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BROTHER ROSS IS HOME FROM NIGERIA

Brother Ross arrived home from Nigeria on Nov. 7th. He looks to be in the best of health and is in good spirits and much elated over the success in preaching the gospel in that part of the vineyard. He has visited with me since his arrival back home, and asked me to write a few lines for the paper for him, that you all might learn of him. He is especially concerned about the Missionary Work of the church, and he urges all of you to be energetic in efforts of spreading the gospel. He says that there is nothing for you to fear in going to Nigeria. They have a 5 or 6 room house rented with sufficient equipment therein to make living comfortable for any that will go. Aside from the heat, he has practically no complaints, though he is minus about ten pounds of his avoirdupois. He looks fine and fit, and I asked him how long he was home for—he did not answer me. But he urges all who have ambitions for missionary service to go to Nigeria and help carry on the wonderful work of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Nolfi is now there with brother Swanson, and we will need someone to relieve the latter in six months from now. In the days of Jesus they were short of labourers, so it is likewise today. He taught His disciples to pray that the Lord send more labourers into the vineyard.

Editor

MUNCEY NEWS

Our Mission at the Muncey Indian Reservation is enjoying some wonderful meetings.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, we gathered at the Thames River and watched Bro. Moraco baptize Phylis Pinder. Sister Phylis is the daughter of our late Bro. John Hendrix who was a very faithful member of the church.

We returned to the church building and our new sister was confirmed a member of the church by Bro. Frank Vitto.

Our Sunday School is flourishing with a weekly attendance of from 30 to 40 children and approximately

20 adults.

We sincerely request the prayers of our Brothers and Sisters throughout the church that God may bless us in our efforts to spread the gospel among the seed of Joseph in this area.

P.S. Brothers are laboring in the vineyard at Muncey, Ont. I want you to know that I am much interested in the news just received. May the Lord bless sister Phylis—your attendance at the S. School is very encouraging I am sure. May the Lord continue to bless you is my prayer. Brother Cadman.

FROM NIGERIA

Brother Editor:

It is my earnest desire to write and quote a paragraph of a letter written to me by Elders Ross and Alvin Swanson who are still in the Eastern Region of Nigeria to carry on the command of our Lord Jesus Christ in Mark 16-15, 16, Reads: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

The letter continues to read: "Brother Umoh, we are very busy at present baptizing the people formerly known as the Nazerenes. To date we baptized 716 one day. Sept. 16, 1960, and 484 on Sept. 21, 1960. Now, we are getting ready to baptize again this coming Wednesday and we will probably baptize another 4 or 5 hundred individuals, its a matter of hundreds at the time. Well, God bless their souls, that is what we are here for. So we are having a busy season of bringing souls to Christ.

Brother Umoh, wish you were here to help out, but then we are trusting that you will keep the work alive there."

To the Editor—brothers and sisters, all over in The Church of Jesus Christ, the above letter is very much encouraging and I want to thank God Who has made it possible for my people to accept the truth in these last days. I am very happy that the Lord has revealed this true Church in which the Restored Gospel of Our Lord Jesus is preached.

Praise His Name; Pray for us brothers and sisters I appeal. Yours brotherly Jeremiah Umoh. Nov. 7, 1960.

P.S. Brother Umoh lives near Lagos the capital of Nigeria, W. Africa.

TAKE NOTICE

To the readers of The Gospel News, and especially to all members of the Church of Jesus Christ.

I have been approached about the attitude of some towards the Revised-Standard Version of the scriptures, which was published in A. D. 1946.

I do not mean to interfere with the rights of any person or persons as to what books they may have, or have appreciation for—that is your own concern. (But of course, persons having immoral books in their possession, may be justly questioned or criticized.)

Be it understood that The Church of Jesus Christ has always used and still uses, King James Translation of the scripture and it, along with the Book of Mormon, which our faith is based upon. One may use or refer to any other translation in a discourse, but bear in mind that our faith is based on King James Version, and no other one has any place on our pulpits.

The Book of Mormon is often a subject that is raised too. The Church of Jesus Christ has its own publication—published under its own Church title. This was done principally, to avoid being classed with Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, because of the question of Polygamy. I do not say this as a reflection on said church, but to help clear The Church of Jesus Christ of affiliation in said doctrine. Be it understood, that our own publication of the Book of Mormon must be on our pulpits. The fact that the Utah Book of Mormon is being used in some of our classes is taken note of. We are firm believers in the book, and our own publication is much appreciated by me.

President Cadman, W.H.

BRO. ELMER SANTILLI VISITS THE SAINTS IN ITALY

Pfc. Elmer Santilli, stationed with the United States Army in Bamberg, Germany, had the opportunity to spend a two week furlough visiting in Italy. Brother Elmer drove over 2,750 miles and visited a number of his relatives, along with many brothers and sisters in that part of the vineyard. Brother Elmer enjoyed meeting and visiting with Brother and Sister Milano in Venice. He says their home was the first home of a brother and sister he had been in for over a year. He saw many beautiful scenes including Rome, the Alps and Austria.

In a letter to Brother A. A. Corrado in Youngstown, he writes: "I'm fine, thank God and trust you all are the same. Last Sunday I spent the day with the Saints at S. Demetrio Corone—they had feet washing: all in all it was a day well spent. I arrived at Brother Buenefiglio's place Saturday afternoon and left Sunday after the service. I was really surprised to see the number of Saints gathered on the Sunday morning — around 25. Brother Buenefiglio is a very good brother — he'd be a credit to any branch. Thank God for the nice group they have at S. Demetrio. That was the furthest south I went. Brother Buenefiglio told me that Brother Ross is going to Italy; I was glad to hear that because they really need someone to stay with them and instruct them all the time."

Brother Elmer entered the service in July, 1959 and has until June, 1961 before he will receive his discharge. He is missed very much by all in Youngstown. We thank God for His mercy and goodness in watching over His children so far from their home. We pray that the Lord will continue to be his company all along life's way and will bring him safely back to his loved ones and his brothers and sisters in-Christ.

