body sprawled out and the head is stretched forward as if it were ready to swallow an object. The body of the serpent is perfectly formed, at places it is six feet high. To us, as a church, the Book of Mormon is a sacred record and when we look upon a sight such as this our minds go to the people we know once lived and died amongst these hills and valleys.

We thank God for the privilege we had to make this trip with our Brother William. As we watched him walk and climb, sure-footed and strong, for his age, we remarked how God has blessed him for his faithfulness. He told us he has not an ache or pain in his body and enjoys lots of milk and honey in his diet. May God bless him all the days of his life.

Sister Eva Moore
Imperial, Pa. Branch

P.S. The Serpent Mound is over 1300 feet long.

JUNE 22, 1960

Dear Editor.

A month ago I would never have dared to write this experience for fear I would be laughed at for so childish is the deed; Coming to acknowledge the true substance of the whole, one realizes that is the way God works. Now I feel free to tell my brothers and sisters what happened to me one May morning.

I trust my daily life entirely to the Lord's guidance. When I retire, in my night prayers I ask the Lord to give unto to me according to His Will and if He would find me worthy to come with me in the morning with a song or a good deed for the day. My life has been such in the gospel, where I find myself led to things never planned.

This one morning I got up full of song and the song being, "Till the earth is good again." I felt so good and inspired that I sat at the piano to sing. The more I sang the bigger my heart would swell until the tears flowed down my cheeks for the truth of those wonderful

words and in my heart I was thanking God for our brother and sister that were used to write such true words, and only by God's Spirit they were inspired. I felt and saw far beyond that. Then all at once a light shone upon the sheet of music and the face of our President appeared before my eyes. He looked heavy hearted and a voice spoke to tell me to send him this music. Then I questioned the Lord, — "Oh Lord, what do you mean?" Again many things passed before me and I spoke and said — "Lord, thy Will Be Done," come what may. Still in that spiritual attitude I got up and went to my desk and typed a letter to the president and up to this day I cannot repeat what I said but I do remember the last paragraph, I said. This may seem silly on my part, but when the Spirit speaks, It is Amen. with me. . . . I sealed the letter and mailed it to the President with the sheet of music.

Now my joy was still great and I was on a cloud, as a child I was going to tell what happened, to my sister. I could not hold it even for the fear that I would be called down, in which I knew I was to be, but it did not stop me. As it was it truly happened and right away the devil tried to rob me of the blessing I had received, and, if I had not mailed the letter it would never been mailed after I received the reality of what I had done. But God works in mysterious ways and He knows all things.

My sister made me see how foolish I was and I felt ashamed. I was resolved never to repeat the incident to any one and I thought the president would see it to be a prank and ignore the letter and its contents. Now this happened when the newspapers were saying that the President was not going to make his good will-tour. A week later the president started on his tour and I knew that he would return home safe, though he was still on the tour — but I have already in my possession a reply to my letter from the President accepting my music signed by his personal Sec. to the President of the U.S. It says. . .

Dear Mrs. Spata,

The President has received your letter, enclosing the copy of the hymn. "Til Earth Is Good Again,"

He certainly appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending it to him,

and asked me to express his thanks.
With the President's gratitude for
your kind sentiments.

Sincerely yours,
The assistant to the President,
Wilton B. Persons.

Sister Mary Spata

I GO TO SCHOOL WITH EVERYONE I MEET — PART I

Let us enter the vast classroom of life and observe what we can learn from people all around us. If anyone feels that he cannot learn anything more than he already knows, then such an individual can voluntarily choose to remain in his limited sphere of gradual isolation and waste his life in confined horizons, with a small candle to illuminate the small circle around him.

On the other hand, if anyone sincerely feels that he is very limited in what he already knows and is searching, and reaching upward for greater enlightenment with understanding; so that he can appreciate with deeper gratitude the fullness of life in all its beauty and wonder; then such a person is receptive to search beyond the distant horizons, for God is ready to help such an individual to discover the many creative and productive opportunities offered to him. When man makes the initial effort to walk and live in the full illuminating light of knowledge, then the progress of learning crystalizes the byproducts of accumulated information into distilled wisdom and truth. Truth is spiritual. It is not tangible nor visible. It moves without measurement for it cannot be seen, touched, weighed or measured.

To write upon all the facets observed in human activity is almost impossible. We shall attempt to focus our attention on a cross-sectional view, so that we can discover how we can learn from every person we meet.

CURIOSITY — Over here in this part of life's classroom is a small boy in whom a whole world of wonder is reflected through his bright flashing eyes as he discovers in his first walk through the woods — the mysterious activity of the bees moving from flower to flower; the grass-hoppers leaping in all directions; the winding brook with its tiny minnows and the strange insect life all around him. This

youngster is further amazed at his first sight of the polliwog with its tiny feet and long tail which in a short time will change into a frog. What absorbing wonders this small boy has found.

I learned from this small boy that I should never lose my curiosity for the thousands of wonders that surround us on all sides.

I could easily overlook these real treasures of life if I take them too much for granted; while the superficial values of life absorb and consume the sum-total of time, which makes up the span of my life.

NATURAL SIMPLICITY—Again here is another child who is constantly distracting her parents with a continuous flow of questions. She wants to know the why, the where, the when, and the how of everything. Her natural inquisitiveness knows no bounds. She speaks her thoughts frankly and with revealing truth; void of the hesitant prudence of the adult. The simple unadulterated truth of this little girl's words ring with the crystal clearness of a bell on a still and quiet night.

The adult mind is not gifted with the pure innocence and sincerity of the child's heart which has not yet been exposed to the doubts and fears and deceptions of adulthood. From the spontaneous and natural behavior of this little girl, I observed that one should always strive to be natural and sincere. Be yourself in thought and in action with all people. Never imitate or duplicate others. Create your own individual personality and identity as a creature of God. This can only be achieved by always being your natural self.

SENSITIVITY — In this section of life's classroom I see a woman who reflects all that is keenly sensitive in the individual. She is aware of all that is beautiful and orderly. Her heart responds with deep emotion to joy, beauty, music, art, and to kind and sincere people around her. Her keen sensitivity lifts her to exalted heights, where she experiences the joys of ecstasy that poets write about in verse, and musicians compose songs about.

Such sensitivity, however, has its unfavorable side. People possessing this extreme sensitive nature are liable to be easily hurt and offended. As a result, when the soul

of this woman is confronted with disappointment, she is plunged into the depths of bitter sorrow, deep remorse, and even moments of emotional conflict reaching points of despair. Quite often this is the terrible price paid for being too sensitive.

I learn from this woman that it is wise to adjust to all the emotional and mental stresses of life with a practical approach to life's changing tides. Because there are so many forces, beyond our control, that affect and alter the major course of our life; I must take in stride such circumstances as praise and criticism, success and failure, poverty or plenty, etc. Most important of all, one should put little trust in praise or flattery. For the latter tendency quite often weakens the individual's defensive guard; and he becomes an easy prey to men with deceptive motives. The sources from which the applauses and praises of men generate are usually fickle and short lived. On the other hand, take criticism with a grain of salt, for it allows man a reason for self-analysis, which in turn can help to fortify his weak points. Therefore, a down-to earth attitude relative to criticism can develop a more self-reliant individual with a keener insight and tolerance for the mistakes of others.

(To be continued)

Bro. Patsy Marinetti

A VISIT TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA INDIAN MISSION

Brother and Sister S. J. Kerschner in company with Brother and Sister J. Bittinger, left our homes Friday morning June 27, 1960, and arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Wm. Cox, Salina, Kansas Saturday about 5:00 p.m. We attended meeting with them on Sunday at Lincoln, Kansas, where we had a very nice day of services. There were a couple of sisters present from St. John to spend the day with us in the services of God. We were very glad to see them, and to meet with all the Saints again and to enjoy a day of fellowship with them. Returning to the home of Brother and Sister Cox again after the services to spend the night, we departed next morning (Monday) for Denver, Col. Arriving in the evening we located the home of sister Walter Wade, and

had a nice visit with her and her family for a couple of hours. As we did not have time to spend at Denver we did not get to see any of the other Saints living there. But there is need for an Elder to locate there to care for the members who are without a Shepherd at the present time. Denver is a thriving and prosperous city in which to live and work from all appearances.

On Tuesday we drove North to Rapid City, S. D. to the home of Brother and Sister Charles (Bud) Aldous, where we received a hearty welcome, and where we stayed for two days and held one meeting in their home with a few Indian people present. The next evening we met with some Indian people in their service where Bro. Kerschner was given the opportunity to speak briefly concerning our faith and the restoration of the Gospel. Brother Aldous has been endeavoring to work among the Indians in this area, and there are many living in and around Rapid City. No doubt if there were an Elder working with him there could be a Mission established here that would attract both Indians and Gentiles to obey the Gospel of Christ. May God bless Brother Aldous in his endeavor to advance the Gospel of Salvation in this area.

We then continued on to Eagle Butte, where we met a few of the Saints by stopping at the home of Brother and Sister Edw. LaBlanc briefly; then proceeded on to Wakpala where the people were expecting us to arrive.

All the people appeared very happy to see us again in Wakpala. In our Sunday meeting we had 24 adults present including Bro. and Sister Aldous who had to drive more than 300 miles to be with us in Sunday service. We held meetings every evening mostly at Wakpala, and our attendance was fair considering that we had meetings every night. We were encouraged by the over all attendance. Our smallest attendance was at our Sunday meeting at Eagle Butte, but we were glad to see those who came out to the service, and hope for a better turnout next time.

At our last Sunday meeting at Wakpala there were 26 adults present. During the week Sister Margaret Muharter was baptized into the church. We have known

this Sister for several years and were very glad and happy to see her come into the fold, and believe she will be a great help to the Church and her people the Sioux. All the people wished we would stay longer this time. We enjoyed our visit with our Brothers and Sisters everywhere we were privileged to meet with them and hope that our meetings and preaching were enlightening and inspiring to all of them, and our many Indian friends.

On our way home we stopped to visit Sister Evelyn Reilly at Hobart, Ind. She has gone through a serious operation a few months ago and we found her slowly recovering for which we thank God. After having prayer and anointing her we continued on as far as Lorain, Ohio. Here we called Brother Joseph Calabrese, who came to the Turnpike and took us to his home where we stayed over night getting a good nights rest and good breakfast which we appreciated very much. A short but very pleasant visit which we enjoyed and are thankful for. We hope we can stay longer next time God willing.

We, feeling it necessary to get home, continued on our way having been gone about one month, which seemed very short indeed to me, but I thank God for a very enjoyable, successful and safe trip once more.

Brothers and Sisters let us all pray for the Indian Mission (work) tance pertaining to God's work and everywhere as it is of vital importance which we are all expecting to blossom forth soon. Let us work to fulfill our part dutifully.

Joseph Bittinger.

A GOOD LETTER

July 6, 1960

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

It is so wonderful to receive the Gospel News each month and read about our Brothers and Sisters from far and near. Each issue is like a visit with everybody, and brings us such joy to know how the Lord is working among His people. We, too, here in San Diego are happy to tell how the Lord is blessing us. There are no words to express our joy in seeing souls come into this wonderful Gospel of ours, and it has been an extra special joy to us to be able to see God's work commence in a new country, Mexico.

As you probably know, Mexico is

but an hour's drive from our city, and since the movement to California began, it has been our sincere desire that the Lord would look to this border country where there is much sin and poverty such as one cannot describe unless one sees for himself.

We know that nothing is impossible with the Lord and now we rejoice to see, through the untiring efforts of Brother Edward Purdue and Brother Peter Castelli, who have been working in that area so diligently, that the Lord has called six souls to join with us in this battle against sin. Though we have a language barrier (Bro. Purdue being the only one who understands and speaks the Spanish language) many of our young people here are studying this language and preparing for that time when perhaps they too may be called to work among God's chosen people in this part of the vineyard. (Good preparation, WHC.)

Also, our cups were made to overflow when at our recent District M.B.A. gathering in the San Fernando Valley Branch, we witnessed eight young people expressing their desire to join the Church. Three of these young people were from San Diego, and I would like to tell how God works in drawing those who seek Him into the Restored Gospel. At a birthday gathering of our young people to honor Sister Fern Ring, two neighbor girls of the Rings were present, and when they noticed the love and happiness portrayed by our young group, they inquired what Church the group represented. Immediately our young people began to tell the wonderful story of the Restored Gospel, and these two young girl twins, Joyce and JoAnn Geschwindt, desired to come and see for themselves. From that first visit they desired to learn more about the Gospel and were convinced of its truth, so much so that when God's spirit beckoned while Bro. Domenic Thomas invited them to become a part of the Church of Jesus Christ, they could not resist the calling and came forward to declare their intentions. Just previous to their coming forward, a young man, Bob Ravellette, was raised to his feet to declare that he wanted to be baptized. Bro. Bob is a brother to our young (cont. after Children's Corner)

The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Behold my sons, I desire that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God." Helaman 5:6.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I am going to tell you a story from the Book of Mormon, about a father named Helaman, who spoke the above words to his two sons. Their names were Lehi and Nephi. They were named for their first parents who came out of Jerusalem 600 years before the birth of Jesus. The works of these first parents were remembered as good and Helaman desired that when his sons remembered these things they too, would have a desire to be good. He told them of a Redeemer who was to come. If they built on that rock, their foundation would be sure. Even if the evil one sent forth the mighty winds, storms and hail their solid foundation would not fail. Helaman also taught them to lay up their treasures in heaven because all these earthly things would some day pass away. His sons remembered all their father's teachings and had a desire to tell the people of Nephi these things.

First they went to the city Bountiful, then Gid and to Mulek. From one city to another they went among the people, preaching with great power. They went to the land southward to Zarahemla where the Lamanites lived. These people were not friendly with the Nephites. They continued to do evil and desired war. But with this great power Nephi and Lehi had, they were able to convert many Nephites and Lamanites. About 8000 of the Lamanites who were in the land of Zarahemla were baptized.

Lehi and Nephi thought they would go to the land of Nephi to preach but they were taken by an army of Lamanites and put in prison. They were without food for many days. The servants of King Limhi came to slay them. Fire encircled Lehi and Nephi. God was protecting them. The king's servants were afraid to touch them for fear they would be burned. Lehi and Nephi still stood in the midst of the fire and were not burned.

God's protection gave them courage. The servants were amazed. Lehi and Nephi began to speak, "Fear not. God has shown you this marvelous thing. You cannot lay your hands on us to kill us." When they spoke these words the earth shook and the prison walls trembled as if they would tumble. A cloud of darkness came over them and all were afraid. Above the cloud a voice was heard, "Repent ye, and seek no more to destroy my servants whom I have sent to declare good tidings to you." This voice was not one of thunder, neither a great tumultuous voice but a still voice of perfect mildness, as if it were a whisper, piercing their very souls. The earth shook again and the prison walls trembled but the cloud was still there. The voice came again saying, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Seek no more to destroy my servants." Again the earth shook and the walls trembled. The voice was heard the third time and the words were too marvelous to be uttered by man. The walls trembled again and the earth shook as if it would break in two.

The Lamanites were afraid but they couldn't flee because this dark cloud was all about them. There was one man there, named Aminadab who was a Nephite by birth, but had left the church and joined these Lamanites. Through the darkness he saw the faces of Lehi and Nephi. Their faces shown as the faces of angels. They were looking into heaven as if they were talking to some being there. Aminadab cried unto the multitude to turn and look. They were given power to turn and see the faces of Nephi and Lehi. They asked, "What do these things mean? The Lamanites asked what they should do to remove this darkness. Aminadab said, "You must repent and cry unto the voice." They cried unto the voice of Him who had shaken the earth, until the darkness disappeared. As they looked about them the cloud dispersed and they were encircled about by a pillar of fire. It was as

a flaming fire and Nephi and Lehi were in the midst of it but it did not harm them. Their hearts were filled with the Holy Spirit of God which came down from heaven. It was joy unspeakable. They heard a very pleasant voice as a whisper saying, "Peace be unto you because of your faith in my Well Beloved, who was from the foundation of the world." They looked up into heaven and saw the heavens opened and angels came down and ministered unto them. There were about 300 who saw and heard these things. They were told not to doubt but go forth and tell the people. They went to all the people round about. Many Lamanites believed and were converted. They laid down their weapons of war and desired peace. Nephi and Lehi continued throughout the land preaching the word of God.

Search the Scriptures

The answers are found in the Book of Mormon.

1. What king had all his fine gold, refined in prison by people who could not pay taxes? Ether 10, verses 5,7
2. Who was struck dumb because he denied there was a God? Alma 30: verses 48, 49 and 50
3. Who removed a mountain through faith? Ether 12:30

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

brother, Martie Ravellette, who was baptized into the Church a few months ago. He had heard of the Gospel through Brothers Buck and Gary Pflueger who lived in the same rooming house. Bro. Martie found such blessings in the Church that he had to tell his brother in another city, and he, too, came to eat of the fruit of the Gospel. So we can see how God moves in a mysterious way, calling here and there, from every walk of life. These things cause us to rejoice and to know that the Lord is surely with His people; and though we might have many discouragements, sickness and trials, the Lord is ever near us to lift us up and encourage us that we might be able to constantly see before us His wonderful plan and His wonderful promise to His people. When we think upon the beauty of the Restored Gospel and especially when we think of the great future of our

Church, we are caused to feel that nothing on this earth can keep us from fulfilling whatever work the Lord has given us to do, for we know that nothing can be against us when the Lord is with us.

Our Branch has been blessed with the visits of our wonderful Brothers and Sisters from the East. We have been enjoying the visit of Bro. Sam Galanti and Bro. and Sister Aquilino with us for the past several weeks. Also we were happy to have Sisters Gertrude Smith and Ruth Akerman with us, and last week we were blessed to see Bro. Domenic Thomas and his wife and son. Bro. Thomas gave us a talk that will long be remembered in our Branch. Each of us was filled with an even stronger desire to serve the Lord in spirit and in truth. Several days later we were so happy to have Bro. Domenic Morocco and his wife and son visit us. Bro. Morocco also gave us a wonderful talk, encouraging us each to press on to the mark of Eternal Perfection. At present we are enjoying the visit of Bro. and Sister Sciorolla and their son Dick from Warren, Ohio, and at this writing we are expecting Bro. Joe Milantoni and wife of Detroit, Michigan, to visit us, and are looking forward to their visit.

We have such a treasure in our Church — the love of God. As our new converts come into the Church, it brings us much joy to hear them say that the thing that drew them to the Church the most was the display of love and fellowship that we have in our midst, and for this we are truly thankful. We know that this could not be, were it not a gift from the Lord to His people. Our aim and goal in life is that we might strive to obtain more and more of this love, that we might keep our shoulders to the wheel in our effort to press forward to victory in this battle for truth. We ask that you will all remember us in this part of the vineyard, that we might always remember the Lord's goodness to us and we might become more like the Master every day of our lives.

Sister Ann Smith
Branch Editor

THE LADIES CIRCLE

The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held in the church at Glassport, Pa. Saturday, June 25, 1960.

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "Lord in the Morning" and prayer by Sister Della Lowther. Sister Anna Pape read the first seven verses of the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes.

The president Mabel Bickerton gave the opening remarks in way of testimony followed by the sisters' testimonies. Several spoke praising God for His gospel and the blessings they receive in their Circle meetings.

All officers were present with the exception of vice-president Sister Ruth Ackerman, and Sister Sara Vancik treasurer. Reports were given by delegate or letter. It was reported a pulpit Bible for Florida had been sent and paid for. Also 10 hymn books were sent to Wakpala, S. D.

When Sister Sadie Cadman, our late president, passed away, several Circles sent money to the General Circle to be used as a tribute in her memory. Some felt we should have a lasting memorial for our sisters instead of flowers at that time. The General Circle now has a Memorial Fund with Sister Mabel Bickerton as treasurer. Circles wishing to contribute may do so in memory of their departed sisters. This money will be used to help the Church, if or when it has a home for the aged or a similar project. A note will be sent to the bereaved family telling of the Circles' contribution in memory of their loved one. At present we have \$135.00, one sister giving \$100 to start the fund.

The afternoon session was opened with singing, "Till Earth Is Good Again." Prayer by Sister Dentino. Sister Ross of Aliquippa, Pa. gave a brief account of the missionary work of her husband, who is in Africa.

All officers were re-elected with exception of historian. Sister Bickerton was elected to fill this office, vacated by the death of Sister Cadman.

The following donations were

made; General Church \$25.00; Church Book Fund \$50.00; Church Missionary Fund \$100.00; Indian Mission Fund \$400.00.

Several of our brethern present gave inspiring talks encouraging the sisters in their efforts to help the Church. The next general meeting will be held in Aliquippa, Pa. September 17, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Asst. Sec. Sister Clara Stevens.

NO TIME FOR GOD!!

You've time to build houses, and
in them to dwell,
And time to do business — to buy
and to sell,
But none for repentance, or deep,
earnest prayer,
To seek your salvation you've no
time to spare.
You've time for earth's pleasures,
for frolic and fun,
For her glittering treasures how
quickly you run,
But care not to seek the fair man-
sions above,
The favor of God of the Gift of His
love.
You've time to take voyages over
the sea.
And time to take in the gay world's
jubilee;
But soon our bright hopes will be
lost in the gloom
Of the cold, dark river of death, and
the tomb.
You've time to resort to woods,
mountain and glen,
And time to gain knowledge from
books and of men.
Yet no time to search for the wis-
dom of God:
But what of your soul when you're
under the sod?
For time will not linger when help-
less you lie;
Staring death in the face you will
take time to die!
Then, what of the judgment!
Pause, think, I implore!
For time will be lost on eternity's
shore."

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A PRAYER

One night as I knelt down to pray
The Lord, heard not, my cry;
It seemed that He was far away
And I could not draw nigh.
What was it then, that caused this breach?
Was it some wrong I'd done?
Some idle word? a thoughtless deed?
A duty shirked?—UNDONE?
And then again, I went and cried
O FATHER dear, forgive
The sins that have Thy Spirit vexed,
The sins that I have done.
And then I cried O cover me
With that red crimson tide,
And wash me clean from all my guilt,
And lead me to THY side.
Then shall our communion sweet
Be filled with power Divine,
Because of CHRIST and CALVARY,
The GLORY, LORD, is THINE.
When we confess, then He will hear
And answer all our prayers,
For HE alone Knows what is best,
And He alone who cares.
All GLORY be to GOD on high,
Praise HIS most HOLY name,
For love led HIM to CALVARY
To bear my sin and shame.
And when we praise in word and song,
His NAME where e're we roam,
HIS GLORY: HE hath said we'll share
In HIS Eternal HOME.
O why do men, a feeble race
Forsake our GOD of love?
Repent, Believe, and then confess,
And you can be HIS son.
HIS call, still is - O COME TO ME
All that are burdened low,
The heavy hearted, sin sick soul
Come now, and be made whole.
Margaret Heaps

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ROCHESTER, N. Y. BRANCH

Dear Editor:

Dear brothers and sisters of Rochester. Being this is the dedication day of your new church, I shall write you a few lines to express our thoughts. Bro. Emil (my husband) and I were unable to attend the services Never-the-less while in body we are separated, yet

in spirit we are united. We thank God above all things for the privilege of being members in The Church of Jesus Christ, and for the other angel who was seen flying in the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel.

And while the gospel has become so precious to us, even as a pearl of great price—May God help us to nourish and cherish it, that our light may shine to some poor soul who is seeking for it. May the blessings of your church building be ever as that which was poured out on the Temple of Solomon. May God's richest blessing abide in each of your hearts. May this Temple of God be a Beacon light unto every eye that looks upon it, and cause many people to come to the knowledge of the truth, that they may become Kings and Priests to God.

