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DEDICATION OF CHURCH AT SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

It is with joy in my heart that I write this account of the dedication of our Church on the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona. This has come to pass thru the efforts of many, but especially, the diligent work on the part of Brother Dan Picciuto.

On Sunday, Nov. 19th 1961, we held the first of a series of 2 wks. meetings. The little building was filled with visitors from California, Penna. and the Phoenix area. We were happy for the nice crowd of Indians that attended; for this is the purpose for which the building was erected; that the Seed of Joseph might have a place to meet to learn of the Gospel Restored. We were pleased and grateful to have Brother Wm. H. Cadman and Brother and Sister Thurman Furnier in our midst.

Brother Cadman read several portions of scripture beginning with John 10:16, showing proof of the origin of the Indian people and the promises God has made to Israel. Brother James Heaps continued with wonderful words of life. An opportunity was given to Mr. Mall, the assistant Chief of the Apache tribe on this Reservation, to speak. Brother Dan Picciuto told of a miraculous healing of a little Indian boy, Kenneth Bread and while he was speaking, Brother Thurman Furnier arose and sang in the Spirit.

The afternoon testimony meeting was held outdoors and we especially enjoyed hearing the testimonies of our Indian sisters.

There was an evening meeting, also, although many of the visitors had left earlier.

Once more, we can say that it was good to spend such a fully blessed day in the service of the Lord. Our prayers are that the Church will grow and flourish here in Arizona and throughout all of the World.

Sister Ann Damore

MEAFORD, ONTARIO

I am in receipt of a letter dated Nov. 20th from Sister Bertha Ford of Meaford, Ont., Canada. I will quote a few excerpts from it. She speaks of several being sick—Sister

Beavers of the Indian Reservation at Grand River is gravely ill. I am sorry to hear it, for she has been one of our faithful Indian members in that part of the vineyard. Also that Brother Cotellesse who has been very faithful in attending and taking part in the work on the Reservation is poorly and has not been able to travel there of late.

Along with Sister Ford on this trip to the Reservation, was her husband and also Sister McKay attending the services including Feet Washing service at our Mission on the Reservation. It is a long trip for them to make in order to attend services—but according to the letter, they were well rewarded for the efforts made.

These folks live on the shores of the Georgian Bay and Sister Ford says there is 11 inches of snow up there. And too, she says that a Sea Gull comes to her door every day for food. Wonderful, that the birds know where to go for something to eat. The Lord gives us a good lesson on the Fowls being cared for.

(Editor)

THE OLD YEAR HAS PASSED ON!

Dear Readers:

By the time this issue of The Gospel News reaches you, the year of 1961 will have passed into oblivion with all its cares, sorrows and sins, and the year of 1962 will have been ushered in—another evidence to us mortal creatures, that time waits for no one.

If the year has been spent good—very well indeed, nothing to regret if mortals have done the best they could; otherwise, if their time has been misspent, if they have sat in an easy-chair waiting and waiting for this or that to happen, instead of doing their part—no doubt they will have regrets that cannot be remedied—too late—the time to do has gone. The opportunity to do may never return again and, it may be something in our spiritual lives, even as in our material or timely affairs.

Not long ago I was told of a remark made by one professing to be a follower of Jesus Christ relative to supporting missionary work (which is carried on for the salva-

tion of the soul) "What is the use, there is only ten years to wait."

In other words, the salvation of the soul is postponed because of ones concept of the duration of time. And, how puny and frail has man proven himself to be thus far. Jesus warned all men to be aware of false prophets—and many have arisen. In this issue of the Gospel News the end of the world may have taken place before this one reaches you—the world may end on February the second of 1962. Let all people who profess to be in the service of the God who changes not—do not be weary in a righteous cause—but do your best while it is yet day.

Editor

NOTICE PLEASE!

The September, October, November and December papers of 1961 are properly dated but some how, the Vol. number is marked 18 and it should be Vol. 17. We are at a loss to know how this error slipped up on us. But it has happened. We are sorry. The year 1962 will start the Vol. 18.

Editor

HYMN 391

"MY GOD THOU SEEST ME"
(Experience of Our Late Brother Ashton)

My first impressions relative to the hymn I composed came from an English story I read. It was a book which contained a number of stories called, "Miscellany." Among the stories was one which attracted me considerably. It was entitled, "Mary Ashton." I read it with much interest. Mary Ashton was a small girl about 6 or 7 years of age when her mother died. Her father had died when she was an infant. She had a brother John, a young man who had previously left home. He now resided somewhere in London. After Mary's mother's death she was taken in by people who had a large family. She was treated mean. So weeks and months passed by and Mary tried to plan a way to escape from this family. After enduring cruelty for considerable time she finally made her get-a-way. She was sent to the store for a few groceries, but never returned. Before going to the store, she was mindful of hiding her shoes inside

her dress. That night she had the sky for her roof as she laid herself down in a pasture field. Her mother had instilled in her young mind a little prayer found in Genesis 16:13. It was when Hagar, the bond-woman of Sarah and Abraham, was in distress and the angel of the Lord appeared to her. Hagar spoke saying, "Thou God seest me." Mary Ashton was trying to make her way to London in search of her brother John. After many weeks, suffering much fatigue, such as hunger, thirst and almost nakedness, encountering people who looked upon her with contempt, she finally reached the outskirts of London.

Once a band of gypsies took Mary but her pathetic story along with her constant prayer her mother had taught her touched them. She was finally released and given new shoes and clothes. All along her journey, many times weary, she often uttered the prayer. "Thou God seest me." After being in London a few days she found her brother John. She stayed with him until she was a young woman. She then was fortunate to secure a position with one of the high government officials. She lived to the age of 77. So ends a brief sketch of this story from which I was impressed to write hymn 391.

Brother Charles Ashton

POEMS

By Brother Don Collison
Windsor, Canada

Dear Lord, we pray in this last dispensation
Have mercy on all of Thy greatest creation
Give courage to all who would do Thy good will
Give humbleness, meekness that Thy love might instill.
In the hearts of poor man, whose weakness is great
The desire to serve Thee, to watch and to wait,
To work and to labour when Thou gives direction
As Thy beloved Son, Jesus in all His perfection.
And we as Thy people draw nearer to Thee,
To set an example that others might see.
That the joy given us in the Gospel of love
Is direct from our Father in the heavens above.
This Latter Day Gospel, the purest

of pure
Gives strength to the soul, our cross to endure.

O Lord, we come before Thee today
To honour and glorify Thee
To serve Thee in spirit and truth all the way
And more of Thy beauty to see.
Our hearts are filled with gladness today
For Thy many mercies we see
They envelope us daily along life's way
In our endeavor to draw nearer to Thee.
O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee today
To pour out Thy spirit divine
That we forever will trust and obey
And worship Thee here, at this shrine.

PONTILLO-BENYLOA NUPTIALS

On October 21, 1961 at 11:00 A.M. Sister Rosie Pontillo from Detroit Branch No. 1 and Brother Gerald Benyola from Hopelawn, New Jersey were united in marriage in The Church Of Jesus Christ, Detroit Branch No. 1. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Brother Jack Pontillo, the Bride's brother assisted by Brother Concetto Alessandro, the Bride's uncle. The Bride was given away by her father, Mr. Frank Pontillo. Maid of honor was Sister Patricia Gioia and Best Man was Brother Louis Benyola (Brother of the groom). Bridesmaids were Sharon Lee Pontillo, the Bride's niece, and Dianna Alessandro, the Bride's cousin. Ushers were Thomas Benyola and Raymond Benyola. Both are brothers of the groom. Soloist, Brother Benny Di Pronio sang two beautiful selections, "If I could Tell You" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life." The nuptial music was very elegantly offered by Brother Richard Benyola, the groom's cousin, from Hopelawn, New Jersey.

Following the ceremony a dinner at Marco's Restaurant was held for the family and Bridal Party.

After spending their honeymoon in New Jersey and Niagara Falls, the newlyweds will make their home in Detroit, Michigan.

Brother Jerry has been living in Detroit since July, 1961. The members of Detroit Branch No. 1 are delighted to have him with us and wish to extend him a warm welcome, hoping that his stay in

Detroit will be pleasant and prosperous, both naturally and spiritually.

We wish to extend best wishes to the new couple and pray that the Lord's richest blessings will accompany them the remainder of their days.

Ass't. Editor

Detroit Branch No. 1

Brother Frank Conti

CLARA SCHULTZ TUCKER PASSES AWAY

Clara Schultz Tucker, age 67 passed away November 19, 1961 at the Charleroi - Monessen Hospital, Charleroi, Pa.

The funeral service was held November 22, 1961 in the Chapel of the Bebout and Yohe Home with Brothers John Olexa and George Neill officiating. Sisters Irene Griffith and Mabel Bickerton sang, accompanied by Sister Sara Vancik. Interment in the Monongahela Cemetery.

Sister Clara was born in Smith-ton, Pa. on October 18, 1894 and was the daughter of the late Brother Herman and Sister Lena Schultz. She and Brother Joseph Tucker were united in marriage, September 10, 1914. Sister Clara was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ August 3, 1930 by Brother W. H. Cadman.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, one daughter, Harriett Beresh, Monongahela, Pa., one son, William H. Tucker, Tampa, Fla., five grandchildren and two brothers, Ernest Schultz of Boynton Beech, Fla. and Charles Schultz of Philadelphia, Pa. Her brother Henry died just four months ago, July 24, 1961.

Just two weeks before Sister Clara passed away she dreamed that she and her Father were riding together on a street car. Her Father said to her, "Clara it is time to get off". Clara replied, "no, Dad, it is not time yet". They continued to ride a little longer then Clara to her Father, "now it is time for us to get off". She went to the rear of the street car to get Billy (her son) who was a small baby in her dream. She awoke before they got off the trolley.

Sister Clara will be very much missed by the Saints here in Monongahela. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family. May the Lord bless and comfort you all.

Ethel N. Crosier

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

On Friday, Nov. 17th at 8:15 a.m. I boarded a Jet Plane at the Pittsburgh Airport for Phoenix, Arizona to attend the dedication of our small church on the San Carlos Indian Reservation on the 19th, better than 100 miles east of Phoenix. I had a very nice flight and on arriving, Brothers Furnier, Heaps and another of the brothers from California were on the grounds to meet me. There was a large crowd of people gathered at the Airport. President Kennedy had arrived there during the day and many people were still on the grounds.

I was taken to the home of Brother Ether Furnier and then on to Brother Phillip Damore's home where I stayed all night. They live in Scottsdale, just a few miles from Phoenix, and Brother and Sister Galante, formerly of Detroit live right in their rear. I do not think it needful that I specify that a spirit of welcome was extended me at these homes, for they would all leave the latchstring hang out for me if necessary, and I am sure that the welcome extended me is much appreciated. And, like all the places I go to, Arizona with its Mountains, desert plains, some of it irrigated and some not, and where the cactus of many kinds grow, apparently needs no irrigation and along with the Palms—which to me stands so graceful, and the cactus in the rocks as well as in the sandy soil, one wonders, to what purpose was their creation? Yet I must not question its Creator, for I am persuaded that He has done all things well—and especially as I revert to any previous thought—Arizona with all its wonders (including many homes) not omitting a few homes

wherein I was made welcome, is a most wonderful country to live in.

After spending the night at the Damore home, we started off in the morning for San Carlos, arriving there after about two hrs. drive. We found a very nice little cement block church with 3 or 4 living rooms attached, which Bro. Picciutto had provided for his little family to live in, also he provided running water from a well he had drilled. And, it was good water to drink. Really Brother Dan has done a very nice job thus far. (Elsewhere in this issue, Sister Damore has written an account of the dedication services, so I will not touch upon that in this writing) However, all went off well throughout the day.

It was on Nov. 18th when I went to San Carlos and I stayed there over two Sundays, returning to Phoenix on Nov. 29th, and we attended meetings every night with fair attendance of the Indian people, and though I was not very well during my stay there, yet I only missed one meeting on that account. A number of Indian people showed an interest in the meetings. I understand the church is built on the site of an old Indian ruins of a village or city. A few graves of an ancient burial ground near, are still to be seen. It is said to be nine or ten hundred years old. Graves are designated by boulder stones covering them. The valley in which the church is located looks as though the earth at one time dropped possibly about 1000 feet. The surrounding country standing high and level on the top thereof. You can stand in the church yard and see mountains in most any direction—some not far off, while there are others in the distance, and some of them capped with snow. There is wonderful mountain scenery in Arizona.

Leaving Phoenix on Nov. 30th I sat in a train for about 27 hrs., before arriving at St. John, Kansas. I don't know when I was ever so tired. It is too slow of travel for a man of my age. However, I spent four different occasions in our pulpit in St. John, and on Dec. 6th. Sister Eva Sanders Delp drove me to Wichita, where I boarded a plane for Kansas City. After about one hr. delay there, I boarded one of these big things they call jets, and was in Chicago in a few minutes short of one hr. after a delay there of about one hr. I boarded another jet, and was at the Pittsburgh Airport in a few minutes short of an hr. The Modern Way of traveling suits a man of my age just fine. Not tired, but I have been very busy since arriving home in the evening of Dec. 6th. I have faith that my efforts among my brothers and sisters will not prove in vain. To the Missionary Benevolent Society, How about buying a Jet?

FROM LUIS URIAS — MEXICO

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

How great is the mercy of our Lord! I am going to tell you what He did for me. I was a very wicked man. One night I arrived at my home around eight o'clock. My children were asleep. Although I had a good job and made good money, we lived in poverty. We only had one bed and four children. Desiring to retire, I moved the chil-

dren to one side and I laid down. In a very short time I started to dream of a friend of mine who died in an accident. In the dream I said to myself, "Why do I talk to a dead man." I tried to get away from him, when he told me that in about 28 days we shall see each other. I then asked him, "Why do you tell me thus", when instantly a voice spoke into my ear saying, "Because you are going to die." I

awoke frightened and I kept pondering over this and that the time would shortly be here and that the 28 days would be the 25th of December. I thought the Lord would take my life for having been so wicked.

The following day I wanted to stay away from my friends or buddies. I went to my job and tried to talk to others in a kind way. I would think about my wife and

my children. Time had passed and there was only one day left until that appointed day, it being the 24th of December. As was customary in all the homes they were having tamales and other things at my mother's house. We went there but my mind was uneasy awaiting the morrow. We all ate and afterwards it was as if we all obeyed a very powerful force, that was commanding us. My children, wife and myself went to one part of the house, while in the kitchen the rest of the folks all talked very happily. I picked up a blanket and spread it on the floor for my wife, children and myself. As quickly as I covered myself, I began to feel that someone I could not see was following me and trying to destroy me, and also my father and a cousin of mine. I went to warn them so that they might not fall into danger and when I did this he started to follow me. I could not see it. It seemed to fly and it would pursue us everywhere. We were running. On occasions it would appear like a light of an automobile very beautiful, but it would get lost because the roads were hilly and when the light would leave us, we would try to gain territory.

This spirit would avoid the light and only in the dark it would try to reach us until we reached a very illuminated place and there we felt like we were safe. Many cars were passing through this beautiful illuminated place. It was just like mid-day. I managed to help my father and nephew into a car that appeared to be a 1941 Ford. There was no place for me so I got up on the top of the car and now we were going to pass the light, which was so beautiful. We were in the most brilliant part of the light, when this thing which followed me whispered into my ear the following words: "Wrestler, prepare yourself so that tomorrow you can wrestle with death." I awoke as if someone had shaken me. I remember that the next day would be exactly the end of the 28 days that had been given to me. I got up crying. I told my wife and children to kneel down. I poured out my soul to the Lord asking forgiveness and for the sake of my children to spare my life. I felt a love like I had never felt before for my wife and children. The next day I was very sick. I felt as if I were going to die but

the Lord was merciful unto me and gave me my life. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. The Lord gave me a hymn of this experience.

I tried to find the Lord but I had been so wicked that no one believed me and made fun of me and mocked me saying "who are you that the Lord would speak to you. I studied the Bible much and the Lord gave me understanding but I felt that the church was not to be found on the earth. Some said I was a false prophet, and a ravening wolf and what kind of a doctrine did I have. For a time we endured much hardship and there were days that we had nothing to eat. I asked God to have compassion upon us and that it was not the fault of my children but they were suffering along with my wife and myself. My wife told some people that the Lord had spoken to me and they laughed at us.

Some church people listened to me and I told them that the true church was not on the earth and referred to Chap. 12 of Revelations as if someone had told me this.

A church group asked me to come to Ti Juana to preach the Gospel. With my family I left my home town. When I would prove to them by the Bible that there was only one church, they did not like it, and they wanted me to preach the things that would please the people. They offered me a salary but I could not comply with their wishes as to the things they wanted me to preach. In the meantime we had been praying to the Lord for direction. We stayed with this group for about two months. When they handed me material to preach, I refused, because it was not the truth. The Lord gave me the strength to resist them and did not permit me to do as they wanted me to. They let me go. There were some who understood and tried to be kind to me by offering us a place to stay, and while at this place I met Brother and Sister Perdue, through Brother and Sister Torebio. I was told to read the Book of Mormon. I was given the book and started to read and I liked it very much.

One day I was reading the 15th chapter of Mosiah and at night a voice spoke to me saying "Now, why do you detain, arise and be baptized and wash away your sins

calling upon the name of the Lord." Fifteen days later I was baptized. The Lord has given us unmistakable proof of His church and we are happy. I do not have sufficient words to thank God as we do not merit anything from him. Humbly I give my testimony and through the spirit of God you shall know that what I have written is true.

Your brother in Christ

LUIS URIAS, JR.

ELDER - TIJUANA,
MEXICO

SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

Dear Brother Cadman,

You asked me to write about the meeting on the reservation on Sunday, November 26, and so I will try to comply with your request.

The meeting began about 10 o'clock, there was a good attendance. Bro. T. S. Furnier, opened the meeting, speaking on the mode of baptism, and the way we are baptized in the church today.

He spoke about the holy spirit after baptism, and of us keeping our temples clean. Bro. Phil Damore followed Speaking from the 5th ch., of Galations, which concerns the gifts of the spirit some of which are joy, patience, love, peace, and so forth. We surely enjoyed the words of these brothers. The meeting was then turned to testimony and praise to God. I wish I could write all the testimonies but space will not allow it. I will just say that it was wonderful. Sister Nash, (Indian) who was baptized a few weeks ago told of how she meet with the church. I cannot write her great experience now but perhaps one of the brothers will write it for a latter time. The Lord is blessing these people, Bro. Dan has a full time work with these people and needs our prayers, also the other brothers and sisters who have gone to help him in this work. I just want to say that I cannot express my thankfulness to God, for having the privilege to be at this meeting, it takes 8 hrs., to get to Phoenix, and another two hours to get to the reservation, but the blessings I received were well worth the trip. There is so much I wanted to write but I know I must not take to much space in the paper, so I will say good bye Bro. Cadman, and it was so good to see you again and all the other brothers and sisters in Arizona.

Sister June

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90,12

Dear Boys and Girls,

Happy New Year! What a wonderful opportunity to begin over again and try to do better than we have done before. Let us resolve to follow more closely the pattern the Saviour left to the world. The Bible tells us "He is the author and finisher of our faith". Let us think back over the year and ask ourselves if we have been kind enough, thoughtful enough and unselfish? If we have made mistakes, others have too. Can we be slow to anger and think twice before we speak? Let's decide to read more of God's word, and pray for guidance throughout this coming year.

I want to tell you a story about a little man named Zaccheus, who was a rich Publican. He had heard that Jesus was to pass through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. He had a great desire to see Jesus. Everyone wanted to see Jesus. The people had heard much about this good man. As the crowds gathered along the way, Zaccheus no doubt wondered how he was going to see. Maybe he thought, "I am just a little man, and the streets are so crowded and I cannot push through the crowd. What am I to do?" Then he saw a sycamore tree. Quickly he climbed up into the tree and sat down where he could see Jesus as he passed. As Jesus came near he looked up into the tree. Jesus saw Zaccheus and said, "Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." How happy and surprised Zaccheus must have been for Jesus to pick him out from all these people. Quickly he came down from the tree and took Jesus to his home.

In Jericho as well as in the other cities some Pharisees found fault with Jesus for having anything to do with publicans. They thought publicans were sinful people. So they began to murmur and say, "Jesus is going to be a guest of a sinner." But this didn't bother Jesus. He went on home with Zaccheus.

Jesus taught Zaccheus good things. He said, "Today salvation is come to this house. And that the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which is lost." As Jesus continued with His wonderful words, Zaccheus believed. He told Jesus that he would give half of his goods to the poor and if he had taken anything falsely he would return four times as much as he had taken. What a wonderful day this was for the little man, Zaccheus. This is just the way it is when Jesus comes into our life. We want to do good to all mankind.

Search the Scriptures

What is a parable?

What parable did Jesus tell Zaccheus? Luke 19:11, 28

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

G. M. B. A. in ALIQUIPPA PENNSYLVANIA

Nov. 20, 1961

The Missionary Benevolent Association held its general conference at Aliquippa, Penna. on Saturday, November 11, 1961. There were representatives present from Michigan, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Canada.

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

The conference elected officers in the afternoon. The newly elected officers are: Bro. Louis Ciccatti and Bro. Arthur Gehley, organizers in Ohio, and Bro. James Gibson, organizer in Pennsylvania.

The conferences for the year 1962 was appointed for the third Saturday of May in New Jersey and the second Saturday of November in Detroit, Michigan at Branch No. 1.

In the evening meeting after the Installation of Officers, the Aliquippa local presented a program of topics and song entitled, "History and Faith of The Church of Jesus Christ". The remainder of the time was devoted to speaking by several of the visiting brothers on the inspiration of the subject presented by this local. The conference was concluded with the singing of

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds", which was very fitting for the wonderful day spent.

Corresponding Secretary
Sister Ruth E. Akerman

MANCINI-MELLOR

Patricia Mancini and Kenneth Mellor were joined in Holy Matrimony in a very lovely and quiet ceremony on November 25, 1961 at 5:30 P.M. in the Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. with Elder James F. Campbell, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mancini of Monongahela, Pa. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mellor of Victory Hill, Pa.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Mary Ellen Lupetin and the best man was Anthony Mancini, Jr. brother of the bride.

Appropriate and lovely organ music was played by Erma Campbell.

A family reception was held at the bride's father's home following the wedding ceremony.

Kenneth has just finished his boot training in the Navy and Patricia will continue to reside with her parents for the present.

Our sincere and best wishes are extended to this young couple along with our prayer that God will bless them with much happiness.

Ethel N. Crosier,
Branch Editor

MY TESTIMONY

Dear Editor,

My testimony as a young Brother in the Church. I can really say that GOD has really blest me in many ways. I was baptized when I was only 15 years old by Bro. Bill Kunkle. The Sunday before I was baptized Bro. Bill was preaching, and it seemed like everything that he said was for me. I waited a week before I was baptized, and that seemed like the longest week of my life.

Also GOD has blest me with wonderful parents which are also in the Church, it really is nice when your whole family is in the Church, GOD has blest us very much, and I know we can not do enough to thank HIM. We have all been healed many times by his healing hand.

Now I am in the Navy, and I am stationed in California. I have also had GOD bless me out here. Sister Eva Moore gave me the address

of her Sister here in San Fernando who is Sister Pearl Nester. I had a week end liberty so I called up Sister Pearl and ask her if I could come up and spend the week end. I have spent all my free time there, and she has treated me wonderful. I have been blest every Sunday in the San Fernando Branch, in fact we all have there has been 3 baptisms in the last two weeks.

So Brother and Sister I can truly thank GOD for calling me into this Church. And my desire is to serve GOD the rest of my life. I ask all to remember me in their prayers, and I will do the same for you as GOD gives me strength.

Bro. Mike Buffington
Imperial Branch, Pa.

LETTER FROM ANN SMITH

Dear Bro. Editor:

It has been some time since I have written you and I am glad for this opportunity to be able to send greetings from our Branch of San Diego.

This being the Thanksgiving season, the thought occurred to me, as it does so many times, how we of the Church of Jesus Christ can be a most thankful people, as God has allowed us to know His Gospel and to be given a glimpse of the glorious future He has prepared. As we go about our daily labors in the midst of this confused and troubled world, the feeling of comfort and security which we have, knowing that we are encircled with God's love and promise is a treasure for which we can truly be thankful.

Last week my daughter JoAnn was telling me about the wonderful time she, Sister Marlene Ciccati and Sister Willa Wilkenson had when they accompanied Bro. Felix Buccellato on one of his visits to Ti Juana, Mexico, and were participants in their Feet-washing service. She told me how sincere these people were, and of how thankful they were for the Gospel even though they have so little and are so small in number. As I told her then, though they are a small number now, we know that this is just the beginning of God's work there, and we know that they will grow, just as she could look back and see how her own Branch had grown.

I remember when my family and I moved to San Diego fourteen years ago, it was difficult to have to leave our home Branch at Glass-

port, Pa. where we had enjoyed a goodly number of Brothers and Sisters and come to a strange city where there were just a handful of Brothers and Sisters meeting in the basement of our Sister Josephine and beloved Brother Charles Breci's home. The loneliness for the main body of the Church and missing the conferences, etc., were something I don't like to think about. Many times we desired to be "back home," but always there was this feeling that God had a purpose for giving us the desire to be here, and we hoped and prayed for God to give us increase. I was reading the history of our Branch one day and I thought I might take a few of the points from it to pass on to you, though you may have heard them before.

The history tells of a dream which Sister Josephine Breci Galanti had where a personage appeared to her and gave her a packet of flower seeds and told her that she was to come to California to plant them. I won't go into detail how Sister Josephine and Brother Breci and several other Brothers and Sisters wondered and prayed and then prepared to come to this city, but they did; and in the year 1944 they moved here. On November 19, 1944, the first meeting was held in San Diego at the home of our beloved Bro. Patsy DiBattista and Sister Louise. In April 1947 we were organized as an established Mission, and the Branch history tells how the Lord blessed that little original group of thirteen members. It was a happy day for our Brothers and Sisters when, through Bro. William Cadman's assistance in correspondence, our Church was incorporated in the state of California and received our Church Seal on December 1, 1947. Our Mission became a Branch on January 21, 1948 and we were so happy to have our Bro. Alma Cadman visiting here at the time and who assisted the small number in becoming organized as a Branch.

As time passed our membership grew, and we rejoiced that God had answered our prayers in sending us more help, not only from the Brothers and Sisters moving here from the East but mostly that He began to send in the strangers who became our Brothers and Sisters.

When our basement meeting place became too crowded, we

knew we would have to think of building a place to meet, and we all fasted and prayed for the Lord to direct us where we should build this building to be dedicated to Him. It was revealed in several dreams just which lot we were to purchase and this was done, and at a cost that was very nominal for the property. The construction of our building was done mostly by the Brothers, and donations poured in from everywhere for our assistance. It was a joy to watch the progress, and when our dedication day came on June 22, 1952, our hearts were truly filled with thanksgiving. When we began having meetings in our new building, it seemed empty and we prayed that God would bless us and that He might fill our building, and God has answered that prayer also, so that now we are again approaching Him about a location for another property where we might construct a second building. We know that God's work is going forward and is spreading as He has promised the Church people it would if we trust in Him and keep His commandments.

And so, when I think of how God has given us so many Brothers and Sisters here in San Diego, Bell, Modesto, San Fernando Valley, Anaheim Mission, and now Ti Juana Mission, we are glad that though we were lonely and many times discouraged in the early days of our moving here, we can see that God did have a purpose for sending some of His people here, as He has been also working sending His missionaries to Canada, Africa, Italy and Mexico. We are thankful to see these things.

Last Sunday, the day the small building on the Indian reservation at Phoenix, Arizona was to be dedicated, our hearts were filled with thankfulness to see this beginning and to envision how God can and will multiply His people and prepare us for that day when His Church will be preached in great power and glory.

Meditating upon these things causes us to forget our many afflictions, disappointments and discouragements, and realize that these are but trials of endurance and preparation so that we and/or our children can be fitted and suited as the Lord says, and we know that we must be, to be worthy of this great work. Our desires and

our prayers this Thanksgiving Day are as they have ever been, to love and serve God to the best of our ability, being thankful for His goodness through the years, and thankful most of all that He has kept us holding on to the Rod of Iron.

Branch Editor
Sister Ann Smith

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bro. Editor:

Just a few lines to tell you of how the Lord is blessing His children in this part of His vineyard.

On Sunday, October 22, 1961 we were very pleased to have in our midst, visiting brothers and sisters from Hopelawn, New Jersey and Youngstown, Ohio. We felt honored to have Bro. Richard Benyola as pianist during our morning service. It gives us a wonderful feeling to see our visiting Brothers and Sisters from out of town, for it causes us to feel as the poet "From east to west, from North to South, The Saviours' Kingdom shall extend, And every man in every place, Shall meet a brother and a friend."

The Branch No. 1 male quartet opened our meeting by rendering a beautiful selection, "The Old Country Church." A wonderful spirit was experienced by all as these young brothers. Our speaker, Bro. Paul Vitto chose as his text, Romans 5th Chapter, Verses 1 thru 12. His topic was "The Love of God." What a wonderful topic! As our brother spoke to us very ably concerning the "Love of God" all present were caused to feel the spirit of God in our midst. We were made to recall the day we felt the "Love of God" in our hearts and rose upon our feet and requested to be taken to be baptized in His name, that we might be constant recipients of His love.

At the beginning of his talk, Bro. Paul spoke of the creation when God created man and breathed in his nostrils the breath of life; after a period of time, man fell into sin, even to the extent of building the Tower of Babel to reach Heaven. In spite of man's sin and extreme wickedness the "Love of God" was extended unto man even from the beginning, even to the point where Christ died on the cross for our sins, and while upon the cross He cried, "Father, Forgive Them, For They Know Not

What They Do." At this time I am reminded of the poet's words:

The "Love of God" is greater far,
Than tongue or pen can ever
tell.

It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell.

The congregation sang Hymn "Sweet Peace, The Gift of of God's Love." Our next speaker was Bro. Nick Pietrangelo who followed Bro. Paul's subject very well. He spoke inspiring and it was evident that he was speaking under the influence of the Spirit of God. He mentioned that there is nothing that can compare with the "Love Of God." He also stated that there are many types of love, but the genuine "Love of God" is unmatched. Bro. Nick brought forth as an example, the Love of Patience and Reason of our Lord with the adulterous woman, when she was brought unto the Master by the Scribes and Pharisees and they requested she be stoned because of her sin, according to the Law of Moses, but the Lord said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Upon hearing the Lord's words, the Scribes and Pharisees left one by one. The woman remained alone with Jesus, and when He looked up and saw her there alone he asked her, "Woman, where are thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" She said, "No man, Lord." And Jesus said unto her "Neither do I condemn thee, Go and sin no more." What better example can we seek that might convey the true "Love of God?" At this point I cannot help but think of the words of our Saviour to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 16th Chapter, Verses 12, 13, and 14.)

Bro. John Buffa introduced our afternoon service continuing on the same subject. He stated that had he not joined the Church of Jesus Christ he would never have been able to taste of this "True Love of God." Bro. John did not speak at length but it was well seasoned with the Spirit of God. Hymn "O What a Joy I Find In This" was sung, and the service was left open for all to participate in bearing testimonies to the goodness of God.

Many wonderful testimonies were given and the Spirit of God continued to prevail in our service. At the termination of our service, all present were able to say that surely we were fed with that manna which comes from above, that fills and satisfies our hearts and souls to the uttermost. It is meetings of this type that strengthens us spiritually and causes us to become more determined to serve God with all of our hearts and to continue to strive for that great goal — The mark of ETERNAL PERFECTION.

Ass't. Editor,
Bro. Frank Conti

BY INVITATION OF JESUS

By Peter Marshall

One bitterly cold December night, when Washington was covered with a blanket of snow and ice, a man sat in his comfortable home on Massachusetts Avenue. A crackling log fire threw dancing shadows on the paneled walls.

The wind outside was moaning softly like someone in pain, and the reading lamp cast a soft, warm glow on the Book this man was reading.

He was alone, for the children had gone out for the evening, and his wife had retired early.

He read the following passage from Luke: "... When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor the brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors ... But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind." (Luke 14:12-13)

Somehow he could not get away from those simple words. He closed the Bible, and sat musing, conscious for the first time in his life of the challenge of Christ, whose birthday was so near.

What strange fancy was this? Why was it that he kept hearing in a whisper the words he had just read?

He could not shake it off. Never before had he been so challenged. "I must be sleepy," he thought to himself. "It is time I went to bed."

But as he lay in bed, he thought of the dinners and parties that they had given in this beautiful home. Most of those whom he usually invited were listed in "Who's Who in Washington."

He tried to sleep, but somehow he could not close the door of his mind to the procession of the poor

that shuffled and tapped its way down the corridors of his soul.

As he watched them pass, he felt his own heart touched. He whispered a prayer that if the Lord would give him courage, he would take Him at His word, and do what He wanted him to do; only then did he find peace and fall asleep.

When the morning came, his determination gave him new strength and zest for the day.

His first call was on the engraver who knew him well. At the counter he drafted the card, chuckling now and then as he wrote, his eyes shining. It read:

Jesus of Nazareth Requests the honor of your presence at a banquet honoring The Sons of Want on Friday evening, in a home on Massachusetts Avenue. Cars will await you at the Central Union Mission at six o'clock.

At the bottom of the card was the quotation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)"

A few days later, with the cards of invitation in his hand, he walked downtown. Within an hour, there were several people wondering what could be the meaning of the card that a kindly, happy, well-dressed man had placed in their hands.

One was an old man seated on a box trying to sell pencils; and another stood on the corner with a racking cough and a bundle of papers under his arms. There was a blind man saying over and over to himself, "Jesus of Nazareth requests the honor of your presence . . ."

At six o'clock, a strange group of men stood waiting in the vestibule of the Central Union Mission.

"What is the catch in this, anyhow?" asked the cynic. "What's the game?" The blind man ventured to remark: "Maybe it's part of the government relief program."

Just then someone came over and announced that the cars were at the door; without a word, they went outside.

There was something incongruous about it all, these men, clutching their thin coats, huddling together, their faces pinched and wan, climbing into two shiny limousines. At last they were all inside, and the cars glided off with the strangest and most puzzled

load of passengers ever carried.

When they dismounted, on Massachusetts Avenue, they stood gazing at the house. Up the broad steps and over thick-piled carpets, they entered slowly.

Their host was a quiet man, and they liked him—these guests of his, whose names he did not know.

He did not say much, only, "I am so glad you came."

By and by, they were seated at the table, with its spotless linen and gleaming silver. They were silent now; even the cynic had nothing to say. It seemed as if the banquet would be held in frozen silence.

The host rose in his place. "My friends, let us ask the blessing.

"If this is pleasing to Thee, O Lord, bless us as we sit around this table, and bless the food that we are about to receive. Bless these men. You know who they are, and what they need. And help us to do what You want us to do. Amen."

The blind man was smiling now. He turned to the man seated next to him and asked him about the host. "What does he look like?"

And so the ice was broken; conversation began around the table, and soon the first course was laid.

It was a strange party, rather fantastic in a way, thought the host. His guests had no credentials, no social recommendations, no particular graces—so far as he could see. But, my, they were hungry!

Yet there was not a trace of condescension in his attitude. He was treating them as brothers.

It was a grand feeling—a great adventure.

He watched each plate, and directed the servants with a nod or a glance. He encouraged them to eat; he laughed at their thinly disguised reluctance, until they laughed too.

As he sat there, it suddenly occurred to him how different was the conversation! There were no off-color stories, no whisperings of scandal, no one saying, "Well, I have it on good authority."

They were talking about their friends in misfortune, wishing they were here too . . . wondering whether Charlie had managed to get a bed in the charity ward, whether Dick had stuck it out when he wanted to end it all, whether the little woman with the baby had found a job.

Wasn't the steak delicious!

When the meal was over, someone came in and sat down at the piano. Familiar melodies, old songs, filled the room; and then in a soft voice the pianist began to sing "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "The Sidewalks of New York."

Someone else joined in, a cracked wheezing voice, but it started the others. Men who had not sung for months, men who had no reason to sing, joined in.

Before they knew it, they were singing hymns; "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "The Church in the Wildwood," "When I survey the Wondrous Cross."

Then the pianist stopped, and the guests grouped themselves in soft, comfortable chairs around the log fire.

The host, moving among them with a smile, said: "I know you men are wondering what all this means; I can tell you very simply but, first, let me read you something."

He read from the Gospels, stories of One who moved among the sick, the outcasts, the despised and the friendless: how Jesus healed this one, cured that one, spoke kindly words of infinite meaning to another, and what He promised to all who believed in Him.

"Now, I haven't done much tonight for you, but it has made me very happy to have you here in my home. I hope you have enjoyed it half as much as I have, and if I have given you one evening of happiness, I shall be forever glad to remember it. But this is not my party. It is His! I have merely lent Him this house. He was your Host. He is your Friend. And He has given me the honor of speaking for Him.

"He is sad when you are. He hurts when you do. He weeps when you weep. He wants to help you—if you will let Him.

"I'm going to give each of you His Book of Instructions. Certain passages in it are marked, which I hope you will find helpful when you are sick and in pain, when you are lonely and discouraged. Then, I shall see each one of you tomorrow, where I saw you today, and we'll have a talk together to see just how I can help you most."

They shuffled out into the night with a new light in their eyes, a smile where there had not been even interest before. The blind man

was smiling still, and as he stood on the doorstep, waiting, he turned to where his host stood.

"God bless you, my friend, whoever you are."

A little wizened fellow who had not spoken all night paused to say, "I'm going to try again, mister; there's somethin' worth livin' for."

The cynic turned back, "Mister, you're the first man who ever gave me anything. And you've given me hope."

"That is because I was doing it for Him," said the host, and he stood and waved good night as the cars purred off into the darkness.

When they had gone, he sat again by the fire and looked at the dying embers, until the feeling became overwhelming, again, that there was Someone in the room. Someone who stood in the shadows and smiled too, because some of the least of these had been treated like brothers for His sake.

(Dr. Marshall told this as a story, But many who first heard the sermon felt it must have had basis in fact. We like to think so too. The Editors.)

(Peter Marshall, prior to his death in 1949, was Chaplain to the United States Senate. His prayers and sermons have inspired thousands. This story is taken from his book "Mr. Jones Meet the Master, published by Fleming H. Revell Co.)

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THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held in the Church at Monongahela, Pa. in December. Twenty-eight Circles were represented by delegate or letter. A new Circle was organized this quarter at Roscoe, Pa. Communications were enjoyed about the work at the Muncey, Canada Reservation and Nigeria, Africa. Letters were read from Sisters Rachael Arthur and Martha Akpan of Nigeria, Africa, also from Brother Moses Akpan, who is attending Allen University in South Carolina.

Several of our brethren were present and gave us many wonderful things to think about. We feel it is a privilege to be able to help

the Church with this wonderful work. We hope to see Circles in every branch of the Church and all the Sisters united in this great cause.

The Circles were trying to raise \$1,500 for a house in Africa for our missionaries. We are happy to report that we went beyond our goal. This next quarter we will help the Church with the secondary school. The other donations were; \$500 Indian Mission; \$100 Church Missionary Fund; \$50 Printing Fund; \$50 Gospel News and \$25 to Conference.

The next quarterly meeting will be in the Greensburg, Pa. church March 17, 1962.

ELYRIA, OHIO

Gospel News Editor
Monongahela, Penna.

Dear Brother Editor:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. We praise our God for the portion of blessings He bestows upon us here in this portion of his vineyard. Three more souls have come into His fold here in Lorain of late. The first two came to the Lord on Oct. 22nd. In the afternoon meeting while Bro. Louis Cerone was giving his testimony Adela Marquez cried aloud for some time when Brother R. Biscotti went to her and asked if she was ready to be baptized. She replied she was ready. We sang two hymns after which Harry McGuire asked for his baptism.

Sister Marquez is a Puerto Rican sister, a friend of Bro. and Sister Gonzalas, they took the Gospel to her. She was baptized by Bro. F. Calabrese as was Bro. McGuire. Bro. R. Biscotti confirmed them into the Church of Jesus Christ. We ask the Saints everywhere to pray for the new born babes in Christ, for the evil one is already at work trying to destroy one of these new converts, and he is OH! so cunning and powerful!

On the afternoon of Dec. 3 rd. Thomas Baldwin made his wishes known. God opened the meeting that afternoon before any Elder could do so. We sang a hymn, had prayer and as we sang 318 Bro. Baldwin stood up and remained so, till the hymn was sung all the way through. After which he humbly said, "Please, Please dear God, take me, take me home. I want to be one of thy fold. Please dear God,

baptize me with thy Holy Spirit, that I may follow in thy footsteps and be one of thine and serve thee to the end." We received a wonderful blessing as he spoke these words. Bro. J. Calabrese then related a dream this bro. had the night before. We retired to the lake at 2:25 where Bro. J. Calabrese took Bro. Baldwin into the water. At 10 past 3 we were back in church where Bro. Patsy Fyre confirmed our new brother. Sister Eunice Bernard has brought this bro. to church from Elyria, Ohio.

Margaret King

TIJUANA, MEXICO

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ.

May the Lord bless all of you. I am going to write this testimony for the honor and glory of God, and with His help.

I am fifteen years old. I am very grateful to God because he performed a miracle in my life that to those in the world would seem impossible.

On the 6th of January, 1961, at one o'clock in the afternoon, I had returned from school and was conversing with a friend of mine when all of a sudden I started to vomit blood, and naturally, we got very scared. After that, I knew nothing until I woke up in a clinic. I heard the doctor telling my friend that I had but a few days to live. The first thing that crossed my mind was that if I would die in that instant I would never again see any of my family that were at home waiting for me. I felt as if I were sinking in a well and I cried unto the Lord to take care of me. Again, I became unconscious. A short while later I again regained consciousness. I returned home in a taxi. When I arrived home (Elder) Brother Luis Urias was there. He knew what I had. My mother went to the doctor. I don't know what was said. I only know that my mother came back crying, and again I heard, "She only has days to live," and I heard someone saying, "There is a God that will get her well." The next morning we went to see Dr. Vasquez, a specialist in Tuberculosis. I heard the doctor telling my mother that my left lung was gone or dissolved and the other lung was beginning to get bad. Brother and Sister Perdue went with us. I don't know what the doctor told them in English. I only knew that I had a few days to live.

They gave me a very painful treatment and the doctor said "Let's see if this will help you," but the doctor didn't know that the Lord had already started to heal me through the prayers of our elder brothers here. Every night the brothers prayed to God to make me well, and I started to improve, thanks to God. Once more he had compassion on a poor soul. In the beginning, I didn't believe much in anything. I only went to the church to obey my parents but the Lord punished me because I had been baptized and didn't do what I was supposed to. My brothers and sisters, I suffered eight months. It would be hard for many to imagine what I went through, but thanks to God for the prayers of the brothers and sisters, the Lord healed me.

I hope that when the young read this experience they will be obedient unto God and not believe like I used to believe that the church was just for the old people, because the Lord can chastise us. Follow the path of God that leads to eternal life. May God bless all of my brothers and sisters everywhere. Pray to God for all of these poor people here in Mexico and we shall continue to pray for you.

SISTER FRANCES TORIBIO SANCHEZ
TIJUANA, MEXICO

(Bro. Cadman — the above is true. We saw the x-rays. This truly is a miracle.) This girl is well today. — Perdues)

MARY'S HOUR

The angel song has wafted away
On the silent wings of night,
Starry-eyed shepherds await the day
Where sheep lay peacefully quiet;
In yonder stable, man and beast;
In exhausted slumber rest.
But one is awake;
While stillness shrouds the earth,
Mary ponders the miracle of birth—
This is Mary's hour.

Her tender arms cradle Him now,
His slightest whimper she can soothe,
Her mother — hands caress His brow,
His perfect brow, so soft and smooth;
No thorn can pierce its beauty now,
No stain of cruel blood;
While daylight breaks,
While earth is bathed in dew and

pearl,
Mary fondles each shining curl—
This is Mary's hour.

His perfect baby hands and finger-tips,
So fragile, so delicate, so petal soft,
Feel the gentle touch of Mother lips
As she kisses and fondles them oft;
Those tiny hands lean and strong will grow,
Much comfort they will give;
From them will flow the healing touch,
Life blood from their wounds will go;
But now only gentleness they know—
This is Mary's hour.

Each little foot, so chubby and warm,
She touches; eyes soft with smile sublime,
Tiny toes, pink and firm; no cause for alarm,
No hint of stony paths to climb
To the mount of Calvary.
Oh the thrill of a Mother's heart
To behold her Child, of herself a part;
May no wound becloud the joy
The Virgin feels in her Baby Boy—
This is Mary's hour.

Future years will bring their tears,
Tomorrow's pain will faith reveal;
In the mist a cross appears,
Her wounded soul the sword will feel.
Let her hold close this golden hour,
Now let her joy be complete;
Now, oh Father, let pain retreat.
Sorrows will come with light of day,
But this, the time of dawning gray—
This is Mary's hour.

Ruth Mountain

PLEA FOR AID STIRS TEARS AT LUNCHEON

By Wade Cavanaugh

An emotion-packed plea by a Salt River Indian woman for help for her tribe brought tears and drama yesterday at a tribal luncheon honoring Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall and members of his Indian affairs advisory board.

Mrs. Claudina Wood, mother of seven children, gave dramatic emphasis to the problem of the Salt

River Indians when she read a letter she wrote asking, "What have we done to be denied the chance to live like our non-Indian neighbors."

She pleaded for help in obtaining water for her house so that she could cook for her family without having to rely on the present primitive methods of obtaining water by containers.

SHE CHARGED the federal government with failing to help her people elevate themselves.

"Is the government so busy with foreign aid that there is no time for us?" she asked.

The three-page letter brought a hushed silence at the luncheon. Many of the tribal women brushed away tears as Mrs. Wood read her letter before the guests.

When she finished, Udall, visibly shaken, said:

"Mrs. Wood's very eloquent speech points out the seriousness of the Indians' problems."

The Salt River Reservation, although bordering the Phoenix city limits, has living conditions that take it back 100 years. Water is still carried from wells in containers, jugs, and bottles.

"This is the type of problem we are trying to solve," said Udall.

He told of the visits by the advisory board members to other reservations and spoke of the hope that the poorer tribes can be helped to a point of self-sufficiency.

"IF WE can work together, the Indians and the government," he said, "we can bring the water and other improvements needed."

Philleo Nash, commissioner of Indian affairs, told the tribal members, "We hope we can build bridges of understanding and search together for a solution to the complex problems facing you."

A late unscheduled arrival at the luncheon was Sen. Clinton Anderson, D-N.M. He reiterated the government's promise of helping the nation's Indian population.

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World Ends Next Feb. 2, Say Some Asian Seers;

RELAX, ASTROLOGERS ADVISE
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya, Nov. 5 (AP) — Worried about Berlin, Khrushchev, fallout?

Relax. The world's coming to an end next Feb. 2 anyway.

That's what Asian Astrologers are saying.

The stargazers, looking deep into their heavenly charts, say that on the night of Feb. 2, 1962, seven planets will be in conjunction in the house of Capricorn. That night the moon enters the same house.

As any astrologer knows, that's bad.

News of the world's doom has been sweeping this Malayan capital, the scene of three Asian and South Asian conferences in less than three weeks. Colombo plan delegates are meeting here now.

Delegates attending these international meetings bring astrological news from their home countries. And it's nearly all bad.

One of India's best known astrologers predicts these events on the fatal February night:

Floods, earthquakes, war in the Himalayas and the collapse of the United Nations.

Another Indian astrologer predicts the world will explode like an overripe melon.

Delegates say that in India's capital, New Delhi, many citizens plan to sit before a holy fire and offer prayers and sacrifices for the welfare and prosperity of the world during the fateful conjunction time.

The horror-scopes are taken seriously by the superstitious in this capital of Malaya.

But not all astrologers believe a world calamity will hit in February. One of the local astrologers, an optimist, said:

"Oh, war is surely coming all right. But not until 1965."

IT TAKES UNITY FOR STRENGTH AND SUCCESS, AND OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

The Church of Jesus Christ firmly believes in the Restoration of the Gospel and Priesthood Authority by an Angel of God, in fulfillment of Rev. 14:6-7. This was the inception of the last dispensation, wherein God is to set His hand the second time to recover His people. The first dispensation of the Gospel was introduced by Christ and His Apostles, first to Israel, after their rejection of it, it was preached to the Gentiles or all nations, and people etc. The very purpose for which the Gospel was re-

stored was, that it would be preached in this last dispensation, by the Restored Authority (Ministry) as it was preached by Christ, and His Apostles in the first dispensation,

their first mission was to the House of Israel. Under the Restored Authority the Gentiles are first to receive the Gospel, their (our) mission being to preach to them that dwell on the earth and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, as proclaimed by the Angel. By the (us) carrying out of this commission, eventually, it shall bring about the latter day restoration of the House of Israel. The establishment of Zion or the Kingdom of Christ on the earth, which will be a composition of Righteous Saints gathered out of every nation and tongue and color under heaven. Here nationalities and tongues and colors, all dissimilarity ends, and the body becomes beautiful and glorious, the waiting bride of the Saviour.

The preaching of the Gospel to the nations cannot be bypassed, and this is our day to work, to carry out our mission as those in the first dispensation. The results being they were blessed with much wisdom, and the power of His Holy Spirit, they were able to demonstrate His Miraculous Power. We cannot all be missionaries or even preachers, but as a member of the body of Christ everyone is essential that the body will function perfectly. If any of the members of our physical body fails, matterless of the cause, it affects the whole body in some manner, by weakening the structure of it. Likewise if any member of the Church fails to support the work of God whether spiritual or temporal, it affects the whole Church in the supreme effort that is necessary to carry out this latter day commission. "And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost: and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting Kingdom of The Lamb." Surely this should inspire everyone to do their utmost in striving for the Lord. Jesus said, (in speaking to the ministry) "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that

your fruit should remain: That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you." St. John 15:16. Why should anyone have doubts or lack faith as we see the mission field opening up in many places. Perhaps they feel this work is not their responsibility, then by default throw all the burden and sacrifice on others. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." says Apostle Paul, which we can say is doing unto others as we could have others do unto us. Some say it is not time to preach the Gospel yet, to my mind and understanding, a ridiculous statement, wholly inconsistent with our profession of faith in the Restoration of the Gospel.

Jesus warned His Disciples, "Say ye not, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." These words are just as true today, as when Jesus spoke to them. If we will just lift our eyes and look, we can see the vast fields already to be gathered in, and they must be gathered during the season or they will be lost, as is any grain that is not gathered in time. I can speak from my personal experience and say truly the harvest is great, but the labourers are few. I believe very sincerely, God has given the Church the opportunity of reaping where others have sown. "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours." I am certain others that have been engaged in missionary work agree, that a great harvest is awaiting the Church. Some are fearful to engage themselves in this work because God has not given them a personal experience pertaining to it. As previously stated, you were chosen and ordained to go and bring forth fruit, to discharge your sacred duty where the church's needs are greatest. To say we have faith in the latter day work is not enough. Apostle James said, faith without works is dead, show thy faith without works and I will show thee my faith by my works. Faith alone without action of some kind cannot save one soul.

Perhaps some may have received a call or experience prompting them to move to the front or go

into the field, but are still holding back unwilling to obey, possessing doubts and fears or wanting to go into a different field than the one to which they were directed. Like Jonah, they want to go in the opposite direction because they do not like the particular assignment, none of us will have any more success in trying to run away or shirk our duty than Jonah.

I believe the Book of Jonah is all the information we have about him, but he must have been a preacher of great ability. God knew he was the man for to save the people of Nineveh from being destroyed, if any man could cause them to repent it would be Jonah. Evidently this was the last place he wanted to go, and probably the farthest from his mind.

It is only reasonable to believe that if the Lord calls someone for to carry out a certain mission, He chooses those who are capable of obtaining the objective, though He may have to turn them around and head them in the opposite direction which is quite contrary to their own will and desire. These are specific occasions when a minister of the Gospel is compelled to forget his own desires and aspire to the will of God and too, it may be a severe trial of his faith to do so. Normally, I believe the Lord allows the ministry considerable freedom of choice as to where they will labour in His vineyard, but He certainly requires that they move in some direction or field of labour, not set idly by and say all is well in Zion. The Holy Calling into the Ministry of Divine Authority should be sufficient inspiration for to preach the Gospel anywhere and everywhere and at anytime the opportunity occurs. Validating the promise of Christ to be with them even to the end of the world, that in His name they should lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, cast out devils, etc. If we will do first things first, by preaching the Gospel (without reservation) to every creature and nation and ton-

gue etc. God will bless us as individuals and collectively in a greater manner than we have ever known before. Brother William H. Cadman has often said, that if we sit down and do nothing, the Lord may just let us sit, but if we are willing to move we give Him the opportunity to bless us in what we are striving to accomplish.

A soldier at the battle front needs twenty men or more perhaps to keep him supplied, many of them he never will see yet he knows they are doing their duty by the support he is receiving. They may not be as near the front as the other man, but their duty is just as important and if they fail in their duty for any reason, that man up front is doomed to failure, no matter how brave or courageous he may be. There is much similarity in the great missionary work the Church has before it, if for any reason we fail in our duty to back up those who are at the front, or taking the lead, they will surely fail, but we will all suffer defeat together.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

A REMINDER

(continued from last issue)

the 6th water froze an inch thick, and on the night of the 7th and morning of the 8th a kind of sleet or exceeding cold snow fell, attended by high wind, and measured in places where it drifted 18 to 20 inches in depth."†

The Journal of JOSIAH HOLLISTER of Cattaraugus, N. Y., for 1816 recorded. "May 16, 17, 18, frost, June 6 snow. June 7, 8, 9, frost, 29, 30 frost. July 7, 18 frost.

The DANBURY, Conn., NEWS (date unknown) is credited with the following:

"The year 1816 was known throughout the United States and Europe as the coldest ever experienced by any person then living. There are persons in northern New York who have been in the habit of keeping diaries for years and it is from the pages of an old diary

begun in 1810 and kept unbroken until 1840 that the following information regarding this year has been taken:

June was the coldest month of roses ever experienced in this latitude. All fruit was destroyed. Snow fell 10 inches deep in Vermont. There was a 7 inch fall in the interior of New York state and the same in Massachusetts.

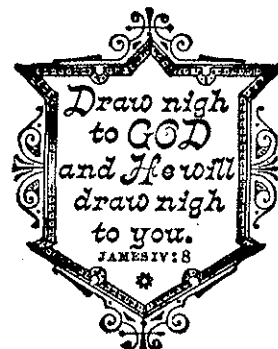
July came in with snow and ice. On July 4 ice as thick as window glass formed throughout New England, New York and in some parts of the state of Pennsylvania. Indian corn, which in some parts of the East had struggled through May and June, gave up, froze and died.

To the surprise of everybody August proved the worst month of all. Almost every green thing in this country and Europe was blasted with frost. Snow fell at Barnet, 30 miles from London, England, on August 30. Newspapers received from England stated that 1816 would be remembered by the existing generation as the year in which there was no summer.

One very important result of this anomalous year was the first general movement from New England to the Middle West in 1817, having its greatest impetus from the discouragements of "poverty year."*

* Climatological History of Ohio — W. H. Alexander.

† Our American Weather — G. H. T. Kimble.



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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Mrs. Constance Damore Passes On
Sister Constance Damore, the beloved wife of brother James Damore of Youngstown, Ohio passed on to her reward on November 29/61 in the University Hospital in Columbus after an illness of two months — being stricken with the dread disease known as leukemia.

Sister Constance was born in Gassaway, W. Va. on August 2, 1908 making her a little past 53 at the time of death. She was the daughter of Brother and Sister Frank Wooley of Youngstown. She was married to Brother James Damore for 32 years, who survives her along with two sons Carl and Paul, her father and mother, five sisters and two brothers all of Youngstown. Brother James wishes to extend his appreciation to you all for the lovely and consoling cards that were sent to him. May the Lord comfort the bereaved husband and her two boys along with her aged father and mother and all of you, who were dear by the ties of nature.

"P.S. a few words may be in place by Brother Cadman: I happened to be in Arizona when I heard of Sister Connie's death. I had not seen her nor Brother James for a long time—though I used to go to their home many years ago quite often, but time makes changes as it passes on. I regret that her and James are no longer a member of our fellowship, but may God bless her departed soul and comfort her beloved husband and children with a hope of someday they will all meet again in a home that will no more be broken up by death.

Sincerely,

Brother W. H. Cadman

WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU?

What kind of member are you?
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and mock?

Do you take an active part,
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied

To only just belong?

Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong;
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

(Contributed by Sister Hanna)



Sister Emma Smith
St. John, Kansas

Sister Emma Smith the eldest daughter of the late Brother and Sister Marion Campbell of St. John, Kansas is up in the eighties and is still going strong.

(Photo by the Editor)

THE NEW YEARS SENTIMENT OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

In The Country of Mexico

Dear Readers:

I am in receipt of a beautiful New Year's card from our brothers and sisters in Mexico. When folded it measures about 7x8" and when opened out it is about 13x16 inches. The inscription on the front is as follows: "Felices Pascuas Y Prospero Ano Nuevo"—Me no understand. On inside are the words: "Alegre Navidad Y Prospero Ano Nuevo." Then the following is written: The undersigned brothers, sisters and visitors of The Church of Jesus Christ wish to thank the General Church and the Missionary Board for its wonderful efforts in our behalf. We are thankful to God that we have a place to worship in. May God bless you. From all of us in Mexico.

The above is signed by 62 persons, all Mexican names with the exception of about 5 or 6 persons, whom I recognize by names as from

the California side of the border, and including three Elders of the Church. It ends up with "God Bless you Brother Cadman." Well, may God bless you and us all is my prayer. Bro. Cadman

P.S. The above may not seem much to many of us—we may pass it off lightly—but to me, it is the way our brothers and sisters in Mexico have used to convey their heartfelt appreciation to the Church here in the States and I read that all good comes from God—And I am persuaded that prejudices and the pride of nations comes from the enemy of all souls. As for me—I always pray for my fellow-labourers in the Gospel of Christ that their humble efforts might be crowned with success, matterless of whom you are, or wherever you may be. I feel that my prayer has not been in vain. May I ask: What shall another year prove to be—James says: That the prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Editor

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

We were overjoyed to receive your card from the West, in the past week, and to see that you are still traveling, around on the Master's business. May God abundantly bless you and give you courage to go on, as long as He shall see fit for you to do so. As we arrive at almost the close of this year, one cannot help but stop and take a retrospective glance, and see how we have fared, thus far, and what our hopes and aspirations are for the coming year. We are fair in health, and the Lord enabling us, shall hope to do better as the years roll along. Here are some of the proceedings, that have taken place in this part of the Vineyard of the Lord.

On Sunday Nov. 12th. a wonderful lesson was brought to us on the 35th. Chapter of Jeremiah, at Branch No. 3, which was received with gladness and rejoicing, bro. Jack Pontillo followed, with encouraging words. Bro. Peter Capone made concluding remarks, saying that through the scriptures, we find either obedience to the Lord, or disobedience, those who are obedient, will come out on His

right hand, and have life everlasting, and the opposite, doom eternally.