PEACE

The peace of God, is a peace of love, is the most perfect peace, because in it the spirit is related to all of life, thus making us, what we truly are.

May we plant the seeds of life's

surpassing wonder, peace, justice, and love for all mankind. May the spirit of the Prince of peace, abide in the hearts of men. The spirit of God, in our hearts, will bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people on earth. "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you." John 14-27. The peace of God, which alone, is able to keep our hearts, and minds, overflowing with joy. While in the valley of decision, hold fast to your God, your faith, in Jesus Christ, knowing that peace can only be built, on a foundation of moral order, righteousness, with stones of justice, and the cement of love. God is life, wisdom, peace, joy, strength, and power. Christ is the light of the world, Christ, is within us. This light is ever fed, from the great fountain, of all light, the Father above. Peace first came to the world, when wise men, discovered a family, and the dawn of peace will come again, when other wise men return to homes, where in New Vision God, they see the human family, of father, mother, and children, as one in Christ. True love, is sacrificial. No power on earth, can give us peace, only God can give that inner peace. Just to feel thankful, lifts my heart to Jesus Christ, for peace within, in spite of strifes without. For the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which gives us, a chance each day, to so live, that peacefulness, may flow from us to others. We are to become, an Island of peace, in a world of turmoil. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips, that they speak no guile; Let him eschew evil, and do good; Let him seek peace, and ensue it. 1st Peter 3-10-11. Have your heart filled with good-will, not hate, or resentment, or ill, but love. This is one of the greatest qualities of all, a heart filled with compassion, understanding, and desire to help people to behold, the great joys of life, that are found in the recesses of a contrite broken heart. Thus humility is the pathway to truth, and inner peace is grounded, on the recognition, of these values, within the human heart. To desire or yearn for peace, those qualities which make for peace, must come from God.

What we believe, will determine,

the results, or efforts of building our spiritual resources, and through our personal companionship, with God, we open the channels, through which spiritual powers will flow, to energize, and recreate our strength. The Master's gift of love to all mankind, is wrapped and sealed in this one glorious word "peace".

Help us dear Lord to keep, Thy gift sacred, forever in our hearts. To be loved, we must be lovable, to be lovable, we must be at peace, with everybody in the world. Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5-9. And the fruit of righteousness, is sown in peace, of them that make peace. James 3-18. The fact remains, that faithfulness, honor, control of errant impulses, will keep the world at peace. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusted in Thee. Isaiah 26-3.

Sister Muriel Miller

DEPARTURE FROM FAITH

The apostle Paul in I Timothy 4th Chapter, verses 1, 2, and 3, describes the departure, "in latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils: Speaking lies in hypocrisy having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." We also see in 1st Chapter of Romans, verses 21, 22, and 23, "when they knew God they glorified Him not as God neither were thankful but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man and to birds, four footed beasts and creeping things." Thus we see a departure from the truth, because of giving heed to seducing spirits and becoming vain in their imaginations. It is supposed by them that command to abstain from meat on certain days, to be of service to God. But they who become unthankful and professing themselves to be wise become foolish.

I will endeavor to show the fool-

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

by William H. Cadman

'LOST TRIBE' FOUND STARVING

I am in receipt of a paper sent to me from California—"Los Angeles Examiner" sent to me by brother and sister Hemp. The account of this 'Lost Tribe' takes up a whole page in the paper. A few excerpts from the account should interest you.

Fight for Survival by James Peck: The last of the Kom-i-ai people are separated from you by about 150 miles and 700 years. They are dying of malnutrition, of starvation and of the white man's diseases in a lost valley of the San Diego Mountains just south of the Mexican border. This week the twig lodges of the Kom-i-ai were visited by a group of Diegueno and Cupeno Indians from Pala Reservation near Fallbrook, who took a truckload of food and equipment (which only their hearts could afford) to help their brothers.

The valley is called Nehi (Nay-Hee) and it is peopled by between 70 and 100 (the Komi-i-ai are not good with numbers) survivors of the tribes which once ranged the entire area from the Imperial Valley to the sea.

They are a food-gathering people and rudimentary farmers. They still eat acorns, which they grind on

stone metates. Until the Pala friends brought two ancient cast iron models this week the Kom-i-ai had never owned a stove, had warmed themselves by their cooking fires when the snow-laden winds of winter came.

The group was located by Mrs. Rosale Robertson, a Diegueno Indian of El Cajon, who heard of their existence a few months ago when visiting relatives in Tecate. She went into the mountains to the Nehi camp and was able to speak to them in the Yuman tongue (those of Nehi speak little Spanish and no English). Since that time Mrs. Robertson has been taking them what food and clothing she can afford and it was she who made their existence known to the Pala tribe and to anthropologist Florence Shippek of San Diego. Thus far I have quoted from the Los Angeles Examiner as is written—it takes up a whole page in their paper. There are a number of pictures shown as well and they are pathetic. One a picture of a nice looking young lady, it says her name is "Maria—and she's hungry." It gives or shows pictures of others, and I suppose they are hungry too. You will notice the name "Nehi" is used among these people which is very much similar to the name Nephi so common in the Book of Mormon where it is written therein that they prayed that the Gentiles would have love for their people, (commonly known as Indians today) and I wonder sometimes just how Gentiles will stand before God—who are carrying the Book of Mormon under their arms, and going to the extreme with finery in so many ways—as to genuine love, actions sometimes speak louder than words. We have comfortable quarters at Wakpala, S. Dakota for Missionary workers to live in, but not to much avail are they being used. By request I flew to Bismark, N. Dakota on Nov. 8 and then traveled a hundred miles to Wakpala where brothers Bittinger and Moore spent about a month, along with their wives. I enjoyed myself in our pulpit for seven consecutive meetings speaking to the Indian people, and then in what might be called a round-table talk one evening, about the great things that await the Indian race of today—It is made very plain in the Book of Mormon that the Gentiles, and especially those who claim to be the true people of God, must carry the Gospel to the Seed of Joseph—the Indian people.