Dear brothers and sisters, while we find ourselves walking on the King's High Way, may our lives be such as to do the things God wants us to do, and be where He wants us to be.

As for me I am very proud of Bro. Emil (my husband) for rendering his service unto God, even if is in the line of plastering the building. May God bless him in such a way as the temples of God are being erected, he may say, Here am I Lord, send me, send me. (May God continue to bless brother Emil—for he is an Artist indeed, in the plastering profession, WHC). And while we sing with the poet—Let us do with our might what we find to do—let us be ready to answer His call. May this day (dedication day) be a memory to all of you. Let us all rejoice in this day—the day of jubilee, the Church of God. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Brother Emil and Anna Carlini

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL

As our Bible School in the Monongahela Branch came to its end I believe all the teachers and helpers felt the great blessing we had received in working with the boys and girls. Our lessons this year began with Joseph, Jacob's son and followed events so our last weeks'

studies were on the restoration of the gospel. As this is quite a deep subject and sometimes even hard to make adults understand it bothered me that I might not be able to put the true meaning across to the children in my class, seven and eight year olds. To my delight it was made so easy for me and I was amazed at what their young minds were able to comprehend. I believe each teacher felt much the same as I and it surely was worth any small effort we put forth.

As in other years Sis. Mabel Bickerton was our leader and wrote both the lessons and most of the music used. The teachers worked out the handwork for their own classes to go along with the lessons. For example, a few of the classes during the second week when the restoration was taught made posters telling of Jacobs promise to Joseph, an angel flying through the air with the everlasting gospel, and the gathering of Israel. It was very interesting for them to make and helped a lot in letting them understand the lessons. The poster was something they could take home, hang in their rooms, to remind them of the wonderful heritage and promise our church has.

We had an average of 82 children, both children of the saints and outsiders, and 20 teachers and helpers. The boys and girls were encouraged to bring both their Bibles and Book of Mormon each day. This was the first time some of these children ever heard of the Book of Mormon. Along with their lessons they learned a memory verse for each day, the 121 Psalm and the books of the old and new testament. We were surprised and happy to find that 33 children have come all three years without missing a day. Along with our other songs we selected as our theme song the old hymn which many of our old brothers and sisters remember—the verse is the old tune to Redeemer of Israel No. 455 in our hymn books and the chorus goes as follows: Numberless as the sands of the seashore, Numberless as the sands of the shore, What a joy that will be when the ransomed we shall

see, as numberless as the sands of the seashore." It was certainly a blessing to hear these children sing these words with understanding.

Our days lessons were as follows:

1. Blessing to Abraham, his 2 sons, Jacob's dream.
2. Jacob's 12 sons, Joseph's coat of many colors.
3. Joseph the dreamer—sold into Egypt by his brothers.
4. Joseph in Egypt—the meeting again of his family.
5. Jacob's blessing on his sons, his death.
6. Joseph's descendants go over the wall—Nephi, a descendant of Joseph.
7. Joseph Smith—the coming forth of Book of Mormon.

We had a program on Friday evening at the close of our 10 days work, when the parents and friends of the children came to hear and see what they had learned. The church was full and I am sure all could say "it was good to be there". As little missionaries the children brought cans of food and other helpful items to a needy family and toys and candy for their little girl who had broken her leg. It seems each year something turns up and we are able to help someone in some small way.

I am sure, I can speak for all that helped in any way that is a very rewarding way to spend two weeks of your summer. When I was a little girl I attended bible schools of protestant faiths and learned much but I am so thankful that my two girls can attend a Bible School at our own church where they will learn its faith and doctrines instead of the ways of others. All our prayers were that if we could instill just one thing in each little mind that they might remember when they grow up that our small efforts would not have been in vain. It is my desire that some day all our branches and missions might put forth an effort to have a Bible School—We must all remember that these boys and girls are our church of tomorrow and it is our duty as Christian parents to teach them in our faith so they might not stray from it. Pray for us in our efforts already started for next year.

Sis. Barbara Mountain Ackman

6 FAITHS USE 'ROMAN COLLAR'

PARIS—The "Roman collar" is not Roman and, though once worn only by Catholic priests, is now worn also by Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist clergymen.

Before the 16th Century, clergymen did not wear collars.

In the 17th Century it became fashionable all over Europe to place a perspiration-absorbing band of white linen inside the "collaro," a piece of black cloth worn around the neck over the shirt front.

This band soon acquired the name, "Roman collar."

In 1884, the Catholic bishops of the United States made it obligatory for American priests to wear the Roman collar, and for about 50 years it was a distinguishing mark of Catholic clergymen.

"SHEEP"

While meditating on the things of God, I was much impressed with the word SHEEP. The Savior on many occasions referred to his followers as sheep. We find in the 21st chapter of John where Christ appeared after His resurrection—behold, the disciples had gone back to fishing, the trade some of them had once known. Some find fault with those men for returning to their fishing nets but let us retain in mind the fact that these brethren had not been in receivership of the promise of the Savior when He said, "when I go away the comforter shall come". The spirit was willing but the flesh was weak. So it is today, many are willing to do good but without the Spirit of God they fall short. When Christ appeared on the shore, He said, "Children, have you any meat?" "No, we labored all night and caught nothing" was the reply. Jesus spoke to Peter and said, "Lovest thou me more than these". Peter answered and said, "Thou knowest I love Thee". Christ then proclaimed "Feed my lambs". Christ repeated this three times only the next two times he used the word "sheep". So we find the Lord referring to His people as sheep. In many other cases the Lord referred to His people as sheep. We find in the Book of Mormon (26th chapter of Mosiah) where Alma asked the Lord what he should do as there had begun to be much wickedness. The Lord answered

something like this: "He that will hear my voice shall be my sheep, and him shall ye receive into the church, and him will I also receive. For behold, this is my church, whosoever is baptized, shall be baptized unto repentance, and whomsoever ye receive shall believe in me, and him I freely forgive."

I being raised as a boy on a farm, am well acquainted with animals. Sheep are the most amazing animals I ever encountered. They submit to all things whatsoever their master would put upon them. King Benjamin gave the qualifications that we must have: submissive, meek, humble, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon us. Sheep fit this description very well. They even go to their death without opening their mouths to complain. We many times complain when one little trial befalls us. Let someone say something to us that just don't suit us, oh, how many times we strike back with cutting remarks which cause wounds. When we fall into this state we have traded our characteristics of sheep for the actions of a goat. The goat belongs to the same family but how different he is! He holds grudges and lies in wait for revenge. When I was a boy we had a big goat. I loved to tease him when I knew I was safe out of his reach. One day I was careless, turned my back for a minute, and when I glanced around, here came the goat heading straight for me. I spent a half day up in a tree that day yelling for help from my father. In comparison, we see you can't turn your back on a goat but a sheep is the same today, tomorrow, and every day.

King David was a shepherd boy. He knew a lot about sheep. The 23rd Psalm gives us much enlightenment on how the Lord deals with his sheep. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want". The sheep lie down at the close of day, content and satisfied, not worried about tomorrow because the sheep know their master took care of them today and will also tomorrow. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Sheep graze from around 3:30 in the morning until about 10:00 and then they lie down to chew their cuds. The shepherd starts his sheep out grazing on the

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

On August 3rd my daughter Mabel and her husband were leaving on a three day trip for New York State and they took me along. It was a very nice drive and we spent our first night in Erie, Pa., and visited brother Mancini's home. The next morning we started for the Hill Cumorah and attended the pageant there that night (Thursday). While in the midst of the big crowd and through a Loud Speaker system we had a phone call from home. We learned that Brother Danychuck had died and that I was wanted in Detroit to take charge of the funeral service on Saturday morn. As was our intentions to start home on the next morning (Friday) we did so and I got off the car at Erie Airport and boarded a plane for Detroit—the others went on home.

While at Comorah Hill we attended the pageant on Thursday evening. There was an immense crowd of people from all parts of the country. The Utah church certainly puts on a wonderful drama, and much of it was interesting to me. But I question if the Lord approved of mortal men playing the part of a sinless savior and of the angelic host. That does not appeal to me, but it is a well organized affair. There were many ushers, young girls and young men ready to lend a helping hand—putting themselves out to get acquainted with many of that great throng of people—Asking you

questions and answering your questions—promulgating their faith in the restored gospel to many people. Apparently well-trained for their purpose. It is rather surprising, the community that once persecuted Joseph Smith and his colleagues—the same community now welcomes the many people who now profess faith in the story of the then obscure farmer boy who testified to the world that he saw a vision and ultimately he translated from the plates of gold the inscriptions thereon, into what is now known as the Book of Mormon—yea a book that reveals the fact that Jesus visited the forefathers of the aborigines of this western hemisphere soon after His resurrection, as is recorded in the New Testament. I cannot help but give praise to the Creator of all men; Who has moved in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Might I add—bringing to naught the wisdom of the wise men, since Joseph Smith was a despised boy, because he professed to have a vision.

We attended a meeting or a gathering that took place in the grove where Joseph made his first attempt to pray vocally. There were people there from away off in California—one in particular I will mention. He was a great grand son of Samuel Smith (Joseph's brother Samuel). He had heard the Cumorah Hill story all his life time with his parents—grand parents & etc. He lives if I remember right in San Jose, California. He was glad to have the opportunity of visiting where his great uncle Joseph had, had, such a wonderfully Heavenly experience, even when he was just a boy.

May I say: Long live the experience of Joseph Smith in the minds of all people who profess faith in his calling. It is true that lots of bad things have been written and exclaimed, from the house-tops about the man who claimed an angel of God visited him when he was in his youth on his father's farm, in his bed room, and a little later in 1827 on the Hill known to us as the Hill Cumorah. Joseph has been a much accused man, likewise have been the followers of Jesus in all ages. Well did the apostle say, he that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

My trip to New York State culminated in me going to Detroit to help lay brother Danychuck away to rest. His warfare is over and we entertain hopes that he will reap the reward of the faithful. After his burial I spent about three weeks in Canada mostly among the Indian people, and of course at our several churches in Detroit and Windsor. I will use the Editorial column in completing an account of my trip.

Brother Cadman

rougher herbage, moving on through the morning, to richer, sweeter grasses, finally coming to rest in the green pastures, the choice spot of land. Here they lie down to rest to chew their cuds during the heat of the day. As we enter into the fold of God many times we travel through rough pastures but the farther we go the sweeter and greener it gets. Then at last we lie down to rest in the green pastures with our Master to reap our rewards. "He leadeth me beside the

still waters." Sheep will not drink from gurgling water; they would rather die of thirst than drink from gurgling waters. The shepherd must find still water for his sheep to drink from. Sometimes the shepherd with his hands makes a pool for his sheep to drink from.

We that have come to know the Lord are not taken up with the excitement of the world. The crying of some men that claim Christ is here or Christ is there. These are the false prophets that pro-

claim false doctrines. We love that calm, still water the Lord floods our souls with many times. How wonderful is that peaceful shower of blessings we feel many times while sitting in a meeting while the Spirit of God flows from vessel to vessel. "He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Sheep while grazing have their place in line, but once a day the sheep will come to its' master for consolation. It will rub against the master, the master

in turn pats the sheep on the head or rubs it. The sheep then returns to the grazing place in line. Each of us in the church has a fort to hold or as the sheep, a place in line. Each of us meet different people every day, are at different places and we are required to be a in the place we are. Thus we each take a different place in line but we return to our Good Shepherd to feel the touch of His hand. When we meet in church, kneel by our beds or stop in the midst of the day for a word of prayer He restoreth our souls. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Before the sheep enter into the pasture he goes before them and chops down poisonous plants and places them upon a stone to dry and then burn. Then when the sheep enter into the pasture they eat in the presence of their enemies—the poisonous plants. Many times in our lives the Lord has gone before us and chops down our enemies. He understands more than we; sometimes we are not aware of the poisonous plants. It looks good but inside it is filled with poison. I look back over my life in the church and I can see where the Lord has protected me from these enemies and caused me to feast in their presence. They were dried up and unattractive to me. I had a neighbor one time that knew I was an Elder in the church. The church he attended was holding a series of meetings in which they were inviting ministers from different faiths to speak to them. They had invited three other churches in to speak including the Later Day Saints; all to express their thoughts and explain their beliefs. They asked me to represent our church. I knew this neighbor wanted to see our church belittled. I knew their minister was a well-educated man and naturally his congregation would lean towards him. Before I walked into their big church, I remember saying, "Lord, if ever I needed Thee, it is now!" The Lord blessed me with the proper words to say and I felt much liberty. I didn't leave until 11:00 P.M. that evening. I had eaten in the presence of mine enemies. My neighbor who would have liked to have seen me and our church belittled. "Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over." Each shepherd in the land of Israel

carried an earthen pot filled with oil with him. At evening-time he would examine his sheep; if he found any with burrs in their ears, scratches, or running eyes because of the dust, he would wash the wound with water and then pour the oil on it to soothe it. So the Lord deals with us also. He examines our wounds and our hurts and he anoints them with His oil. He alone knows what is best for us. When He sees us discouraged or wounded, He anoints us with the oil of gladness til our cup runneth over.

In conclusion then I say, that "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." On the Judgment Day the SHEEP will depart into eternal happiness while the goats will go into the weeping and wailing and the gnashing of teeth. Several years ago I felt inspired to write the following:

The world was my Shepherd
I shall never want again
It maketh me to lie down at sins' door
It leadeth me into destruction
It destroyeth my soul for the glory of the world.
But now the captive is set free
The Lord is my Shepherd
Him, will I always want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters
He restoreth my soul for His names' sake
Praise God, ye children of Zion
Break forth with singing
For He has anointed our heads with oil of gladness
For surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow us all our days.

William Kunkel,
Imperial, Pa. Branch

Dear Bros. and Sis. Everywhere:

Bro. and Sis. Ishmael D'Amico along with all of their family wish to extend their sincere thanks and heartiest gratitude to all who were so kind to remember us in time of sorrow. The loss of our son Fred took us all by surprise, and it is still hard to believe that the good Lord has called him home. Yet we will try to resign ourselves to the will of the Lord, even as the son of God resigned himself to the will of

His Father in Heaven. There is the one comfort and hope that we have that someday we'll go to meet him in heaven along with all the faithful departed.

Remember us in your prayers and we will do the same for all of you.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ,
Ishmael D'Amico
and Family

VERY THOUGHTFUL OF THE CHURCH

Dear Brother Cadman:

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. (I am well. WHC)

Enclosed is a check for the Gospel News to be used as you see fit. This is a part of the money I received from the company I work for. A presentation to me under the "Suggestion Program."

I feel that since the Lord has blessed me with knowledge for the Ideas that I turn into the Company's program; I want to acknowledge my gratefulness unto the Lord in helping whatever way I can. My desire is to please God first of all, for He has promised so much and has given of abundance unto His people.

If at any time the Gospel News is in dire Straits please let me know, that I might try to do my part in bringing the good news to others—that we may all return Honor and Glory to God our Father. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Your brother and sister Samuel and Josephine Dell. May the Lord Bless you brother and sister Dell. (Bro. Cadman and Editor of the Gospel News—the little paper of which the complaints are very small when compared with letters like brother and sister Dell's.)

P.S. I feel like extolling the good deed of our late brother George Dannychuck. I met him many years ago and when it came time for him to depart from us—I am told that he wanted me to attend to his funeral services, which I did. He left me one hundred dollars, I presume to take care of any expense I might be put to. Much appreciation for your thoughtfulness brother Dannychuck. I placed the money in the fund to help build the addition on the General Church building in Monongahela which is badly needed. May God bless you all with a little surplus, over and above your actual

needs, is my prayer.

Brother Cadman

NOTICE

Anyone having relatives or friends in or near Lavale, Maryland, please notify them of our meetings being held in the Homewood Chapel near the home of Bro. Henry A. Border on Sundays — Services: Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. and Fellowship Service at 2 p.m.

Elder Idris Martin

CLEVELAND BRANCH #2

On Sunday morning, June 26, as we were sitting in our Sunday School we received a telephone call from Sister Rose Palermo, who had called to inform us that her step-mother, Anna Altomare; who was visiting her wanted to be baptized.

Sister Anna had been attending church in the Lorain Branch ever since she married Brother Altomare ten years ago. Being that she didn't understand English too well we feel that it was through the experiences that she had had the week before her baptism, that helped her to make her decision.

One night during the week she dreamed she saw Jesus standing at the window then she woke up. Saturday night again she dreamed she saw Jesus standing at the window and this time he said that she should get baptized and she answered him by saying she would. In the morning she said nothing of her dream until she could no longer hold the happy blessing to herself so she went to Sister Palermo and told her of the happening of the night before, crying she told her step-daughter that she wanted to be baptized.

In the afternoon meeting following the baptism she bore her testimony in English plain enough that we all understood her. She was telling about the dreams God had given her. Truly a wonderful day was spent by all along with our visiting Bro. and Sis. Piccuito from Kent, Ohio.

Our prayer is that the Lord may bless our new Sister and guide her steps that she may never stray from the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the promise she made that day.

Geraldine Bartuccio and
Rose Palermo

ROMANO - SANSOTERRA

On Saturday, June 11, 1960, Joann Sansoterra and Carl Romano were united in marriage in the Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #3, Detroit, Michigan. The groom is the son of Brother and Sister Carlo Romano.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino assisted by Brother Anthony Scalero officiated in the ceremony. The bride was given away by the groom's uncle, Joseph Mazzella. Best man was Victor Pastorelli, brother-in-law of the groom. Mrs. Sharon Livernais was maid of honor and bridesmaid was Sister Dorothy Pastorelli. The usher was Mr. John Coppa. Sister Dolores Thomas sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because". She was accompanied at the piano by Sister Rosalinda Dix.

A breakfast was held in the V. F. W. Hall immediately following the ceremony and a reception was attended by the Brothers, Sisters and friends in the evening.

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Words cannot express the blessings I received from your encouraging talks in Detroit. I trust this finds you enjoying the best of health with the Lord's blessings. I pray that you have rested from your recent visit in this part of God's vineyard.

Brother Paul P. Whitton

MISS HANNAH SKILLEN

Sister Hannah Mae Skillen, age 85, passed away. August 11, 1960 at a Pittsburgh Hospital. She was born at Monongahela, Penna. on April 27, 1875, the daughter of the late Brother William Skillen and Sister Jane Skillen. She is survived by nieces and nephews. Most of her life was spent in Elizabeth.

She was a member of the Church at the Jefferson Branch, having been baptized by Brother John Armbrust at McKeesport, Penna., March 8, 1903. She had been a general church deaconess, a Sunday School teacher in the Glassport Branch for over thirty years, an officer for 35 years in the Ladies Uplift Circle, and secretary of the G.M.B.A. from 1919 to 1948. Sister Hannah was a very active member of the Church. Her life was one of service.

The funeral service was held in the Cox Funeral Home in Elizabeth

in charge of Elders Thurman Furnier and Samuel Kirschner. The Men's Quartet of Monongahela sang, accompanied by Sister Sara Vancik at the piano. Burial was in the Elizabeth Cemetery.

WILLIAM SOMMERSVILLE PASSES ON

Brother William Sommersville of Port Huron, Mich., died very suddenly on July 23, 1960. He was born on May 11, 1903, making him just past 57 years old. He leaves his wife Bertha and one son William and two grand children of Orlando, Florida. Two sisters and one brother all survive. William was well liked and had many friends who will mourn his sudden departure from their midst.

Brother Sommersville was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Port Huron, had a good testimony in the church and was very friendly and well liked. He will be missed among us.

Funeral Services at the Arthur Smith Funeral Home in Port Huron were conducted by Bro. W. H. Cadman. A large audience was present. Brother Henderson of Windsor, Canada, offered the closing prayer at the grave. We all extend our sympathies to his beloved wife Bertha and his son William and all that are near and dear by the ties of nature. May the Lord comfort all of you.

GEORGE DANYCHUCK PASSES ON

Brother Danychuck born in 1897 died on August 4, 1960 and was laid to rest on August 6th from No. 1 Branch of the church on Harper St., in Detroit, Mich. Interment at Gethsemane Cemetery with Bro. W. H. Cadman officiating at the service. Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo offered prayer at the grave.

Brother Danychuck was born in Romania and has no known relatives in this country. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ many years ago. His only friends apparently, were his brothers and sisters in the Church. He was a faithful man and was very generous to everybody, and especially to those who stood in need of help. I understand that what little he had gathered around him, he willed to the Church to which he always bore a faithful testimony.

And while he died far away from his native home—no relatives to look upon his face, yet many of his brothers and sisters in Christ were present at his last rites, and they will remember brother George along with his generosity for years to come. May his soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God.

Sincerely,
Brother W. H. Cadman

Dear Brother Editor:

On Sunday, August 14th, the New Brunswick Branch enjoyed a glorious day in the service of God. We have had quite a few enjoyable meetings of late, but this one in particular was an extra blessing. The morning meeting was opened in the usual manner by Bro. Carmen Sgro, who gave a very interesting talk inspired by the Lord and followed by Bro. Frank Mazzeo, who also was inspired by the Lord. The spirit of the Lord was amongst us as it was felt by many. I must say the spirit of repentance was there in our midst, also as a young woman stood and asked to be baptized. We praise the Lord for this and much more, all honor and glory belongs to Him.

Our afternoon meeting was opened by Bro. Fred Lupo, who gave a very interesting talk. Although he is in very poor health, the Lord gave him the strength and the privilege to speak to us, which we appreciated and thank the Lord.

Testimonies followed and were enjoyed by all.

A Sister who had gone astray was returned to the fold.

A glorious spirit prevailed in our midst throughout the day, including our M.B.A. meeting. Praise be the name of our King and may He keep us humble and faithful the balance of our days.

Sincerely,
Branch Editors

THE GOSPEL NEWS

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am enclosing a poem I wrote a week ago, as I was resting in the afternoon from my labors my mind was taken up with thoughts on prayer and the effect it has on our lives, as we have at one time or another in our Christian life felt as we prayed that our prayers were not having any effect and appeared to be bouncing right back at us,

and as I pondered over these things my mind was inspired with the words in this poem and as I arose and began to write more and more came until I had completed ten verses. I believe these words may help some of our young to understand that when this happens to them it has also happened to us.

This does not mean that God has left us or will not hear us but I am convinced that this is one way of God letting us realize our own weakness and how helpless we are without HIM. So as I once heard when you can't pray, start to praise, and God will fill our vessels when we get them emptied out. It is hard to put anything into a full vessel. There are so many things that fill our lives and take our time that our minds are so full of thoughts of this and that problem of the day that we cannot give ourselves over to prayer, so our prayer is just so many words that do bounce back at us, for God wants our hearts and minds to be centered on HIM when we go to HIM and HE will take care of everything else. There are times that I feel we are in bondage in this world and only when we let GOD have HIS way in our lives are we free indeed.

To be in bondage to a Government is a terrible thing, but when we allow ourselves, in a land built on Freedom, to be in spiritual bondage because of our way of life, natureally speaking; I am afraid we are hindering answer to our prayers and we are also stunting our spiritual growth as a people. Pride can be a horrible thing, it is also destructive in nature, it is one of the six things the Lord hates, to be bound by it may not only mean the loss of your own soul but it may be the means of turning others from the truth. The world is full of pride but we are not supposed to be of the world. As GOD called ABRAHAM out of his country and his kinsman because HE had a better place for him and would make the world a better place because of the obedience of Abraham, just so HE has called us into HIS service to be a separate people free from the allurements of this world that thru our lives and the light of the restored Gospel the world of our day may be a better place because of our being here and doing the will of GOD.