In Branch No. 1, on Nov. 19th., we had a beautiful lesson found in Jeremiah 1st. Chapter. All seemed to have enjoyed themselves to the fullest. The Quartet sang, "I will Pilot Thee." The second speaker was Bro. Concetto Alessandro, who went along with the subject, of the call of Jeremiah, and spoke of the great work, that God had called him to do, and how He had preserved him to bring forth truth and righteousness, even to the very end of his life. In the afternoon the service was introduced by Bro. Anthony Scholaro, who just returning from the G. M. B. A. meeting in Aliquippa, was full of inspiration and spoke well, accompanied by the spirit of the Lord. While the sacrament was being administered, the Lord spoke, and said, that if we remain faithful, He will bless us to the end of the world. A bro. who has been cast down for some time, testified, that some time ago, God spoke to Him, after he had petitioned the Lord, why He had forsaken him, and said, I have never left you alone, and I never will, since then he has never failed to be provided for.

On Thanksgiving day, Nov. 23rd., in Branch No. 1, service was introduced by Bro. Concetto Alessandro. He read a portion of Scripture found in 1st. Nephi, 13th. Chapter 12th. and 13th. verses, also 15th. and 16th. verses, our bro. spoke of Christopher Columbus, mysteriously finding the Promised land. Later the Pilgrim fathers, left England and went to Holland in 1608, spent about 12 years in Lyden, returned to England, and migrated to the New World, reaching Plymouth, Mass. Dec. 21st. 1620, on the Mayflower. When they reached these shores, they knelt upon the ground, and gave thanks to God. God greatly prospered them through many difficulties, and in 1863, Abraham Lincoln made, Thanksgiving Proclamation, which has been retained down to our day, by succeeding Presidents. This commemoration, also reminds us of the Jaredites, who when they reached the Promised land, knelt down upon the ground, and gave thanks to Almighty God. There were many wonderful testimonies, verifying that the spirit of God, was working in our midst. The Choir sang, "God

bless America." A sister asked to be prayed for, that the fruits of the spirit, may always abide with her, another sister, had an experience, wherein the Lord, spoke and said, He was pleased with the way we were working, we should continue to work faithfully, and we will see greater manifestation in our midst.

On Sunday, Nov. 26th., the service was introduced in Branch No. 1, by Bro. Dominic Moraco. He spoke from Numbers 21st. Chapter, 4th. verse, to the end of the 9th. verse, and give us an inspiring talk, everyone felt blessed to hear him. On this Sunday a child was blessed, with a good feeling in our midst. On Sunday Dec. 3rd. in Windsor, our speakers were, Bros. Dominic Thomas, Otto Henderson, and Cliff Burgess, with their talks, and wonderful testimonies. We surely spent a wonderful time in Windsor. May God abundantly bless, all our bros. and sisters, throughout the Church, with much love, is the prayer of your bro. in Christ. Matthew T. Miller.

PHYSICIANS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SMOKING

In discussing lung cancer, a spokesman of the Israel Medical Association said that Israelis should be scared more and smoke less.

He noted with satisfaction that the Israel Defense Forces have made an important contribution to the effort to prevent the youth from becoming addicted to the tobacco habit: as of now, soldiers will not automatically receive a daily ration of cigarettes on a take it or leave basis, but will have the choice to take the cigarettes or receive their value in cash. Thus, the Medical Association hopes many a young man, who would otherwise start smoking during his Army service, will prefer to spend the money on sweets, or soft drinks.

FIVE NEW DESERT CITIES

An industrial city is now being planned on the windswept plateau in those bleak Judean hills near the ancient Canaanite kingdom of Arad. It is expected that in the next five years there will be a city of 10,000 inhabitants located here to be called Arad, the most northern of the five new desert cities that are to be built during the next decade. It was here that the Hebrew people were halted in their march into the Promised Land, as record-

ed in Numbers 14:45. This new city is to be built four miles east of the mound that covers the ancient city of Arad.

"Jewish Hope"

III Nephi 11-10, 11—"Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world. (A very plain statement on the part of the Saviour, WHC) And behold I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I (Jesus Christ WHC) have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning."—While Jesus was on the cross suffering the will of His Father He cries out, "My God! My God, why hast thou forsaken me."

SISTER SHAZER IS POORLY (December)

The Ladies Circle of Vanderbilt, Pa. met at the church and packed a basket of fruit for Sister Shazer who had just returned from the hospital in Harlan, Kentucky. She looks somewhat improved, but is very poorly. In the affliction that has befallen her, she has lost her voice. But being at home and the visits of the brothers and sisters seems to help her. Brother Shazer has quite a lot on his shoulders, but apparently is bearing up well. His wife needs constant care. She was very glad to have the Sisters to call on her and they sang some Christmas Carols and Brother King led in prayer while with her. The Sisters say that they will not neglect her. A helping hand is needed along with the prayers of us all in behalf of Sister Shazer.

Brother Shazer was at meeting the first Sunday after returning home from Kentucky—we enjoyed his testimony of his experience among the different Church people down there.

Sister Margaret King

III Nephi 28-7—"Therefore, more blessed are ye, for ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men, even until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father, when I (Jesus Christ) shall come in my glory with the powers of heaven."

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

A WRITEUP ABOUT NEPHI, THE SON OF LEHI "Faithful Nephi"

He is the first writer in the Book of Mormon as it has come down to us. And, it is really a Book of Wonders that has made its appearance in these last days in fulfillment of Prophets of God—It is, along with its writer: A book of, And a **Man of Wonders** in the Purposes of the All Wise God.

He begins his writings on page 1 of the book that bears his name, Titled The First Book of Nephi. And his first utterance is: I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, (not ashamed to acknowledge his Parents as Godly, though the book is despised by a learned world today) therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, therefore I make a record of my proceedings in my days. Yea, I make a record in the language of my father, which consists of the learning of the Jews and the language of the Egyptians."

It is well known that the Nation of Israel was in bondage to the Egyptians for several hundred years, therefore Nephi makes it known to us that his father was versed in their language as well as his own—the Jews. Therefore, Nephi makes this record with his own hand and he says: "I know that the record I make is true; and I make it with mine own hand." A very positive statement of truth and veracity on the part of the **writer**.

He informs us here that his father Lehi, had dwelt in Jerusalem in all his days and at this time which was about 600 B.C., prophets were declaring the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people would repent. At that time as his father went forth he was given a wonderful experience and began to prophesy of the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place in the days of Zedekiah king of Judah. These prophets did not only prophesy of the destruction of Jerusalem, but of the coming of a Messiah, and also the redemption of the world. These things angered the Jews against Lehi and the other prophets and they cast them out as they

did the prophets of old.

It is not my desire to dwell upon the writings of the father of Nephi too much, neither was it the desire of Nephi to do so. He had made an abridgement of his father's writings, and apparently Nephi was very anxious to bring to the front the wonderful experiences he had passed through himself.

The mission that his father had sent him on, to secure the plates which were in the hands of Laban, was a wonderful mission. Nephi verified the statement: "there is nothing impossible to those who believe." While obtaining the plates were apparently inevitable, yet his faith in the command of God prevailed and he was victorious over all opposition and he secured that which God had sent them to obtain. And too, while he was the youngest of the four brothers, it was his **prevailing faith** that eventually brought the colony to the land of promise and which is awaiting their return, to the family and fold of God.—A land that is choice above all others saith God.

There is nothing definite about Nephi's age that I know of, but it is evident that he was a very young man when the family left Jerusalem 600 years B.C. His faithfulness to his father and to his God, has certainly caused him to become a **Man of note** to any or all who may have any conception of the purposes of God in the last days. **No one** who reads the Book of Mormon can wisely ignore his teaching or counsel. He says "I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father." His writings certainly prove that he was not an **ignoramus** nor **fanatic**—for had his counsel been heeded his peoples' end as it occurred on the Hill Cumorah would never have been. His **learning** as dispensed to others proved the **fact**, that his character was one to reckon with in the days that are past, and it will bear the same scrutiny today. His prophetic utterances have born upon this Gentile nation in its rise and formation thus far; and it will not cease to bear on it as long as it stands—this Gentile nation of people with all their wisdom and power, will yet be trampled under the feet of Israel, unless they repent of their sins, and make amends for their treatment of aborigines of this land of America known to us as American Indians. Nephi's words will bear these statements out. He was not caught up on Mountain Tops for an idle purpose.

I wish to draw your attention to his vision as is recorded in the 11, 12, 13, and 14th chapters of his writings in the First Book of Nephi. This is a matter that is troubling this Christian world today by the **apparent** most wise and intelligent of the Christian **era** and **area**. In verse 8 of chapter 11, he is to see a man descending out of heaven and he is to bear witness that he is the Son of God. In verse 18 he sees a **virgin**, and she is the mother of the Son of God, after manner of the flesh, then in verse 20 he beholds the virgin bearing the child in her arms. And the angel said unto me: (Nephi) Behold the Lamb of God, yea, the **Son of the Eternal Father!** The angel refers to the personage as the Son of the Eternal Father, Jesus certainly corroborates that statement—for He **says** and **teaches** that He was with the Father before the world was. He says: I created the world and all things therein.

Nearing the close of Nephi's days here in the world, he gives us the following testimony: "But, be-

hold, my beloved brethren, thus came the voice of the Son unto me, saying: After ye have repented of your sins, and witnessed unto the Father that ye are willing to keep my commandments, by the baptism of water, and have received the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, and can speak with a new tongue, yea, even with the tongue of angels, and after this they should deny me, it would have been better for you that ye had not known me. Then Nephi hears the

words of the Father as follows: "And I heard a voice from the Father, saying: Yea, the words of my Beloved (Son) are true and faithful. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

P.S. I have have quoted much of what is the testimony of Nephi the faithful son of Lehi. I expect to continue this course with various characters in the Book of Mormon.

Brother Cadman

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,"
Psalms 119:105

Dear Girls and Boys,

As you read your Bible did you ever wonder how it came to us? It is a long story but I will try to tell it to you. Many, many years ago records and stories were kept on scrolls. The only books people had were made from the skins of sheep, goats and calves, the same as their scrolls and parchments. The finest of all was made from the skins of new-born lambs. The scrolls were sometimes called sticks. There were men called monks who spent their time in buildings, called monasteries, copying books. They also cared for the sick and fed the hungry.

There was one monk named Jerome, who was head of a monastery. He studied Hebrew so that he might translate the Old Testament from Hebrew into Latin. He then translated the New Testament from Greek into Latin. His translation was called the Vulgate. In those days many copies were written of Jerome's Bible. The monks were very skillful in copying each letter. They used colored ink with colors that never faded. Sometimes at the beginning of a new page or verse the first letter would be made in a design of silver or gold ink. Some of these writings, written by monks, thousands of years ago, may still be read today.

Finally the Bible came to England. The king permitted a monastery and a christian church to be built. Here the monks lived and taught the people. They had the Latin Bible. There was a minister and teacher in the University of Oxford named John Wycliffe, who became interested in the Bible. He felt it should be written in a lan-

guage that all the people could understand. He saw that the people enjoyed the Bible stories told by the minstrels and story-tellers. Wycliffe trained men to go among the poor and tell the teachings of Jesus, in a way they could understand. But if this band of men were to do this, they needed the Bible in English. About 1380 Wycliffe and his leaders translated the Latin Bible into English. They suffered much for what they believed about the Bible.

Before Columbus discovered America there was a man in England named William Tyndale. He lived during the exciting age when new lands were being discovered. Whenever a new country was discovered it wasn't long until the Bible was the first book to be printed. There was a man in Germany, named Johann Gutenberg, who made movable letters out of wood called type. He fastened them tightly into a wooden frame. From this printing press he printed the Bible in Latin. One of these precious books came into Tyndale's hands. He felt it should be translated so that all kinds of people could read it. He had Wycliffe's English Bible, but he thought he could make one, more like the Greek New Testament. Some of the leaders of the English church did not appreciate his work. He was ready to put his New Testament together when he was warned to leave England. His enemies said he was an enemy of God. Quickly he left and went to a city where Martin Luther, a German, was preaching. His enemies followed him and tried to get his books and burn them. But the people hid them in many places. Tyndale was driven from city to city, put in prison and later put to death.

There came a time in England when some people wanted the church to be different, to be purer. They came to King James with their suggestions. These people were called Puritans. The king didn't listen to many of their suggestions. But it was about this time in 1600, that he appointed 54 men to work on translating part of the Bible from Hebrew and Greek. They were divided into groups. It was a big task and the book was not printed until 1611. This version has been called The King James Version, the one our church uses. It has been considered the most beautiful language and nearer correct of all the translations.

In the time of Jesus' ministry, scrolls were read in the temple of the Old Testament. The followers of Jesus told the things they had remembered about Him. They prayed the way He taught them. The stories Jesus told were called parables. Some of His disciples wrote these things, which are in the New Testament.

Later there was a famous man named Paul, or Saul of Tarsus, who began writing letters. He wrote to the churches he had visited and to his friends. Some were written by a scribe. Some he wrote while in prison. These letters no doubt were very comforting as they were read in their churches. Some were full of good advice and cheerful news. Paul taught them how to live as followers of Christ. Later all these letters became part of the New Testament.

The Bible is the greatest book ever written. It is said, ten million copies a year are sold. It is really a library of books, containing law, history, poetry, love, wise sayings, hymns, prophesy and sermons. It has been translated in 800 languages, even the blind can read it. It was written by rich, poor, prophets, fishermen and kings. We study the Bible to learn how to live a better life, to follow the

Master who lived a perfect life, a pattern for each of us.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. How many books are in the Old Testament?
2. What is the shortest book of the Bible?
3. The first 4 books in the New Testament are known as the Gospels or "GOOD News". Who wrote each?
4. How many books are in the New Testament?
5. What book could be called the "hymn book" of the Bible? Who wrote it?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

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Richard Curry, son of Brother and Sister James Curry of Elizabethtown, Pa. is scheduled to study for six months at Mexico City College in Mexico City where he will be a transient student from Kent University in Kent, Ohio. He is a sophomore Spanish major at the Ohio school.—Richard, the Gospel News wishes you well.

Editor Cadman

ANTI-SEMITISM

A new and stepped-up campaign of anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli propaganda has been launched in the Soviet Union, according to articles culled from the controlled Communist press. The articles have appeared in Pravda Ukrainy, organ of the Communist Party of the Ukraine; in Sovetskaya Ekonomicheskaya Gazetta, and in the leading Soviet newspapers in Moldavia, Latvia and White Russia.

ROSCOE NEWS

The sisters from the Jefferson, Rock Run, and Monongahela Circles met with the sisters of the Roscoe, Pa. Branch, to organize a Ladies Uplift Circle. Testimonies were enjoyed as to how the Circle work had helped the sisters of the Church. Sister Ethel Crosier read Psalm 139. The organization was conducted by Sister Mabel Bickerton, president of the General Circle. Brother Herbert Hemmings offered prayer for guidance in this new Circle. Sister Irene Griffiths was elected president. The sisters wish to express their thanks and appreciation to those interested who came to help organize a Circle in Roscoe.

Sister Irene Griffiths

WHITE OAK, CALIFORNIA

Dear Editor:

I am writing a few lines about our trip to Wapakala, South Dakota. Our whole family went and we had a good trip. The Lord was with us all the way. The deserts were very hot and uncomfortable, but we tried to make the best of it. When we arrived in Wapakala, at our humble church building, Sister Furnier was there to greet us. Brother Furnier was holding a meeting at the time. We went into the meeting and was happy to see all their faces. We had the privilege of meeting brother and sister DeMarrias, whom we heard of many times. We also met sister Hilda Tiona, another wonderful sister. Also brother Henry Three Legs and his wife. They are still trying their best to hold meetings and serve the Lord.

We stayed in Wapakala along with brother and sister Furnier for two weeks and held meetings about every night. God's spirit was made manifest in our midst. I felt it such a blessing and privilege to be able to spend some time with God's chosen people. I am so thankful in my heart that we, the Gentile people have a privilege to know and love this wonderful gospel restored in these last days. I want to do what I can to help bring this gospel back to God's chosen people, for I love them.

We had the privilege to meet brother Isaac Usefulheart and his family. We felt a great blessing in spending a while with him and hearing him preach in his own language as well as in ours. He is up in age, but he still can get up and sing a solo with such a strong voice—(just like Bro. Will—we love to hear your voice.)

While in Wapakala, brother and sister Aldous drove in from Rapid City, a distance of 350 miles to meet with us in our church on the same Sunday as brother Usefulheart. We really had a wonderful day in the service of the Lord.

The time came for us to return home. We hated to leave them, because they are alone there, but we are sure that the Lord will always be with them to bless and keep them in His loving care. Maybe some day God will grant us the privilege to see their faces again. We shall always remember this trip, as it was a wonderful experience to us. We trust that we were

a blessing to our brothers and sisters in Wapakala.

I would like to add along with this. We admire the great zeal and desire our brother and sister Furnier have in this great work, for it is not an easy life to live there. May God bless them always in our prayer. I must not fail to mention that brother and sister King who were so nice to drive brother and sister Furnier all the way to South Dakota.

Sincerely,
Sister Grace Brutz

A LETTER FROM OUR CONVERTED JEWESS—

"SISTER PERDUE"

(December 12, 1961)

Dear Brother Cadman:

We trust you will have a nice Christmas and that you are well. The weather has been very cold up here in the mountains. All of these families suffer for the lack of heat in their homes and go to bed early to try and keep warm. With the rains, their pitiful houses leak and cause the ground (which is their floor) to become muddy. Not only that, but you can imagine what happens to a cardboard house when it rains. Many of the children go without shoes or wear shoes that are either too big or are badly torn.

They started to build a school up here in the mountains, but for the lack of funds had to quit. Many of these children do not go elsewhere because of the lack of fare and the requirements of the schools which they cannot afford. There is hardly any work out here and the suffering is acute. We do pray that God will soon do something for these people who are of the Seed of Joseph. (Commonly known as Indians.)

About two weeks ago our sister Maria (wife of Elder Luis Urias) had a vision where she saw all of us in a Wednesday night meeting. Where the door is, she saw a large pillar. Inside of the church on this pillar was a seat where she saw the Lord sitting. Then she saw Him stand up, and walk into the meeting and wave His arm over the congregation. She heard her husband preaching in great power and also heard the gift of tongues spoken. Shortly after her vision on a Wednesday night, the powers of heaven did come down. Brother Luis was preaching and when he

said that someday we would see the Lord enter the room through the door, it seemed that after these words were spoken. It wasn't brother Luis speaking any more, because it was so powerful that some fell to their knees sobbing. It was glorious.

Last Sunday, Dec. 10th. my husband (Bro. Perdue) called me up to be annointed for illness. He stated that the Spirit told him I was to be annointed. Brother Luis prayed for me and again it seemed that the heavens opened up and he presented me to the Lord as the seed of Judah (Sister Perdue is a Jewess) and mentioned that these people (Mexicans) out here, the seed of Joseph were related and during his prayer he spoke in the Gift of Tongues under this wonderful power of God — and we thank God for this, it being the first time in Mexico.

We know that God is going to restore His gifts to His Church and we are waiting for this day—Continue to remember us in prayer, brother Cadman. Say 'Hello to all out there.

Sincerely,
Sister Perdue

P.S. Tomorrow baptism No. 30. Sister Perdue, I am grateful for your letter— it brings tears to my eyes. I would, that I could be carried away on the wings of the Spirit and set down by your little church on the mountain tops in Mexico. Sincerely Brother Cadman

EXPERIENCE OF MARIA JESUS B. DE URIAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I wish to relate my experience that I had when the Lord led me to his church. Being an unbelieving woman the Lord had mercy on me. I did not believe in the Book of Mormon. I used to see my husband read it but I didn't take any interest in it. One day I told my husband that there is no other book besides the Bible that speaks the truth, but the day came that the Lord softened my heart. I was at home very busy washing clothes when suddenly someone spoke close to my ear saying "Leave all your work and read the Book of Mormon." I went into my room and sat down. I picked up the book and I started to read from the beginning of the book and I kept thinking of the vision Joseph Smith had had and I started to cry. I then read all of the Book of Nephi. After

this the Lord gave me a dream as follows: I saw a window with a beautiful light and in there was a brilliant personage who talked to me and told me, "Take these books." They were the Bible and the Book of Mormon. He also told me that these two books were as one. I was very much afraid to reach for these books. He then told me "Take them because you need them for your own good." I awoke very contented.

I thank my God for his mercy toward me. In the morning after this dream I told my husband what I had dreamed and we were all very happy. I thank God for the truth I have found. I am writing this for the honor and glory to the Lord.

Sister Maria Jesus B. De
Urias
Tijuana, Mexico

STORES AT DEFIANCE WITH THE LAW

Dear Readers:

What wonderful stores the Super-market Stores are, though their existence in just a few years, has almost eliminated the smaller stores which dispensed the necessary food for so long. And too, the smaller stores were generally satisfied (with few exceptions) with being open six days a week. But the Supermarkets are not satisfied with having almost monopolized the business—they are now defying state law relative to opening for business on Sunday, which is the day we endeavor to hold in honor to our God, of which the Bible says He rested from all His labours on the seventh day. (I am aware that there is some controversy as to the day we observe—Sunday or Saturday). But our legislators have specified the closing of Sunday in this case.

As I read the public press, one of our Judges has disregards for the law in one instance and has not interfered with other cases. President Sabel of the Meat Cutters Council, blasts the Judge and maintains that law enforcement agencies should enforce the law until the case reaches the State Supreme Court—which to my mind is very reasonable on his part. May I ask, Why should a Judge of the law acquiesce to the breaking of the law—To me, He should realize that our legislators and our Supreme Court are his superiors in the matter.

We talk a great deal about Russia and its atheism. Yet while in this U.S.A. we talk so much about Christianity, and we send missionaries all over the world to teach, and at home in our Sabbath Schools we teach our children to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy, etc. It causes a person to wonder who is the worse in the sight of God—a nation who openly disbelieves that He is, or a nation who will praise His Name and declare on our medium of exchange "In God We Trust" and yet trample the law of the Sabbath under our feet in which He has provided that all His creatures might rest and honor his name.

People young and old who want to obey the law of God can hardly do so, because of the doings of those in authority throwing the gate wide open.

Editor

M. B. A. GATHERING AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On October 15, 1961 the Bronx-Brooklyn M.B.A. Local gathered together at Idlewild Airport to welcome Brothers Dan Cassasanta and Chester Nolfi, coming from Pittsburgh on their way to Italy. We were waiting for the plane which was arriving at 7:00 p.m. The brothers came from the plane into the waiting room and were very surprised to see us all especially since they had no way of knowing if any one would be there to meet them. We greeted one another with great joy and a wonderful blessing was felt in our midst for the great privilege even to be able to share in a small way of the great work of God to be accomplished by the efforts of these brothers.

We had the opportunity to be together for about two hours. We each had an experience or a few words of firm belief in the true Church of Jesus Christ, and the various directions the Lord shows His children as to right path we must take to be saved in the kingdom of God.

We also had some coffee and cake before departure time for the brothers.

We also had a few words of prayer and words of encouragement for our brothers.

The brothers expressed their happiness in seeing us gathered together with them in their last few moments before leaving for Italy,

and assuming the task of spreading the Gospel of the Lord and maintaining all the Saints in the love of God, by giving them encouragement and teachings in the straight path the Saints must tread on the earth until the Lord calls us to our rest.

It soon was time for the brothers to board the plane and we parted from one another in the love.

We all went on the observation deck to see the plane take off. As it started we devoted once again a few words of prayer in behalf of our brothers safe travel and prosperous results in their missionary endeavors.

May God bless them.

Sister Belle Rose

AMELIA CAPONE PASSES ON

Our beloved Sister Amelia Capone passed on to her reward in a home of peace and rest with God. She was born in Rotella, Italy on July 9, 1897, and came to the United States in the year 1916. She obeyed the Gospel and was baptized on September 14, 1930, in the Church of Jesus Christ. She was highly esteemed by all the brothers and sisters who know her, for her kindness, humility and consideration for others.

She is survived by her Husband Brother Joseph Capone and her married daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Catalano, residing in Harrison, N. Y.

Sister Capone was a member of the Bronx Branch of the Church. Brothers Vincent Lupo and Dominick Rose officiated at the funeral service held at the Craft Memorial Home, Port Chester, N. Y. on March 7, 1961.

Interment took place at the Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye, N. Y.

May the Lord Bless and comfort her loved ones.

Sister Belle Rose

BOOKS THAT ARE MENTIONED OR NAMED IN THE BIBLE THAT ARE NOT FOUND THEREIN.

Book of the Wars of the Lord—Num. 21-14.

Book of Jasher—Josh. 10-13. 2nd Samuel. 1-18.

Book of Acts of Solomon. I Kings. 11-41.

Book of Samuel the Seer, and Nathan the Prophet, and Gad the

Seer. I Chron. 29-29.

Book of Abijah the Prophet, and Vision of Iddo the Seer. 2nd Chron. 9-29.

Book of Shemaiah the Prophet, 2nd Chron. 12-15.

Book of the Story of the Prophet Iddo. 2nd Chron. 13-22.

Book of Jehu. 2nd Chron. 20-34.

The Story of the Book of the Kings. 2nd Chron. 24-27.

Book of the Acts of Uzziah. 2nd Chron. 26-22.

The Acts of Manassah, written among the Sayings of the Seers. 2nd Chron. 33-18,19.

The Lamentations of Israel were written but are not to be found. 2nd Chron. 35-25.

The Prophecy of Uriah. Jeremiah. 26-20.

First Epistle to the Corinthians I Cor. 5-9.

Epistle Concerning the Common Salvation. Jude 3rd verse.

Prophecy of Enoch. Jude 14th verse.

The books above mentioned cannot be found in the Bible. But the Book of Mormon is the book which now comes under special notice. Although the name Mormon is not mentioned, yet the character of the Book, its purposes and designs, and also the incidents and circumstances attending its coming forth, together with its importance, is more particularly pointed out than any other book that is not found in it. There are many passages of scripture which have a special reference to the Book of Mormon, but we shall notice them one at a time for the present during the introduction of this investigation. The 29th chapter of Isaiah points out the Book in a direct manner. The 11th and 12th verses thus:

Verse 11—"And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, read this, I pray thee; and he saith I cannot, for it is sealed."

Verse 12—"And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, read this I pray thee; and he saith I am not learned."

The reader will observe that in these two verses there are four distinct objects specifically pointed out: the vision, the Book, the learned man and the unlearned man. There is a vast amount of irrefutable evidence that can be presented to show that the book spoken of in these two verses is the Book of

Mormon. The 18th and 19th verses explain the character of the Book. "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the Book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness."

Verse 19—"The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel."

We invite all to read the 29th chapter of Isaiah carefully and prayerfully.

(Editor)

THE RIGHTEOUS IS DELIVERED OUT OF TROUBLE

Today we hear much said about great destruction being eminent, as we observe the nations of the world all striving for power or prestige, striving one against another arming themselves with the most destructive armaments man has ever known, the assumption being the nations have the potential destructive power to annihilate each other, or perhaps all human life on the earth. I do not believe any one should close his eyes or mind to what is happening in this our present day and age, all that is happening in this age, is occurring because God is permitting it to occur. It appears the vast majority of people are not aware of the fact that God exercises His control over the nations today, the same as He has in all other eras of time. Some would appear to believe that God does not know or care who rules the nations. Can anyone believe that Mr. Khrushchev is in power in Russia, or Mr. John F. Kennedy is president of the United States just because circumstances of events placed them there? Verily no, the Lord permitted them to be placed there for a purpose and time will reveal what that purpose is. But He knows more about Mr. Khrushchev than all the people in Russia, more about Mr. Kennedy than all the people in America. He, being the Supreme Ruler knows all about them and what is in their hearts, the same as He knows what is in all our hearts.

The Scriptures make it plain that eventually, God is going to bring His judgment upon the nations because of their wickedness and because their hearts have been given to idol gods and materialism, etc. But why should the righteous live in fear of this potential destruction? I do not think this a cynical

question to ask any Saint of God, when the answer has been given many times. Let us take I Nephi, 22:16 "For the time soon cometh that the fulness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men; for He will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous. Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it so be that the fulness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet. They shall be saved even if it so be as by fire." Then we read, "The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the Earth." (permanently.) Apostle Peter said, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers." Thus we see the **RIGHTEOUS OR SAINTS OF GOD** commands His Divine protection, because He is committed to their deliverance and His promises cannot fail. There are many examples of this in both Bible and Book of Mormon where He has protected the righteous, while executing His judgments upon the unrighteous. Perhaps someone may ask who are these Saints of God? All who worship God in Spirit and Truth.

Potentially, every person who has repented and been baptized for the remission of their sins, by the Restored Authority of Jesus Christ. Not necessarily everyone who may have his name on the church roll, or call himself Saints by name. But that is a matter which must be settled between the individual and God who is the Almighty Judge. It suffices me to know that He has many precious and faithful saints, living and serving Him in this day and age in righteousness. When wicked Sodom was about to be destroyed, the Lord sent two Angels to save four people, Lot, his wife and two daughters. Apparently they hesitated or lingered a little too long, the Angels took them each by his hand and led them out of the city and said, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in the plain, escape to the Mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so my Lord." Apostle Peter said, he was a righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and

hearing, vexed his righteous soul, etc. In many respects Lot was like us today. Undoubtedly he had ties in Sodom as wicked as it was it had been his home, we can assume he had relatives, friends, property, etc. there. We do not read where God has ever destroyed one righteous person while pouring out His judgment upon the wicked, nor will He destroy any in His future judgments to come upon the earth. Though like Lot, He may have to compel them to flee to a place of safety, or even send an Angel to lead them out of danger.

This is **MY FAITH IN THE PROMISES OF GOD**, I will stand or fall trusting in His arm of mercy. Nevertheless, many of the righteous may have to give their lives for the cause of Christ, for their testimony of Him and His Gospel. Persecutions have been the lot of the righteous in all ages. The Saviour said, "If they have persecuted Me, they will persecute you." Jesus warns us by saying, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." It is probable, we may have to suffer much persecution, or even give our life at the hands of men. We have no sure promise that we shall escape with our mortal life. Like a valiant soldier, the righteous is engaged in a life or death struggle with the powers of evil. There can be no compromise, retreat or surrender, only victory will suffice regardless of what sacrifices it may require. We are told, "That in the last days perilous times shall come." These are perilous times in which we are living. This just about everyone will agree with I am certain, but in all probability, they will get even worse in the future. Jesus spoke of a time when men's hearts would fail them for fear, for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: I believe you will agree that He was not referring to, or speaking of the righteous, or Saints in this instance. These times should come as no great surprise to God's people, and certainly should not cause no great consternation among them. Jesus said, not even a sparrow falls to the earth without the notice of the Heavenly Father, He went on to say His people were of much more value than many sparrows. Yes, He sees everyone of His Saints, His

eyes are constantly watching over them, and He will not permit any demoniacal war lord to destroy the nations, or the world irrespective of His people. God is not partial in fulfilling His promises. We cannot assume that He dealt more favorably with His former Saints, than He will with those of the latter days.

"Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until He have done it, and until he have performed the intents of His heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it." Jer. 30:23-24. Here the Lord speaks through Jeremiah the Prophet, of the time yet in the future when He will pour out His indignation upon the wicked living here in the flesh. This will coincide with the Lord restoring His blessings to Israel, in a marvelous and miraculous way.

"At the same time, saith the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people." This is the beginning of that glorious event the establishment of latter day Zion, that the Saints have hoped for and anticipated since the Restoration of the Gospel. "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the tops of the Mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come and say, Come let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the Law shall forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Mic. 4:1-2. As many of the Gentiles as will repent, and be baptized and live righteously will be included in this great work. It is beyond any question of doubt that Satan will endeavor to frustrate this great work, by any and all means at his command. But God will not permit him to frustrate His designs and purposes, which ultimately will bind and shut him up in the bottomless pit for a thousand years. I want to repeat if we will live righteously before God we have nothing to fear, this should be the abiding faith of every servant of God. Joseph Bittinger

ARIZONA

Dec. 29, 1961

Dear Brother Cadman,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and the brothers and sisters throughout the Church a Happy & blessed New Year.

The Lord continues to bless and take care of us here in Arizona. Brother Ether Furnier and family make the 100 mile trip to the San Carlos Reservation every Sunday to assist Brother Dan Picciuto; while Brother Phil Damore has been taking care of the Mission in Phoenix.

There is usually a good attendance for Sunday School and morning service in the little Church on the Reservation. Thus far, however, there are only seven that have accepted the Gospel, one brother and six sisters. Several of them have had some fine experiences from the Lord; we hope these will help to strengthen their faith.

Our meetings in Phoenix are held in the home of Brother & Sister Galante on Sunday and in the various brothers and sisters homes on Wednesday nights. We've had visitors from the East which has helped to encourage and lift us up. It is so good to see the faces of those from whom we've been separated. Brother Alma Cadman has spent some time with us and has gone on to California now.

I hope this finds you well as we pray that God will bless you always for your many endeavors in the Church.

Sincerely,
Sister Ann Damore

**EXCERPTS OF A LETTER
RECEIVED FROM**

Sister Edith Genaro of California
Dear Brother Cadman,

We have visited the church in Tijuana, Mexico—and our eyes behold a condition which our minds alone cannot comprehend. May the Lord hasten the day that they may receive His gospel with open-hearts and be delivered from their sins.

I know if any one had told me that many of these people do not even have a roof to cover them and the rains run through their shacks down the Mountain sides, it would be hard to visualize what they were speaking of. We all have more groceries in our homes before we go shopping, than you would find in their little stores. Surely God has preserved them according to

His word; He will remember them with great mercies. May this letter find you still enjoying God's blessing of health, and peace and love.

Sister Edith Genaro

ST. JOHN, KANSAS

My Beloved Brother Cadman,

I have desired to send something to the gospel news for sometime. Here is a poem written by my Scotch grandfather whose vision of the Lord I learned upon his knee. He was a medical missionary in pioneer days. He ran away from his wealth and family in Scotland and a medical career to seek liberty and to serve the Lord according to the dictates of his heart. He was like a Moses to me; though he was truly seeking the church, never understood the Lord's church because of stumbling blocks of the Mormon practices. When I joined the church, it was the only time we disagreed because he had known only the Mormon Church and its polygamy. Following is the poem:

Time is passing, life is fleeting,
Like the Restless waves of the sea.
You are like vessels sailing
On the ocean's bosom free.
On life's ocean we are passing
To a sure eternity.
May your boat sail sure and swiftly
On its voyage o'er the sea.
May no tempest ere overcome you,
When the storms of life arise.
May I meet you in the Heavens
With Christ Jesus, true, ever true.
Sister Louise Robinson

A DREAM

(The following dream was had February, 1961, by Sister Mary Nolfi).

This dream starts at the beginning of life, on the ground floor of an immense building. There were children of all ages, starting from infancy and of every color and creed. Many toys and amusements for the little ones were present, and a personage seemed to be floating among them. He placed his hand on a child's head and looked down on him and said, "Be happy". The child looked up with a smile and said, "I happy." Then turning to one of the other children and with great pride said, "That's God."

In the center of this floor area were stairs and as the children reached the age of understanding, they made their way to the stairs.

Then a very thin chain, with a token suspended on it, became visible to me. But it was not visible to all the individuals wearing it. At least they were not aware of having it. This chain and token seemed to be born with all the children.

At the bottom of the stairs were two roads. An immense area on the left was taken up by a club with the inscription, "Demon Club." The members of this club were loud and boisterous as if having the spirit of confusion. On the right was another road with the inscription "Join Christ or Cremate." These two roads ran in the opposite directions; the "Join Christ" in a gradual uphill climb and the "Demon Club", in a gradual downhill slope. At the beginning of the "Join Christ" road was a turnstile, the only way of entry. To enter, one had to use the token which he wore suspended on the silver chain. It was the only way to unlock the turnstile for individual entry, but the token was still retained by the member.

On the inside of the turnstile stood several men on a platform, and I recognized Brother Dan Casanta and Brother Chester Nolfi. Bro. Chester was advising members to pay close attention to Bro. Dan's instructions in the way of conducting oneself to remain in an upright position and to pay particular attention to the many pitfalls and stumbling blocks along the way. Immediately upon entering, Bro. Dan suspended a shiny tray around each member's neck. The tray was filled with an assortment of food. He then proceeded with the instructions. Bro. Dan's instructions were; "The way is hard and the road is rough at times, but if you use the booths often and apply humility, it will be made easier for you. I can only teach you, guide you and pray with you, but I cannot walk your path for you. That is your individual journey. Always keep erect and alert and try not to stumble. When you stumble, you lose the food from your tray. Don't jostle one another so as not to dim your light." When Bro. Dan said, "Don't jostle one another," it seemed to me we all held a lighted candle, and it was revealed to me that the jostling meant not to hurt one another so as not to dim our own light because when we hurt one

another we harm ourselves spiritually. He went on to say, "Take one another by the hand and keep moving; eat from your trays so as not to weaken, and your trays will replenish themselves as you keep praying." As we looked about when Bro. Dan mentioned booths, there were many to be seen, marked S.O.S., which was revealed to me that it meant "Station Of Strength". Bro. Dan pleaded with each member to use the booths often, a station where our food supply was replenished so we would not die of starvation. I recognized a sister leading many around the pitfalls so they would not get hurt, and she pointed out to them the booths. Bro. Dan mentioned that in using the booths for a request, we were never to demand, but humbly ask and if we followed instructions wisely and reached the end of the road in an upright position, our reward would be guaranteed.

Running along the side of the road we were traveling was a fence, not a solid one which afforded privacy, but one from which we could see the members from the other club and be tempted if we weakened. The upper part of this fence was impregnable, but about a foot from the bottom was weak, even though it looked the same as the upper part. If one wanted to get off of this road, he had to be prostrate and had to dig the bottom of the fence which seemed to come apart as sand, but as soon as one individual escaped, the hole immediately closed behind him and the next member had to go through the same procedure. The road's end merged with the room which contained the small children from which could be seen a large archway. All that could be seen beyond the archway was a vast expanse of sunlit area.

If a member escaped from the lower part of the fence, I noticed that they still retained the token, but it had diminished in size and had lost its brightness.

While we were traveling on this road, one of my brothers stood in front of the turnstile. He seemed to want to enter and looked for the token which he found held between his fingers. Then someone from the "Demon Club" called to him and in the distraction he lost the token, became discouraged, and walked away. Meanwhile, we could

hear my mother's voice calling to my brother. He heard it but had no knowledge that we also heard it. After some time had elapsed, my brother stood before the turnstile for the second time, found the token, again lost it, and again he walked away.

Then, for the third time, we could hear my mother's voice calling him, telling him to remember how much the Lord had done for him. Again he stood before the turnstile where Bro. Dan, Bro. Chet and many others seemed to be pleading with him to use the token. I awakened with my brother concentrating on the turnstile and with the token clutched in his fingers.

Brother Dan having heard my dream instructed me to pray that we might have more interpretation of some phases of the dream which were not quite clear.

That night, on April 9, 1961, I dreamed we were at Bro. Dan's house having Bible study. Bro. Dan was relating a dream to us. While relating the dream, he said, "Remember this token, it is very important. On the inside are four corners; FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY and this knowledge that each individual needs baptism for the remission of sins. This is encircled and held together with a band of precious metal, which we call love."

McKees Rocks, Pa. Branch
(The late Conference authorized this dream to be published)

VARIOUS TITLES BY WHICH JESUS CHRIST IS KNOWN.

Dear Readers:

I remember in my youthful days, of my concern of the various names or titles which was used in referring to Jesus Christ the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. I was also confused as to the references to the people of Israel. I would hear the term, the tribes of Israel and, the twelve tribes of Israel. I would hear of the lost tribes of Israel, and the ten lost tribes. I would hear of old Israel (meaning old Jacob). I would hear of the Holy One of Israel (meaning the Saviour) and I read where the Lord told Jacob that his name would no more be Jacob, but Israel. I remember of old brother Arthur Bickerton (deceased I believe in 1903) using the term so much "The Israel of God" undoubtedly referring to, or meaning the Kingdom of

God. Many more terms might be mentioned that were used by various writers, in referring to the people of Israel.

It might be interesting to take note of the many terms which various writers, have referred to Jesus Christ — but be reminded of this fact, that the various appellatives or names used of a person; does not necessarily change his status — for instance, the various names or terms applied to Him, He is still the Only Begotten Son of God; ye must not lose sight of that fact. The first instance I will refer you to is in Genesis 3:15, the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head—her seed being universally conceded to have reference to Jesus Christ. He was the offspring of a woman, but not of man. And, while He was named Jesus Christ from heaven above — His status made plain, He was the Only Begotten Son of God.—When I was born into this world, my parents named me William Henry Cadman, and while I have been known by various names, yet, my legitimate name is still as my parents named me. My status has not changed in that respect, matterless of what others may have called me.

I do not expect to give all the various names or titles which have been, and still are applied to the Saviour, but I will refer to some of them. In Rev. 22:16—He says: "I am the root and the offspring of David; and the bright and morning star."

He is referred to as the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. He is referred to as the Master, as a Deliverer, the Holy Child Jesus, the Bridegroom, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lamb of God and Thomas is made to exclaim: "My Lord and my God." The prophet Isaiah in 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." The prophet seems to have so many appellatives for the wonderful child that was eventually born of the Virgin. I might add, all were very appropriate to Him whose Father was Eternal. Now turn to Isaiah 53rd chapter. He is referred to as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form

nor comeliness, and when we shall see him, there is **no beauty** that we should desire him. (very strange indeed WHC) He is despised and rejected, he is full of sorrows and grief; (Yet angels sang for joy at his birth WHC). Yet it pleased the Lord (his Father WHC) to bruise him; he put him to grief: He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. This was the child that was born to the Virgin, and he was legitimately named "Jesus Christ" from heaven. I might add, that because of the nature of his life, He was also known as a Shepherd.

While Jesus is spoken of as "God" on more than one occasion, bear in mind that He says himself that He is the creator of heaven and earth and all things. He says I was with the Father before the world was. He was introduced as Jesus Christ the Son of God on various occasions. He was introduced as such in his appearance to the Nephite people. In 31st chapter of Second Nephi — Nephi hears the Son's voice, then he hears the voice of the Father confirming the words of His Son. His status is recognized as God's Son by the Father in heaven before Jesus was yet born of the Virgin. Take note in your reading, and you will learn that the Father is titled "God", also take note that the "Son is titled likewise and on more than one occasion He prays to His Father in Heaven to make Him and His disciples (who were many WHC) one, even as Him and His Father are one. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are **one** in spirit and purpose, of which the disciples of Christ are required to be likewise. He surely did not pray for the many disciples to become one in person. Jesus Christ prayed to His Father while in the garden of Gethsemane in the anguish of His soul — Father, if possible let this hour pass from me. Again on the cross "My God. My God why hast thou forsaken me?" Was He praying to the wind? I have done thy will in all things, I have overcome the world—He might of well asked the second time, **WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?** I read that on one occasion an angel came to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. But His Father in heaven let Him suffer and die on the cross—nothing short of His Blood **could atone** for man's sins. Being faithful to

His Father who was in heaven—the grave could not hold Him. He rises triumphant and ascends into heaven with the promise that He will come again.

It will be interesting to note, that He was to be the **first-fruits** of them that slept, afterwards they that are His at His coming. It is very interesting indeed, to note that His mission is not yet finished, for He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet, (I Cor. 15:25, 26). The last enemy to be destroyed is death. He **must** reign until He hath put down all rule and all authority and power. But when He saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He (the Father) is excepted, which did put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. Therefore, the mission of Jesus Christ, (the Son of God) is not all over simply because He has overcome the grave and His followers with Him. He **must** reign until death and hell is finally cast into the lake of fire. Jesus Christ says He was with the Father before the world was, and such is the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ with headquarters in Monongahela, Pa. Our faith is as follows:

1st. We believe in God, the Eternal Father; and his Son Jesus Christ; and in the Holy Spirit; these three are the great matchless power that rules all things visible and invisible, for it is of him and through him that we receive all things both for this life and that which is to come.

2nd. We believe God, the Father, to be a personage of glory and that the Son is the express image of the Father, and that he was with the Father before the foundation of the world; and that in the fulness of time he came from the bosom of the Father and was born of the Virgin Mary according to the scripture, became man, suffered and died for the sins of the whole world, and on the third day he rose again and brought about the resurrection (according to the scriptures), and ascended up on high to sit at the right hand of God. Principalities and powers being subject to him, who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature; for by him were all things created that are in Heaven and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be

thrones or Dominions, Principalities or Powers; all things are created by him and for him; and he is before all things; and Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, the Beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence; for it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell, See Collosians first chapter. We believe also that he will come again the second time to Judge both the living and the dead according to the scriptures. We believe the Holy Ghost to be the **mind** of the Father and of the Son. (See II Cor. 4:4. Also Hebrews, 1:3. Also John's Gospel, 15), which is pure and holy, just and good, and is omnipresent, full of light, knowledge, and power, a discernor of the thoughts and intents of mankind." We only promise to sustain our Ministers in as much as they abide by the Church. So beware of all men who may teach otherwise.

W. H. Cadman,

President of the Church

DEAR READERS OF THE GOSPEL NEWS

Hasn't been too long since I sent a note to let you know that we had been blessed with a visit from Brother Cadman and now I am writing to let you know that Brother Cadman made us a return visit on his way home from visiting the Indian Mission in Arizona and of course we were all very happy to see our brother again. To know that he would come out of his way to see us when he could get on a plane and easily have passed us by gave us much encouragement.

Although we know that he was tired from his long train ride we, did enjoy his visit and pray that the Lord will richly repay him and we are thankful for the blessing he brought to our midst.

The brother and sisters in St. John are all endeavoring to keep true and faithful to the gospel and always hoping to see another soul obey and enjoy the rich blessings that come from obedience to it.

May we who know the joyful sound,
Still practice what we know;
Not hearers of the word alone,
But doers of it, too.
By acts of mercy let us show
We have not heard in vain
But kindly feel another's woe,
And long to ease his pain.

We trust these few lines to the Gospel News will find our brothers and sisters in Christ enjoying richly the blessings of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Sister Eva Delp

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Early in July of 1962 will be the 100th. anniversary of the organization date of The Church of Jesus Christ at Green Oak, Pa., with Headquarters now at Monongahela, Pa. We are planning a special paper for the occasion. Its success will depend very much on your co-operation extended to me.

You that wish to write of your experiences of coming into the church, and of historical events you have heard of or learned of—get busy and have your articles in my hands by about April the first, on typing sized paper, double spaced typing on one side of paper only. Please have it typed for me and save me a lot of work. I will reserve the right of checking all, or refusing to print any articles that I deem necessary. Though I am not anticipating anything of that kind.

In the way of suggestions, the California District could make it plain how you got started in your state including the work in Mexico. Likewise the various places of work among the Indian peoples could be taken care of from the various places. The work in Africa, Italy, and etc. Our Church Librarian could give us an account of the various publications of our literature.

Elder E. A. A. Arthur, Pres.
Otoro, Box 60, Abak, E. Nigeria
The President,
Church of Jesus Christ, U.S.A.
Dear Brother Cadman,

Greetings, to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you all are doing well.

This is to tell you the great work God did during the dedication and consecration of our new church at Ikot on Sunday 17-12-1961. I can assure you that over 700 people attended, to see for the first time the dedication of a church. Not the members of our churches only, but people from different denominations and churches attended and the place was packed full of people. How I wish you were here to



enjoy that wonderful occasion.

Your programme helped us very much and we were able to explain to the congregation the Book of Mormon, which for sometime has been a controversial issue. God helped me to deliver a wonderful and interesting sermon. Thank God those that broke away from our church were there to hear the sermon and the letters from the brothers over there. The Lord's name be praised. The whole priesthood attended and participated actively.

As it is, the labour is great but the labourers are few. So as to get people to assist in ministration, I beg to apply for special power or authority to ordain elders to join the shepherds. The flock is increasing and with as many elders as possible that are ordained, the easier the work is for us.

The programme was strictly followed. I read from III Nephi, chapt. 27:1-18 and I Nephi 13:24, 28, but took my text from I Kings, chapt. 8 verse 63. I expounded the lesson so much as God gave me the power and I felt within me that the glory of God reigned. From Colosians 1:18, I led them to see that God is the head in all things.

Although Brother Udou is not very well, he attended and addressed the congregation, telling them how God had used him to build the church here at Obie, Idot. So kindly remember him in your daily prayers, so that he may recover completely.

Elder E. A. A. Arthur

A LETTER FROM ITALY

(dated Nov. 23, 1961)

Dear Brother Cadman:

We hope this letter finds you in very good health. We pray the Lord will bless you continuously with health and strength. We thank God for a wonderful brother like you.

Well Brother Cadman we have seen a good bit of our brothers and sisters and Brother Dan has things pretty well in order. Of course there is a lot of work here. We just got back from the Isle of Ponza. On Monday Nov. 20, we had a baptism, a very humble brother. He is 40 years old. On Sunday Brother Dan asked him how he enjoyed the service—he answered "very good" now I want to be baptized. Bro. Bounofiglio from San Demetrio, Corone baptized him and Brother Dan confirmed him. Before we left we held a prayer meeting on Tuesday night in the home of Sister Darco Concetta. We really felt God's Spirit. It was a wonderful occasion. I will close for now. May God bless you always. Your brothers in Christ, Dan Casasanta and Chester Nolfi. (May the Lord bless you brothers who are labouring in Italy. Bro Cadman.)

II Cor. 9-6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."—Verse 7 "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

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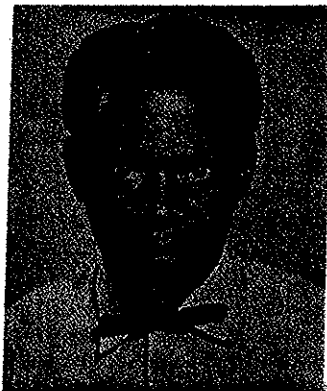
EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER OF

**BRO. 'A. B. CADMAN DATED
JANUARY 23, 1962
Anaheim, California**

Bro. Will:

I came back here on Sunday morning. Bro. Ben Cicata drove me here I had been in San Diego two weeks. Was in Mexico twice. They had four baptisms while I was there—baptized in the Ocean about 15 miles away. They have now 35 members. Bro V. J. Lovalvo was here two weeks ago. We have had lots of rain for three days and it is cool. I expect to be at the Bell branch next Sunday, and then on to Modesto. I had a card from Bro. Furnier. He tried to go to the Reservation one week end, but had to turn back on account of the snow.

I hope this finds you well. I am better, I was not well at Phoenix, sorry to hear of Bro. D'Amico's death. Brother and Sister Heaps send you their best wishes.



MOSES E. AKPAN

Above is a picture of Brother Moses E. Akpan who is attending school at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. In October Brother Moses addressed the Saturday evening meeting of Conference. He spoke on the conditions of the Church in Nigeria, and the need of a secondary school.

Brother Moses future plans are to obtain a degree in Education, so that when he returns to Nigeria he might be of service to his people and the Church especially in the project of the secondary school. The school will be called The Church of Jesus Christ Secondary School; and the faith and doctrine of the Church will be taught in its classes.

POEM

Truth, Oh truth, divinest light,
That lightest my soul's blackest night,
That giveth order to my mind,
From Him who's pitiful and kind.

Thy grace all needs doth comprehend,
My struggling will to Thee pray bend,
I crave Thy good within my soul,
To reunite, to make me whole.

Rebelling flesh on flesh would lean,
Support me, Father, keep me clean,
Renew Thy living word within,
In love's sure way, and dead to sin.

Oh God, my Father, Thee I love,
My only joy comes from above,
Thee alone can give delight,
To satisfy, reach heavenly height.

I love Thee Lord, my God, my All,
Thou hast invited me to call,
By invitation of sweet love,
And reach out to Thee above.

Incline me, love me, move me, pray,
Lull all my being by love's sway,
Till Thee alone my heart can reign,
From this perspective all is plain.
contributed by
Bro. Alex Robinson

LONGING FOR THE GATHERING HYMN NO. 6

(By the late Bro. Charles Ashton)

My sister Bertha Ashton Smith, composed this hymn. At the time she composed it, there was considerable joy among the brothers and sisters over the establishing of Zion on this land. In fact the blessing of God bore witness to our souls as the subject of, "Gathering in Zion" was preached and spoken of. The whole church, with very few exceptions, had cause to rejoice in happy anticipation of that event. According to my memory this joy remained in the Church for a period of seven years. Sufficient time for the Church to become rooted and grounded in the building of Zion on this land and the gathering of Israel. Based on this doctrine and the spirit which accompanied it, my sister Bertha, was inspired to write this hymn. It has been disputed as to her composing the music and I notice by

the name of R. Ward Howe is given credit for composing the music. But be that as it may, I am sure the words which my sister wrote are fully original.

Written by Bro. Ashton in 1951.

ISHMAEL D'AMICO PASSES ON.

Brother D'Amico (formerly of Glassport, Pa.) died on Jan. 11, 1962 at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N. Y. in the 72nd year of his life. He was born in Italy and came to America in 1912 and in the year of 1919 he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, Pa. A few years later he was ordained into Ministry of the Church and later was ordained as one of the Apostles of the church. He became one of the most aggressive and successful missionary workers in the Church. He along with co-workers founded the Church in various



Bro. Ishmael D'Amico

places—being very successful in his labours in preaching the Gospel. He had a wonderful testimony, which was the secret of his ambition to tell others what had brought such a change in his life. For his life had demonstrated that he had found the Pearl of Great Price, and apparently he must tell it to others.

There is much that could be said of Brother Ishmael—apparently he was a tireless labourer in the vineyard. His experiences in the service of God had made of him an effective speaker—though handicapped somewhat because of his native tongue and the English language, the spirit which abided in his soul, caused the deficiency in

language to take its flight—and he was loved by most all that came under the sound of his voice. May I ask, what more can I say, may I with the apostle of old say, that Brother D'Amico has fought a good fight, He has finished his course. He has kept the faith—Henceforth there is a crown of righteousness laid up for him. May his soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his faithful and beloved wife Julia, who never tired in administering to his wants during his long affliction. Also his children—three sons, Ansel (Sam), John of Rochester, Paul of Lockport, N.Y. Two daughters Mrs. Lauretta Maggio of Rochester and Mrs. Erma Rossi of Aliquippa, Pa. one sister Mrs. A. C. Divincenzo of Erie, Pa. 18 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. And many other relatives and friends, who will long remember him. His funeral services were held in our Church in Rochester, Brothers Biscotti of Cleveland and Brother W. H. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa. officiating on Jan. 15, 1962. Interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester. The family is grateful to all who remembered them with cards telegrams and so forth.

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS! (By Bro. C. W. Holmes)

Have you examined yourself recently regarding your attitude toward Christ? If not, it is advisable that you do so at once, lest some blind leader of the blind should cause you to go astray and both of you fall into a ditch.

Do you find that frequent mention of the name of Jesus annoys you? Do you become irritated when someone, who has obvious faults and perhaps participates in or condones practices and activities which you feel are contaminating, goes about testifying "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus?" Does it make you fill up inside like you are going to explode when you hear such a one saying that the blood of Jesus has cleansed him or her to the point of justification? And what about the audacious brother or sister who says he or she is saved by God's grace to the uttermost and, merely by believing in Jesus, shall not perish but have eternal life; does such a testimony irritate and annoy you until you would like to seal up the mouth of witness?

If you find that you are subject to any of these symptoms, then **YOU ARE SICK.** You are afflicted with the cancerous illness of Cain. When mention of the blood of Jesus, or of the infinite bounds of His sacrifice and its ensuing power unto salvation, becomes offensive to you, then it can be said He has become a "stumblingstone and rock of offense" on your road to salvation.

In such a pitiable condition you are subject at any time to have your temper fired by the enemy of your soul into a raging inferno. You will then be prone to commit the most abhorrent of crimes, even to slaughter your believing brother or sister as Cain slew Abel and His brethren slew our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Now for the remedy: Hurry — run, don't walk, to your nearest closet and, shutting the door, fall on your face before The Physician of physicians. Beseech Him from the bottom of your heart to bring you to repentance and to a knowledge of the truth. Know the truth and it will make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

THE MESSIAH WAS TO COME AS A BABE

Jewish leaders of the past have been honestly mistaken regarding the coming Messiah. Surrounded by their enemies, as has always been the case, they were in need of a deliverer. Consequently the teaching became popular that the Messiah was to come as the mighty deliverer from their enemies. They overlooked the following scriptures: that He was to come as a babe (Isaiah 7:14); that He would be a child (Isaiah 9:6, 7); that He was to grow up (Isaiah 11:1-4); that He would be as a tender plant (Isaiah 53:2); that He would be given as an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:5-11).

These scriptures are all in the Dead Sea Scroll of the book of Isaiah, and this book, according to Divine Providence is all in the scroll. Now the Jews are taking new interest and reading Isaiah 53 which they have been taught was spurious and added by missionaries early in the gospel age.

NEW FINDINGS

Work at the ancient Biblical site of Dothan, sixty miles north of Jerusalem, was highlighted by the

discovery of buildings from the period of Biblical kings of 3,000 years ago, and the uncovering of a pottery coffin only three feet long into which were jammed the bones of a man from the time of Isaiah. Discovered also was an ancient rock-tomb, filled with objects used more than a hundred years before the time of King Solomon.

SHIP JOINING EILAT-JAPAN RUN

Tel Aviv.—The second ship of the recently founded Somerfin-Negev Phosphate line is expected to call at Eilat to load some 10-thousand tons of phosphates for her maiden run to Japan.

The 11,000-ton Hwa Ann has Hong Kong registry and is manned by an all Chinese crew.

It is understood that the Company is considering the charter of several more vessels to ply the Japan - Eilat run. Somerfin-Phosphate is also reported to be negotiating for westbound cargoes.

"Jewish Hope" January, 1962

A LOVELY BABE NOT HERE FOR LONG.

The infant babe of Sister Elizabeth Bright and husband George, was laid away to rest in the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery on January 22nd. Services were conducted in the Yohe Funeral Home here in Monongahela, by Brother W. H. Cadman.

It was the eleventh child in the family, but not here for long. Evidently the good Lord does all things for good, at least I always want to feel that way myself. And while the Lord has saw fit for it to be taken home to Himself, may He still remember the surviving parents with their large family of children.

Brother Cadman SISTER BELL CROMLISH IN HOSPITAL

Sister Cromlish, widow of the late Brother George Cromlish and who has survived him for many years, is now in the hospital at this date Jan, 23/62 suffering from a fall. She has reached the age of 92 and is very feeble at this time. Owing to her advanced age she has not been able to attend church for many years, but has been very faithful in the church. She has been well known in this area of the vineyard. May the Lord bless her while life shall last with her.

Brother Cadman

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

A WRITEUP ABOUT JACOB THE SON OF LEHI.

Jacob is one of the younger brothers of Nephi. His writings bear the title of the Book of Jacob. In the first chapter of his writings is an account of the death of Nephi. It is said of him that he began to be old, and he saw that he must soon die; wherefore, he anointed a man to be a king and a ruler over his people now, according to the reigns of the kings. Nephi was so beloved by his people, that the succeeding kings took upon them the name of Nephi matterless of what their own names were, in memory of the beloved Nephi. I say: A wonderful Man was Nephi in the service of his God. Jacob and his brother Joseph both had been consecrated under the hands of Nephi as priests and teachers in the Service of God. It is written of them that they did teach the word of God with all diligence; wherefore, "by labouring with our might their blood might not come upon our garments; otherwise their blood would come upon our garments, and we would not be found spotless at the last day."—Much food for thought for any or all who may be sitting in an easy chair, waiting for Zion to come.

It burdened their hearts and soul to be obliged to chastize their people because of their sins that they were fast falling into, yet Jacob was commanded by the Lord to get up into the temple on the morrow, and declare the word which I will give thee unto this people.