Brother Cadman.

ishness of this. In 15th Chapter verse 39 of I Corinthians, the apostle Paul shows that all flesh is not the same, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, and of birds. We know that the meat of fowl and beast is forbidden to be eaten on certain days by some, but that of the fish is allowed. This to me seems to be quite foolish. Some may find the occasion when Jesus ate fish after He arose and appeared to His disciples by the sea shore, as a support for this foolish commandment, but I find no such commandment by our Lord. It is evident then that some have departed from the

faith once delivered to the Saints and that as it is written in II Thessalonians, 2nd Chapter, verses 11, 12, and 13. "He will give strong delusion that they should believe a lie that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you brethren beloved of the Lord because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth." How wonderful, that the truth has sprung forth from the earth that we of this latter day, might have the light of the glorious gospel to guide us

in all truth and righteousness.

Bro. Samuel Costarella

"RESPONSIBILITY"

From the time we are born til the day we die we take on responsibilities. They start out small and make a gradual growth as we grow. We might say our responsibilities grow with us. When we are babies in our mothers' arms we don't shoulder much responsibility. Our mothers feed us, clothe us, bathe us and supply our every want. Finally the day came when we went to school. That is when we take upon us our first great amount of responsibilities. We leave our mothers

care and go to mingle with other children. We have to learn to get along with others. We alone must learn our daily lessons. We must study and strive to learn as we alone can do it. We cannot push this responsibility on our mothers because it belongs to us. As we progress through our youth we are continually receiving more responsibility. We must learn to groom ourselves and take care of our clothes. Perhaps our fathers or mothers give us certain jobs to do and it becomes our duty to carry out these orders.

Finally we come to manhood and womanhood. In the course of time we get married and have children of our own. Then our responsibility reaches its fullness as to our natural life. The father is responsible for supporting his family, supplying their wants and needs. The mother is responsible for the care of the children. Many people try to shake this responsibility.

Many men turn into criminals, stealing something which doesn't belong to them rather than going out and working for their families. Mothers become bored at home. They neglect their family's needs and are found in undesirable places. This is simply because they refuse to shoulder their responsibilities. If we shoulder our responsibilities, what a joy we find in it! We come home from work our children greet us, crawl upon our laps and say "Daddy, I love you." Those few words make it worth our laboring all day. We see our children grow and we are somewhat proud of them. We see their talents come alive. We see them grow into men and women and at last comes the last phase of our duties, grandparents.

May I add at this juncture, with each new responsibility we receive a greater joy in fulfilling it. In the beginning of our lives we had joy in small ways, maybe over receiving a new toy, but that joy only lasted for a day or so and then we forgot about it. As we grow older our responsibility increases and so does our joy. I, being a parent, can speak of this from experience. I have never been a grandparent yet but I've seen others grow into this position. Sometimes I think they enjoy their grandchildren more than they did their own children.

I have pointed out the change in our natural lives so that I could point out our spiritual responsibilities. When we meet up with the church responsibility is lowered down upon us. Our first year in the church is like our first year of life. Our wants and needs are all supplied, all is well, nothing darkens our skies. Then the Lord sees we are starting to mature in our spiritual lives so He adds another pound of responsibility. Ever being careful He doesn't tip the balance; only responsibility according to our strength. He gives us little jobs to do, oh, maybe not much, maybe a small office in Sunday School or M.B.A. but He is trying us to see what we will do with it. If we say, "I'm just the Sunday School secretary, that's not an important job — I'll just do it any old way" the Lord is displeased with this attitude and we will not be entrusted with anything greater. Jesus said he that is faithful in that which is least shall be faithful in the greatest things. Every job we receive in the church should be done as though our lives depended on it. Paul says in his writings; be not slothful in business. I might apply that to the church.

Our church should be run in order and business given the utmost care. If we are a treasurer or secretary or such our records should be accurate, neat, and then the Lord will be pleased. We that are members have a responsibility to beam forth a light, as a lighthouse does to a ship which is lost upon the sea; not turning off our light because of some little trial or because someone said something we didn't like. That's running away from our duties, not carrying them. A captain must be able to guide his ship in a storm as well as on a clear sea.

We must be industrious in the Gospel; filled with desires to do good; careful of offensive habits of which there is no law against. I think again of Apostle Paul's writing: If I by eating meat offend my brother, I'll eat meat no more as long as the world shall stand. We should be alert, not coming in and falling asleep, not gazing around like our heads were on sockets, not playing with the children, chewing gum, and etc. All of this which there is no law against but may I point out, what does the outsider

think when he walks in our midst? His thought might be that he has more light than we! We are not carrying our responsibility if we fall into this category.

If we shoulder our duties, what a joy we find in this! As we grow older our duties are increased and so is our joy. At last we become grandparents spiritually. We look back and we see the young people, the outsiders, and others that we have been a light to; here they are sitting in the meetings enjoying the blessings of God. If we had been careless they might not have been in the church today.

In conclusion may I say, we can never be happy running away from our responsibilities no matter how great or how small. We may not be an Elder, Teacher, Deacon, or Deaconess but we all have our work to do. Who told you about the Church? In most cases it was a member of the church. There is someone that is relying upon our light. Is it bright enough to be seen? Remember Jonah, he tried to run away. He hid in the bottom of the ship but the Lord knew where he was! The Lord corrected him and sent him on his way. Let it be so with us, let us not run away from our "responsibilities". We sing #86 in our hymn books "we want no cowards in our bands".