We hear much these days of activities for our young people that will keep them in the Church. We have tried various kinds of activities here in California that was permissible by the Church. These were enjoyed by those that took part but the joy was not lasting and the pleasure derived from these activities was soon forgotten. There is not anything that will keep both old and young like a good spiritual meeting, in order to have these meetings we have to exercise ourselves in those things that are Spiritual. Activities for the natural man? How about activities for the Spiritual Health of mankind, if followed they will bring results that far surpass the natural activities, both in pleasure and lasting results. Lets try a few.

Train your eyes to look up from whence cometh our help. Train them to look for only that which is good. Train your hands to do service for others and labor for GOD.

Train our feet to walk in the paths of righteousness and to carry the Gospel message to others. Train our voices to sing HIS praises, and our tongue that it might GLORIFY GOD and tell out the RESTORED GOSPEL message. Let us train our hearts to be tuned in that we might hear HIS slightest whisper, and our love and our life that they might be consecrated to HIM and to HIS work. NOW IF we exercise ourselves in these activities I am sure we will be much too busy to bother with anything else and I am sure our exercise will be much more rewarding than any other kind could be, for GOD would not hold anything back from children so dedicated to HIS cause. MAY GOD add HIS blessing and GRACE, and strength that we may all attain this goal.

It's The Flame That Is Important
HIS lamp am I.

To shine where He shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day.

And as sometimes we find,
CLEAR, shining through the night,
So Bright, we do not see the lamp
But only see the light,
SO MAY I SHINE—

HIS LIGHT THE FLAME—
That men may Glorify HIS Name.

By Annie Johnson Flint
Your Sister In Christ
Margaret Heaps

The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"A friend loveth at all times."

Proverbs 17:17

Dear Boys and Girls,

In the Bible, John 15:14, Jesus tells us, "Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Abraham was called a friend of God. If we want to be one of God's friends, we must keep His Commandments also.

I want to tell you a story about Jesus' friends. When Jesus was on earth, He had many friends, among these were Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha. They lived in a little town called Bethany.

Mary liked to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to the wonderful words of salvation. Martha seemed to be busy with the housework. Once when Jesus was in their home, Martha complained to Him that Mary wasn't helping. She had to serve alone. But Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are troubled about many things but Mary has chosen the good part. This is needful in your lives, and it shall not be taken away from her."

Sometime later, Lazarus, their brother, was very sick. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus. It said, "He whom Thou lovest is sick." But Jesus did not go to Bethany right away. His disciples were surprised when Jesus did not hurry to see His friend Lazarus. But Jesus had His own reason for not going immediately. Lazarus died before Jesus and His disciples left for Bethany. The word soon reached Mary and Martha that Jesus was coming. Martha went out to meet Him but Mary sat still in the house. As soon as Martha came to Jesus she said, "Lord, if You had only been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus said, "Your brother shall live again. I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Martha replied, "Yes, Lord, I Believe." She then went home and told Mary that the Master wanted to see her. As she saw Jesus, she said the same words as Martha, "Lord, if you had only been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus saw her weeping and also the Jews who came with her. Jesus wept too. The people said, "He must have loved Lazarus very much." Jesus asked them, "Where have you laid him?" They answered, "Come and see."

When they came to the place where Lazarus was buried, Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven. When the stone had been taken away from the tomb, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." Just as soon as Jesus called, he came forth from the grave. After his grave clothes were taken away, Jesus said to let him go.

Jesus' last visit at their home was just before His death. Martha served the supper, and Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Jesus. While they were eating, Mary came in. She loved Jesus very much and wanted to show her love for Him. She had some very costly perfume or ointment. Mary took this perfume and poured it over Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. Now Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, was there too. He is the one who soon betrayed Jesus. He found fault with Mary for what she had done. He said it was a shame to waste this perfume, that it should have been sold, and the money given to the poor. I don't think he was worried about the poor people, do you? It was his business to take care of all the money. Jesus said, "Let her alone. What she has done for Me was done in preparing My body for My burial. You will always have the poor with you, but Me you have not always." This soon came to pass because shortly Jesus was hung on the cross. This was indeed a very, very sad time for Jesus' dear friends. No doubt they remembered His words, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Can we answer as Martha did, "Yes, Lord, I believe"?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Find the names of two very good friends. 1 Samuel 18:1
2. The Jews said if Pilate released Jesus he was not _____

friend. John 19:12

3. How did the Lord speak unto Moses? Exodus 33:11

4. A man that has friends must be _____ Proverbs 18:24

Sincerely

Sister Mabel,

Box 72, Monongahela, Pa.

MURPHY, N. C. (AP)—Bishop Homer Tomlinson said today he will climb the Ten Commandments Mountain here July 4, proclaim America a holy nation and himself the next U. S. President.

Tomlinson, general overseer of the Church of God with headquarters at Queens Village, L. I., is a candidate for President on the Church of God ticket. He said he expects to be elected by a miracle on Nov. 8.

The bishop's running mate is 57-year-old Bishop Raymond L. Teague of Anchorage, Alaska. They were nominated at a church convention May 22 in Fulton, Mo.

Tomlinson has visited 101 nations and 41 states in a "peace on earth" mission, proclaiming himself king at every stop.

At 11 a.m. July 4, he said in an announcement released here, he will don his robe and crown and enter the 2 million dollar Church of God Testimonial Park, Field of the Wood.

During the ceremony, he said, he will lift a flag his father gave him, along with scepter, star and crown, and "will aver that wars have ended," according to Psalms 46:9. The United States will be "declared a holy nation on this July 4 just as it was declared free and independent July 4, 1776," the bishop said.

(Taken from "The Church of God") with World Headquarters at 9305, 224th St. Queens Village, 28, N.Y., U.S.A.

The following is a sketch out of the same paper:

"Your preliminary anointing as 'King of the World' which took place in 1954 was a necessary first step toward a still fuller awakening, and anointing 'King of the United State.' And I believe that as a result of this coming election on November 8th of a President of the United States (or King of the United States) more and more people will be awakened to see that you are the true president or king of the United States, as well as be-

ing the true president and king of the World Realm."

P.S.—Bishop Tomlinson's prophetic date (Nov. 8th) is not far off and I do not know of any scripture that will sustain his position. WHC.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

I was quite pleased to hear from you today, and shall proceed to do what you request, so that you may have it as soon as possible. Thank God to know that you and family are well, we are so thanks, and are struggling to go forward in our Father's business, so that what grace has started, will end in glory. We are very sorry to hear of the recent departures in this part of the Vineyard, of course, this is the Lord's will, and all that we can do, is to say, Lord teach me from my heart to say, thy will be done. I shall now write on other subjects, as the Lord directeth. On the 1st of July, 1960, we were overjoyed to have bro. W. H. Cadman, in Detroit, to conduct the funeral service of bro. Fred D'Amico. Bro. Fred to us, was just as dear, as our right hand, but since the Lord wanted him, there is nothing we could do but bow to the inevitable. The service was conducted, with the greatest solemnity, with bro. Cliff Burgess, and daughter, Dorothy, singing different selections, bro. Silver Criscuolo, leading in prayer, and bro. W. H. Cadman, reading several verses in 1st Cor. 15th Chapter, and giving us a very appropriate and inspiring talk well fit for the occasion. The amount of flowers that were sent to this funeral were enormous, showing that our bro. was well thought of by all.

On Sunday, July 3rd at Branch #3, the speaker was bro. Paul D'Amico, he read two portions of scripture, one from John 14th Chapter 1st verse through the 7th verse, also Rev. 20th Chapter, 4th verse through the 7th verse, and gave us an inspiring talk, bro. Ansel D'Amico, also speaking. Bro. Ishmael D'Amico, rose to his feet, while we were having, a wonderful blessing, and spoke the tongues, the interpretation, being, "Let us try and get away from the things of the world, because the time is drawing near."

On Sunday, the 10th, we were in Branch #4, bro. Alfred Dominico, of Lorraine, Ohio, was with us, and

gave a very nice talk, on "Eternal Life", from Mark 10th. Chapter, 17th. verse, through the 27th verse. We later went to Inkster, with bro. John Gammichia, where we had washing of feet, and enjoyed an unspeakable blessing. Several Elders were there, a large Sunday School Class, nice services, and blessings abundantly.

On Sunday, July 31st, there were several car loads, of bros. and sisters, to the Dedication, of our new Church Building, in Rochester, New York, from Detroit. We travelled with another car load of bros. and sisters, from the West Side, bro. Domonic Cotellesse, driving our car. Due to the rain, we left the road, and went into our apartment, at the Six Nation Reservation, and had our lunch, we were sorry indeed to find sister Hill's home, burnt to the ground. We stopped at Niagara Falls, to see the beautiful scenery, and from there went to Lockport, N. Y., where the Lord bless our dear bros. and sisters, Paul D'Amico and others, had a nice lunch, awaiting us. We slept in Lockport, met at the Church Building, 8 A.M., sang several hymns, had prayer, and were on our way to Rochester. The Church Building was finished, at an approximate cost of about \$45,000. The land alone was about \$6,000. The Minister of the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Chatman, donated the Pews, this was accepted with much gratitude, may God abundantly bless our friend, and all others who did the least thing, in making our bros. work such a great success. Eros. Ansel and John D'Amico, were the chief Supervisors, for the great job, others, such as bro. Amel Carlini, John Romano, Joseph Stracci, and many others, worked untiringly, may God abundantly bless them all. Special mention was made of bros. Mario Francione, and Fred D'Amico, lately departed, that they have gained the victory, and are now awaiting us in Glory. Bro. Rocco Biscotti, introduced the Service, reading from Daniel 2nd Chapter, 34th and 35th verses, and gave a wonderful talk, bro. Ishmael D'Amico spoke the tongues, the interpretation being, "These are the results, of our labors". All and all, we just had a very important, and Heavenly time. The lunch served after the morning service, was a dream. May God bless our dear bros. and sis-

ters for their generosity. The Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other. May God Bless us one and all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Matthew T. Miller

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Dear Brother Editor:

We of Lorain, thank God, for his many wonderful blessings he has given us the privilege to share in this part of his vineyard. For some Sundays now we were honored by several visitors, having the spirit of God, poured out upon us in great abundance.

May 22nd we had in our meeting Bro. Alma B. Cadman, along with Bro. and Sister Furnier, as well as Bro. Rivera. Bro. A. Cadman, enlightened us on the 11th Chapter of Isaiah in the morning meeting. He had a large audience at his attention, including many Spanish speaking visitors. To our regret time flew by too fast. While he spoke a visitor sitting next to Bro. Rivera remarked, "To me this man truly looks like a prophet of God."

Bro. Furnier, opened the afternoon meeting, giving experiences and testimonies we were eager to hear. He also gave facts from documents to show us how merciful God has been to the people of this country. It was a very good meeting. All enjoyed the testimony of sister Furnier.

The evening service was led by A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio. The 6th chapter of Ephesians was his text. He very ably told us to put on the whole armour of God, so we may stand firm in the evil days. That man must obey God, and unless he is born of the water and the spirit one cannot put on the whole armour of God. Bro. Riveria, followed by speaking in Spanish on the same scripture to our Puerto Rican visitors. Bro. Corrado joyously spoke out as Bro. Rivera was speaking, saying, "I can understand him! He is speaking Spanish, and I can understand every word he speaks! It's amazing, this is wonderful!"

Bro. A. Perelione, of West Cleveland, related an experience he had with a friend soon after coming into the Church. Proving once again to trust in the Lord, and not in the flesh. We enjoyed the meeting throughout.

Bro. William Genario and com-

panion, and the Rivera family worshiped with us on May 29th. Bro. Genario, spoke on the 42nd chapter of Alma. He also told how the doctors of the world said he would soon die of T.B. But God, was merciful to him, because he obeyed his commandments. Through repentance and baptism he was restored back to health. Telling of the great love of God, for mankind, we were told how to surrender ourselves to him. In giving ourselves to him we could taste of his love.

We were asked to count the cost if our soul should be lost, by Bro. F. Calabrese, who continued the meeting. Also telling us worldly riches cannot save us. We must obey God, and work to the end to save our souls. No one knows what the next moment will hold for us. We only have a short time to work, for time is far spent. We must live for Christ. Mercy will not rob justice at the last day. Come and worship the Lord and save your soul, for the love of God is justice.

Our afternoon service was filled with honor and praise to God, our Holy Father. Bro. F. Altomare opened the meeting Praising the Lord, for his endless love and mercy toward his children. He asked all to draw near to God, for no matter how dark our days ahead, he will take care of his own. We should love God.

Bro. Rivera followed by telling how his wife followed him to this land, then to Jesus Christ. Sister Rivera testified that no sacrifice is too great for the Savior. After many wonderful testimonies our presiding Elder, closed the service by saying, "Nothing is secure, sure or steadfast in our day and time. So let us place our hope on things Eternal, on Jesus Christ, who never fails."

Sunday, June 5th our building was filled again, not only with many visitors, but the Lord's spirit was felt by all the whole day through. During our afternoon service as sister Mildred Congetta was upon her feet, telling of the goodness of God, to her the past week, the Gift of Tongues was spoken by Bro. Rivera. The Lord's spirit was strongly felt by all that each testimony given was more beautiful than the last. The interpretation was also given as follows: "Blessed are these who testify of me. They

shall forever be blessed for my names sake. They shall have everlasting life."

Bro. Cadman, what human tongue can ever thank God, enough or give Him the praise, honor and glory that belongs unto Him? He gives us so much and we are not worthy of any form or phase of his love. My heart aches within me when I see what a shortcoming creature I am before my maker. My aching Heart causes me to try a little harder each day he gives me to live, to be a better servant to Jesus, as well as those about me. His love, of me is like his gospel, deep, strengthening, uplifting, cleansing, mysterious, endless and most of all, full of mercy for all mankind who will try and keep on trying to do his will to the end.

Sister Margaret E. King

VITALITY IS MIGHTIER THAN SIZE

Popularity, power, and the driving fulfillment of an ambition for the purpose of obtaining self-recognition, becomes an obsession in the lives of many human beings. The world is popularly attracted to the colossal. The Christian faith, however, maintains its assurance - despite the world's clamor - on the quiet, the humble, the inconspicuous, the vital; not on the vast nor the noisy. Jesus drew the attention of his own reliance on this truth, when He compared the kingdom of heaven to "leaven". The huge lump of the world is spectacular, filled with noisy tumult - it loudly demands attention; but, if one sees only that, there is little hope. Jesus pointed to something else, although inconspicuous, yet vital. Mass, enveloped by the spectacular, is not the complete story; invisible leaven is at work, with the question rising whether we shall believe that size and noise are decisive or that, in the long run, leaven can win.

Every Christmas we celebrate this truth. The vast affairs and pomp of the Roman world seemed irrelevant to the birth of a baby in the inn. That tiny bit of vitality or leaven proved more enduring than the entire Roman empire. While empires crumbled and the Caesars are dust, the spectacular affairs - which then had bulk and magnitude in the world's opinion - proved transient. The utterly unforeseeable -

the unexpected did happen. Vitality or leaven is mightier than size. That is neither dream nor dogma, but historic fact.

As for us as individuals, often seeming powerless in a confused world, the Christian Gospel brings to us a message challenging, even when it seems unbelievable. Vital persons count. **Men and women of integrity and rectitude** are 'the strong nails that hold the best that is in the world together'. We never see the truth in history or in our daily lives until we pierce behind the mass and bulk of huge affairs, and recognize the momentous importance of individuals. The vast forest depends upon the vitality of its individual trees. The over-all government of a nation, in the long run, can do no more than express the quality of its individual citizens. The Church likewise rises no higher than the quality and caliber of its members. "The world's destiny is ultimately determined inside personality". All saving ideas are born small. If we are to understand the abiding forces which will dominate the future, we must believe in something germinative, often very small, inconspicuous - like mustard seed - as Jesus said. This is difficult for we humans to do - to see that the show under the big tent does not matter most or last longest. Victor Hugo was so right: "Nothing in this world is so powerful as an idea whose time has come".

Such is our faith about Christ's ideas and their relation to our world's problems. These ideas may be only leaven now, most of the lump untouched by their fermentation but they are at work. The abiding, creative factors are its vitalities. The lump is massive, its condition crude but the leaven is here, too. Some day men will be saying about Christ's essential teachings - "People the world over believed Jesus to be wrong for so long and then He turned out to be so right".

A few examples, of so many, that proved that vitality is mightier than size are:

1. In the creation of the first woman, God prepared the medium through which the eternal hope of mankind would ultimately blossom forth.
2. Noah's construction of the Ark preserved the continuity of the

human race in the face of an unbelieving world.

3. In Abraham's search for God, he developed an unshakeable faith and an assurance - for all believers - that one day he would dwell in that city whose builder and ruler is God.
4. Because of Daniel's faithful allegiance, God funneled His glorious power through this one man in such tangible evidence, that Israel's God was acclaimed throughout the vast borders of the Persian Empire.
5. The fearless courage of Judas, the 3rd son of the aged priest Mattathias, fired the small nation of Israel, to resist the entire might of Syria in Antiochus IV attempt to destroy Judaism. Against seemingly hopeless odds, Judas won religious and political independence for the Jews.
6. Columbus' courage and patience overcame the superstitious fears that held men's minds in bondage; he opened up a completely new world to people everywhere.
7. From the humble beginnings of a log cabin, Lincoln directed this nation to a deeper concept of freedom, and gave hope to oppressed people, not only in our land; but to enslaved people all over the world.
8. Galileo, the first astronomer to use the telescope, was summoned before the Inquisition, where he was condemned because of his adherence to proven facts, which were at variance with the Church authorities of his time. Although he had no choice but to yield, he whispered quietly, "Nevertheless, the earth does move around the sun". His quick and penetrating mind stimulated other men to think on a new dimension of thought.
9. Mahatma Gandhi's tenacious faith and conviction, that prayer and fasting for a peaceful solution to national problems and not violence, would affect a change in England's attitude, finally resulted in England granting India its independence.
10. In a few words of prayer that Elijah uttered to the Living God, a burning flame like a bolt of lightning, completely con-

sumed the massive water-encased sacrifice instantly. Over 400 prophets, in the presence of a large multitude of people, saw tangibly that a man with faith, if necessary, could move the power of God to stir the elements.

11. Last but not least, Jesus' resurrection from the dead confirmed man's brightest hope, beyond all doubt, that the transition from death to life eternal is the greatest miracle of all; made possible to all those who would exercise faith in that most effective leaven of all, namely, the redeeming force of Jesus' atonement.

Bro. Patsy Marinetti

McKEES ROCKS, PENNA.

(News)

On Sunday, July 17, Brother and Sister Reno Bologna and daughters, of Detroit, Michigan, visited the McKees Rocks Branch for the morning service; then leaving for the Aliquippa Branch. Brother Reno spoke concerning his experiences in the missionary work. He found that primitive people are easily influenced; also, it is easier to talk to a person who understands you. Therefore, it is necessary to learn the language that is necessary and take the opportunity to visit, especially with those in the neighborhood.

Then Brother Reno spoke of Naomi and Ruth. The Lord rewarded Ruth for her faith; her seed became parents of our Lord Jesus.

Let us be wise as serpents and harmless as a dove.

Let us strive to learn how to do things as a group. The individual work is wonderful, but a group may do more flexible things.

The more you know about something, the more likely you'll get some inspiration.

If one has a desire to learn missionary, he should start to learn the language and customs right here so that when they do go, they will be of the same caliber and will understand them.

Learning will not take the place of prayer, inspiration, or work. Learning does not take the place of God, but makes you better able to do His work. The more you know, the more you can offer.

Whatever our movements may be, let them be anointed by God.

That evening, a couple brothers and sisters were in the home of Brother and Sister Joe Ciotti. Sister Isabel Hendler was testifying of her acquaintance with the church. As she was telling of a miracle that God had performed in a family in Monongahela, Sister Hilda DeVito saw Brother Reno Bologna get up and stand beside her chair, in a vision. This is one of many examples proving that when even two or three gather together, God "is" present.

Sister Nina DiCenzo

DEDICATION OF ROCHESTER NEW YORK BRANCH

After many months of hard labor and devotion, the Rochester, New York Branch dedicated its new church building on July 31, 1960.

We had a good representation of brothers, sisters and friends from Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The church was filled to capacity.

The Rochester choir sang the following hymns before the opening of the service, "Holy, Holy, Holy God Almighty, Faith of Our Fathers, The Mystery of Grace and Bless this House."

Brother Ansel D'Amico, the presiding elder gave a very interesting talk on how God worked in providing the lots and how God gave the brothers strength and an unfailing interest in the construction of the building. The labors and efforts of all the brothers who came from out of town to help will long be remembered. Brother John D'Amico was instrumental in the carrying out of the various phases of construction with God's help. Also read were two congratulatory telegrams from Brooklyn, New York and San Fernando Valley. A letter of apology from the Reverend Chapman of the South Presbyterian Church for not being able to attend was read. He donated the piano and the pews.

The meeting was then turned over to Brother Rocco Biscotti, President of the Ohio District. Followed with a prayer by Brother A. Corrado. Brother Biscotti read the second chapter of Daniel 34 to 35 verses. He gave a wonderful talk on the subject "the stone cut out of the mountain without hands that rolled and rolled until it covered the whole world, which is symbolic of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which eventually shall cover the earth as

the water covers the sea."

Brother A. Corrado followed by telling how God worked upon him when he came from Italy intending to kill his father, but the Lord changed his heart and caused him to obey the gospel.

Brother John Mancini then spoke a lovely treatise of what the church represents. Brother Matthew Miller then spoke on the blessings he received when he first visited Rochester and is very pleased to see the stone still rolling in the right direction.

Brother Pual D'Amico spoke in Italian, the spirit of God accompanying his talk. Brother Ishmael D'Amico spoke the tongue and the interpretation given as follows, "these are the results of our labors."

The meeting was dismissed with prayer. A delicious lunch was served by the sisters.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Dan Picciuto. A good feeling prevailed in his talk. He expressed his desire to spreading the gospel. The meeting was then opened to all for testimony.

A very enjoyable day was spent by all, full of God's blessings and a day well spent in the service of the Lord.

Presiding Elder,
Ansel D'Amico

OUR ITALIAN HOLIDAY

By Catherine Poma

Our first two weeks in Sicily were a round of looking up relatives, visiting old haunts, becoming acquainted with those so very close to one's own (who loved us as we loved them) and trying to become accustomed to living without the necessities we take so much for granted. Of course, it wasn't half as bad for us; we were not allowed to do any helping out at all, which, were the vacation to continue at length, would certainly create a feeling of boredom. On the other hand, the lack of niceties and conveniences seem not to affect the people overly. They are not used to anything else. However, we found the dim electric lights, (or the dimmer still, oil wick lamps), along with the lack of sufficient water, a bit trying.

In any event, the lovely natural scenery, the thoroughly cultivated fields and hills and the emerald green splashed in the azure sea

along the coastline made up for the deficiencies. My San Deigo, of which I had been so proud, has lost its look of beauty for me, at least temporarily, at this time of the year. I no longer am able to look at the brown, wild hills and think to myself, "How beautiful." Instead my mind leaps across the oceans to those truly beautiful green and golden hills, and I feel very sad in realizing that there is no longer in me the capacity to admire the local scenery.