He accuses his people of being lifted up in pride because some of them had obtained more abundantly than some others had done. He commanded his brothers to think of others even as themselves, that they may be rich like unto yourselves. But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God. Evidently they had become proud in their hearts, because of the things God had blessed them with. Human nature exactly. And Jacob says unto them: Do you not suppose that such things are abominable unto Him who created all flesh? (Let us all remember that Jesus Christ says: I created all things and His faithful servant Nephi speaks of him as the Son of the Eternal Father).

Among the most unpleasant things that Jacob had to contend with, was they were in that day, like David and Solomon were, seeking many wives, which thing was abominable before the Lord, saith Jacob. What a

contrast between Nephi's brother Jacob and the man like Brigham Young who in 1852 publicly avowed and defended such wickedness as a tenet of their church. Yea: Consistency, Consistency surely thou are a precious Jewel. It is wonderful that we still have the Book of Mormon today to corroborate the testimony of such faithful men as his brothers and also his father Lehi were in upholding righteousness. Instead of Jacob using verse 30 in a weak effort to make a loop-hole for the guilty ones, he draws attention to the fact in verse 34, which reads as follows: "And now behold, my brethren, ye know that these commandments were given to our father Lehi; wherefore, ye have known them before; (you were not in ignorance of such an abominable thing, WHC) and ye have come unto great condemnation; for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done." There is quite a contrast between the servant Jacob (whom was tutored under Nephi) and some of the modern prophets of the last dispensation, since the angel has flown in the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel. Yea, according to the testimony of Jacob, the Lamanites, though a very wicked people were more righteous than the Nephites, because they observed the marriage covenant with each other, as Lehi had commanded them.

According to the testimony of Jacob in chapter 4 of his book, his people knew of Christ and had a hope of his glory many hundred years before He was born of the Virgin, and all the prophets had likewise. To me, this really explains the humble petition of Jesus to His Father as recorded in John 17-5 as follows: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." The Saviour certainly did not put up an idle petition to His Father who was in Heaven, while He was in this tabernacle of clay on His Father's Footstool, did He? According to the testimony of Jacob, which was about 500 B.C. "We can truly command in the name of Jesus and the very trees obey us, or the mountains, or the waves of the sea." Jacob could not of recorded these things unless they had experienced them — therefore, the mountains, the trees and the waves of the sea obeyed their command.

According to the testimony of Jacob, they obtained a good hope of glory in Him (Christ, His only begotten Son. WHC) before He manifesteth Himself in the flesh. I read of the order of the Son, the Only Begotten of the Father, who is without beginning of days or end of years, who is full of grace, equity, and truth. Again I think of the words of Jesus wherein He says: "I was with the Father before the world was." Let Him be true though all men be false.

Jacob gives us an account of the "Parable of the Tame and Wild Olive Tree," as far as I understand the parable is taken from the Plates of Laban. (The Brass Plates). They were written by a prophet by the name of Zenos. This man most likely lived in Egypt in the days of Joseph whom had been so mistreated by his brothers. Lehi was a very gracious man for having obtained these plates—because they had inscribed thereon the commandments of God and many of the prophecies which his people needed so badly. The parable of the tame and wild olive tree is a wonderful writeup, and the Wild Tree has a big part to play in the pruning of the vineyard for the last time.—and even, after the fruit is all good again, the evil one makes an inroad and the Lord preserves the good and burns up

the vineyard with fire. He, the God of Israel is not partial. Jacob and Joseph were both consecrated to the service of God, but Jacob makes very little reference to his brother Joseph in his writings. His last words are as follows: "And I, Jacob saw that I must soon go down to my grave; wherefore, I said unto my son Enos; Take these plates And I told him the things

which my brother Nephi had commanded me, and he promised obedience unto my commands. And I make an end of my writing upon these plates, which writing has been small; and to the reader I bid farewell, hoping that many of my brethren may read my words. Brethren, adieu.

By Brother Cadman

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Be ye kind one to another."
Ephesians 4:32

Dear Girls and Boys,

Long, long ago on this land of America, lived a very good king named Benjamin. He was ruler over all the land of Zarahemla. God loved this king and trusted him to care for the precious records of his people.

One day the king called his son, Mosiah to him. He told him, he was going to send a proclamation to all the people in Zarahemla and the people of Mosiah. The message was, "to go up to the temple to hear the words which his father should speak unto them." When people heard this, they all wanted to do as their king said because they loved him. They took the firstlings of their flocks to offer sacrifice and burnt offerings as the law of Moses taught. They had a desire to thank God for bringing them to this blest land and for their king.

There were many, many people in the land. So many that King Benjamin could not teach them in the temple. He had a great tower built from which he could speak to them. But the crowd was so large that they could not all hear his words. So for all these good people he caused that the words he spoke be written and sent among them.

With love, humbleness and great kindness the king spoke to his people. He told them the Lord had given him strength and might that he was able to serve his people. He had not sought gold nor silver nor any manner of riches from them. But he had worked with his own hands to serve them so that they would not have heavy taxes to pay. He had done all things that he might have a clear conscience before God and did not want to boast of himself. He asked them, if it were right for him to serve

them, it should be right for them to serve each other. If it were right to thank him, their earthly king, then it should be more important for them to thank God their Heavenly King. All their heavenly King asked them was, that they keep His commandments.

King Benjamin told them he was getting old and felt he could no longer be their king. His son Mosiah would soon take his place as their king. He asked them to keep the commandments of God as their new king would deliver unto them. If they followed his teachings, no harm would come to them and they would prosper. He told them also, of an angel from God, who had come to tell him many things. He told them of Jesus, who would some day come to earth and live among the people here. Many wonderful things He would do, as heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, and cause the lame to walk. He said his name would be Jesus and his mother, Mary. He spoke of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

Many wonderful words King Benjamin spoke to his people. He told them to be kind to each other, to share what they had, visit the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the needy and help others understand the teachings of the Heavenly Father. As the king finished speaking he sent his helpers out among the people to find out if they believed the words he had spoken. And they all cried with one voice saying, "Yea we believe all the words which thou hast spoken to us, and we want to do good continually." They were willing to enter into a covenant or a promise to do God's will and be obedient to His commandments in all things, the remainder of their days.

King Benjamin was very happy to hear these words. He had the names of all those who had made

this promise written down for his record. Everyone except the little children had taken upon them the name of Christ. Mosiah, the king's son, was consecrated to be a ruler and a king over all the kingdom. He chose priests to teach the people the commandments of God. Mosiah was thirty years old.

The multitude was dismissed and everyone according to their families returned to their own house. King Benjamin lived three more years and died. Their new king, Mosiah walked in the ways of the Lord and observed all things. They were a very happy people.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Since this is a story from the Book of Mormon, let us open it to the book of Mosiah to find our answers;

Chapter 1 - verse 16.

1. Find the things King Benjamin gave Mosiah charge over.

Chapter 2 - verses 5, 6.

2. Since all the people could not get into the temple to hear the king, what did they do?

Chapter 3 - verse 20.

3. Has this time come yet?

Chapter 6 - verse 4.

4. How many years is it since Lehi left Jerusalem?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

THE LAND OF CANAAN

An M. B. A. Topic

The fourth son of Ham, the second son of Noah, was named Canaan. It is believed that the original people that lived in the land west of the river Jordan and the Dead Sea, to the Mediterranean, were his descendants and that part of the country was named for him. It was known as the land of Canaan. Noah said, "Cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant." This prophecy seemed to be not only about the sons of Noah but also concerned their descendants, showing a bless-

ing upon Shem and Japheth and a curse upon the son of Ham and the nations of people they would become.

Over three hundred years and eight generations later, Terah, a direct descendant of Shem, took Abram, Sarai and others of his family from Ur of Chaldees to go to Canaan. But first they dwelt at Haran where Terah died. Finally when Abram was seventy five years old he was told by God to go to the land of Canaan, where he would be blessed and become a great nation. He obeyed and took his wife and nephew Lot and all their possessions to make a new home in a strange land. Soon because of a famine they went on south to Egypt where they could receive food. This seemed symbolic of the time in the future when his grandson, Jacob, took all his family to the same country and for the same reason.

Abram finally settled permanently in the land promised him by God. Remember that while Lot lived in the Jordan valley eastward, it was Abram's posterity that really inhabited this country of Canaan.

When Abram was 85 years God made a wonderful covenant with him, telling an old man who had no children, that his seed would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Also revealing to him that some day they would be in bondage in a strange country and after four generations would come back again with great substance. This covenant was confirmed by God by fire upon the altar where Abram had put a calf, a goat, a ram, a dove and a pigeon.

The names of this man and wife were changed to Abraham and Sarah, and when he was one hundred years old their son Isaac was born. Jacob, the son of Isaac, had twelve sons. Jacob was called Israel which was to be the name of a nation of people and also the country. The name of each son was given to his descendants and they were called the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

It was 215 years from the time Abraham went to Canaan that Jacob took eleven of his sons and their families and his daughter Dinah and joined Joseph who had been in Egypt at least twenty three years. Joseph had two sons born in Egypt. So Jacob and his descendants at this time totaled seventy people.

These people were now to live in a country not their own for

many years. In Galatians 3-17 it is written that the law was given 430 years after the covenant made to Abraham. Because Jacob went to Egypt 205 years after the covenant then they were there 225 years. At first they were favored and well used. They multiplied and prospered until there was a king who forgot what Joseph had done, when he saved them in time of famine. Now they were mistreated and persecuted so badly they were not able to bear it, so they turned to God as the only source of help. He heard and answered their prayers by sending Moses to lead them from this land of bondage back to the land that had been promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob so many years before.

After a time of worse hardship put upon them by Pharaoh, and mighty miracles performed by God, through Moses and Aaron, they were allowed to leave Egypt and turn their steps toward their own home. Because they were often rebellious and displeasing to God they had to wander forty years in the wilderness. But finally when all the adults including Moses died, they were led by Joshua and Caleb back into the land of Canaan. They could regain this country only by fighting terribly for it. When they were obedient to God, he helped them defeat people who outnumbered them and cities that were well fortified. The tribes of Reuben and Gad and Manasseh, the half tribe of Joseph, chose to live east of Jordan and the rest were each given a portion in Canaan; except Levi, the tribe of priests, which was to own no land but live among the others. Before he died Joshua called the people together and spoke to them much the same as Moses had done. We read in the 24th chapter of the book of Joshua, 11 through 28,

And you went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites and the Girgashites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hands.

And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with sword, nor with thy bow.

And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities

which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;

For the Lord our God, he is it that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed;

And the Lord drove out before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwell in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.

And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

By Martha Kelly
(To be continued)

IMPERIAL, PA. LOUIS S. PERSHIN III

Louis S. Pershin III, infant son of Sister Shirley Buffington Pershin and Louis Pershin, Jr., died suddenly January 4, 1962 in his home in Imperial, Pa. He was born August 21, 1961.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister Terri Lynn; his maternal grandparents, Brother and Sister Ervin Buffington of Brownsville; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pershin, Sr. of Imperial.

Funeral services were January 6, in the Armour Funeral Home, Imperial, in charge of Brother James T. Moore. Sister Patty Christman of Monongahela sang at the service. Brother George Neal of Monongahela offered prayer at the burial in the Valley Cemetery, Imperial, Pa.

William Kunkel

LOVE . . . ELUSIVE QUALITY

Love is a sublime, though elusive emotion. It gives one the feeling or desire to protect, help or aid, another. It is affection; it appreciates another, or others; it tends to please and promote the welfare of others; it is devotion; esteem; fondness, friendship, liking, regard and tenderness towards God, others and ones' self.

The opposite of love is: antipathy; hate; enmity; a feeling of aversion and dislike; incongeniality. Anger and hatred are the by-products of the opposite of love.

Individually, we love our own selves, though, at times, we do hate our actions, at which time we are said to be 'repentant' of them. As proof of this, who would willingly punish or abuse himself through hatred of self; who would beat, starve, condemn or antagonize himself? True, sometimes, in repentance of our acts, we do have a feeling of disgust toward ourselves, but, generally speaking, we tend to protect our bodies and would gladly seek a happy place for our souls to rest in, through Eternity . . . once we become truly convinced of the existence of such a soul.

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What first attracts us into the Church of Jesus Christ is Love . . . of God . . . and self; that is to say, we desire to find therein this salvation for our soul. That is why we search, though, at times it may be that we do not realize we are searching until we find the church where we believe God will manifest Himself, so that we can receive the promise of this salvation.

How did we receive this assurance that here, in the Church of Jesus Christ, was the one place where we could best provide an Eternity for this soul, and where we could more perfectly love and serve God who is the dispenser of this Salvation? Usually, the knowledge that the doctrines, as set forth by Christ, were being observed, gave us this assurance, coupled with the Lord's benediction, which was what made us realize it, in the first place.

At this point, because we have been touched by the Spirit of God, we see only love, wherever we look. Of course, Love is not a tangible thing. It cannot be actually seen . . . only the effects of it are seen or felt, so that every one looks

spiritually beautiful to us . . . they appear completely good, holy, saintly, and brimming over with love and humility.

So we say that what attracted us to the church was the great love displayed therein, when, in reality, it is the great love granted to US on that day that made us see no evil in anyone.

Then one day, we are put through the tests: we begin to see one another as we really are . . . a mass of struggling, striving creatures, all striving for the same goal, the Salvation of our souls although to the onlooker it may seem doubtful that we shall ever attain that goal. And suddenly, as our eyes are opened, either because of this test, or because we have allowed the Spirit of God to depart from us, (even temporarily), we come face to face with the defects of each and every character before us: the love each appeared to have had for the other seems blemished, it is not perfect; perhaps, at the moment, not even there. Then, we may disappointedly think that the Church is changing, and wonder, at times, what we are doing here, anyway. Some of us may even go so far as to want to venture out into the World, again, for we become so disillusioned with our own people that we reason the world can't be much worse, and perhaps, even better, in spots. For we are constantly seeking security, peace and joy; a feeling of being wanted, love and needed. This is a very human trait . . . it helps to distinguish us from the beasts who have little emotions.

However, this venturing into the outside world for consolation and companionship can teach us a great lesson, for, if our own love in the Church is not perfect, (and, it isn't!), the love of the world is much less so, because, they seldom, if at all, do anything to improve it, to nurture it. Once at variance with one another, they generally stay that way; Forgiveness is something to receive, not to give. It is a common thing to hear: 'May God forgive me, but I can't help it . . . I can not forget the hurt I received from so and so. I just CAN'T forgive her', (or him). Once offended, once angry with another, the great majority of the WORLD generally stays that way till death. Back-biting is carried on with no prodding conscience to give them feelings of guilt in their antagonistic dealings

toward one another.

So, we scurry back into the comparative peacefulness of our Church, where the greatest difference between the world and us, as individuals, is our conscience, God's Spirit, prodding us into, into remorse for our acts, thereby keeping such acts at a minimum. Then we have interludes of near perfect love for one another, singing and speaking of it as though it constantly existed among us. And, the strange, though joyous part of it is, that it COULD eternally flourish among us, if we, as individuals, did not ever allow the Spirit of God to depart from us, for then we would always see only GOOD in our brethren . . . we could not see the weakness and failings, as hateful, but as natural human traits to be endured even as we need our own failings endured or overlooked. Collectively, this could become a one hundred percent project, and the entire world, whether touched by God into repentance, or not, could not help but see, a true and perfect love in our midst, unblemished by any imperfections. Truly, we would be in a position for God to work with us toward establishing His Kingdom on Earth.

Our common cry would be one of Strength, not weakness, for God would draw nigh unto us . . . And God Is Strength.

Catherine Poma

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

I am in receipt of a card from Bro. Furnier this date Jan. 12/62 as follows: "Dear Brother Cadman, we expect to leave here for home on January 22nd and arrive at Connellsville, Pa. on Jan. 25th.

Bro. Daniel Todaro left for home today. He could not get any work here. He went to California with Bro. Alma and spent a week there with his relatives. I had a card from Bro. Alma yesterday. He was in San Diego, but was going to return to Brother Heap's home. He attended two meetings in old Mexico, where they had four baptisms.

Bro. Alma said that Brother Heaps was ill, going to return to the hospital for an operation, has a stone in his kidney, expects to have it removed.

Bro. & Sister Furnier

P.S. I am sorry to hear of Brother Heaps going to go through another operation. May the Lord be with him—Bro. Cadman

A VOICE FROM HOLLAND

I am also in receipt of letter today Jan. 12/62 from Holland. He says he cannot write very good in English, but I gather from his letter that he has a Book of Mormon and also the Gospel News. He says he is Hungarian, and that the Hungarian people came from the Valley of Nimrod. He says Nimrod had two sons, Hunor and Ilagor and from the latter came the Hungarian people. He says he had a vision of the Seven Churches Rev. 2.

Apparently he compares the seven churches to the various churches of the Restoration. He asks for the addresses of our churches in Italy. He understands German and Dutch.

It is wonderful how the Gospel News is getting around the world these days. He seems to know of the divided condition of the various peoples who profess the Restored Gospel—and I believe if some of them done a little less talking about the Godhead question, and take the word as it is written they might get somewhere. It is true that Jesus Christ is titled as God and many other titles. It is also true that He declares that He was with the Father before the foundation of the world—yea. He says He was with the Father before the World was. I don't think the Son of God spent His time telling idle tales. for He teaches against such things. I have always taught that the Bible and the Book of Mormon was the word of God, and it teaches something as follows: Let God be true, though every man be a liar. The faith of the Church of Jesus Christ is written very plain—the Son was with the Father from the beginning. And while He was on the cross He pleads with His Father: "My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me? In Gethsemane, Father if it be possible Let this hour pass from me—neverless thy will be done and not mine. And in John 17,5" And now o Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I like the information that Paul gives us in II Cor. 8:9. In speaking of Jesus Christ he says that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich. —Jesus becomes poor while in the tabernacle of clay—He says He had not where to lay His head. I won-

der where He was at when He was rich? The Church of Jesus Christ of which I was baptized into in 1896 has always believed His word "Let God be true though every man be a liar.

Editor Cadman

LETTER FROM FLORIDA

Brother Editor:

Just a few lines that we may keep in touch with one another as we are "way" down here. Thank God we here in West Palm Beach are doing fine, and have strong desire to serve God. We have visitors come to our services to hear God's Holy Word, but are slow to be baptized. We also have brothers and sisters visiting us from the North. At present, Brother and Sister Bittinger, Brother and Sister Oran Thomas and Charles McKean are here. We enjoy their company. It is a long time since you were here Bro. Cadman. We hope you could make it soon. We had some cold weather, but it did not last long. Now it is beautiful, 76 to 82—would that tempt you?

We have much to be grateful for, and we thank God for He is good to us. Several Months ago, I was told I had to have surgery done. It shocked me and I kept putting it off. One day while on duty I met the Dr., and he told me not to put it off much longer. So I went to a surgeon, but in my mind I still wanted to wait. He agreed to wait one month longer. Before I knew it he pushed up the date, then everything happened so fast I hardly had time to think. Three days later (after the surgery) the Dr. said he had good news for me. He went on to say he had received the report from the Lab. that the operation was performed just in time—had I waited longer it would have been too late; although it was a major surgery. I have recovered nicely—thank God. He answers our prayers.

Another experience I shall never forget—On June 5th. we found ourselves low in finance, only having between us \$3.34, my husband having \$1.00 and I had the rest. I had to keep an appointment in the morning so I used \$1.00 for gas. When I returned I picked up a Bro. and Sister whom were visiting us and we went riding. After awhile I noticed the gas gauge registered empty, so I drove near a gas station, not wanting to use my last

dollar I looked for the credit card, but could not find it. That worried me, then I took a chance to make it home. As I drove I became more concerned, I didn't want to run out of gas. Some times the stations are far apart, and when the gauge registers empty it's really empty. I had no alternative but to use my last dollar.

Then I would drive to where my husband works and pick up my credit card. I never gave it a thought and forgot to turn off at his place of work. After traveling quite a distance, I noticed I was low on gas again. Now I was in real trouble — thinking, if I make out a check it may bounce back—or what shall I do? There was a prayer in my heart—asking God to see me through this, as He always has in the past. I did not want my visitors to know my predicament. I stopped the car and began to search for my card once again—perhaps the first time I looked I may have missed it. I keep a small Bible in our compartment and read it while I am at work and in my lunch period.

By this time I remember I had taken the card out of the folder where it was usually kept, probably placing it in my wallet. It wasn't there. I picked up the Bible, un-snapped it, and flipping the pages, thought perhaps I put it (the card) in there for safe-keeping. The card wasn't there but I was stunned when I found myself staring at a \$5.00 bill. It was old and worn, not neatly folded—suddenly I heard a voice saying: "You gave your all, now when you need it most you will find it." (A wonderful experience Carmela, WHC)

I don't know if our Sister sitting beside me noticed me taking the money from the Bible—everything happened so fast, it seemed only a few seconds. By this time I felt as though I wanted to scream with joy and wanted to tell some one, but not my brother and sister visiting with me; not because of pride, God forgive. I just didn't want them to know how low we were in finance, for they would want to leave—thinking they were a burden to us.

The first chance that evening I told my husband and son. They both rejoiced in how marvelously the Lord works in a mysterious way and provides for us. I find myself depending on Him for many things and He is so good and kind and answers our prayers. It may be

as some reader of our wonderful paper may find some joy as well as I did in these experiences. We enjoy our paper very much. It makes our souls happy to read of the wonderful work and experiences taken place in Mexico. May God continue to bless them in that area.

May all you readers remember us way down here—the other end of the continent. In your daily devotions to our Lord please mention us. May we prosper spiritually, that souls may come to obey the Gospel and serve Him. Bro. Cadman may God bless you with health and contentment. Our love to you and all. From Gabriel and myself and all of us down here in West Palm Beach.

Sister Carmela Mazzeo

TO THE PITTSBURGH PRESS PITTSBURGH, PA.

Editor:

The article titled "Latter Day Saints Planning New York City Office Building", in Sunday Issue Jan. 21 is very outstanding indeed. They have proven to be a very industrial people, especially on the industrial and material side of life. Yet many religious bodies of people have their ability in a like manner. And it should be remembered that such is not necessarily an evidence of approval of good standing with Jesus Christ, whom all Christian Churches profess to follow. His Injunction is "The tree is known by its fruit." If then, any people who profess to be the followers of Jesus Christ, their manner of life should be at least consistent with Him whose name they bear — and the name borne by the church commonly called Mormons in Salt Lake City, Utah, bears the name of God's only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

To identify myself: I am associated with a Church bearing the name of Jesus Christ whose headquarters are in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. We are firm believers in the divine calling of Joseph Smith—firm believers in the Book of Mormon and the Bible, (we use the King James version of the Bible). And while we are firm believers of the Book of Mormon—we are not absolute believers in all teaching attributed to Joseph Smith. For instance the statement about him having 29 wives, they have no absolute proof for that statement—they do have professed sworn statements of women who claim they were mar-

ried to Joseph Smith. I would think that the greatest of all evidence that they could produce, would be to produce some children born to the women in question—but as yet, even in all these years their church has not done so, while his own children born to his beloved wife Emma, have been well known and respected even as most other families have been and are today. I have in my possession an account of the interrogation of his wife Emma soon after her husband's death, relative to his marriage status in which she answered in effect, that she was the only wife Joseph Smith ever had.

The Church in Utah has its own Book of Doctrine and Covenants, and it contains the revelation endorsing the plurality of wives, and it has Joseph Smith's name attached to it. The Reorganized Church with its headquarters in Independence, Mo. does not have the revelation in their publication of the book. They have blamed that matter on Brigham Young, them charging Brigham of course, is not proof. But it is a fact that Mr. Young publicly avowed and defended the plural marriage covenant and the Celestial Marriage Covenant as tenets of their faith in 1852. And it is or was generally understood that he had 12 wives and 19 children, and yet he was at the head of the church as prophet and president thereof. Yea, a church bearing the name of Jesus Christ, who taught that it was adultery even to look upon a woman to lust after her. I will add here, that no man can truly believe the Book of Mormon and at the same time endorse the doctrine of plurality of wives. If any will read the book of Jacob in the Book of Mormon, second chapter, he will learn that the book has no more comfort for adulterous minded men, than what the New Testament scriptures affords him.

The article in question printed in your paper, states that Joseph Smith was baptized by John the Baptist — the facts are Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery baptized each other. He was not baptized by a heavenly being. The Book of Mormon reveals the fact, that the American Indians are a part of the House of Israel, descendants of Joseph whom was sold into Egypt. Joseph Smith was not of that lineage, but is of Gentile extraction.

The Book of Mormon shows plainly that the book was to come forth by-way of Gentile, and Joseph Smith was the man used in bringing it forth. Joseph Smith is also the "unlearned man spoken of in Isaiah 29:12 — the "learned man" referred to in verse 11 was fulfilled by Professor Anthon of New York City. The Utah Mormon people are not descendants of the 100 per cent American tribe they speak of. There is no scripture either in the Book of Mormon or Bible to prove their assertion. If Joseph Smith taught anything of that kind he was in error. There is a man to rise up among the descendants of Joseph of Egypt, of which are the American Indians; He is to become mighty like unto Moses, and will not be confounded—Joseph Smith along with his brother Hyrum were both killed by a mob in Carthage Jail in Illinois. Yet, they will maintain that Joseph Smith was, or is the man. Good sensible believers in the Book of Mormon will accept the unlearned man spoken of by Isaiah as Joseph Smith, but that does not obligate them to accept everything taught, or at least charged to him, as being of God, but his teachings are to be measured by the teachings of the Saviour Jesus Christ. Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man. Whether it be Joseph Smith or some other man, if he taught or gave the revelation on the plural wife question, he certainly got off the narrow way. If time don't reveal the truth of these things—eternity will. For it is written that there is nothing covered but what will be revealed.

As far as the material things of life are concerned, what is known as the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, certainly has been crowned with success in material riches. But I wonder just what they are doing or may have done in regard to the open letter written by ExGeneral Holdridge of Sherman Oaks, California. I met the General along with a Mohawk Indian he was traveling with, on the Tuscaroro Indian Reservation in New York State a few months ago. One paragraph of the letter reads as follows:

"If the Mormon Church lived by its own Christian teachings (as can be said of Christianity generally) and feared "God"—the "Great Spirit" of the Indians, it would throw itself into the dust in repentance

while there is still time, and pray for mercy, as did the wicked people of Nineveh at the time of Jonah. If you as prophet and Revelator of the Mormon Church, understood fully the scope of the catastrophe that is hanging over you, and of your own unlikelihood of escape, would be the first to do so to set an example to those apostates within your Church who have betrayed their Mormon teachings."

The foregoing is just a paragraph taken from an open letter written by Ex-General Holdridge of the U.S. Army to President David O. McKay, LDS Mormon crimes of Genocide against American Indians. If the General has written falsely against a Church bearing the name of Jesus Christ—he will certainly have much to answer for. On the other hand if what the General writes is true — We of our day should forget there ever was a day known as the "Dark Ages." For it looks to me that it is outshined in these the last days.

W. H. Cadman,
Monongahela, Pa.

P.S. A copy of this write-up was sent to the Pittsburgh Press, it was acknowledged by the Editor, but he did not publish it for some reason.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Dear Bro. Cadman,

As the Gospel News reporter, I would like to inform you and all our readers of our progress in Youngstown.

In the past five months, we have been blessed with four more baptisms including; Sister Mamie Lee Martin, Bro. Sam Martin, Bro. Carl DeFabio, and most recently Sister Harriet Grant. We thank God for these new brothers and sisters, and look forward to many more, for it is written that "the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind."

Our services have been well attended, not only by our members, but by friends, and children of the saints not as yet baptised. We have great hope for the future, as many are interested in the Gospel and attend regularly. We know that God will someday reveal His will to them. Our Elder Brothers and Teachers are working hard in visiting and teaching, striving to do the work of the Lord.

We have been blessed with the Spirit of God, and our testimonies have told of wonderful experiences

and dreams relating God's goodness and mercy. The Gift of Tongues has been spoken in our meetings, with interpretations following. All of this serves to strengthen us as members of The Church of Jesus Christ.

It is written that Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. We thank God that we have found this way of life. Our prayer is that God may always make us receptive to His teachings here in Youngstown, and in all our branches, for while we have found a new life in Christ, we are now striving for eternal life.

Gospel News Reporter

TESTIMONY FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I thank God for all that He has done for me. I am so grateful to Him for calling me into this wonderful church. My parents have played a big part in my life, rearing me in the Church, and teaching me the ways of the Lord.

I was baptized, December 3, 1961 and to me that day is most precious. There were two baptisms on that day, and as we finished singing—"Shall I Empty Handed Be," I began to feel very weak, it seemed as though all my strength left me. I knew it was the spirit of God, so I asked for my baptism.

Since neither of my parents was present, I had to decide for myself what I would do, and I chose to take the one main step in my life I had always looked forward to, and that was to serve God the remainder of my days, and be a true, sincere and humble servant for Him. I want to be a light unto all my friends at school. Although it gets very lonely, because you cannot express your spiritual feelings with them, for they only have worldly pleasure on their minds. I do hope that some day the whole world will come to know Jesus as I have, for it is the most wonderful way of life. This is my testimony,

I am 15 years old

—Sister Sandra Genaro

LORAIN, OHIO

Gospel News Editor

Dear Brother Editor:

God, moves in a mysterious way His, wonders to perform. In my last letter to the Gospel News I was happy to relate how Bro. Tom Baldwin asked to be baptised into the

Lords fold. Now I am happy to report that Sister Eunice Bernard and Brother Tom Baldwin were united in marriage on the eve of Jan. 6, 1962. In a simple service at 6 p.m. Bro. Joseph Calabrese joined them in Holy Matrimony, in the Church of Jesus Christ here in Lorain.

Bro. Frank Calabrese was the best man, with his companion Romy Calabrese as the matron of honor. Sister Helen Tisler sang a few well chosen selections. With Mrs. Quin at the organ to accompany her. After a weekend trip to Columbus, Ohio the happy couple are residing on west river Rd. Elyria, Ohio. May God, bless them with much happiness is our prayer.

NEWS FROM MUNCEY, ONT.

January 29, 1962

Brother Cadman:

A few lines to let you know how we all are at Muncy. We had a wonderful day yesterday. Our church in Muncy had about 50 or 60 children present and a nice crowd of adults. We have a school bus hired now to bring the people to Church. It makes two trips and takes them back home again. It is much help to our brothers who are so faithful coming from Detroit to preach the word of God to us, encouraging us all to press on to the mark of our high calling—they come whether it's rain or snow. The highways have been very bad. Brothers Otto Henderson, J Malintoni were here yesterday. We have lovely meetings—where God's spirit is, we always have joy, and feel uplifted. Brother Malintoni preached on the Crucifixion of our Lord, also we sang hymn #238. Sister Nicholas sang in the Indian tongue, also spoke in the gift of tongues—so you see brother Cadman God's work is going on at Muncy.

We can keep our church nice and warm and I enjoy our Sunday School. We had quite a lesson as to how our church began. It was very enlightening to us all. How Bro. Bickerton was called of the Lord & etc. We have some afflictions; among them is Bro. Amos Deleary who has had a light stroke. Bro. Cadman, I know you like to hear about our church here—Yes brother Russell, I like to hear of your doings in Muncy. It is nearing 32 years since we made our first trip there and baptized several

on the occasion. I am glad to know that there are still some of you rolling along the "Little Stone." May the Lord bless you all.

Bro. Cadman

SWANSON - BARTZ, NUPTIALS

At 1 p.m. on Saturday January 6, 1962. Sister Margie Swanson became the bride of Marcus Bartz, at a double ring ceremony at The Church of Jesus Christ, Greensburg, Pa. Officiating in the ceremony was Brother Alvin Swanson (Father of the bride).

The bride was given away by her brother Alvin Swanson Jr., Sister Leda Sheffler attended her sister as maid of honor, brother James Sheffler acted as best man. Ushers were brothers Joe Draskovich and Harry Hennell.

After the ceremony a reception followed at the New Alexandria Community Hall. After their honeymoon the couple plan to reside in Saltsburg.

May God abide in their home always, and bestow His richest blessings upon them.

GOOD TO THINK UPON.

"And He (Christ) turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And He (Jesus) said unto her, "THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN." Luke 7 begin with verse 44.

From what is written, Jesus must of felt the need of prayer! For I read in Luke 6:12 "And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and He continued all night in prayer to God." Wonderful indeed — the Author and Finisher of our faith feels the necessity of praying all night to His Father in Heaven — and to, out in a lonely mountain. And I might add, that by doing so He overcome the world.

Brother Cadman

LETTER FROM BRO. TODARO Bronx, New York

I am in receipt of a letter from Brother Todaro this day Feb. 5th. informing me that his mother has passed on at her home in Italy on Jan. 17, 1962. He gives the date of her birth on December 2, 1876 which would make just past 85 years old. He gives her age as 95 but there is evidently a mistake somewhere. Be that as it may, our old sister has lived to be of good age. As I understand, Brother Todaro baptized his mother on one of his trips back home some years ago. This should be a consolation to him. And may her soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God, until Jesus comes again, when the dead in Christ shall rise first as Paul says. Then as John says in Rev. 20 they shall reign with Christ one thousand years. It is written in the letter that she had a good testimony through obeying the Gospel.

Brother Todaro is not a very good writer, but if I understand him right, Brothers Casasanta and Chester Nolfi (our missionaries who are now in Italy) officiated at the services with several hundred people present; which certainly speaks well of the standing of our aged sister, in the community of which she lived so long.

From the tone of brother Dominick's letter, he had much love for his aged mother. May God bless him and all that are near and dear to her.

Bro. Cadman

"IF" FOR THE NEW YEAR.

If you can start each day with joy and gladness, If you are filled with a faith that moves mountains, A hope that rises above all obstacles, and A charity that reaches out in Christ's name to every human being, both good and bad, A love that included all and excluded none, No power on earth can stop you. John 13-35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another. If you can look forward, to each tomorrow with gratefulness, for what the past has brought. If you find happiness, in a cheerful word or smile. If you with your distinct personality, can be yourself, no other person on earth is exactly like you.

Accordingly, the contribution that you can make, to the peace, and

well-being of mankind, cannot be made by anyone else. Whether you have a few, or many talents, the Lord expects you to use them to fulfill a particular mission. If you can learn from every new experience to forget self, that Jesus Christ, may be remembered, in divine truth, and righteousness, striving to blend, spiritual values into human affairs. By following the example set by Jesus, with determination to do the Father's will. In these days of confusion, it is wonderful to have the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you travel close to God, it matters not what you must face. Prayer will help you go along, those who converse with the Lord, will seldom, drift to wrong, because God rewards the faithful, with strength and vision. Matt. 6:33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. If nobody smiled, and nobody encouraged, and nobody assisted us along, If each one every second looked after himself, and all the good things went to the strong, If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody considered you, and we all stood alone in the conflict of life, what a dismal year it would be. It's the giving and doing for somebody else, On that all life's great happiness depends. And the joys of the year when it is all added up. Is found in the kind deeds you have shared with others. Dread not the things that are ahead, even if the burdens are great, May we prove by the life we lead, that we are indeed true to Christ, who lives within our heart. By doing all the good you can, In all the ways you can, To all the people you can, Just as long as you can.

Sister Muriel Miller

JOSEPH TISLER PASSES ON. LORAIN, OHIO

January 16

Joseph Tisler 75 of 1030 Ninth Street died on Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital after a week's illness. Mr. Tisler came from Cleveland and was a native of Yugoslavia where he was born on Dec. 20, 1886.

Survivors are a son, Joseph Jr., a daughter Mrs. George Jones both of Lorain seven grandchildren and four great-grand children. His wife, Theresa, died in 1926.

Friends may call at Walter A.

Frey Funeral Home, West Erie Ave., after 7 p.m. where funeral services will be Friday at 3 p.m. today with Elder Joseph Calabrese of The Church of Jesus Christ, officiating. The deceased was the father-in-law of Sister Tisler of Lorain.

Sincerely

**TESTIMONY FROM
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,
CALIFORNIA**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It seems so long ago and yet so short a time that I was baptized in this wonderful Church — The Church of Jesus Christ.

I can remember so well how much I had wanted to be baptized, but I still knew that this was one of the most important steps of my life. I knew that if I was baptized I would be promising to serve God to the best of my ability the rest of my days. I was baptized on April 23, 1961, after knowing this church for 16 months. I remember the first few times I came to the church here in the Valley Branch. I remember how I couldn't get over the love and care you had for one another. I think this is one of the many things that made me want to keep coming back.

I have grown to love these brothers and sisters, the church and what the Church stands for. I am so glad that the Lord enabled me to know His Church and I pray I will prove worthy to say to others — I belong to The True Gospel in The Church of Jesus Christ. Your Sister Pauline Conner.

CARL MARKS PASSES ON.

Brother Carl Marks (Marchionda) 81, passed away on Jan. 20, 1962 at South Side Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio, following a cerebral hemorrhage. The funeral service was held Jan. 22, 1962 at The Church of Jesus Christ, with Bro. A. A. Corrado and Bro. Ralph Beradino officiating.

Brother Carl was born May 25, 1880, in Pacentro, Italy, a son of Frank and Clarinda Marchionda, and came to this country in 1904. His wife, Sister Mary died in 1951. Bro. Carl was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ on Nov. 28, 1919 in Youngstown, Ohio. He was a pioneer in the Youngstown branch, and both he and his wife remained faithful till death.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs.

Elizabeth Schrom, Sister Rose De-Fabio, of Youngstown, and Mrs. Helen Ficocelli, of St. Petersburg, Florida; two sons, Guy and Anthony, of Youngstown, and eight grandchildren.

**LET US LEARN LESSONS
FROM OTHERS**

My readers can you learn from others?

If so, let us read Matthew 26:17, 18, 19. It is Jesus speaking to Simon Bar-jona; (Peter). May I ask, where are there more wonderful words from the lips of the Saviour than those recorded in these three verses? What greater blessing or favour could be bestowed upon a mortal than those bestowed upon this poor fisherman, by Him who came down from the lofty region known as Heaven. He says unto Peter: My Father in Heaven has revealed unto thee, Yea, you have been in communication with my Father high in the heavens. What a favour was showered upon Peter; and I am going to give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Jesus seemed to place all confidence in the fisherman. He even gave him the keys—might I say, that Peter could go in and out as he might wish to?

Now take notice to verse 21 where the Lord in endeavoring to show His disciples how that He must suffer many things of the elders, the priests and the scribes and be killed and be raised again the third day. That seemed to be more than Peter could bear, and he rebuked Jesus—be that far from Thee, Lord; nothing like that will happen you—the idea of the good man that you are to be treated like that—kill you! No, this shall not happen to you—it is only bad men that are treated that way. Be that far from you. Poor Peter, I have no doubt he meant well — his thoughts may have been, - It is only bad men that do things like that, not our elders and priests.

Note Verse 23. Jesus says: Peter, get thee behind me, Satan (Peter), thou art an offence unto me. Thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. What a contrast in the words of Jesus Christ, Blessed are thou, Simon Bar jona (Peter). Then in almost the next breath, Get behind me Satan. I must say that in my

judgment, it is a very serious thing to contradict Jesus Christ, for He is the Son of God. In John 13:14 Jesus says: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." May I ask, who among puny mortals will say — ye ought not? Jesus says, before Abraham was I AM. Jesus says, I was with the Father before the world was. He says I came down from heaven. And it is recorded by another Witness the Book Mormon as follows: "Behold I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning, I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified His name."

Please take note, I have quoted the word of God as it is written, our faith is quoted in our "Faith and Doctrine Pamphlet No. 1" similar.

I now ask: Where, or who are the puny mortals who profess the word of God and are teaching it today as His servants should be—Are you going to play the part that puny Peter played, and in sense tell the Saviour—"be that far from you." He said to his beloved disciple Peter get behind me Satan. Remember that it is written very plainly that our God is not partial.

Jesus surely did not tell things that are not true. The scripture abounds with evidence that the things of God are mysterious. The language of Paul is as follows in Romans 3:4 "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Brother W. H. Cadman

Elder Job S. Bassey
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(Sweet After Bitter)

My Experience
(Sunshine after Rain)

As an elder of the Church of Jesus Christ I will leave no stone

unturnd in expressing my views to support the good things that God has done for me in revealing to the true members of the Church, those who are really following the truth.

The Pharisee claims to be a righteous man, but the Publican bows down in remorse owning his iniquities, and confessing his sins to God for forgiveness. Although Zacheaus was rich, yet he had a longing to see God. Today many people in my village who claim to be true followers of Christ are very often upset by material gain. Personally I believe that material gain cannot satisfy the spiritual heart, and there is a great difference between pleasure and happiness. Living without God is vain and futile. We must be prepared to accept Jesus and salvation is based mainly on our choice. The theme above helps to substantiate my experience in the lives of the Christians in my village.

I happen to belong to a Christian family and my parents had trained me in the way of Christ from my youth. My father became an Elder in the Qua Iboe Mission in the early nineteen twenties and I was baptized in 1935. As a leader in the Church, he had a very good following. Through the rigid religious teachings of the early Missionaries both my family and the entire village Utu-Abak in Abak Division were subjected to the stern religious ordeal being the characteristic of the early Missionaries which of course were necessary at that particular period of irreligious atmosphere ordained as Elders to help in propagating the words of God, and there was no sign of any big rivalry among the few religious denominations in Nigeria.

As time went on there was a wind of Educational revolution that tended to impede the stability of Christianity, and as a result certain of the Elders instigated the inhabitants of my village, to look for new Missionaries, who might combine Education with Religious advancement. It is true that the initial motive behind this proposal was quite genuine, but it is rather unfortunate that there was an underlying ulterior aim for a monopoly of religious and Educational managements on purely selfish ma-

terial benefits. When much pressure was brought to be borne by my father on an urgent need for a new Mission, I can easily remember when he, in his house with young men surrounding his building, openly denounced the Church of Qua Iboe Mission before a European Missionary by name Curie. And of course, the villagers including the newly ordained Elders became very happy over this state of affairs. My father being very ignorant of what Mission to invite was cajoled to accept the Church of Nazarene through the effort of Elder G. Umoh, and to his entire surprise and disappointment no representative of this Church or Mission ever set his foot on Utu-Abak soil. My father being fed up with the high handed confused management of the church decided to establish the Church Missionary Society in his little village Abak Ikot and his action was taken as misleading by other members of the Church of Jesus Christ who termed his departure from the Church of Nazarene as suspension.

Through the grace of God, just a few months after the establishment of the C.M.S. Church in Abak Ikot, the good rent of the Church of Jesus Christ came to us through Mr. Akpan Dick. This young man had the full confidence of the President of the Church and was given every assistance to see that the church was established in Nigeria. Without any hesitation, the church in Abak Ikot was moved to accept and embrace the doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ at once. Members were baptized and became full christians in the church. To the other church goers in the community we were regarded as outcasts and evil doers who have gone astray and had followed the wrong path, yet our spirit was undaunted. When Dick was invited to America, Elders S. U. Bassey and Sampson Akpan Ukpung kept the work of the church going. On Dick's arrival, things took very wrong shapes as he was controlled by the Evil One, to behave in a way quite contrary to the dictates of Christ. When Brothers Nolfi and Bettinger were detailed to check up the activities of the Church in Nigeria, they actually returned with a very bad impression and it

was apparent that the Home Mission may not take interest again in sending missionaries out to Nigeria. I, J.S. Bassey, sent an appeal to the President requesting him to send residential missionaries who will correct bad doings of Mr. Dick. As a result Brothers Swanson and Ross arrived in Nigeria in May 1960, in order to rectify conditions in the Church. This of course they did in the midst of difficulties in addition to all the troubles encountered before they were granted visas to enter Nigeria.

To my entire surprise, I discovered that members of the Church of Nazarene claimed a monopoly over these missionaries and tended to dissuade them from looking after the lost sheep of the Church. After some months, these Inspired Saints of God, being led by the Holy Spirit examined every matter closely and carefully, and then discovered that most of us who belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ really desired, determined and decided to see Jesus, because He first loved us. Those who really need material gain through the Church had been forced by their unbridled desire for wealth to desist from joining the band. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. The stone which the builder had rejected had to be the corner stone, I am happy.

Your Brother In Christ
Job S. Bassey

FAMILY WILL SHOW GRATITUDE TO GOD Parents, 10 Children Plan Mission Work

LEBANON, Ky. (AP) — Gratitude to God is sending a Kentucky family of 12 to Alaska to repay the debt of past bounty.

"We've been blessed so much we figure we owe something back," James M. Crane says.

Early in June, Crane, his wife and their 10 children plan to leave their 103-acre farm near Lebanon and travel 4,500 miles north to work for two years as lay missionaries for the Catholic church.

Crane and his oldest son, Robert, 19 will help with church building projects. Mrs. Crane and the children will try by example to impress Indians and Eskimos with a Christian-family way of life.

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MY TELEPHONE

Annie Lind Woodworth
I've a telephone to Glory,
Yes, an individual phone,
With a golden wire suspended
"Twixt my heart and Father's
throne.

Oh, the wires are never crossed,
Never out of order there;
They are managed by my Father,
And He keeps them in repair.

When my heart cries "Abba Father"
He attends my fervent prayer:
I am never disappointed;
For my Father's always there.

O how patiently He listens,
Never coldly turns away;
Never bangs up the receiver,
Though I call Him night and day.

Oft I hear my 'phone bell ringing,
'Tis my Father calling me;
He has some important message,
For His child across the sea.

As I listen, I am strengthened,
For His voice is full of love,
And I praise Him for the union
"Twixt my heart and His above.
—Leaflet.

THE EASTER SEASON IS HERE AGAIN.

Jesus saith unto her, (Mary)
Woman, why weepest thou? She,
supposing him to be the gardener,
saith unto him, if thou have borne
him hence, tell me where thou hast
laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, MARY, She
turned herself, RABBONI; which is
to say, MASTER.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me
not; for I am not yet ascended to
my FATHER: but go to my brethren,
and say unto them, I ascend
unto my FATHER; and to YOUR
FATHER; and to my GOD, and to
your GOD. John 20.

And when they found not his
body, they came, saying, that they
had also seen a vision of angels,
which said that he was alive.

And certain of them which were
with us went to the sepulchre, and
found it even so as the women had
said: but him they saw not.

Then he said unto them, O fools,
and slow of heart to believe all

that the prophets have spoken:
Ought not CHRIST to have suffered
these things, and to enter into his
GLORY? Luke 2 4.

And they said among themselves,
Who shall roll us away the STONE
from the door of the SEPULCHRE?

And when they looked, they saw
that the STONE was rolled away:
for it was very great.

And entering into the SEPUL-
CHRE, they saw a young man sit-
ting on the right side, clothed in
a long white garment; and they
were affrighted.

And he saith unto them, Be not
affrighted: Ye seek JESUS of
NAZARETH, which was CRUCI-
FIED: he is risen: BEHOLD the
place where they LAID him. Mark
16.

He is not here: for he is risen,
as he said. Come see the place
where the LORD lay.

And go QUICKLY, and tell his
disciples that he is risen from the
DEAD; and, behold, he goeth be-
fore you into GALILEE; there shall
ye see him: LO, I have told you.

And they departed QUICKLY
from the sepulchre with fear and
great JOY; and did run to bring
his DISCIPLES word.

And as they went to tell his DIS-
CIPLES, behold, JESUS MET them,
saying, ALL HAIL. And they came
and held him by the FEET, and
WORSHIPPED him. Matthew 28.

While their story given by the
four writers vary some, yet in the
main, all agree that Jesus Christ
has arisen from the dead.

Editor

THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY.

They Sealed the tomb, they kept
a watch,
The Military men of their day,
And yet they were utterly
powerless—
The Stone was rolled way.

They waited like men who were
long dead,
Their jangling swords were stilled,
And there in the garden the Christ
arose
That His word might be fulfilled.

As calm as the steadfast stars at
night,

As still as the garden close,
The dawn broke over the farthest
hills

The morning the Christ arose.

The dawn breaks over our world
today,

There is light on the hills once
more,

Neither war, nor rumors of war
can hold

The stone at the tomb's dark door.

No might at all had the power to
bind

The Christ whom they left as dead,
Nations and thrones may fall, but
He

Is risen as He said!

Selected by Sister Hanna

BROTHER THOMAS GRADUATES AS DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

February 8, 1962 was an event-
ful day in the life of Bro. Dominic
Thomas. On this date he was pre-
sented his Doctoral Degree as Doc-
tor of Education. This ended many
years of study and hard work.

During three years of study,
brother Thomas managed to ful-
fill his duties as a husband and fa-
ther, a minister of the Gospel,
President of the General Missionary
Benevolent Association of The
Church of Jesus Christ, as well as
a wise and respected Counsellor to
the many young people who have
sought his advice and guidance.

It was therefore, with sincere
pride that we watched him walk
to the center stage to receive his
Graduate Degree and the Blue Robe
of this Honorable Profession.

As a requirement for this degree,
Bro. Thomas prepared A Disserta-
tion of nearly 400 pages, titled:
"Oral Language Sentence Structure
and Vocabulary of Kindergarten
Children Living in Low Socio-Eco-
nomic Urban Areas."

I am certain that all who know
brother Thomas will want to join
me saying to him: **Congratulations**
and may God grant you many years
of Faithful Service as an Educator
and Minister.

Contributed by

Bro. Dominic Moraco

P.S. Editor Cadman extends his
best wishes to Doctor Thomas, and
may the Meek and Lowly Spirit of

the greatest of all Doctors, ever abide in your soul. Sincerely.

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE BY MARTHA KELLEY

If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord.

And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.

And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord.

And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

Now the period of the Judges began when they were ruled as God wanted them to be. This lasted approximately 400 yrs. Eli was one of the greatest Judges, a man who lived right in the sight of God. But his sons, also judges, were wicked and would not listen to the warning of their father. So God said they would both die the same day and, "I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind; and I will build him a sure house, and he will walk before mine anointed forever." This was Samuel the last judge of Israel. He served God from infancy and all his life. But it was strange that his sons were also evil men. The time came that the elders gathered together and said to Samuel, "Behold thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways; now make

us a king to judge us like all the nations." This displeased both God and Samuel. But God said let them have what they want and they were warned of all the bad things that would go with having a king. Many things lead to the choosing of Saul, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin. He was spoken of as a goodly man, and humble at first. When he changed God rejected him and Samuel stayed away from him. We know the story of his periods of depression and anger and also how David came to live at the palace. David became the second king and was also anointed by Samuel. In all, twenty two kings reigned for more than 500 years. After the death of Solomon the nation was divided. Part was called Israel and the smaller part Judah.

This lasted approximately 250 years. When Israel was defeated by Assyria, the nation destroyed and the people scattered, this ten tribes were never a nation again. And several million people became lost to the knowledge of history and all mankind. So also the size of the country of Canaan changed. The Lord had told Abraham the land would extend from the river Euphrates to the river of Egypt.

We also know what was given to these people extended from east of Jordan to the Mediterranean. Now it is reduced to the land occupied by the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. This captivity took place in the year 721 B.C. 121 years later the rest of Israel was conquered and captured by Babylon. Although at the end of seventy years they were released to go again back home, and they rebuilt the cities and temple, they were not an independent nation.

When Christ came to them there, they lived under the rule of Rome. They so much wanted to be a free people that they ask Christ if he would at "this time restore the kingdom to Israel." Not realizing that He came to build them a spiritual kingdom. But He didn't seem to think this was a foolish request because He replied that, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power." Not many years later they are again scattered and driven from home, until in our day we find them in all nations of the world. And the only race I know

of that have had no nation to call their own. But in recent years this original land of Canaan received its independence and many of the Jews have gone back home.

This country has changed in size several times. It is now very small. The name has changed from Canaan to Israel, to Israel & Judah, when Christ came it was Judea, and now called Israeli. But they are the same people, all descendants of Abraham & Sarah and the land is in the same place on the map. This is a natural gathering and not spiritual, because there are still many sects among them and they have not accepted Christ as their Saviour. It shall not always be this way for the Lord said, "I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and jealous for her with great fury. I am returned unto Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and it shall be called a city of truth. And the mountain of the Lord of Hosts a Holy Mountain. They shall be my people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness. And it shall come to pass that as you were a curse among the heathen, oh house of Judah and of Israel, so will I save you and ye shall be a blessing." The people of God shall look upon Christ who their fathers slew and shall mourn greatly. When the time comes that the nations shall try to destroy them the Lord shall fight for them. His feet shall stand upon the mount of Olives and their enemies shall flee. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth. There shall be one Lord and His name one. The last few words of Zechariah says, "In that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of Hosts."

It is now nearly 4,000 years since Abraham went to start a new nation in Canaan.

EIN GEDI, ISRAEL

Funeral Eighteen Centuries Later

A funeral delayed eighteen centuries is to be held in Israel for a number of Jewish families who took refuge from the Romans during the Bar-Kochba uprising in 134 A.D.

Skeletons of several scores of men, women and children were found in a cave near Ein Gedi not far from the caves which held the Dead Sea Scrolls.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

A WRITE UP ABOUT ENOS

THE SON OF JACOB — THE GRANDSON OF LEHI

In my last I gave you the closing words of Jacob. He had turned his affairs over to his son Enos, who proved to be a very faithful servant of God. Before going further though, I wish to draw attention to the fact, that while Jacob was closely associated with his brother Joseph, yet he gave very little account of him. The two brothers had been consecrated together in the service of God, but for some reason we have very little account of him. But in Second Nephi chapter 3 — Lehi, in blessing his son Joseph makes mention of the fact, that the Choice Seer prophesied of by Joseph of Egypt, to be of the lineage of Joseph the son of Lehi.

Jacob's son Enos becomes successor to his father and Enos promises obedience to his father Jacob. His writings are composed of one chapter of 27 verses of very good reading. In the first few verses Enos tells of his conversion. While out hunting wild beast's in the forests, he becomes seriously engaged in prayer, and was given an experience in which his guilt was swept away. His experience was such, he could not understand, and he ask the Lord saying: how is it done? The Lord answered him as follows: "Because of thy faith in Christ, whom thou hast never heard nor seen. And many years pass away before he shall manifest himself in the flesh; wherefore go to, thy faith has made thee whole."—To me, the fact that he had never before seen nor heard Christ—proves that Christ was extant, and too, many years shall pass away before He shall manifest Himself in the flesh—may I ask, in what was

He abiding in, prior to His abiding in the flesh. To verify my thoughts I quote the Saviour in III Nephi 15:4, 5, after He had come forth in the flesh: "Behold, I say unto you that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses. Behold, I (Christ speaking WHC) am He that gave the law, I am He who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore the law in me (Christ) is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfill the law; (come from where? WHC) therefore it has an end in me. The experience of Enos was about 500 years before Christ manifested himself in the flesh. I refer you to the experience of the brother of Jared in Ether 3:16, "Behold, this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my Spirit; and man have I created (Jesus Christ talking, WHC) after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the body of my spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh. According to the Saviour's words to the brother of Jared, He was in a body of spirit before manifesting Himself in the flesh. So much for the testimony of Enos and the Brother of Jared.

My readers you will notice that when Enos was converted to the Lord, he becomes very much concerned for the welfare of his brothers the Lamanites. I might say that such has been the mission of the Spirit of God in all ages, it has caused the servants of God to seek and to even sacrifice their lives for the welfare of others. May I ask, where is the spirit of justification of waiting in the last days? Has the nature of God's Spirit changed? I read that God changes not.

According to the testimony of Enos, they struggled hard to restore the Lamanite people back to their God again, but their strugglings were in vain. And Enos says: "I began to be old, and an hundred and seventy and nine years had passed away from the time that father Lehi left Jerusalem." He had been wrought on much by the power of God to preach and prophesy to this people. He says: "I have rejoiced in it all my days, and have rejoiced in it above that of the world. He says: "And I soon go to the place of my rest, which is with my Redeemer; for I know that in Him I shall rest. And I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on immortality, and shall stand before Him; then shall I see His face with pleasure, and He will say unto me: Come unto me, ye blessed, there is a place prepared for you in the Mansions of my Father." What a wonderful testimony for Enos to leave behind him. You remember that Jesus told them in Jerusalem that in His Fathers' house were many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you—and I will receive you unto myself. May I ask is the Son of the Eternal Father still extant?

Brother W. H. Cadman

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

I was extremely pleased to have been in Conference and see the way the Lord is speaking to us today. My sincere prayer, is that our dear Heavenly Father, will touch each one of us and cause us to reflect on our ways, before His wrath, may be kindled against us, for when

once His wrath is kindled but a little, blessed are all they, that put their trust in Him. Psalms 2-12. The week before Conference we also went with bro. and sister Burgess to Grand River, and enjoyed ourselves quite well, among the Remnant of the House of Israel. I shall now mention a few of the things that are taking place out

here in the Vineyard of the Lord. We were in Lock Port, N.Y. Friday night Oct. 13th., and bro. Domonick Cotellesse, myself, and bro. Tony Ruzzi, spoke in their Assembly meeting. On Sunday Oct. 15th. we were gathered with the saints in Rochester, N. Y., enjoyed their Sunday School, and Sunday Morning Service, lasting until around 1 P.M.

Bro. Domenick Cotellesse, opened the service on John 15th. Chapter, 1st. verse to the 12th. verse, and gave us a good talk on our status, as the Children of God, causing bro. Ishmael D'Amico, to rise to his feet and speak the tongues. Bro. Anthony Ruzzi and myself also speaking. Every-one was delighted to see us in these places and we were treated with dignity. May the Lord abundantly bless our dear bros. and sisters. On Sunday Oct. 22nd, we enjoyed ourselves in Sunday School in Port Huron, bro. Mervin Heath, being appointed to teach the class. Our morning service was introduced by bro. Peter Capone, who read a portion of scripture found in Jacob 2nd. Chapter 16th. verse to the 21st verse, and gave us a good talk on the fact, that God is no respecter of persons, bro. Ruzzi, and I also spoke, and we had an enjoyable time. We later went over into Sarnia, and visited with the saints there, sister Maness was ill, and was anointed. On Sunday Oct. 29th. in Branch #1, bro. Frank Altomare, of Loraine, Ohio, read a portion of scripture, found in 1st. Nephi 8th. Chapter 10th. verse to the 19th. verse. Related the story of David, the shepherd boy, his anointing, in preference to his older brethren, Lehi's dream or vision, about the fruit that was sweeter than anything he had tasted, and whiter than anything that he had ever seen. Some of his family came and enjoyed it, and some wouldn't. All and all, he gave us a wonderful talk, there were others that spoke, and we just had a wonderful time. On Sunday Nov. 5th., in Windsor, our lesson was taken from Malachi 3rd. Chapter, and the last verse of the 4th. Chapter. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, in the Glory and love of God. Bro. Otto Henderson, gave quite a talk, which was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon, bro. Sam Cuomo introduced the service, and bro. Cliff Burgess, also gave a wonderful talk. In Branch #1, in Detroit, a sister was baptized. May God, abundantly bless all my dear bros. and sisters everywhere. With love, Bro. Matthew T. Miller.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Draw nigh unto the Lord
And He will draw nigh unto thee
Dear Gospel Reader:

Greetings from Branch #2. We are still enjoying the blessings of God when we meet together here. The Wednesday night meeting is still being held in my home. We also have a very nice group of brothers and sisters praising the name of the Lord, whether it is in prayer or testimony. We also thank God for our elder brothers who are inspired of God to conduct our meetings. It causes us to be overwhelmed by His spirit. There is no gold or silver that can equal His presence. We have learned that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. This salvation is only obtained by the atoning blood of Christ. How can man deny this Great Power that leads unto Eternal life. Our promise at the river shore, requires us to be determined with greater determination to hold firm to the end.

We read in the scripture how they found fault because a sinful woman was washing the Saviour's feet, yet it pleased the Lord because of her kind and humble act. Let us then accept the Gospel in its fulness and be the means of helping to save others.