William Kunkel
Imperial, Pa. Branch

FORTY ONE YEARS IN THE GOSPEL

To my Brothers and Sisters in the Gospel it is an honor and a privilege to say that the Lord called me forty-one years ago on December 14, 1919, at my young age of 13. I have never regretted the day I obeyed. My father and I were baptized on the same day. We received this Gospel through Brother Frank Nastasia, who at that time was a member of the Youngstown Branch. There were eight or nine members meeting in homes in 1919 and Bro. Nastasia lived at Sister Anna Dammore's home. My father had a dream about Brother Frank and saw him the next day. He told the dream to Brother Frank who said, "I am a changed man, you come to the meetings with me and see for yourself." So my Dad did. I went with him because I was his favorite. He always took me with him.

We went to Sister Anna Damore's home where the meetings were being held. She and her husband, Brother Carl, were the first to obey the Gospel in Youngstown. Brother Joseph Corrado and Brother Pete Garfalo were preaching. We went to about three meetings. My Dad got baptized and I did too. I didn't know much because I was young, but as I grew older I started to understand what the Gospel was. I remember much persecution the brothers and sisters received in that day. Even in one of our meetings when I was 13 years old, four men came into the meeting, trying to break up the meeting by threats and even firing a gun. But God protected us and we never gave up or became discouraged as the evil one wants us to do.

I am so grateful that the Lord has kept me till now. We have had disappointments, but still I look up to Jesus. I lost my parents very young. Dad was two years in the Gospel when he went to his reward. His age was 34. Then Mother passed on at the age of 38, leaving eight of us children. I want to thank the Lord for the strength and help He gave me in raising my brothers and sisters, as I was the oldest. He has brought me through many trials. I am still holding on to that Rod of Iron that Lehi speaks of in the Book of Mormon. My Mother got baptized the day after we did. She asked to be baptized in a morning meeting at Sister Damore's home. She had a few of the brothers living there. None of them went to work. No one was worried about work. We had had a glorious meeting that day. It was the coldest day of the year. Then in January, 1920, I attended my first conference. There I saw Brother Cherry for the first time. He impressed me so much. Later on I met and grew to love the wisdom and words of Brother Ashton, Brother Furnier, and Brother Orrie Thomas. Then Brother Cadman became our President. His dear wife was so sweet always and his daughters, too. I can remember them as they used to play for us at conference.

We were just a handful of people then and when I see the Church now, I am happy that the Lord kept me till now. He has done so much for me. We have had much healing in our family and the Lord answered my

dream to have a new church building in Youngstown. The Lord showed me the property that our church stands on and I told my brother, Dom Bucci, the dream. He said he was going to look into that piece of land and he did. The Lord makes it possible for all things. I can truly say the Lord was on our side. What was done here was His will. I could write a book about what took place since I obeyed the Gospel. I am very happy that the Lord has blessed me with a wonderful husband, faithful in the church for 42 years. I hope that some day my family of two children and two grandsons will drink of that water that never runs dry. I hope and trust in Him always. There are only four of the old timers left here in Youngstown that were baptized in the year 1919. Brother Michael Damore, Brother Rocco Berardino, Brother Carl Marks and myself. The others have gone on to their reward.

May the Lord bless Brother Cadman and Brother Furnier in their work in the Gospel. We have many good Brothers and sisters. My desire is to always work with the young and support all I can. I want to give a helping hand wherever I can and try to do my little part. May God bless you all as He has blessed and kept me over the past forty one years is my prayer.

Amen.

Sister Minnie DePiero,
Youngstown, Ohio

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

We brothers and sisters of West Palm Beach wish to use these means — "The Gospel News" to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters for their wonderful help towards our Church Building Fund. Especially may we thank the anonymous donors whom we do not know, for their kind deed. One was postmarked "Pittsburgh, Pa." the others "Lawrence Harbor and Islin, N. J." — Our thanks to Dr. Lynch (brother Earl Lynch) of New Mexico. May God bless you and reward you abundantly. All of you are helping us to make it possible for us to have a house of worship.

It does our hearts good to know there are loved ones through this great country of ours, who care and take an interest in the welfare of our church and the work of the

Lord.

From Brother Mazzeo

SYNTHETIC OR REAL?

There are several kinds of stones with which the general public is familiar referring to jewels: the glass which is practically worthless, and is immediately recognized as such; the synthetic, which has the appearance of great value, but, is in reality, just a fake or imitation of the real thing, and this kind can usually be recognized by experts, alone; and the genuinely precious and semi-precious, which are very valuable and sought after, tho not available to everyone because of their great worth. These last are not always immediately recognized by the public, but, must be appraised and scrutinized closely in order to be distinguished from the "fakes".

A "buyer" enters a storehouse of jewels. He is in the market for the precious and semi-precious stones—he knows he will not be offered the cheap, worthless glass for this is not the place to find "glass", but he is on the alert to detect the fakes. Sometimes, these are so fabulously "real looking", even the experts have been fooled—for a time. So, he peers into their innermost depths, puts them thru various tests, and is at last satisfied that they are genuine, and precious, or at least semi-precious, therefore he takes them home with him. If he, at any time, had detected that any one of them had been a fake, he would have immediately put it to one side, classified as unfit for his owner's acceptance.

As people, and especially, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, individually, under what classification do we come? Certainly, not the glass, for we would readily be recognized as such, and could not exist in the church but for a very short period. Then, either by our own decision, because we could not appear to "shine" alongside any of the others, or, because we were screened out we would have to leave the sanctity and honor and spiritual prestige which the church affords. But the other grades, the fake, the semi-precious and the genuinely precious, what of them? Under what category do we usually fit? I would dare say that at times we come under all three—tho we, being the followers of Christ, should always

be genuinely precious, priceless, since He, Himself, is always Genuine and Precious.

Are we always truthful, genuinely loving, "above board", sincere, with one another? If we are, we can consider ourselves to be the genuinely precious, the priceless, the rare, and of extreme value to our Head. If we are STRIVING to be, then we would probably fit under the classification of "Semi-precious" and must throw ourselves at the mercy of the Buyer, our Saviour, who purchased us with His blood, and since His blood is precious above all things, He is seeking in exchange some thing of like worth.