Yet, it must not be considered by any that in comparing America with Italy I find America lacking in beauty, or in anything else. America still is the land chosen above all others, but San Diego, at least, being dry at this time of the year, is certainly not as pretty as portions of Europe, which is as it should be. God has never bestowed all His graces upon one person or thing or place and left all the others, void. There is always sufficient beauty everywhere and in everyone, enough to merit our acclamation, though, sometimes it's a bit hard to detect immediately.

We had been in Sicily, but two weeks, when suddenly and without warning my companion was stricken violently ill. He had gone into the bedroom to retire for the night. I decided to stay up with our family a bit longer. A few minutes later, for no reason that I can recall, I went into the bedroom and found him doubled over in agony. He told me later that he had been praying I would come into the room. I rushed out to get my brother-in-law immediately and we managed to get him into bed. My brother-in-law immediately went out to get a physician, (You don't telephone, there), and he, the doctor, quickly diagnosed the malady as kidney stones. He left some pills, which was a mistake, they had no effect on the terrible pain. And, so, commenced a nightmare which lasted approximately ten days. The spasms were so terrible there was no rest for either of us, my in-laws got very little of it, too.

Can you picture yourself in a strange land, quite remote, for the nearest airfield is two hours drive over winding, curving and not too smooth roads; a violently sick man who is in such pain you're beginning to wonder if it actually is kidney

stone trouble, or perhaps something much more dreadful. Into your tortured mind, then, like little snakes, come crowding the forebodings you had before you left: "What if something happens while we're away? What if he should need an operation? What if he should not come out of it, (his father died of kidney stones, you know) "why did we leave?" And then, you continue praying, "Oh my Lord, help us, help us; Thou alone, art able to restore our serenity, Thou alone, art able to deliver." And then, back and forth, back and forth you pace, and down on your knees again. "My Lord, my God, do not forsake us here. Thou art Everywhere, even in this remote place. Thou art in the heavens above, yea, even in my heart, in this very room — Have mercy, ease this terrible pain." And then you ask for forgiveness to make you worthy of receiving. Oh, how I prayed, how many times did I tell the Lord that I would not cease calling on Him 'til He had answered me, day in and day out. And then there were intervals when it seemed that finally our prayers had been answered but, with sickening regularity, back would come the staggering spasm of pain. I cannot say how others react, I can only humbly and ashamedly say that eventually, when a trial becomes too great for me to bear, I begin to lose courage and resort to thinking that perhaps I am not worthy of receiving the Lord's graces. This, I always find, is nothing else but the devil's proddings to cause me to give up and cease praying, but, so far, I have always had sufficient strength to persist, and of course, in answer to those evil proddings, I somewhat change my mode of prayer: "Dear God, I know that I am not worthy, for I am never worthy; it is only thru Thy Son whose blood was spilled for us, that we are ever able to receive Thy blessings. Were it not for Him, I would never receive any succor from Thee, for I would not deserve it; Therefore, cleanse me again, make me worthy to receive. Do not forsake me, so far from my home and children. And when the Lord reasoned that we had humbled ourselves sufficiently, He stretched forth His hand and my companion was delivered of the foreign body.

I can only thank our God; there is really nothing I can do in return. To speak of Him to others, to preach His gospel, is not, so to speak, in repayment of His goodness. Therefore, all one can do in return is to praise His goodness and thank Him, for, with the return of health came the opportunity to continue on with our original plan of visiting the great cities and also, our brethern in Calabbria.

(to be continued)

CHOICE

To live is to select with care and due attention, or consideration, our choices between right and wrong, greater or lesser good, and each day presents its quota, regardless of the job. One's choices are very important, because they reach out into the distant future, even into eternity. None of us is sufficiently wise, always to know what the right choice is. It is highly dangerous to judge life by appearances, right looks so much wrong, and wrong has so much of the appearance of right at times, that we hesitate to trust our own judgment, because the influences of our choices, will reach through succeeding generations. That is what makes them so serious. To accomplish successfully our various purposes, requires a choice, and living partnership with God. He cannot be a silent partner. Accept Jesus Christ, as your savior, and make your choice in life, reflect itself in everything you do. Thinking is hard work. However, we as followers of Jesus Christ, have the choice before us, to try and increase in love, and spiritual powers, by meditating on high, and holy things. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord". The test of our choice, have the effect, of reviving hope, restoring courage, sensitizing the conscience, broadening the vision, strengthening the will, cleansing our mind, and increasing our loyalty to Jesus Christ. By thinking honestly, we may have a reasonable chance, of leading the crowd, or of not thinking, and thus following the popular throng. "Keep thy heart, with all diligence, for out of it, are the issues of life". Our spiritual

values, are signs that point to what is right, and will create steps of spiritual growth, and doorways into blessings. Right choices every day, or be lost. No such things as perhaps, because it leaves a person wondering, and confused. The Holy Spirit, is our strength, and guide, alone we meet defeat. It is hard to decide, even when we have light enough on the subject, and clarity, as to what ought to be chosen, since our choice, must reflect our works. To love God, to know His will, as revealed in His word, and to be loved by Him, is your compass, for the journey through life, on a true course. It insures your safe passage, your destination, and the greatest of all, companion on your travel. God unifies life, the false splits it up. Often we drive along a road, well marked with signs for action, but we fail to make the right turns, personal habits, obscure vision, social customs, sometimes block the road, and through lack of will, we often take what seems to be an easier, or quicker way. Through Christ, the capacity to endure, to look upon discouraging days, as opportunities, for new and valuable experiences. The prodigal had to make a choice when his resources, were depleted. He found himself sitting on a pig's sty, scumming his personal sky. It was then, that he who was stuck with himself, came to himself, and said, "I will arise and go to my father". Luke 15-18. We are all prodigals, and have gone from the hearthstone of God, to fields of personal choices, and sin. Only as we turn to God, in repentance, contrition, and faith, can we come to the realization, of our true possibilities. To be free of possession of self, we need to be possessed by God. Life is meaningless, unless it is actively, connected with God. Every individual lives, in a world of his own choosing. God invites, He does not compel. Values, are personal, and they must always be freely chosen, and won. When men have thought that which is true, created that which is beautiful, or achieved that which is noble, they have done so, only because God has been leading them, and putting into their minds, good desires, to think things through, completely. "But

one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10-42. That kind of choice is still the central factor in every life. In order that love may be fully operative, for the well being of men, obedience to His will, is essential. "Let love be without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good". Rom. 12-9.

Sister Muriel Miller

SEA OF GALILEE

If you were taking the modern road from Capernaum to Tiberias along the west side of the Sea of Galilee you would pass within half a mile of what remains of the little town of Magdala.

But if you lived in the days of Our Lord's ministry there, and were going from Capernaum to the hill towns of Cana and Nazareth you would follow a pathway along the tops of the hills, but still looking down on the beautiful lake nearly a thousand feet below you—for the Sea of Galilee is more than six hundred feet below the level of the Mediterranean.

At its northern end it gathers to itself the snow-waters of the Mountains of Lebanon: in its clearness it reflects the blueness of the sky: it reaches southward for fifteen miles where it overflows into the Valley of the Jordan—finally, it has considerable depth and abounds in fish: it is seven miles across from west to east.

NEW OIL POSSIBILITIES SEEN AFTER LATEST STRIKE

Oil has been struck at Heletz 25 in a layer of porous limestone some 200 feet beneath the present oil-bearing sand strata. This is the first time that oil has been discovered in this country in limestone and it may lead to a re-examination of apparently dry wells, as well as of those already yielding oil from sand strata.

With the opening of the upper sand strata in well 25, struck just over a month ago, the well is expected to yield some 300 barrels per 24-hour shift.

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FIRST THANKSGIVINGS

Found among papers of our late Sister Cadman)

The first one I find recorded, is of a people who lived at the time when people began to try to reach the heavens, by building a tower. But God intervened and confounded their language—only a few favored ones understood one another. These feared God and were blessed by Him.

They were directed by the Lord to a land he had preserved as a 'chosen land' and they being obedient finally arrived there. They had spent years on their journey and spent 340 days on the water. Finally when they landed upon the shores of this promised land—it is recorded "when they set their feet upon the promised land, they bowed themselves down upon the face of the land and did humble themselves before the Lord and did shed tears of joy before the Lord, because of the multitude of His tender mercies over them.

No doubt this day was kept by them as a memorial even from year to year. Ether 6-12. We also read of another people, who thanking God for His blessings, did offer sacrifices and burnt offerings unto the Lord and gave thanks unto the God of Israel. Also where they built an altar of stones, and made an offering unto the Lord and gave thanks unto the Lord our God. (First Nephi 2-7). It has been a custom with the human family from the beginning of time to give thanks to the Lord, so we come down to our day and as the day nears for us to set aside—We say with the Psalmist in the 105th Psalm, 1-8, "O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people. Sing unto Him, sing Psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works. Glory ye in His name, let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face evermore. Remember His marvelous works that He has done, His wonders and the judgements of His mouth. O ye seed of Abraham His servant, ye children of Jacob His chosen. He is the Lord God, His

judgements are in all the earth. He hath remembered His covenants forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

A CHEROKEE MOTHER

Mrs. Blanton, A Cherokee Mother Reverts To Ancient Ways Of Transportation.

Mrs. Wanda Bradley Blanton, member of the Eastern Band of Cherokees, is the mother of twin girls, and she transports them on her back tied in a sheet. The babies are growing and the rumble seat is becoming crowded. Jamie Lou rides on the right, and Deborah Lynn rides on the left, each baby weighs 22 pounds, for a total of 44, and Mrs. Blanton weighs only 104 pounds.

The Cherokee Times.
Cherokee, N. C.

AFRICA

I slept, I dreamed. I seemed to climb a hard, ascending track
And just behind me labored one
whose face was black.
I pitied him, but hour by hour he gained upon my path.
He stood beside me, stood upright,
and then I turned in wrath;
"Go back," I cried, "what right have you to stand behind me here?"
I paused, struck dumb with fear, for lo!, the black man was not there—
But Christ stood in his place,
And oh!, the pain, the pain that looked from that dear face.

Author unknown.

THE FAR REACHES

Among the far reaches of the Society's Stateside work is Alaska, whose northernmost settlement Point Barrow, is served by three churches. About 160 miles east and south of the town is the isolated village of Anaktuvuk Pass. Here most of the Eskimo villagers have become Christians and are now busily engaged in building a church. There is deep gratitude on the part of Eskimos of Alaska for the Society's work in publishing parts of the Bible in two of their tongues. "Now I know there is a God," said one, "for He speaks Eskimo." — "Thank you, thank you," said an-

other; "now God speaks to my heart."

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HOLY LIGHT IN LATIN AMERICA

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REVIVAL MEETINGS AT BITNER

The members of the Bitner Branch are very grateful and wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all our brothers and sisters, who traveled so far to attend the meetings held during the week of September 11th to 16th, 1960.

The sermons that were preached certainly awakened everyone to keep the faith and hold to it, regardless of what happens. We know and realize we will be rewarded with God's blessings at the end, if we do as God commands.

We were all overjoyed with God's spirit in our presence and especially so when Bro. Wm. Cadman sang a hymn. God has certainly granted His blessings to him to be with us in his later years, and also to give him the strength he needs to perform his duties, which he has so faithfully done. As was spoken in one of our meetings — God works in mysterious ways in choosing those he loves. At this particular meeting, Paul Conn asked to be baptized on Sunday. He is the husband of Virginia Conn and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Henry MacBeth. It makes us feel wonderful to know when we serve our Master. He'll be with us when we need Him. He's the best and only body guard we need, no matter where we go. We give him the Honor and Glory

for everything we have in this life.
May God bless you all.

Sister Virginia Bokulich

MRS. ANNA B. CLINE PASSES ON

Sister Anna Cline aged 50, passed away on September 10, 1960 at the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. She was the wife of Mr. Clarence Cline and the youngest child of Brother and Sister Joseph Tucker deceased. To mourn her passing, she leaves her husband Clarence, one son Clarence E. Junior, one daughter Mrs. Marjorie Cole and four grandchildren. Five brothers and five sisters mostly all of this community. Sister Cline has not been a well woman for many years — she was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ here in Monongahela, but owing to her infirmity had not been able to attend her church very much, but her passing was rather a sad affair to us all.

Funeral services were held in the Church here on September 13th with Bro. Campbell in charge and Brother Cadman assisting. Brother John Majoris sang several songs appropriate for the occasion, while Sara Vancik was at the organ. Sister Cline was laid away to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery by the Bebout & Yohe Funeral directors. May the Lord bless and comfort the beloved ones in their bereavement. May their loss be Anna's Eternal gain.

September 11, 1960

On Sunday, September 11, 1960, we were privileged to have Brother Alma Cadman to spend the day with us. It has been a long time since our Brother has visited the McKees Rocks Branch, and it was a great joy to see him again.

Brother Cadman opened the meeting speaking of the seventh chapter of the Book of Moroni concerning Mormon. He also told of his experiences in 1902 when he was stricken with typhoid fever; also of the time when he was in the hospital, around 1929, and a Sister of Detroit was told of his illness by a strange man whom even he himself had not known. He then touched upon the statement, "It's not what we do in the time of danger but what we do before the danger comes," by telling of the time when he was walking across a large farm alone, far

away from any house or person. As he walked, a number of cattle sighted him and began stampeding towards him. But when they neared him, they stopped, and began eating the buffalo grass around them. Many have asked him if he was praying when he saw the great amount of cattle coming, but Brother Cadman said that at the time he hadn't thought of praying but he had prayed before. . . Our works in this life will be rewarded by what we have done.

In our afternoon meeting, Brother Alma testified of how he came into the church. His father was the groundwork of his life. On the twenty-sixth of February, 1896, a Wednesday night meeting, he felt his body moving in his seat. He realized that a supernatural power was overcoming him. He asked the Lord what he should do. The Lord answered that He wanted him to be baptized. He was of the age of seventeen years and three months. Eventually he was ordained as an elder. At the age of thirty, he was ordained apostle. . . The Lord has means through His spirit to work on people even to tell of things to come.

Sister Nina De Cenzo

INDIANS SEEK SCHOOL ENTRY North Carolina Board Faces Suit Threat

DUNN, N. C. (AP) — Harnett County Indians, demanding assignment of their children to white high schools, threaten a lawsuit unless they get action by Friday.

Such a suit was hinted Monday after two Indian girls staged a sit-in at all-white Dunn High School in defiance of a court order and some Indian parents asked the Board of Education to reconsider its rejection of three Indian applications.

Ask for Blanks

The parents also requested new blanks to enable 28 other children to apply for reassignment to white schools.

"We're fighting for our rights—not for integration, that's for colored people," said Willie Jones, acting as Indian spokesman. "We're fighting for our equal rights with white people."

The Indian children have been assigned to Eastern Carolina Indian

School near Clinton, 36 miles away. They have objected to the school, saying it is too far from their homes and not up to standards.

Attend Indian School

Elementary school-age children attend an Indian school near here.

Robert Morgan, counsel for the board, told the Indians the board had no authority to reconsider the applications. Jones then announced the Indians would start suit unless the children were admitted to the Dunn School or some other school in the county by Friday morning.

Jones said the Indians no longer want a separate high school for their children. The board had said last week it would try to build one, but the county probably could not afford it for two or three years.

Sept. 15, 1960

Dear Brother Cadman,

The California District Conference was held at The San Fernando Valley Branch, Sept. 3 & 4. There were brothers and sisters present from all the Branches and it was good to fellowship one with another. We surely felt the evidence of God's Spirit in our midst when another soul was called unto the Lord. Sharon Heaps, Brother Geo. Heap's daughter, asked for her baptism.

We have had visitors throughout the Summer, namely; Sister Ruth Ackerman and her mother Sister Smith from Glassport, Bro. Doug Henderson and family from Canada, and Bro. Sam Rendazzo from Detroit. We enjoyed having them with us.

Brother Peter and Sister Josephine Gennaro are back with us after visiting in the East for several months and we all agree, it's good to have them back.

We extend best regards to all the brothers and sisters throughout the Church.

Your sister in Christ,
Ann Damore

A Masterly Write-Up

By Sidney Rigdon in

"Messenger And Advocate"

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Bro. J. Gregg — Dear Sir:

Yours of the 14th instant, was received per mail this morning. The intelligence was cheering; those early evidences of the virtue and firm integrity of the saints speaks

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

After returning to Detroit from Muncey, I attended meetings at the Windsor Church and also at No. 1 and No. 3 Branches in Detroit. All these meetings were nicely attended. On Saturday Morning August 11, Brother and Sister Cotellesse took me to Windsor where we, along with brother and sister Burgess drove to the Grand River Indian Reservation in the "church's car." It was a drive of better than two hundred miles to our church at Oshweken. There are nice living quarters on the floor over the church room. It is fixed up very nice. We ate and slept there. It was the first that I had been on this reservation for sometime. However, we made good use of our time while we were there. We did some visiting among the Indian people, and we found Brother Beavers very poorly - - not able to attend church. He has been poorly for a long time, and along with his faithful wife they are growing old. I believe it was in 1937 when I first visited their home. They are still holding on to the Restored Gospel. We also visited at the home of brother and sister Isaacs. They apparently are doing very well on their farm. Their house is old, but comfortable, and it sits on a beautiful spot - - green grass and flowers. We did not call at sister Charlotte Hill's home this time, at I always have in the past - - for she had the misfortune of her home burning down not long ago. It was quite a loss for her. Her husband brother Fred Hill passed on a year or two ago. May the Lord bless sister Hill.

Our meetings were held in a hall on the far side of the Reservation from Oshweken. Our attendance was not very large on this Sunday for some reason - - but I did enjoy myself in preaching the Gospel to these who were present. And I will add, that I most always enjoy myself among the Seed of Joseph (Indian people) to whom

the Lord has made mighty and grand promises too, and which are to be fulfilled in these last days, when the Lord shall gather all the House of Israel back into the Fold again. And may God continue to bless Brother Burgess and his co-workers in traveling so far in all kinds of weather, and the dangers on the Highway, to administer to Joseph's posterity - - the Indian People.

Brother and Sister Douglas Ford of Meaford, which is located on the Georgian Bay were present with us at Oshweken. So they took me in their car to their home - a distance of about 170 miles. A wonderful country is Ontario. High-ways are very good, and when Douglas is behind the wheel he is like most other drivers of the day - the grass does not have a chance to grow under the tires. We arrived at the home of his sister, on the shores of Georgian Bay about 8:30 p.m. His sister of course is a sister in the church Mrs. Mabel McKay, who along with her husband lives within a stone's throw of the big waves that come rolling from out in the Bay. I imagine it would be a cold place in the winter time, but a beautiful spot in the summer months. The small town of about 3500 is on the shores of Georgian Bay. In these two families "way up there" there are three of them who are members of the church, and I hope some day to see or hear of Mr. McKay joining with his wife as a member of the church, in which his wife Mabel has found much comfort, also his daughter Mrs. Elgby of Windsor, Ont., is a member of the church.

Well, away up yonder on Georgian Bay, the sun was very warm, but the air was cool. I spent the week at Meaford and enjoyed my visit very much. We held two or three meetings at the McKay home while there. Brother and Sister Ford took me out for several drives into the country. It is a wonderful country up there - though getting very well north, but from all appearances it is a prosperous farming country, wheat, oats, some corn, alfalfa. I was surprised to see the apple orchards. I was told that there were 200 acres in one orchard, and trees breaking down with apples. One place, potatoes were raised abundantly, and this may sound odd to you, for they really have "sod farms" - raising sod for those who are in the "landscaping" profession. On one of our trips we drove 70 miles to Al-iston to see our old Sister McMullen - the mother of sister Henderson of Windsor. I had not seen her for some time. She is 88 years old, and seemed very well except she had a fall recently when she broke her hip. But she was all smiles as usual. She was glad to see us and I am sure we were glad to see our old sister once more. We had prayer with her and anointed her. Her daughter, Mrs. Haddock set out a lunch of coffee and cookies and we ate with her. It was a pleasant visit with sister McMullen and her daughter. We bade them good bye and it was late. We had 70 miles to drive - but our driver Brother Douglas proved himself equal to the occasion, and we arrived back in Meaford on the Bay. None the worse for our long trip in the evening.

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volumes in favor of their future prospects. What, dear brother, can withstand the truth when its advocates are uncompromising in their attachment to virtue and holy principles. Since the world began,

all the dispensations delivered to men of the living God, have been thrown into confusion by the introduction of doctrines and practices which were at war with Godliness, and subversive of all that was good

and noble. Hence, the distraction of the religious world. At some times past so great were the departures from truth, by those who professed to be the people of God, that if a Noah, a Daniel, and a Job had been

among them, they could save their own souls only, and not be able to even save a son or daughter. Such an attempt has Satan made on us, and was maturing his plan, so completely to effect our overthrow, that the few left who could not be corrupted could do nothing more than to save their own souls; but the iniquity was discovered before the adversary had gotten the fangs of his corruption so fastened on us that we could not unfasten them.

I have been informed, since Mr. Page published his Bull, and subsequent departure from this place, that he had attempted to teach the doctrine of spiritual wives in this city some time since. This will account for his sudden departure from both this place and yours.

It would seem almost impossible that their could be found a set of men and women, in this age of the world, with the revelations of God in their hands, who could invent and propagate doctrines so ruinous to society, so debasing and demoralizing as the doctrine of a man having plurality of wives; for it is the existence of this strange doctrine — worse than the strange fire offered on the altar, by corrupted Israel — that was at the root of all the evils which have followed, and are following in the Church, the every mention of which could not fail to reddens the cheek of decency with a blush.

The whole of the revelations of God in all ages, charge the prophets and leaders of the people, with being the authors of the corruptions, which from time to time overrun the people of God. We need not marvel then that like evils have befallen us. The crime of the people was that they loved to have it so, they were not charged with introducing the corruptions, but having pleasure in them after the prophets, and leaders, had introduced them. to me, to find the people resign in the exercise of their just rights, and casting off, not only the leaders, but those who are led by those corrupters seducing spirits which introduce doctrines of demons.

Those who read the New Testament with care, cannot avoid seeing that the apostles have declared that a corruption like that we complain of, was to make its appearance in the last days. See Second Timothy, 3rd chapter, from the 1st to the 9th verses inclusive. These say-

ings which the apostles, at Nauvoo, have applied to the professing world, are as applicable to themselves as to any others now living, or any others who have lived since the days of Paul. In the 6th verse we are told that "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts." Now of what sort are those who creep into houses and lead astray silly women? The answer is given in the preceeding verse. Persons that can do that are such as are without natural affection, boasters, proud inventors of evil things, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God. When we see such men, as above described, they, according to Paul, would do other things, that is, enter into houses and lead astray silly women.

That the Twelve and their adherents entered into houses and led silly women astray, is a fact susceptible of the highest proof; and we are authorized by Paul to apply all the rest he has said to them. "For if this sort enter into homes and lead astray silly women "what sort? we ask; the before described religionists, for says Paul, "they have a form of Godliness." The conclusion then is, that they effected the ruin of silly females, by, or through a form of Godliness.

Paul says, the corruption he has described was to take place in the last days. Now, from this, the people of the last days are authorized to call anything of the kind which may make its appearance. It matters not by whom these corruptions were introduced, Prophet, Apostle, Evangelist, or Pastor, who-soever introduces them, has an account to settle with Paul in the great day when the affairs of the universe shall be adjusted before an umpire who cannot err, for either these doctrines and practices are corruptions, or else Paul stands charged with a departure from truth..