Sincerely,
Sister Carlini

URANIUM TEST DEVELOPED BY ISRAELI SCIENTIST

A rapid method for determining the quantity of uranium in ore samples has been discovered by a 31-year-old scientist. Dr. Sa'adia Amiel, at the Nahal Rubin atomic reactor.

Dr. Amiel's method is already in Israel. It reportedly reduces considerably the time and the expense involved in searching out uranium.

The reactor at Nahal Rubin, Israel's first, began operating in July, 1960.

WORLD'S BIGGEST BROMINE PLANT AT SODOM

A bromine factory in Sodom which is expected to be the biggest of its type in the world will soon come into full production and hopes to reach 10,000 tons a year. This would make Israel the world's largest exporter of bromine and bromine products. The factory's entire anticipated products has been sold in advance up to the end of 1962. January, 1962

(from Jewish Hope)

THE CROSS.

Blest they who seek,
While in their youth,
With spirits meek,
The way of Truth.

To them the sacred volume doth display
Christ as the only true and living way;
His precious blood on Calvary given;
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven.
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessings of his sovereign grace.

For them he bore
His Father's frown,
For them He wore
The thorny crown.
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That His life's loss,
Might be their gain.
Then haste to choose
The BETTER part,
Nor DARE refuse
The Lord your heart,
Lest He DECLARE;
"I know you not,"
Then deep despair
Will be your lot!
REFLECTION.

The past—Where is it! It has fled.
The future! it may never come.
Our friends depart! With the dead;
Ourselves! Fast hastening to the tomb.
What are earth's joys! The dews of morn.
Its honors! Ocean's wreathing foam.
Where's peace! In trials meekly borne.
And joy! In heaven the Christian's home

The contributor of the above article, in the form of Cross, request's me not to use his name should I publish it. To my mind, the Emblem gives a serious minded follower of Jesus, much to think about at times in one's life. Just now my mind flashes to Mosiah 3:7 and also in Luke 22:43, 44. Jesus had a hard cross to bear. The contributor sends me a substantial cheque to pay for a three year subscription to the Gospel News and the balance to help along. Thank you my brother — for the Gospel News Fund is at a very low ebb at this date February 10th, 1962. Thank you very much.

your Brother Editor

While Reading This Morning:

I felt impressed with the following scripture found in II Timothy 3:16, 17, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

As mortals, we are more or less prone to lay aside a piece of scripture if, to our understanding it does not measure up to our conceptions, or just not in accord with our understanding of some other scrip-

ture.

I remember an instance, while in conversation with a sister — a mother to me in the church many years ago—a question came up in our midst, which sort of puzzled me in connection with other scripture, that was under consideration. I questioned the Sister as to its intent and she acknowledged to me that she did not understand it either, then she said unto me: "brother Cadman that scripture is there," as much as saying to me: it is the word of God whether we understand it or not. I never forgot my older Sister—her words were words of caution to me. Gods word is yea and amen whether we as mortals comprehend it or not—failing to understand, or refusing to believe does not change facts. How careful we mortals should be: Jesus Christ says that He was with the Father before the foundation of the world—He says I created this world and all things therein—I was with the Father before the world was—before Abraham was I am, and John says He is preferred before me because He was before me—may I ask: are we not presumptuous mortals to say He was not? For my part I may not be able to grasp the fulness of the Great plan of Redemption, of which He died for on the cross—but I am required to believe His word, including the 37th verse of John 5. "And the Father himself which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard His voice at anytime, nor seen His shape."

According to the scripture, a voice was heard out of the heavens at various-times, but in this instance He tells them that his Father's voice, they had not heard at any time. He does not use the term **God**, for He himself is titled the same. Thomas exclaims "My Lord and my God. And the Isaiah refers to him that was born of the Virgin as the **Mighty God**, And Jesus in speaking of His Father, tells His disciples: "Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape." I might add: It is the duty of all God's servants to preach Christ and Him crucified.

Let all men be careful as to how you treat the word of God, for the Apostle declares that "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God" and he shows its purpose very

plainly. Lehi portrays the word of God to us as an Iron Rod, (I have heard it referred to so much in my time) But may we all remember the **sayings of Lehi**, for according to his account as given in First Nephi chapter 8, many that took a hold of the Rod, slipped their hold and were lost—many wandered off in **strange roads**. It is also recorded by Jude verse 5, "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not."

Brother Cadman

MY FRIEND

God is the creator of all the universe; He holds the wealth of the world in his hands. This creator has the power to destroy or build up our universe.

Jesus Christ the son of God, has been revealed to many. I being one who has not seen the Master, but truly believe in him, often try to imagine his appearance. I visualize God as being robed in the purest of pure garments, possessing a radiant smile, eyes showing sympathy, love, compassion and understanding. If I were in his presence, I would deem it an honor and a privilege to have a glimpse of this glowing beauty.

If you are interested in meeting this friend of mine, you may find him anywhere. He may be with you in your home, he may walk each day with you to your job. You definitely can find him with the Saints in Wednesday night prayer services and in the Sunday meetings. You see my friend is not interested in only one group of people, he is interested in all. My friends main interest is to save souls from damnation by the remission of ones sins and being fully immersed, completed by the laying on of hands to receive the Holy Spirit.

My friend has given us the greatest laws to live by, he has also set the example. If we live daily by his laws, we can acquire some of the characteristics of this great Man. However these characteristics acquired would not be perfect. In the sight of God no man is perfect, but he will accept those who have faith and believe in his name and who are striving daily for perfection.

If we live daily by the laws of God, we shall one day have the privilege of meeting this friend face to face in Glory. May the Lord bless us all so that we may one day rest with him in peace is my prayer.

Sister Iva Bardeaux

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

In October, 1956, I became very ill and after being at home for two weeks, in bed, I took a terrible turn for the worse. I started to vomit all the liquids in my body and started to dehydrate. My face became very gray, my teeth protruded and my eyes sunk into my head. My hands and feet started to shrivel up. My wife called our daughter Norma to come home from work and they rushed me to the doctor who said I was to be rushed to the hospital immediately as I had acute diabetes and was ready to go into a coma. At that time I could hardly hear anymore and barely had an idea of what was going on. Norma was shocked at the change that had taken place in a few hours time and inquired as to what had happened. I was rushed to the hospital and given intravenous injections and was on the critical list. My family was allowed to come in at any time. At that time we were working among the Mexican people in Los Nietos, California. My wife and Norma gathered our people together that same night that I was rushed to the hospital, and there was much prayer. After two or three days in the hospital, some elders stopped in to see me and prayed for me. I was healed immediately, right there in the hospital. The sugar disappeared completely out of my system. The hospital released me a couple of days later. I went back to the doctor's office. He said he could not understand what had happened. In making his report to the company I worked for, he wrote that I had acute diabetes, and now there was no sugar in my system. The doctor said "I don't know what they will think of me as a doctor. I reported acute diabetes and now there is nothing to show that there is any sugar in your system." My wife told him, "Doctor, there were many praying for my husband and the Lord healed him." The doctor admitted that it surely was a mira-

cle of God. He had no other way to explain it. Also I had to go in for more tests, not only at the hospital but I had to have tests given by the doctors of the company I worked for, as they did not want to accept the fact that I was healed but they did have to release me because they could find no sugar in my system. All praise, honor and glory unto our wonderful Lord.

BROTHER PERDUE

LETTER FROM BROTHERS NOLFI & CASASANTA

I am in receipt of a letter this day (Feb. 15th) from our brothers in Italy. There is not much in the way of news for me to relate to you. However they seem to be devoting themselves in the cause, of which they are in Italy for.

There are many discouragements for them over there, and too, they have been afflicted with the virus for two weeks. And too, they also tell me that they are going to see what they can do for me to make a visit to the Vatican.

They say: we have just started to receive the Gospel News. I do not understand why that is, for I have been sending the paper to the addresses they have given me right along. However, they are pleased to receive the little paper.

While they have met with much discouragement, yet they are grateful to God that He has kept them up in spirit—May the Lord be with them is my prayer.

At this time (Jan. 15th) we are back at Cannitello, Reggio Cal. We have received word of some people on the Isle of Ponza that they want to be baptized. I suppose that will be our next stop. May the Lord care for our brethren.

Editor

MRS. MELISSA BELL CROMLISH PASSES ON.

Sister Cromlish, our aged Sister passed away in her sleep Feb. 8, 1962 in the 93 year of her life. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Roscoe, Pa. Anyone visiting her always came away much renewed in the faith. She always read the Gospel News and inquired about all her brothers and sisters. She had not been able to attend church for several years due to her illness. Her mind was very active to the last and

was very patient in all her sickness.

She leaves two daughters to mourn her passing—Irene Lillcoe of Donora where she made her home and Naomi Hamer of Fayette City, Pa. Her daughter Ruth preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Idris Martin. Sympathy is extended to the loved ones.

MRS. MARTHA BREWER PASSES ON.

Sister Brewer of the Red Stone Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, died, and was buried on February 1, 1962. Services in charge of Bros Idris Martin and George Johnson. Sister Brewer was the widow of the late brother Fred Brewer. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

PHILOMENA MANCINI PASSES ON. WARREN, OHIO

Sister Mancini, 67, died on Feb. 16, 1962 after suffering a stroke. Born in Italy April 16, 1894. She was the daughter of Crescenzio and Berardino DiRemo, and came to the U.S.A. 40 years ago, was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in April 1932. She was also a member of the Ladies Uplift Circle in Warren. Besides her husband she leaves 3 sons, a sister in Italy and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services 1 P.M. Feb. 19th with Bro. Frank Giovonnone officiating and Bro. Wm. Gennaro and Bro. D. Giovonnone assisting. Sister Virginia Castelli sang accompanied on the organ by Sister Betty Gennaro.

Sister Mancini was a faithful sister and only two days prior to suffering a stroke she was in our service and bore her testimony to the gospel, giving thanks to the Lord. Our Sister will be missed from our group, but not soon forgotten. May God comfort her family.

SISTER ELIZABETH DAVIDSON

Sister Elizabeth Davidson of the Jefferson Branch celebrated her ninetieth birthday recently. She is the daughter of the late Brother William and Sister Elizabeth Worral Cadman. She was born February 16, 1872 in a log house on the Mose Thompson farm in Jefferson Township, Pa. She was named Elizabeth Amanda Heath Cadman. In

a family of twelve children she was the youngest girl. At the age of fifteen she was baptized by Brother William Skillen, the father of Sister Hannah. Brother Cochran Lynch and her sister Mary Cadman (Love) were baptized the same day. Her girlhood was spent in the Cadman homestead on Hogback Hill, back of West Elizabeth, Pa. Sister Davidson cared for her aged parents for many years. Her mother suffered a stroke and was an invalid for over nine years. After her parents passed away she lived with her brothers, Alma and William in Kansas. She was a nurse-companion to the late Miss Anna Scott. They made their home in Florida and North Carolina. After Miss Scott's death she married Mr. William Davidson of McKeesport, Pa. The Davidson family were former members of the Church. Later they lived in the old Cadman home in West Elizabeth. "Aunt Dee", as she is affectionately known by her many nieces and nephews, makes each feel, "it is good to be a saint of latter days." She is now a widow and still resides in West Elizabeth. Her health is good and she has had a full and active life. For many years she was vice-president of The General Circle. She recalls many interesting events and acquaintances of the early church. This verse of scripture is very fitting for Sister Davidson, "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

JEWISH ARRESTS IN RUSSIA

It has been reported that several leaders of the Jewish communities in Leningrad and Moscow have been arrested on what was seen as "patently trumped-up charges of espionage."

One 60-year-old Leningrad leader has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment, and in Moscow another 60-year-old leader of the Jewish community has been sentenced to 3 years imprisonment and an additional 4 years at hard labor.

Observers are of the belief that Russian authorities are attempting to wipe out "the last existing leaders of the Jewish community," both in Moscow and in Leningrad.

The Children's Corner . . .

Mabel Bickerton

"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Since this is the Easter Season I want to tell you of the events leading up to the Resurrection.

On a hill called Golgotha or Calvary were three crosses. On one hung Jesus, an innocent man, and on the others, two men who were bad. They were thieves. Over Jesus' head was placed a title which read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." It was written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew. It was placed there so that all the people who passed by would know who this man was. The rulers, Scribes and Pharisees came by and made fun of him. Even the soldiers mocked Jesus. When he said, "I thirst", they gave him vinegar on a sponge. They took his garments and divided them among them. His coat, which was woven without a seam, was not torn so they cast lots for it. One of the thieves said, "If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us" but the other said they were receiving what they deserved. This one thief knew, Jesus was a just man. Turning to Jesus he said, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus answered, "Verily I say unto thee. Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Even though the wicked people mocked Jesus, he forgave them. Looking up into heaven he said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

There were others near the cross who loved Jesus. The disciples and the women were heartbroken. Near by stood his mother with John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. When Jesus saw them, he asked John to care for his mother and be a son to her. From that time on John took her into his home.

A great darkness covered the land for three hours. The people heard Jesus cry, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Even though his loved ones stood near, they could not help him. Again they heard Jesus speak, "It is finished." The work his Heavenly Fa-

ther had given him to do was done. Then after saying, "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Jesus died.

At the moment Jesus died there was a great earthquake and the veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom. The soldiers in charge were frightened and cried, "Truly this was the Son of God." On this land of America, there was a terrible storm at the time Jesus died. For three hours it stormed. It was the worst storm we have recorded here. The wind blew, the thunder crashed and the earth shook. Their great cities were burned and the earth opened up and the cities sunk into it. Where the smooth places were, it now was rough. The roads were covered over and other cities were sunken into the sea. Many, many people were killed. Only the most righteous were saved. The people wept because of this great destruction.

After the storm was over, there was darkness over all the land, while Jesus laid in the tomb. The darkness was so great a candle could not be lit or fires built. During this dense darkness the people heard the voice of Jesus. He begged them to repent and return to him. It was because of the wickedness of the people that many had been destroyed. The voice continued, "Behold I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Therefore, whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child, him will I receive." The people were so astonished they stopped crying and there was silence throughout the land. All the people of the land heard and witnessed the sayings of Jesus. At the end of three days the darkness disappeared and it was morning. The people gave praise and thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ, their Redeemer.

Now it was the Jewish law that no one could be left hanging on the cross over night. They had to be buried the same day they were crucified. As the evening drew near, which was the beginning of their Sabbath the Jews went to Pilate. They wanted permission to

break the legs of those on the cross to hasten their death. Pilate gave his consent but when the soldiers came to Jesus, he was already dead. One of them took a spear and pierced Jesus' side. The soldiers had fulfilled what had been written by the prophets of old. "A bone of him shall not be broken", and "they shall look on him whom they pierced."

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and begged to take the body of Jesus and bury it. After Pilate was sure Jesus was dead, he consented. Nicodemus, another disciple, was with Joseph. So these two men tenderly took the body and wrapped it in clean, fine linen and spices. Then they placed it in a new tomb in Joseph's garden. A great stone was rolled before the door of the sepulchre. Jesus' friends watched to see where he was buried. After his body was placed in the tomb they rested over the Sabbath and prepared spices for burial.

The chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate to ask that the tomb be guarded. They said, "Sir, we remember that, that deceiver (meaning Jesus) said while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again." They said Jesus' disciples might come at night and steal his body away and tell the people that he had risen from the dead. They wanted the tomb guarded so this would not happen. Pilate granted them their request. They sealed the stone and set soldiers to guard the tomb. But all this could not stop God's great plan.

All these events preceeded the glorious resurrection of our Lord. He had spent his life in doing good to others. He suffered all things for you and me.

Search the Scriptures

Find these answers in Matthew 28:1, 10

1. Who came early to the sepulchre?
2. Who had rolled the stone away?
3. What did the angel say?
4. Did Jesus meet them?
5. What was his greeting?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

**SODOM AND GOMORRAH
BELIEVED UNEARTHED**
Found By Divers at Bottom of Dead
Sea, American Missionary-Explorer

Declares

AMMAN, Jordan, May 1 (AP)—The long lost evil cities of Sodom and Gomorrah have been found by American divers on the bottom of the Dead Sea, a Baptist missionary-explorer reported today.

In his disclosures to an interviewer, Dr. Ralph E. Baney of Kansas City, Mo., head of a four-member expedition, told also of finding extensive underwater remnants of Biblical civilization that flourished and languished 4,000 years ago.

His evidence indicated that the cities of the once fertile plain were engulfed after a levee collapse in an earthquake and lay hidden for centuries until his divers found them in the heavily salt waters.

Some of their levee works that held back the waters in ancient times might emerge to view through evaporation of the Dead Sea waters within a few years, he said.

Told of Destruction

The Biblical version says that when the two angels sent by the Lord to destroy Sodom were being entertained by Lot, the sinful inhabitants of the city came to Lot's home, demanding to see the angels.

The angels then told Lot they would destroy the city because of its wickedness:

"For we will destroy this place because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." (Genesis 19 V 13 King James Bible).

Dr. Baney is executive director of the Christian Approach Mission that runs an orphan's home at Bethlehem, Jordan. He said his expedition discovered a levee under the Dead Sea; it is 15 feet wide and 8 feet high and runs from a southwestern point of the Lisan Peninsula due west for two miles.

Four Feet Under Water.

"We followed it until we almost reached the invisible demarcation line between Jordan and Israel as set up by the United Nations in this area of the Dead Sea," Dr. Baney said. He added that the top of the levee is only four feet under water.

Dr. Baney explained that the levee was erected to prevent water from the salt sea flowing into the then fertile plains due south.

He believes that at about the

time when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed nearly 4,000 years ago, the levee also was destroyed, perhaps by an earthquake, and water overflowing from the salt sea submerged the southern plains.

Dr. Baney said his expedition also discovered under the Dead Sea a viaduct made of clay two feet high and three feet wide built to irrigate the southern plains which in ancient times were flourishing but now are covered with 10 to 12 feet of salt water.

He also said his team found small petrified forests and deep cisterns under the sea. Some cisterns were 70 feet deep and were hewn out of rock six feet in diameter, he added.

AN EXPERIENCE OF SISTER EDWARD PERDUE.

When my husband first came to the church, Sister Mary Lovalvo had a dream of him standing with his arms stretched out to the Mexican people. His feet were planted in the church. This was either in 1947 or '48. When she told this to me I laughed, because to me it seemed impossible, because of his quiet nature. A few years later, my husband had a dream in which he saw himself in a room; a door opened and back of the door stood a beautiful woman tall and stately, and in her native costume. A voice spoke to him saying, "Give this woman her baby." We thought this experience was for the church to go to the Indian people, so we related it to the church, never thinking it could have been meant for us.

For many years I had been afflicted, having had several surgeries and having spent much time bed-ridden. After these surgeries, etc., I went down in 1949 for a seige which lasted approximately five years. The doctors were unable to do anything for me. In 1951 after having gone to the hospital and had some of the greatest specialists examine me, the only hope given me was an operation on the brain and the spinal cord at the base of the brain. I only had a 50-50 chance. I asked the Doctor if that was all he had to offer me. He replied, "Well what have you to lose, you are no good this way." I told him I wanted to go home and think it over. I had been operated on so

much, I felt I did not want to go through this.

After lying around helpless at home a few weeks, I decided I would have my husband and daughter take me to church and get anointed. I was anointed and a brother had a vision as follows: "He saw me frowning as if I had terrible pain. There was a vapor around my head. The vapor lifted and I was smiling." This gave me hope. I felt that some day this terrible affliction would be lifted. After this for the next two years, I was able to sit up a little, but could not do much, as my strength was much limited and I suffered much pain.

Then again in 1953 I became worse. I then again went to the church to be anointed—and as the Elder was praying, "Lord, touch her with thy finger and heal her," another brother had the following vision: "He saw the heavens open and he saw the stars in the sky and a hand reaching from the heavens, a finger which touched me, but still I was not healed. I had many months ahead of me and much suffering."

On October 22nd, 1954, at about 4:30 A.M., I had been lying awake because of pain. The previous day I had begged the Lord to take me home or heal me. I did not want to go on anymore like this. All of a sudden I felt myself moving. This seemed very strange to me. My spirit left my body and I was going through space, I came to a place where there was a small oval shaped door. It was very small and I realized I would not be able to go through it and I knew that through the door, was heaven. I pleaded with the Lord to let me go through. The door became large enough to allow me to pass through and as I ascended the steps my elbows touched the walls. The Lord did show me some wonderful things, at the end Jesus stood before me. He looked beautiful. His hair was a golden color and parted in the middle, in sort of a page boy style. As I recognized Him to be Jesus, I cried out: "You are Jesus, you are the Lord," and I fell prostrate at His feet, begging Him with all my might to touch my body and heal me. I cried, "You are the only one who can heal me."

He then asked me, "Are you sure

you want to be healed?" I said: "Yes Lord, please heal me." He asked me again: "Are you sure you want to be healed?" I again answered, "Yes Lord." He then told me what I would have to do to get well. When I came to myself, I tried to make myself believe that it wasn't of God. My soul was tortured for two nights and two days fighting it because I felt it was too hard, to do what the Lord had commanded, and then again I realized life wouldn't be worthwhile, being bedridden by not obeying. I decided I would do anything to get well.

This happened on a Saturday and by the following Monday, I told my husband that I was going to obey what the Lord told me to do for I could not fight it any longer and that I knew it was from God. When I told him this, it seemed as if a great load lifted off me.

The following Wednesday night I went to church and related a part of my experience. Sister Lowther spoke in tongues; Dick Carrara had the interpretation which was as follows: **Attention**—these words are all true. It has come from God. My obeying what the Lord told me to do, that I might gain my health, we found ourselves working among the Mexican people in Los Nietos, Calif., three weeks later.

Some time after we had started this work, the sister who had the dream of my husband with his arms stretched out to the Mexican people, came to me and asked me whether I realized we were going into the Mexican work at the time I told this experience. I told her I didn't have the faintest idea of that and I asked her if she knew. She told me that she knew, because at the time I was telling the experience her dream came to her about my husband. When she told me this I felt as if an electric current had shocked me and I started to cry. I knew at that moment more than ever, that we were doing what God wanted us to do, and that He had been leading us. Also, I asked Sister Lowther sometime after we had been in the work, if she had any thoughts at the time she spoke in tongues. She said, "Yes I felt there was a work for you to do and that it would take time."

In September of 1959 brother and sister Luna visited Mexico.

There they met a man who was trying to keep a group together as their Minister had left them. He asked them if they knew any Minister that could speak Spanish to help take over this little group as he was not a minister. They told him that in our church there was a Spanish speaking Minister. He begged them to please help him by talking to Bro. Perdue. Brother and Sister Luna knew how we felt about Mexico. We had said many times that we didn't ever care about going there, so therefore they hesitated to say anything to us. About two or three weeks after this meeting, this man wrote to the Lunas again begging for Bro. Perdue to come. This time they decided to tell us about it, and when we heard this letter read, we felt a great urge to go, which we could not resist. We decided then to leave the Los Nietos Mission in the care of some of our Elders and we went to Mexico.

We went to the home of Bro. V. J. Lovalvo to counsel with him relative to going to Mexico, and when we related our feelings and our desire, Sister Mary Lovalvo exclaimed that the previous night she had a dream in which she saw us going to a desert place, and that the Lord blessed us and that in these desert mountains she saw pools of water and children swimming in them. We have not related all of her dream, but it was encouraging to us; we felt that the Lord was leading us. And, we are grateful to the Lord for giving us this wonderful opportunity to do something for Him.

P.S. We did not stay with the above mentioned group. We were led up to a Mountain Top, where there was only about 5 or 6 houses, but today it is very well populated. Our church is the first one here in this section, and today we have a nice group of brothers and sisters in Christ, for which we give God all praise.

I, brother and Editor Cadman, must add a few words to the letter of Sister Perdue. I have been on the Mountain Top of which she speaks of several times visiting and attending their meetings. The people there are very poor indeed, But it seems evident, that the God who loves the poor has certainly led our brother and sister to the Moun-

tain Top in Mexico. They have a nice little place in which to worship and from last reports, their group numbers 35. May the Good Lord continue His blessing towards this mountain top. The Saviour likens His Church to a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden.

MEEKNESS

Meekness is the virtue, that enables one to overcome the tendencies of anger, revenge, hatred, and malice. Ps. 37-11. But the meek, shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. One's meekness is manifested in the attributes which provide the motives, and means for overlooking insults, injustice, real or imaginary, from others. Thus meekness really begins with a self appreciation of patience, Love is patience. Love has no need of words. Love understands the thought unspoken, and the hope unvoiced. Love is shown in what we do, not what we say from day to day. By the will, we choose one course of action, instead of another. Only the grace of God, can enable us to control our will. God doesn't change, we do. Kindness in ourselves, is the sweetness, that reduces the stings of unkindness in others. James 3-13. Who is a wise man, and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works, with meekness of wisdom. The vice of anger, to which meekness is opposed, is responsible for, very much of the misery, in the world today. If you meet, hate with hate, you are building a wall, against which all your strength is spent to no avail. Meet hate with love, for love alone, can vanquish every foe. Hate is wide open to the eyes, but love is not so clearly shown. How deep it runs, may be unknown. Hatred toward any human being, cannot exist, in the same heart, as love to God. A grateful heart is cleansed of selfishness, is free, and receptive of God's love. When we are recipients of that great love, and possess the spirit of Christ, it will eradicate the evil. Will-power does not change us, Time does not change one's habits, Christ does. Phil. 2-5. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. The example of the Master is ever before us, as we seek to

win others to this glorious Gospel. Since our actions speak louder than our carefully prepared words. May we with united prayers, in humility, ask for wisdom, and grace, to live in our homes, and among our neighbors, in such a way, that our lives, bear fruits of the spirit, with unspoken evidence, that we are surely followers of Jesus Christ. Just where you are, lift up thy voice, And in the Saviour's love rejoice, Sing out the song, that moves the heart, and live for God, just where you are. Just where thou standest, let the light shine forth, for Jesus, clear and bright. This is the soul's appointed part. So be a light, just where you are. Just where you are, be brave and true, Keep God's commandments ever in view, Always alert to do your part. Serve thou the Lord, just where you are.

Sister Muriel Miller

DETROIT NEWS

Feb. 27, 1962

Dear Brother Editor,

I hope this letter finds you well. We of Branches #2 and #4, of Detroit are anxious to send best wishes to you and all the members who read our Gospel News. We have enjoyed many blessings and good meetings of late but I would write this little news-letter to tell about an inspiring pair of meetings. I believe the greatest blessing is to hear someone ask to be baptized, and on Feb. 11, young Donna Tormino expressed her desire to be a member of God's great Church. Donna is the daughter of our Sister, Christina Tormino of Branch #3. Our Sister had come with her family to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Brother and Sister Lov-alvo on this side of town. They attended a small gathering in the home of another Uncle, Brother Dominic Thomas to honor his having received his Doctor's Degree from college. They remained on this side of town for the night and attended church the next day in our building. It was during the afternoon meeting that God touched our Sister's heart and caused her to rise filled with the spirit. Several things had warmed her heart that day among which was a spirit of prayer. Brother Joe Melantoni had to pray for Sister Donna's mother, Sister Christina, who has been gravely afflicted for many years.

The baptism was planned for the following Sunday due to weather so inclement on the 11th that it was impossible to drive to our lake lot.

On February 18th we met in a morning meeting rejoicing in anticipation of the baptism. We had many visitors from Ohio among whom were Brother and Sister Calabrese another Aunt and Uncle of our new Sister, and some members of Br. 3.

Brother Louis Cicatti from Lorraine, Ohio opened our meeting by reading from the Bible the story of Martha and Mary and from this took the point of "Decision" and spoke very beautifully to us on this topic. He reminded us of how our lives are a constant decision both spiritually and naturally and the need for us to be aware so we may always choose the better part.

Brother Dominic Moraco followed, speaking on the Chapter of Mosiah, in the Book of Mormon, where Alma spoke at the waters edge. Here again Alma asked for a decision of the people. Were they willing to bear one another's burdens and mourn with those that mourn and stand as a witness of God at all times? Brother Moraco spoke to us of love and how, if our decisions are filled with love they are good. Our Brother reminded us of how baptism takes a great portion of love. Our meeting was dismissed and we drove out to gather at the lake shore. Here we were confronted with ice so thick it took an hour to chop a hole large enough to perform the baptism. It was accomplished, however, with the help of many able bodied Brothers and Brother Tony Lovalvo baptized his niece.

We had scheduled an evening meeting for that Sunday and the conformation took place at this meeting by Brother Reno Balogna.

We thank God for another Sister and ask that He watch over and protect her always.

March 2, 1962

Mexico City, Mexico

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I came to Mexico the first week in January for the purpose of increasing my ability to speak the Spanish language. I have missed the Church tremendously but still God's blessings have been with me.

During these few months here I have been very impressed with the new culture to which I've been exposed.

I'm living in Mexico City which has a population of five million people. I would estimate that four million of these are Indians. The people seem to be very happy in spite of the poverty which is quite prevalent. I was surprised to see that a great majority of the Indians still wash their clothes in streams, rubbing them clean on smooth stones. The average family usually ranges from eight to twelve children all of which live in a one room, poorly constructed dwelling. The children are very often under-clothed, underfed, and starving for love and attention.

The Catholic Church is the largest religious organization but the people in general seem to be far from Christians. Upon telling people we aren't Catholic my room-mates and I have received some interesting remarks. It is common to hear, "You mean you don't believe in God?" I spent two weeks in bed here with a rather mysterious illness and one of the young men who lives near my home here said I was sick because I was not a Catholic. The people are forbidden to read the Scriptures and many of them have no idea what the Bible is. Some people, not fully understanding the circumstances, would debate the idea of the people not being able to read the scriptures but it is a generally accepted fact among the Catholic Mexicans.

The major figure in the whole religion is Mary or as they refer to her "The Mother of God" and "The Holy Virgin." Christ is much less important than she. There is a very simple explanation for this unusual perversion of Christianity. In the average Mexican family the mother is the nucleus of all that is good. If it weren't for her the family would dissolve. The children look upon their mother as a person of perfection who radiates with goodness. The man, on the other hand, must beware not to show much affection for anybody for this is considered a feminine trait. The man must always preserve his "machismo" which, in English, can be translated as the epitome of masculinity. The people are very conscious of that term "macho" and

the men must always defend that quality within them. Consequently, the people cannot conceive Christ, a man, as a person who is filled with virtue and love. It is very, very easy and quite natural for them, however, to look upon Mary—a mother—as someone like this. A mother who serves as the nucleus of this vast organization just as their mother was the nucleus of the organization or family to which they belong. I have heard Anthropologists say that if you would take away the Catholic Church, take away the idea of a Christ and all the principles advanced by Him that the "Virgin Mary" would live on for hundreds of years in the Latin American countries.

In some of the smaller towns farther away from large cities the people have a most unusual Easter Celebration. They Crucify a man every year in remembrance of Christ's crucifixion. This honored man must carry a cross and is nailed to it just as Christ was. This is another example of the mans "muchismo" for this happening in Christ's life appeals to the men.

About the end of January the Indians from Toluca, a city about fifty miles from here, made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Guadalupe here in Mexico City. Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of Mexico and pilgrimages to him is quite common. The group that came from Toluca was comprised of fifty-nine thousand Indians. They walked about fifty miles and during this trek they subsisted mainly on Taquila which is a cheap liquor. When they get to the Basilica they crawl across the long courtyard and into the Church on their knees. After the service there they climb a small hill behind the Basilica to a chapel where Guadalupe was to have had communication with the heavens. Last year seven-hundred people were hospitalized from injuries obtained in drunken brawls as the people fought their way up the hill.

One very interesting structure I had the opportunity to observe was a pyramid built to Quetzalcoatl. He was a white god who came from across the sea around the time of Christ. According to Indian legend and anthropological discoveries he remained with the people several years and taught them many things to make life easier. He warned

them that if they were unfaithful to him that one day more white men would come from across the sea and capture their lands. I don't think it is necessary to mention who this white god was. It made my heart joyful to see such proof of the records found in the Book of Mormon.

Since I've come here my mind has been drawn quite often to the promises made unto the House of Israel. I have particularly thought of the tribe of Joseph since I am surrounded by the people who are a part of that tribe. The Indians here have impressed me greatly with, first, their great numbers. They are a happy people who enjoy life and love being around other people. They love to talk and seem very pleased when we students speak with them in Spanish. They live only for today for it is reality and they can understand this. Manana is so much of an abstraction that they don't have much interest in preparing for it. When a Mexican tells you he will meet you tomorrow he might not show up for a week. He doesn't feel he has done anything wrong because to him "tomorrow" is any time in the future. It took me some time to get adjusted to such an outlook.

It is not hard to develop a great fondness for the Mexican people, I have grown to respect their way of life and enjoy living amongst them. I have been sick and although I am not sure, I may have to return to the states in the near future. If I do I will be earnestly looking forward to returning to Mexico to continue my studies.

Your Brother in Christ,
Richard S. Curry

A VISIT TO FLORIDA

On Dec. 1961, my wife and I started for Florida, going by way of Waynesboro, Penna. where we stopped at the home of my youngest sister, and brother-in-law, Mary and Troy Orr. To visit my father who makes his home with them, we found him about as well as usual, which is not bad considering his age, he will be 85 if the Lord spares him until August 20th. After staying over night with them, we headed South, arriving at West Palm Beach, at the home of Bro. and Sister G. Mazzeo on Saturday where we found Sister Mazzeo, re-

cuperating from surgery. We stayed about one week with them attending all the services held while there, and enjoying ourselves very much. I was requested to take the lead in opening most of the services, and I had very good liberty in speaking, having spent two Sundays here, we went to Fort Pierce for Sunday evening M.B.A. We remained there, staying the first week in the home of Bro. and Sister John Moore. We had a get-together about every evening, and our time was not spent in vain. Then on Sunday 14th we had a very nice gathering, which included Bro. and Sister Oran Thomas, and their two daughters and their husbands, besides quite a number of others gathered there, about 25 adults I believe. The remark was made that it was like a conference for them in Fort Pierce, to have a gathering like this. Next we stayed with Bro. and Sister Patsy Rogolino, who is the presiding Elder there. During the second week we held meetings about every night, with everyone present apparently much interested. Then on Wednesday Evening in company with Bro. and Sister Moore, Bro. Kenneth Hatch, my wife and I, they took us to visit the Seminole Indian Reservation, North of Lake Okeechobee. They have been visiting these people at various times. We were very well received by them, and made the acquaintance of some very nice people living there, (we was sorry Bro. Frank Rogolino was too ill to go with us, the Indian people missed his presence). They gave me the opportunity to speak in their meeting, about our missionary work among the various Indian peoples, also the mission work in Africa. They appeared to be very interested in what I told them concerning the work of the church in these fields, among the poor of mankind. And I appreciated the opportunity given me to speak. May God bless these humble people is my prayer.

There being a meeting appointed in Orlando, for Sunday Jan. 21st, at the home of Sister Bertha Somerville. We left Fort Pierce immediately after the morning service for Orlando, here we found a nice little group gathered for the late afternoon service. Bro. Frank Rogolino along with others are

endeavoring to hold a service here once a month for the benefit of the members there, being about 140 miles distance one way. We remained with Sister Sommerville. There being a meeting appointed for Thursday evening at the home of Sister Molly Lint, Palm Bay. Sister Sommerville accompanied us to this meeting. Here we found Bro. and Sister Oran Thomas, and quite a number of brothers and sisters from Fort Pierce and other places. We had a very nice testimony meeting. This happened to be Bro. Thomas' birthday (we helped him eat the cake). Friday we went to Lakeland to the home of Sister Aquilina and family, staying with them over night. We proceeded to St. Petersburg, after visiting some relatives who we had not seen in many years, we went to visit Sister Conti and her husband. They were very glad to see us, and to have us in their home as they get very lonesome, and appreciate company from up North. Next we visited Bro. and Sister Wm. Tucker and family. We spent a very nice time with them in their home and enjoyed our visit immensely. Sister Ruth was off from work with the flu. She was better when we left. We paid a visit to Sister Louise (Rutherford) Lloyd and husband, at Brandenton, and stayed over night with them. We returned to West Palm Beach where we stayed with Bro. and Sister F. Sirangelo. We attended meeting here again on Sunday morning. We found Bros. Rocco Ansano and August D'Orazio present having arrived from New Jersey. Bro. Ansano opened the meeting and gave a very nice talk on Ruth and Naomi, he was followed by Bro. D'Orazio Jr. I believe the service was enjoyed by all present. After eating lunch we left for Fort Pierce and the M.B.A. service. Going home with Bro. and Sister Frank Rogolino. On Wednesday evening along with Bro. Frank and others we made another visit to the Indian Reservation, and enjoyed ourselves with them, in their service.

My wife had developed an affliction in her leg, and it had been giving her considerable pain for several days, so on Friday morning we decided to start for home

immediately cutting short our intended stay by about ten days. We arrived home at 1:30 A.M. Sunday, to be greeted by just zero temperature. I had thought that perhaps I could get a couple months carpenter work in Florida, but things were as bad there as in Penna. as far work is concerned. But we are very thankful that we had the privilege of visiting so many of the brothers and sisters, and meeting in the services of God with them, it was a great pleasure for which we are indebted to God, and our brothers and sisters. May God bless each one of you abundantly.

Bro. and Sister Joseph Bittinger

IMPERIAL NEWS

Feb. 18, 1962

Dear Editor

We have had reason to rejoice here in the Imperial branch; as we had a baptism on Feb. 11, 1962. We baptised a young man by the name of Daniel Yoder. He is quite an outstanding young man (17 yrs. old) Ever since he met the church he has been faithful in attending. I have seen times where he has walked to Church in the cold of winter and snow on the ground. It gives us courage when we see someone like him so interested in serving God. We have baptised so far out of that family, his father, mother, and one sister, all of which are fine people and a big help to our branch. Our regards to all the saints throughout the Church.

Branch Editor
William Kunkel

How new Tower of Babel may look. WONDER OF ANCIENT BABYLON REBUILDING PLANNED ON DESERT

In the Pittsburgh Press of Feb. 11, 1962 there is a picture of a large building of which the Tower of Babel may look, after its reconstruction, beginning in the summer of 1962, and its completion expected to be in 1968. There is quite a long article about the affair. One small paragraph reads as follows. "About 37 centuries ago Babylon was a flourishing city. In the 6th century B.C. it was a metropolis of two million people on the eastern bank of the Euphrates,

with an area greater than New York City." One of the ideas of the reconstruction, is an attraction for tourists from all over the world. I am going to quote the last three paragraphs of the article as follows:

"The last reconstruction was carried out on a huge scale by King Nebuchadnezzar II of Biblical fame, who conquered Jerusalem in 587 B.C. and carried the Jews into captivity in Babylon. In an inscription which still exists, the king states that he had war prisoners from many nations work on the restoration of the tower. The captive Jews were among the slave workers engaged on this job. Their daily contact with thousands of other prisoners from many lands who were toiling on the same site probably gave rise to the Biblical account of the **confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel.**" End of quote.

May I say:—What a contrast between the learned of our day, when compared with the simplicity of the account given in Genesis chapter 11 of the confusion of languages. —How slow men are to take the account of the affair as is given by Moses. I read in the account as given by him in which he says: "And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go **down**, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the **face of all the earth**: and they left off to build the city." End of quote.

If our wise and learned men of today, would take a little time and read the Book of Mormon which was translated by an American boy (Joseph Smith) from golden plates (or records) that came out of the ground as foretold by the Prophet Isaiah, you will learn that something of which you are ignorant of (though well learned) that the people whom were scattered at the confounding of the languages —and scattered from thence upon the face of all the earth— that some were scattered to this West-
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POEM

Would I be called a Christian
If every body knew
My secret thoughts and feelings,
And everything I do?
Or could they see the likeness
Of Christ in me each day?
Or could they hear Him speaking
In every thing I say?

Would I be called a Christian
If every one should know
That I am found in places
Where Jesus would not go?
Or would they hear His echo
In every song I sing?
In eating, dressing, drinking,
Could they see Christ my King?

Would I be called a Christian,
If judged by what I read?
By all my recreations, and every
Thought and deed?
Could I be counted Christ-Like, as
I now work and pray,
Unselfish, kind, forgiving
To others every day?
(Contributed by Sister Hanna)

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An old Indian stood on a hill-
top with his son, looking over a
beautiful valley below them. After
a period of silence, the old Indian
spoke: "Someday, my son, all this
land will belong to the Indians
again. White man all go to the
moon."

—The Cherokee Times,
Cherokee, N. C.

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS RESERVATION, ARIZONA.

March 5, 1962

Dear Brother Cadman,
Since writing to you last, there
have been four more baptisms on
the San Carlos Indian Reservation.
Of course, this makes us happy and
we pray that God will keep them
faithful. Truly, it seems so diffi-
cult for these, the Seed of Joseph,
to live close to the Lord; they sure
need our prayers.

It will be a grand and glorious
day when the Lord turns His smil-
ing face upon them once again and
we can see them as a fair and de-
lightsome people. There is much
poverty and affliction among them
and yet, they stand up to testify
of God's goodness and glorify His
name. That's why it thrills my soul

to hear their testimonies.

There has been a larger attend-
ance the past few Sundays and the
children's classes in Sunday school
have increased. We have been
teaching the little children to sing
hymns and they seem to enjoy that
very much.

Although, more of our time has
been taken up, now, with the work
in Phoenix, we feel privileged to
be close enough to partake of the
work on San Carlos. Whenever we
do go, we always receive a bless-
ing just being with them, knowing
they are God's chosen people.

Brother Phil & Sister
Ann Damore

PONZA ISLE.

March 8, 1962

I have just received a card from
our missionaries in Italy "Dan and
Chester" informing me that they
were on the Isle of Ponza, and had
another baptism on that day. Our
brothers seem to be exerting them-
selves very much and it is gratify-
ing to learn that they are not
labouring in vain. On the Isles of
the sea and too, so far away from
home, the Lord is with our broth-
ers. May they have a good report
to bring home, when eventually
they will turn their faces toward
home and their loved ones. From
the picture of the Isle it looks like
a very barren place.

Brother Cadman

AN OLD HYMN

Truth reflects upon our senses,
Gospel light reveals to some;
If there still should be offenses
Woe, to them by whom they come.

2

Judge not that you be not judged,
Was the counsel Jesus gave
Measure given, large or grudging,
Just the same you must receive.

3

Jesus says be meek and lowly,
For 'tis high to be a judge;
If I would be pure and holy
I must love without a grudge.

4

It requires a constant labor
All His precepts to obey;
If I truly love my neighbor,
I am in the narrow way.

5

Once I said unto another,

In thine eye there is a mote;
If thou art a friendly brother,
Hold and let me pull it out.

6

But I could not see it fairly,
For my sight was very dim
When I came to search more
clearly,
In my eye there was a beam.

7

If I love my brother dearer,
And his mote I would erase,
Then the light should shine the
clearer;
For the eye's a tender place.

8

Others I have oft reproved
For an object like a mote;
Now I wish this beam removed,
Oh! that tears would wash it out.

9

Charity and love is healing,
This will give the clearest sight;
When I saw my brother's failing,
I was not exactly right.

10

Now I'll take no further trouble,
Jesus' love is all my theme;
Little motes are but a bubble,
When I think upon the beam.

P.S. The above verses certainly
are a wonderful composition, and
especially for souls that want to
serve the Lord Jesus Christ aright
—persons whom, I might say want
liberty, and at the same time be
careful, **very careful** and not tread
upon the liberty of others. (I think
of the words of Jesus—in sense
as follows, "Do unto others as you
would have them do unto you.")

It has been a long time since I
read these verses. They were in
our old hymn book when I was a
boy—and how it came about that
I read them at this time, happened
in this way—Brother Heaps is here
in Monongahela holding meetings
this week of March 21st. He want-
ed a copy of that old hymn, so one
of my daughters looked it up and
typed it off for him. In reading it
over, I decided it would be good
reading for Gospel News readers.
So I am adding a few words.

I heard of an instance just re-
cently of which I will touch upon
just lightly. In a group where oth-
ers faults were being talked of,
one person remarked that he could
"pin point them all". I could not

recall of ever hearing that expression before, and I thought, what a contrast there is in those words and the teaching of Jesus Christ. I hear much about been worldly—do we ever stop to think, that we can be just as worldly in the way of expressing ourselves, as others may be, in spending their time with things not very good on the Television? Remember King Benjamin in the Book of Mosiah reveals to us that there are many ways in which we can sin, He was a faithful follower of the despised Nazarene whom taught as follows, "Matthew 7, 5 "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brothers eye." (Webster defines the word *mote* as follows, "A small particle, as of floating dust"). May I add —Woe be unto all men who will take privileges and liberties they wish to, and then at the same time "pin-point" others for exercising their rights. No man should take liberty to transgress God. "Judge not that you be not judged, Was the counsel Jesus gave, Measure given, large or grudged, Just the same you must receive." Remember that sin is the transgression of the Law.

Editor

How new Tower of Babel may look. WONDER OF ANCIENT BABYLON REBUILDING PLANNED ON DESERT

(Continued from April Issue)

ern Hemisphere and became a mighty nation of people who like the great Babylonian Kingdom have gone into oblivion because they forgot the God who created them. The decree of God is, as recorded in the Book of Mormon: that all people who inhabit this land (America) shall either serve God or be wiped off the face thereof, when their fullness of iniquity comes in. I am persuaded that this great nation of America will not be exempt from the decree of God unless they mend their ways.

I will quote the language of the Prophet Moroni as is recorded in the Book of Mormon as follows, and of which he is speaking directly to this American people. He says: "Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know

your doing." He declares that the sword of God's vengeance hangeth over you, and the time soon cometh that He avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for He will not suffer their cries any longer."—You will find about as much corruption in our beloved home of America as you will find most anywhere. Yea, America! America! May God shed His grace upon thee.

Editor

CHARLES KENNEDY PASSES ON

Brother Kennedy, 70, died Saturday morning, February 17, 1962, at his home, 13 Erie Avenue, Glassport, Pa.

Friends were received at the Charles R. Lorenzo Funeral Home, Glassport. An opening prayer was said by Bro. T. S. Furnier. Sister Ruth Ackerman sang, accompanied by Sister Mabel Bickerton. Brother Anthony DiBattista and Brother Joseph Shazer conducted services at the Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, and burial took place in Pleasant View Cemetery, Grindstone, Pa.

Mr. Kennedy, born Oct. 25, 1891, in Redstone, Pa., was a son of the late Charles H. and Alice McDunna Kennedy. He lived in this area 20 years and was a member the Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mickelina DiNino Kennedy; son, Robert of Grindstone, Charles of Youngstown, O., Paul of West Middlesex, Pa., Alvin of Butler, Arthur of West Elizabeth and Walter, Russell, Ralph, Samuel and Joseph, all of Glassport; daughters, Mrs. Christine Brocco of Grindstone, Mrs. Hazel Dawson and Mrs. Edna Zollinger, both of Conneaut, Ohio, Mrs. Nancy Cavanaugh of Baltimore, Miss Rosella Kennedy at home and Mrs. Alice Tachoir of Clairton; 40 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren.

Also surviving are his sisters, Mrs. Rose Jacobson of Butler, Mrs. Anna Hodge of Clairton, Mrs. Clara Mort of Glassport; Mrs. Alice Codrington of Pulaski, Pa.; and Brothers, Clarence of Oregon, Alma of Allenport, Pa. and Joseph of Grindstone.

MRS. MARY COTELLESSE PASSES ON.

Sister Mary Cotellesse passes on to the her reward after a long ill-

ness on Feb. 26, 1962. She was born in Italy on August 23, 1891, was united in marriage to Vincent Cotellesse in March 1910 and emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1920 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in December 1931.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons, Domenic, James, Peter, Nick, and one daughter, Sister Rose Milantoni. She was a member of Branch No. 2 in Detroit and was a wonderful Sister in the church. Her interest was outstanding in visiting afflicted people, greatly assisting them in their wants and needs. She was beloved by all both young and old and will be sadly missed by them.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. G. Bologna assisted by brother Domenic Thomas at Branch No. 4 church in Detroit on March 4th. Interment at Ferndale Cemetery—Funeral Director Charles H. Nixon of Lincoln Park, Mich. May the Lord comfort and bless her loved ones.

APPRECIATION FROM CRAFTON, PA.

Dear Brother Cadman:

Please find three dollars for my Gospel News for 1962. I am always glad to get my paper. It is like the brothers and sisters dropping in for a visit and it gives you a lift. I do not have good health, so you can see what I mean. I trust you are all well and happy. May God bless each and every one.

I thank God for His love to me, and for His Son Jesus that puts the desire in my heart to serve Him. Remember me in our prayers that I will ever prove faithful, and be a help and blessing to others, is the desire of my heart.

May the Lord bless you brother Cadman. I know you have been the means of bringing many to Christ, I pray He will give you many more years to serve Him. Good bye for now.

Sister Martha Harris

INDIAN TESTIMONY

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (AP) — Joe Sanders, a member of the Arizona Indian Association, testified at a U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearing —

"Speaking from an Indian point of view," he said, "I hope you don't louse up your immigration policies as badly as we did."

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

JAROM AND A FEW OTHERS WRITE.

"Now behold, I, Jarom, write a few words according to the commandment of my father, Enos, that our genealogy may be kept." It is readily seen then, that one of the objects of the various writers is, to keep their genealogy intact and, which was done for approximately 1000 years until the Nephites downfall at the battle of Cumorah's hill.

Enos' in making the statement that he will not write the things of his prophesying, nor of his revelations, is sufficient to demonstrate that he was a God-fearing man, even as was his father, Enos. But he does not deem it necessary for him to go into details of his activities, for he asks: "For what could I write more than my fathers have written? For have not they revealed the plan of salvation? I say unto you, Yea; and this sufficeth me."

Evidently, he feels that sufficient had been written, but he sees the need of much activity on the part of the servants of God, for he says: "Much should be done among this people." He says there are many of them who have many revelations, for they are not all stiffnecked. I often express myself in effect, if not in plain words—the more the devil rages, that much more the Soldiers of the Great General should be on the offensive, for the rescue of one soul cannot be estimated by mortal beings.

According to Jarom, their kings and leaders were mighty men in the faith of the Lord. I might add: that their activities must have demonstrated the fact, of them being might men. May I ask: what else would do it? From what Jarom writes in the verse 8 of his writings—they were richly blessed in precious metals. Jarom says that their prophets, priests and teachers did labor diligently, exhorting with all long-suffering

the people to diligence; teaching the law of Moses, and the intent for which it was given; persuading them to look forward unto the Messiah, and believe in Him to come as though He already was. And after this manner did they teach. One big fault of people who profess faith in the restored Gospel—many of them are too much concerned about mysterious things—instead of saving the souls of men and women. Yea: Jesus has declared that before Abraham was I Am. May I ask: If you are interested in having peace on the earth and saving of the soul, why are not the words of Jesus sufficient? Or are you becoming like the scientist's of our day—are you wanting to go to the moon?

According to the words of Jarom, it is very plain that they had a plenty to do in a very simple way among their people of that day. It is likewise today. Our brethren's work in Nigeria, proves the fact that the harvest is plentiful but workers are scarce. Jarom, the son of Enos, ends his writings by saying, "And I deliver these plates into the hand of my son Omni, that they may be kept according to the commandments of my fathers."

Omni, the son of Jarom, now writes: It is evident that his main purpose in doing so, is to preserve their genealogy. He had fought much to preserve his people, the Nephites, from falling into the hands of their enemies, the Lamanites. But he says, I of myself am a wicked man, and I have not kept the statutes and the commandments of the Lord, as I ought to have done. He says that 276 years had passed away (meaning since they had left Jerusalem, WHC.) We have had many seasons of peace, and many serious seasons of war and bloodshed. Now, 282 years had passed away and I kept these plates according to the commandments of my fathers; and I conferred them upon my son Amaron, And I make an end.

And now I, Amaron, write the things whatsoever I write, which are few, in the book of my father. He says that 320 years had passed away and the more wicked part of the Nephites was destroyed. He says that the Lord would not suffer those he had led out of the land of Jerusalem and had preserved them from their enemies yea; he would not suffer that the words should not be verified, saying that: Inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments ye shall not prosper in the land. And it came to pass that I deliver these plates unto my brother Chemish.

Now I Chemish (the brother of Amaron, WHC.) write in the same book of my brother. I saw that which he wrote, that he wrote it with his own hand in the day that he delivered them unto me. And I make an end.

Behold, I, Abinadom, am the son of Chemish. I saw much war and contention between my people, the Nephites and the Lamanites. He feels that which is sufficient's written, And I (Abinadom) make an end.

GOD'S WAYS ARE MYSTERIOUS

Huntington Park, California

Dear Brother Cadman,

For a long time I have wanted to write about my coming in contact with "The Church of Jesus Christ".

My first meeting with a member of the church, was when my brother-in-law Rocco Meo came to our home after he found the church and was baptized. He being my wife's brother came right

away to tell us how happy he was that at last he truly found "The Church of Jesus Christ". And he wanted to tell his sister the wonderful news. But when we, my wife and I heard this we were sur-

prised and angry that he could leave the Catholic church, the church of his mother and father. We told him that it was a disgrace and I called him all sorts of names that I could think of. We wanted no part of his new found church or of him. We told him to leave and never return to our home, that he was not welcome there anymore.

But this did not stop him and he came quite often. When I'd see him coming I'd tell my wife "Here comes that pest again". And I would quickly leave and he would talk to my wife for a while and then leave, because she was not interested either. This kept on for the space of 4 years.

During these 4 years my father passed away quite suddenly, after the funeral I brought my mother home to live with me. She was a very sick woman, with asthma and a leaking heart. The Doctor gave her only a short time to live. He told us that she could fall dead at any time. She would cry constantly in her room mourning for my father. This kept on day after day, month after month. Meanwhile Brother Rocco Meo began to speak to her about the Lord and the church that he had found. And it wasn't very long that my mother became interested and went to visit the church. Not many weeks went by and she was baptized at Branch #3 in Detroit, Michigan. After her baptism she began to pray constantly for my brother Peter and myself. She only had us two boys.

After 4 years the Lord did answer her prayers along with Bro. Rocco's. I had one of the greatest experiences I ever had. At this time I lost all that we owned, money plus a food market. And with a family of 4 children no money coming in I was forced to seek help from the Welfare Dept. So it was, that one morning I started out to apply for a job that the Welfare Dept. sent me on. We lived in the corner house next door to a large playground and I was walking across this playground. I heard a voice saying "If you should die now could you stand before me? At the same time I could see myself and how I looked before God. Then another voice spoke saying "It's only your imagination."

I walked a little further and the voice again spoke "The day of the first resurrection will your tomb open up, with the Saints of God, to stand before me?"

The third time the voice said "The Day of The First Resurrection when the Saints of God will rise and gather before me, will you be there? I could see myself and how filthy my sinful life was. I began to cry, "God help me and don't take me before I make a covenant with thee." That weekend Bro. Rocco came as usual and he was talking to my Bro. Peter, on our front porch I was on the other side of the porch smoking a cigarette and could hear what he was saying, and it was all about the resurrection. I was so glad to hear this that I kept slowly edging closer to hear all about this. After he was through talking and preparing to leave he turned to me and said "Joe, if I were to give a party and invited you would you come?" And I answered quickly "Sure I'd come." He then said "Joe, I'm going to invite you to come to church once more and this is the last time."

I quickly answered "Yes, I'll come". When morning came, I told my wife "I promised your brother I'd go to church today. We will go but we will sit in the very last seats in the church. And when I hear them say something that I don't like we will leave. And when I say let's go, you'd better get up and leave with me or else."

But when the meeting began and the minister began to preach, I felt so ashamed of myself that I had to bow my head in shame. Because the words seemed to all be directed at me. They made me realize how great a sinner I was. And how much I needed the Lord.

It wasn't too long and both my brother & I were baptized and also our wives.

Your brother in Christ
Joseph Capone

TAKE NOTE.

Fairless Hills, Pa. is the center of a mission recently started and all in the area are invited to attend services there.

This section of the country has seen great growth lately and much hope is held for the mission.

It is requested that anyone familiar with people in the vicinity

either presently or formerly connected with The Church send their names to Brother Samuel Dell. Communities in the area of Fairless Hills, Pa., where the meetings are held, are: Levittown, Morrisville, Yardley, Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania; and Trenton, N. J.

Inquire further or send information to; Samuel Dell, 214 Blough Court, Fairless Hills, Pa. (Telephone—Windsor 6-4124)

A LETTER FROM 'WAY UP IN ONTARIO.

Sketches from a letter written by Sister Bertha Ford, who lives at Meaford ('way up in Canada) on March 22nd/62.

Dear Brother Cadman. We are still snow-bound in our yard but it is going nicely—there is no sign today of open water (the Bay I presume is all ice WHC). Brother and Sister Ford live right close to the water, and they have had 20 degrees below zero weather. But she says: we are looking forward for summer here and beauty too. We have not been to the Grand River Mission only twice this winter. I have had a bad winter We and the McKays have our Sunday meetings together and one day through the week we get together. We get lonesome for the spiritual feeding of our brethren. Also the fellowship of one another, but God knows our needs.

Douglas has been working every day. Thankful he has escaped the Flu, but I had a dose of it. Brother Burgess gave us a phone call about Bro. Cotellesse, we are sorry for he will be missed much. I hope this letter will find you well, and that you will come and visit us again this year. How is Sister Grace?

May God bless you all in that part of the vineyard. Sister Bertha Ford. P.S. The Fords and the McKays live up on the shores of Georgian Bay in Canada, I have been at their homes in the summer time and I imagine it is a cold spot in the winter time. She says the gulls and crows are in her yard daily in search of food, which is hard for them to get at this time of the year. It is quite a long drive for them to go to church at the Grand River Mission. Here is hoping that their winter will soon be over. (Editor)

The Children's Corner . . .

"God created man in his own image," Genesis 1: 27.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I think you would like to hear about the first people who lived here in our beautiful world. I told you the story of how God made the heaven and the earth, also the fowls of the air and plants for food. Everything He made was good and for the benefit of man. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. He made him in his own likeness. This man was called Adam. God said, it was not good for man to live alone. Adam needed a companion, someone to live with and to help him. So God made a woman and her name was Eve.

God planted a garden eastward in Eden for Adam and Eve. It was a beautiful place with many trees and a river to water it. God commanded the animals, birds and creeping things that were on the earth to come to Adam. He told Adam to name them and he did. In the garden was everything Adam and Eve needed. When God placed them there, He told them that they could eat of every tree except one. This tree was named, "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." One day, a serpent, who was Satan, was in this garden. He was wise and deceitful. Satan told Eve to eat some of the fruit from the tree which God had told them not to eat. He told her she would not die but would be as God knowing good and evil. Eve ate and gave some fruit to Adam and he too ate of this forbidden fruit.

Later in the cool of the day, God came to the garden. Adam and Eve hid themselves among the trees when they heard the voice of the Lord God. The Lord questioned them and because they disobeyed, He could no longer allow them to stay in this beautiful garden. God cursed the serpent and said on his belly he must go and eat dust all the days of his life. Now outside of the garden were

thorns and thistles. Adam had to work hard to get food to eat. The Lord God made coats of skins to clothe them.

One day, after Adam and Eve had left the garden, God gave them a little baby. This was the first baby born on the earth. His name was Cain. Later they had another little boy and they named him Abel. Never again did Adam or Eve return to the garden. For at the east of the Garden of Eden the Lord God placed cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way to guard the tree of life. God had to punish them for disobeying him, just as our parents correct us when we disobey. But God still loved them. They were our first parents. Adam called his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Adam was 930 years old when he died.

Search the Scriptures

Who are these mothers?

1. My name is found in the Old Testament,

I had a child when I was 90 years old and my husband was 100.