But, there are times when we come under the classification of "fake"—tho we do not like to admit it. These are not the times when we are struggling with ourselves to be perfect, when our souls are in turmoil with our flesh—when the good and evil in us is at variance with each other and we are tossed to and fro by our own actions—for this is when we are still striving, therefore are "semi-precious." The dangerous times of our "fake" classification, is when we "give in" to the promptings of evil, and hurt ourselves and others, all the while appearing to be genuine Christians. The time of danger is when we are careless with our speech and actions and flagrantly, or subtly, wound others by well (?) placed words or actions—all the time presenting before the world the appearance of virtue. At this time we are truly fakes, and if the Buyer should pass by then, if He should come our way with the intention of taking us for what we are at that time, and home, surely, He would recognize us and expose us.

Would we expect Him to take us home with Him, together with the "precious" and semi-precious"? Let us think! Beginning with myself!

Catherine Poma

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Brother Demetrio of San Diego, California Branch passed away on October 11, 1960. Our Brother was born in Italy on April 4, 1879 and embraced the Gospel in the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch on September 11, 1927. He was a Deacon in the Church and a faithful Brother until the end, having reached the age of 81. Brother Tur-

ano is survived by his wife, Sister Rose, two sons, Frank and Nick, a brother, a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Church at San Diego with Brother Felix Buccellato officiating.

Sister Virginia Castelli sang, "When I Get To The End Of The Road" and "After", accompanied by Sister JoAnn Smith.

Appropriate portions of Scripture were read at the graveside by Brother Ben Ciccati and Brother Frank Vultaggio, and "Beyond The Sunset" was sung. Brother Turano will be missed very much.

Though in his latter years he was much afflicted, he never failed to set a good example, attending each meeting faithfully, even till the very Sunday before he was taken to the hospital. We pray that God's comfort and peace will abide with Sister Rose and her family and that we might all prove faithful in the hope that we shall someday meet our Brother in the Paradise of God.

Sister Ann Smith

Branch Editor

FREDONIA NEWS

On October 26th, we of the Fredonia Branch were invited to Erie that we might enjoy the fellowship of the Saints there and also partake of the ordinance of feet washing together. Once each year the Erie Mission visits Fredonia. This gathering of the Saints turned out to be a very special one in which we were honored with the presence of brothers and sisters from Monongahela, McKees Rocks, Youngstown, Ohio and Rochester, N. Y.

To begin this day of praising our Maker special hymns were sung by the Erie Mission. A song, "Have You Answered The Call" was sung by Robert Dyer and Sister Dolly Kovasic. This song has been composed by Sister Esther Deyer of the Erie Mission. Archetta Sechez sang, "Why Should He Love Me So," and a piano solo, "Sweet Hour Of Prayer" was given by Carol Mancini. This song Brother Mancini said was our late Sister Behanna's favorite hymn.

Brother Teman Cherry opened our morning service with prayer.

Brother George Neal spoke to us on the 4th. chapter of St. Matthew, the first eleven verses. The struggle our Savior had with Satan in which

he was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness, of the suffering he went through for our sake.

Brother Frank Rosatti spoke further on this subject, saying that freedom from sin brings much joy into our lives. That we should strive to be more like the Master, for he died that we may live. Brother Frank spoke to people in Italian at this time also.

Brother Samuel Costerelli opened the afternoon meeting expressing a surprise in meeting the Brothers and Sisters from the different Branches and he spoke on the ordinance of feet washing and how we should study the word of God.

Brother Teman Cherry spoke on how we should love one another and on the subject "Where shall we spend Eternity"?

Brother Russel Cadman spoke concerning the joy and sorrow our Savior had over his people on this land and that we should be holy even as our Savior.

Due to illness Brother John Mancini was not able to spend the afternoon with us. We hope he is improved by now.

Many wonderful testimonies were given by the Brothers and Sisters, and we feel this was a wonderful day blessed with the Lord's spirit.

Sister Norma Walker
Branch Editor

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER LULA JOHNSTON

Who died May 7, 1960

In her 74th year of age. Sister Johnson was born in Trench, Kentucky, Jan. 6, 1896. She was Baptized Sept. 1, 1935 in the Church of Jesus Christ by Bro. Wm. Bailey in the Little Redstone Branch. She leaves to mourn her husband Norman Johnson and one daughter Mrs. Bessie Flick of Brownsville, Pa. Burial was in the Lafayette Memorial Park. Bro. J. M. Shazer was in charge of the services.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mrs. May Belle May, born December 25 at Woodville, Allegheny County, Pa. She passed away May 28, 1960 at her home in Penn-craft, Pa. She is survived by her husband Bro. Michael B. May, and one son of Brentwood. Two grandchildren Leslie and Pamela May. Services were conducted in the C. B. Dearth Funeral Home at New

Salem, Pa. by Rev. Daniel W. Little and Bro. Joseph M. Shazer. Burial in the Cross Creek Cemetery, Washington County, Pa.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Bro. Thomas R. Sanders of Grindstone, Pa. Born October 3, 1894 in Connelville, Pa., passed away October 23, 1960 in the Brownsville General Hospital after a lingering illness. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Vanderbilt, Pa. He is survived by one sister Mrs. May Smalley of Keisterville, Pa. and one brother James F. Sanders of Uniontown, Pa. and several nieces and nephews. Services were held in the Kisinger Funeral Home with Brothers Joseph M. Shazer and Therman S. Furnier officiating. Interment in the Lafayette Memorial Park.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Bro. Samuel Ringer, passed away in his 85th year. Bro. Ringer was born Jan. 5th 1875 in Clifton Mills, W. Va. Died Aug. 21, 1960 in the Connellsville State Hospital following a brief illness. He was the son of the late Daniel and Susan Ringer. A resident of Vanderbilt, R. D. for thirty-two years and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ for thirty years, also a minister of the gospel. He was predeceased by his wife, Ida Mosako Ringer, in May 1959. He is survived by four stepdaughters and four stepsons; twenty-seven grandchildren; eighty-one great-grandchildren and nineteen great-great grandchildren. Friends were received after 2 p.m. in his late residence at Vanderbilt, where prayer service was held Wednesday 1:30 p.m., followed by additional rites in the Church of Jesus Christ at 2 p.m. Bro. Anthony Di Battista and Bro. James Curry officiating. Interment in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Bro. Ringer will be sadly missed by the Bros. and sisters.