From what is said in the 9th verse, the iniquity complained of, was to be a thing conducted in secret. "But they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be manifest to all men." Nothing can be made plainer than that this abomination of leading silly women astray, was to be a secret thing. —

carried on privately, and the exposure of it was to put a final stop to their wickedness. "But they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be made manifest."

This secret working in matters of religion is, and always has been evidence of corruption. The saints always have been warned against the secret works of darkness; light and truth not only manifest themselves, but also make manifest the secret works of darkness. It is equally plain according to Paul, that no such thing could be carried on, however secretly it might be done, without detection. "For their folly shall be made manifest."

Those leaders of silly women, if they had regarded the scriptures, might have known that their race was a short one, and that their wickedness would be made manifest; for thus had Paul written more than 1700 years ago, and as proof that Paul was inspired behold it has come to pass in our day and before our eyes.

It is a fact, so well known, that the Twelve and their adherents have endeavored to carry on this spiritual wife business in secret, that I hardly need mention it here, and have gone to the most shameful and desperate lengths, to keep it from the public. First, insulting innocent females, and when they resented the insult, these monsters in human shape would assail their characters by lying, and perjuries, with a multitude of desperate men to help them to effect the ruin of those whom they had insulted, and all this to enable them to keep these corrupt practices from the view of the world. I could bring facts which can be established in any court of justice, in relation to these vile abominations practiced under the garb of religion that would make humanity blush. No falsehood too great, and no perjury too daring, in order to conceal these heavingdaring abuses of mankind; but I say in the language of Paul, they shall go no further, for their folly is now being made manifest, and will not cease until it is manifest unto all.

How often have these men and their accomplices stood up before the congregation, and called on God and all the holy Angels to witness, that there was no such doctrine taught in the Church; and it has now come to light, by testimony

which cannot be gainsaid, that at the time they thus dared heaven and insulted the world they were living in the practice of these enormities; and there were multitudes of their followers in the congregation at the time who knew it. These things only tend to confirm the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is the true church of God, for we now see in that body fulfilling, what the Apostles and Prophets said should take place in that order of things which God acknowledged. According to both prophets and apostles the true church in the last days would be tried, with all the corruptions which had overthrown all the previous orders, kingdoms, or churches which God had set up; and before she could be exalted to her true glory, to overcome all the inventions of Satan or of man: but more of this in our next.

Dear Brother, through this letter to you, I would call on all the saints into whose hands this may come, to arise and deliver themselves from the corruption, disorder and ruin, that Satan through the twelve as instruments, designs to bring upon them, know ye that no strange thing has befallen you, than an attempt is being made upon you by those in high authority, and those who are arrogating to themselves authority in violation of the order of heaven.

Sidney Rigdon

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A MIXTURE OF THINGS

(Read It)

Dear Readers:

I am in receipt of two letters from widely separated districts of the church about customs and habits of our day, such as plaiting the hair, bathing at the beach etc. I wish to be understood, that I have no desire whatever to uphold anything which is not good, though every-body may not see eye to eye with me.

Our Saviour when here on earth was a perfect example to all mortals. We have His teachings in both Bible and Book of Mormon, but I do not recall where He ever instructed us as to our mode or style of dress, or as to how we were to wear our hair. But His teachings are very forceful as to the thoughts and intents of our hearts. And, there is nothing hidden from Him. As far as we can gather from

books, it would seem that in His day on the earth, their garb was more in the shape of wraps, wrapped around their bodies and they also used robes. It might be spoken of as primitive. And, it is still very much in vogue in the world today—that fact is not a sin before God. For I read that sin is the transgression of the law. I have never read where God made a law as to how mortals were to wear their hair, nor as to the style of their clothes, but I do read where the Lord God made coats of skins for our first parents—also in the emergency they made themselves aprons out of fig leaves.

As to the style of one wearing his hair, when I was much younger, it was common to comb our hair down on our foreheads, but I now comb my hair back off my forehead. We parted our hair on the left side, but there came a time when men adopted the style of women and parted their hair in the middle. May I ask, was it a sin to do so?

There has been quite a change in the style of men's and women's dress in my day. There was a time when a man would not think of going without a hat on his head—but oh my! what a change today. I don't think my wife ever saw me without a mustache—but what a change today. A man that wears a mustache or a beard today, is almost an oddity. But is it a sin? A man can go into a barber shop today and choose from a picture on the wall, what style of a haircut he wants—is it a sin for him to do so? As to our habits and customs today, there is no end to the subject. In my life for instance—I have worn a mustache ever since I was very young. In my dress I have wore long cut-away coats and I have worn short coats. In fact, I did not feel that I was properly dressed without the long coat, likewise a high standing collar. I wore high top hats and low ones. There was a time when hightop shoes were all the go, low shoes were not on the counters. I did not feel dressed without a high standing collar—a long coat etc. May I ask, was the styles of my past life—the grooming of my hair as I wished it and the clothes I wore, was it all righteousness and the present style of today all sinful? Where is our reason or intelligence, is it not the

going to the extreme that makes the trouble? When the Lord God says Thou shalt not, that should settle an argument.

We are commanded not to love the world—am I to understand from that, that I must hate God's creation—the wonders of the heavens as well as of the deep, must I hate the beauties of the forests, the mountains and vales—must I hate sinful men and women of this world whom Christ died for? As for me, I have not so learned Christ. But if I allow my love for the wonders of God's creation to step between me and my service to Him, I am then treading on dangerous grounds. Abraham was a wonderful example in that respect—he loved his son, never-the less, the command of God was the greater to him.

In the days of the early disciples as various peoples began to obey the gospel—it was natural that the various habits and customs would make strife, and it did. We note that there was much strife over eating the Lord's supper, and Paul ask: have ye not houses to eat and drink in? (First Cor, 11ch.) In First Cor. 8ch, 8th verse, he tells them "that meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better, if we eat not, are we the worse?" It is an old saying, "that the gospel net has caught all kinds of fish."

In these letters which I have received, some of our sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle have been accosted by a brother or brothers—using the following scripture: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel."—If that scripture forbids the sisters for putting their hair up in a plait, then it also forbids the wearing of anything that contains gold, such as a tie pin or watch or ring—not only that, but it brings your apparel of any kind into question. May I ask what is in your minds? Pardon me.—I imagine that in Peter's time there were people even as there are today—going to the extreme in many ways.

The fact that a sister plaits her hair is not proof that she has not got "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit in her soul." Neither does it prove that she is a good

woman because she might have her hair combed straight back and tied up with a ribbon. I hear it said so often, that God looks on the heart, and he who finds fault with a sister because her hair happens to be plaited, must remember that the mighty God sees his heart even as he sees the plaiting on a woman's head. When the prodigal returned home, the Father says put the best robe on him, (not a shoddy one) put a ring in his hand (I suppose there would be gold in the ring and I imagine they put a good pair of shoes on his feet.

My advice to my sisters is to keep your hair neat, even if you have to put it up in a plait or tie it up with a ribbon. — and at the same time, keep your heart adorned with a meek and quiet spirit, and learn to be temperate in all things, and be not busy-bodys in other peoples affairs. I will also add a word for my brothers — when you groom your hair with a sweet smelling ointment and comb it nice — be sure that your heart is adorned with the meek and lowly spirit — even as the woman who wiped His feet with the hair of her head. A verse of scripture found in Matthew 7-4, 5, would be good for all to read.

One of the letters which I received has much to say about going to a beach to bathe, and I might add the scantiness of dress. This is a delicate matter for one to express his convictions on. For what appeared to be sinful in days past, seems to be all right today, at least with many. I remember at my work many years ago in talking to an elderly man who seemed to be very pious. To him, a man without sleeves in his shirt and exposing his bare arms was very vulgar. I wonder what he would think if he were here today and to see men going around without even a shirt to cover their bare backs — to me, I may not class it as vulgar, but I will say that it is not a very modest act on the part of men. My wife could not bear to have me sitting around without a top shirt on over my under shirt, and I respected her wishes and clothed myself properly.

In my younger days, the dignity of a well kept restaurant would not permit a man to sit at its tables unless he had his coat on — what a change today. May I ask, if either

is a sin — which one is it? To eat with a coat on, or eat with your coat off?

In my traveling I have observed men and women in restaurants with no more covering on their bodies than a bathing suit would cover. To me, it is a shame to see them stoop so low.

To me, I do not see much wrong in a father and mother taking their children to a beach to bathe, providing their covering is proper, and to, not on the Sabbath day. But from the teaching of Jesus Christ I think there is much room to question the righteousness of mixed bathing (single men and women) and especially with the scanty apparel that is worn at the beaches of today. I will further add, that Sunday is not a day to be spent on the beaches, and I will say that the golf course, or the baseball field or the various sports that are indulged in today are not in accord with the ultimatum of the Creator — that the Sabbath Day be kept Holy — that is, if I understand plain English.

There may be some excuse with the Mighty God towards the poor man or woman who is forced to labour against their will on the Sabbath day, with the conditions as they are today in this ungodly world. But when it comes to store owners (and not only stores) who open their places of business on the Sabbath Day — there is simply no justification in it whatsoever. And, it is a condition existing all over our country today. It is not necessary to go to heathen-lands to see how heathens live, you can see them almost next door to you in America — the land of promise.

In conclusion, let me say to my Sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ — Be careful about your manner of dress, and especially in our places of worship. Our mothers went to the extreme in wearing long dresses. Today, women are going to the extreme with short dresses, low necks and bare backs — Dress as good women, having an Ornament of a meek and lowly spirit. (My wife use to tell me that some people want to live their own lives, and live other peoples lives too.) A good motto is: "Let us all watch our step." May God bless you all

Sincerely, Brother Cadman.

To my brothers let me speak —

Beware and not go to the extreme with fine clothing, nor with changeable apparel, which the word of God does not speak favorable of. Beware when you take notice of how a woman has her hair adorned, you may have at the same time your neck adorned with a lovely tie, or even a diamond on your finger, and you may be responsible for the diamond that adorns her hand. Remember God is not partial even if you are. Also beware, you that like a nice clean shaven face — no hair to be seen on your face, and remember that it is a common thing today to use the razor on Sunday. I am nearing my 84th natal day and I have never shaved my face on Sunday. I cannot recall of ever buying a Newspaper on Sunday. Also beware, that while you like a nice clean shaven face — I like my mustache and our fathers evidently liked their nice long beards — And I, yes I would like to see them again with their beards. And to, if there is not going to be a "hair of our heads missing" in that great day— Maybe that the mustache and the beards of my Old Fathers in the gospel, may still survive the ordeal, when the earth will be burned up and few men left. I say to my brothers, Beware for it is an old saying that "he who lives in a glass - house should not throw stones."

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

I will conclude with a poem "If We Knew Each Other" (Selected)

If I knew you and you knew me;

If both of us could clearly see,

And with an inner sight divine,

The meaning of your heart and mine.

I'm sure that we should differ less;

And clasp our hands in friendliness;

Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,

If I knew you and you knew me,

If I knew you and you knew me,

As each one knows his ownself, we

Could look each other in the face,

And see therein a truer grace.

Life has so many hidden woes,

So many thorns for every rose,

The "Why" of things our hearts would see

If I knew you and you knew me.

—Anon.

The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Be thankful unto him and bless his name." Psalms 100-4

Dear Boys and Girls,

Since this is the Thanksgiving season I know you have many things to thank the Lord for. In one of our hymns we sing "Count your blessings, name them one by one — see what God has done." Maybe we have been too busy to take time to count them. Let us see how many we can count now. I think it will be just as this hymn says, "It will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Our story this month is about the children of Israel. They had been delivered by the hand of God from the wicked ruler Pharaoh and his people, the Egyptians. They had gone into a wilderness, traveling to a promised land. The Lord went before them and led them by day in a pillar of a cloud and by night in a pillar of fire. This gave them light to go by, day and night. Moses was the man God had chosen to be their leader.

While traveling, the people became very thirsty and began to murmur against their leader and his brother, Aaron. For three days they traveled without water. They came to Marah but the water was too bitter to drink. They asked Moses, "What shall we drink?" Moses cried unto the Lord. He showed him a tree. Moses took this tree and cast it into the waters and they became sweet.

The people were hungry and there was no food. Moses prayed again unto the Lord, and He sent manna from heaven. This manna was small and round, as small as the hoar frost and sweet as honey. It was on the ground when they awakened in the morning. Moses told them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given to you." They were told to gather enough for each day but on the sixth day, gather enough for two days. Do you know why? That is right, they did not gather on the Sabbath. If they did not do as Moses told them, worms came on the manna and when the sun was hot it melted.

The children of Israel still were not satisfied. Some of them wished

they were back in Egypt. They wanted meat so the Lord sent quails in the evening for them. For forty years they traveled in the wilderness. Their clothes did not wear out nor their shoes become old. While here the Lord gave them his law and taught them many things. The Lord did all these wonderful things so they would know that He was the Lord their God.

At last they came near the land of promise. Moses chose twelve men, one from each tribe, to go as spies into the land to see what it was like. They were gone forty days. They returned with a large cluster of grapes, pomegranates and figs. They said it was a land of milk and honey. Some of the spies said the cities were walled. The people there were strong and were the children of Anak, who was a giant. They were so large that the spies felt they looked like grasshoppers compared to these giants. But two of the spies told a different story. Their report was true. They thought they were able to enter the land if the Lord was with them. But the Israelites began to murmur again. Some wished they had died back in Egypt. They wanted a leader to take them back. God became angry with them because they would not trust him. He said all the older people among them would never see the Promised Land. Moses asked the Lord to forgive the people for not believing. God forgave them but all the older ones died before the Israelites entered the land of Canaan.

Moses, their leader, was not permitted to enter the land either. He went up to the mountain of Nebo and God showed him the land. The Lord said, "This is the land I promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You can see it but you can not go over." He was one hundred and twenty years old but his eyes were not dim. He looked the Lord face to face. Here Moses died and the Lord buried him in a valley in the land of Moab. No man knows where his grave is. Joshua one of those faithful spies became the leader after the death of Moses.

Search the Scriptures

1. How are we to enter into his gates? Psalms 100-4

2. What did Jesus do after the people sat down? Mark 8-6

3. What did Paul do before he ate? Acts 28-35

4. Read verse 15 of II Corinthians chapter 9 and follow with verse 17 of James chapter 2.

5. What are you thankful for?

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

ITALY

by Catherine Poma

(continued)

Italy is a country dependent in so very many instances on the priests' goodwill. They are, as a rule, thoroughly disliked, still they are catered to, because thru them comes their very livelihood. They exercise considerable authority over the masses, who are dependent on them even to the extent that, without the priests' "good word", their children may not graduate from school, but may have to reenter school for an additional semester at additional cost. Or, perhaps, they will have to hire a private professor to "tutor" the scholar for a few months. All this amounts to, is graft and heartaches. We spent a considerable amount of time discussing religion and, on one point, at least, we all agreed: the priests are after money, and money, alone. Of course, as in everything else, there are exceptions to this, and occasionally one comes across a good honest man and then he is really respected.

The Catholic religion appears to somewhat modifying their idolatrous practices, perhaps, because the young are more alert, today. In any event, tho' they still pray to their statues and kneel in reverence before them, they are not allowed to caress or kiss the idols any longer, tho' some of the older people still do, for they have been thus taught these many years. They, the priests, even have gone so far as to actually preach to the congregation from the 44th chapter of Isaiah, "they have ears and hear not, etc. etc. Thus, the incongruity of this teaching is enough to baffle one, were it not that we know they are trying to cushion their people against references to this same chapter. In other words, if I were to tell my neices, (as I did), that the idols are dumb works of human hands, and then re-

fer them to this 44th chapter of Isaiah, they might reason that I had something of truth there. But, since their priests have already made reference to this same chapter, they answer in this manner: 'Oh, you see, that means that we should not kiss or adore the statue, only what it represents, for the statue is made of clay and should not be adored or kissed.' I asked them what they did with the statue when it became cracked, or, when a picture of a saint becomes old and ragged, beyond use. 'Do you tear up the picture, do you throw away the old statue,' I asked. 'Oh, no,' was the answer, we burn them up so that no one will trample on them,' proving to me, at least, that they do consider the objects holy, and causing me to wonder, 'What manner of confusion is this? Where is the consistency of their remarks and beliefs?' One can but shake one's head in silent prayer and thanksgiving that the Lord mercifully pulled the scales from our eyes.

35 days seemed to have wings; our tearful goodbyes began. It was heartrending to see the oldest sister walk away from our headquarters, turning back every few steps to wave, while we blindly, thru tears, waved back. Is this the last time that brother and sister would embrace? God alone, knows the answer.

The next day at the airport presented a different scene than that which had been witnessed 35 days previously. Sorrow took the place of joyful anticipation. Arms could not disentangle themselves from each other, for we felt this goodbye was forever. My little Pia held on to me tightly, sobbing, as was I, and her words, which have given me comfort since, were: 'Aunt of mine, pray God that He will open my eyes spiritually, as He has yours'. And I answered, 'For this I desired to come to Sicily, to continue sowing the seed begun by Marco Randazzo, several months ago.'

This time the 'plane, winging it's way into the azure skies, defying gravity, took us away from those beloved and into Naples, originally an old Greek city named Partenope and which is today a busy port of over a million inhabitants, combining modern architecture, with 13th century castles, riches and squalor, all in the same general locality. It's

port and bay are beautiful, large and bustling, and the nearby Islands are enchantingly beautiful.

We found a suitable hotel and immediately went on an afternoon tour to the Sulfatade, the location of Sulphur springs, bubbling out of the ground. It is amazing to see these small craters boiling away, the ground surrounding, is hollow, one walks gingerly, wondering if it will cave in. We took some good movies of the bubbling sulphur waters and, after a few hours drive thru the city, retired.

On the morrow, we went to the Isle of Capri, a 2 hour long ferry boat trip thru inky blue water, calm and beautiful, lined on one side with steep green cliffs, jutting out from the waters into clear blue skies above. Occasionally, the cliffs are dotted by white houses or old castles and it all combines to make a fairytale picture. An additional 15 minutes rowboat ride took us to the Blue Grotto, one of the lovely marvels of nature. Appropriate words are not mine to command to describe the grotto. This cave is entered by rowboat thru a low, small opening. As one enters the cave, one sees nothing at all, at first, for inside it is pitch black. But then, at the guide's command, you turn around and look toward the entrance, and sunlight streaming in thru the opening reveals a wondrous sight: the waters inside the good-sized cave appear a luminous, transparent royal blue color, so gorgeous it has been compared with brilliant blue fire. The swimmers are clearly revealed, the bottom is visible as in an outdoor pool. The sight is breathtakingly beautiful and again one wonders at the artistry of the Supreme! One leaves, storing up all this beauty in one's mind, but memory can contain it for just a while . . . in time I shall lose this vision of beauty!

LATIN AMERICA VIEWED AS RELIGIOUS VACUUM

Missions Established By Both
Catholics, Protestants
Religion In America
By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

For more than three centuries, Latin America has been known as a Catholic continent.

Today, church leaders are calling it the world's greatest mission field.

Behind its nominal Catholicism, they say, lies a vast religious vacuum. Both Catholics and Protestants are moving energetically to fill it.

Catholic publications are filled these days with articles warning that the church is in imminent danger of "losing" Latin America to Protestantism, communism, secularism and a variety of pagan religions.

Pope John recently underscored the urgency of the situation by calling on Catholic religious orders throughout the world to rush missionaries to Latin America "in the greatest numbers possible." He also urged Catholic laymen to volunteer for missionary service in Latin America.

Response to Plea

Responding to the Pope's plea, the Catholic bishops of the United States have set up a special Latin America bureau in Washington to expedite the flow of money, manpower and other aid to Latin America. Canada's Catholic hierarchy has taken similar action.

Protestant churches also are paying more attention to Latin America than ever before. In the past, the main Protestant missionary effort in Latin America has been carried on by two large fundamentalist denominations, the Southern Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists, and by numerous small Pentecostal bodies. Most of the big Protestant churches looked upon it as "Catholic territory" and concentrated their mission programs elsewhere. A radical change in this attitude is now taking place.

What's behind all this activity?

On paper, Latin America would still appear to qualify as a Catholic stronghold. About 170 million of its people — more than 90 per cent of the total population — have been baptized as Catholics. They constitute one-third of the world membership of the Catholic church.

Figures Misleading

But Catholic authorities say these figures are highly misleading. They estimate that no more than 20 per cent of Latin America's nominal Catholics — perhaps as few as 10 per cent in some areas — actually know the teachings of the church or make any effort to practice the faith.

Several factors have contributed to this situation, according to Cath-

olic leaders. One is an acute shortage of priests. In North America, there is one priest for each 700 Catholics, in Europe one priest for each 800 Catholics. Even in Asia and Africa, the ratio is no greater than one priest for each 1,500 communicants. But in Latin America, there is only one priest for each 5,000 baptized Catholics. In some areas, a single priest has as many as 30,000 people in his nominal flock. And there are more than 10,000 villages and towns which have no church or resident priest.

Efforts to train more native-born priests are severely hampered by the high level of illiteracy which prevails in many areas.

Another factor stressed by Catholic authorities is the Spanish heritage of the church in Latin America. Hispanic Catholicism has traditionally been mystical, otherworldly, disinterested in social problems of the here-and-now. In their desperate quest for higher living standards, many Latin Americans have come to look upon the church as an obstacle rather than a contributor to progress.

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"OUR INVISIBLE CROWN"

Sister Amy Martin

When I hear the last verse of that beautiful hymn, "Praise Ye the Lord," that reads "the saints are lovely in his sight," my thoughts always seem to remember my Brothers and Sisters as they kneel in fasting and prayer for someone else — someone ill or unhappy. Something they did out of the tenderness of their hearts and not because they had to. Then they are really lovely, for this is a very wonderful thing.

When we think what a great thing it is to be set apart and have our Heavenly Father's special attention called to us personally; As though our Brothers and Sisters were saying, "this is our brother or sister; you see their needs, you know their hopes, their fears, their weakness and desires; It is our hope that when the Heavenly Father looks us over we will be precious in HIS sight; even if He must deny our request because He is so much wiser than we."

Sometimes we are apt to take for granted these precious things, given

to us in the service of the Lord; such as these mentioned above and the blessings laid upon us when we were confirmed a member of the Church and the Lord's family. We think of the great covenants made by God to the early Brothers, even back to Noah, Moses and Abraham and when we covenant with the Lord, at our baptism, and the blessings laid upon us by the one chosen by God and given power by The Heavenly Father. In many instances they foretell of the blessings in store for us, if we prove faithful, and the covenant of life everlasting, between GOD AND US. Could any covenant be greater.

When blessings are asked upon our children, and we trust in the Lord for their safety. When they are older, our prayers still go out to GOD to MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND HOW GREAT IS THE PLAN OF SALVATION; How beautiful the Hope that is theirs by obeying his commands. For we know they are going to have an opportunity to obey, because of God's blessing upon them as children.

How happy we feel when someone asks a special blessing upon our home and family — giving a feeling of God's closeness. These are not small things. These blessings upon our heads are like "CROWNS OF GLORY," even though they are not seen. When the blessing is asked at the table, these few words help to feel God's nearness. When we have given all we have for the "Pearl of Great Price," and understand how precious is every part of our life, in the Gospel.

There is nothing small in the Plan of Salvation. Even the things that seem small, all fit together into a perfect plan — GOD'S HOLY PLAN."

The blessings of the Sacrament gives us communion with the Lord; and keeps us alive in Christ, as long as we are worthy. This is the Covenant, not only to the Apostles, but to us that believe in Him. For even as He spoke to the Prophets of old, He speaks to his children, by those anointed to do his work today. And also by revelation in many ways to those that love and keep his commandments.