I laughed when the angel said I would have a son.

My child was a child of promise. What is my son's name and mine? (Genesis chapter 17)

2. I am a New Testament mother. My son was loved by Paul the Apostle.

Paul called him, "my own son." His grandmother and I taught him of the Lord.

An epistle is written to him.

What is my son's name and mine? (II Timothy chapter 1)

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

CALIFORNIA

"I'm Writing About My Neighbor"
Dear Editor:

I'm writing about my neighbor Maria Dichiera whom I have known for three years. These 3 years I have enjoyed very much. I enjoy hearing her talk about the Bible. She tells me of so many interesting experiences she has had with the Lord. He has done so much for her. I'm quite sure He has been

with her all the way, leading and guiding her. After the car wreck she was very nervous. She tells how she looked to the Lord for help. About 11 months later she had finally realized she had been under shock for some time. She said she had come home from the Doctor's office. She said she sat down at the piano and glanced at a familiar hymn, but all she could see was white. She cried and prayed to the Lord to deliver her from her bad condition that made her and her family suffer. She said when she opened her eyes she understood the hymn better than she did before. She also knew that the Lord had brought her out of shock.

She also told of another experience she had with the Lord. She said her husband received a note from the Bank saying that he had only \$80.00 left. Her husband got very angry with her. He said "You should have let me turn the insurance papers in to be collected which I have paid for." She said she didn't want to harm the boy driving the car. She realized she was wrong and said in a low voice, "the Lord will provide." She said the expense of the accident was \$1300. At the same time a man came to estimate their orange crop. He said it might add up to maybe 2,000 dollars or less. But when they received the check from the crop it was 33 hundred dollars. She said she knew the Lord had provided the money that she spent on the accident. This experience proves that the Lord provides for those that serve Him. I feel Maria Dichiera really does trust in the Lord.

Yours truly,

Mazie Staton

P.S. Would you please put this experience in the Gospel News. I don't belong to the church but I enjoy reading the Gospel News.

A LETTER BY SISTER NASTASIA NILES, OHIO

After many years baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ, I went to God in prayer knowing that I am living on borrowed days. I questioned the Lord as to what good I had done before I am taken away. I want to be an instrument in His hands that I may do something pleasing unto Thee. For many years God revealed unto me that He has used me more than once as

an instrument in His hands.

So when the Lord takes me away I'll be happy to go. (Which before this revelation I didn't want to die.) Brothers and sisters I have left the world and all its charms. I took my Jesus within my heart and I love His church and I have tried hard to be a servant of God for forty years in a pure and humble heart and a contrite spirit.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed WHOSE GOD is the Lord.

"And inasmuch as we know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation of a whole people? We have have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten GOD. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the GOD that made us."

Proclamation, March 30, 1863.

Contributed by Alma Coppa.

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P.S. Readers of the Gospel News: I was about to publish a note relative to the difficulties we were having with so many papers not reaching their intended destination, when one of my daughters brought me a copy of the Christian Herald, telling me that we were not the only ones who are having trouble with the mail. So the above note which they send to their subscribers will serve very well for the subscribers to the Gospel News.

More than once of late we have received more than five returns in one day's mail. We have to pay ten cents each for their return, so when finally get a paper into your hands, we have paid the postage three times. With this class of mail, it will not be transferred to you, it must be properly addressed.

Please—subscribers to the Gospel News, I want you all to get your papers, and as promptly as possible. Help us out all you can, especially when changing your addresses.

Sincerely,
Brother Cadman

PROPHETIC UTTERANCES WORTHY OF NOTE.

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes."

If this prophecy is to be fulfilled in these last days, then it is

a foregone conclusion, that the work of gathering the House of Israel will outshine the delivering of them from the oppression of Pharaoh. The prophet declares that not one word shall return unto Him void. It is the Lord who is speaking, and He says: but it (my word) shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 53-11, 12. Thus far I have spoken to you of the words of the prophets.

Paul speaking in Hebrews first chapter says: "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom (Christ) also He made the world."

In John 14-12 the Son speaks in the last days as follows: "Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father."

Paul speaks of the Son been made manifest unto us in these the last days—He was speaking in the present tense. — He that believeth were the words of Jesus as are recorded in John 14-12 has no limitations except for UNBELIEF.

Therefore the prophet has said: It will no longer be said that the Lord liveth that brought the children of Israel up out of Egypt, and Jesus tells His disciples: Greater things shall ye do because I go to my Father. I might add that the greatest work of all ages is yet in the future. Yea, the will of God shall be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Eventually, the Kingdom shall be given to the Saints of the most High. The prophets of old have seen the kingdoms and nations subdued. Past history certainly verifies the accuracy of God's word thus far, and how long it will be until the little stone shall smite the image on the feet, remains to be seen. Common sense is sufficient, to let us realize that the world cannot go on as it now is forever. Prophets, present the nations to us as becoming the chaff of the summer thrashing floor, while the Little Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth.

Sincerely, Editor.

ASK, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

"Ask, and ye shall receive".

So, it was told to me,

"You only need believe

And glory you shall see".

And, so I knelt and prayed,

And, I was not dismayed,

He told me more than I had asked
Him for.

He sweetly let me know,

Salvations only price:

A heart, whose greatest glow

Would always be for Christ.

Faith in the Holy Writ,

As Mormon teaches it . . .

"For in My Hand, Joseph and
Judah, stand".

Then, as He spoke to me

My eyes, He opened wide,

The truth, He made me see

And washed away my pride.

And so, I say to you,

In sober words, and true:

"He makes the blind to see, for I
was blind!"

Catherine Poma

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

It is with great pleasure, I write to you today, on the 1st. day of what we hope will be a historical year in progress of the work of God. When we think of all the activities, going on in this world, to increase the natural elements of life, I think it is about time that the people of God, wake up, hand in hand, heart in heart, and see if unitedly we can't join together, wholeheartedly, to accomplish the design of our Heavenly Father.

I shall now make a few statements, of what has transpired out here, in the Vineyard of the Lord up to the close of the old year. In Port Huron on Sunday Dec. 10th., meeting was introduced by Bro. Peter Capone. He spoke from 1st. Thessalonians 4th. Chapter, 1st. verse to the end of the Chapter. He gave us a good talk on the sufferings of Jesus Christ, and said, must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there is a cross for everyone, and there is one for me. Both our Sunday School, and Morning Service, were blessed with the spirit of God. Bros. M. Miller and Tony Ruzzi, also spoke, and with testimonies, we just had a delightful time.

On Dec. 17th. at Branch #1,

service was introduced by Bro. Anthony Pietrangelo, who spoke from Genesis 3rd. Chapter, 1st. verse to the end of the 4th. verse. Our bro. spoke of the Creation. Of our first parents being overcome by the evil-one, of Adam blaming his wife, and of Eve, blaming the tempter. Our bro. said, it is easy enough to get into all kinds of predicaments, so the best advice to all, is to serve God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Also to watch and pray, without ceasing, as Jesus commanded, and He will carry us through. The Quartet sang a selection, "Supper Time". Our next speaker was Bro. Paul Vitto, who gave us a good talk on the same subject. Our afternoon service was also well blessed, and all and all, we just had a time of great rejoicing. On Dec. 25th. in the morning, we attended the Program, at Branch #3, the Topic was, the 1st. Christmas. The children played their parts well, reflecting on the parents and teachers, care and expertness, in training, a wonderful, Sunday School Class. One of the items on the program that was specially brought out, was a play entitled, "The Blind Beggar on the Bethlehem Road". This topic was well worthy of honorable mention.

Sunday morning Service was introduced by Bro. Pete Capone (Senior). He spoke from Luke 2nd. Chapter, 21st. verse to the end of the 31st. verse. He spoke about Christmas. Said the birth of Christ was not only good advice to the world, but good news, and joy, unto the children of men. Our bro. gave us a wonderful talk. Second speaker was Bro. Silver Coppa who spoke quite well. In the afternoon, we also had a grand time, enjoying the privileges and blessings, of our Heavenly Father. In the afternoon at Branch #1, we had our program. From 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we had community singing, directed by Bro. Vito Gioia. We had a wonderful program and many of the children displayed their parts well. Prizes were given for the following; Memorizing the Psalms, the Lord's prayer, the ten commandments, the Books of the Bible, the Beatitudes, and Attendance. The teachers worked hard to train these children and should be congratulated.

On Sunday Dec., we had the fol-

lowing bros. visiting Branch #1. Bros. Tony Lovalvo, Frank Vitto, and Joe Calabreze from Lorraine. Bro. Lovalvo introduced the service, reading in the Gospel of John, 11th. Chapter to the 5th. verse, and 18th. verse to the end of the 28th. verse. These bros. gave us very enlightening talks, which was soul rending. Our Watch Service was also greatly blessed. Bro. Nick Pietrangelo gave us a wonderful talk and also read us the following on Patience: Someone has said, that the only practical way of ever understanding one-another, is for everyone, to do another person's job, for just one day. If we did understand one-another, there would be better personal relationships, and much less quarreling, and impatience. Impatience is one of the world's worst failings. Many of the cruel things we say which wound others deeply, are said because we are not patient, to stop and think, of what we are about to say. How often, our snap judgments are wrong simply because we did not have the patience to wait until all the facts, and all the evidence, were in our possession. To be patient is not easy, especially in the face of provocation and difficulty. Blessed indeed is the man, who can hang on to his temper. He who can control it is also the master of his tongue. From the patient man, there comes forth no foolish words, for patience is a first cousin, of Charity, and kindness. Not much more. May God's richest blessings, be bestowed on all my bros. and sisters, throughout the universe, is the prayer of your bro. in Christ. Matthew T. Miller.

VICTORY FOR THE INDIANS**Philadelphia Evening Bulletin**

American Indians have won a notable victory in spite of the white man and all the broken treaties.

The victory has been over smallpox, tuberculosis, whisky and wars of extermination, and today the nation has more Indians than at any time in the last 60 or more years.

It is estimated that when Columbus got around to these parts the country had 850,000 Indians. Judging from all that has been written about them, you might think there were ten times that many. By 1900 their numbers had dwindled to

250,000, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs reports there are now 509,000.

The population explosion has apparently hit the Redskins, for their rate of growth is about 50 per cent higher than that of the U. S. population as a whole. Television and movie writers will need to note the fact and avoid offending this growing segment of the country's people.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR ALL.

Sometime ago Sister Ruth Mountain of our Branch observed the need of a class for children where they could be schooled in the Gospel on a level capable with their own understanding. We here at Monongahela have always been blessed with a large group of children. With permission of the Branch the children remain in the Sunday School room while the parents attend the morning service. To me, this separate service, commonly referred to as the Junior Church, has proved itself over and over. The children here are permitted to learn together, work together and share together. Our lessons have always been from both Bible and Book of Mormon and at present our theme is "Why I Believe in the Book of Mormon" hoping at the end of this course our children will intelligently be able to share with their friends and relatives the treasure of our wonderful faith—the "Restored Gospel." When working with children it means work, love, patience, and a great faith that seed will be planted on fertile ground to sprout, grow, and bring forth good fruit at the age of accountability.

When I was first appointed teacher I felt so incapable of such a responsibility—but felt a great desire to help wherever I could in God's work. Sister Dorothy Gandley has been appointed to assist me in this work. We can truly say the Lord is our helper, and through trying to help others we are sure to obtain the greatest blessings. At first we wondered what project we could undertake that would encourage our children to be little missionaries. And we must say here that our hearts have always gone out to our Indian mission work — and thus were presented with an idea that if our children would bring in ready-cut patches

for quilts, at home, I would sew them together then gather the children together for a "Quilting party" where they would knot the quilts. When we first started this work we would usually do at least two quilts a winter. Then it began to grow—the Moms and even some of the Dads and sisters of the Branch began to help until we reached the peak one winter in making and distributing twenty-eight quilts, some to aid in misfortunes in our own vicinity.

Brother Burgess seldom greets us without reminding us that when retiring at Grand River he was caused to remember us because of the quilts. We average about twelve quilts a winter. The cost of this project is taken care of from our collections, and we usually take in and dispense with about one hundred dollars a year. It is good to look back over our account book and see that the children had a small part in the purchase of the station wagon for the reservation work, helped Sister Ford in her work, replaced glasses for a little Indian girl, purchased the addressograph machine for Brother Cadman, distributed Bibles, Books of Mormon and other Church literature where needed, and paid much of the postage and freight for the distribution of clothing from our Branch. We have had many good times when we gathered toys to send to the reservations. We recall a wonderful gathering in Landrey's basement when each child brought a broom stick, which was converted into a hobby horse. Our greatest joy is when we receive letters of appreciation and can read them to the boys and girls. I can recall one Indian Mom's letter telling how her five little boys claimed they never felt so warm as when they slept under the blankets we had sent—tears of joy and love filled the eyes of our little missionaries, and we were greatly blessed. We close our little report sincerely believing we must train up a child in the way he should go, knowing that when he is old he will not depart from it.

Sisters Margaret and Dorothy P.S. Margaret and Dorothy happen to be daughters of our late Brother and Sister J. C. Cowan. Their article was written purposely for the anniversary issue in July.

However, being as I am very short at this date for material for this issue of the Gospel News, this article will be good for us all to read twice. For I firmly believe, that to serve God acceptably today—we must do a little more than just delve into mysterious things. As for me, I think many of our Sisters have done, and are still doing well in helping to roll along the "little stone" of Daniel until it fills the whole earth. Edt.

A POEM

To the Class of Ruth

It's nice to hear from Sisters who
desire to do good,
And receive a little encouragement
which puts one in the mood,
To thank those who remember the
ones less-fortunate
To do the good, just while we
should before it is too late.

The gift you sent, will all be spent
on that of Joseph's seed,
And all I say, as I do pray that
they'll be blest indeed;
So as I journey to and fro to the
Indian Reservation
Remember us who make no fuss,
in God's Plan of Salvation.

Although the gift which you have
sent, from the class of Ruth,
Has inspired my mind and filled
my soul with nothing but truth
And I'd repay the debt I owe to
such a wonderful class
If God will give me life, Strength
till things on earth are past.

I hope and pray that God will spare
our lives for many a day,
That we can meet with the Class
of Ruth and offer to repay
The good you have done for
Joseph's Seed will someday you
will learn,
Like bread cast on the waters,
likewise it will return.

So as we journey on through life
trying to do God's will,
I thank the Lord in one accord for
a wife who remains still
And never complains about these
trips but gives the best she can
To lend a helping hand to all of
those her fellowman.

But there are those who make a
trip sometimes once a year,
Regardless of this I'm glad to have
them and with God's blessings

share,
But the one who helps me other
than God the most that you can
see,
Is a brother from Detroit, named
Dominic Cote-less-e.
From Brother Burgess

WHERE SHALL YOU STAND?

By Bro. B. J. Martin, Roscoe, Pa.
Matthew 25: 32-33

"And before Him shall be gathered all nations and He shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats, and He shall set the sheep on His right hand but the goats on the left."

God has been merciful unto man concerning this question of where we shall stand at that last day of judgment, when all shall be lost or given eternal life. For He has given unto man the right to choose in this life where he will stand at the last day. Consider this parable of the sheep and the goats closely. You know our Lord makes it very plain that the sheep are those that are righteous and will have eternal life. And the goats as those being evil that will be cast off. Yet—consider this; under the law, a goat or a kid without blemish was acceptable unto God as a worthy sacrifice. So we see Our Lord has something greater in this parable for us to note, which I believe, is the nature of both animals.

The sheep are meek, submissive and above all, obedient to the call of the shepherd and will not hear another. I recall an experience of two of our old brothers; The one Brother had a flock of sheep, and he said to the other Brother, who was visiting him, to call out to the flock. The Brother obeyed and called not once but several times, and the sheep went on grazing as though they had not heard. Then the Brother, who was the shepherd of this flock, called and at the first call of their Master's voice, they stopped eating and looked alert and came to the call of his voice. Now consider the nature of the goat. It will eat anything, things that are unclean; It has a mind of its own, and cannot be led. They will not be obedient to any Master. It is stubborn and ill tempered; it is very plain to see why the Lord used the goat in the parable to denote those who displeased Him and will be cast off at the Last

Day.

Yes we are given the opportunity here, in our time of probation to prepare. We will either be obedient and follow our Shepherd's voice into obeying all of his commandments and doctrines as one of His sheep and stand on His right hand—Or be as the goat, eating things that are unclean spiritually and being stubborn and disobedient to His teachings and therefore, we shall be cast off to the left and utter destruction. I'm sure every man desires to be numbered among the sheep; yet we know it cannot be but only those that follow after the shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Consider this scripture, Galatians 1:8 The apostle speaks these words, "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." These are very strong words, especially in a day when man is preaching many ways, and many gates to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. A far cry from the teaching of the apostles, which were the teachings of Jesus Christ. He said unto them in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the FATHER, THE SON, AND 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."

So let us note some of the doctrines of Christ, which His apostles were commanded to teach and did teach. The first doctrine taught, which was very plain so that even a child should understand, was given on that glorious day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was showered down on the apostles in great glory and they spoke in new tongues; and all in their hearing heard the words spoken in their own language. Because of this great out pouring of the spirit many said to the apostles, men and brethren "What shall we do?" and Peter answered them and said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Can words be plainer than this? And remember Peter was speaking with the Holy Ghost upon him; therefore it was not only the voice

of Peter but the spirit of God, which made this first doctrine so plain; though many men teach today, that it is not necessary. They should fear and tremble!

Now let us go down into Samaria with Phillip. Act 8:12-17. After Philip had preached the gospel to them many repented and were baptized and when of the apostles in Jerusalem heard, they sent Peter and John to them and they laid hands upon them that they would receive the Holy Ghost.

This is another doctrine, made very plain, and makes known the Gate by which man can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, and the words of our Lord, St. John 10:1 says, "He that entereth not by the door, but climbeth up some other way, is a thief and a robber." These are not my words but the doctrine of Jesus Christ, which is made very plain in the scriptures and was the purpose in Jesus coming to guide man into that straight and narrow Gate, which He states in the latter part of His sermon on the Mount, that there would be few that would find it. He also speaks of the only other Gate thusly; "Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."

How true it is then, that we are given a choice, where we will stand at that last day; among the sheep on the right or shall we stand on the left with the goats. If we enter in at that straight and narrow gate, which is repentance, baptism and laying on of hands of those in authority for the reception of the Holy Ghost; then we shall stand on the right hand of God.

If we seek to climb up another way, we are a thief and robber and shall stand on the left at that last day. We know, after we enter in by the straight gate, we must endure to the end in obeying all of His commandments. If we are able to do this, which is our greatest desire, along with teaching others to do so, we shall have eternal life and we pray that God will give us strength to do so, and at that day we will be able to answer that question — "Where shall you stand?" and say, "On THE RIGHT, LORD."

INDIANS HAVE TOP BIRTH RATE
LONDON, Ont. (CP) — Indians

are multiplying faster than any other group in Canada, George F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, said Thursday.

"It behoves us to come to grips with the problem of integrating these Indians before their increased number complicates the problem," he told the Family Service Bureau of London.

Of Canada's 18,000,000 population, 185,000 are of Indian origin. Mr. Davidson said in the last decade health standards, housing and education have been improved, but it will take more than a generation to regain what has been destroyed over centuries.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

(Matt. 25:21)

When the master of the vineyard traveled to a far country, he first called his own servants and delivered unto them his goods. To every man according to his several ability. The "man going into a far country" is Jesus Christ. The far country is heaven, John 14: 2-6. When Christ went to prepare a place for us in the kingdom of heaven, or a far country a place of many mansions, "and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." He bestowed gifts upon his servants according to his several ability. These gifts are "his goods," or things Belonging To Him" Eps. 4: 8-12. "Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. He that descended is the same also that ascended up for above all heavens that he might fulfill all things. He gave some apostles, and some prophets and some evangelists and pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

His own servants (bond servants) are all his disciples, (Acts 20: 28) considered as His purchased property and working for him. The talents he gave unto his stewards in His vineyard represent the gifts of the Spirit, I Cor. 12: 11. "But all these (gifts) worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every many severally as he will. He did not give the same amount

to all, but varied the gifts according to the several ability of each servant to use. No servant was left without a gift. The least received one talent (enough to do something with) I Peter 4:10 and chapter 12 verse 48. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" Luke 12: 48. The vineyard or field is the world, Matt 13: 38, "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom"; That Christ should depart to a far country or his Father, John 13: 1. "When Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father." The talents were not given for personal benefit of the bearer, but to use unto God for the body or Church. I Cor. 14: 12. "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."

If we use our gifts for our own private advantage we are guilty of embezzlement of trust funds. The men receiving five and two talents increased them by using them in their labors for Christ. The man with one talent was afraid of losing what he had and went and hid his talent in the earth. It is not only the men with one talent who do this, but the temptation to do so is peculiarly strong with one talent men. They are tempted to think, "If I had five talents, there would be some use in trying to do something; but what is the use of trying to do anything with only one talent?" Peter writes, "as every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" After a long time the Lord of those servants returns to reckoneth with them, even as he will make a reckoning with us, Matt. 16:27. "For the son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall reward every man according to his works." I Cor. 4:5 and II Cor. 5: 10. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Then let none of us put a stumbling

block or an occasion to fall in our brother's way. But let us all edify each other by ministering the good gifts we received of the Father one to another even according to the manifold grace of God. For the day shall declare it by fire if our works shall abide to see of what sort it be. Let us then by that Spirit, which is holy be also holy that God might dwell there in an effectual working, making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

It has now been "a long time", that unto everyone which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. The Lord will require his own with usury when he returns from the far country after receiving for himself a kingdom. The one talent man held back, he "was afraid". That is not the spirit of true service. He tried to shift the blame of his failure upon his Lord like all faithless servants act. If we put not our talent to usury we become "unprofitable" (useless). Like the one talent man we shall be judged out of our own mouth. (Luke 19: 22) "And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant." One need not do ill to be damned, he need only be useless; (Matt. 25: 30) "and cast ye the unprofitable servant unto outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

If we love God we will put our talents to the usury uplifting one another, working together in harmony, showing brotherly love, one to another. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? Read all of I John 4th chapt. It is a wonderful lesson in abiding in Godly love. "He that loves God loves his brother also. We must grow in this gospel of love, for if we grow not, we will be like the proverbial dog returning to his vomit. II Peter 2: 21, 22. We must ever be stirred up lest we become stagnant like foul still waters. As Peter writes, "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up. "No work is ever done if the laborer has not first stirred up, to the task. In (Ex. 36:1 "And Moses called

Bezalech and Ahaliab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come into the work to do it. And again in (Ex. 35: 21) "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. "And once again in (Haggai 1:14) "And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubabel the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they come and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God."

Won't it be wonderful to hear the King say, "I was a stranger and ye took me in; Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Luke 12:26, If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Luke 16: 10, He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Walk in Love.

Brother Alma Coppa

March 26, 1962

Dear Gospel News Readers,

The Saints in California send their love and greeting to each and everyone. We've experienced many Blessings since I've written last, also sadness and sickness among us, but as the Scripture says (in our time of quoting) "The rain falls upon every head regardless who and what we are."

I have just returned from our Dear Sister Jesta Lombardo's funeral, in San Diego, and all the Brothers and Sisters from Anaheim Mission sends their deepest sympathy to our Brother Nick and his children for their great loss.

"We know by reading God's word of Heaven how Beautiful, Peaceful and Glorious a place we shall enter (if we prove faithful,) and that Jesus has gone to prepare this marvelous place for us and He will be waiting to greet

us."

Although we cling on to this life and our hearts are broken to see our beloved ones depart from us especially our Dear Brothers and Sisters whom we love so much through the Love of Jesus Christ. Like our Elder Brother V. J. Lovallvo said at the service the question of "Why"? Comes into our minds, "Why Lord did she, a mother who is needed, be taken?" Who are we to ask why? The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. God looked down in his garden of Beautiful flowers and reached down and picked the one He wanted and it happened to be our Dear Sister Jesta. Today or tomorrow. It may be my flower He shall pick which makes me fear, "Am I Ready Lord?"

Oh, Brothers and Sisters let us get closer to God, leave the world alone in its evilness so that when God looks down and picks a flower it will be placed in the Mansion Jesus had prepared for His loved ones, and as we gathered here many times on this earth so shall we all be gathered together in Heaven. With Jesus who loves us so and died for our sins so this day will come to pass. Let us never forget the promise we gave to God at the water's edge, that we will love and serve him all the days of our lives. May the Lord comfort the hearts of all our Brothers and Sisters who has had a Loved one taken, but be assured that they are with Jesus.

God Bless you all, let us pray for one another constantly so we too will see Jesus. The Saints of Anaheim Mission remember you all in prayer.

Sister Sadie Nicosia

I'M BUILDING A HOME IN HEAVEN

I'm building a home up in Heaven,
Completion draws nearer each day;
Plans drawn by our Heavenly
Father
Will guide me along the way.

Jesus has laid the foundation
And now it's up to me;
To add to this structure each day of
my life,
From now till eternity.

Each kind deed, to some unknown
stranger,
Each favor, for a brother or friend,
Each act of love and kindness

Will add strength, till the day "I
move in".

I'll have Brothers and Sisters for
neighbors,
When I arrive at my dwelling place
there;
There'll be peace and joy and
contentment,
For all of God's people to share.

If you'd like a home up in Heaven
Ask Jesus to show you the way;
Just think of your life that's before
you,
And then, make your decision,
to-day.

The Heavens will ring out with
gladness
As you, by your faith, prove true;
What a joy there would be in my
home,
If you would build your home there,
too.

By Bro. Spencer Everett

THE GENERAL CIRCLE

The General Circle met at the Church of Jesus Christ in Greensburg, Pa., Saturday, March 17, 1962. We enjoyed meeting with so many of our Sisters, both old and young. We also enjoyed meeting with our brothers who were present.

Besides taking care of our business, we spent the day giving praise and glory to God for His goodness and mercies. We enjoyed very good testimonies of God's mercy.

At the general circle meeting in September, a dream had by a sister in Detroit was related to the sisters. The circle had been fasting and praying for direction as to the part they were to play in obtaining a mission house for our brothers in Africa. In her dream we as sisters, were directed to use any talent we had to help our brothers in this project, for it had to be done. In three short months we had raised far more than we had expected. We had the price of a mission house and were well on the way to help get a secondary school. This is very badly needed in Africa also. When our funds were all turned into the African fund, we totaled \$2922. This was done in a six months period. To me, this is surely proof that the Lord will bless us as we take our direction from Him. It certainly isn't hard to lend our talents to Him who graciously gave them to us.

WE enjoyed the talks and advice given by our brothers at the end of the afternoon session. Bro. Furnier likened the circle to one of the "helps" referred to in I. Cor. 12-28, and under subjection to the church at all times.

WE really enjoyed the hospitality given us by the Greensburg circle. They were just organized a year ago and are doing very well.

Of my very first general circle meeting, I can truthfully say "it was good to have been there". The next general circle meeting will be held in June at Youngstown, Ohio.

Sister Dorothy Gandley

PANFILO MANCINI PASSES ON WARREN, OHIO

Brother Mancini, 76, passed away on March 8, 1962 from heart failure, born Oct. 18, 1885 in Italy. He came to the U.S.A. 45 years ago and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1932. His wife passed away on Feb. 18, 1962.

Funeral services were held on March 10th '62 with Brother Frank Giovannone, assisted by his father. Sister Virginia Castelli sang, accompanied on the organ by Sister Betty Gennaro.

Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to the survivors, who include three sons and four grand children, praying God will bless and comfort them in their double-loss. Brother Pompei was a faithful member of the church, but on account of ill health, has not been able to attend church for sometime past.

Warren Branch Editor

A NEW LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

Sisters from West Elizabeth, Monongahela, Rock Run, and the Aliquippa Circles, met in the McKeesrocks Church to organize a Ladies Circle. The meeting was opened by the presiding elder Brother John Mannes. He read a portion of scripture found in I Cor. chapter 12, showing the Circle as a "help" to the Church. He also commended the sisters for the support they had given the Church in missionary work. Sister Ann Cicoti is the president of the new Circle. Our prayer is for the success of this new Circle.

The next General meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle will be held in the church at Youngstown, Ohio, June 23, at 10, o'clock in the morning.

ANTI-SEMITISM ASSAILS RUSSIAN JEWRY

Paris—A somber eight-page report on the situation of 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union was given here by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization.

Thirteen synagogues have been closed in 13 different cities during the past 12 months, the report said, and "no signs of improvement" — whether in the religious life, or in the national and cultural domains of the Jewish community — are to be reported.

Emphasizing the difficulties encountered by Russian Jews wishing to leave the Soviet territory to reunite with their family abroad, Dr. Goldman said that although "tens of thousands" of applications have been submitted by Jews desiring reunion with their families, "only a negligible amount of these applications have received favorable attention."

AN UPLIFTING WEEK

On March 19th we here in Monongahela began a week of services conducted by Bro. James Heaps of California. It was a very pleasant and uplifting week in the service of the Lord. Our meetings were well attended. We were pleased to have Bro. Heaps with us and enjoyed his sermons as well as the beautiful hymns that he sang. All of the scripture which Bro. Heaps brought forth was of much spiritual worth to our souls. We especially liked, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15) Also, portions of the first chapter of Isaiah. Come again Bro. Heaps, the welcome mat is always out to you here in this part of the vineyard.

Friday, the last night of the week's meetings while Bro. Heaps was speaking, Sis. Mabel Bickerton was given the words and music to a hymn. She calls it, "A Talk With

Jesus".

Just a little talk with Jesus
In the secret place of prayer,
He sees my heart,
He knows my longings
Come Oh, Lord, and meet me there.
Just a little talk with Jesus
All my cares with him I share,
He ne'er forsakes,
But bears my burdens,
When I go to him in prayer.
Just a little talk with Jesus
In my weakness I am blest,
He gives sweet peace.
And there's contentment,
In His strength to stand the test.
Chorus:
Meet me there, meet me there,
In the quiet place of prayer
Lord lean Thine ear and hear my plea,

Glory and praise I give to thee.
Ethel N. Crosier,
Branch Editor.

NEW YORK FIRM GETS ISRAELI TRACTOR CONTRACT

Jerusalem (WNS)—The Oliver Company of New York was awarded a contract to establish a tractor plant in Israel.

PROJECT AIMS TO REVOKE KING'S CURSE ON AREA

Tiberias (JTA) — Finishing touches are being applied to a development program begun three years ago, aimed at reclaiming 14,000 acres of barren lands in the vicinity of the Gilboa Mountains, southwest of Lake Tiberias (Galilee). The project will literally revoke the curse on the area pronounced 3,000 years ago by King David, admonishing the region to remain barren following the violent deaths there of King Saul and his son Jonathan. (II Samuel 1:21)

Work on the project included the construction of some 20 miles of roads along the Jordan frontier to make the area accessible for new settlement. Modern earthmoving equipment removed giant boulders and thousands of acres of brush accumulated over the centuries, to expose rich, fertile soil, where 2,500,000 trees have been planted.

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ATTENTION PLEASE!

I am appealing to all subscribers of the Gospel News and especially you who are members of the Church, in behalf of the special edition we are preparing for the anniversary organization, (one hundred years) of The Church of Jesus Christ at Green Oak in July of 1862.

The special edition for the occasion will be at least double the size of the regular paper and will mean much more work in producing it — which is all done free-gratis on our part. We expect to have double the number of copies printed. When I speak of the paper in size, I do not mean in dimensions, but in the number of pages. Our regular issue has 12 pages, I expect the July issue to have at least 24 pages. This means more expense—my appeal to you all is; **Will you, each of you, send us an extra dollar over and above your subscription price to help us along financially — a dollar is not very much—more if you can. Remember, that in the past hundred years I did not ask you for anything of this kind, and it is not likely I will be here to do so in the year of 2062, at least I will not make any predictions that far ahead.**

The anniversary edition will contain little if any, of our regular news. It is our first attempt to print such a paper and I feel anxious indeed, for I realize that Editors throw themselves open to much criticism. However, I believe there will be much good reading contained therein. Some description of our early church history will be included.

Editor

LETTER FROM CANADA

Brother Cadman:

Greetings, I hope you are well and enjoying good health—Must hasten to send my subscription for my Gospel News, in fact I see it has expired already. But you will put this right for me, for I look forward to it every month.

I am a member of the church in Muncey and very much enjoy the meetings we have there. I thank God for our wonderful Elders who

go up to Muncey week after week come spring, summer, autumn and winter, never have I seen such love and patience as they have. May God bless them abundantly. I am truly privileged to know them as my brothers in Christ and, believe me Bro. Cadman I thank God that I have found in the true Gospel of Jesus Christ which I love with all my heart. May God Bless you dear Bro. Cadman with warmest Christian love.

Sister Doris Pearsall,
Chatham, Ont.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR TRIP TO MEXICO

Article One

We left Lorain April 2nd and after a brief stop over-night near Nashville, Tenn. we continued on to Hattiesville, Miss., where we spent the night. After crossing the wonderful new causeway 23 miles in length, over Lake Pontchartrain, arrived in New Orleans Wednesday the 4th where we attended a three day conference for the Prudential Insurance Co. We started out Saturday and stayed over-night at Beaumont, Texas, the largest oil producing center in the world. This section is also the largest rice producer in the nation and we were amazed at the many rice fields we passed on the way. Here, we diverted from our route to swing south a little to get a view of the Gulf and on passing the Galveston area we noted the results of the damage from hurricane "Carla". We arrived in Laredo that evening and it was here that we began to notice the poverty of the Spanish speaking peoples and after taking care of the necessary requirements to enter Mexico we rested for the night.

Monday morning we crossed over into Mexico and we were immediately impressed with the extreme poverty and primitive living conditions of the Indian peoples; living in dwellings constructed of sod, clay brick, stone or anything available to protect them from the elements. Our hearts went out to these people and their plight, knowing this condition has come upon them because of the disobedience of their forefathers and yet looking to

the day when they will be "brought out of bondage" according to the promises of the Book of Mormon. This condition was noted all the way to Mexico City but on approaching the city we noticed that there was some progress being made especially in the agricultural field. We had driven mile after mile and passed valley after valley, seemingly hundreds and hundred of miles of land that seemed to us could support many civilizations or relieve many crowded areas of the world but "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." After seeing the poverty of these people we realize **just how rich we really are!**

Arriving in Mexico City we were literally picked up, while driving no less, by Mario Cano Lopez who offered to direct us through the heavy traffic to our hotel and ended up being our guide and a very capable one during our stay. (Mario was born in Yucatan of a Mayan mother) In registering we were amazed at the low cost of the rooms which were 50 pesos per day or \$4 in U.S. currency and which were very modern in every respect. Food was equally reasonable and very, very good. After a good night's rest and a very hearty breakfast of grilled steak, eggs, hash brown potatoes, juice, toast, strawberry jam and coffee which cost us 10 pesos or 80c, we met Mario in the lobby and started out for our first tour which consisted of the market places and factories where they make their many beautiful articles of silver, leather, copper, wood, glass etc. which you can bargain for and purchase very reasonably. We made several purchases for gifts and were driven by our guide to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe where there was supposed to have been a miracle performed of the appearance of the virgin Mary in 1531 and here we saw something that we shall never forget: people literally crawling on their knees across the square to the shrine in order that they might receive a favor of the virgin Mary. We saw much idol worship here in many forms and we were made to appreciate what we have received

in this gospel restored by the angel spoken of by John in Revelations 14:6,7 which makes us to understand the importance of doing away with sort of thing to worship the true and living God. How those people need the truths of the Gospel Restored. From here we went to see the pyramids at San Juan Teotihuacan which truly tell a story in themselves of the great civilizations that have long since vanished. Our minds went to the Book of Mormon and as we viewed these pyramids of the sun and the moon we could picture the Nephites and Lamanites as they flourished into these great civilizations and then the gradual decline and degeneration and final destruction. As we climbed the 2243 steps to the top of the pyramid and looked out over the great expanse surrounding these ancient structures we could almost visualize the valleys teeming with activity.

Here we felt very strongly to kneel down for a word of prayer and asked God's blessings upon these poor oppressed peoples that "the scales might soon fall from their eyes" and that in our short stay we might be able to plant some good seed that might bear fruit and if necessary to help cultivate it. During our trips to these areas we had many discussions with Mario about our interest in these ancient peoples, of the Book of Mormon and the Restored Gospel and we noticed his honesty and keen interest in the Book of Mormon and have promised to send one to him. As we moved about we contacted some others who showed definite interest in the Book of Mormon and have promised to send books to them also.

Thursday morn we set out with Mario to see more of the pyramids at or near the city, of particular interest because it showed the 7 different stages of construction, one around the other built in 7 different eras discovered by excavations. We were able to enter excavations and our guide pointed out the different levels. Leaving this area we went to the lava beds and saw some of the most beautiful sights we have ever seen as far as lovely homes and gardens are concerned, built upon the lava. These fabulous homes surrounded by luxurious rock gardens surpass-

ed anything we had ever seen. Much of this work is done by the natives without modern tools. The thought that entered our minds as we viewed the scenes was "what other important history is buried beneath these lava beds?" We wondered too if this was one of the volcanoes that erupted at the time of the crucifixion. Continuing on to University City we beheld many modern buildings and were fascinated by the murals on the outside of the library done in natural color stone by Juan O'Gorman. This is one of the most famous sites in Mexico with its spanking new and modern buildings occupied by the 400 year old National University of Mexico. Brilliantly colored mosaic murals on the outside walls of these unique structures make this one of the most beautiful and outstanding cultural institutions in the world. Ten thousand workers were busy as a hill of ants creating what a committee of the nation's leading architects designed on their drawing boards at a cost of over \$50,000,000. The new stadium unlike any in the world, seats 87,000 and is a poem in stone.

FROM ARIZONA

April 28, 1962

Dear Brother Cadman,

Just a few lines to keep you informed on the work in Arizona. The Lord continues to bless and take care of us all; both on the San Carlos Reservation and here in the Phoenix area.

While Bro. Dan Picciuto has been visiting in the East, there have been several brothers and their families come down from Calif. to give a helping hand with the work on the Reservation. We're grateful for their time and effort, as I'm sure they've been a blessing to those out on the Reservation as well as the brothers and sisters in Phoenix.

Brother Phil Damore and brother Ether Furnier have been making visits to the Phoenix Indian Hospital a few nights a week. They were requested to visit and pray for a woman who is a relative of someone on San Carlos. Although we don't know the nature of her illness, it is evident she is a very afflicted woman. After the first visit and anointing; she improved enough to be able to sit in a wheel

chair after being in bed about a month. There are others who request prayer and the brothers are blessed each time they offer prayer for any of them. Our hopes are that while they are being of service to mankind; this may, also, be a means of some one hearing and accepting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have learned much of the Indian people's ways and customs but I'm sure there is much more to learn. I don't feel capable, but it would be wonderful if one day a book or pamphlet could be written for the benefit of the Church. Such a pamphlet would make those who have a desire to do Missionary work among them aware of what they would encounter.

We trust you are well and our prayers are that God will bless you always.

Sister Ann Damore

SHE GIVES \$4 MILLION

By MARBEN GRAHAM

Post-Gazette State Editor

WHAT WOULD YOU DO, If you had several million dollars and knew you were dying?

May Emma Hoyt, member of one of Lawrence County's oldest and most prominent families, met that question before passing away last Wednesday in New Castle. She established a fund in excess of \$4 million whose income is to go for religious, educational, historical and cultural fields.

However, the income first is to go to her brother, Alex Crawford Hoyt, veteran president of the First National Bank of Lawrence County, and his wife, June.

It is the largest charitable fund ever set up in New Castle. "Any qualified group in the country" dedicated to the listed fields may apply and receive aid, if they qualify. The bank is named executor.

Miss Hoyt, who only recently gave \$330,000 for a nurses home at Jamieson Hospital, was the daughter of a man whose fortune was started in the wholesale liquor business before the turn of the century.

Common sense is what the world calls wisdom.

In every problem there is an opportunity.

Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

Behold, I am Amaleki, the son of Abinadom. Behold, I will speak unto you somewhat concerning Mosiah, who was made king over the land of Zarahemla; for behold, he being warned of the Lord that he should flee out of the land of Nephi, and as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord should also depart out of the land with him, into the wilderness—The account says they were led by many preachings and prophecies. They were admonished continually by the word of God; they were led by the power of His arm, until they came down into the land of Zarahemla. And here is where they discovered a people called the people of Zarahemla.

These people rejoiced exceedingly because the Lord had sent the people of Mosiah with the plates of brass which contained the record of the Jews. Mosiah discovered from these plates that the people of Zarahemla left Jerusalem at the time Judah, was carried away captive into Babylon. They had journeyed in the wilderness and were brought by the Lord across the great waters, into the land where Mosiah discovered them; and there they had dwelt from that time forth. When Mosiah discovered them, they had become exceedingly numerous, but they had had many wars and serious contentions, and had fallen by the sword. Their language had become corrupted. They had brought no records with them. Apparently they had no means of learning, and even denied the being of their Creator and Mosiah could not understand them. What a terrible condition they had fallen to since they left Jerusalem—growing up in ignorance.

While some people complain of too much education here we read of people who lacked sufficient learning

to know of Jesus Christ their Creator—for the scripture abounds with knowledge that He created we beings after His own image. What a terrible thing it must be, to be so ignorant—what a wonderful blessing on this land of America we have in learning—for there is hardly any excuse for our living in such ignorance. We should give God praise that we have such a wonderful opportunity not only to learn of material things, but of the things pertaining to the Lord and our eternal salvation. Mosiah was a great man of God, yet he could not understand these people, until he had them educated in his own language.

The results were, Mosiah and these people became united and he became their king. Mosiah was far from being ignorant, for he interpreted the engravings from the plates by the gift and power of God, which gave an account of one Coriantumr and the slain of his people, who had dwelt with the Zarahemla people for the space of nine moons. It spake of his fathers and his parents who came out from the tower, at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people; and the severity of the Lord fell upon them, and their bones lay scattered on the earth. What a wonderful contrast of living in ignorance and living in the knowledge of the things, both material and of the things that pertain to our souls salvation—it causes me to think of one writer, who says that learning is good when properly used.

Behold, I, Amaleki, was born in the days of Mosiah. I have lived to see his death and his son Benjamin reigns in his place. I have seen in his days a serious war and much bloodshed between the Lamanites out of the land Amaleki is getting to be old and he has no children, and having learned that Benjamin was a just man before the Lord He delivers up these plates (brass) unto him. He exhorts all men to come to God—and he says or invites all to the things that are good; for there is nothing which is good save it comes from the Lord; and that which is evil cometh from the devil. In verse 26 of his writings He invites all men to come unto the Holy one of Israel and partake of His salvation and offer your whole souls as an offering unto Him, and his Eternal Salvation.

Amaleki in the closing words of his writings speaks of a stiffnecked man that caused a lot of contention among them. Stiffneckedness seems to be a very bad affliction that makes its way into the people of God. And the Testimony of the Saviour is that contention is of the devil. Amaleki ends up with his testimony by saying: And I am about to lie down in my grave; and these plates are full; And I make an end of my speaking. (According to Book of Mormon writers, the Creator is referred to as a 'Being' and not a mere spirit.)

MY TESTIMONY

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Brothers and Sisters, this is my testimony. To learn more about Jesus, to acquire more knowledge and understanding of His ways,

Each day as I learn more about Jesus, His presence surrounds me and I feel the warmth, the peace, the joy and love that only our Lord can give.

Many times my mind cannot conceive the greatness of God, yet He gives me the assurance in some way and in some form, that He is

ever near me. When I made my covenant with God, never did I realize the wonderful life that lay ahead of me. Never did I realize that God could be so real in ones life. Little did I know of the thrill that reading in the Bible and the Book of Mormon could be. Now, brothers and sisters I look forward

each day to greater expectations, experiences, dreams and visions from God. This is a wonderful Gospel—the Gospel restored. I feel so unworthy of such blessings, of such a pure desire that God has put in my heart to love and serve Him.

I pray that I always be able to see God in all things. I pray that He may be the very core of my life and that His Holy Presence will constantly direct me in all phases of life. Through fasting and prayer I shall be taken out of myself completely, so God may guide my life according to His will. I hope that I shall always be able to respond and harken to the commands of the Lord; I can truly say: I've found a friend in Jesus on whom my life depends; and with His love stemmed in my heart—I'll serve Him till the end. For now I sit in high places, tranquility in my life; there's peace, there's joy, there's happiness that comes when God is nigh. There's mountaintop experiences, there's dreams, revelations too, when the blessed Lord imparts His loving-self to you.

His heart is kind and tender, easily moved with pity. He has wept with deep compassion because of you and me. Now dear Jesus my life belongs to Thee, I shall serve Thee each and every day — for truly Lord, you have shown me of your loving ways.

Sister Meredeth Martin
of California

WORDS OF LIFE

If we would only realize the dangers, we were in, until we heard a still small voice say fear not I am free from sin, just put your faith in Me and pray the Father in My Name and all your dreads and fears are past, and peace will come again.

I am very thankful I heard that voice and followed His command, for He has promised peace for me, if I do faithful stand.

I love the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and want so much to live a life, as Christ would want me to and others, a light to give.

So pray for me, that in my life, some small deed I can do for Jesus Christ, Who promised me, He'd always see me through.

Sister Bertha Ford
Meaford, Ontario

The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton



"Truth shall spring out of the earth," Psalms 85:11

Dear Girls and Boys;

I want to tell you a story about a boy named Joseph Smith. He was born in 1805 in the state of Vermont. There were 8 children in the Smith family. When he was ten years old his family moved to a farm not far from the Hill Cumorah, New York. In the town of Palmyra near by, were many churches. When Joseph was about 14 years old, he wanted to join a church but he didn't know which one was right. Each church taught something different. One evening as he sat reading the Bible, he came to this verse in James, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." (James 1:5) This verse seemed to tell him just what to do. He thought, "If I ask God, He will tell me which church to join."

Early the next morning he went to the woods near his home. In a quiet place he knelt down to pray. As Joseph started to pray a wonderful thing happened. A bright light came down from heaven. It was brighter than the sun. In the light a personage appeared. He heard a voice. It said, "This is my beloved Son hear ye Him." Joseph asked which church he should join. To his surprise he was told not to join any, as none were right. Then the light disappeared.

Joseph told his parents of these things. Joseph's family believed him and he knew all he had said was true. Later when he told his friends they all made fun of him. Some said such things do not happen anymore. When God reveals things they cannot be denied.

Joseph prayed much and he believed his prayers would be answered. The Lord gave him many visions. Once as he knelt in prayer in his bedroom, the room appeared light. There stood an angel, the Angel Moroni. The Lord had sent him with a wonderful message, "The Gospel was to be restored to

earth again." The Lord was going to use Joseph to help with a great work. Moroni told of a record or history which had been hidden in the earth for hundreds of years. He and others had lived here and had written on gold plates about their people. These people, the Indians, had lived here in America long before and after the time of the Saviour. The people had been destroyed because they were wicked. In a vision Joseph was shown where these plates were hidden. He recognized the place. It was a hill not far from his father's farm. We know it as the Hill Cumorah, in Palmyra N. Y. The angel told Joseph when he received the plates he was to take great care of them.

Finally the time came for Joseph to get the plates. He had gone to the hill once a year for four years, as the angel Moroni had directed him. He had seen the gold plates there in the ground. They were in a box made of four flat stones. The plates were about eight inches long, bound together with three rings. Part of it was sealed. Also in the box were the Urim and Thummin. These were to help Joseph translate the plates. When it became known that he had the plates, wicked men tried to get them. But Joseph remembered the angel had told him to hide them.

Joseph was now a man. He married Emma Hale. They wanted to move away, but Joseph was poor and didn't have any money. God touched the heart of a man named Martin Harris, who gave Joseph fifty dollars. This man later became a witness to the Book of Mormon. Joseph and Emma started in a wagon for Pennsylvania. Some bad men stopped them and searched for the plates. They could not find them because Joseph had hidden them in a barrel of beans. After a long journey they arrived at the Hale home. Joseph started to translate the plates. He could not have done so without God's help. He had been a poor farm boy and had very little education.

One Sabbath evening a young

school teacher came to Mr. Hale's home. He had heard about Joseph and wanted to meet him. He felt the Lord wanted him to help Joseph. This man was Oliver Cowdery. As Joseph read from the plates Mr. Cowdery wrote. He became an other witness to the truth of the record. They baptized each other and started to preach the gospel. They formed a church in 1830.

Soon after this another man named David Whitmer came to see Joseph. He said his father wanted Joseph and Oliver to come to his house and do the work there. He would keep them free of charge. Joseph consented to go. David Whitmer became the third witness. My grandfather, the late Brother William Cadman, a president of our church, visited Mr. Whitmer in 1887 at his home in Richmond, Missouri. None of these three witnesses ever denied the truth of the Book of Mormon. Later eight men also gave their testimony that the Book of Mormon was true.

Since the day that Joseph Smith said he had a vision, trouble seemed to follow him and his brethren in the church. They went from place to place preaching the gospel. They found a haven in Illinois. Finally Joseph and his brother Hiram were arrested and put in jail. They were killed by a mob in 1844.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

1. You can find about the 3 witnesses in 11 Nephi 27:12. What are they to testify to? Did they?

2. In II Nephi 27:14, it tells us of many witnesses. What will happen to those who reject?

3. In II Nephi 27:22, did Joseph Smith do this?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

DANIEL DEPIERO PASSES ON.

Brother Daniel Depiero of the Glassport Branch died on March 2, 1962. He was born March 8, 1921 in Glassport to Brother Peter and the late Sister Adela Depiero.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Edna Depiero; a son, Michael; Step-sons, Donald and Albert Thorne of Pittsburgh; step-daughters, Bertha and Louise Thorne of Pittsburgh; brothers, Savatore Depiero of Glassport, John of Jefferson and Samuel of Pittsburgh; and sisters, Mrs. Inez Olexik of McKeesport, Mrs. Hilda

Sgattone, Mrs. Clara Preler and Mrs. Mary Gibilisco, all of Glassport.

Brothers Alma Nolfi and Donald Curry officiated at the services. Brother Depiero was buried in Jefferson Memorial Park.

Brother Daniel was nearly blind and through a great part of his life was very sick. But with all the afflictions he had he still remained humble. He never complained and was truly a living testimony for the Gospel. He will be missed greatly by his friends and all the Brothers and Sisters who knew him.

THE INFLUENCE OF "ONE PERSON"

Where you lead, somebody is following you. Somebody is catching a glimpse of you, as you weave your way through life and unconsciously going your way, perhaps merely because he knows no better direction to take. Thus a leader will give people, not what they want, but what they need most, to direct their energies to the service of God, and man. No one is so insignificant, that he does not determine by his example the life of someone else. People do things because others do, more than for any other reason. It is our privilege, to help others by confessing Christ. As we witness for Jesus Christ, the spirit of God, will brighten our lives, and very likely the life of the one to whom we speak. Phil. 2:11. And that every tongue, should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. A follower of Jesus must evaluate facts, compare and use his God given talents to enrich the lives of everyone, knowing that others will receive a definite impression by observing your life.

A careful person I ought to be. Some one follows me. I do not dare go astray, for fear someone will go the self-same way. I must remember, I am building, for the years to come, and it is up to me what somebody else will be. Unconsciously, even more than consciously, you are making this world a better, or worse place. You are adding to its pile of happiness, or its heap of misery. You are shedding light, or spreading gloom. Often our lives are too easily hedged about with small affairs, small ideas, small ambitions, and small

programs. Life is measured by our willingness to struggle. God has given man the ability, a plan to work by, a goal and purpose for our lives, and the progress of the Church. God will appraise our every action, and value every heart by our works. Ps. 1-1-2. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law, doth he meditate day and night. By our obedience to this wonderful Gospel, God has placed in our minds, and hearts, a desire for something better, and higher, than we ourselves are. And God appeals to that desire, by sending, His holy spirit, to urge us to turn to Christ, for peace and hope. We all influence one-another, and the closer our relationship to God, the greater is our mutual influence to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hymn #435 verse 3. Jesus calls me, I must follow, Follow Him always. When my saviour goes before me, I can never stray. Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord. Follow every passing day.

Sister Muriel Miller

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

And without controversy great is the **mystery** of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." I Tim. 3:16.

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"But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained **before** the world unto our glory." I Cor. 2:7.

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"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and **they two shall be one** flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." Eph. 5:31,32.

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"Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what

is the riches of the glory of this **mystery among** the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: "Col. 1:25, 26, 27.

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For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this **mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Romans 11:25

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"For the **mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that **Wicked** be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" II Thess. 2:7, 8.

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"And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** REV. 17:5.

JEWES ON THE MOVE AGAIN

It is reported that there is a new influx of Jews to France from Eastern Europe, Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia. Beneficiaries in France alone last year reached a total of 23,000. These include 1,650 refugees a month from Egypt and Eastern Europe.

While conditions were not identical in all Moslem countries, anti-Jewish attacks spread from one country to another during 1961.

Jews leaving Tunisia are not allowed to take more than \$2.50 each with them. Since few have relatives or friends in France, they are completely dependent on aid from Jewish organizations. A large number of Tunisian Jews are expected to come to France before the end of 1962. New Jewish refugees also have reached Italy.

Jewish communities in European countries are facing "almost impossible" problems in attempting to cope with the flood of refugees. They have created immense problems, both immediate and long-term, for the Jewish organizations to which they turn for assistance. "The majority of the people come without any means. They have to be given money to board a bus or a trolley-car to take them away from the dock, and cash for a

sandwich on the train to the next city," speakers revealed.

Housing is a particularly crucial problem. People are crowding into shabby little hotels, six, eight and ten to a room.

PERSECUTION OF ORTHODOX JEWS

London (JTA) — A 52-year-old Orthodox Jew was sentenced to death by a Soviet Court in Tiflis, the capital of Soviet Georgia, on charges of "currency speculation," according to reports received here from Moscow.

The news followed reports of death sentences recently imposed on Orthodox Jews in Leningrad on similar charges. Observers here suggested that the trials and sentences might represent a new Soviet approach toward getting rid of Jewish religious lay leaders under the guise of charges unrelated to the real Soviet objective.

(Jewish Hope)

REMEMBRANCE OF BROTHER DOMINIC COTELLESSE

He didn't say farewell to all nor did he say good-by,
He passed from life into his rest without a tear-dimmed eye;
Although he was almost fifty-one, he lacked but for a day,
But when his call came to leave this earth, no one heard him say,
"Just wait a while, till I finish my work amongst Joseph's seed;
Then I'll be glad to leave this clime. Yes, I will indeed."

But God's call waits for no one, and no exception was he
Who preached the Restored Gospel the way that it should be.
Three weeks before his death, he made his last trip with me
To be amongst the ones he loved; for the last time to see
Those whom he had met with during the last nine years,
And shared with them the happiness, as well as some tears.
On the day of his funeral, a carload from the Reservation
Came to pay their last respects, and render a rendition.

They sang a song in Mohawk, the last verse was in English,
And the parts they sang together, one couldn't have a better wish,
One of the singers was a Pentecostal minister, the others were not brothers,

But to show their love and their high esteem they held for another,

Especially a pale face who had travelled to and fro

To search out their welfare, and them better to know.

He left behind a companion who helped him in every way

To spread the Gospel message while yet it was day;

She never stopped him going, as long as life did last.

She trusted Him for everything until his life had passed.

She'll trust Him for the future, the word is very plain,

She knows in whom she's trusted, that it will never be in vain;

And when they gather 'round the table, there is that empty chair

That brings back memories of when he once was there.

He is missed by the people he called on day by day;

We hear them say, "He was too young to be taken in this way."

The seed of Joseph miss him at Grand River, Sarnia, and Muncey;

But the one who misses him most of all is his brother, that's me.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

After a long time that we did not see you, we were overjoyed to see you on Sunday, and do sincerely hope you returned home safe and sound. The age in which we are living is such, that from one day to the other, we cannot tell who will be here, or who will be not, consequently it behooves us to be on our guard, so that whenever the Savior calls us, we will be able to answer to our names, and say here I am dear Lord.

I shall now mention a few of the things happening in our midst, that I think will be interesting to other saints, throughout the Church. On Wed. Night, Jan. 31st. 1962, Bro. Anthony Pietrangelo, opened our service and spoke on 3rd Nephi, 28th. Chapter, regarding the 3 disciples who wanted to stay, and the 9 who wanted to live out their life's span, and then go to their Lord. Our bro. brought out an extremely interesting lesson on this subject, and all were blessed.

On Thursday night, February 15th, we had a sociable gathering in the M. B. / of Branch #1. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. Pie-

trangelo, Three young Sisters, sang, "Only a step" Bro. Dominic Thomas, being in our midst, was asked to speak. He gave a lovely talk, which was a great inspiration, to old, middleaged, and young. And we just had a time of great rejoicing, in our midst. At Branch #1, Feb. 25th, 1962, services were started, with the Quartet, singing, "It is so Wonderful". Bro. Concetto Alesandro, read a portion of Scripture, found in Isaiah 2nd. Chapter, 1st. verse to the end of the 4th. verse, and spoke about the Day of Pentecost, when the Apostles, waited in the Upper Room, in one accord, until they were endowed with fire, and the Holy Ghost, and Peter speaking, by this power, brought 3000, people to the knowledge and the love of God, through baptism. Our bro. truly gave us much food for thought, and we were abundantly blessed.

The Detroit, Windsor District, held it's Quarterly Conference, 2nd. 3rd. and 4th, of March, and enjoyed the blessings of God. Our Sunday services were held in the Melvindale High School, where we are accorded a great welcome, through the presence of one of our young bros. "Frank Morley", who teaches there. Our principal speakers were bros. Joseph Milantoni, and Dominic Moraco, who spoke quite well. We had one candidate who offered herself for baptism, a lady, and the pace was pretty well set for others to follow. After the Morning services we went to Edison Beach Lake, and baptized her. The afternoon service, was introduced, by bro. Otto Henderson, who spoke on Alma 5th. Chapter, verse 26. His message was mostly on Redeeming Love through the Gift of the Holy Ghost. On Sunday March 11th., service at Branch #3, was introduced by Bro. Joe Calabreze. He read the complete Chapter of Isaiah 55, and he and bro. Dominic Thomas, interested us with two wonderful talks. Bro. John Buffa and I, with our families, also bro. Norman Campitelli, his wife, and sister Mary Dicheria, were in Sarnia, on Sunday March 25th. Sister Jackson, is sick, we wish all bros. and sisters, will pray for her. We had indeed a time of rejoicing.

The same day in Detroit at Branch #1, there were two bros. baptized. At Branch #3, Sunday

morning, April 1st. two enjoyable talks were given by bros. M. Miller, and Peter Capone, the whole congregation was enthralled, and inspired, and spoke accordingly. In the afternoon, it was much rumored that bro. W. H. Cadman, would be in our midst. When he came he spoke, from Malachi 3rd. Chapter, 13th. verse, through the 17th. verse, and what a lovely talk did he render us. Every-one was overwhelmed, and wished we could always have our Bro. in our Midst. May God greatly establish our dear bro., and abundantly bless him to the end is the continuous prayer of all of us, without ceasing. Wishing all my bros. and sisters, the sweet peace, and love of God, for ever-more. I beg to remain, your bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

April 16, 1962

Dear Brother Editor;

I'm hoping this letter finds you and family enjoying good health along with the saints in that part of the vineyard. We of the New Brunswick branch are all fairly well and desire to serve the Lord and to hold fast and firm to the rod of iron until the end.

On Sunday, April 1, we were indeed pleased and happy to have in our midst Brother John Azzinara from California, whom we hadn't seen for almost seven years. He is an Elder in the San Fernando Valley branch.