A MASTERLY WRITE-UP

By Sidney Rigdon

(From Messenger & Advocates)

Continued from last issue.

This servant, according to the Savior, was to be one who should make his appearance in the last days, and was one of the all whom He warned to take care lest an

awful fate awaited him; and if he did not receive the admonition, he should be cut off. He was warned minutely, not to eat and drink with the drunken, or smite his fellow servants; for if he did he should be cut off. To whom then, in the last days can this apply? Whoever it is, or was, it was one the Lord acknowledged to be His servant, and He cut him off, because he refused to obey Him. Persons acquainted with the affairs at Nauvoo, will need no comment on the above words of the Savior.

What was to take place when this disobedient servant was to be cut off? We are told in the 25th chapter, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom, and five of whom were wise, and five of them were foolish," etc.

Mark this, at the time when this cutting off of the servant took place, or was to take place. The going forth to meet the bridegroom, and a division in the kingdom of heaven, or the true church of Christ. No doubt can remain, but that the servant here spoken of, had been sent of the Lord — was actually, the Lord's servant, but a disobedient one. And what follows in the 25th chapter, shows that this cutting off was to have an immediate effect on the church. Immediately after this mournful event—for surely it must be so to every thinking man — preparations were made for going forth to meet the bridegroom; it was then found that there were many without oil in their lamps; the consequence was, that a division took or was to take place at that time. Let us ask, a division in what?

The answer is given, in the kingdom of heaven, or the true church of God.

Dear Brother, I ask you, through this letter to you, all the saints, acquainted with the facts as they exist, to lay this case alongside the affairs of Nauvoo; and then reflect and consider.

But as the scriptures abound with evidence on this subject, I will invite your attention to some of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah, which only confirms what we have before written. In the 3rd chapter of his prophecy, commencing at the 16th verse we have a description of Zion. "Moreover, the Lord saith, because

the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks, and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet, therefore, the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will discover their secret parts. In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon.

The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, the bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, the rings, and the nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, the glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell, there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle, a rent; and instead of well set hair, baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girdling of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty. Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she, being desolate, shall sit upon the ground. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."

A few remarks on the foregoing quotation, will place the subject in a point of light, so clear, that "he who runs may read."

What the prophet here said, he said about the daughters of Zion: "Moreover," the Lord said, "because the daughters of Zion are haughty," etc. All then that he says afterwards, he says about the daughters of Zion, and none others. He says, "they walk with stretchedforth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go." The representation given of them, is that of pride, haughtiness, and shameful wantonness. In the preceding part of the 3rd chapter they got means to enable them to gratify their corrupt desires. In the 14th verse we have the following remarkable sayings: "The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients, (or elders) of His people, and the princes thereof; for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

What mean ye, that you beat my people, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord of hosts.

The prophet here charges the ancients or elders of the people, with spoiling the poor, eating up the vineyard, and having the spoil of the poor in their houses. The awful use made of this spoil of the poor, is but too clearly set forth. It was wasted on their lust. In consequence thereof, the daughters of Zion were to walk with stretchedforth necks, and wanton eyes; they were to have the spoil of the poor in their houses, and riot on the labors of others; and to finish their corruption and abomination, seven of them were to lay hold of one man, and say, we will eat our own food, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach. This is the order of things, which I think has never existed but once, since the spread of Christianity in the world. That a collection of females could be got together, capable of such extraordinary conduct must be a matter of astonishment to all; but the prophet said such a thing would take place, and that too, in the Zion of God; and God would enter into judgment with them for it.

Let me here remark, that wherever this thing did take place, that society was one the prophet called Zion, or the people of God. No people on earth could go so far into corruption as apostate saints. Paul said of the Corinthian church in his day, that they had abominations among them which were not so much as named among the Gentiles, that a man should have his father's wife.

Comment on the foregoing would be unnecessary, if all the saints were acquainted with facts as we are. Let all who are acquainted with Nauvoo, for years past, just read and think. Let me ask, did not their eyes see the streets paraded by females, haughty and insolent, riding, parading and gallanting, not even to military trainings excepted, until one of the principal officers of the military gave them an open rebuke. Has it not been, and is it not now considered a reproach by many, not to be united to some man as a wife, though he should have half a dozen at a time? If it is not so, then they do not believe the doctrine they teach themselves.

When these things are closely examined there is so near a resemblance between the description given of the daughters of Zion by Isaiah, and what has taken place in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, that the conclusion is forced on the mind, that he, the prophet, had his eye on that church, and actually called that church Zion. But what gives this still greater force, is, that if the things spoken by Isaiah do not transpire in the Church of Latter Day Saints, then it is not the Zion of the last days; and their preaching vain, and their faith vain; for these things will take place in the Zion of God, in the last days. But now for the other side of this picture, for Isaiah does not stop here.

In the 4th chapter, 2nd verse to the close of the chapter, we have the following: "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass that he that is left in Zion; and he that remaineth in Jerusalem shall be called holy, and every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgment, and the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling-place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

In the 2nd verse, the prophet says, "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel."