And when we meet the Lord, we will find it is how we have kept our covenant with Him, and how someone else did not keep theirs; that

will make us pleasing or not in His sight. Let us be thankful for our blessings—our INVISIBLE CROWN OF BLESSINGS — that is ours NOW, As long as we keep our covenant with the LORD.

NEWS FROM MEXICO

News from a letter written by Bro. Perdue to Bro. M. Griffith are as follows: (You will understand that brother and sister Perdue are laboring along with some others in Old Mexico.)

"We are very happy to report that so far, the Lord has been with us. In the last three months we have had nine baptisms. They have come in showing fruits of repentance, as some of the Elders out here have visited us can verify.

A number of churches have tried to work out here, but gave up because of the lack of response, but we thank God, for He has blessed us with souls who are now brothers and sisters along with a good number of visitors. To date there are twelve people baptized in Mexico.

We are extending an invitation to all who wish to visit us. We are grateful to the church for their help. Also the Lord has blessed us with signs following.

We trust all is well out there and may the Lord bless you.

Regards to Bro. Cadman

Sincerely,

Bro. and Sister Perdue

P. S. It is my continual prayer that the Lord will bless the efforts of those who are laboring in the field. It is gratifying indeed to learn of the success you are having in Old Mexico. May the Lord continue to bless brother and sister Perdue and those who are laboring with you.

Brother Cadman

Conference In Hopelawn, N. J.

On September 30th at 2:00 P.M. the Church assembled in conference in the Hopelawn, New Jersey Church, a suburb of Perth Amboy, with attendance from as far west as California, Canada and various States through the United States. Quite a large crowd gathered for the occasion—and as usual all seemed to be glad to meet one another again. Meetings on Friday and Saturday with the exception of Saturday evening were for the Elders of the church only. Much business was attended to by them. Aside

from the usual routine of business, there were some interesting reports made, from our brothers in Nigeria, Mexico, Italy and also some interesting reports from among our Indian people on their Reservations—both in Canada and the States. Also a report of several churches in Georgia wanting to become affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ—they want us to preach the Restored Gospel to them—which has been left in the hands of brother W. H. Cadman and others who will accompany him to Atlanta. Brother Alma Nolfi of Glassport, Pa., who was present in Conference made a report of his activities relative to securing a visa to Nigeria, for the purpose of spending a year in that country on Missionary work with our brothers who are already located there.

In the afternoon meeting on Saturday, something seemed to intervene among us and we departed from our usual routine and we had a season of tranquility in the midst of God's Holy Spirit while dwelling upon the great things which are to come to pass in these last days—when the House of Israel will be gathered back into the fold of God and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ becomes victorious over the nations of today—the will of God being done on earth as it is in heaven, and eventually Jesus will come to wed his ready bride.

On account of the large crowd expected to attend the meetings on Sunday—the morning service was held in the Auditorium of the Hopelawn School Building.

After the rendering of a song service by the younger generation in the New Jersey district, the service was opened by Bro. Burgess of Windsor, Canada with prayer and singing by the congregation. Before he read his text, a young mother presented her baby for the blessing of God to be asked upon, which was attended to by Brother Cadman—following the example of Jesus when He took children into His arms and blessed them. We do not baptize infant children. There were also one or two anointed for their afflicted bodies. Brother Burgess then began to address the large audience that was before him. He has laboured much among the Indian people and his discourse was bearing upon that race of people (known

unto us as part of the House of Israel) of whom the Book of Mormon is a record of their forefathers, which gives a very comprehensive account of the covenants made unto them, and of which will be fulfilled in these the last days. The land known unto us as America was allotted to Israel of old, and when we as Gentiles have reached the fulness of iniquity, it shall be restored back unto them (the Indian race) again.

Brother Burgess was followed by several speakers including Brother V. J. Lovalvo of Northridge, California. A very enjoyable time was enjoyed during the service. Our last speaker was Brother Nolfi who will be soon leaving for Africa. He is now waiting on a visa to enter that country. The meeting was then closed with prayer.

An evening meeting was held and was largely attended too. Many took part in the speaking and there was considerable singing done by groups. One of the groups in particular was that all the older members of the church that were present gathered up in front of the congregation and sang a number of old time songs—such as are not heard so much today. Brothers Bailey and Cadman I believe would be about the oldest in the group, they are both up in the eighties, but still going.

This account is written by the Editor and I wish to extend to our beloved people in the Atlantic Coast District of the church, the gratitude of all the visitors who were able to make the trip to this Conference. I feel sure that they all enjoyed the trip and that they deeply feel to appreciate the hospitality shown unto them. And may God bless you all in my prayer. Brother Cadman

HYMNS WE LOVE

The life of Fanny Crosby—our sweet singer in the night shows us how courage and cheerfulness can win over terrible handicaps. Her sight was completely destroyed when she was only six weeks old because someone placed a wrong poultice on her eyes. Fanny, then, never saw the beauties of the world about her. This affliction, however, only served to open a new world in which she saw Christ as her Helper and Friend. Refusing to be pitied, she lived a most happy and useful life, making other lives better by her sweet songs. She became America's

best loved gospel-song writer.

Her happy and cheerful spirit, as well as her poetic gifts, can be seen in these lines written when she was only eight years of age.

Oh, what a happy soul am I!

Although I cannot see,

I am resolved that in this world

Contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy,

That other people don't

To weep and sigh because I'm blind,

I cannot and won't!

At fifteen, Fanny Crosby entered the Institution for the blind in New York City, where she soon showed her wonderful facility in writing verse. Strange to say, it was not until she was forty-four years old that she began writing gospel songs.

In 1864 she met the famous composer, W. B. Bradbury, who suggested that she try writing sacred songs. Fanny Crosby soon felt that she had discovered her real mission in life, and was the happiest creature in all the land. From that time on until her death in 1915, she poured out her heart in songs that would win others to Christ.

She composed more than 8,000 hymns and songs. Often the lines came to her as fast as they could be dictated. In 1868, Wm. H. Doane, who wrote melodies for many of her verses, came to her one day and said, "I have a tune I would like to have you hear." When he played it to her she exclaimed, "Why that says 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus!'" She went to another room, and in a few moments returned with these words:

Safe in the Arms of Jesus

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle Breast,
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.
Hark, 'tis the voice of angels
Borne in a song to me,
Over the fields of glory,
Over the jasper sea.

Many touching allusions to her blindness are seen in her songs. "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" suggests how much a strong guiding hand means to the blind. As you read her poems in your hymn books, see, if you can find other allusions to her affliction and to the way in which she looked to God for help.

In 1869 Fanny Crosby visited the New York slums. Although she could not see, she could feel the misery of that life. "Rescue the Per-

ishing" was the hymn she wrote as a plea for help for these people who must live there. We enjoy this hymn very much in our service.

You will be interested to see how many of Fanny Crosby's songs you have already learned. Several of the best known are: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour, Blessed Assurance, and many others.

Not every one can be perfect mentally or physically. That is not entirely within our power. But we can all try to develop a fine character and help others, as Fanny Crosby did.

By her brave, sunny disposition and trust in Jesus, this little blind girl, who would not "weep and sigh because I'm blind," has inspired millions of people to useful, happy lives.

Can you name other persons who, like Fanny Crosby, in spite of serious physical handicaps have achieved great success? Yes, Our beloved Sister Sadie Cadman.

Sister Mamie Funkhouser

Edison Branch

(P.S. Sister Mamie: In reading this article about Fanny Crosby, I could not help giving praise in my soul for what you have written - - I did not know nor did I even think of my wife until I read the last line of your writings. If all who have good eyes to see and good ears to hear, would be careful of what they say - - what a wonderful world this would be - - Might it not be HEAVEN on earth to be here? May God bless Sister Funkhouser for her contribution to the Gospel News. Editor)

LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The general meeting of the Ladies Circle was held in the church at Aliquippa, Pa. September 17. Twenty-four circles were represented by delegate or letter. Communications were enjoyed from Brothers Milantoni and Thomas on the work being done on the Muncey Reservation, also of the work our brothers Ross and Swanson are accomplishing in Africa. A note was received from our aged Sister Belle Cromlish of Donora, Pa. We always enjoy hearing from our sister.

The sisters in St. John, Kansas have reorganized their circle and are enjoying their meetings.

The circle is paying for three dozen Books of Mormon to be sent to Africa. Donations were as fol-

lows: \$100, Church Missionary Fund; \$25, Conference; \$300, Church Indian Missionary Fund.

The next meeting will be held December 10, the place to be announced later.

Everyone present enjoyed the day and felt it was time well spent in the Lord's service.

GENERAL EXISTING CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

Hospitals, doctors and nurses are among the greatest of all needs in Africa today. I read an article recently stating that just a few years ago, (probably three or four years) "Nigeria has 509 doctors for more than 30,000,000 people". This shows beyond any question of doubt that thousands of people cannot obtain any doctor's services, regardless of how badly they are needed, or how much they are desired. We saw literally hundreds of children with large protruding navel ruptures, some as large as an ordinary orange, a pitiful sight.

People begged us everywhere to ask the church to come and establish hospitals, or to provide doctors and nurses. I feel certain if we were in these peoples' position we too would beg anybody, or church for help. How I wish we could build hospitals and provide doctors, etc. I believe it would be very pleasing in the sight of God. There are some hospitals, especially in the larger villages and cities. There are several being operated by the various church missions scattered throughout the country, most of these are operating under extremely handicapped circumstances and they deserve a tremendous amount of credit. Most of these mission doctors have sacrificed their practice in other parts of the world, where their material profits would have been many times greater. Not that they were forced to come, but willingly they chose that which they considered the better part, that which would give them the better feeling of satisfaction, a feeling that money cannot buy. A few of the larger city hospitals are very well equipped and ably staffed. Some of these doctors are very noted and world famous for their skilled performances of surgery.

These institutions and doctors are very considerate of missionaries, regardless of what faith they represent, if they require hospitalization

or medical treatment, they will not make a charge for it, (I did not get a bill for service though I insisted on one). Many of the natives do not like to go into the hospital and will do so only as a last resort because they are charged a normal fee.

A wife may be held for a few days longer unless her husband can pay up, in most cases they are insisted on to pay if it is any way possible for them to get the money. Otherwise some who have the money would not pay either. Many that go to the hospital will take one of their family along to wait on the sick, a man, his wife, or if a child the mother, etc. I took an old man to the hospital at Etinan and his wife went too and stayed with him, (we heard that he died soon afterward). Some places people will not eat food unless it is prepared by some of their own family, they fear being poisoned. The hospitals being obliged to provide extra rooms, or space to accommodate the cook, etc. Leprosy is found everywhere. It is said there is over 500,000 lepers that are not segregated, but free to roam at will where they please. This number in Nigeria alone. There are a few Leprosariums being operated in certain areas, caring for quite a number of these unfortunate victims, and treating hundreds of others. We were told that hundreds are cured yearly of leprosy, especially when it is treated in the early stages, and that it is no more difficult to cure than many other diseases by using, "Present day treatment includes the use of sulfone drugs". The difficulty is to get people to report for treatment as soon as possible after they discover they have contracted the disease. Those that are cured who have had the disease in its advanced stages will be left crippled in all probability.

One of the largest Leprosariums in the world was only about 40 miles from where we were stationed, (Brother Cadman and myself wanted to visit the institution but never got around to it). Sorry I cannot remember the name of this institution, but it was built and operated for many years by a doctor and his wife, and we were told they have built it into a very successful and self-supporting institution. Leprosy is greatly feared. The people in an area about 12 miles distance from our station was very contaminated

with this disease and some of our mission people would not buy any bananas coming from that area, knowingly, for fear of contacting the disease.

One evening a man came and asked us to take his sick child to the hospital. This involved 35 to 40 miles of travel over strange road at night. I asked Brother Dick to go with us and he agreed: so we went and picked up the child and his mother and started for the hospital. I had never been to this one before. As we approached the Kwa Ibo River Bridge: I noticed the road began to look as though it was not being used by cars anymore. I drove as near as I thought looked safe, focused the headlights toward the bridge, I got out and walked upon it and discovered the huge timbers of which it was built were rotten and it was already swagged down on one side and ready to fall into the river which is quite large. The hospital was still a mile or more beyond through the jungle. We could go no farther by car and we could not leave the car and go with the woman and child: she put the child on her back, then she started running across the bridge toward the hospital. The last we saw of her she was still running up the hill on the other side of the river and into the darkness with her child. I never heard of her again.

In 1954 when Brother Cadman and I were there on our first trip, I became very sick and about midnight I asked to be taken to a doctor somewhere. After some delay they were finally able to get a man with a 1½ ton truck to take me. Along with Brother Cadman and several other men they took me to the Kwa Ibo Mission Hospital at Etinan, about 12 miles distance. Arriving there about 2 a.m. there was no electric. The nurses were carrying kerosene lanterns. Doctor Mitchell got out of his bed and examined me. He said I needed to be hospitalized for a while for observation and treatment, but they were filled up, no bed that they could give whatsoever. The doctor then took me in his car to the Catholic Hospital at Uyo, 20 miles farther. They too, had no vacant bed. I then hired a taxi to take me to Port Harcourt, European Hospital where I

was admitted. But Doctor Mitchell, a perfect stranger, would not take any remuneration whatever for all his services performed, when he could have been sleeping. I want to say thanks again and God bless you, Dr. Mitchell.

Joseph Bittinger
(To be continued)

TO ISRAEL

Oh, Israel 'tis to thee we speak,
Thy plight we feel as well,
Thy bonds, straights and afflictions,
We groan within to tell.

'Tis thy hope Israel we enjoy,
Thy word that we prize,
But oh 'tis thy reconciling,
Will bring us earthly paradise.

Thou shalt then us inherit,
Along with all our gain,
When Christ's evident affection,
To thee shall be made plain.

We know we've been adopted,
In the household of thy Lord,
But full satisfaction 'waits us,
When the true heirs are restored.

For peace and complete compassion,
Within each human breast,
Shall comfort all the weary,
And injustice shall redress.

For God shall wipe away thy tears,
Remove all that distress,
Shall supplication grant thee,
And perfect happiness

And righteous understanding,
Shall all differences transcend,
And every man in every place,
Shall find a brother and a friend.

FINDS COINS OF

CHRIST'S TIME

It is reported that several thousand silver coins dating from the days of Christ have been seized by the police in Haifa from a Druze villager who tried to sell them.

The police said they believed the villager found the coins in a large earthenware jar near the summit of Mount Carmel.

Experts said the coins were minted between 60 BC and 60 AD and had apparently remained hidden for 19 centuries. Most of them were

struck at the port city of Tyre and carry the image of the city's god, as well as a Roman eagle.

Some experts said they believed the coins were of the same type as the biblical 30 pieces of silver paid to Judas Iscariot.

Villagers of Issafya, where the coins were found, said the treasure was in two jars unearthed by 50-year-old Akel Hamdan while he was plowing. There were about 3000 coins, they said.

August, 1960

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Dear Mother:

Received your letter and couldn't answer immediately due to being so busy. There are so many records to keep and appointments, as well as all the correspondence to the Church and personal and family letters.

Last week we baptized 82 of the leaders of the people to whom we have been preaching for three months. Today all the people who wished to be baptized from three different Branches met this morning. They started to ask for baptism at four o'clock in the morning and by 9 a.m., 700 were waiting to be baptized.

We chose 6 Elders to baptize. We stood in the water from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. It was very spiritual. The Elders remarked that it was a Holy Day. The spirit of God was with us all through the hours of baptism. There are still a possible 11,000 to be baptized.

Tomorrow we will teach in two schools—we have set up to teach Elders and Teachers our Faith and Doctrine. They are down by the ocean and it is a wild piece of jungle where they are located. Most of the brothers are fishermen. If I get time I would like to go fishing with them to see how they fish.

Thanks for sending the box. I sure will enjoy it. You asked about the time—we are 5 hours ahead of your time. It is still winter here and raining. It keeps at about 80 degrees all the time. Give my love to all the saints in Washington, and may God bless you. Alvin.

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BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS

Be faithful to Jesus

For He is the one that took you from sin

And He is the one that will take you in

He is the one so good and kind

He is the one worth writing this line

You will find Him wherever you go

Be faithful to Jesus wherever you go
Trust Him, obey Him, and do His good will

For Jesus loves you and will make your sins nil.

So come to Jesus come to stay

He will guide you all the way

He will watch over you as you sleep

He will comfort you when you weep

So come to Jesus come to stay

The light so shine on every day.

Sister Evelyn Mapes

PROPHECIES FULFILLED

Once again as we approach this Christmas Season of the year we are reminded of the many prophecies fulfilled with the "Birth of Christ."

On this land of America as recorded in the Book of Mormon, Samuel the Lamanite told the people that after five more years the Son of God would come into this world. As a sign of his coming there would be no darkness for a day, a night and a day. During this period there was much confusion in the land caused by the unbelievers. But when time was ripe there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as mid day and the sun rose in the morning according to its proper order; and the people knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born. The Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem at night while in this land it was day. Also a new star appeared according to the word of Samuel.

In the land of Palestine, an angel appeared unto Joseph, saying that his espoused wife was to bring forth a son, conceived by the Holy Ghost and thou shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might fulfill that which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying,

"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."

A man child was born to Mary in Bethlehem of Judea and he was called Jesus.

Now we are told in the Scriptures that our Saviour was born into the world to set an example for all mankind to follow. Can't we say that the beginning of this pattern was set when Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the temple to be blessed by the aged priest, Simeon. This is one of the most blessed ordinances in the Church of Jesus Christ today. It had been revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. He took the Child Jesus up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

For mine eyes have seen thy Salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel."

When the wise men who had seen the star in the east came to Jerusalem seeking the Christ child, Herod the king of Judea heard the news and was greatly alarmed. He demanded of them where Christ was born and they answered "In Bethlehem of Judea", for thus it is written by the prophet,

"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda,

Art not the least among the princes of Juda:

For out of thee shall come a Governor,

That shall rule my people Israel."

Joseph was warned by an Angel to take the young child and his mother into Egypt for Herod would seek the young child to destroy him. There he tarried unto the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Again prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph was warned of God in a dream to go into Galilee with Jesus and Mary. And he came and dwelt in the city called, Nazareth: for the prophet had said, that, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Sister Ann Ahlborn

SISTER ROSA IN FRANCE

Sister Rosa Robinson of Clairton, a daughter of brother and sister Clarence Robinson and who is also a member of the West Elizabeth Branch of the Church, is now located in a small town outside of Paris named Orleans, France. She is teaching children of Army men stationed in that area. All children are American.

The building in which she teaches has recently been built and she wrote us saying that she was blessed to be in a new modern building while many were placed in older buildings.

Sister Rosa plans to stay approximately for one school term if all goes well, and return after that time. As you may have heard, she is now married to a Mr. Everett Williams, who is also located at that same city.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Dear Brother Cadman,

The saints of Youngstown, Ohio are very thankful that the Lord continues to bless us in all our meetings. Our services on Sunday are well attended by brothers, sisters, and friends; and surely the spirit of the Lord has been with us.

In our service of October 16, Brother Rocco Biscotti, president of the Ohio District, and Sister Biscotti, visited with us. The Lord has seen fit in the past to have Brother and Sister Biscotti visit with us on Sundays, when we held our feet washing service. Certainly their presence, and hearing the humble, but inspiring words of our brother have been greatly appreciated by all of us in Youngstown.

Before the opening of our morning service, Brother T. D. Bucci and his daughter, Sister Kovacic, from Erie, Pa., sang a beautiful duet. The hymn, "The Greatest Story

Ever Told," was written by Sister Esther Dyer of Erie, Pa.

Brother Biscotti then read from the third Chapter of Ether in the Book of Mormon. He spoke concerning the Brother of Jared, and how he had seen the finger of the Lord. He explained that like the Brother of Jared, we too have seen the finger of the Lord.

Our afternoon service was spent in testimony by young and old. A spirit of humility prevailed among us, which could be felt by all present. This same spirit was carried through the ordinance of feet washing by those participating. At the close of the service, Brother Corrado asked all present to form a circle, each holding hands, as a symbol of our unity in Christ.

We know that in our Church, we have in common the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is through experiences such as this brief account, and many others, that our hopes and desires may someday be realized.

William Gennaro, Jr.

BROTHER NOLFI OFF TO AFRICA

On October 31st Brother Nolfi boarded a plane at the Pittsburgh Airport for a year's Missionary work in Nigeria. He goes to take the place of Bro. Ross who is now on his way home. On his way back he is spending a couple of weeks in Italy among our church folk in that country.

There was a large crowd at the Airport to see Brother Nolfi leave his family and the rest of us. I was very glad to see so many present for the occasion. In bidding us all goodbye and especially his wife and children, it was hard for me to keep my tears back. May the Lord comfort and care for his wife and children and bring husband and father back home safe again. He left here at 4:30 p.m. and expected to leave New York at 9:00 p.m. on a B.O.-A.C. plane for London, and from there arrive at Lagos on Nov. 2nd. I ask you all to be mindful of him in your prayers. Also remember brother Swanson and his wife and children. We hope to see Brother Alvin return home in six months from now, with an additional good report to that which Brother Ross undoubtedly, will bring with him. May God bless our brethern, their

wives and families.

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

A LETTER FROM ITALY

October 24, 1960

Dear Brother Cadman:

I trust that this letter will find you in the best of health. Just a few lines to let you know that we are all fine here in Cleveland, Ohio.

My father has just finished work on the October issue of our Italian paper "Il Riflettore." Each week he receives correspondence from Italy, and various parts of the U. S., to be printed in the little newspaper. The brothers and sisters, in Italy, look forward to the paper each month as we look forward to our Gospel News. We are very fortunate to be able to serve God in freedom, here in the United States, for it is not so in Italy where the Saints face great opposition.

The following testimony was taken from the October, 1960, issue of "Il Riflettore": (Written by Sister Angelina Zumbo, of San Fantino, Reggio, Calabria.)

Dear Bros. & Sisters of America:

I am a new sister of the faith, shortly baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ, in which I have been privileged to see the radiant light of the genuine gospel which has given me a new outlook on life as well as a new hope. Being that I was brought up as a Roman Catholic, I thought sure that I was in the right path because I used to follow to the letter the teachings I received by my parents; so, I did not know any other way but this. In fact I believed in the Lord; in the Virgin; in the Saints, that is to say, to the statues; and thus I used to pray; I used to do penance; fasting; and often I used to go on pilgrimage to sanctuaries, etc. But I was conscious that in my heart I did not have the pure love of God because if I received an offense, I would quickly resort to revenge. But why did I do this? I believe it was because all prayers were not offered directly to God, who is the only one who can hear our prayers, but rather to strange gods. But when the Lord saw fit to make me see the truth of His divine Son, I have passed from the thick darkness of "tradition" to the marvelous light of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. All of this came about after I decided to purchase for myself a Bi-

ble, that I might make a deep study of God's word, which I obtained from a nun and thus before I would engage in the study of the Bible, I beseeched the Lord with all my heart and I said: "Oh Lord if really this is Thy holy word, I beg Thee to give me a sign because I wish to do Thy divine will. I also prayed for my husband that he might also obtain grace from God that we might serve Him together. Not long after, my prayer was answered. In January of 1960, the Minister Marco Randazzo of Modesto, California, (who was in Italy on missionary work) came to our house. He spoke to us of the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ; he spoke to us of the holy baptism by immersion; he spoke to us of the duty of a true Christian towards God who has given His only Begotten Son that whomsoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." After our brethern had thus spoken to us, we were still undecided and so we did not take the step of being baptized. However, when Bro. Randy visited us the second time, as he was praying, the Lord spoke to us by voice saying: "This is my faithful servant; he will tell you what you should do. Hear ye him." Thus after we heard this voice which was in answer to my prayers, we told Bro. Marco that we were ready for baptism which was attended to the same day by our brother.