Brother John occupied the rostrum and used as his text the third chapter of Saint John, speaking of Nicodemus and the rebirth. He also touched upon the faith of Abraham. We certainly enjoyed hearing from Brother John.

We also had in our midst Brother Salvatore Azzinara who is a teacher in the Lockport, New York branch. We enjoyed hearing from Brother Salvatore who related many wonderful experiences and also spoke in the Italian language which was enjoyed by our older Brothers and Sisters who were very attentive.

We surely had a wonderful time with our visiting Brothers as the spirit of the Lord was in our midst. May the Lord bless our Brothers for their efforts.

We are thankful to the Lord for all the blessings he bestows upon

us. Regards to all from the saints in New Brunswick. And may I say my sincere prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless you with good health as you endeavor to serve the Lord and spread this glorious Gospel.

Sister Loretta Mazzeo

MUNCHEY, ONTARIO

I am in receipt of a short letter from brother Bruce Russell, informing me that Sister Elsin Williams is leaving Muncney to spend the rest of her days with some of her people at Basom, N. Y., I presume on the Tonawanda Reservation. She is a very much afflicted woman, but her face is always full of smiles and she has a wonderful testimony. She is sending a renewal for the Gospel News to be transferred to her.

Brother Russell tells me that he and brother Gerace of Detroit went to visit her, and she was sick in bed. She said she would not be able to go to church, but they had prayer with her, and then she asked them to go and bring Sister Nicholas to help her get ready and she would go to church, for she would like to say good bye to them all. May God continue to bless Sister Williams for she has been, and is an afflicted woman, and yet no complaints and all smiles. Brother Paul D'Amico, please visit our Lamanite Sister. I understand she will be only about 13 miles from where you live.

Brother Russell tells me that they are having wonderful meetings at Muncney and still have a Bus to gather up the children for Sabbath School, Brothers Russell, Gerace and all of you who are carrying on the work in Muncney, among our Indian brothers and Sisters, May God bless you all abundantly.

In writing this article, I cannot help thinking of my own afflicted wife, she always liked the smiles on Sister William's face.

Brother Cadman

FROM SISTER KATHERINE HENSHAW, HOLLYWOOD, FLA.
Brother Cadman:

I am enclosing \$2.00 for renewal of the Gospel News. It gives me joy and comfort to read the experiences of our sisters and brothers of our church in our little

paper.

Reading the experiences of Sister Carmella of W. P. Beach, we can safely say — God does work in a mysterious way to those who serve and obey His will. May His name be praised forever. Our love to you and yours, from all of us in Florida.

ITALY

I am in receipt of a Easter card from brothers Casasanta and Nolfi, but there is no news with it. It was mailed at Salerno. Thank you.
(Editor)

LEHI TO HIS SON JOSEPH

Forefather of the American Indian race speaks to his son as follows:

Wherefore, Joseph, (of Egypt) truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch which was to be broken off, (American Indian Race) nevertheless to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness and light — yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom. — For Joseph (of Egypt) truly testified, saying: A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins. Second Nephi 3-5, 6. Read the whole chapter.

Editor

CONFERENCE MEETS IN MONONGAHELA

Our General Conference assembled here in Monongahela at two p.m. on April 5th in business sessions throughout the week until Saturday evening at 9:30, when our business then, was brought to a close.

In our sessions we had Elders gathered together from both east and west coasts, from Florida on the south and from Canada on the north, and throughout the mid-western states, including brother Daniel Picciutto who is located on the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona, and is laboring among those people. Brother and Sister John Ross of Aliquippa, Pa., were also present. They expect to be

leaving soon for Nigeria, Africa to resume missionary duties in that part of the vineyard.

All told, we had a very nice gathering from these various parts of the vineyard of the Lord. And too: in these business sessions we have pretty much a routine of business, such as electing or re-electing General Church officers — including the president of the church and his counsellors and of the various districts of the church. This consumes much of our time.

The reporting of the Missionary efforts also takes much time-but, is a very interesting part of the time. We hear from Africa, Italy, Mexico and from various Indian Reservations here in the states and in Canada. In Arizona where brother and sister Picciutto have been located for just a short while, yet they are baptizing men and women there and are having very good attendance in their new church. Brothers Ether Furnier and Phil Damore are located in Phoenix holding meetings as well, and are lending some assistance to the work on San Carlos. And too, we must not forget our folks in Mexico; Brother and Sister Perdue who are located on the mountain tops across the border from San Diego, Calif. among the Mexican people — built a little church about a year ago, and from what I hear, might have to build an addition to it before long. They have baptized about 35 converts, as I understand, and are being crowded with attendance.

On the San Carlos Reservation we have purchased a school bus to get the Indian people to and from the services.

On the Muncey Reservation in Ontario, our folks are renting a bus for transferring the Indian people to and from the services and they report a nice big Sabbath School, and quite an attendance of adults. To me, this is good news. And I might mention, that in attending Brother Cotelleses's funeral service just recently, I noticed there were quite a number of the Indian people from various Reserves in Canada in attendance. Brother Dominic has been quite a worker among them in Canada, and it was much consolation to see him remembered by so many that he had preached to. May his efforts yet bear much fruit among them—

even though he has left us for awhile.

Letters were received from our two brothers who are laboring in Italy, and they are gathering converts around them as well. And our folks in Africa are anxiously awaiting the arrival of brother and sister Ross. There is much more missionary activities among our brethren — for instance brothers Idris Martin and George Johnson have started a mission in Maryland near Cumberland, and are making some headway there. May the Lord bless you all in your efforts. And too: Brother DiBattista has been laboring in and around Perryopolis of late and had two converts baptized at Glassport recently. The Restored Gospel must be preached.

I might add that we always have good singing in our conferences, and a number of our brothers and sisters are manifesting much talent in composing new hymns. As our One Hundredth Anniversary of the church is near at hand, Brother V. J. Lovalvo from California has composed a very appropriate hymn, titled "One Hundred Years Ago" which he sang two or three times during the Conference and it went over very good. It no doubt will play a prominate part in our Anniversary Service in July. (Time and place will be announced later.) I believe we closed our Saturday evening service by singing a "One Hundred Years Ago".

For our Sunday morning meeting, we met in the Firemens Hall in the New Eagle Borough, and it was estimated that between 1,000 and 1,200 hundred people were seated — (too many for our church here to accomodate). We certainly appreciate the opportunity and the generosity of the New Eagle Firemen, to use their hall. Thank you all.

We had some good singing rendered before the speaking got on its way, including our Choir from Monongahela and several Solos by others. Bro. Lovalvo and Sister Mabel Bickerton each sang their own compositions and possibly some others, which added a very inspiring touch to the Song Service, which was helped along by the presence of Bro. James Heaps of California.

We were in service for about two hrs. and a number of speakers

took part in the service including Brother Piccuiito who made quite a talk of his labours in preaching the Gospel to the Indian people in Arizona. He created much interest with his audience — like-wise, Brother Lovalvo who is president of the California District — there were other speakers but I cannot recall them. Be that as it may be, we had rather a long, but a satisfying session in the service of God on Sunday Morning in the Firemen's Hall in New Eagle. And a word of recognition to Mr. Richie who lent us his aid with the Loud Speaking outfit.

I am reminded of one of the Ministers' church announcement in one of the Monongahela papers just recently. He stated that they believe in only one book, the Bible. To me that is a very unwise statement to make, in lieu of the fact that the Bible speaks of many books that are not contained therein, and it is written in John 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." Such is a broad statement, but not too broad in lieu of the fact that the promise of the Saviour is: that His spirit is to lead and guide into all truth and show us things to come.

The Church of Jesus Christ believes in the Bible and Book of Mormon, the latter has come forth in fulfillment of prophecy and in it is a prophetic utterance that many of the Gentiles shall say: A Bible! A Bible! We have a Bible and there cannot be anymore Bible. I will add that the prophetic utterance has not been uttered in vain.

Editor

EASTER SEASON HAS COME AND GONE AGAIN.

During Easter Season:

During the week here in Monongahela, besides holding our regular Wednesday Evening meeting we held meetings on Thursday and Friday evenings as well, and according to our present day calander the former would be the day of the trial of Jesus, while the latter day was the day of His crucifixion—a very solemn day indeed. A day when the heavens were darkened and the earth was made to tremble

and many of His faithful followers were made to almost give up in despair and no doubt it was a sleepless night for many.

Brother W. H. Cadman was the speaker for both these meetings, and the sermons were very much in the way of rehearsal of the treatment afforded our Saviour in His last hours on earth among His own people, the Jews. We also enjoyed the singing appropriate for the occasion. Personally, I believe it is good for us to assemble ourselves together and have our minds refreshed as to the sufferings of the Lamb of God, who bore the sins of the whole world, and was led as a Lamb to the slaughter and opened not His mouth — even though in His anguish, drops of blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be His anguish for the wickedness and abominations of his people. Mosiah 3:7 And then in Luke 22:43,44 an angel appeared unto Him to strengthen Him, and him being in agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

On Easter Sunday Morning, brothers Geo. Neill and A. B. Cadman were the speakers, and the theme of their talks was the Resurrection of Christ—the news that He is risen filled their hearts with joy and gladness—I might say that new life had come into the world. Our Sunday morning meeting was well attended.

In the evening there was an Easter Program given by the Sabbath School. Bro. Crosier (Superintendent) was in charge of affairs. A large audience was present. Our little tots were all given an opportunity to expand their little lungs in songs suitable for the occasion—the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus of whom they have been taught much. The adult members then rendered a prepared program relative to the uppermost, thought of this beautiful day that, we were commemorating Him in song and praise whom had won the victory over the grave. Brother Gandley read scripture pertaining to the occasion, while Brother Kunkle of Imperial was the speaker for the evening. Our adult classes rendered some very good singing while Sister Madeline Robinson of Clairton sang a beautiful solo. I believe

all enjoyed the services here in Monongahela which was held in memory of the Risen Lord, our Redeemer.

Editor

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

April 14, 1962

I am in receipt this day of a card from brother Joseph Calabrese whom at present is in the City of Mexico. He says: here we are in Mexico City and thank God we are all well at present. This is a vast territory and beautiful too. You certainly can see landmarks of the Ancient inhabitants. You might try and come here some time. Hope all went well at Conference.

The postal card view shows an overall view of the "Templo de Quetzalcoatl" of the ancient city of San Juan Teotihuacan showing the Pyramids to the Sun and Moon.

Having read so much of the people in Book of Mormon days, it makes me feel that I would like to visit some of the ruins, and the ancient works of the fore-fathers of the American Indians whom immigrated to this land of America 600 years before the Christ was born, and who, after His resurrection, visited the Tribe of Joseph on the land of Joseph, as described by Moses of old.

Brother Cadman

SISTER JESTA LOMBARDO PASSES ON

Our beloved Sister, Jesta Lombardo, passed away suddenly in her home on March 21, 1962. The shock of her passing was great, as Sister Jesta had been at prayer meeting just the night before, and was in excellent spirits and health. Services for her were held at Greenwood Mortuary on March 26, at 3 p.m., with Bros. V. J. Lovalvo and Felix Buccellato officiating. Violet Hamilton played the organ and Sister Grace Brutz was soloist. Sister Jesta was a native of Detroit, Michigan Branch and obeyed the Gospel in her youth, having served God until He called her home at age 48. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Bro. Nick Lombardo, two sons, Jared and Norman, two daughters, Louise Nanfita and Sister Linda, and one grandson, all of San Diego; a brother, Bro. Gorie Ciarovino and a sister, Sister Julia Cotolesse of De-

troit, Michigan; also all the Brothers and Sisters of the Church. We will miss our Sister and our hearts are grieved at the vacancy she will leave, but we know and realize that she is in a better place, and the Gospel has given us the hope that we will all meet again some day, never to part again. The following was written by our Sister Catherine Poma, who felt to have it submitted along with our Sister Jesta's obituary. Sister Catherine has set these words to music and it is a beautiful hymn portraying the Saints' hope in Eternal Life.

Sister Ann Smith

**CESEDIO (JOSEPH)
TONACHELLA, PASSES ON.
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Bro. Tonachella, nearing his 82nd. year, died March 30th. 1962 as a faithful, and dutiful, member of the Church of Jesus Christ. He was born July 10th. 1880 in Italy. He was baptized in the Church, Oct. 14th. 1945. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, six daughters, sixteen grand-children, 13 great-grand-children, and many friends. In state at the Church of Jesus Christ, Harper at 3 mile Drive, from noon Monday, until 1 P.M. April 2nd. Funeral services were conducted by bro. Nicholas Pietrangelo. Our bro. will be greatly missed by us all. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family. May our dear Heavenly Father, comfort you all.

Bro. Matthew T. Miller.

**A PARAGRAPH OF A LETTER
FROM BRO. JOHN BUFFA.
April 24, 1962**

Brother Cadman:

I am praying my letter finds you in the best of health and in the grace of God. I was in Muncie on Sunday and we did have a wonderful blessing, which was a profitable one. Another Indian has asked for his baptism and all heaven showed its blessing. We still have hopes of more coming to the fold of God.

Brother Joseph Milantoni was covered with the spirit of God, and his words were like milk and honey. May God bless the Missionaries and the Mantle of Christ's authority be upon them. For there is much work in the field.

Brother John Buffa
(Brother and Sister Buffa, Above

is good news to me—Bro. Cadman)

**He was an executioner. Why, then,
did he tremble to say:**

I SAW A MAN DIE TODAY!

SERGIUS PAULUS was not a man to be upset easily, certainly not by the sight of blood. For 20 years he had carried a Roman sword and fought the battles of the Empire. On more than one occasion he had lain down in his armor, drenched and sticky with the blood of his enemies, and slept peacefully without a regret.

It had been his utter and complete brutality that had won for him his appointment as a centurion, at a time when Rome was in need of an overseer of crucifixions in Palestine who would not turn soft or sentimental. And for several years now Sergius Paulus had been a most satisfactory executioner.

It is not the business of executioners to be curious. But this one today had been no ordinary crucifixion. The average man condemned to death was an outlaw, a bandit, or a plain cutthroat. But this one had been no everyday criminal. The hardened and coarsened centurion had recognized that fact the moment he laid eyes on his prisoner.

That Friday itself, with its terrifying three hours of blackness, had been awful enough. But in the midst of the darkness there had come a shaking of the earth that sent the soldiers reeling and tumbling. Even the stoutest of them were left unnerved. Their long years of discipline, however, were more than equal to the terror, and they soon had the situation well in hand again. The man on the cross had died shortly before sundown.

It was over now; and as the powerful Roman centurion, with bulging arms and thighs like trunks of trees, strode down the street and turned in through the little narrow gate in the stonewall, he walked with all the dignity of an officer of the Empire. But a little maid just inside the gate looked at him, stifled a frightened cry, and raced away to the comforting shelter of her mother's skirts, for the Roman's face was ashen and his lips were drawn in a thin line.

Once inside his hired house, Sergius relaxed a trifle, though great beads of perspiration stood out on

his swarthy face and his lips were still drawn and taut. Rather noisily, as if to relieve his nerves a bit, he threw off his coat of mail and hung his short sword, clanking in its sheath, on a peg high up on the wall. A servant timidly fetched a basin of warm water and then, receiving no further order, hastily retreated into the shadows of the outer court.

As the soldier plunged his great arms into the water a gentle footfall was heard on the other side of the room, and the soft, ingratiating voice of a woman spoke. "What ails my lord?" she asked. "Hath the governor spoken ill of thee?" she added, a touch of banter in her tone.

On other occasions Sergius Paulus would have greeted her with gay affection, for he truly loved his renegade Jewess and would gladly have married her except for the refusal of the governor to permit his high executioner to be bound down by a family. But at least they understood one another—this centurion and his woman—and through her connections he had kept in touch with many a band of disturbers in the city.

Tonight, however, he was in no mood for jest or pretty speeches. Even the beautiful Miriam could not take away his gloom.

It was a quiet meal the two had together, as silent as it was simple—a plate of roast fowl, some fresh pomegranates, a bit of chesse. And when the food was eaten, Sergius Paulus rose from the little oaken stool upon which he had been seated, strode over to the latticed window, and stared gloomily into the night.

For a moment or two Miriam watched him closely, a deep frown of puzzled bewilderment lining her beautiful face. At last she arose, slipped across the room, and standing beside him eased a warm hand into the crook of his bare arm. "What meaneth this strange mood, Sergius?" she asked softly. "Thy countenance bespeaks something evil."

With that the great fellow turned and, looking intently into the face of the girl said, "Miriam, I saw a man die today." In his voice there was stark terror.

"But that is hy business, Sergius!" the girl exclaimed, "Hast

thou not crucified men by the score?"

"But this one was different. I never saw a man die like he did." And Sergius' voice trailed off like the last low rumblings of a distant storm. There was something in it that forbade Miriam to speak further.

After some minutes the man slipped his arm gently about the shoulders of the girl and led her away to a low couch, beside which stood the brazier glowing with coals, for there was a bit of chill in the air. The couch was piled high with soft pillows, and before the brazier was a rich rug from the East which Sergius had taken from a crafty merchant who had tried to conceal some rare gems from the customs gatherer. Gently, he helped her to the couch, then slowly settled himself on its edge.

Resting his chin on his massive hands, the centurion sat staring into the darkest corner of the room. He was silent for some minutes, and then said:

"Thou hast spoken truly, Miriam. Killing is my business. And I have watched full many a foul fellow die upon Rome's crosses. But this was no ordinary man. May the gods protect me! I, who never quailed before, tremble to think of it!"

"Tell me about it, my lord. Trust me with thy heart." All the banter was gone now from the girl's soft voice.

"He was from Galilee. The people called him a prophet and told strange tales about him." It was evident that Sergius was having some difficulty in making it plain even to himself.

"Six days ago he came down to the feast, raised a tumult in the Temple, drove the sheep and the oxen out, overturned the tables of the money changers, and incited a riot. The priest say he preached some strange doctrine. But of that I know nothing, for no Roman can understand these things."

"Curses upon the priests and their strange doctrines!" Miriam muttered bitterly under her breath.

"I KNOW not by what means they took him," the centurion went on, "but when I arrived at Pilate's judgment hall this morning his trial was on. It must have been about sunrise. Marcus, the high priest's servant, told me that his masters

had spent the whole night hearing evidence and plotting the man's death. When morning came they appealed to Pilate to confirm their sentence.

"He seemed a gentle fellow, and three times the governor examined him and could find no fault in him. But because of their tumult, and because there was a danger that the city might be incited to riot, Pilate gave them their will and delivered him over to me, along with two thieves, to be crucified.

"Miriam," the soldier repeated, his voice hushed with awe, "I never saw a man die like he did." And the rough fellow's hand crushed the delicate fingers of the girl in a grasp that left even his own knuckles white as wax.

"From the moment when first we stretched him out upon his cross and drove the nails through his hands, until the moment when he cried with a loud voice and died, not one curse or moan came from him. The thieves who hung near him, one at his right and the other at his left, split the very sky with their ravings and maledictions. But this man uttered not a cry.

"One never knows what to expect from these Jews. Today they were mad, shrieking and jeering like devils. I never saw such hatred. Some of them spat upon him. They all railed at him. And then, suddenly, as if one of the gods had wiped out the sun, that terrible blackness came over the earth, and the ground rolled under our feet like the waves of the sea. I can feel the sickness in my inward parts yet. The Jews told me afterward that the veil in their Temple was rent from top to bottom. But that man upon the cross spake scarcely a word that could be heard above the loud tumult.

"Only once he cried — then to say, 'I thirst.' But when they lifted up the sponge filled with vinegar and gall which the gentle women of Jerusalem provide to deaden the pain, he shook his head and refused to drink.

"I tell you, woman, there was something majestic about him. I have heard the curses of the dying for 20 years, but I never saw a man meet death with such divine calm.

"The crowd made good sport of it. The priests taunted him. 'He trusted in God,' they cried. 'Let

Him deliver him now!' But he paid them no heed, save to say, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!' And I never expect to see such a light on another face again.

"Only once did he seem to weaken. That was when he cried out, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' But it was not long afterward that he was quiet, and before he died I heard him say, 'Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.'"

Sergius dropped his great head in his hands and his giant frame shook with emotion. "I cannot believe he is dead. Such a man cannot die."

"Who was he, Sergius?" Now the voice of Miriam had in it something of the awe which had shaken her lover.

"All I know," he replied, "is what I read on the inscription which Pilate caused to be nailed to the cross above his head. It is the law, you know—his name and his crime. The writing was 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.'"

At that Miriam shuddered, and a cry escaped her lips.

AT HER cry Sergius turned anxiously toward her. "What dost thou mean, fair one?" The girl, he told himself, had strange moods at times. Especially of late she had seemed very unhappy.

But Miriam was close-lipped now. She could not trust herself to tell Sergius the strange tales she had overheard about the young prophet of Galilee who had shown himself a friend of sinners. Nor could she tell him about her friend who, not long ago, had been dragged through the streets and thrown at the Galilean's feet, and to whom he had spoken kindly: "Go in peace . . ."

Sergius watched her intently for a moment and then dropped off into silence. But his breathing was labored, and now and then he whispered words—strange, disconnected words—and it was as if he were bringing them up out of the depths of his soul:

"Behold thy mother . . . thy son . . . Forgive them . . . they know not . . . This day . . . with me . . . paradise . . . My God, my God . . . forsaken . . . Into thy hands . . . my spirit . . . It is finished!"

At last he leaned toward the girl

and spoke, and each whispered word was weighted with fervent, reverential awe:

"Miriam, no man ever died like that before. No man ever prayed for the forgiveness of his enemies. He believed in God. You should have seen him die!"

Gathering himself and standing at his full height, with arms outstretched as if he were spanning his own cross, the centurion said—and there was the conviction of the ages in his words:

"Surely . . . surely . . . This man must have been the Son of God!"

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Sincerely
Warren P. Clark

AN INDIAN VERSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road. His name is WONDERFUL.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup He fills till it runs over. What I tell is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

This beautiful Indian version originated many years ago with

Arizona Indians who translated it into a universal sign language in order to share it with members of neighboring tribes who spoke different dialects. A white missionary then re-translated it into literal English—Indian Style—which is as you see it here. May you find inspiration and enjoyment in this version of our beloved 23rd Psalm.

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THE PASSING OF A FRIEND

A tragic story, not old, not new —
Has happened to one of the fold —
It's happened to many, so why
should it be —

Such a shock when we hear it
told —

It happened on the morning that
that the Lord —

Was raised from the tomb of the
dead —

Returning home from a visit —

Not a fear even entered her head.

Her companion was driving at a
normal speed —

When out of nowhere another car
came —

Pushing their car over the embank-
ment —

Her last words speaking the
name —

Of her companion in this life

This life that's so short —

That should be lived for Christ
Jesus alone —

That someday we too, may dwell
up on high —

With our Saviour who died for
His own.

She's gone now we know, to a
better life with Him —

Where there's no pain, no sorrow,
no discouragement —

Where we may live with no fear
of sin.

We cannot think now, of the faults
of this life —

For we have much farther to go —
We cannot judge the lives others.

lead —

Because someday we'll have to
show —

Our works here on earth, to the
Lord above —

And Oh God!, may we prove
faithful to the end —

That we too, may abide in that
heaven above —

Where we'll know peace from
Satan's fiery den.

She was a friend, a sister in
Christ —

Who wanted so much of this life —

Who gained and then lost, but
gained back again —

The love and the grace of our
Christ.

We have mourned and wept at the
parting of this —

A friend whom we loved and will
miss —

But now as we close, this small
token of praise —

We thank God, our Lord, that she
is with Him.

Sister Pat Ferrante

One often hears the matter of Holiness brought up in conversation. Surely it becometh all professing followers of Jesus Christ to lead a Holy life, but to become self-praising certainly is not God-like. As for mortals at the best, they are very weak beings. The apostle Paul is made to exclaim on one occasion "O wretched man that I am." Yet in reading of and about him one might exclaim of him—what a wonderful man was Paul. His words as found in II Cor. 10-17, are as follows: "But he that glorieth let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth." I might add—Too much self esteem is not too good for the soul. It is written, "Without Holiness no man shall see the Lord." Ed.



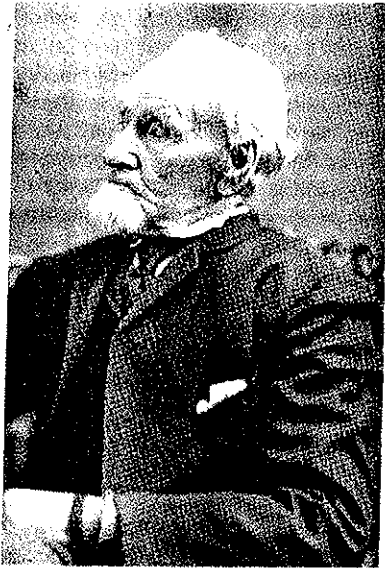
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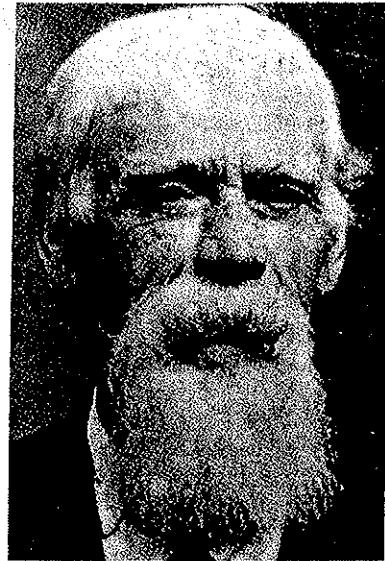
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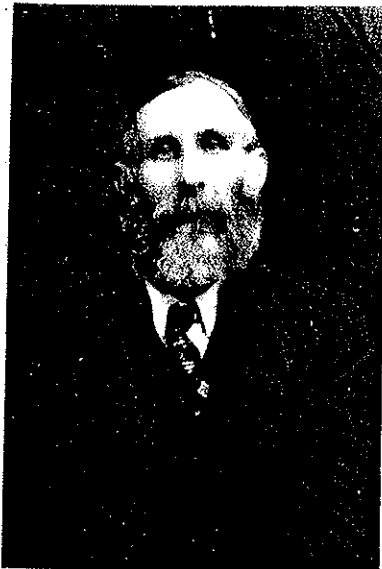
WILLIAM BICKERTON

Bro. Wm. Bickerton served as president of the Church from the time of its Organization until in 1880. He was also founder of the Church. He was in the nineties when he died in 1905 in St. John, Kansas.



WILLIAM CADMAN

Bro. Wm. Cadman was elected president of the Church in 1880 and served until his death in Nov. of 1905 at his home on the hill back of West Elizabeth, Pa. in his 72nd. year.



ALEXANDER CHERRY

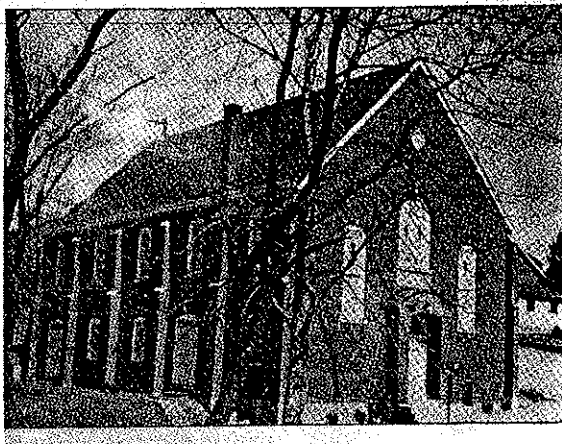
Alexander Cherry was elected president of the Church in July of 1906 and served until his death in August of 1921 in the 66th year of his life. He was born June 29, 1856. He died in the Memorial Hospital in Monongahela, Pa.



WILLIAM H. CADMAN

Bro. Wm. H. Cadman was elected president of the Church in July of 1922 and has now been elected annually for forty years, and at this date he is preparing the copy for this anniversary paper of the Organization of The Church of Jesus Christ. He was born on Dec. 19th of 1876 and is still on the go.

Headquarters of the Church



The above is a picture of the General Church building (headquarters) at Monongahela, Pa. It was built in the year of 1930 at a cost of approximately \$14,000. The auditorium is on the upper floor and the General Church meets here in General Conference the first Saturday in April of each year. The General Conference was previously held the first Saturday in July, but a change was made. And though the First Saturday is specified, yet because of business crowding us, we often meet a few days before the First Saturday.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR PRESIDENT

Another prominent event, the 40th consecutive year William H. Cadman has been President, is being observed along with the Centennial of The Church of Jesus Christ. The fourth person to hold this position, Brother Cadman has continued the diligent and untiring work of his predecessors.

There are many accomplishments for which this self-sacrificing leader must be cited. Besides attending to his administrative and other required duties, he has often embarked on tedious and sometimes perilous journeys to spread The Gospel. Particularly of late, he has done this despite his advanced age and the dangers involved.

African Trip

Most vividly remembered of his countless trips is the one he made to Nigeria, West Africa when he was 77 years old. This junket, which was undertaken with the Second Counselor, Brother Joseph Bittinger, was initiated so a foundation could be gained in that sector.

Since its success, subsequent missionaries from The Faith have been able to go to Nigeria and enlarge on the endeavor, which has mushroomed numerically. Recently, an educational system was devised to help the people there.

Indian Worker

The movement among the Indian people has been perhaps one of Brother Cadman's most satisfying missions. He has traveled extensively in the United States and Canada to visit these "choice people" to tell them of the promises which have been made to them. He had help in this scope from his wife, Sadie, until her death in 1959.

Sister Cadman, who had been desirous of being a

missionary herself, went with her husband on many of these Indian trips. In addition, in order to help such activities, she was instrumental in having The Ladies' Uplift Circle organized in January, 1920 under Church sanction. The organization, which has affiliates in almost all branches and missions, has helped defray missionary and building expenses as they have been needed throughout the years.

Literary Deeds

Not only has Brother Cadman been an outstandingly good example for all, but he is also known internationally for his many spiritual projects. Some of these have included the writing and distribution of articles, booklets, and pamphlets of lasting quality about Faith beliefs and expectations. His Zeal in literary areas has also enabled *The Gospel News*, the official voice of The Church of Jesus Christ, to become popularized around the world. The monthly newspaper has "opened the doors" to numerous missionary possibilities, such as was the one in Africa.

This staunch advocate of The Gospel was responsible for *A History of The Church of Jesus Christ*. His editing of the accounts up to 1945 resulted in the book's being published in that year. The chronological collection has allowed much greater insight about the Lord's work, and its wide circulations has permitted more to be known about the manifestations of the past.

Baptized in 1896

The father of four daughters, President Cadman was born in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania on December 19, 1876, was baptized December 16, 1896, and was ordained an Elder in July, 1902. He was elevated to the rank of Apostle in July, 1904, and three years later he was elected to the First Counselorship of The Church. His ascension to his present capacity was made in the July, 1922 General Church Conference.

Obviously a man of deep faith and much scriptural knowledge, Brother Cadman has stated that his objective has always been "to do the best I could under the existing conditions and circumstances." His inward assurance has been constant that, when needed, "the Lord would come to my rescue. He has done so for me in many ways in my life, for which I give Him all honor and glory."

Faith First

A further personal observation has given our leader increased inspiration and allows him to be a living testimony of The Gospel. "Our reward comes after our faith is tried and not before," he has maintained. As in the past, he asks nothing more than to do the Lord's work. What more can be requested?

Brother Cadman's works speak for him. It is with deep appreciation, therefore, that every person who has known him, and especially anyone who has ever been or is presently connected with The Church of Jesus Christ, wishes to extend him thanks and sincere congratulations for a full and productive life "in the service of the Lord". Inadequate as words are on this occasion, a further expression of thankfulness for a Brother so deeply devoted and dedicated to the welfare of others must be classed as being indeed appropriate.

By Brothers Dominic Moraco and
Carl Frammolino approved by
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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

The Church of Jesus Christ Organized at (Green Oak,) Greenock, Pennsylvania, in July of 1862.

Our brethren and sisters assembled in a conference in July 5, 6, 7, 8 in 1862 in our Church Building on the Bank of the Youghiogheny River, at Green Oak, possibly 6 or 8 miles from the City of McKeesport, and organized The Church of Jesus Christ, whose Headquarters are at Monongahela City, Pennsylvania at this present date one hundred years later. Much change can be expected, but via the various writers on this occasion, much information should be recorded in this issue of the **Gospel News**, that would make this Anniversary in the year of 1962 long to be remembered and too; my counsel to all members of the church especially, is to preserve a copy of the paper, which should be a valuable **Heritage** to your children 100 years hence. (I have often wished that we had a picture of the church that once stood on the bank of the Youghiogheny River at Green Oak, Pa.) We shall have at least a picture of the present (headquarters and possibly some others of our churches in this issue of the Gospel News)

I expect to let this article which I am writing serve more as an Editorial for this issue and I will have my Counsellors arrange in their contributions to this Anniversary Issue, an account of the organization as they may see fit. However, I will touch on some things that are still very fresh in my mind from memory of hearing my parents speak—for they were present on this occasion.

On page 51 of our Church History there is recorded under the heading of "A Wonderful Act of Deliverance", a boat load of our people who were crossing the river when a storm arose, and deliverance was despaired of. However, a brother standing on shore commanded the storm to cease in the name of God, and the storm ceased, and the boat landed in safety and all were spared. My father and mother were on the boat, also Brother and sister James Russell who were the parents of brother and sister John Morgan, formerly of Elizabeth, Pa. but they died in St. John, Kansas. The Martha Ring family are great, great grandchildren of the Russells. My parents the 'Cadmans' have left a

large family. They died on Hogback Hill near West Elizabeth. James Louttit and wife of Monongahela were on the boat as well. I remember brother Louttit and also Sister Russell. While the storm was raging, my father started that old hymn: "Fear Not Brethren, Lo'tis Jesus, Holds the Helm and Guides the Ship, Spread the Sails and Catch the Breezes, Sent to Waft us through the Deep." Brother George Barnes gave the command of God for the storm to cease—but brother Barnes died a member of the Utah Mormon church. Strange things happen.

As to my memory of various ones who were at the meeting, or at least who were in the church at that time, would be my parents. They obeyed the Gospel in December of 1859, my father became an apostle in the church and eventually was elected president thereof in 1880. He died in Nov. of 1905, my mother died in March of 1904. I never saw Bro. Wm. Bickerton but he was the founder of the church and was its president until the 1880's. He was in the nineties when he died in St. John, Kansas. I remember his brother Arthur very well, he was one of the Apostles of 1862. He died in Fayette City, Pa. I believe in 1903. I remember Bro. Cummings Cherry very well—he was one of the Apostles of 1862 and was uncle to President Alexander Cherry. I have a faint recollection of seeing Apostles John Neish, and Benj. Meadowcroft, who along with Cummings Cherry lived and died at Coulterville now known as **Coulter** just across the river from Green Oak.

Of the Evangelists of 1862, I remember Bro. John Ashton very well. He was the Grandfather of the late Bro. Charles Ashton, also I remember Bro. Thomas Stevens.—these were old men when I was a boy. Counsellors to Bro. Wm. Bickerton as president of the church in 1862 were Charles Brown—he was the father of Charles Brown who eventually became Mayor of St. John, Kansas—I knew him. Geo. Barnes, one of Bro. Bickerton's Counsellors lived for years at New England, back of Coal Valley, Pa. and died there. He was at one time a powerful figure in the Church, but through difficulties that arose, he apostized from our midst and died a member of the Utah Church. His testimony as recorded in our Church History is as follows: "Bro. Barnes testified to the glorious work, and what God had done for him and for his wife and family in gifts and healing." "Therefore", he said, "I know that this is the true Church of the Living God; and friends, if there is any among you that wants salvation, come this way and obey the commandments of God."

Among names of people mentioned or was commonly known among us in the long or many years of the past, was Robert Pighford who lived in Scotia Hollow. Benjamin Lewis, and the large Blatchford family. My oldest brother Solomon Cadman married Margaret Blatchford. These names are referred to in our records. In later years along about 1865 I find the names of Wm. Bacon, the grand father of Sister Isaac Smith, and Wm. Skillen, father of the sister who was well known as "little Hannah Skillen." I will conclude with this article for the present at least. There is no doubt that the various contributors to this issue of the Gospel News will all touch upon the self and same things—each bringing out their various thoughts from various angles.

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE ROCHESTER AND LOCKPORT, N.Y. BRANCHES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In 1931 Brother Frank Rosati, having been baptized in Detroit Michigan, returned to Rochester, N.Y. primarily to give the testimony of the Gospel to his sister and brother-in-law. When he became successful in interesting several people concerning the Gospel, he then called for my father, Brother Ishmael D'Amico, inviting him to come to Rochester for there was spiritual work to be performed. At that time, our entire family was living in Detroit, Michigan.

On the night of November 6, 1931, Bro. Ishmael D'Amico left Detroit, Michigan to go to Rochester, N.Y., a city where the Gospel had not yet been established. He left behind his wife and six children placing full confidence in the Lord. It may be well to insert here that in February of 1934, the entire D'Amico family, went to Rochester to establish residence there.

After a few services held in Rochester amongst a group of people, four souls were baptized in the Church on November 15th, 1931, namely: Perry Simone, Concetta Simone, Salvatore Castranovo, and Angeline Castranovo. As the months and years rolled by more souls were added to the fold. In the fall of 1935 Brother Ansel D'Amico was called into the Ministry, while Brother Frank Rosati had been ordained several years previous to this. In 1935 Rochester was organized a Branch of the Church with Brother Ishmael D'Amico as Presiding Elder, Bro. Frank Rosati, 1st Counsellor, and Bro. Ansel D'Amico, 2nd Counsellor. In 1939, Brothers Patsy Marinetti and Paul Petrangelo were ordained into the Priesthood. Missionary work was done by the Rochester brethren in Auburn, Waterloo, Syracuse, and Palatine Bridge, N.Y. While some interest was shown and a few were baptized, the work in these places has more or less dwindled. Later, missionary efforts were made on the Tuscarora, N.Y. Indian Reserve, and also in Lockport where Brother Perry Simone and his family had moved in 1937.

In July of 1946, Brothers Paul D'Amico and Christopher Trovato were ordained into the Priesthood, and shortly thereafter, Brother Ishmael D'Amico and his wife, Sister Julia, along with their son Paul moved to Brooklyn, N.Y.

After their marriage in 1947, Paul and his wife Grace returned to Lockport, N.Y., while Brother and Sister D'Amico continued to live in Brooklyn.

In 1949, Brother D'Amico was stricken with a Cerebral Hemorrhage, and three months later was moved back to Rochester where he and Sister Julia have lived with their son Ansel ever since.

The work in Lockport, N.Y. had already been in progress when Bro. Paul D'Amico went to live there. With the assistance of the Brothers from the Rochester Branch, the group was fed spiritually and as a result Lockport became an established mission in July, 1948.

In April, 1950, Brother Perry Simone was ordained into the Ministry and by October of the same year, Lockport was organized a Branch with Brother Paul D'Amico as Presiding Elder, Brother Paul Petrangelo, 1st Counsellor, and Brother Perry Simone, 2nd Counsellor. In April, 1958, Brother Henry Berardi of Lockport was ordained into the Priesthood.

From the Branch of Lockport in the years gone by, efforts have been made to spread the Gospel among Gentiles as well as the seed of Joseph on the Tonawanda and Tuscarora Indian reserves. Also many meetings have been held among gentiles in Niagara Falls and Toronto, Ontario. It is hoped that in God's due time, we may see the results of our labors.

Before closing this brief account, it is with much regret that we add to this account, that our Brother Ishmael D'Amico has been called home to rest in the Paradise of God. He passed away on January 11, 1962, but the folks of Rochester, Lockport, and elsewhere throughout the Church will long remember the foundation that he built upon; which after many years, at the end of the road, has led his soul to the Eternal resting place of all the faithful departed.

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST
PAUL D'AMICO
Lockport, New York

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

A Birthday, or anniversary, is generally a happy occasion, and is, usually celebrated with feasting and rejoicing. It commemorates the day of one's birth, or other occasion.

A 100th anniversary, or centennial, is greater reason to rejoice. In man is the inherent desire to continue on forever; he does not wish to be forgotten . . . he seeks posterity. This is why he builds great edifices, composes great music or paints masterpieces: Man will go down in history, he will not be forgotten if he can help it.

This, it seems to me, is a natural inheritance, for God who created us, seems to have instilled into us this desire for perpetuity. 'Eternity' is found throughout the Bible; 'Thou shalt not die, etc.' is the very basis of religion: We serve God because we love Him, and we love Him because He first loved us, is good to us and has promised us 'Eternity'.

So it is with the thought of continuity that we celebrate each birthday, or anniversary: we have been blessed with another year of existence.

And so it is with 100th Anniversary of the establishing of our Church . . . God has preserved it for 100 years, tho' its light upon the face of the earth is but a faint spark, unseen by many, scorned and ridiculed by others, but loved and cherished by God who will one day cause that small light to shine brightly and illuminate the entire world.

Often times, our hearts are heavy with gloom, for we long to see that light shine as brightly as the sun; we feel that our progress is slow, our number is SO insignificant. Still, by my own membership I have caused that small number to hold its own, by at least, one. You, have, by **your** membership, been instrumental in keeping that small number constant, by at least one count . . . we have been, in modern language, 'holding our own', with all the seriousness that this implies. It is nothing to rejoice about; it is merely comforting to know that we are, at least, 'holding the fort', until God, in His infinite mercy lends us His strength and we can begin to go on to greater things in the Gospel.

Yes, Church of Jesus Christ, Happy Anniversary, for through thy birth, I have received mine, and thus have been made to know whom I have believed, and

am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him, against that day'.

Catherine Poma
of San Diego, California

GREEN OAK, PENNSYLVANIA THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE CHURCH

By Brother Alexander Cherry

President Alexander Cherry writes as follows:

"The birthplace of the Bickerton organization of the Church of Jesus Christ has been talked of by a great number of the Saints of late years, so that at the close of the 45th annual conference of the said organization, the president, secretary and Evangelist Charles Ashton, Sister Mary Ashton, paid a visit to that sacred spot, Tuesday, July 9, 1907.

"The lot where the old church stood is possessed by the P. Mck. R.R. It took us about thirty minutes to find the old foundation. We made some inquiries of people living close by, but they could not give us any information as they did not know of a church being there. The foundation was nearly covered with debris of one kind or another.

"We found it a little after eleven o'clock and when we stood gazing at the walls of the once honored and never-to-be-forgotten spot, where God spoke to our ancient brethren to ordain and set apart twelve Apostles, to be His special witnesses of their dispensation, we felt at that moment to sing: "What are these arrayed in white, brighter than the noon-day sun." We felt that we were standing on Holy ground. We felt as if the spirits of our brethren were present to bid us welcome. We then bowed in solemn prayer and oh what a calm and Holy peace in our souls that time will never erase from our memory. And, oh, how we felt the responsibility that rests upon us as their successors. We then sang a hymn and concluded we would have something to eat at this time. The Sisters then prepared a lunch which was appetizing and we ate with relish thanking God for all things, and especially for the privilege of being there.

"Forty five years have brought many changes with man. But we found that God who had set His Church in order forty five years previous had not changed, as we felt His glory rest upon us; so much so, we did not want the silence broken and tears coursed down our cheeks with that joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. Many happy reminiscences came to our minds. One of the time in 1863 when the ferry boat was filled with Saints and was midway on the river when a terrible hurricane struck the boat, and the people on the banks crying and shouting: "all will be lost." Then the brethren began to sing that good old hymn: "Fear not brethren, lo 'tis Jesus holds the helm and guides the ship." Brother George Barnes standing on shore asked God to rebuke the wind which immediately took place and the river became calm at once. Then in 1867 when the quorum of three, President Wm. Bickerton and his counsellors and President Wm. Cadman with his quorum of twelve apostles and the quorum of Evangelists, as they formed in a circle at the close of conference to ask the blessings of God on the different quorums by each one of the presidents, The Glory of God filled the building and many sinners cried out. "what shall we do to

be saved?

These were happy memories to us as we stood there thinking of the faithful men, such as Wm. Bickerton, Wm. Cadman, John Caldwell, James Nichols, B. F. Meadowcroft, Wm. Skillen, Cummins Cherry, Charles Brown, Arthur Bickerton, Alexander Bickerton, John Ashton and many others who had stood forty-five years before on the banks singing that grand old hymn: "Jesus mighty King in Zion, Thou alone our guide shall be," and that they were no longer with us but seemed to beckon us on and whisper in our ears: "be faithful." Then we turned our faces away with sadness at parting from such a holy place. All we could say was: "Good bye until we meet again."

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF MY LIFE AND YEARS IN THE CHURCH.

I was born and raised most of my early life in the mountains of Western Maryland. My parents were poor and had a large family of children. My father endeavored to eke out a living between farming and working in the log woods, then sometimes he would work in the coal mines especially during the winter months. When I was only eleven years old my father was logging with his own team of horses for the Jennings Lumber Co. There was an epidemic of Typhoid fever in the area where we lived and my father contracted this disease and was unable to work for several months. Our family became destitute because of this. The superintendent asked me if I wanted a job carrying water for a crew of men working in the woods as they were cutting logs and peeling tan bark. I told him I would take the job, it paid me 5 cents an hour or 50 cents for ten hours. They soon had me doing a man's work, but I continued to work until school started, which provided us with enough groceries to get by with. There were only six months of school a year then. From this time on I found myself working at farming or some phase of lumbering between school periods. At age 15 my father took me into the coal mine to work with him. I never went to school again. The next 25 years I was occupied most of the time as a coal miner. I was religiously inclined from my youth and during my teens I was baptized into one of the holiness groups that came into our area. I took a very active part for several years, during this time I tried to serve God faithfully, and to the best of my ability. Then like many others have done, I drifted away and went into sin and transgression. As the years went by some things happened to me that made me feel as though I were being chastised by the Lord for my error. I had a feeling that sometime I would return to the church I had strayed from.

Then in 1927-28 still working in the coal mines, working conditions became so bad that some days we could not make a dollar for a hard day's labor, I worked steady for a mere existence. I was becoming very much discouraged, for this was the very hardest kind of manual labor. After putting in the whole winter like this, I decided to go to Pennsylvania. If I could get a job in the mines I would work long enough to get enough money so we could move to Detroit, Michigan. I came to Smock, Pa. saw the superintendent of Smock Mines, he gave me a job immediately, this being about May 10th, 1929. In the month of July we moved into a com-

pany house at Bitner, Pa. Here I soon met John W. Edwards who was an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ, along with Martin King an Apostle of the church. They were holding services in the Edwards' home, so my wife and I began to attend their services. Until at this time we had never heard of The Church of Jesus Christ, then on learning they believed in the Book of Mormon, I became very skeptical. I felt that somewhere there was certainly a connection with the Mormon Church of Utah. I felt certain that if I would continue to follow the meetings long enough I would discover some connection. We continued to attend meetings, also the intervening conferences. My wife was baptized into the Church April 4th, 1930, by this time my skepticism began to wane. What I did discover was that the people of The Church of Jesus Christ were endowed with the love of God far greater than I had ever found it with any other people. I began to feel God's Spirit calling me and I was baptized August 10th, 1930. By this time a mission had been established at Bitner, subject to the Monongahela Branch, with Brother Edwards as presiding elder.

I was soon ordained a deacon, a few months later a teacher. The April Conference of 1931, held at Greensburg authorized my ordination as an elder. I was ordained by Bro. Wm. H. Cadman. In the January 1933 Conference I was elected presiding elder of the Bitner Mission. I was continually re-elected as presiding elder for the next 25 years, during this time the mission continued to be subject to the Monongahela Branch. This brought me in direct contact with Bro. Wm. H. Cadman who was presiding elder over that branch at various times, as well as being president of the General Church. As Bro. Cadman does not drive a car and many times he was required to make trips to various places, or different states, he needed someone to drive him there and back again with their car. It so developed that I have had the privilege of traveling with him very much and to many places. During the early years of our acquaintance I learned of the great desire he had to visit and become acquainted with the Indian people, hoping that perhaps he would be able to create a little interest among them or get an opening to preach the Restored Gospel to them, to acquaint them with the faith of the church concerning them and the great blessings that await them through obedience to the Gospel of Christ. Also giving out literature to those interested enough to accept it. I believe Bro. Wm. H. Cadman has done more through the past years to keep the spirit of the Indian Mission alive in the church than any other person. It has been principally through his faith and untiring effort that we have been able to establish missions in Canada and South Dakota. Besides there are some few people on other reservations that have accepted the Gospel and have come into the church. Our missionaries have now carried the Restored Gospel Mission to Mexico and Arizona where they are laboring and having success.

I doubt if many realize the many trips Bro. Cadman has made through the years to the various reservations in quest of this work. I do not want to forget Sister Sadie Cadman (now deceased) for she too was a very ardent enthusiastic worker and advocate of the Indian work. As many of us know she was very much afflicted and thus handicapped, yet she traveled thousands of

miles along with Brother Cadman, my wife and I, as well as with others always endeavoring to do a little good everywhere she went. She was an inspiration to the sisters everywhere in the church and they always looked forward for her visit with them. Brother and Sister Cadman have made many friends among the Indian people that will not forget them as long as they live. As for myself (including my wife) I can say we greatly enjoyed every minute of the time we have spent over the years endeavoring to help the church by doing what we could. Today I have no regrets or apology to make for our efforts put forth, but pray that God will permit me to live to do even more in the future if it is His will.

Bro. William H. Cadman and myself made a trip to the Grand River Indian Reserve in Canada, October 15, 1937. This being the first time any of our people had visited this Reserve, we stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beaver, where we were well received and cordially treated. These people had been over to the meetings being held at Muncey Reserve one time previous to our visit with them. We spent twelve days between here and Muncey before returning home. It was not long after this Brother and Sister Beaver were baptized into the church which was the beginning of the mission work on the Grand River Reserve, sometimes called Six Nations. More faithful brothers and sisters than these at Muncey and Grand River would be difficult to find. Quite a number have passed on to their reward since obeying the Gospel.

I have always been a very staunch believer in missionary work as being pertinent to the growth and progress of the church. A considerable amount of my time and effort has been spent along with other elders endeavoring to carry the Gospel into new fields, always meeting with some success. I was ordained an evangelist in September 29, 1940, then called and ordained an apostle April 19, 1953. Soon after this in company with Brother and Sister William H. Cadman and my wife we paid a visit to the brothers and sisters in California, returning by way of South Dakota, stopping at Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, where we met Mr. Clyde Low Dog with whom Bro. Cadman had been corresponding for some years. We were well received by him and quite a number of others that we met. Mr. Low Dog took us up to Wapala, on the Standing Rock Reservation where we made other acquaintances, this being the first direct contact with the Sioux Indian people for the Church. We returned a couple months later with a tent under which we held our services and baptized our first converts thus opening up the mission field among the Sioux. Brother and Sister T. S. Furnier, Brother Wm. Cadman and my wife and I conducted these meetings and they were very well attended by the people. Since that time there has been quite a number baptized on both of these reservations, the two principal places at this time is at Wapala and Eagle Butte, where we have missions established, and in need of permanent missionaries to carry on the work. Then Bro. Wm. Cadman received a strange and mysterious request from Nigeria, West Africa from a Mr. A. A. Dick and others wanting the church to send missionaries to that country to take over a group of churches there. After considerable discussion of the matter, the church decided to send a couple of missionaries to see what

could be done there.

Brother W. H. Cadman was chosen to make the trip, also to select whosoever he desired to go with him, he chose Bro. Paul D'Amico and myself, for various reasons Bro. Paul preferred that I go. I accepted the invitation to make the trip. We made our preparations to leave as soon as possible, but were delayed for several months due to the fact that we had some difficulty getting our visas permitting us to enter the country. Finally, July 27, 1954 we boarded our plane at Pittsburgh Greater Airport. Arriving in London the next morning here we encountered a couple more days of delay before getting a reservation to Lagos, after each of us taking different flights, or planes to Kano from here we both traveled together to Lagos arriving there Aug. 1st. After a few more days delay we boarded a plane for Calabar, Eastern Region, Nigeria, arriving there about four hours later. We were met there by Mr. A. A. Dick and a man by the name of Enoch, then we boarded a ferry boat that took us 18 miles up the Cross River to Oron. Here we got on a truck that took us another 40 miles inland to Abak, this being our destination. Here we lived in a mud house or hut, equipped with a few pieces of furniture for our use, a native cook was provided for us, he did very well, also a guard was placed outside our house at night. The people were overjoyed to meet us and received us very cordially and respectfully everywhere we went in the region. After preaching the Gospel to them many were eager to be baptized into the Church. We visited many missions and everywhere the people were begging us to establish the Church and send permanent missionaries to live with them and teach them. We baptized fifteen of their leading men and ordained most of them Elders, they immediately began to baptize their people, in one day there was 125 people baptized and confirmed in the Church where we were living. The Church grew very fast. Unfortunately, I became sick and had to be taken to the hospital at Port Harcourt, about 90 miles distance. Brother Cadman said the next morning at 5 a.m. the people were gathered at the Church praying for Brother Bittinger to get well, so he could return to help carry on the work, I appreciated this very much and thank the Lord. After two days I did return to the mission. We had to depend on taxis for transportation. They were difficult to find and very undependable, getting around proved to be our most difficult problem and this was the rain season which made it worse. But we never before had met any people so interested in the Gospel as these, very poor but delighted in sharing what products they had with us.

After being at Abak about six weeks and setting the Church in order as best we could, we decided to go to Calabar and spend a week or two with the people there before we would start home, as they were wanting us to come there to hold services. We started before breakfast in the morning, this proved to be a very long and hot day. We finally arrived there late in the evening, still not having breakfast, although we did get something later in the evening. I have not written everything about this days' journey, perhaps Bro. Cadman would tell of some occurrences if reminded by someone or asked about it.

We had a better house to live in here at Calabar

and in the city, here too, we had considerable interest in our meetings and baptized a number of people and had arranged to leave for our return home in a few days. When suddenly one night thieves came into the house through the back door and took just about everything Bro. Cadman had including money and clothing, his plane ticket etc., also my one suitcase containing all my best clothing, but they did not get my money or ticket etc., this saved the day for us or we would have been completely stranded. This was a shameful, humiliating act for the people to have to face, to rob missionaries was considered one of about the worst crimes to commit. This dampened the fervor of the rest of the meetings we held.

The time had now arrived for us to leave for Lagos, there we had quite a number of things to do before we could leave the country. Bro. Cadman had to get new plane tickets, passport, health certificate, etc. September 25th we boarded the plane at Ikega-Lagos, arriving at Pittsburgh September 28, 1954 robbed and weather beaten, but not defeated. The Gospel seed sown in Nigeria has taken firm root and is steadily growing.

At the April, 1956 General Conference I was elected Second Counselor to W. H. Cadman, President of the Church, Brother T. S. Furnier being elected First Counselor to fill the vacancy left by the death of Bro. Charles Ashton who had filled this office since July, 1922. Due to the fact that there was a pressing need for someone to go to Nigeria again, and there being no volunteers, I decided I would return there if I could get someone to go with me. A couple brothers offered to go with me, after some discussion of the matter I decided to accept Brother Alma Nolfi, Glassport, Pa. to make the trip as my partner. We left the airport at Pittsburgh, January 14, 1958, arriving in Lagos January 16th, the weather was very hot as we stepped from the plane. We bought a car for our use and drove to Abak, nearly six hundred miles southeast, staying over night in the city of Benin on the way. We were most cordially and happily received by all we met, especially happy to see and meet us again were those we had become acquainted with on our first trip. We immediately began to visit the various missions and found many that wanted to become members of the Church, Brother Nolfi helped to baptize about 200 if I remember correctly. I contracted malaria and dysentery which I was unable to throw off. After getting medical treatment I recovered from the dysentery, but the efforts had weakened me and I had lost considerable weight. After having visited about 56 of the missions, we learned there was great dissatisfaction with the conduct of some of the most prominent men who had charge over the missions.

Some districts having resigned and refusing to any longer acknowledge their leadership. We discerned a general overhauling of the whole setup would be necessary to clear up the difficulty satisfactorily. This would necessitate our returning home to report to conference our findings and recommend changes that would have to be made. Although there were quite a number of missions still waiting for us to visit them, we were faced with a very serious and difficult decision to make, but due to the nature of the many complaints and my illness we decided to shorten our stay and return home.

We left Lagos March 9, and arrived at Pittsburgh Airport March 12, 1958 being two days short of two months since we had left home.—P.S. Others of our brothers have continued with the work in Africa and there are now three or four thousand members in Nigeria (Bro. Cadman)

Bro. Joseph Bittinger

IN THE HISTORY OF GREENOCK 1840-1954 THE FOLLOWING IS RECORDED.

"In the years 1859 to 1861 a Mormon Church stood below the railroad near the old sky ferry. This was the center of the settlement. The church was destroyed by fire in 1871 but the ruins are still in existence. In order to retain title to the ground, an old agreement requires the Mormons to hold a service there every so many years and a group of them travel here whenever required, to hold that service." End of quote.

I, Brother W. H. Cadman have heard considerable about the church which we built at Greenock, but this is the first I ever heard of a title to the land the building set on as given in the Greenock History. My father attended a conference at the church at the time, and had only arrived home a few hours when he received the news that the building had burned down. I was on the site in the summer of 1961 and the place was so badly grown up with bush, that hardly any trace of the building could be found. The church was organized in the building on July 7 in 1862. After the building was burned, my father in his writings speaks of attending a Conference in the Mount Vernon school house in July of 1874. And while this past 100 years has made changes, yet the name **Greenock** will long live in the minds of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ.

It might be in place to offer some explanation of the term **Mormon** church. All people who believe in the Book of Mormon, are usually called Mormon's, and are generally classed with the church known as the Mormon church in Salt Lake City, Utah. We are firm believers in the Book of Mormon and are incorporated here in Pennsylvania under the name of The Church of Jesus Christ, originally at Greenock, but now of Monongahela City, which is our Headquarters, and have no affiliation whatever with the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City.

To any one acquainted with the Book of Mormon, knows that it is simply a man's name and the church of Jesus Christ does not bear a MANS name, therefore we do not apply the names of mortal men to His church — which the scripture says: He purchased with His own Blood.

W. H. Cadman

NOTE

It is a known fact that when Joseph Smith Jr. was translating the Book of Mormon one hundred and sixteen (116) pages of translated material were stolen and never were recovered.

The following is the preface of the Book of Mormon as published at Palmyra, New York, in the year of 1830.

Preface

To The Reader:

As many false reports have been circulated respecting the following work, (Book of Mormon) and also

many unlawful measures taken by evil designing persons to destroy me, and also the work, I would inform you that I translated, by the gift and power of God, and caused to be written, one hundred and sixteen pages, which I took from the Book of Lehi, which was an account abridged from the plates of Lehi, by the hand of Mormon; which said account, some person or persons have stolen from me, notwithstanding my utmost exertions to recover it again-and being commanded of the Lord that I should not translate the same over again, for Satan had put it into their hearts to tempt the Lord their God, by altering the words, that they did read contrary from that which I translated and caused to be written; and if I should bring forth the same again, or, in other words, if I should translate the same over again, they would publish that which they had stolen, and Satan would stir up the hearts of this generation, that they might not receive this work: but behold, the Lord said unto me, I will not suffer that Satan shall accomplish his evil design in this thing; therefore thou shalt translate from the plates of Nephi, until ye come to that which ye have translated, which ye have retained; and behold ye shall publish it as the record of Nephi; and thus I will confound those who have altered my words.