We ask, in what day? Not the day when the daughters of Zion were rioting on the spoils of the poor, walking with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes, mincing as they went; when seven of them were laying hold on one man to take away their reproach: that was a day of transgression, when the women ruled over the people of

Zion; when the poor were spoiled, the people beaten, and their faces ground. No beauty or comeliness in that day; but there is a day, notwithstanding all this corruptions, and the spoils of the poor, shall be beautiful and glorious. No, gentle reader, no, but the BRANCH of the Lord—that which is escaped of the Israel of God—those that fled these corruptions, and left them who were practicing them, this branch shall be beautiful and glorious. When will it become beautiful and glorious? When the Lord shall washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion. See verse 4th. What filth will the Lord wash away? Their prudery, seven of them clinging to one man, their pride, and their wantonness, their rioting on the spoils of the poor. When the Lord is doing this with the spirit of judgment, the branch of the Lord that has escaped, will be becoming beautiful and glorious. To be continued.

P.S. We must all remember, when reading this article, that the writer, Sidney Rigdon, was on the ground and could see and hear for himself, as to what was going on in Nauvoo and in the church at that time. Rigdon does not give any comfort to those who try to interpret the words of Isaiah that the seven women are seven churches which are to arise. The Church of Jesus Christ which was organized at Greenoch in 1862, has always applied that scripture as does Rigdon. There is nothing in the words of Isaiah whatever, that would imply that the seven women are seven churches. The more than one wife doctrine has certainly brought reproach on the work of the Restored Gospel in these last days. Beware of man or men who teach that these seven women are seven churches.

W. H. Cadman

A PLEASANT VISIT

The Lord has been so good to my family and me. Last summer we had the opportunity to visit among the seed of Joseph at Grand River, Muncey and Sarnia, Ontario. For me this was like a dream fulfilled, for I have always even as a young girl desired to know the Indian people better. This Fall I believe we received the greatest blessing of all, when Helen Garlow and her little daughter came to visit with us. I am so thankful to the Lord for

bringing her to us and her safe return to her home on the Grand River Reserve.

I met this young mother at the dedication of our Church building at Ohsweken, Ont. and over the past three years we have corresponded and became very dear friends. She has attended meetings on the Reserve for many years.

We tried to make good use of the time she was here although it was the shortest week I ever spent. We attended meetings at Monongahela, Glassport, and Roscoe branches. On Saturday we took her to view our Penna. mountains and on the way stopped for her to see Bitner and Vanderbilt church buildings. A number of the sisters along with some of my neighbors dropped in for a visit and one evening about twenty of the young women from my Sunday School class came, and we had an enjoyable evening singing hymns and praising the Lord.

I do hope and pray that Helen's visit with us helped in some way to lift her up in spirit, that she may someday have that desire to be one of us.

Please remember her and the rest of the folks at Grand River and offer a special prayer for the Brothers who carry the Gospel to these people.

I along with the song writer can say, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Sister Anne Ahlborn,

DEDICATION OF CHURCH AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Dear Editor:

The saints of the district of California send their love and blessing to all the saints throughout the world. Sunday 16th, 1960 was a wonderful day for us out here in the Anaheim Mission. This was the day we dedicated our Church to God.

After such a long time of converting an Old Warehouse, now stands God's House. Many obstacles was put in our way. The City of Anaheim was one of the biggest obstacles. The neighbors rebelled as the neighborhood is very well kept with large beautiful homes. They did not want us to have a church there. They preferred the building of a Warehouse. They said it would depreciate their property.

I could go on and on with the battle the saints had, and still be humble. Through it all we pushed

each obstacle out of the way with Prayers. God heard our prayers and through His mercy, we were victorious. On the 16th of October, the building was dedicated to God.

We had a wonderful representation from the Bell Branch and San Fernando Valley Branch, also from San Diego. Brother George Heaps started the meeting by singing hymns and giving us a few opening words of how we struggled to complete the church. Then the Mission Choir sang their song, titled "Victory Through Grace." The words fitted the occasion perfectly, as it was only through the Grace of God that we were victorious in dedicating one more house of worship to Him, 'God.' Then the Bell Branch Choir sang — All That Thrills My Soul, their voices rang out the praises of Jesus. Again the Anaheim Choir sang, Praise The Lord.

Bro. Robert Watson Jr. opened the meeting with prayer, then Wally Simpson and Sister Nicosia sang a duet "I'll Sing of Thee." Brother James Scalise spoke about dedicating churches to God. The theme of his sermon was the Souls to be saved for God, and some day see the church filled. Bro. Watson Jr. continued in the same thought — how our lives should be every day in service to God.

The meeting continued with a song by Bro. V. James Lovelvo, "It May Be Today." Then he took the rostrum and preached the climax of this wonderful Sabbath day. We fasted and prayed during the week for souls to come unto God. The Spirit was calling but no one answered. Many were touched. We were then dismissed by prayer by brother George Heaps. Lunch was prepared by the sisters in the Church Patio.

The afternoon service was started by singing hymn after hymn. The San Diego Choir was called upon to sing "My God Thou Seeest Me." It was well done. Then our newest converts baptized within the year were asked to sing, I Love Him. The Congregation joined in the chorus. It did our hearts good to hear our young people sing they Love Jesus, There were six of them. They then gave their testimony. The meeting was then turned over for testimony for all.

Brother James Heaps bore his testimony as to when he was work-

ing in the mines in Pennsylvania and a wonderful blessing was enjoyed relative to the hymn: "What are these arrayed in white." Many brothers and sisters got up and praised God. It was wonderful — the spirit of God was among us.

Time stopped us as it was late and no one cared. But they formed a large circle in the church and sang brother Curry's hymn "Till Earth is Good Again" and music arranged by Sister Sadie Cadman, and Till We Meet Again. Closed with prayer by Bro. G. Heaps. Remember us in your prayers.

Sister Sadie Nicosia.