Now I can truthfully say that I am fully happy. Verily for us this has been the most memorable and glorious day of our life, when the Lord saw fit to call us into His holy immaculate Church of Jesus Christ. So now I can say without fear, of contradiction, that I have the love of God in my heart because if someone should do me evil now, I do not seek revenge, as I used to do when I was in the dark, but rather do "I follow the teachings of Christ: "Render good for evil." I have also the pleasure to inform you that since we have been baptized, one of my sisters has also been converted to the Lord. Also two of our children have been blessed in the church. Many have been the blessings that we have enjoyed since we have surrendered to the Lord and especially I myself, have been blessed with the gift of tongues.

Yours sincerely,

Sister Angelina Zumbo

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

With this editorial I will conclude the account of my recent trip into Canada. While at Meaford, on the Georgian Bay and of the closing two days of my visit up there, Brothers Cotellesse and Burgess with their wives drove in from Windsor and spent Saturday and Sunday with us. All were made welcome by the few members we have at Meaford, and on the Saturday we held a meeting in the home of Sister McKay on the shore of the Bay. We had a very nice meeting.

The next morning we got a good start and drove to the Cape Kroker Indian Reservation—In fact in our driving on Saturday we drove out there as well, it being about a 60 mile drive. We visited at an Indian home and some neighbors gathered in and we sang some hymns and I made a brief talk before we started back on our journey—but first we made arrangements for a meeting on the next day (Sunday). Returning on Sunday it was a wet day, and our turnout was disappointing—but we held our meeting and a number took part in expressing themselves—but still there did not seem to be much interest. But we were made welcome by the folks there.

There is a strange formation in the earth's terra firma in that region. It looks as though, that which is low land now, either dropped from 50 to 100 feet, or the high land was forced up—be that as it may, for miles and miles around, the high land has a perpendicular wall of rock. The high land apparently is level and the low land is likewise—good farming country. The Book of Mormon speaks of a great eruption on this land at the crucifixion of Christ. This formation causes us to wonder. On leaving the Cape, we bid the Meaford folks good bye, and I got in the car that came from Windsor and returned with them. It was my first trip to Windsor through that part of Ontario. It is as fine a country as a person could wish for. The last night I was in Meaford, I received a phone call from my home, informing me that Sister Hannah Skillen was dead, and that it was her request for me to attend her funeral service. But I could not be there. On arriving at Windsor about midnight, I went on to Detroit, and I had

laid my plans to start home on the following Friday. Bros. Ciaravino and Pietrangelo wanted to spend an evening with me on some matters, so I spent Wednesday Eve at No. 1 Branch of the church, with a nice audience present.

I had promised Dr. Michael Randazzo and his wife that I would try and visit their home, so I went with them and spent a couple of days there. Bro. Michael is Doctor, but I had never been in their home before. They live in Bloomfield Hills about 25 miles out of Detroit. They have a fine big home wherein I was made welcome. I was glad I went to visit them. I was agreeably surprised to learn somewhat of the Doctor—his standing, etc. He drove me in to his office, I supposed just an ordinary doctor's office. But I was taken by surprise. Our brother Doctor has a large building with about eight rooms. It is well equipped with the latest mechanisms and devices known to his profession. The different rooms fitted suitably for the ailments of his patients. If it is necessary to put a patient to bed, he is prepared for it. He has probably six or seven persons on his pay-roll, including a Doctor, nurses and I presume helpers of some kind. Doctor Michael has a wonderful establishment, at what I supposed would only be a common doctor's office. He is also the medical advisor of an Old Age Convalescent Home, with about 80 or 90 patients—all old men and women eighty and ninety years old, and I understand one was over a hundred years old.

As he took me through the Institution and we entered the various rooms, I noticed all faces smiling, and many of them motioning for him—they apparently wanted to talk to their Doctor about something. The glow in their faces was evident that they loved their Doctor, and in return, the Doctor showed in his manner of approaching them, that he had affection for his patients—old and almost helpless men and women who were no kin to him. I attribute his success, to the love he has for his profession as a Doctor. I made a trip to England in my youth, and I had two cousins who were then graduating for the medical profession. I remember the younger one of the two saying to me, "Cousin: I love my profession, I love to ease the pains and suffering of humanity." My contention and my manner of preaching Christ has always been, that we cannot serve God unless we have a love for righteousness—if the spirit of love for my fellow-man does not dwell in my soul—I cannot serve God acceptably.

So I am well pleased to see one of my brothers—Dr. Randazzo occupy a high standing in his profession as a Doctor. May the grace of God ever keep him low at the Masters Feet. Yea, in this suffering world today, a Doctor has a big place to fill, and may the greatest Physician of all be with brother and sister Randazzo in my prayer.

I returned to Detroit after this visit and the next day boarded a plane for home. I was on this trip better than three weeks, and I don't think any grass grew under my feet—If I cannot do much for the sick in bed, I should try to do something for the sinsick. May the Lord help us to do our part towards suffering humanity, physically and spiritually.

Brother Cadman

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I want to tell you this time never grows old. We enjoy it every time we hear it. Almost two thousand years ago an angel brought a wonderful message to a young lady named Mary. The angel told her she had found favor with God and He would give her a baby boy. The baby was to be named Jesus and be known as the Son of God. Mary was very happy. She went to the hill country to a city of Judea to tell her cousin Elizabeth the good news. Mary and Elizabeth both rejoiced. Mary sang a song of praise to thank the Lord for His son, He was sending her.

In Nazareth there was a carpenter named Joseph. An Angel appeared to this good man and told him God was going to send His own son into the world to be Mary's baby. The angel told Joseph to care for her and name the baby Jesus. Joseph did as the angel said. He took Mary for his wife and loved and cared for her.

The king sent out a decree that everyone in the kingdom should be taxed. The people had to go to the towns where they had been born to pay their taxes. Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth to the little town of Bethlehem in Judea. Many, many people were there. All the inns were filled. There was no room in them for Mary and Joseph. They had to stay in a stable. While there God sent His Son, Jesus, to be Mary's little baby. She laid him in a little manger bed.

Out in the fields that night near Bethlehem were shepherds watching their sheep. As they looked up into the sky, they saw a bright light. The glory of the Lord shown around them and they were afraid. An angel of the Lord said, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy; which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall

find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. "Suddenly there was with the angel of the Lord, many other angels singing, "Glory to God in the Highest. Peace on earth, good will to men."

After the angels returned into heaven the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing the Lord has told us." They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. There was the baby lying in the manger just as the angel said he would be. After they had seen it they told the wonderful news to everyone. They praised and glorified God for all the things they had seen and heard. The people wondered at this story of the angels and God's dear son. Mary too, thought about the things the shepherds told and pondered them in her heart. Mary and Joseph loved this little boy God had sent. They named him Jesus just as the angel had told them.

The prophets of old knew of this great event long before it came to pass. One of them was Isaiah, the son of Amos. The Lord gave him many visions. He prophesied to the people that a child would be born and be called Immanuel. He also said this child would come from Jesse's family. Jesse was the father of David. If you would like to read this prophesy it is in Isaiah 11:1-5. Isaiah said the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. Jesus was that light. Then he said, "For unto us a child is born", referring to Jesus again.

Isaiah wasn't the only prophet who knew these wonderful things. Another man named Micah told of the place where Jesus would be born, Micah 5:2. "But thou, Bethlehem though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel."

The people on this land of America had prophets who told them of a Saviour who was to come. This is found in their record known as the Book of Mormon. This is the story of the Birthday of our King, God's gift to the world many years ago. Search the Scriptures

1. To what man was it told he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ? This man also blessed baby Jesus. Luke 2:25,32

2. Book of Mormon Questions—
Who saw the virgin with a child in her arms hundreds of years before Jesus was born? I Nephi 11:1,20

3. To what king did an angel tell of Mary and the coming of Jesus? Mosiah 3: 1,8

4. Who knew by the spirit of prophesy that Jesus Christ would come? Alma 5:47,48

Our story next month is from the Book of Mormon. It is about a man who was burned to death because he would not deny the commandments of God. His name starts with A. Do you know the story?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

RELIGION IN AMERICA

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Great Reluctance

By Louis Cassels

United Press International

"Christianity and Judaism shares one of the great reluctances of history. Both are reluctant to live openly and fully with the fact that Jesus was a Jew."

Those are the opening words of an article written by a distinguished Christian author for a leading Jewish magazine.

The author is Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review. His article on "The Jewishness of Jesus" appears in the current issue of American Judaism, monthly publication of the reform Jewish movement.

Cousins has some strong words to say about "the absurdity of anti-Semitism" among Christians who claim a Jew as their Lord and Saviour. But most of his article is addressed to a reverse form of prejudice which exists - quite understandably, in his opinion - among Jews.

Profound Uneasiness

"If Jesus' name is invoked in a company of Jews," he says, "the effect on many of them is one of profound uneasiness. . . their reaction makes it seem as though a social contract were being violated.

Cousins says history has given Jews abundant reason for this "conditional reflex."

Centuries of persecution by people who called themselves Christians

have given Jews "an image of Jesus" that is associated with harshness and cruelty.

But this image is the very antithesis of what Jesus actually was like, Cousins says.

He appeals to Jews to look beyond the distorted image which they have derived from "the unChristian words and acts of those who have spoken in his name," and to discover the real Jesus of Nazareth whose teachings are recorded in the New Testament.

Should Lose Reluctances

"There is every reason for Judaism to lose its reluctance toward Jesus," Cousins says. "His towering spiritual presence is a projection of Judaism, not a repudiation of it."

"Jesus was proud to be a Jew, He asserted the Jewish heritage and sought to preserve and exalt its values. But He did it within a universal context."

"No other figure — spiritual, philosophical, political or intellectual — has had a greater impact on human history. (Jews) can take pride of His claim on history."

"And the rediscovery of Jesus can help Jews in the most vital respect of all; He can help them to forgive their tormentors — including those who have done evil to them in Jesus' name."

(Taken from The Monongahela Republican)

P.S. There is not much comfort in the words of Mr. Cousins for professed followers of Jesus, who may have hate for the poor Jews. To have hate against the Jews is the spirit of anti-Christ, and I might add, ignorance of the great plan of God for the redemption of all peoples. The man, who was accused of turning the world upside down, is made to exclaim: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out." I will add that according to the prophet Zechariah, there is a great day awaiting the Jewish people. The Gentiles will yet come to the end of their string. He, the Jewish Christ, will yet stand on the Mount of Olives and fight the battle for His people, the Jews. Yea a fountain shall be opened to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin.

The prophet Isaiah pronounces a

Woe upon those that spoil: "When thou ceasest to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled." Professed Christian people have persecuted the Jews for the errors of their forefathers — but the tables will eventually be turned in the Jews favor. The great God is not sleeping.

Editor.

"EXCERPTS"

(From a letter dated Oct. 9, 1960)
by Brother and Sister Perdue
Old Mexico

Dear Brother Cadman:

"We trust you are in good health and that all things are going well with you."

We thought you might like to hear something about Old Mexico. Our little cabin is on the top of a mountain. There are no trees or grass to be seen anywhere, only some brush that grows wild. The climate is much cooler high-up here than in the city. There is a lack of facilities here. We have to purchase water in containers (how precious it is when one doesn't have it at his finger tips). We use kerosene and gasoline lamps. We are more fortunate than many, because we have a butane-stove to cook on and also wood fires.

Life out here is not very easy, but for the sake of souls we are very happy to be in the service of the Lord. Everywhere you look people are trying to earn a few pennies. They try to sell cooked food; they want to clean your car or shine your shoes, and many are begging for money in the streets. There are no factories to work in.

Many of the so-called houses are just shells with no floors. Many sleep on the bare ground. Some live in tents, some in cardboard houses and some in grass huts.

In 1957 the population was 30,000,000 according to the book "Mexico Today" by John Rowe who is professor of L. A. University. I also quote the following from his book. "Mexico is vastly Indian. The Spaniards who came in were just a drop in the bucket. Their blood became lost in this mass of Indian blood."

We have been here about five months and have 12 baptized members, along with brother and sister Luna, whom along with ourselves number 16. Brother and sister Luna come here every weekend from Los

Angeles, a distance of 300 miles the round trip. Our prayers are that God will help us to be fathers and mothers to the House of Israel.

Pray for us brother Cadman. We are grateful to all who have made it possible for us to live out here; those who are contributing to the missionary Fund — we urge you all to remember this fund so that others might be able to go."

Brother and Sister Perdue.

P.S. May God continue to bless the labours of Brother and Sister Perdue and their helpers. (Editor)

NILES, OHIO

Oct. 8, 1960

In a letter of the above date which I received from Sister Anna Nastasia, I learn that her health is far from being good. Evidently she has gone through a very serious operation, and she attributes her life being spared to the prayers of her brothers and sisters — for which she is very grateful to you all. She says: "I have a desire to live, that I might confess the name of Christ to all living creatures. I live daily to have a humble testimony that God answers prayer."

THRUST IN THE SICKLE

"Jesus commands us to 'thrust in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.' At present, 'World Wide Missions' is working in ten world centers. Appeals are coming from other nations. By faith we plan to enter every open door that God sets before us, for the time is short."

(From "World - Wide Missions little paper.")

P.S. Such should be the attitude of all peoples who base their faith in Jesus Christ, and especially for all people who preach that the true Church of Jesus Christ did not always remain on the earth because of the "Falling-away of the Gospel. —The message of the angel in Rev. 14-6,7, was to all the inhabitants of the earth. (Editor)

"THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN IMPERIAL, PA."

In the spring of 1963, Brother Jacob and Sister Martha Christman were desirous of buying a home. After extensive searching, Sister Martha became discouraged and petitioned God earnestly that they might find a place where they could be happy and content.

One night in a dream she was told to "Buy the house at the crossroads and build your home on this stump." After looking at many houses, they finally came to one in Imperial in which place, Sister Martha said, she had given no serious thought of residing; however they decided to look at it. The first visit to the house was at night. Brother Jake noted a large garage and commented that it might be a good place to start a repair and welding shop. Being interested, they decided to look at it in daylight. This time, Sister Martha found in the back yard a large stump with the roots growing under part of the house. It must have been there for years as the roots were large and the stump old. That night at home, she remembered her dream and felt it was God's will that they buy this house.

After moving into the home, Brother Jake, his son, Brother Dick, and Sister Martha's father began to remove the large stump. Sister Martha cautioned them to watch for a treasure under it, thinking this to be the interpretation of her dream. After some time an idea to hold Wednesday evening meetings in the garage was conceived. Because of the winter weather, road conditions, and the number of members in the Imperial vicinity, they decided to seek permission to meet here on November 17, 1954. Brother James Moore requested and was granted permission from the McKees Rocks Branch to hold meetings. Attendance at the Wednesday evening meetings gradually increased and soon Sunday evening services were also conducted and more visitors came.

About this time Sister Moore testified that her mind was troubled. She experienced an unsettled feeling and although she knew God was working, she could not understand His plan nor how it was to work in our midst. She was glad of the opportunity for two weeks vacation in California to visit her family and the Saints there. She visited many Brothers and Sisters but remembered particularly her visit with Sister Evelyn Perdue and her husband, both of whom are very zealous in spreading the gospel. Sister Eva received much counsel and advice from them—Sister Perdue gave her scripture to read: Job

29, Alma 34 and Isaiah 58—and her mind became more clear concerning God's plan for us.

About one week after her visit with Sister Evelyn, Sister Moore dreamed of a newborn child although she was not aware at this time that meetings had started in Imperial. She arose from her knees and went to the mail box to find a letter from home telling of the first meeting in the garage or "the preaching of the Gospel in Imperial". This first meeting was held November 22, 1954, and a great blessing was experienced by all who attended. This caused the Brothers and Sisters to wonder if it might not be in God's design and purpose to establish a mission. However, Sister Martha worried over separating from the McKees Rocks Branch until God gave her another dream.

"It seemed they were living in a large home together with the church people. Brother Martin Michalko was in one of the rooms doing some work for the Church. He came to the door and asked Sister Martha to help. She agreed but said she must first lock the door. As she went to lock the door, she heard a knock and found two children waiting to come in. Her first thought was that if she let the children in she would not be able to help Brother Martin but, loving children so much, her heart softened as she looked at them and so she let them come in. As she started to shut the door, there was another knock but this time it was an old man and he, too, was let in. Sister Martha's heart was heavy for while she wanted to admit these people, she felt a responsibility to go help Brother Martin. There was a third knock at the door and she found a large number of people wanting to come in. This time she opened the door wide and invited them to enter. Then she turned to tell Brother Martin that she could not help him and he seemed to understand as he smiled and nodded his head." So it was revealed to her that the treasure she had expected to find under the large tree stump was the beginning of the work of God, "the Pearl of Great Price".

The Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings continued. Our first pulpit was made by Brother Jake from an old piano he had bought

without knowing the felts were moth-eaten. Our first piano was given by a lady in McDonald who said she was glad to give it for church work. Chairs of all sizes and colors were given by the Brothers and Sisters. A picture of a baby had been found in the garage. Sister Arlene Euffington cleaned it and wrote on it the verse "Unless we become as a little child". We pray that God will continue to grant us this humbleness.

By this time everyone believed it was God's will for us to have an established mission and permission for this was granted at the October, 1955, Conference. On October 11, 1955, the organization meeting took place at McKees Rocks. On October 16th, Brother Moore served our first communion. Brother Moore's sermon was taken from the 2nd Chapter of Phillippians, 3rd verse. It had been revealed to him while praying to teach the Brothers and Sisters to esteem one another higher than themselves. The writer remembers another sermon in which Brother Moore said his prayer was that whatever God had for him to do, he might do it well, be it ever so little. God grant this to us all.

On October 30, 1955, we had three baptisms. Also, four children were blessed. Our Sunday School was organized November 27, 1955, by Brothers Idris Martin and Alma Cadman.

Since our Mission began, much work has been done. Concrete blocks were contributed by Brother Fred and Sister Weinheimer; also light fixtures which they found in one of the buildings on the property they recently bought. Brother Ervin Bueffington did the wiring and contributed much of his time even before his baptism. Brother Harry Hendler gave paint and other necessary articles. Brother Basilio DiMasso built the pulpit we now have and also donated the communion table. My son, George, painted our beautiful outdoor sign. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, and his wife, Eleanor, gave of her time as well and articles which were dear to her, saying that she knew of no better place for them to be of service. Pews were purchased recently. Brother Jake Christman carried the responsibility of all the improvements and work in the Mission, although everyone concerned took an active part in help-

ing to build this tiny temple to our Lord.

This brief history has been written with the hope that all who read may realize God never changes. He is the same God yesterday, today, and forever. He will reveal His will if we have the desire to stand humbly before Him until the end of our earthly days. Our reward? "Eye hath not seen ear hath not heard the things that God has prepared for those who love and serve Him."

Isabel Henler

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

(Letter is dated Oct. 4, 1960)

Part of the letter reads as follows:
Dear Brother Cadman,

In regard to our work among the people (formerly called Nazarenes) on September 5th we baptized the 40 leaders who held titles as Pastors, Elders and Evangelists. On September 12th we baptized 42 of their teachers—these men are teachers in a sense that they care for congregations.

On September 11th we ordained 6 Elders, the most prominent men of their Church. On September 16th we baptized 716 members. On September 18th we ordained 6 more Elders. On September 21st we baptized over 400 members.

At present we are idle, due to the Independence Holidays. On October 12th we shall resume activities. Hoping you are well, and that you have success in Georgia. Give our love to all the brothers and sisters, and continue to pray for us.

Brothers Ross and Swanson P.S. The holidays spoken of in this letter was due to the fact, that Great Britain gave Nigeria her independence. The population is about 34,000,000 people.

We judge from the account of the letter of Bros. Swanson and Ross, that they have been very busy Missionary Workers—May the Lord richly bless them along with their many converts. Editor.

Beaver Valley Times

Elder John Ross, pastor of Church of Jesus Christ, Aliquippa, who has been in Nigeria, Africa, on missionary duty since last spring, will conclude his stay there Oct. 26.

In a letter to The TIMES, Elder Ross tells us that he'll spend two weeks in Italy visiting Churches of Jesus Christ, and expects to return to the U.S., arriving at Greater

Pittsburgh Airport on Nov. 11.

"I am happy to report that we will have a membership of nearly 12,000 souls as soon as we finish baptizing, and many more to follow," Elder Ross wrote about his missionary activities in Lagos, Nigeria.

Nigeria, incidentally, gained its independence, Oct. 1.

WEDDINGS

On May 28, 1960 in the Church Building at Monongahela, Pa. John J. Bucenell of Marianna, Pa. and Carol Rae Fuller, daughter of Bro. and Sister Fuller of Scenery Hill, Pa. were united in marriage by Bro. Meredith R. Griffith.

On June 3, 1960, in my home (Meredith R. Griffith) R.D. #1, Bentleyville, Pa., Larry Seighman, nephew of Brother and Sister Herbert Seighman was united in marriage to Marie Liggett of Washington, Pa.

On September 10, 1960, in the Church Building at Monongahela, Pa., Matthew S. Laktash, son of Brother and Sister Laktash of Ellsworth, Pa., was united in marriage to Dolores Nell Games by Meredith R. Griffith.

NEWS FROM KANSAS

Dear Gospel Readers:

We in Kansas are very thankful to God and His Son Jesus Christ, for the many saints that have sacrificed their time and money to spend time with us this past Summer. We enjoyed the services and felt the Spirit of God in our midst several times. Among our visitors were Brother and Sister Furnier, Brother and Sister Bittinger. I was glad to see their zeal in the Gospel, for it is inspiring to a young man such as I. Also Brother George Neill, Harry Lorber and Harry Tucker visited us and were nice guests to have in our homes—Brother and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo and son Bro. Mazzeo visited us late this summer and we were glad to welcome them into our homes. Bro. Alex Robinson and family spent several weeks with us here in Kansas. Also we had a baptism, giving us a new brother—Duane King with his family who lives at Enterprise, Kan., and he seems to be very desirous to keep his covenant before the Lord. His wife, Shirley, had previously obeyed the Gospel.

Brother Wm. Cox and myself

visited Denver this summer and found that there is some interest there in the Gospel, by both members and others not in the Church of Jesus Christ. We plan to visit there again in the near future, and also visit a sister in Tulsa, Okla. We trust that God will bless our efforts. We ask for your prayers and may God's blessings be with you.

Bro. Charles Giles

WARREN, OHIO

Brother Editor:

We enjoy the Gospel News very much and many times our hearts are overfilled with joy when we read and re-read a fitting article of a happy time had elsewhere. On Sunday, Sept. 18th we had a happy time ourselves. Brother and Sister Biscotti of Cleveland, brother and sister Alesio of Lorain and brother and sister Robert Ciarochi of California were visiting our Branch. Brother Biscotti opened the meeting with the 139 Psalms. Sister Theresa Gennaro was ordained a deaconess—we pray that God will bless her. In bearing testimony the spirit of the Lord was felt by everyone. Sacrament was administered by our brother Elders and we had a wonderful time—we did not like to see our meeting close.