I will not suffer that they shall destroy my work; yea, I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the Devil. Wherefore, to be obedient unto the commandments of God, I have, through His grace and mercy, accomplished that which He hath commanded me respecting this thing. I would also inform you that the plates of which has been spoken, were found in the Township of Manchester, Ontario County, New York.

Signed: The Author
(Joseph Smith, Junior)

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PROPHECY OF JOSEPH SMITH, JR.

A Revelation and Prophecy given by Joseph Smith on December 25th, 1832, is recorded on our records in October 3, 1874 as follows:

"Verily, thus saith the Lord concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the Rebellion of South Carolina which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls. The days will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at that place; for behold the Southern States shall be divided against the Northern States; and the Southern States will call on other Nations. (even the nation of Great Britain as it is called) and they shall also call on other Nations in order to defend themselves against other nations, and thus war shall be poured out upon all Nations. And it shall come to pass after many days slaves shall rise up against their Masters who shall be marshalled and disciplined for war. And it shall come to pass also that the remnants who are left on the land will marshal themselves and shall become exceedingly angry and vex the Gentiles with a sore vexation and with the sword and by bloodshed. The inhabitants of the earth shall mourn; and with famine and plague and earthquakes and the thunder of heaven and the fierce and vivid lightning also, shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath and indignation and chastening hand of an Almighty

God until the consumption decreed hath made a full end of all nations; that the cry of the Saints shall cease to come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth from the earth to be avenged of their enemies. Wherefore, stand ye in Holy Places and be not moved until the day of the Lord come; for behold it cometh quickly, saith the Lord. Amen.

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

One of the active organizations of the Church is the Ladies Uplift Circle. Although it is only forty-two years old, it has a place in the Anniversary Issue of The Gospel News.

The Circle was organized in January 1920, by a group of sisters who felt the need of an organization to help the Church with missionary work, and to acquaint themselves with the scriptures. They saw the folly of spending all their time with household duties and things which soon pass away. Their desires were to follow Mary, rather than Martha. Jesus said, "Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." Also, Martha was cumbered about with much serving. (Luke 10: 38, 42.)

Our late Sister Sadie B. Cadman spoke to our president, Brother Alexander Cherry about this burden which was resting upon her, in regards to the sisters. Bro. Cherry told her if she could do any good, she had his permission. Soon after conference, sisters from various places met in Sister Cadman's home to discuss this proposition. As a result two Circles were organized, one in Monongahela, Pa. and the other in Dunlevy, Pa. The name, Ladies Uplift Circle, was suggested by Sister Violet Sarver of the Monongahela Circle. The sisters knew this work was prompted by God. Several sisters said they had realized the need of an organization such as this. Now after all these years have passed, we know the work is of the Lord, because of the good it has accomplished. The scripture states all good comes from God. Many have been brought to know of the Gospel through the Circle. Their help in financing the missionary work of the Church has brought many to the Church. The sisters have learned much of the word of God in studying the scriptures together. Many members have testified of feeling His Spirit among them as they met together.

The first officers of the General Circle were, president, Sister Sadie B. Cadman; vice-president, Sister Minnie Kennedy; secretary, Sister Mary Wilson (who still holds this office); treasurer Sister Violet Sarver and librarian Sister Marie Sowers.

The Circle has helped the Church in many ways. It has paid for the printing of many articles namely, "First Principles of the Gospel," "The Way of Salvation," "Retrospection of the Primitive Church," "What is the Indian Mission?"; "The Last Witness Dead"; "Brief History of the Church of Jesus Christ" and many others. The cost of printing of the Sunday School Lesson Books was financed by the Circle. Many thousands of dollars have been donated to the Church for missionary work among the Indian people. Many Indians attending conferences have had their expenses paid by the Circle. Bibles and Books of Mormon have been sent to the different Church missions. The past year the Circles have donated over \$3,000.00 to the Church for African

mission work.

To date there are 30 active Circles, besides the ones in Africa. All report much progress and interest in the work. The spiritual benefits have been rewarding too. Many brothers and sisters have testified of the good the L. U. C. has done.

Many of the faithful workers have gone to join the Heavenly Circle. Our late president and founder, Sister Sadie B. Cadman, passed away November 18, 1959, after 37 years of service. The present officers of the General Circle are Sister Mabel Bickerton, president; Sister Ruth Akerman, vice-pres.; Mary E. Wilson, secretary; treasurer, Sara Vancik and Clara Stevens; Financial secretaries, Ilene Smith and Sylvia Curry. Three of the charter members who attended that first Circle 42 years ago are with us today, namely, Sisters Elizabeth Toye, and Mary E. Wilson of the West Elizabeth Circle, and Violet Sarver of the Monongahela Circle.

This poem written by Harry Lorber Jr. sums up the work of the Ladies Uplift Circle;

THE LITTLE ACORN

Forty years ago was planted
In the earth an acorn small;
From this speck of life so tiny
Grew an oak tree strong and tall.

Many stout and hardy branches
From the mother tree have sprung;
Plentiful have been the acorns
Which upon its boughs have hung.

Such a thriving oak and sturdy
Is the Uplift Circle true;
In the forty years just ended
How it prospered, how it grew!

It has helped to spread the Gospel
And unto a higher plain;
It has raised the lives of members
Such work cannot be in vain.

For the wealth the Circle gave us
Never can this debtor pay;
Even if I worked with vigor
'Til this spirit passed away.

MICHIGAN-CANADIAN DISTRICT HOMAGE AND THANKSGIVING

The Saints of the Michigan-Canadian District wish to pay homage to Our Church on the 100th Year Anniversary of Her incorporation under Brother William Bickerton. This commemorative event of July 7, 1862 is certainly of the greatest importance in our lives.

While we recall this date, which is concurrent to The Civil War, we remember the many individuals whose souls were made "free" by their obedience to The Gospel and who labored unceasingly for its advancement.

Particularly, the departed ones are brought forcefully to mind. It is mainly because of their unrelenting efforts to spread The Word that we "stand where they once stood" and enjoy the "fruits of their labors". Their self-dedication, bright testimonies, zeal, faith, and courage, along with many of the older living workers,

will live forever.

Word Spread

The Gospel was first preached in Detroit in 1921. During the ensuing 41 years, the "little mission", which started unpretentiously in the home of Brother and Sister Ralph Frammolino, grew and expanded. Today, there are four branches in Detroit, one in Windsor, Ontario, and two Indian missions — The Grand River and The Muncey Reservation.

In addition to the present members in the District, there are many others who found The Church here and then moved elsewhere to help advance the Lord's ways. Their former fellowship and their desirable evangelistic inclinations are also now enthusiastically recalled. It is the greatest satisfaction to us that the void created by their departure has been replaced by the realization of the importance of their spiritual aspirations.

Future Hopes

As this observance allows us to look back, our plans and hopes for the future are enriched by the knowledge that the opportunities to increase in number are being bolstered by the regular Sunday School and Missionary Benevolent Association classes. In these sessions, held in addition to the customary Worship Services, countless children and interested adults join the Saints in learning more about The Gospel. This instruction in the scriptures is the avenue by which The Word can be continuously studied and understood, so that the proper application for one's self and humanity can be made.

At this time, therefore, we of the Michigan-Canadian District join the world-wide body in giving thanks to God for preserving His Church until the present day and express our hopes that we shall be able to keep the "Faith of Our Fathers" so we can continue the greatest honor available to man: helping perpetuate the Lord's Gospel.

By Brother Dominic Moraco

AN EDITORIAL BY SIDNEY RIGDON

From Messenger & Advocate in Pittsburgh
in October 15, 1844

To The Public:

In presenting this paper to the public, long established usage with editors, has made it a matter of respect to our readers, that we should say a few things in relation to the course we shall pursue, in managing the editorial department.

We have held it as a maxim from early life, that there was a degree of courtesy and condescension, due from one member of society to another, from which men are not at liberty to depart, only when measures of selfdefense rendered it an imperious duty a man owed to himself. Men have their religious belief, which to themselves, if to none others, is sacred: they also have their feelings; both of which should be regarded, and treated in a manner becoming the true character of a man. It is our intention, in conducting this paper, to exclude from its columns, all matters tending to lessen the character of any person in the estimation of society, or injure their feelings unless the attempt to maintain our own religious belief should have this effect, or setting forth that of others in its true light.

We have never, at any time, supported a system of religion which rendered necessary an attack on the

character of any person to support it, nor ever expect to. If our religious belief cannot be maintained on the principles of truth, it is our intention to let it fall.

An appeal to the revelation of heaven, in all disputed points, is an end to all strife with us. To the law and to the testimony, and not men's characters, shall be our standing motto. Attacks made on our own character by others, we have rarely, very rarely condescended to notice, and this course we will carry out in conducting the editorial department of this paper. We have always let our general course of conduct sustain our character, and if this will not do it, we have but little faith in our being able to do it by our pen.

We are told by Him, whom the world ought to reverence that all the law, and all the prophets, hang on two principles, love to God and love to man, and it is our wish that these principles should govern us in the management of this paper; but, if our patronage will justify it, our readers shall know more of this hereafter. Sidney Rigdon. (Mr. Rigdon was in Western Pennsylvania on Missionary work, when Joseph Smith was killed along with his brother Hyrum in the jail at Carthage, Illinois.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

One hundred years ago, the Church
Of Christ was meant to be:
A Lighthouse, set upon a hill,
For all the world, to see.

One hundred years of light, and yet,
The Darkness, still, is King . . .
Its grip upon the minds of men
Is such an awful thing.

The Book of Mormon, from the dust;
The Angel, thru the air;
The precious plates of shining gold,
Are famous, everywhere.

Yet, Satan, with his cunning ways
Has made the brightness, dim,
And multitudes are, once again,
Enslaved and bound, by him.

He blurs their vision, stops their ears,
And leads them by the hand,
Away from where a Lighthouse would
Illuminate the land.

Oh, Church of Christ, upon whose spark
Of light, our souls, depend . . .
Shine on until the Christ Himself,
Will make the darkness, end.

Catherine Poma

Two Paragraphs of a Letter in the Messenger and Advocate Published in Pittsburgh in November 1844 and edited by Sidney Rigdon as follows:

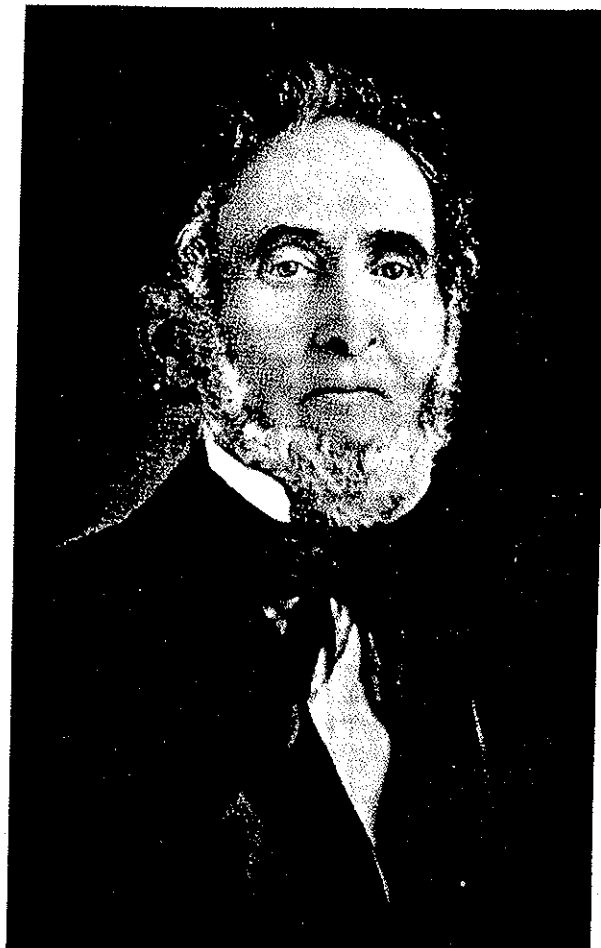
To satisfy the public that it was the Spirit Wife system that caused our opponents at Nauvoo to oppose us, we give the following certificate, from a gentleman whose character stands too high for truth and veracity to be impeached by any man.

"I was at Nauvoo during all the time that Elder Sidney Rigdon was there on his last visit to that place, and am well acquainted with the cause of all the difficulties that existed, and now exist between him and the twelve and their adherents. It was said to me by many that they had no objection to Elder Rigdon but his opposition to the Spiritual Wife system. Joseph H. Newton."

set forth.

Sister Carolyn Gehly

SIDNEY RIGDON



IN HONOR OF OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY

We, at Fredonia, feel honored to be living at this time when our church is celebrating its 100th birthday and would like to tell how we have, in small part, contributed toward keeping the Church of Jesus Christ growing and prospering.

Our branch had its start about sixteen years ago when Bro. and Sis. Russell Cadman were baptized in the Monongahela River. Shortly thereafter meetings were

held in their home by brothers and sisters who faithfully attended from Youngstown, Ohio. At this time there were two elders, Bros. Paul and William Love, and just a few others attending those Thursday evening meetings but through those meetings several others were baptized at Fredonia and soon we were holding Sunday meetings.

The first Sunday meeting was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. Russell Cadman, with thirteen adults and ten children present and for the next nine years meetings were held in the same home. In April, 1951, we were made a Mission with Bro. William Love our Presiding Elder and Bro. Russell Cadman, Teacher.

In 1956, we were honored to have Bro. Usefulheart and Bro. DeMarias, Lamanites from South Dakota, here with us for about a week.

By the summer of 1956, the thought of a church building began to take form. With so few members this idea seemed to be almost impossible but with the help of three generous and energetic young brothers from Painesville, Ohio, our church was built. Besides the blessing of having a church building, the members of Fredonia were also privileged to witness four more baptisms before the church was completed.

In April, 1957, the Fredonia Mission was made an Established Mission and in July of that year our church was dedicated. Bro. Rocco Biscotti spoke first that day about the dedication of the Temple that Solomon built.

Another great day in the memory of our branch was one Father's Day when Bro. Alma Cadman was visiting with us and all nine of his sons and daughters attended that Sunday morning meeting.

On April 15, 1959, the mission was organized as a branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Bro. Russell Cadman was made Presiding Elder with Bro. Paul Gehly and Bro. William Love as his Counselors.

Our branch has prospered much spiritually since our church was built. We have had many baptisms, babies have been blessed, young couples have been married, and young men have been ordained into the ministry of Christ. These have been good years and now we have even been able to add on to our church building as to furnish our children with Sunday School rooms where they can study and learn and enable The Church of Jesus Christ to continue on in the way our Saviour

The photo is a likeness of Sidney Rigdon a pleasant looking old gentleman 80 years of age at the time the picture was taken. He died at Friendship, N. Y. in 1876. I have heard him referred to as "A forgotten man", yet he was a powerful orator and Biblical scholar of his day. He was the right-hand man (First Counsellor) to Joseph at the time of his death at Carthage Jail. He was preaching the gospel in Western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh neighborhood) at the time. On returning to Nauvoo he withstood Brigham Young and his coherers, especially on the plural wife question. He was cut off from the church by them, but Sidney persisted in preaching the gospel. In 1845 a Wm. Bickerton was baptized into his following and later was ordained into the Priesthood. In the turbulent times of those days, he was moved upon and effected the organization of The Church of Jesus Christ, which is made plain in this issue of the Gospel News. It seems very strange that a man of Brigham Young's caliber on the marriage question, to be at the head of a church bearing the name of Jesus Christ. Well has it been said: "Consistency! Consistency! thou art a Jewel."

Well did the prophet Isaiah vision the future: "But ye are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that

furnish the drink offering unto that number. Therefore will I number you to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear: but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. Isaiah 65-11, 12" — and then in verse 15 "And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:" I will add that the doctrine of plural and spiritual wifeism, has proven to be a curse and a damnable reproach on the Book of Mormon, which was brought forth and delivered to Joseph Smith by the angel of God in fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah.

JUST A LITTLE NOTE FOR OUR CENTENNIAL

I came to this land for one purpose so that I could be set free from the poverty that I endured as a child, in Italy, raised without a father from the age of four. I arrived in the United States in the year of 1920 and was unemployed for fifteen months and became so discouraged that I was ready to return back to Italy. It was at this point that God's mercies reached even me, Bro. Emil Gerome visited my brother's home, where I lived and introduced this wonderful Restored Gospel to my brother Louis Biscotti and his household. I obeyed the Gospel in August of 1922 at the age of 19 yrs. and in so doing I must say in all sincerity, while we came to this land for wealth, we found God, the source of all wealth and happiness, and the peace and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ surpasses all material wealth.

I met my wife in the Church, Bro. and Sis. V. Di-Tomaso's eldest daughter, Angeline. We were married in June 1925. My wife obeyed the gospel at the age of 12 yrs. through an experience. We are both now in our fifties and sure it is a privilege to be members of this glorious gospel. It is our prayer that God will give us strength and assist us as we are traveling toward that blessed reward that God has promised to all the faithful of all ages.

As secretary of the honorable Quorum of Twelve I feel to submit the names of the Apostles of 1962:

Bro. Alma B. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa. — President.

Bro. Rocco V. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio—Secretary

Bro. Charles Behanna of Erie, Pa.

Bro. Ishmael D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y.—Passed away 1/62.

Bro. Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, Pa.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California

Bro. A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio

Bro. V. James Lovalvo of Northridge, California

Bro. Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y.

Bro. Russell Cadman of Fredonia, Pa.

Bro. Gorie Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan

Bro. Wm. Genaro of Warren, Ohio.

May God's blessings be with the Apostles that they may be true witnesses of the Everlasting Gospel.

Your brother in Christ,
Rocco V. Biscotti

THE CENTENNIAL SONG

(100 years ago)

I

One hundred years quickly have passed on, Since God inspired William Bickerton
Who with a few humble souls that day, Met in the town of Greenock, Pa.
To organize by the will of God, The blessed Church as His word foretold
In eighteen hundred and sixty-two, One hundred years ago.

Chorus

One hundred years ago! One hundred years ago. Oh blessed Church of Jesus Christ, Now moving onward to glorious heights, Since eighteen-hundred and sixty-two, One hundred years ago!

II

To Joseph Smith, he at first restored, The sacred plates and the Priesthood power
Because he erred, disobeyed His voice, God, for His Son, made another choice
This is my Church. He revealed that day, Crowned with twelve stars and with purity, They heard him say, In Greenock, Pa.
One hundred years ago.

III

Thus God renewed His unchanging word, Showered His gifts and His power untold. On those who met on that glorious day, In the small town of Greenock, Pa. Oh, how they cried in one blessed accord, Blessed be His name and be praised the Lord, Oh! what a day when He came to stay, One hundred years ago.

IV

Slowly but true has the Church moved on, Keeping the laws of His Holy Son
Over the world shall His bride prevail, Vict'ry is hers tho' all hell assail, Lift up your heads saints of latter days, Praise ye the Lord for His love and grace, He's here today as He was that day, One hundred years ago.

Brother V. James Lovalvo

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPANISH LITERATURE INTO THE CHURCH

About 15 or 20 years ago my father told me of an experience where he saw in a dream many darker skin people coming into Lorain and he said that they had the appearance of being either Spanish or Indian. Well father is now passed on to his reward but his experience has been fulfilled because there is now over 5000 Spanish people in Lorain that have come here from Puerto Rico.

About 10 years ago Bro. Frank Rivera who is Spanish became acquainted with the Church in Hopelawn, New Jersey and was baptized along with his wife. After a short stay there he was prompted to move to Painsville, Ohio. One Sunday he visited the Saints here in Lorain and while some of the Saints were acquainted with sons of the Spanish people they were invited to attend the meeting while he was here. After this Bro.

Rivera was invited to come back and preach to some of these people. They seemed very interested in what he had to say about the Restored Gospel. After spending some time here, some of the good seed Bro. Frank planted began to grow. He along with Bro. Frank Calabrese talked to a Juan Gonzales, who after hearing the wonderful words of our Brethren, received a beautiful experience that prompted him to raise on his feet and ask for baptism. As is always the case where there is much work of the Lord or where there is many blessings in store for those that labor the evil one is always there too. After Bro. Juan's baptism, his wife who was always faithful to her church began to complain about her husband's change of faith but God who moves in a mysterious way worked with her too. It wasn't long she became critically ill. She lost a new born baby and was in the hospital over 3 months. The doctors said that cancer had set in and gave her little hope to live. This of course made her very discouraged and her husband too. But thank God for the Brothers and Sisters of the Church and in her case especially, the Sisters. They visited her in the hospital and helped take care of her there too, (such as bathing her and combing her hair) but above all encouraging her! The Elders continued to pray for her and before long she was released. Shortly after her release she met Sister Marge King downtown who had visited her many times at the hospital. Sister King invited her to come to church because she felt sure that God had helped her and would help her more if she would apply herself and come to church. About a week later she started to attend and then one Wednesday night she felt a wonderful blessing and asked for her baptism. The following week after her baptism she went to the doctor and he couldn't understand what had happened! He said that there was no more trace of cancer and that she was completely healed. Sister Lucy brought a wonderful blessing to our branch. The Lord has poured His spirit upon her.

In seeing her zealously and showing a definite interest in telling others about the Church especially the Spanish people, I wondered what would be her gift to help her people to understand the true gospel restored. Upon meditating on this the Lord inspired me to ask her to take some of the pamphlets of the Church and have her translate them into the Spanish Language. When I asked her she gladly accepted. I gave her six different ones to translate. Namely: "The Retrogression of the Primitive Church", "The Last Witness Dead", "The Articles of Faith", "The Way of Salvation", "The Introduction to the Book of Mormon" and "The Indian Mission". This work took about 6 months to complete. Anyone acquainted with translating can appreciate the work connected with this type of job, but Sister Lucy enjoyed every minute of it, in fact as she translated, she said she was learning because what could be a better way to know more about the Church than to read the pamphlets of our belief along with the Bible and Book of Mormon?

When this work was completed it was presented to the Church for approval by Bro. Frank Calabrese and myself (Bro. Joe Calabrese). I can remember Bro. Jim Lovalvo got up and said, "Why this is wonderful! This is just what we need". The reason Bro. Jim was enthused was because there was a good work started among

the Mexican people on the west coast and in Tijuana, Mexico. It didn't take much time with the General Church's permission the articles were accepted to be proof read by a Spanish Professor, friend of Bro. Wm. Gennaro of Warren, Ohio. When he proof read them he said there was nothing to correct except a few Spanish "dots and dashes" and whoever had done the translating had done a wonderful job. The next conference the pamphlets were authorized to be printed and as I understand, they are printed and are being enjoyed by the Spanish people.

This is one more step our Church has taken to spread the gospel as the Saviour has told us, "go ye into all the world, unto every kindred, tongue and people". My prayer is that as we celebrate our centennial, God might inspire us to do just that. So that we can see his kingdom grow here on earth as it is in heaven. At the present time our Sister Lucy Gonzales is not letting the time go to waste, she is presently translating the "Faith and Doctrine" and expects to translate other pamphlets as the Lord inspires her. May God Bless her and her husband Juan to be a great inspiration to their people.

Bro. Joseph Calabrese
Lorain, Ohio

WRITE-UP

By John Ross

The Church of Jesus Christ which was organized on July 7, 1862 was given power from its founder Jesus Christ to cast out devils and unclean spirits. I, John Ross bear testimony to this by my own personal experience at the time that I began to attend services in the Aliquippa, Pa. mission in the year 1928.

To substantiate this statement it is necessary that I give a brief history of my life. I was born in the year of 1908 and as I look back upon my childhood years I must admit that much evil grew within me as I advanced in years. In the meantime there was also some good within me, or a little of the fear of God as I had been taught by my parents and by those around me. That is, they taught me as much as they themselves knew to be right. As the years past, evil was growing within me far more than that which is good.

Previous to my 18th birthday, I began to court my wife Mary. In the meantime a strange spirit was gaining control over me, a spirit of evil which was causing me to lose reason in many instances. Not long after my 18th birthday, my wife and I married, our ages being 16 and 18 respectively. We made our home with my parents in Aliquippa, Pa. After our marriage this evil spirit within me began to increase to the extent that after two years had passed upon our married life, my life was one of misery for myself and my young wife (who was also a mother at this time), and for those near and dear to me.

At this juncture I will relate what happened to me and what causes me to state that The Church of Jesus Christ was given power to cast out devils and unclean spirits. It was in the year of 1925 - 1926 that some of my relatives began to attend services in the Aliquippa, Pa. mission of The Church of Jesus Christ under the leadership of our late Brother Philip J. Mileco. Eventually some of my relatives were baptized into the

church and then they began to speak to my mother about the church. Mother began to attend services and later my wife began to accompany her, but they were doing this secretly for they feared my father and I. Their fear was due to what we would do or say to them if we found out that they were going among a people who were being ridiculed and spoken evil of, and considered ignorant and many more evil things which the people were saying about them. My mother and wife well knew that we did not want them to associate with such people. Eventually my mother was baptized without telling my father about it or asking him what he thought about it. I recall that my father became very angry and almost violent when he learned of this. I also became very angry and I recall that after mother came home from the services on her baptismal day, as usual she took my young son in her arms, as she done so I went towards her and roughly took my child away from her and said, "Today you have disowned me and also my son by what you have done, therefore I forbid you to touch my child anymore." You, my dear readers, can well imagine what my mother's feelings were under the circumstances.

As time passed my feelings toward mother were not as drastic as they had previously been, nevertheless I would do things to her to test if she would do or say something bad, or if I could cause her to swear or curse, so that I could tell her that she was only putting on an act and trying to deceive us by her new way of life. I believed that if I persisted in doing what I was, I could get her to become her old self again. To my surprise or amazement there was something quite different now in mother. In the meantime my wife began to go with Mom to church openly and I ceased opposing her going due to the change in Mom's way of living. Finally I decided to go to church and investigate if what people were saying about those church people were true. If so I was going to stop my wife from going with Mom among them. Plus I was going to influence Father to stop Mom also from going among them any longer.

One evening (it had to be night for I did not want to be seen) I attended the services in the little church building on Erie Ave. To my surprise I found everyone very orderly and what the Ministers were teaching was nothing but that which was good and Godly. Upon seeing and hearing this I became convinced that what the people were saying against this people were lies, and these people were being accused falsely.

Not long after this, my wife and I attended a movie called "King of Kings" (it was about the life of our Saviour), and this movie further convinced me that the Church my mother was baptized into was doing things as I had seen in this movie.

From then on I began to attend services at intervals and began to associate with these people, but as I began doing this, a feeling arose within me that it was good to listen to the things of God as taught by them. On the other hand another feeling within me would revolt against the good feeling to the extent that I would be tormented and feel uncomfortable. Yes, that evil spirit within me was causing me to be very uncomfortable or tormented to the extent that I began to say to myself that I had better cease listening to these things and cease

associating with them.

Nevertheless before I reached a decision to do so, this is what happened—One Sunday afternoon after we returned home from the morning services and were having dinner, my mother invited me to go back with her to the afternoon services and for me to go and see how nice it was as they partook of the Lord's Supper, etc. I had never been in an afternoon service. Therefore her invitation, to which I replied loud and with emphasis, "If that church can take away from me this cancer that's eating me up, then I will believe in it. I was referring to that evil spirit that was consuming me inwardly as being like a cancer. Yes, I could see that my life was one of misery and torment and in some instances it even tempted me to commit murder. (I must confess to my readers that I am shedding tears as I recall all of this.) My mother upon hearing what I said she insisted the more that I go back with her to the services, which I did.

While the afternoon services was in progress and as they were singing beautifully, suddenly I found myself upon my feet screaming and I was seeing a creature before me resembling myself with distorted features and hands reaching out to grasp me. I was trying to shy away from this creature and shielding myself with my hands before me as I was screaming very loud, how long this took place I do not know, only those that were at that meeting can answer that. It is essential that I pause here before continuing and inform my readers that what I am relating here is not imagination or emotionalism, but it is a reality. The evil spirit within me actually came out of me and appeared before me.

And now let me continue with what else occurred. Finally the scene before me departed and as I stopped screaming, etc. I found myself partially exhausted and breathing heavily from exertion. I sat down again and as I was recuperating from the experience, something else began to take place within me—the devil being dissatisfied with what had happened to me viz: that the Lord had proved to me that this church could remove the evil from within me. The devil began to speak in my mind, saying to me, See what happened to you in here? Get up and get out of here, don't stay here any longer. But thank God another spirit would speak to my mind also, saying No! do not leave this place for if you do you will never come back again, you stay right here. I found myself grasping the sides of my chair in order to remain, again how long this struggle took place I can not say. Nevertheless I yielded to the voice of God or that good spirit that entices men to do good and I did not leave. After I yielded to the spirit that wanted me to remain a peace and calm came over me. It was something wonderful which I had never knew or felt before in my life. Yes, that evil spirit that I had referred to as a cancer which was consuming me had departed out of me and God had now showed me that the power in the church of His Son had done it.

After the meeting was dismissed and we returned home, as I observed myself in the mirror I exclaimed to my wife, "Look at me! I look different! I am different! my features were of a person who felt a peace inwardly and it was very noticable outwardly, something new. Not only did I notice this but my wife

confirmed that I looked different and so did Mother. Yes, a change had come upon my features and as I write this I must pause to thank God for restoring His Church and giving it power to cast out devils and unclean spirits.

In the meantime after this had happened I enjoyed peace of heart and mind and I acknowledged that the power of God in the Church had brought about all of these things in my life. I purchased a Bible and began to read the new testament, what I read therein confirmed what the church was teaching. I was convinced that baptism was essential for the remission of sins and prepared myself to be baptized to which I did shortly. On the day previous to my baptism the devil knowing what was going to happen on that day manifested his power once again by seeking to destroy me, but by the grace of God everything turned out well.

When baptized and confirmed a member of the church I experienced a new birth, such as the Saviour taught, that is, born of the water and of the spirit. And now people began to speak evil of me also because I was going to the church, but I did not care; the church to me became the most precious thing in my life and it still is, for it is through the power of God in the church that my life has been changed to a life of peace, contentment and happiness. One week later my wife was also baptized.

And now imagine what would have happened to me if that evil spirit which possessed me would have continued to control me. I can only say to this—Lord spare everyone from such a power and may everyone serve thee. Yes, Lord some people can help themselves by yielding to thy commandments, but there are those that are helpless like I was and they need your help more than others. I might add—who could have instilled reason in the mind of the man that was possessed of legions of devils? He was beyond human help and unless Jesus would have intervened the spirits that possessed him would have eventually destroyed him. But when Jesus did intervene the man was found sitting at the feet of Jesus and in his right mind.

At this juncture I wish to write to men of science especially they who study the human mind and human behaviour. First, let me state that I give science credit for all the good they have done and are doing for mankind; I do not deny them this. Yet I personally believe that when they diagnose human behaviour or the human mind they miss the mark in many or most cases. For instance especially where human behaviour is questionable or reputable. They will diagnose most of these cases by referring to something that may have happened during childhood or else the parents are blamed in some way because of some things they may have done or not have done, etc. I can not fully discredit some of their diagnosis for environment does have something to do with human behaviour, but on the other hand I wish to remind my friends of science who are in this particular field of study that there is a devil in existence or an evil power which by his spirit entices humanity to do evil continually. And that there is a God in existence or a good power which by His Spirit entices humanity to do good continually. As was my case the power of evil or the devil had possessed me and unless I had been encouraged to learn of God and

unless God would have intervened as He did, that devil who is a murderer from the beginning would have destroyed me in some way. Therefore, I ask my scientist friends to consider what I say here and let them remember that all good comes from God and all evil comes from the devil. Perhaps my friends will reply that these are only my own personal convictions or ideas, yet we all must admit that there are two powers that entices the human mind and they are good and evil, or God and Satan.

And now I shall continue my life story. I was baptized in the year 1928, in the year of 1944 God honored me by calling me into the Priesthood of the church of His Son.

In the year of 1953 I received a heavenly experience which revealed that some day I was to go to some foreign land for the work of the Lord. In the year 1960 God confirmed the experience and I was again honored by Him and by the church by being sent to the land of Nigeria, West Africa on missionary duty. And as a church we are looking forward to see The Church of Jesus Christ have dominion all over the earth, and eventually the kingdoms of this world to become the Kingdom of the Most High God and all peoples shall serve and obey Him.

And now I urge my brethren and sisters of the church to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints, and I urge all peoples everywhere to investigate our principals, faith and doctrine. I'm sure if they do so they will know that the God of Heaven has again brought back to earth His Gospel in fulfillment of Rev. 14: 6-7, which states, "And I saw another Angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people", etc. This angel appeared to a young man, namely Joseph Smith, in the year 1823 and he was used as an instrument in the hands of God in the restoration of the Gospel back to earth, and we claim divine succession of authority and Priesthood as restored in 1829, etc.

In conclusion I speak that which was from the beginning in the church, that which I heard, that which I have seen with my eyes and looked upon, and what my hands have handled of the truths of Jesus Christ and the power of God unto salvation.

God Bless you,
Brother John Ross

A LETTER WRITTEN BY BY JOSEPH SMITH, JR. TO OLIVER COWDERY.

Dear Brother:

Having learned from the first No. of the Messenger and Advocate, that you were not only about to give a history of the rise and progress of the church of the Latter-day Saints, but, that said history would necessarily embrace my life and character, I have been induced to give you the time and place of my birth; as I have learned that many of the opposers of these principles which I have held forth to the world, profess a personal acquaintance with me, though when in my presence, represent me to be another person age, education, and stature, from what I am.

At the age of ten, my father's family moved to

Palmyra, N.Y., where and in the vicinity of which, I lived, or, made it my place of residence, until I was twenty-one, the latter part in the town of Manchester.

During this time, as is common to most all youth, I fell into many vices and follies; but as my accusers are and have been forward to accuse me of being guilty of gross and outrageous violations of the peace and good order of the community, I take the occasion to remark that though as I have said above, "as is common to most, or all youths I fell into many vices and follies," I have not, neither can it be sustained in truth, been guilty of wronging or injuring any man or society of men; and those imperfections to which I allude, and for which I have often had occasion to lament, were a light, and too often vain mind, exhibiting a foolish and trifling conversation.

This being all, and the worst, that my accusers can substantiate against my moral character, I wish to add that it is not without a deep feeling of regret that I am thus called upon in answer to my own conscience, to fulfill a duty I owe myself, as well as to the cause of truth, in making this public confession of my former un-circumspect walk, and trifling conversation; and more particularly, as I often acted in violation of those holy precepts which I knew came from God. But as the "Articles and Covenants of this church are plain upon this particular point," I do not deem it important to proceed further. I only add, that I do not, nor never have, pretended to be any other than a man "subject to passion," and liable, without the assisting grace of the Saviour, to deviate from that perfect path in which all men are commanded to walk.

By giving the above a place in your valuable paper, you will confer a lasting favour upon myself, as an individual, and, as I humbly hope, serve the cause of righteousness.

I am, with feelings of esteem, your fellow labourer in the Gospel of our Lord. Signed: Joseph Smith.

(The above letter is taken from The Gospel Reflector, a paper published by B. Winchester in Philadelphia, Pa., a few years before Joseph Smith was slain).

LUCYVILLE, DUNLEVY, ROSCOE, PA. BRANCH ACCOUNT

The Roscoe Branch has a place in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ, as there is record of the activities of the Saints here for many years. The first recorded note of activity is: Bro. Robert Leonard was sustained to preside at Troytown, in the year 1883. Troytown was on the opposite side of the river from Roscoe.

On page 89 of the history, is recorded this letter.

To the Church of Jesus Christ at Lucyville, the church here sends greetings. We have had a glorious time in conference. The love of God reigned, and every thing went harmonious. The preaching of the word still continues and the people appear to be seeking after truth. I do assure you that the Spirit is given in rich effusion, and I do believe that we are verging on better days. May the Lord continue to work, for when He works none can hinder Brother Robert Miller was appointed to preside over the church at Lucyville. Lucyville was the original name of Roscoe. Wm. Skillen.

The Lucyville branch reported to the January con-

ference of 1909, Four baptisms and two miraculous healings. They were much encouraged. There are conferences mentioned at Lucyville through the years 1907-8, 1916-17-18. It is not clear just when there ceased to be an operating branch here, but through the brothers and sisters moving away, perhaps some dying, and some falling away, the branch was dissolved.

Brother John K. Penn was one of the members, and also an elder. When he was pondering on which direction to move, he was given the word, which he took to be the word of God. He was told that he could move down the river, but he was forbidden to go up the river. He eventually moved into the community of Dunlevy. It was here, (it is claimed by him,) that the first Italian people were baptized into the church. The first one being Brother Mike Falcetto. He was a neighbor, who lived next door to brother Penn, and he was sick, and had spent practically every thing he had for doctors. Brother Penn talked to him about God, and taught him about faith. He was anointed and prayed for, and he was healed of his affliction. After he was healed and baptized, he bore his testimony among his people, and many were baptized. A branch of the church existed in Dunlevy until 1949. Brother Herman Kennedy reports to me that Dunlevy grew to two hundred and fifty five members, at one time. The people of the branch had met in such cramped quarters for many years, and they decided the time had come to build a little church of their own. The membership lived quite away apart. A committee was appointed to locate and buy land. Roscoe was chosen because it was a central place, and too, there had been a branch there years ago. The members all pitched in with money, and labor, and the church building here is the result of their efforts. The church was dedicated in January 1950. Also soon as possible after moving into our new building, a Sunday school was organized, and was a great help to the branch not only in financial matters, but has provided a source of membership. The blessings of God have been poured out in abundance upon us, not only of joy in our hearts but by His miraculous power.

The Saints of Roscoe hope with all Saints every where, that God will continue to bless and give His people success. We are not a large branch, but we live in hope as the days pass the work will gather momentum. In closing I would like to honor the names of some of the past and present pastors of the flock, for history's sake. Herman Kennedy, John K. Penn, Samuel Ambrose, Lora Waltz, Gasper Karelli, Henry Johnson, Augustus Martin, George Johnson, Beverly Martin, John Ward.

Submitted by
George E. Johnson

"TESTIMONY"

(As recorded in our Church History.)

I, W. H. Cadman, have previously stated that I would write some things that are not to my knowledge recorded elsewhere. I wish now to relate an instance which I have heard my Father tell. He told that at one time Wm. Bickerton was attending a meeting in Allegheny City, (now North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.) when a decree was sent there from Utah to the effect, that all who would accept the revelation of polygamy, would

receive the divine approval of God, but any who would reject it would incur the displeasure and damnation of God. Wm. Bickerton arose and stated in the meeting that if the approval of God were to come to him by accepting the doctrine of polygamy, he preferred the displeasure of God. He then walked out of the meeting, thus by his words and action, rejecting the doctrine of polygamy matterless of the consequences. I have not pretended to relate this incident in my Father's exact words, but the thought conveyed is the same.

It is a known fact that Wm. Bickerton obeyed the gospel under Sidney Rigdon's following in 1845, but I have previously shown that Bro. Bickerton was associated with the Utah people at West Elizabeth for about ten months (from May 25, 1851, until March 10, 1852). This recorded account, as well as my father's words, are evidence that Wm. Bickerton was misled by the Utah Elders. Therefore Bro. Bickerton speaks of a time when the Church had become disorganized, and he could not return to the Methodist faith. Thus he stood aloof from all organizations; then the Lord moved upon him with the result that through his labors, this Church was organized, an account of which I will give in its proper place.

Therefore we find much consolation in Bro. Bickerton's testimony that the authority to preach the restored Gospel, and the blessings derived therefrom, were bestowed upon him through his obedience to the Gospel as taught by Rigdon and his fellow workers; not by the teachings of Brigham Young and his party, who were not satisfied even with several wives in this life, but did allow their evil desires to extend beyond this world, which is evident when they want to be sealed to their women for both time and eternity; yea, a people who have wandered so far from God as to now believe that polygamy, procreation in eternity, baptism for the dead, many Gods, and pre-existence of spirits, are acceptable to God. Yea, I repeat that it is consoling to the members of the Church of Jesus Christ that our experiences and testimonies are in accord with those in the days of Christ, as recorded in the Bible and Book of Mormon, the result of Bro. Bickerton and his fellow laborers yielding themselves to the spirit and teachings of the Gospel as restored in 1829-30. The Lord had more regard for the penitent Alma than for all his wicked colleagues, and He honored him and preserved the Church through him. Praise be to God for His unchangeable character, for He will honor him who trembleth at His word.

Thus far, I have touched lightly upon Bro. Bickerton's testimony as recorded in the Ensign and also as reprinted in the "Law and Order Book" of 1925. I believe that this would be a fitting place to record his testimony as it is on record.

A Portion of History From The Ensign, 1863

William Bickerton was a member of the Methodist Church, until he heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached, in the year of our Lord 1845. He says, "I was convinced of the doctrines of Christ, viz., Faith, Repentance and baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and its effects is according to St. Paul's writing. There is but one Holy Spirit, and whether Jews or Gentiles, bond or free, we have been all made

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

But the Lord did not leave me; no, He showed me a vision, and in the vision I was on the highest mountain on the earth; and He told me that if I did not preach the Gospel I would fall into a dreadful chasm below, the sight thereof was awful. I moved with fear, having the Holy Spirit with me. Here I was, none to assist me, and without learning, popular opinion against me, and the Salt Lake Mormons stood in the way. I could not turn back unto Methodism again. No, I knew they had not the Gospel. I stood in contemplation. The chasm was before me, no other alternative but to do my duty to God and man. I went ahead preaching repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some believed my testimony and were baptized, and we met together. The Lord met with us, and we could many times sing with the poet, "the Spirit of God, like a fire is burning, the latter day glory begins to come forth. The visions and blessings of old are returning. The Angels are coming to visit the earth." We had not as yet partaken of the Lord's Supper, when the Lord appeared in vision, and told me to administer it. We met together from time to time, and I felt it to be the will of God to call and ordain other Elders. I did so and they assisted me in helping forward the good work of God. We also met together in council, and the Lord revealed himself unto us in divers ways.

One evening after I had baptized three, I retired to rest, and a glorious vision appeared before me. I saw a beautiful table spread over, with everything that was desirable of the rich bounties of Heaven, and the Saints feasting themselves; there was no end of it, as far as I could see. I saw myself sitting at the head of it; and while in the vision the glory of God filled the room. No mortal man can tell what I felt on that occasion, while a cloud of divine glory rested upon me. To the world this might appear to be imagination, but

to me a reality, a divine reality, that years cannot erase from my memory. I might fill up pages of what we have received, but we give our testimony to the world that we know that there is a God in Heaven, and He changes not, and that He does reveal himself in this our day and generation, as He did in days of old. Yes, blessed be His high and Holy name for ever, for His unchangeableness; for as our Saviour said, while here on earth, if any man will do His will, He shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or I speak of myself. And again, the Prophet Joel says, speaking of the last days, "and it shall come to pass afterwards, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and also upon the servants and upon the hand-maids in those days will I pour out my spirit, and I will show wonders in the Heavens and in the earth; blood and fire and pillars of smoke, The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." And while waiting before the Lord in a sacrament meeting, the word of the Lord came unto me saying, "I accept of you this day as my Church to whom my servant John was commanded to write, while in the spirit, on the Lord's day, and to the angel of the Church of Philadelphia write; these things saith he that is Holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works; behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it, for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie, Behold I will make them to come and worship before thy feet; and to know that I have loved thee, because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of My God which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from my God, and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches," Again, shortly after, while we were assembled together, the word of the Lord came unto me again, saying, "the Lord I am God, the Lord I am God, therefore you are of them that will not turn aside, therefore will I bless you."

We then began to increase in numbers, and formed ourselves into Conferences. Elders were called and ordained, and the Lord being with us, the signs followed the believers, the gifts of the Spirit being made manifest in tongues and interpretations of tongues, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, visions, dreams, faith, discerning of spirits, and the sick healed, and pains removed, so that we began to grow up into the knowledge of the Son of God, and the Lord our God made a Covenant with us, that he would lay a ground work by us to perform a great work; and we are the stem, and every

party that splits from us shall come to nothing. We now copy from the records of this Church the revelations, and commandments that the Lord has given unto us as far as is requisite for this history, and leave it with the reader. While waiting in conference before the Lord, the word of the Lord came unto us saying, "try me and prove me, and see if I will not open unto you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to contain it." And on the following Sabbath while we continued to wait before the Lord, the word of the Lord was fulfilled in our midst, for there were some completely overpowered by the power of God; and at this Conference several of the brethren had visions, one of which we'll give. "I saw in the vision the road that the Saints were traveling on; the foot of which road was in the waters, and ascended gradually up to Heaven. It was as a straight and narrow road, so narrow that there was not room to turn either to the right or to the left; and on each side of the road was all manner of different kinds of beautiful flowers to tempt the Saints to pluck them, but under the flowers lay a great depth of mud, and the prettier the flowers the deeper the mud, so that if anyone stepped aside to pluck any of the flowers, they were sure to stick fast in the mud; also, the road itself was so firm that many cannonballs that were fired at the road, could not as much as make a mark upon it." Therefore, we must exclaim with the poet:

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

And

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

A Tribute to the Ladies Uplift Circle on their fortieth Anniversary. Written by Sister Amy Martfn.

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

Have you yearned for a way,
A way to repay,
Have you felt it your heart's greatest need;
The labors to share,
And the burdens to bear,
If you have, you have found it indeed.

For a Circle of Sisters, have opened the way,
When they met forty long years ago;
To study and pray, to work and obey,
As they walk with the Lord here below.

They have worked with a will,
And His law to fulfill,
From one link to a strong chain they've grown;
His blessings they knew,
And sweet fellowship grew,
When united they stood for the Lord.

The strongest chain is made of small links. And the chain is just as strong as its weakest link. Every converted sinner, in thankfulness for God's mercy has

said," What can I do?"

Forty years ago in 1920, this was answered when Sister Sadie B. Cadman asked and was given permission by the Church, to organize the Ladies Uplift Circle. The first link that was to grow into a strong chain, that has reached from shore to shore, even to the land of Africa.

Sister Amy Martin

FROM THE ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT

Now that we have come to an important mile stone, we hope we can grow in wisdom, understanding and numbers, as we have in years. One hundred years is a long time. We don't know of any one living that remembers the organization of 1862, but enough has been handed down to us to confirm our faith as to God being mindful of His creatures and still grooms a people that will meet the standards and requirements necessary that they may be worthy and acceptable in the mansions of Glory.

Joseph Benyola

FROM THE MISSION AT BATH AVE., BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

John Onorato was renewed after 32 years. A wonderful blessing manifested, May 6, 1962.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST ABAK, EASTERN NIGERIA, AFRICA

By Sister Rachael E. Arthur

Dear Sister Mabel:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is to inform you of the progress of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria everything is going on well.

In the first instance Glory be to God who has made John Ross to come back to us in Nigeria, and his wife. We sisters in Nigeria have sent greetings to Sister Shazer and we also pray for her immediate recovery.

We have thanked the Ladies Uplift Circle in America for what they have done for the sisters in Nigeria. We have collected ninety eight copies of the New Testament and forty eight Magic slates and we still expect more of them, especially the Magic slates.

I have enclosed here a photograph of myself to you. Though I am not here in America, but I am happy that my shadow is there, therefore, many times kisses I have done with you, as I would have done in person. Hello, kiss me I am now with you in America.

We were grateful to hear from Elder Arthur that John Ross with his family visited our brother Moses E. Akpan at the University College and we expect, that as John Ross is coming to us in Nigeria, you will replace him to take care of our brother M. E. Akpan.

I have stopped my conversation so far now with much greeting and thanks, and also pray God to enrich you with Eternal Blessing.

Yours Sincerely,
Rachael E. Arthur

(FOR THE HERALD) OPPOSITION TO POLYGAMY By the Prophet Joseph

Brother Sheen — I feel desirous to communicate through your periodical a few suggestions made mani-

fest to me by the Spirit of God, in relation to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. About the first of June 1844, (situated as I was at that time, being the Presiding Elder of the Stake at Nauvoo, and by appointment the Presiding Officer of the High Council) I had a very good opportunity to know the affairs of the Church, and my convictions at that time were, that the Church in a great measure had departed from the pure principles of Jesus Christ. I felt much troubled in mind about the condition of the Church. I prayed earnestly to my Heavenly Father to show me something in regard to it, when I was wrapt in vision, and it was shown me by the Spirit, that the top branches had overcome the root, in sin and wickedness, and the only way to cleanse and purify it was to disorganize it, and in due time, the Lord would re-organize it again. There were many other things suggested to my mind, but the lapse of time has erased them from my memory. A few days after this occurrence, I met with Brothers Joseph. (Smith-WHC) He said that he wanted to converse with me on the affairs of the Church, and we retired by ourselves. I will give his words verbatim, for they were indelibly stamped upon my mind. He said he had desired for a long time to have a talk with me on the subject of polygamy. He said it eventually would prove the overthrow of the Church, and we should soon be obliged to leave the United States, unless it could be speedily put down. He was satisfied that it was a cursed doctrine, and that there must be every exertion made to put it down. He said that he would go before the congregation and proclaim against it, and I must go into the High Council, and he would prefer charges against those in transgression, and I must sever them from the Church, unless they made ample satisfaction. There was much more said, but this was the substance.

The mob commenced to gather about Carthage in a few days after, therefore there was nothing done concerning it. After the Prophet's death I made mention of this conversation to several, hoping and believing that it would have a good effect, but to my great disappointment, it was soon rumored about that Brother Marks was about to apostatize, and that all that he said about the conversation with the Prophet was a tissue of lies. From that time I was satisfied that the Church would be disorganized, and the death of the Prophet and Patriarch, tended to confirm me in that opinion. From that time I was looking for a reorganization of the Church and Kingdom of God. I feel thankful that I have lived to again behold the day, when the basis of the Church is the revelations of Jesus Christ, which is the only sure foundation to build upon. I feel to invite all my brethren to become identified with us, for the Lord is truly in our midst.

William Marks
Shabbonas, DeKalb, Ill.

Oct. 23rd, 1859.

P.S. The foregoing letter is taken from a photostat copy of a Pamphlet published by the New Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints titled "The True Latter Day Saints Herald," (By Editor W. H. Cadman of The Gospel News.) You will note date of Mr. Marks letter in 1859; throughout this Anniversary Issue of the Gospel News, that Bro. Wm. Bickerton and his converts were busy preaching the Gospel here in

Western Pennsylvania, and it seems to me to be worthy of note—My father and mother Wm. and Elizabeth Cadman were baptized in December of the same year 1859. My father stood in defence of this Organization (Bickerton) until he was silenced by death in Nov. of 1905. Brother Bickerton was baptized into Sidney Rigdons following in 1845 and was ordained into the Priesthood.

THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE MISSIONARY BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

This article was written by Brother James Curry Sr. in 1954 for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the M.B.A. The research for it was done by Sister Ruth E. Akerman, the Corresponding Secretary of the G.M.B.A. Because of the growth and progress of the M. B. A., a few additions have been made to the original article.

Fifty-eight years ago, during the closing months of the year 1904, a lusty cry was heard at the town of Lucyville, which today is known as Roscoe, Pennsylvania.

A child was born. This was no flesh and blood child. It was a child conceived in the inspired intellect of Brother Alexander Cherry. It was the birth of the M.B.A. Brother Cherry, a man of remarkable foresight and idealism, perceived with his usual clarity of vision that an association of the nature of today's M.B.A. was urgently needed among the saints for the purpose of learning more about God's dealing with humanity and of making such small contributions as they felt able to donate to the Missionary labors of the priesthood.

The child of our story grew and so captivated the affections of the Saints at Lucyville that they took it to a conference held in the Odd Fellows Hall at Monongahela, Pennsylvania during the early part of 1905, where it became the subject of considerable controversy. Despite the controversy, the zeal of those who had learned to love the infant association prevailed. The M.B.A. was duly organized and given the Church's official stamp of approval. We regret that the records of the period were subsequently lost in a fire. We have gleaned the facts as herein stated from the discontinued Church paper "The Gospel Reflector" and from the testimonies of our charter members.

Whether by accident or design, the growing M.B.A. seems not to have received the name it bears today until the conference of October, 1905, where it was given the appropriate name of Missionary Benevolent Association.

Missionary — meaning a person who is sent to spread religion by generation or successive production.

Benevolent — meaning kind, charitable, philanthropic, or loving mankind.

The general gatherings were held between the morning and afternoon sessions of Saturday conference, which later was changed to Friday before conference.

Some of the first officers of the association were:

President — Sister Elizabeth Cadman Davidson

Vice Pres. — Brother George Garrett

Secretary — Brother Wesley Bost

Fin. Sec. — Sister Richmond Skillen

Treasurer — Brother Harry Nicholson

Librarian — Sister Lillian Dias

Chaplain — Brother Lawrance Dias

Of these original officers, Sister Davidson and Brother George Garrett are still in our midst.

For some years after it was founded, the M.B.A. was regarded in some quarters as an obscure step-child of the General Church, but the many spiritual satisfactions that have been gained through this inspired medium of exhortation and study have arrested more and more attention until today it is more popularly acclaimed.

The M.B.A. is chiefly for the young, though the older ones are encouraged to participate. It instills a knowledge of the scriptures in the minds of the young which they could not otherwise commonly acquire. It encourages a Godly discipline, the value of which cannot be exaggerated. The older members discovered at the very beginning that the pleasure of the Lord rested upon their gatherings. Their minds expanded wonderfully as the illuminating light of Heaven attended their study of the scriptures.

In 1929, after twenty-five years, there were but five locals. In 1954, which was the Golden Jubilee of the M.B.A., there were 26 locals. Today, after 58 years the M.B.A. can claim a grand total of 31 locals. The organization gradually overcame many prejudices winning its way from Pennsylvania, into Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, California, the Dominion of Canada, Florida and the latest addition, Washington D. C.

Under the suggestion and encouragement of Brother William Cadman, the M.B.A. sponsored the publication of our first Books of Mormon. It has accomplished a notable work in placing Books of Mormon in Libraries and in financing the printing of literatures for our Indian people. It has donated considerably to the Missionary funds of the General Church, the book fund and to the support of the Gospel News. It has also given, by way of the Relief Committee, many donations to the poor and needy. Several years ago the M.B.A. sponsored two Nigerian students to come to the United States to study at American Schools. The latest project under way is a Land Purchasing Fund to be used for the purchase of a centrally located building site to be at the General Church's disposal whenever they so desire.

The majority of the M.B.A. classes have been filled with the study of the Book of Mormon. However, topics, panel discussions, and the reading of our Church literature also have been encouraged.

The editor of the discontinued Church newspaper "The Gospel Reflector" referred to the M.B.A. as an open door for all. We quote: with your permission, "I will say that all persons should be members of the Missionary Benevolent Association because of the scriptural instruction that we receive and the helping hand it holds out to the non-professor as well as the Church member.

"It is our duty to assist the unbelievers to believe and to teach the unlearned in the work of God, that they may come to Christ through His word. I feel very much interested in the assembly, as it is sometimes called, for it is an open door, as a stepping stone, and for the young an excellent approach to the Church."

There can be no doubt that many have found the gift of eternal life by first embracing the lofty ideals — the elevating precepts of the M.B.A.

Thus, the ennobling works of the M.B.A. of the past persuades us to believe that it has a glorious future. Let us remember the exemplary life of Brother Cherry, the founder, whose motive in founding the M.B.A. was to advance the cause of Christ and the Restored Gospel through this medium.

Corresponding Secretary: Sister Ruth E. Akerman

THE TRUE SUCCESSION OF THE RESTORED GOSPEL

There has been so much said and written about Joseph Smith that I do not deem it necessary to write very much here. All people who manifest faith in the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, which includes the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, do thereby acknowledge him to be inspired by God when but a youth. To them, he is the one who is "not learned" spoken of in Isaiah 29:12, and the "book" mentioned in the same verse is the Book of Mormon, also referred to in Ezekiel 37:19 as the "stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim." Joseph Smith declared to the world that an angel of God appeared to him and brought back the everlasting Gospel (see Rev. 14:6), and his experiences have been attested to by men of unimpeachable character, who affirmed their testimonies when dying on peaceful beds and in comfortable homes. May I ask: What would they have had to gain in giving false testimony?

I read in my Bible of various characters who did things that were not good; yet I do not reject the Psalms because of some things written about David, neither do I ignore the wisdom of Solomon because of his follies. Man is only man and in all ages he has been subject to weakness. Jesus Christ was not exempt from accusations; to some He had a devil and to them He was Beelzebub; while to others He was a joy to their souls, He was their Messiah. The masses were in error, while only a few were really on the narrow way.

Joseph Smith has been a much accused man, whether truly or falsely, eternity will reveal. If he taught plural marriage, the Book of Mormon does not sustain him, neither does the teaching of our Saviour in the New Testament. If he taught a plural of Gods, neither the Bible nor the Book of Mormon sustains him. Likewise with baptism for the dead. These are some of the accusations against him, some believe them and some do not. Whether these accusations are true or false, the Church of Jesus Christ does not believe such teachings and its doctrines are sustained by the teachings of Christ which are identical in both Bible and Book of Mormon.

Be it known unto the world that the Church of Jesus Christ acclaims Joseph Smith as the person whom the Lord used as an instrument in His hand, in restoring the Gospel of Christ back to earth again. As a Church, we proclaim that an angel of God did appear and manifest himself to Joseph Smith, to whom he delivered from the hill near Palmyra, N. Y.; (known to us as the Hill Cumorah) plates of gold, containing a record of the forefathers of the American Indians. The inscriptions on these was translated by the power of God, not of man, and has been presented to the world as the Book of Mormon. It contains a warning to the inhabitants of this western hemisphere especially, that this land of

America is a choice land, above all others with God, and that He has decreed that all nations who inhabit it must serve Him, or be swept off when they become fully ripe in iniquity. It is the land of restored Israel; the land on which the Kingdom of Jesus Christ shall flourish. The prophet Mormon calls to the Gentiles in the following words: "Hearken, Oh, ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which He hath commanded me that I should speak concerning you, for behold He commandeth me that I should write, saying: 'Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts and your envyings, and your strifes and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel.'" These words were uttered many centuries ago by the aforementioned prophet, and considering the conditions prevailing today in Christian America, the reader can form his own opinion as to whether or not the prophet was inspired of God.

I will now proceed with the History of the Church, taking my account mostly from the Church records. However I will write many things that have come under my own observation. Having been associated with the Church during my whole life, I have known many of the Saints who have now gone to their reward and I have heard them speak of incidents and experiences, which are not on the Church records. My prayer is that the Lord will inspire my mind sufficiently that what I do write, will be truth.

The Church of Jesus Christ presents itself as the true succession of the Gospel as restored through Joseph Smith in 1829-1830; therefore it will be necessary to observe its rise at that time. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery baptized each other and by April 6, 1830, they and their little band of converts had gathered together and formed themselves into an organized body or Church. From that time on their number increased rapidly through preaching the Gospel. This work had its beginning in the country surrounding Palmyra and Manchester, in New York, which was Joseph Smith's home. In 1831 a settlement was made in Kirtland, Ohio and in a short time they erected a temple there. Persecution seemed to be the inevitable lot of these people, as has been true of the people of God in all ages of the world. The Apostle of old was made to say, "All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." These people were obliged to forsake their homes in Kirtland and seek homes in more remote places. They traveled westward and found what seemed to be a haven in Jackson County, Missouri, where they made extensive preparations for permanent homes. They prospered for a few years but suffering inflicted by their enemies, increased until they were forced again to leave their homes and take their flight to new quarters. By the early part of 1839, a great number of homeless, penniless Saints, between ten and twelve thousand men, women, and children, had crossed the icy Mississippi river to the hospitable shores of Illinois. Their suffer-

ing and hardships, no doubt, were severe; beyond the conception of one who has had no such experience. They eventually founded the city known as Nauvoo in that state, and their industry was soon evidenced by the accomplishments of their toil. It seemed that when given the chance to settle and do for themselves, they soon gathered and built comfortable homes. This settlement no doubt gave hopes for their future, but trouble was still their lot.