ALIQUIPPA BRANCH WELCOME BROTHER JOHN R. ROSS

We had a season of rejoicing on Tuesday, November 8, 1960. Brother John Ross returned from preaching the Gospel in Nigeria and visiting the Saints in Italy. Brother John arrived home Tuesday evening and most of the Brothers and Sisters visited him at his home.

On Wednesday in our weekly service Brother John bore his testimony of his experiences and work in Africa with Brother Alvin Swanson.

Friday evening November 11, the Aliquippa Branch held a welcome home dinner for Brother John in the basement of the Church. About one-hundred Brothers, Sisters and friends were on hand.

Brother Thomas Ross gave a few remarks on how we missed our Brother and glad we are to see him looking so well.

Brother Domenick D'Antonio led us in prayer. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by our Sisters. After the dinner we met in the Auditorium and Brother John answered questions asked by the Congregation, about the conditions and the success the Brothers had while preaching among the people of Nigeria.

We were all very much enlightened and impressed with the work and experiences of our Brothers.

In closing Brother John thanked all for their prayers and financial aid making this mission and the mission of others to follow possible.

May the Lord continue to Bless Brothers Alvin Swanson and Alma Nolfi in their labors and our Brothers and Sisters in Africa.

Editor Charles W. Jumper Jr.

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"My help cometh from the Lord,"
Psalms 121:2

Dear Boys and Girls,

Could you guess who the character in this month's story would be? You are right. It was Abinadi. It is in the Book of Mormon.

There was a wicked king named Noah. He did not serve God as his father Zeniff had done. Because of this, his people did not keep the commandments of God. He laid a heavy tax upon the people. They gave the king one-fifth of everything they had—their gold, silver, other precious metals, flocks and grain. With all these riches King Noah and his priests were able to live very well. His heart was set on his riches. He built many beautiful and large buildings.

When war came between the Lamanites and his people, they boasted of how strong they were. They said fifty of their men could stand against thousands of Lamanites. While the wicked king and his people were boasting of their strength and victories, God sent a prophet among them named, Abinadi. He began to speak to the people these words, "Woe, be unto this people, for I the Lord have seen their wickedness. If they do not repent and turn to me, I will visit them in anger, bring them into bondage and their enemies will afflict them." When the king and his people heard this, they became very angry. The king asked, "Who is this Abinadi, that I and my people should be judged by him? Who is the Lord that shall do these things to my people?" They tried to kill Abinadi. But the Lord was with him and he fled. King Noah would not repent of his evil ways.

Two years passed away and Abinadi came again to King Noah and his people. He disguised himself so they would not know him. He began to warn them. He said if they did not repent, the Lord would send hail, an east wind to smite them, insects to destroy their grain and they would be swept off the earth. Many things Abinadi prophesied against them. The people became very angry and bound Abinadi and took

him before the king. They said, "Behold, Oh King, we have brought a man to you who has prophesied evil against thy people. He says God will destroy us. He said your life shall be as a garment in a furnace of fire. We haven't done any evil, so why should we be judged of this man? We are strong and shall not come into bondage. Here is the man, do with him as seemeth good."

King Noah put Abinadi in prison. He called his priests together to decide how to punish him. The priests said, "Bring him here that we may question him." Abinadi was brought before them. They tried to cross Abinadi that they might accuse him. He answered them boldly and withstood their questions. They asked him to explain certain passages of Isaiah to them. But Abinadi questioned them, "Are you priests and pretend to teach the people? You have not taught them the right ways of the Lord." They said they had taught the law of Moses. Abinadi recited the ten commandments and told them they had not kept them. When the king heard this he said to the priests, "Away with this fellow! Slay him for he is mad." But when they tried to take Abinadi he spoke with greater power. "Touch me not, for God shall smite you if you lay your hands on me. I have not delivered the Lord's message yet. He will not suffer that I shall be destroyed at this time." The king and his people were afraid to touch Abinadi. The spirit of God was upon him and his face shone just as Moses' had while on Mount Sinai. Abinadi continued to tell the people of Moses and Isaiah's prophecies. He told them Christ would come to redeem His people and be resurrected from the dead.

When Abinadi finished these sayings, King Noah commanded the priests to put him to death. There was one priest named Alma, who believed Abinadi's words. He plead with the king not to be angry with Abinadi, but let him go in peace. But the king became angry with Alma and cast him out. Alma fled and hid. He wrote all the words Abinadi had spoken. The king's

guards bound Abinadi and put him in prison. For three days the king counseled with his priests and finally sentenced Abinadi to death.

The king asked Abinadi to take back all the words he had spoken against him and his people. Abinadi replied, "I will suffer death rather than recall my words against you at the last day." King Noah was afraid but the priests spoke against him. They took Abinadi and burned him to death. As the flames came up around him, he cried, "Behold you shall be smitten on every hand and taken by your enemies, then you shall suffer the pains of death by fire. You shall be driven and scattered to and fro, even as a wild flock driven by wild beasts." As he spoke these words he fell and was heard to say, "Oh God, receive my soul." He was a very, very brave servant, willing to suffer death by fire rather than deny His God.

Search the Scripture

The answers are found in your Book of Mormon—Mosiah chapter 11—verses 8 to 12.

1. What six precious things did King Noah use for his spacious buildings?
2. Where was his throne and of what was it made?
3. What were the seats of the high priests like?
4. What was built near the temple so King Noah could look out over the land?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 3, 1960

The business session of District Conference convened at 10 A. M. with a good representation of Elders and Evangelists present. There were various reports made and several matters discussed. The Sunday morning meeting was opened by singing Hymn 187. Prayer was offered by Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo. Continued with Hymn 307. Bro. Mazzeo read a portion of scripture found in Luke 19:1 and Mosiah 18:1; his theme was humility and submissiveness to our Lord. A wonderful spirit was felt in his talk. Bro. Eugene Perri, Sr. followed in the Italian tongue. Several brothers spoke and a wonderful time was had by all. The Doxology was sung and prayer offered by Bro. Nick Per-