We appreciate the brothers and sisters visiting us, for we are not many here in this Branch. We thank God for the Restored Gospel and the many blessings He gives us. We hope you are well brother Cadman. May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

Sisters Genaro and Ciarrochi

A MEMORABLE

M. B. A. MEETING

On Oct. 2, 1960 after the October conference which was held at Hopelawn, N. J. Branch, headquarters of the Atlantic Coast District, an M.-B. A. meeting was held to climax a wonderful conference.

I have been a member of the Church for ten years and to my experience I have never attended a meeting as wonderful as this one was. To me it was a meeting which will live with me all my life.

The meeting was opened by our president Eugene Perri Jr. and after a few words of introduction and welcome he turned the meeting over to E.O. Joe Benyola and Bro. Carmen Sgro who was to conduct the

meeting and it was to be turned over to the older folks of the Church. By older folks, it was not necessarily meant in age but those who had been in the Gospel of Jesus Christ a long period of time.

One of the most precious and most encouraging parts of the meeting to me to see was when the older folks were requested to come forward and sing some of the old Hymns. Among those singing were Brother Cadman, Brother Bailey, Bro. Heaps, Bro. Furnier, Bro. Burgess, Bro. Bittinger, Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo, Bro. Henderson, Bro. J. Benyola, Bro. Carmen Sgro, Bro. Julius Sipos, Bro. P. Ragalino, and some of the wives of the above mentioned Brothers and some other sisters in the Church.

Just to see and behold them singing hymns of Praise to God and especially those hymns they sang when they were younger in the Gospel. As I was listening and looking at them sing my mind went back to the first General Conference I attended at Monongahela, Pa. quite a few years ago. Near the close of this meeting the Hymn Faith of Our Fathers was sung. As the theme of that Sunday service was the Faith of our Father or of the older ones in the Church. Up on the rostrum were the older brothers of the church, Bro. Cadman, Bro. Bittinger, Bro. I Smith and Bro. Charles Ashton and a few others. While this song was being sung I can truthfully say there was not one dry eye in the meeting. As we can see some of these older Brothers have gone on to their reward which is eternal life with Jesus Christ, but their memory and their faith in the Church still lives with us today.

So as these Older Brothers and Sisters were singing, I thought of the hardships and the faith they had in their youth and that as they grew older, the stronger their faith grew in Jesus Christ. Bro. Joe Benola and Bro. Burgess truthfully said in their talk that we are here today but who knows what tomorrow may bring. So let us cherish the memories of our older brothers and sisters and let us take heart that we the younger people may continue in their footsteps and hold fast to that Rod of Iron that we along with them may meet again and reign with our Lord and Saviour for eternity.

So in closing let us cherish this Gospel that we may grow stronger as the years go by as have our older Brothers and Sisters who are in our midst today.

May God Bless you all is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ
Anthony J. Vadasz

A Masterly Write-Up By Sidney Rigdon "MESSENGER AND ADVOCATE"

Nov. 1, 1844, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Continued from last Issue)

It does not follow, as a consequence, that the religion thus corrupted is false and not the truth of heaven; but the very reverse. What system was it that the apostle guarded the saints of his and all succeeding days against corrupting, assuring them that in the last days a corruption would take place, was it not true system of heaven? Surely it was. Was it not the system of heaven, where men (monsters) were to avail themselves of the apostolic and prophetic influence, and be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, become proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, truce breakers, incontinent, and abusers of themselves with mankind? It was. Was it not those who had a place among the saints, who were so far from the fear of God, and the principles of decency, as to be sufficiently daring to put at defiance the laws of man and the holy principles of the institution of heaven, as to enter into houses and lead astray silly women, laden with sins? Need I answer it was. Was it not the true religion of heaven, which all sacred writers both of the old and New Testament, cautioned the world and all the saints against corrupting, and corrupting by certain defined abominations minutely detailed? All will answer it was. The conclusion then is, that the true order of God, in the last days, was in imminent danger of being brought into reproach and shame, by those who seek to gratify their carnal desires, in defiance of all righteousness, and, with a bold affront, claiming the authority of the priesthood, that they might more effectually accomplish their corrupt design, and thereby bring the whole church of God under condemnation before God; and so far sink it in the estimation of all, as to render it odious

in the eyes of the world. The true Church of Christ, according to the testimony of both prophets and apostles, of olden time, was in this danger in the last days. As to societies which the sacred writers never considered as of divine origin, they never thought of guarding the world against corrupting. Their object was to preserve the institutions and ordinances of heaven from abuse; knowing, as they did, that an abuse there would sooner or later prove fatal to the world. What then, Dear Brother, shall we say? What can any man say? Why, the society where those abuses as defined by the sacred writers, made their appearance, has surely a high degree of testimony that it is the true church of Christ in the last days. The corruptions which the sacred writers, of former days, said would make their appearance in the Church of Christ in the last days, have made their appearance among us.

Had Paul lived in our days, and looked at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he could not have described it more minutely: the very corruptions have made their appearance, that he said would take place in the Church of Jesus Christ in the last days.

Had not these corruptions appeared among us, we should have lacked one important testimony that we were the true church of Christ; but the appearance of these corruptions has added a testimony to those who desire to know the truth, that the kingdom is with us in distinction to all others.

It may give us boldness in the faith, and great confidence before God.

We may arrive in the strength of truth, and purge these things out of our midst; knowing that the Lord will aid us; seeing we are doing as commanded, to "separate ourselves from all such" workers of iniquity.

By this you and the branch of the church under your charge, will see that they have done well, and may take courage, nothing fearing for the Lord will be with such to bless them.

It may be, that the saints may not be apprised of the fact, that the scriptures have pointed out the very things which should take place in the last days, in the true church of Christ; and that, a short time be-

fore Christ's coming. Let us hear the Saviour while He is yet tabernacled with man in the flesh.

In the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, we have the Saviour's own account of the things which should take place, at a time approaching His second coming. We shall confine ourselves to a few of those things which are so plain, as to admit no justifiable objection. After the Saviour had said many things in the hearing of His disciples in reference to His second coming, He gives a warning to the world predicated on the things that should take place preparatory to His second advent into the world.

He says this, commencing with the 42nd verse, "Watch therefore; for we know not what hour your Lord doth come. But this know, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to have been broken up. Therefore, be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh, who then is a faithful servant — whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart that the Lord delayeth His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him a portion with hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 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 foolish."

Let me ask at what time was all this to take place, and among whom? Could there be two cases which more directly correspond? We think it would be hard to find them. If the Lord had not His eyes on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in the foregoing sayings, by some strange fortuitous course of events, that church got itself precisely in the same situ-

ation the kingdom of heaven is there described as being in; and the whole matter fulfilled directly on their heads. Let the world take the case as it may, I think they must acknowledge that they are a strange set of mere chances.

Have not the hearts of the honest and upright in Nauvoo had many a painful hour of reflection, and many a deep feeling of mortification, at the eating and drinking with the drunken, and the smiting of the fellow servants; if not with a rod, with what was much worse, a tongue of falsehood foul and fiendish? I might assert, without fear of exaggeration, that it was so, without one exception, for no righteous being could do otherwise.

Let me particularly call your attention to the fact, that the true church of Christ in the last days was to have a division in it, one unavoidable; it was so said by the Saviour 1800 years ago, and it could not fail. Now sir, if none of these things which have taken place in Nauvoo had taken place, then, indeed, the world might, with more propriety, doubt our being the true church of Christ; but since the scriptures are fulfilling to the letter, on our heads: I think that by proper reflection and investigation, they will change their minds.

But in relation to the division, it may be proper to say a few things. It was said, at the time when the disobedient and cruel servant was cut off, that the kingdom of heaven was like unto ten virgins, five wise and five foolish. Now I ask, who were the wise virgins? Those who continued in the steps of the servant who had been cut off, or those who on the contrary, lifted their voices and wielded their influence against the evils which had caused the Lord to cut him off, and against the corruptions which caused the little reflection will settle this Lord's displeasure. I think very matter to the full satisfaction of every honest inquirer. That which brought death to the servant could not bring life to the people.

It would be a vain attempt, on the part of any members of the kingdom of heaven, in going forth to meet the bridegroom, to expect to be welcomed to the marriage supper of the Lamb, while they were identified with, and engaged in the same practice and practices, with him

whom the Lord had cut off for sinning, and sinning unto death in so doing.

To carry out the measures of that servant or prophet, would be to bring death on all who did it, sooner or later.

Now, whatever society in the last days is the kingdom of heaven, acknowledged so by the Saviour himself, must pass through the scene as described by Him in the 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew. This must be done or the scriptures fail.

If then, indeed sir, we, the Latter Day Saints, are the true church of Jesus Christ or kingdom of heaven, then it need only look and reflect, and all may understand that have eyes to see, or ears to hear. Concerning His second Advent, He admonishes to all to watch.

"And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch." Mark 13, 27. The reason for this was, that He would come unexpectedly, as a thief in the night. Now, when was the Saviour coming? In the last days surely. Who then was admonished to watch? He says all; but of necessity, the people of the last days in particular, in whose day He was to come; and the reason assigned for this admonition was that the servant who did so should be blessed at His coming; He should be ruler of his master's goods. But the Saviour, foreseeing that this would not be the case, says, beginning at the 48th verse, "but if that servant shall say in his heart, my Lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and begin to eat and drink with the drunken, the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with hypocrites; and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(To be continued.)

P.S. In not abiding by the word of God, it certainly has caused those or at least many who profess a restoration of the Gospel to become divided asunder in faith and doctrine. Sidney Rigdon was on the ground and certainly speaks with authority on the affairs of his day. (WHC)

INDIANS TOP FIJI GROUPS

SUVA, Fiji Islands—Indians who already form the largest racial

group in the Fiji Islands, are increasing faster than any other group.

The first Indians came to Fiji in the late 19th Century as indentured labor for sugar plantations.

Now some industries are almost exclusively in Indian hands—taxi and bus service and tailoring, for instance.

Shops and offices are largely Indian-staffed.

ITALY

Continued by Catherine Poma

Our next tour took us to Pompeii, wicked city destroyed in the year 79 A.D. by gases and ashes from the eruption of the volcano, Vesuvius. This is the largest and consisting of an entire city, the most complete of all excavations, much work must still be done. It is marvelous to behold, tho frightening, when one considers that the city was destroyed by 3 days and 3 nights of eruptions. The quick manner in which it was buried under ashes has preserved for us a precious and excellent record of this early civilization. Utensils, jewelry, and works of art, which are mostly statues and paintings are marvelously preserved, of old gods and goddesses. Even furniture is intact. There is even, on display, a round loaf of black homemade bread, petrified forever.

Skeletons of people and animals were found in the exact positions assumed when death overtook them, the bodies, of course, had decomposed leaving a perfect form in the hardened ashes. Men today, have poured liquid plaster into the opening made by the excavations, the plaster hardening around the skeleton into the original shape of the body, then the plaster cast is carefully removed from the ground and there they have a perfect statue of the original body, with the original skeleton inside of it, in the exact position assumed at the time of destruction! Quite realistic!

All of this impressed me with one thought: God is lenient and long suffering; He tries to teach us His way, but when we, as a city, or nation, become wicked or immoral, (or both), punishment is quick and final. The immorality and wickedness of this city of Pompeii has been proven by various discoveries in the excavation of it, in the forms of

obscene statuary and other records.

There is no doubt of the wickedness and of the immorality of our own world today. May God help us, is about all I can say, after viewing this ancient disaster scene.

From Pompeii, we went on to Amalfi, driving along 150 miles of lovely coastline. This drive is called the most beautiful drive in the world, and tho I cannot prove the authenticity of such a statement, even to my own satisfaction since I have not visited the entire surface of the world, and, it is highly unlikely that I ever will, still, I am inclined to agree with this assertion. Here is a winding, twisting, turning coastline, alongside steep, green cliffs, houses perched on the sides of these cliffs, (how they ever stand fast, I'll never know!) the sea below, a deep blue; great splashes of emerald green reaching out into the blue of it; terraced vineyards with even the lemon and orange trees trained to grow as vines, on chestnut poles; and, as you drive along, you can almost touch the fruit dangling practically above your head from the terraces which jut out almost over the road. This, surely, is a painter's paradise, tho' I must say that no artist can ever reproduce beauty such as this and do it justice. Even our camera failed to capture the true coloring of the scene, and, again, we repeat, God alone, is the Divine Artist, and none can compare!

Our next stop was Rome, and tho' there is much to see and admire there, I will speak especially of the catacombs, touching lightly here and there on what seemed to me of particular importance. The catacombs gave us the biggest thrill and catapulted me back thru the ages into that era when the early Christians suffered brutally at the hands of the Roman Pagans. Around the year 200-300, the Christians built a system of underground passages, or rooms, used as burial places. They had such rooms, connected by long, narrow halls, branching off into many directions and forming a maze of corridors. If more space were needed, a second line of galleries was dug beneath the first. The graves were cut into the walls. The Christians also used these catacombs for their meeting places, and took refuge there because the catacombs were protected by law. One gets

quite a feeling of closeness to the Eternal walking thru this labyrinth of passages. At one point, we were brought into a small room, perhaps 8 by 8 feet. In one corner was a shelf built into the walls of the cave. The ceiling was low, one could touch it if one chose to; on the walls above the shelf were crude paintings of the Last Supper. On either side of the picture were paintings of Peter and Paul, and, also, here and there, were etched, fishes. One immediately senses that this must have been a secret prayer room or place of worship of the early Christians, and one wonders, "Have I set foot upon soil that has been trodden upon by the early Saints, themselves? How many of the martyred saints used to come into this room to pray and find strength? What manner of blessings were shared in this room?" One feels to kneel down upon the very same spot where others knelt long, long ago . . . And the Holy stairs . . . Are these marble stairs that we saw later, in Rome, really the same stairs that Jesus ascended and descended in the Courtyard of Pontius Pilate? Was I looking at the stairs where Christ was flogged, so many years ago? One can only wonder . . . But, if it is these same stairs, then my eyes have been truly privileged!

We also had the opportunity to visit the old Cathedrals and Museums where man has outdone himself in creating beauty. I am not a connoisseur of art, however, I readily recognized the great talent of ages gone by, and, tho' I definitely am against statuary being placed in churches, still, I must admire the skill that created them. Perhaps, the reason that the old artists carved and painted and sculptured these masterpieces is this: the beauty they felt within themselves was so overpowering, words were insufficient to express it, so they painted and carved and created such works of loveliness that the eye immediately takes it in, and thus, the artist has given voice to his knowledge of beauty and has expressed it unto others. Can it be that this desire to create beauty is, in a sense, placed within us by God, who, Himself, is the Greatest Creator of Masterpieces of all times, past, present and future? (However, it must be remembered that the command is given to us that we are

NOT to make any graven image of anything on earth, in the heavens or in the sea, for the purpose of adoring it, for He is a jealous God and wants that our adoration be only of Him.) Exodus 20-4,5. In any event, His is the genuine creation, ours are merely the weak reproductions, for all the world's acclamation. One has merely to look anywhere, and this fact is immediately evident.

Switzerland, with its countless mountains, velvety green and white-capped; the constantly melting snows creating rivulets and water falls cascading down in a frothy path down each and every mountain vein; the wide, placid lakes with the clear blue skies mirrored therein; the profusion of flowers . . . all of this combined, gave me a constricting feeling in my throat . . . I wanted to cry . . . this was too much beauty for me to absorb at one time. And, as tho' this were not enough, our homeward journey thru the skies unveiled a brilliant sunset of such vibrant coloring that it left me speechless! I could only think in the words of the poet:

Oh, Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the Universe displayed;
Then, sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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Catherine Poma

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Gospel Readers:

I want to thank God for this Gospel which is so dear to my heart and for this wonderful little paper which is the Gospel News. Thank God for it. Most of you already know that we have sold our church building, and while we have the building at the West Side Branch, we are holding our meetings with Branch No. 4, we thank God for this wonderful fellowship which causes our hearts to rejoice.

We are anxious to start our new building as soon as we can. Dear brothers and sisters, we ask you all to help us pray, and by doing the Lord will lead, guide and direct us as where to build His church—that

it may be a beacon light unto all who will look upon it—causing many to accept it, that they too may become Kings and Priests of God.

As for me, I was glad at heart to have acknowledged the Authenticity of The Church of Jesus Christ. And while we are recipients of His blessings, and all the grace He bestows upon us, the endurance in the gospel is the most essential thing in our lives.

We read in the scriptures where the angel would stir the waters at the pool of Bethesda, and the first who would jump in would be healed of his affliction. The angel could not go any further than to heal the body—symbolic to the Lord Jesus Christ who stirred the waters of redemption—that all mankind might be washed in the blood of the Lamb to gain salvation for the soul. At this juncture I will repeat what Timothy tells us, That it is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus died for us sinners.

Sister Anna

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Gospel Readers:

I want to thank you all throughout the Church, for the wonderful prayers offered in my behalf—the get-well cards and letters of cheer I received during my 22 days stay in the hospital. Had it not been for the mercy of God and the prayers of the saints, in spite of the two serious falls I had while I was at the hospital, I would have been seriously injured. But God looked down on me with much mercy.

I thank Him that I feel much better at the present.

Sister Anna Carlini

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Brother Editor:

Since you were here in Detroit, the wonderful spirit that accompanied all your talks, is still ringing in our ears, and our hearts are filled with a joy unspeakable. I sincerely hope you arrived home safely, and found all your loved ones in good health, and all at this juncture, are in tip top shape, and prospering in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We surely are pleased, to hear of what is going on in Nigeria, B. W. Africa.

May God abundantly bless all our dear bros. and sisters, and cause

them to come out to be like the Anti-Nephi-Lehies, or the people of Ammon, who were so faithful to our heavenly Father. I shall now mention a few words of King Lamoni, found in the 24th Chapter of Alma, which he spoke to his brethren. "I thank my God, my beloved people, that our great God, has in goodness, sent these our brethren, the Nephites unto us to preach unto us, and to convince us of the traditions, of our wicked fathers, and now behold, my brethren, since it has been all that we could, (as we were the 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." I shall now mention some good meetings, I have attended, what were the topics, and who were the speakers.

On Sunday, August the 7th., at Branch #3, the speaker was bro. Reno Bologna. He spoke from 1st Tim. 3rd Chap. 1st verse through the 4th, and gave us a seasoned talk, on the office of a Bishop. On August 10th in Branch #1, bro. W. H. Cadman, read a portion of scripture found in Dan. 2nd Chap. 24th verse to the end, and gave us a wonderful talk, on Nebuchadnezzar's dream, which the Chaldeans and all the wise men, could not interpret, but Daniel being endowed with wisdom, from on High, not only gave the interpretation of the dream, but the dream itself. On the 11th of August, at Branch #3, bro. W. H. Cadman, in starting to speak, mentioned, that in trying to speak, he felt, weak and insufficient. He mentioned that he was notified of sister Hanna Skillen's illness, and is leaving her case in the hands of the Lord. He spoke on the 1st Psalm, and gave us plenty of food for thought, on this Psalm. We were over in Windsor, on Sunday, August the 14th and had a very enjoyable time there. On Sunday, August 21st, at Branch #1, bro. Chris. Trovato, of Rochester, New York, read a portion of scripture, found in Amos 3rd Chap. and 3rd verse, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" and gave us a good talk on this subject, bro. Gorie Ciaravino, was in our midst, and spoke encouragingly on the subject also. On August 24th in Branch #1, bro.

W. H. Cadman, spoke on Romans 8th, Chap. 28th verse, this was a talk never to be forgotten. On Sunday, September 4, at Branch #3, I spoke on parts of the 1st Chapter of John's Gospel, bro. Silverio Criscuolo, followed and a nice blessing was bestowed on us all. On Monday along with few bros. of Branch #1, night, Sept. 12th, the Ladies Circle, met in the basement of the Church, to show our respect, to bro. and sister Braendle, who were leaving us, to live in Florida, there were some good things to eat, and drink. Sister Braendle, also received a very nice present from the Ladies Circle, which was appreciated greatly. The Lord was with us, and we received a wonderful blessing. God's richest blessing to all. Your bro. in Christ.

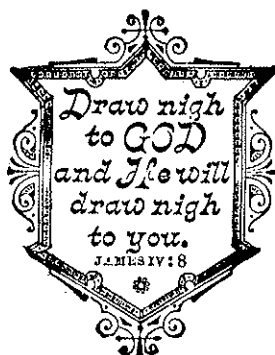
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GRATITUDE

May our lives, as well as our lips, tell Thee of our gratitude. Broaden our vision, deepen our earnestness, strengthen our love, intensify our reverence, and increase our usefulness. May we in gratitude for Thy love, and mercy, serve Thee today with sincere hearts. Give us grace to do Thy will, and to accept Thy purpose for us in the spirit of joyful obedience, believing that Thy will is always best. Obedience is a gateway to power. 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 37th Chap. 37th verse. We lift our hearts in praise for Thy loving kindness, enabling us to live so as not to spoil a single day, or grieve a single heart, by deeds that might never be undone, or words that might never be recalled. We desire to give Thee, the largest place in our lives, that Thy ideals for us, may be fully realized, and we may fulfill our dreams in Thy great plan, to be of service to Thee, and our fellowmen. May Thy love in our hearts, be manifested in our conduct. Help us to thank Thee, for sharing not only

our sorrows, but our joys, and that our faithfulness, will lead us to higher levels of thought, and principle, that we may walk hand in hand with Thee, and our ways, shall be Thy ways, so that the inspiration of Thy presence, will enable us to walk in the path, on which Thy light, and blessings, can fall. The greatest blessing of all is Jesus Christ our Saviour. May God help us to realize just what He is to us. Recognizing His great love, nothing will prevent our spreading it abroad. Grateful for strength, Thy will do, and courage always to be true, and faith, to brave whatever must be, by the operation of God's Holy Spirit in our lives, our gratitude and thanks, for happiness and liberty, and joy of living to share with others the blessings shown, and make the world better, and happier, for those in need. We will praise Him, for His wondrous love that taught us to watch and pray. Fill our hearts with greater tides of love, that in the depths of our souls, we may increasingly abound in gratitude to Thee, for all Thy gifts that are more than can be numbered. Phil. 4th Chap. 6,7,8th verses, Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts, and minds, through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things.

Sister Muriel Miller



NO ONE CARETH FOR MY SOUL

By our missionary Albert D. Bonk

We were so happy to be able to help them in this camp with food and milk for the children. I brought them the Bible which is the only true source of comfort. I told them that I am a believer in the Christian faith, that I follow Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. This was entirely new to them.

I began in the Old Testament revealing the promise of a Redeemer. Then we went on through to the New Testament and proved that the Messiah had come. I told them further that He would dry their tears, take away their sorrow and lighten their load. When the mother heard this she said: "I have never heard this before. I did not know that the Messiah had come." Tears flowed down her cheeks as she begged me to stay with them and tell them more from the New Testament.

As I left that place a cry went up to God from the depths of my heart. "God send forth more laborers."

DEAD SEA

The richest spot on earth is Israel's "Water Mine," the Dead Sea. This body of aqua lies at the deepest continental depression on the face of the planet. In the course of the 65 miles from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea the Jordan River falls from 680 feet below sea level to 1,290 feet below sea level. In the quaint language of a local Palestine official many years ago, "the River Jordan is the crookedest river what is." The result is that in its meanderings the length of its flow is increased to 200 miles. Its waters empty into the Dead Sea, the deepest part of the great Jordan depression.

The present Dead Sea is 47 miles long and has a maximum width of 9.5 miles. Its surface is 340 square miles in area, with a maximum depth of 1,300 feet.