Here I am reminded of the description of the people of God, as recorded in the latter part of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews by Paul; apparently destitute of this world's goods, and subjected to the most cruel treatment by their enemies, yet the world with all its grandeur and wisdom was not worthy of those poor people, the people of God. Our Saviour asks in Mark 8:36, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The real success in life then, is not the amount of this world's goods one may obtain, but the saving of one's soul.

Reverting to our subject, those who had founded the city of Nauvoo, having built themselves homes and having enjoyed in some measure the comforts thereof, were soon molested again. Their leader, Joseph Smith, and his brother Hyrum, were arrested on charges that were never proven. They were cast into jail at Carthage, Illinois; then a mob of men, (or as one writer says, creatures that looked like men), stormed the prison and shot the two brothers, killing them both. Such, on June 27, 1844, was the mortal end of Joseph Smith, who was the choice of God in the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; yea, an angel had ministered unto him. Though he was poor and unlearned, yet he was humble enough that in his youth, the Lord could move upon him and bring forth a work, a marvelous work and a wonder, the Book of Mormon, which reveals to us the decrees of God concerning this great land of America. It also identifies the American Indian with the House of Israel, with whom were the great oracles of God; and to whom, the lost sheep of the House of Israel, Christ was sent, the Babe of Bethlehem. But as He was a stumbling block to the Jewish nation, so is the restoration of the Gospel and the Book of Mormon a stumbling block to this great American nation. The Jews did unto John and the Lord Jesus Christ as they would, so has this generation done as they wished, to the Saints of God in the dispensation of the restored Gospel.

It is a strange fact that in all ages, the masses have found an excuse in attempting to justify their treatment afforded to the servants of God. John came neither eating nor drinking and they said, "He hath a devil." (Matt. 11:18) The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, "Behold, a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." (Matt. 11:19) That generation found an excuse to do away with John and to crucify their Lord. Joseph Smith declared that an angel had appeared unto him, nothing has been too bad to say about him. His life was taken and all kinds of excuses have been made, yet that was only one of the many outrages committed against the people with whom he was associated. Whether or not the world believes the testimony of Joseph Smith that an angel manifested himself unto him, it is bound to admit that the people who declared a restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

to earth, have suffered persecution, as did the people of God in all ages.

The slaying of Joseph Smith seemed to throw wide open the door to those who had ambitions for leadership. However, since it is my purpose to chronicle the history of the Church of Jesus Christ which was organized in 1862 at Green Oak, Pa., I will not go into unnecessary details of the many divisions that took place soon after June 27, 1844, the date of the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. But I believe it is expedient to name some of the most prominent leaders of that time. One writer presents Brigham Young as the ablest leader of the day, possessed with a cruel and remorseless ambition. He led a large body of the people to what is now known as the state of Utah. They have avowed and defended the doctrines of polygamy and celestial marriage, as well as other doctrines equally as absurd, which the Church of Jesus Christ absolutely rejects and denounces as false. Other leaders of factions were Strang, Cutler, Hedrick, Lyman Wight, and Sidney Rigdon, who had been first Counsellor to Joseph Smith. There were others, but to mention all would not aid in accomplishing my purpose in writing this account. Later, some factions merged and organized the "Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" with the younger Joseph Smith, son of the former Joseph Smith, at their head; this occurred in 1860. They withstood Brigham Young and his followers, especially on the doctrine of polygamy; but have absorbed other doctrines equally as false according to the word of God. They contend that Joseph, Jr., was the legal successor to his father as the head of the Church; consequently this line of succession has resulted in the grandson of the martyred Joseph, Frederick M. Smith, being at the head of their organization. He is now well up in years and has no son to succeed him. The Church of Jesus Christ rejects this principle of authority descending from father to son and declares that there is nothing in the teaching of Christ to sustain it. The Re-organized Church also declares the doctrine of baptism for the dead, a tenet of their faith, but they do not practice it; hence while they denounce the Utah people on the question of polygamy, they themselves are equally wrong on other matters. The followers of Mr. Hedrick are known as the Church of Christ, with headquarters at Independence, Mo. They have been but few in numbers, but in late years they have been increased considerably by dissenters from the aforesaid "Re-organized Church" which also has headquarters at Independence, Mo.

I have touched upon the division that took place after Joseph Smith's death very lightly; sufficient however I believe to pave my way to a history of The Church of Jesus Christ, which is my objective. As far as I have read or can learn, there were no organized secessions from the Church during the life of its founder, Joseph Smith, but there were apostates, which has been common with almost all religious bodies.

Among the different leaders who arose, was Sidney Rigdon. His position as First Counsellor to Joseph Smith, would give him standing of no little importance. Before being converted to the Restored Gospel, he had been a Cambellite and also a Baptist minister and was an able expounder of the Scripture. In the great break

up of 1844, he did not follow Young and his party, nor did he adhere to any of the other factions, but undoubtedly stood upon the dignity of his position in the Church. A disinterested historian says: "Sidney Rigdon led a large colony, and that of the best material, to Pennsylvania; but there was not sufficient ignorance in the laity or secretive cunning in the leader, and little by little they scattered among the Gentiles." It would seem that as an organized body, they became extinct. Just how long this band of followers of the Restored Gospel functioned, it is hard to determine. To my knowledge there is no record of their activities. One writer says this of the Rigdonites: "For a couple of years the Church prospered and about May, 1846, it moved to Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and the next year broke up. Rigdon left the state in April, 1847, and as late as 1863 while living at Friendship, New York, tried to revive his church and some of his following moved to Marion County, Iowa, but Rigdon died at Friendship, New York in 1876." Greencastle, Pennsylvania is located in Franklin County right near the southern boundary of the state.

(The Church History by W. H. Cadman)

EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

By Brother Thurman S. Furnier

"Revelation to Parley P. Pratt and Ziba Peterson, given October 1830 to accompany Oliver Cowdery, and Peter Whitmer, Jr., into the wilderness, among the Lamanites: They continued their journey until they came to Kirtland, Ohio, where they tarried some time, there being quite a number in that place who believed their testimony, and came forward and obeyed the gospel. Among the number was Elder Sidney S. Rigdon, and a large portion of the church over which he presided." Searchlight, Published by The Church of Christ, (Temple Lot) (Hedrickites) May 1899, Vol. 4, No. 4, page 16.

"Sidney S. Rigdon was born in St. Clair Township, Allegheny Co., State of Penna., on the 19th. of February, A. D. 1793, and was the youngest son of Wm. and Nancy Rigdon." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 18.

"In March 1819 Rigdon had received a license to preach for the Regular Baptist church." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 19.

"In February 1822 Rigdon started to preach for the First Baptist church in Pittsburgh, Penna." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 19.

"In August Rigdon decided to withdraw from the church, on account he could no longer uphold the doctrine taught and maintained by it." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 19, 20.

"At the time of his separation from the church mentioned above, he became acquainted with Alexander Campbell and a gentleman by the name of Walter Scott. From this connection sprung up a new church, known by the name of "Campbellites." They called themselves "Disciples." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 20.

"Having now retired from the Ministry he labored as a tanner for two years." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 20.

"After laboring for two years as a tanner, he re-

moved to Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio, where it was known that he had been a preacher, and had gained considerable distinction as a public speaker, and the people soliciting him to preach, he complied with their request."

"From this time forward, he devoted himself to the work of the Ministry, confining himself to no creed, but held up the Bible as a rule of faith, and advocating those doctrines which had been the subject of his and Mr. Campbell's investigations, viz: repentance and baptism, for the remission of sins." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 20.

"He continued to labor in that vicinity one year, and during that time, his former success attended his labors. While he labored in that neighborhood, he was instrumental in building up a large and respectable church, in the town of Mantua, Portage Co., Ohio." Searchlight June 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 20.

"After laboring in that neighborhood one year, he received a very pressing invitation to remove to the town of Mentor, Ohio. He started to preach there for a remnant of a Baptist church. Had a great deal of success in preaching, and baptizing in that place." Searchlight July 1899, Vol. 4, No. 5, page 23, 24.

"Under these pleasing circumstances, and enjoying this full tide of prosperity, he hardly thought that, for his attachment to truth, he would soon see the prospect blasted, and himself and family reduced to a more humble situation than before." Searchlight Aug. 1899, Vol. 4, No. 7, page 27.

"At that time, it being in the fall of 1830, Elders Parley P. Pratt, Ziba Peterson, Oliver Cowdery, and Peter Whitmer called at that town (Kirtland, O.) on their way to the western boundary of the state of Missouri, testifying to the truth of the "Book of Mormon," and that the Lord had raised up a prophet, and restored the priesthood." Searchlight Aug. 1899, Vol. 4, No. 7, page 27.

"Rigdon investigated the "Book of Mormon" etc. and was fully convinced of the truth of the work, by a revelation from Jesus Christ, which was made known to him in a remarkable manner, so that he could exclaim "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto me, but my Father which is in heaven." Searchlight Aug. 1899, Vol. 4, No. 7, page 28.

"Rigdon was then baptized in the year of 1830. When he obeyed the gospel he took almost his entire congregation with him."

"After Sidney Rigdon was received into the church, he was ordained an Elder, under the hands of Oliver Cowdery." John Whitmer's History, page 2. "He first met Joseph Smith in the winter of 1830, when he with Edward Partridge came from Kirtland, O. to Seneca Co., N. Y., where they saw Joseph Smith for the first time in their lives." An address to all believers in Christ, by David Whitmer. 1887, page 11.

"He and family were baptized by P. Pratt on the 14th. of November, 1830, in Shageen (Chagrin) River, at Kirtland, Ohio. Was confirmed on the 18th. by O. Cowdery, and on the 20th. ordained an Elder by the same." The History of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. Vol. 1, page 154.

"When Joseph Smith was slain in 1844, Sidney Rigdon was his right hand Counselor, and as such the

reins of government would fall upon him; at least until one could have been lawfully elected to fill the vacancy caused by the tragedy at Carthage jail." A brief history of the origin of The Church of Jesus Christ, 1932, page 3, 4.

I have heard that it has been said that Sidney Rigdon was not the First Counselor of Joseph Smith at the time of Joseph's death. I will give the following evidence that he was: (TSF)

"For a time he was inactive on account of which there was much dissatisfaction. At the October conference of 1843 President Smith expressed his unwillingness to sustain Elder Rigdon, because of his 'unprofitableness to him as a counselor. Some other charges were brought against him at the time, but on these he was fully vindicated. Upon his promise of renewal of faithfulness and diligence he was sustained in his position and retained his standing until the death of Jos Smith in 1844.' The History of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. Vol. No. 1, page 640.

"After leaving Nauvoo he commenced on October 15, 1844, the publication of a periodical at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called The Latter Day Saints Messenger and Advocate. This publication continued for a year or more, and in its columns he and others advocated his claims to the Presidency and denounced the plural wife doctrine taught in Nauvoo. In a letter written to J. Gregg, October 15, 1844, by Elder Rigdon, and published in the first issue of his paper, he makes some very damaging charges against the Twelve, which if true, or the half of them true, will account for some of the conflicting testimony regarding polygamy. He died at Friendship, New York, July 14, 1876." The History of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. Vol. No. 1, page 641.

"After the death of Joseph Smith he differed from the Twelve on the question of presiding authority, he claiming the superiority by virtue of his being a member of the First Presidency, and the only one living. His claim was rejected in a meeting held at Nauvoo, August 8, 1844." The History of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. Vol. 1, page 640.

"At a conference convened upon his (Sidney Rigdon) call in Pittsburgh, Penna. April 6th to 11th., 1845. Elder Rigdon claimed to reorganize the church with himself as President, and with Ebenezer Robinson and Samuel James his counselors. At this conference the following were installed as the Quorum of Twelve apostles: Samuel Bennett, Hugh Herringshaw, Jeremiah Hatch, Jr., James Blakeslee, Josiah Ells, Benjamin Winchester, William Small, E. R. Swackhammer, David L. Lathrop, Joseph M. Cole, George W. Robinson, and William E. McLellin. A stake was organized at Pittsburgh, Pa., with Richard Savary, president; James Smith and Samuel G. Flagg counselors." Journal of History, April 1911, Vol 4, No. 2, published by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S., page 180-181.

"The organization under Sidney Rigdon entered actively into the work before it, both aggressively and defensively. The opposition to the organization at Nauvoo under the presidency of Brigham Young and his fellows was very pronounced, and polygamy was especially repudiated by Rigdon and his followers." Vol. 4, number 3, page 259.

"Wm. Bickerton was born January 15, 1815. I, Wm. Bickerton, was a member of the Methodist Church, until I heard the gospel of Jesus Christ preached, in the year of our Lord, 1845. I was convinced of the doctrine of Christ viz: Faith, repentance and baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and its effects is according to St. Paul's writings. I was never taught such a gospel; so I left them as a member in good standing, and was baptized into Christ June 1845, and put him on. I received the gift of the Holy Ghost at the laying on of hands, and signs have followed me. I have spoken with new tongues, and have had the interpretations, and I have seen the sick healed myself, so that I know that the gospel is the power of God.

I entered the church under Elder Rigdon's organization. I was called by the Holy Spirit to be an Elder. I received ordination, and the power of God came down and sealed that office upon me. I went forth preaching to all that would hear. I was afterwards called into the Quorum of the Seventies. I received ordination the second time, but the church became disorganized." The Ensign, published by The Church of Jesus Christ, 1863, page 10.

"I can testify that Sidney Rigdon had the power of God, he was the right hand counselor of Joseph Smith. Brigham Young and the rest of the twelve rejected him, and they had no president for eight months, he was the best orator I ever heard in classing the scriptures together. He went wrong after he came to Pittsburgh and wanted to make a gathering in the Emlenton Valley of the Allegheny mountains. At the same time we had organized a school of the Prophets, or solemn assemblies, and many things was revealed to us showing things were going wrong. No one followed him from that branch, we knowing by the Spirit he was going wrong. He sent two of his apostles to stop our Assembly of the school of Prophets. The object of the school of the Prophets was to teach the young Elders to know the teaching of the Spirit, and many things were revealed that came to pass. After Rigdon went wrong all that followed him fell away, and I (Wm. Bickerton) was left alone. As I had lived true to God, and to his interests, I was carried away in the Spirit and placed on a high mountain just room enough for me to stand. The Lord told me unless I went ahead and preached the gospel I would fall and be torn into bits. I moved with fear having no education with the Salt Lake Polygamists in the way, I was left alone. I had to hold out door meetings, some times in the Market place, some times in public houses, streets, or other places. The first meeting I had was beside the ferry at a store house door. A lady was passing at the time. She testified to the gospel, and was baptized. At McKeesport, Pa., I held out door meetings, and many were convinced and several baptized. I went to Allegheny City, had good meetings there. Had a church at that place, baptized a family on the hills opposite Pittsburgh, Pa. also baptized a good many at Six Mile Ferry, and had a good many members at Pine Run, Pa." Life of William Bickerton.

"In 1852 we held a conference in my house and there was a bow of the Glory of God in rainbow form that stood over me at that conference, and I felt by the Power of God that I was as a rock, and if a cannon ball

would strike me it would not affect me being protected by the Power of God.

We want to show we always had the Power of God in this church. There was a woman that had been confined to her bed for five years, and the last two years she was completely helpless. We carried her down to Peters Creek, (Pa.) in her bed, and it took four of us to baptize her, and when we brought her up out of the water the blood flowed from her mouth. We carried her home confirmed her a member of the church, and attended the ordinance on her, and she was healed sound and well, also bore children afterwards. Dr. Brown who did not profess anything, told us he would give us credit for healing her. We have given you this statement to show you that God has acknowledged us as the church of Alma. We oppose the Salt Lake people just as Abinadi opposed king Noah. It will continue to be the church until the Saviour comes again on the earth. In 1861 we had a conference. We had no apostles at that time, but in that conference the Lord revealed to us that he accepted this church as the church of Alma. There was thirty stood up and testified to the revelation. Alma never received any ordination, (as far as is known, WHC) and while king Noah was establishing a many wife doctrine, Alma had to flee before king Noah, and he wrote down what Abinadi had to preach. Alma fled to a thicket of timber, and there was what they called the Waters of Mormon, there was about two hundred followed him. Alma asked them if they had any objection to being baptized, and they clapped their hands, and said that was just what they wanted. Alma and Helam both went into the water and he (Alma) declared he had the authority from God to baptize. They both went down under the water and both were filled with the Holy Ghost. He took all and baptized them, having received the authority from God." Life of William Bickerton.

"We met together from time to time, and I felt it to be the will of God to call and ordain other Elders. I did so, and they assisted me in helping forward the good work of God." Ensign P. 10, 11.

"Later the Lord revealed to us that we were accepted as the church of Philadelphia, that he had set before us an open door that we might go in and out and find pasture, which has been fulfilled." Life of William Bickerton.

"We then began to increase in number, and formed ourselves into conferences. Elders were called and ordained, and the Lord being with us, the signs followed the believers, the gifts of the Spirit being made manifest in tongues, and interpretations of tongues, prophesy, wisdom, knowledge, visions, dreams, faith, discerning of spirits, and the sick healed, and pains removed, so that we began to grow into the knowledge of the Son of God, and the Lord our God made a covenant with us, that he would lay a ground work by us to perform a great work; and we (The Church of Jesus Christ, WHC) are the stem, and every party that splits from us shall come to nothing." Ensign P. 12. "While waiting in conference before the Lord, the word of the Lord came unto us saying; try me and prove me, and see if I will not open unto you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to contain it. And on the following Sabbath,

while we continued to wait before the Lord, the word of the Lord was fulfilled in our midst, for there was some completely overpowered by the power of God; and at this conference several of the brethren had visions, one of which we'll give. I saw in the vision the road that the Saints were traveling on; the foot of which road was in the waters, and ascended gradually up to Heaven. It was as a straight and narrow road, so narrow that there was not room to turn either to the right or to the left; and on each side of the road was all manner of different kinds of beautiful flowers to tempt the Saints to pluck them, but under the flowers lay a great depth of mud, and the prettier the flowers the deeper the mud, so that if any one stepped aside to pluck any of the flowers, they were sure to stick fast in the mud; also, the road itself was so firm that many cannon balls that was fired at the road, could not even as much as make a mark upon it. Therefore, we must exclaim with the poet, "How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith, in His excellent word; What more can He say, than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled. And Come see the road His hand has raised, And made the pathway plain, Nor need the travelers ever err, Nor ask the track in vain." Ensign, page 12, 13.

"And again, in conference, the word of the Lord, as it was given, Hear O my people, this is the word of the Lord unto you today, the church must be one, and my people one, for unto you is committed the work of God, in these last days, and you my servants feed the flock of God, over which I have made you overseers, for great is the responsibility that rests upon you; for unto you are given the keys of this last Ministry, and to lift the last warning voice to the world; therefore, be faithful to the end of your calling, Amen." "Therefore, we went from place to place, as the Spirit directed us, and the Lord confirming our word, by the power of His Spirit with signs following them who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeyed his commandment." Ensign, page 12, 13.

"One evening, after I had baptized three, I retired to rest, and a glorious vision appeared before me. I saw a beautiful table spread over with every thing that was desirable of the rich bounties of Heaven, and the Saints feasting themselves; there was no end to it. As far as I could see, I saw myself sitting at the head of it; and while in the vision the glory of God filled the room. No mortal man can tell what I felt on that occasion, while a cloud of Divine glory rested upon me. To the world this might appear to be imagination, but to me a reality, that years cannot erase from my memory." Ensign Page 11. (Wm. Bickerton)

"October 6, 1858 by Wm. Bickerton. Verily, verily thus saith the Lord, go ye forth in the name of the Lord, and the gates of hell shall shake before you; for I will be on your rearward, and ye shall be multiplied; Therefore, be ye strong in the might of Israel's God, and I will bless you because of your love one to another, and because ye have set your love upon me; Therefore I will bless you. Amen."

"April 3, 1859 by Wm. Bickerton. Verily, verily thus saith the Lord, I will not accept of this conference, because of the coldness, and carelessness of some of you; O, ye Elders, and shall I bless you, and you so indif-

ferent. Nay, Verily Nay, But verily, thus saith the Lord, O, ye Elders, say no more that ye have obstacles in the way, say no more that ye have hinderances in the way, For, I have commanded you to go forth, and I will sweep away those obstacles, and I will sweep away those stumbling blocks. Amen."

"July 4, 1859 by Wm. Bickerton. Verily, verily, thus saith the Lord, let not any say that this is not the work of the Lord, for verily, I say unto you, this is my work, and my peace shall rest upon you, and ye shall be blessed, for ye shall be led forth by my Spirit in ways of truth, and holiness, and great shall be the peace, and joy of my people. Amen."

"July 5, 1859 by C. Cowan. Verily verily, thus saith the Lord, inasmuch as ye are my anointed be encouraged, and build up my church, for I will bless you, and of all that I have promised you not anything shall fail, for I will perform that which I have said, therefore, cleanse my church from iniquity, and I will bless you. Amen."

"Oct. 2, 1859 by H. Bake. Thus saith the Lord, I will reveal myself unto you my people, in a greater manner than has ever been made known unto this generation; for I will do greater wonders in this generation than what has ever been done; and I will let them know that I have raised up a man to lead forth my people; to the lost inheritances of my people Israel; and that man is in your midst. Amen."

"Oct. 2, 1859 by J. Brown. Verily, verily thus saith the Lord God, forasmuch as I have revealed unto this generation the stick of Ephraim; thus saith the Lord, join the two sticks together, and I will make them mighty to gather my people from the West, and also to accomplish my great purposes in these last days."

"Date not available. By Wm. Bickerton. Verily, verily, thus saith the Lord, I am well pleased with you, and ye are not in iniquity, as some has set forth, for would I own and bless an unholy church, nay, verily saith the Lord, ye are clean before me, and cursed be they that will say that my church is fallen, such a one shall not have their name amongst my people, but it shall be blotted out of the records of my people, and out of The Book Of Life, and verily, I say unto you cursed be very one that shall attempt to upset, or overthrow, or destroy my work, therefore, be ye faithful O my people, and fear ye not for ye shall be blessed, and multiplied, and my power shall be revealed through you, ye shall see visions, dream dreams, ye shall prophesy, there shall be tongues, and interpretations, and all other gifts, the dumb shall speak, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall walk, the sick shall be raised, and the poor shall hear the gospel. Amen."

"Dec. 11, 1859 by W. W. Wagoner. Hear ye the word of the Lord God of hosts today. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I sent forth my servant Joseph, with a message of glad tidings to this generation, him have they slain, saith the Lord. My people they have persecuted, scattered, and driven out, yet once again, I have raised up another like unto Joseph, to lead forth my people, him shall ye hear in all things. I decreed that I would set up an ensign, and raise up a standard, that ensign has been lifted, that standard raised, and now I have called forth my servant William Bickerton to lead forth my people, and they shall go

in and out, and find pasture, and the world shall know that there is a God in Heaven, therefore, touch not mine anointed, saith the Lord. Amen."

"Jan. 1, 1860 by Wm. Bickerton. Verily, thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto you, ye are my people, therefore, be ye faithful, O ye Elders for ye shall be commissioned to go forth in my name, and ye shall be filled with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Amen."

"Jan. 2, 1860 by Wm. Bickerton. Verily, thus saith the Lord, ye are all fallible, and ye may transgress, therefore, tremble, and fear before me, for I am God, and this is my word, ye are all fallible, therefore, hear O my people, and watch and pray for ye may fall. Amen."

"Jan. 2, 1860 by G. Barnes. A man must first believe in the word of God before he can believe in the power of God."

"Jan. 3, 1860 by Meadowcroft. Hear ye the word of the Lord, go ye forth, and preach my gospel, and sinners shall fall at your feet."

"Jan. 3, 1860 by J. Waggoner. Verily, thus saith the Lord, unto you my servants that I have called into my service, go ye forth, for I will be with you, and my power shall attend you, and souls shall be saved, and the signs shall follow you on every hand. Amen."

"July 1, 1860 by A. Bickerton. Hear ye saints of the most high God, it is your Heavenly Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

"July 2, 1860 by Pat Mack. Hear ye the word of the Lord, this is the church of the most High God, and there is neither man or woman can do anything wrong in this church, but what shall be brought to light, and made known."

"Oct. 8, 1860 by Chas. Hibbs. Thus saith the Lord, unto you my people, go ye forth in my name, and preach my gospel, and I will be with you, and bless you, for I have a work to be done, and I will cleanse my church, and purify it, and I will take the honest in heart to do my work, my great work. Amen."

"Oct. 8, 1860 by A. Bickerton. Verily, verily, thus saith the Lord God of Hosts, this is my gospel, and whosoever is obedient to it, and continue faithful unto the end, shall rise in the morning of the first resurrection, when the last trumpet shall sound, and they shall have a place with me, saith the Lord God Almighty, for this is my word unto you. Amen."

"And again, in conference, July 4, 1860, it was felt to be the will of God that we meet again tomorrow in fasting and prayer, that the will of God might be fully made known unto us. Therefore, on the 5th. of July, we met according to the will of God, in prayer and fasting, and the power of God was made manifest in our midst, in various ways, and vision was given to one, which we will relate. I saw in a vision a woman dressed all in white come into the house, with a crown in her hand, and in the crown was TWELVE STARS; and she laid the crown upon the stand and said, this crown belongs to this church, and then disappeared."

"And again, in conference, July 9, 1861, the power of God was made manifest in the gifts and callings, for there were twelve of our number, chosen and called by the Holy Spirit to be APOSTLES of Jesus Christ in this dispensation, and the power and Spirit of God accompanied their callings, for we were made to rejoice

with that joy that is unspeakable, and full of glory." Ensign, page 13.

"We wish it to be understood distinctly, that the organization of this church came by express commandment and revelation from the Almighty." Ensign, page 13.

"July 7th. 1862; Yes, truly, the power of God was in our midst this morning, for while speaking concerning the promises that God had made toward us as His church, and people, and that he had called, and chosen twelve to be His **APOSTLES**, and special **witnesses** in this last **dispensation**. The word of the Lord came unto us, saying, set apart, set apart, ordain the **TWELVE**, set apart, set apart and ordain. By Elder B. Meadowcroft, also, the word of the Lord came unto Counselor Brown, saying, thus saith the Lord, I have set in this church, the **spirit of wisdom**, and of **council**, and **might**. Moved and seconded that the **TWELVE** be set apart, and ordained according to the word of the Lord. Carried unanimously. The **TWELVE** were called forth for ordination, each man by his name as they come into the church. THOS. BICKERTON, JAS. BROWN, JOS. ASTIN, JAS. NICHOLS, ARTHUR BICKERTON, CUMMINGS CHERRY, JOS. KNOX, JOHN NEISH, ALEXANDER BICKERTON, BENJAMIN MEADOWCROFT, WM. CADMAN, and JOHN DIXON.

They were ordained by the authority of Heaven, and the **Holy Spirit** came down with power, and sealed that office upon them. They were consecrated, and set apart by the washing of feet, and anointing with oil; and as soon as the last was anointed, the power and blessing of the Lord came upon them, that nearly all of them spake with new tongues, as the **Spirit** gave them utterance, and not only them, but several of the Elders likewise, for there was a **general outpouring of the Spirit and power of God.**" Ensign Page 14. 15.

"July 8, 1862: Opened again this morning by the President with singing and prayer; and after some remarks by the President, on such important matter he said, that the business here was not merely concerning ourselves, but it was of vast importance to all mankind, for the Lord had chosen **twelve** of our brethren to be his **special witnesses** in this last **dispensation**; and while speaking on this subject, the word of the Lord came unto Counselor Brown, saying, **Hear ye the word of the Lord**, O ye twelve, whom I have **chosen and ordained**. I have committed unto you the **keys of the kingdom**, and no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper until you have **finished** your work, for I will make you as a bow, and my word shall go from you as an arrow, and many shall cry out, **what shall we do**; and again the word of the Lord came to Counselor Barnes, saying, **Hear ye the word of the Lord**; **ye are my sons** and daughters, and I have committed unto you, my sons, the keys of the kingdom, therefore, be ye faithful." "Amen."

"July 8, 1862: Moved and seconded that Elder John Stevenson, be called and ordained into the Quorum of the **SEVENTIES**, and also John Ashton, John Bickerton, Wm. Menzies, Jas. Louttit, John Caldwell, Chas. Cowan, John McPherson, Jas. Thompson, Thos. Stevens, and Hugh Scott. (and a number of Elder's) Parenthesis from Law and Order, Published in 1905). They were then ordained, and set apart, and the Lord accompanied by His Holy Spirit, in **much power** and glory this solemn

assembly." Ensign Page 15.

"And afterwards, while in conference assembled, Jan. 1863, the word of the Lord came unto us, saying, Thus saith the Lord, ye are my servants; go ye forth, proclaim my gospel; **hold forth the BOOK OF MORMON, with the BIBLE**, and I will bless you and multiply you, **if you do this**, and if not, **you will fall back**, and I will place others in your places; thus saith the Lord your God. And again, thus saith the Lord your God. **keep back nothing**, declare my whole counsel, and truth against the false systems of the children of men; smooth not your tongues, for they are an abomination in my sight, saith the Lord." Ensign Page 15.

"And again, son of man, prophesy and say, thus saith the Lord God unto my people, and to my servants, **fear ye not**, neither be ye troubled, for I have chosen you out of the sons of men to be my servants, and to administer my word to the people of **the nations of the earth**, and they shall write to you **from the East**, and **from the West**, and **from the North**, and **from the South**, to know the truth, and the way of salvation, for I have given that knowledge unto you, and all the world shall know that I have loved you, saith the Lord God of Hosts, for the Spirit of **ELIJAH** is in your midst, and you shall go forth endowed with power from on high; therefore, straighten up the things that remains, and **I will bare my holy arm**, and I will keep you in such a way, and manner as I never kept a people before, and **all the world** shall know that I, the Lord, ruleth in the camp of Israel. By my power that I will manifest through you my people; and the demand by the word of the holy ones, to the intent that the living may know that the Most High hast established His kingdom amongst the sons of men, and given it to **whomsoever He will**, and setteth up the basest of men; and now if you will keep my words, I will bend the Heavens, and shake the earth for your sakes. Amen." Ensign Page 16.

"Yes, we might fill up pages with an account of the dealings of God towards us as His people; and as He has declared that the world shall know that he has loved us by the power he will make manifest through us, His servants." Ensign Page 16.

"The church was organized at Green Oak, Pa. July 5-7, 1862. I (Wm. Bickerton) gave the word of the Lord, and gave brother's Brown, and Cadman commission to go above Brownsville, Pa. to preach in Virginia. They had good success, and baptized thirty in a short time. There was a man took a fit while brother Brown was preaching, he left the pulpit, took the man by the hand raised him up, the fit left him, while it was said that he never got relief in less than two hours before. Brother's Arthur Bickerton, and John Stephens from Wheeling, W. Va. were successful, and they brought in many souls. There was two sent to Brownsville, Pa., and from there to Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and then down the Youghiogheny River, and then back to Brownsville, Pa. In after years there was eighty-four members brought in at Fayette City, Pa., and other places visited by those two Elder's. I am giving this to show that it was the word of the Lord that was given, as there was more than two hundred members brought in through following it." Life of Wm. Bickerton.

You will note that on October 6, 1858, the word of

the Lord was given to "go forth, and build me an house, and dedicate it unto me, and I will fill it with my glory," etc. (T. S. F.)

"The first branch was at West Elizabeth, Pa., where the brethren denounced some of the doctrines of the Utah church, and were energetic in preaching the gospel, and baptizing men and women into the church. In the minutes of the conference held in West Elizabeth on April 4th. 1857, the organization of the second branch was authorized in Rock Run, Pa., brother C. Brown Presiding. In 1858 a branch was ordered established at Pine Run, Pa., and a brother named Brown was placed in charge of it. The conference of January 1858, authorized a branch to be organized at Wheeling, W. Va. This branch is spoken of quite often throughout the record. The minutes of this conference also speaks of a branch being established at Allegheny, now North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. It is also often referred to in the same record. At the same conference, authority was given to organize a branch at Green Oak, Pa. A meeting house was built at this place a few years later, and it was here that the church effected an organization in 1862, which I will speak of later." A History of The Church of Jesus Christ, by W. H. Cadman, 1945, Ch. No. 3, page 28.

"In a General church council on August 30, 1862, a resolution was made, setting aside seven brethren to wait upon the Lord in the House at Green Oak, Pa. to inquire of Him concerning by what sacrifice, and on what conditions He would accept the House that had been built unto His name. These seven brethren met at Green Oak on September 6, 1862 to seek counsel of God, and to rectify an error that had been committed by us, the people of God, in not following out the commandment of the Lord in building a House which we were commanded to build. This commandment was given at a General conference held at Green Oak on October 6, 1858. In the deliberations of these seven brethren, I find that there were a number of financial claims standing against the House that had been built. Therefore, it was the verdict of these brethren that we cannot offer the House as a free will offering unto the Lord, while there remains any claims against it, whatsoever they might be. Therefore, it is the will of God that all the Saints go before the Lord, and each lay their offering before the Lord, to see how much He requires of each; and that each bring their offering as soon as they can make it convenient, in order that all claims that are now against the House may be removed, and the House accepted by the Lord." Witnessed by seven brethren as follows: George Barnes, Charles Brown, Benjamin Meadowcroft, John Neish, James Brown, and Joseph Astin." A History of The Church of Jesus Christ, Ch. 4, page 35. (One witness name is not recorded. TSF)

"On September 13, 1862 at a council at West Elizabeth, Pa., the report of these seven brethren was accepted, and their resolution was to be read in all the branches of the church." A History of The Church of Jesus Christ, Ch. 4, page 35.

"July conference of 1863 was held at Green Oak, Pa., with President Wm. Bickerton presiding. On Wednesday, July 8, 1863, the Green Oak House was dedicated unto the Lord, and the minutes state that: the Lord

accepted it by pouring out His spirit upon us, and making us all rejoice with joy that is unspeakable. According to these minutes, a number of people were baptized during this conference, and several brethren were ordained into the Ministry. The gift of tongues by brother Joseph Astin, was interpreted by brother Chas. Cowan as follows: Verily, verily thus saith the Lord unto my servants, go ye forth and preach my gospel unto all this continent, and when you return I will give you power to preach my gospel to all nations. And the records which I have given are to be preached unto them, for there are no other records to be given unto the Gentiles. The records which are hid are for my covenant people, which I will give unto you to gather them from all nations, for my word is Yea and Amen. Testimonies were given by Benjamin Meadowcroft, James Louttit, James Nichols, Wm. Skillen, Joseph Astin, and Joseph Knox. In this same conference, brother Wm. Bickerton was recognized as a Prophet, Seer, Revelator in The Church of Jesus Christ, which was organized on July 7, 1862. Also counsellors Charles Brown, and George Barnes had the same calling laid upon them. The conference was closed on July 9, 1863." A History of The Church of Jesus Christ, Ch. 4, page 38.

"The following is taken from the minutes of a council that was held at West Elizabeth, Pa., on October 3 1863. Council was opened by President Bickerton with singing and prayer. The afternoon was occupied chiefly in examining Stephen Post, a man purporting to have been sent with an appeal to all Saints scattered abroad, to invite them to acknowledge Sidney Rigdon as the man whom the Lord has chosen to lead forth His people in these last days; and also wanting them to acknowledge him as the spokesman that is spoken of in the 2nd. chapter of the second book of Nephi. (Should read 3rd. chapter, instead of 2nd chapter. TSF) But we thank God that He has given us of His spirit, yea even the spirit of truth which will lead and guide us into all truth, and show us things to come. Yes, we do thank our Heavenly Father that we do know His voice, and a stranger we will not follow. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel forever. Amen." A History of The Church of Jesus Christ, ch. 4, page 45, 46.

I have copied from records I have in my possession up to October 3, 1863. Much of which I have written may be confirmed in "A History of The Church of Jesus Christ." Please be referred to the above mentioned History for events that have happened since October 3, 1863, and other information that is educational, also "A History of The Ladies Uplift Circle, organized in January, 1920.

Thurman S. Furnier

(P.S. Greenock and Green Oak are the self and same place. W.H.C.)

Dream by Bro. Sam Randazzo written and submitted by Bro. Mark Randy at the request of the General Church.

My father, bro. Sam Randazzo of Detroit, Mich. was a Catholic and knew nothing of the restored Gospel. He was converted to the restored Gospel by the call of the spirit of God and was baptized into Christ.

Shortly after his baptism early in May or June 1933, he dreamed that he was in a large plaza where a large assembly of people had met to hear a preacher speak

from a balcony. The power of God was on this preacher that held the multitude spellbound with the ecstasy of his words. While he was preaching, someone shot the speaker. A commotion arose and the assembly was scattered in various groups. My father cried for the loss of such a wonderful man.

Only a few remained when another man appeared, in the place of the first, and he too was preaching with great power as the first; but only a few listened to him. A stranger appeared to father at this time, saying to father, "Do you know the meaning of this?" My father said, "I know not". Then the stranger said, "The first speaker was Joseph Smith whom God chose to raise his church again. The second man is William Bickerton. He has power like the first". My father was happy to see and hear the second preacher who had the same spirit, but was sad because there were only a few to hear such great words.

When he awoke, he asked me if we had any in the Church by that name. I did not know, but I said we will ask Bro. Furnier, who was our Presiding Elder.

Brother Furnier said that William Bickerton was used of God to lead our Church of which we were part.

I praise God, and his only begotten Son, who shows mercy to the meek, and reveals the truth to babes in Christ. Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Bro. Mark Randy
March 9, 1962

SISTER SADIE MAINS CADMAN
Died on November 18, 1959
Born on June 12, 1878



The late Sister Cadman was the wife of our president, Brother W. H. Cadman. She passed away November 18, 1959, at the age of 81. She was the mother of four girls, namely, Mrs. Mabel Bickerton, Mrs. Ruth Mountain, Mrs. Sara Vancik, and Mrs. Grace Landrey. Her daughters are all members of the Church of Jesus

Christ.

Sister Cadman, when a young girl, had a great desire to be a missionary. Her mother died when she was quite young. Her father, being a Quaker, was strict in observing the Sabbath. Through this early religious training Sister Cadman sought the Lord. She became a member of the United Brethren Church in McKeesport, Pa. She was very active in her church as a Sunday School teacher and organist.

It was when she met her future husband that she became acquainted with the Restored Gospel. She realized the Gospel followed the true teachings of Jesus Christ. She found a love among these people that she had never experienced before. Later she attended a church conference and said she had heard more of the gospel of Jesus Christ than she had ever heard before. She and Brother Cadman were married June 1901. In 1902 she was baptized. She attended the Branch of the Church in McKeesport, Pa.

Although Sister Sadie was crippled and used crutches for over fifty years, it did not hinder her from being very active in the Church. She was inspired to organize the Ladies Uplift Circle, an organization for the sisters of the Church. She held the office of president for thirty-seven years in the General Circle. She was a member of the Hymn Book Committee, when our hymns were set to music. In composing music she was able to preserve many of our old tunes. One of her best known compositions is, "Oh Paradise", (number 51 in the Church Hymnal). She wrote a Bible Lesson Book for Sunday School use, also dialogues for their programs. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She had very little schooling but through the study of God's Word and self education, she was able to teach others. At the time of her death she was working on a Concordance of the Book of Mormon.

Sister Cadman was very interested in the missionary work of the Church. When able, she accompanied Brother Cadman and others on visits to various Branches of the Church. The Indians on the reservations learned to love her. She inspired the Africans through her correspondence with them. Her patience and cheery disposition were an inspiration. She was loved by all who knew her.

With all her Church activities, she did not neglect her home. She sewed for her family, did most of the housework and the cooking. Her hands were never idle. She found time to enjoy her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She was truly a "saint of latter day".

It has been said, "She hath done what she could". Also the words of Solomon in Proverbs 31; "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own work praise her in the gates."

Brother Clifford Burgess, of Windsor, Canada, used as his text at her funeral, Revelation 14:13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Truly Sister Sadie Cadman is resting from her labour and the work she has done for the Lord and the Church of Jesus Christ will never be forgotten.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"This is my church and I will establish it; "Mosiah 27:13
Dear Boys and Girls,

Since this is the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of our Church, I think you should know how it came about. Don't you? Last month I told you the story of Joseph Smith and the Angel Moroni. In the Bible in the book of Revelations, John says, he saw an angel flying through heaven with the everlasting gospel. It was to be preached to all people on the earth. This angel is the same angel who appeared to Joseph Smith and told him where to find the gold plates. This is the restoration of the gospel and this means, bringing the gospel back to the earth. Our Church teaches the true way, the Restored Gospel. A long time ago at one of our Conferences, it was recorded that we have the Gospel as it was revealed to Joseph Smith, in its purity and power. Other churches called saints have changed it. The Lord said only the pure gospel shall be taken to His ancient covenant people. (Church History page 91.)

After Joseph Smith died, trouble came into the Church. Different men wanted to be the leader. Sidney Rigdon was the first counselor to Joseph Smith and naturally he would be the leader of the Church. He led a large group to Pennsylvania. There was a man named William Bickerton who followed these people. He was baptized in 1845, a year after Joseph Smith died. He had been a Methodist, but said he had never been taught such a gospel as the Restored Gospel. He said he had received the gift of the Holy Ghost, spoken with new tongues, had the interpretation, seen the sick healed, so he knew he could not join any other church. He knew this Gospel was the power of God. He also knew that no man could build a church himself. Jesus said if a church is called after a man, it is man's church. If it is called in His name and built upon His Gospel then it is His church. Our church is called by His name, "The Church of Jesus Christ", and follows His teachings, so we know it is His Church. (III Nephi 27:8.)

God gave William Bickerton a vision. He was on the highest mountain on earth. He knew if he didn't preach the gospel, he would fall into a deep chasm. He was afraid. He knew from this vision he must preach this Gospel and not join any other church. The Lord never left him. He started to preach the Gospel. Some people believed his testimony and were baptized. Elders were chosen and the Lord blessed the work. God told William Bickerton, He had accepted this church as the church of Alma in the Book of Mormon. (Mosiah 18). Also it was likened to the Church of Philadelphia in the Bible. (Revelations 14:6,7) Boys and Girls these are wonderful things. This Gospel that our brethren preach today is the same Gospel that the angel brought back to earth. Through divine revelation our church was organized. William Bickerton became our first president, July, 1862.

Our Church believes the Bible and Book of Mor-

mon to be the word of God. Our Church believes in every good thing and teaches the way just as Jesus taught. Babies are blessed and not baptized. Jesus was blessed when he was a baby and was not baptized until he was a man. Our elders anoint the sick with oil. We believe in fasting and prayer. Our Church believes in feet washing. Jesus said we ought to do these things. We think all His examples are very important. We believe in the Lord's supper or communion; the bread as His body and the wine as His blood. We believe in a restoration of Israel and that God will use our Church for that great work. We believe the Indians here are part of Israel and the Book of Mormon is their record or history. We should be very, very proud of our Church. It is not the teachings of man but the plan of salvation as Jesus taught in Palestine and here in America.

We want all God's children, the red, black, white and yellow to know the Restoration Story. Can you be a little missionary and help spread the good news? God has used children in all ages of time and He can use you too.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel Cadman Bickerton



Sister Rachael Arthur is the President of the Ladies Uplift Circle in Nigeria, Africa. She is a very qualified leader and is very interested in the work. She is also teaching the sisters to read English. May the Lord bless the efforts of our Sisters there.

A HUNDRED YEARS WELL SPENT

What a joy the last hundred years have been!
Endeavoring to rid this world of sin.

We've gone to the Lamanites as the word of
God says we should.

We've also sent men to Africa to do these people
some good.

There have also been many baptized in this
choice land.

And we are proud to say it is done the way
Our Saviour did command.

We are immersed in the water to rid our souls
of sin.

We then endeavor a new life to begin.

To walk in the way of Christ, the Son,

Until our days on earth are done.

We want to thank God for restoring His Church
on this land,

And pray we are worthy to live by the direction
of His hand.

Sister Carolyn Gehly

A LETTER FROM BRO. MOSES

Dear Saints;

It is indeed a pleasure to my heart and a joy to my soul to share in membership of this "Great Fold" and to present, though in absentia this my humble address to you all for the current ecclesiastical year. To many of you who attended the last mission board at Youngstown, as well as regular readers of the Gospel News, our popular church literature on which my picture occupied a space, on the front page of March issue, I opine my name will not sound all that strange to your ear.

It is a wonderful blessing that irrespective of nationality through the power of the restored Gospel whose influence has crossed the seas and oceans to foreign lands mainly, to vast continent of Africa, I am speaking today not as an on-looker but, as a member of the same fellowship and defender of the same faith. Thanks be to His name. I must express my due appreciation to you all for your copious effort and cooperation despite difficulties, in furthering the spread of this great faith to other lands and Africa in particular.

Before going further, let me pause a while to convey to you all the Greetings from all the Saints of our church fold in Nigeria-West Africa. As many of you might have known, I am studying at Allen University, Columbia, S.C. under a joint scholarship of Allen and my home County Council. Bro. John Ross altruistically secured the part scholarship from Allen for me.

My objective in coming to America is a dual purpose. Firstly; to prepare myself academically, "As knowledge is power", So that I may be competent to serve a useful purpose to my people. Secondly; While here to have a frequent contact with our church, attend conferences when and where it is practicable in order to exchange views with the Saints and officers of our church on issues of our church. To plan with the Priesthood some programs conducive to future progress and expansion of our mission work in Africa. With these experiences acquired from both spheres, I will then be fully equipped to return home to serve my people as well as the Church of Jesus Christ, and eventually help

to spread this faith to other countries in Africa.

This indeed is not an easy task but with your co-operation and prayer there is all hope for success. I have already started the race by leaving home for America. I will leave no stone unturned until I achieve these goals.

I like to mention a few points on the work in Nigeria, according to the regular reports from the General Priesthood and my uncle Elder E. U. A. Arthue (The Priesthood as well as one in charge of the work in Nigeria since the impromptu departure of Bro. Joseph Shazer on account of his wife's sickness). The work is progressing quite well and the Lord is adding more souls day by day to the church fold. You know dear Saints, it seems the devil is always directing it's force to the anointed ones. Right from the early church this could be traced. Here in our days one hardly counts the opposition that our church is facing everywhere both in America and foreign lands. The reason for this is not far to seek "Our church has the true faith hence the devil's activities to hamper it's progress. This can be traced to the early history of our church. Oh yes, as God would have it, the faith still progresses and will eventually reach the four ends of the world. The church in Nigeria is faced with great opposition from other religious groups and denominations. This of course is not an impediment to her progress at all. We therefore need courage and determination in expressing our convictions everywhere we are.

It is our belief that the church in Nigeria will serve as a training ground for future missionary work, in the vast continent of Africa. I do not intend to take up a full report on the mission work in Nigeria as there are energetic missionaries among you who were in mission service in Nigeria who will acquaint you of more details.

During the last Mission Board in Youngstown I tried to outline the primary needs of our church in Nigeria, under these headings,

- (1) More volunteers to serve as missionaries (males & females)
- (2) Permanent missionary residence.
- (3) Secondary School.

It is impressive, as well as inspiring enough to observe the stimulating interest and role that the "Ladies Uplift Circle", as the Vanguard of our faith and fellowship is playing in raising funds as well as the provision of church literatures for the furthering of the mission work in Nigeria. With such immense success I hope the building of the permanent mission residence will be started in the near future.

On the issue of the Secondary School, I opine my last point relative to the building of the church of Jesus Christ Secondary School in Nigeria are still green in your memory. In any case, I have to remind you that the future of the church and, more important still of the faith itself depends more than is realized upon the quality of religious nurture provided to the young ones, the future members and torch-bearers of the church. They need to be taught right from their youth the faith of our church which will form the key-note of our school curriculum.

The objectives of Christian education have often been thought of solely in narrow evangelistic terms. Winning the individual to Christ and to membership in the church has been one of the most common statements of the purpose. Of course this must ever be the central core of Christian faith and education.

Modern Christian Evangelism has become concerned with the goals that embrace totality of living. The elements that make for strong character and well rounded personality have found a place in detail objectives of Christian Education. It is not enough to win the individual to Christ. He must be helped to bring every aspect of his personality and every activity of his daily living under the control of a dominant loyalty to Christ as Savior.

To provide for such training is the first task of the christian church, and to aid its accomplishment is the major concern of all workers in christian education. The establishment of the church of Jesus Christ Secondary School in Nigeria, where the faith of the church and totality of living will be taught will therefore serve to the church what roots do the tree. Here again I have to express my ap-

preciation to many of you from different Branches who have been initiating in the fund drive programme to feasililise this goal.

In conclusion therefore brethren, I beseech you by the love of God to be stead-fast in your faith and work that we may join forces together to challenge the power of the devil and liberate more souls yet unsaved for Christ.

I doff my head to the general Priesthood as well as the President and other lieutenants of this, our great fold. Greet you one another with an holy kiss and may the grace of our Lord Jesus rest with you and keep you all nearer to His Cross.

I am, your Brother in Christ,
Moses E. Akpan

GOING HOME

By Sister Catherine Poma

When I'm going Home, I'll hear the
angels call to me,
"No more shall you roam, and
never more a teardrop see,
Joy will overwhelm me, when I
hear them tell me,
"Come, and see the Home we have
prepared for thee!"

Chorus:

Only sighs of happiness,
Only cries of thankfulness,
Only this and songs of bliss,
shall greet my soul.

They will take my hand, and thru
the lovely skies we'll soar—
Straight to Heaven Land, in that
celestial 'Other Shore,'
Beauty will surround, music float
around me,
Oh! what joy shall greet me at my

palace door!

All the ones so dear, who went
before me will be there,
They shall all appear beside my
dwelling place, so fair;
Then, they'll all shout - "Enter!"
And there, in the center "
I shall see my Lord, who for my
soul did care.

Then the years will roll in such a
peaceful way for me,

My once weary soul no longer
touched by misery,
Patiently abiding, til I hear the
tiding,

"Angels are beginning to prepare
for thee!"

Chorus:

Only sighs of happiness, only
cries of thankfulness,
Only this and songs of bliss
shall greet your soul!

WHERE JOSEPH AND EMMA LIVED IN 1828 & 1829

Where Joseph and Emma Smith lived at Harmony, now known as Oakland, Pa., just across the Susquehanna river from the town of Susquehanna, The high part of the building was built at a later period. Joseph and his bride lived there in 1828 and 1829 and part of the Book of Mormon was translated in this house. I, along with brother and sister T. S. Furnier visited the place a few years ago. The building of course is no more standing, but part of the excavation of the old foundation was still extant as well as part of the old well-hole

was still visible. We were told that when Joseph, and Emma Hale got married, they rode away from home on horse-back, across the line in New York State and were married.

Their first-born child died in infancy while living here and is buried in a cemetery close by with a stone-marker at the grave. Emma's home was just across the road from this house. It had just been torn down when we were there. I presume it would be in this house where Oliver Cowdery helped with the translation.



Joseph and Emma Smith's Home at (Harmony) Oakland, Pa., where part of the Book of Mormon was trans-

lated. The high part of the building was built since they lived there in 1828 to 1829.

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GREAT POSSESSIONS

We do not possess much of this world's goods, but we do possess some things we would much rather have. The promise of eternal life, peace of mind and a forgiving heart. These things come through the gospel of Jesus Christ, through repentance and baptism.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my mother." We say, "All that we are or ever hope to be, we owe to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Romans 8 — 35 through 39.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gentlemen:

I want to thank you sincerely for sending us the Gospel News for so long after our dues expired. This paper is very encouraging. I only wish I could send more money to help it along.

Our subscription expired I believe sometime around Nov. or Dec. Please renew it for back at that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jobs
686 Sanford Ave.
Akron 5, Ohio

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

And I was glad when they said to me let us walk into House of the Lord. As I entered His Holy Temple I felt a convincing spirit, and soon the heart of stone began to melt, and a new heart was created within me. The books were then opened, and the simplicity of the teachings of Christ were then revealed to me and caused me to accept the Gospel in its fullness, and thru endurance I became an heir of the Kingdom of God.

"This is The Church of Jesus Christ" Behold! The Son of Man dwells therein, knocking at the door of your heart to enter: Won't you let Him in?

Today He is passing your way, Tomorrow may never come. Let us pledge allegiance to a Wonderful Saviour who has gone to prepare a place for His children.

Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto my self; That where I am, there ye may be also. Thus saith the Lord.

We still hold our Wednesday night meeting in my home, Also enjoying the Sabbath Day worship with Branch #4.

We, the West Side Branch #2 salute you all through-out the church with the love of God.

Sister Anna Carlini

APPRECIATION

Dear Brother Cadman:

I received the June Issue of the Gospel News today, am always glad to receive it, as in this way I get the news of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I enjoy the "News" greatly and it helps me in many ways. May God bless you and others in this work. Enclosed find two dollars for the special edition that it may help you.

Sincerely,

Bro. Clarence Griffith

OUR TRIP TO MEXICO

(Second Series)

From University City we passed through the flower market and if it had not been raining we would have taken some lovely pictures here but on we drove to Chapultepec Castle where Mario proceeded to unfold a chapter of history. This castle was the residence of Emperor Maximilian and Carlota, during their reign in the 19th century and is built upon a hill over-looking the city. It is also the site of the most famous battle of the Mexican-American War. Our next stop was at the National Palace noted for the colorful and vibrant murals of Diego Rivera. Just across the street is the Cathedral, one of the oldest in this hemisphere and which they claim is the largest on the American continent, called the "Metropolitan". It contains marble altars, statuary, wood carvings, silver railing and priceless tapestries and paintings and is reported by some to occupy the site of the greatest of the Aztec temples. Here is where the Calendar stone was found. This cathedral once contained nearly two million dollars worth of gold objects. Others, totaling 3000 including prelates are buried in crypts beneath the cathedral. A section of the ancient ruins have been reserved on the corner of the square which has been the center of national life and the scene of historical events since the time when it was the heart of the Aztec capital.

Next day after having the car serviced we took to the mountains 10,000 ft. up and over the high mesas through the pine scented forests of the Desert of the Lions; past the trout farms and into the valley of Toluca with a volcano towering over it. Friday is market day at Toluca which is about a 40 miles ride from Mexico City. We immediately were shocked at the teeming thousands of poverty stricken peoples milling about on the rain drenched, muddy cement areas called "the market place" and Mario says that many walked all the way from distances up to 35 miles. Upon getting out of the car our eyes beheld an old Indian woman ragged and barefoot apparently ill, begging in front of a restaurant. She put out her hand to us and the owner of the restaurant came out and chased her away and she went and sat on the sidewalk. Some of the sights that will haunt us forever was an old crippled

woman crawling on her knees on the sidewalk; a little boy of 4 who carried a can with a ham bone and some crusts of bread he had picked up whose pleading eyes would melt the coldest heart. All along the areas to the market place the walks were lined and crowded with people sitting on the wet and muddy walks eating and cooking their foods; mothers nursing their babies while some swung from sarapes hanging from their mothers' backs. Arriving at the market place proper we were shocked at the stench of parched fish and corn and half rotted fruits and vegetables filled our nostrils. The sight of human beings squatting along the walks in filthy rags, barefoot with garbage strewn around was more than we could bear. It was repulsive and pitiful! The crippled dragging themselves along the muddy cement, the flies, beggars pleading for a few centavos and the look of unbelief in their faces as we said "no more pesos"; husks of corn and other vegetables etc. lying around; things like this we will never forget!

We asked Mario what the straw mats were that they were carrying and he called them "petates" their beds. He said they just lay them down anywhere and sleep for the night and return home then the next day. The government cleans up the debris after the market closes. Words cannot express the horror and poverty and the endless sights we beheld here. Returning to our rooms we were stunned and speechless as we went over the day's activities and we were made very humble and thankful for the bounties of the gospel and the blessings afforded us in this United States of America. We surely pray and look for the day when something can be done for these oppressed and down trodden "seed of Joseph". Why should such a people so devoted and strong in their faith be so oppressed when the many cathedrals we saw were so bedecked with gold and precious ornaments? It makes one wonder, "what good have their fine churches done for them?" We thought of II Nephi 28:13 where it says "they rob the poor because of their fine sanctuaries; they rob the poor because of their fine clothing; and they persecute the meek and the poor in heart . . ."

We started out the next morning not bright, for it was raining, but early to go to the National Museum of History to see the Calendar Stone and the Cross of Palenque among other interesting things. Upon entering we were faced with this huge stone weighing over 24 tons covered with hieroglyphics from behind which glowed an orange light making it very mysterious looking. This stone calendar was found in 1760 and is said to be more accurate than the European calendars of the same period. Our guide was able to interpret (whether correct or not) many of the hieroglyphics for us. The exhibits include stone images, monoliths and sculptures; precious relics from tombs etc. an Aztec sacrificial stone; and the famous Cross of Palenque. There were also murals and models of scenes and ancient towns and cities.

Continuing on we left Mexico City passing cultivated fields and great haciendas and passed through the plain that was once the basin of Lake Texcoco, over the Sierra Madre through pine forests to the summit of the Divide, 10,486 ft. up. On the west slope are fine views of the Valley of Mexico and on the east the vol-

canoes of Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl. Our route took us through small Indian villages before entering the rich Puebla Valley and to the north can be seen on clear days the extinct volcano Malintzin. Well past the mountain ranges at this point, the descent in altitude is gradual and ornate churches dot the countryside surrounding ancient Cholula "the holy city of Anahuac," which was once the center of a Toltec kingdom. At the time of its destruction by Cortes, this sacred city had a population of about 100,000 served by some 400 temples and shrines, and is centered around the ancient Pyramid of Quetzalcoatl, dating from Toltec times. It is said that there is a church for every day in the year, but the natives will admit that they include the churches in 18 neighboring villages for their count of 365. As for the Pyramid of Quetzalcoatl, it is greater in base area and slightly lower than the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan. Now covered with earth and and vegetation, it is surmounted by a Catholic church. Excavations have revealed a honeycomb of passages, galleries and stairways.

By Sister Helen Tisler

CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE

Receiving a bachelor of science degree at California State College this year was James Ronald Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Curry of 701 Shaffer Ave., Elizabeth. He majored in biology and is qualified to teach biology and general science on the secondary school level. He plans to continue his studies for a master's degree and has accepted a teaching position in McKeesport High School.

P.S. Congratulations Brother Curry on your accomplishments in your studies. May your learning prove to be a blessing to you, for oftentimes a profession turns out to be the downfall of lots of young as well as older people, but may the Lord shield you from any of the pitfalls that may get in your pathway. In my mind, it is not necessary for any profession to lead any soul into forbidden paths.

I read that learning is good when used for good—or properly used. I think the man known as Saul of Tarsus proved that fact beyond any doubt. May God bless you to that end.

Brother Cadman

Elyria 7, Ohio

Dear Brother Editor:

I thank God, from whom all blessings flow, for His kindness and mercy toward me in my time of need. I can never repay Him for all He has done for me. I also wish to thank all of my wonderful brothers and sisters for the prayers they offered in my behalf. Your wonderful cards were deeply appreciated, thank you each and every one of you.

One never knows how much we need Jesus, and all of our brothers and sisters till we have a trial or sickness to go through. It is only through the Grace of God that I am here today. I know the prayers of the righteous can move the mighty hand of God, for I am living proof. Once again I thank you all and my heavenly Father for his love and great mercy.

With love to all through Jesus Christ.

Vera Naro

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

MOSIAH THE SON OF KING BENJAMIN BOOK OF MOSIAH

King Benjamin as mentioned in the Words of Mormon, was a son of Mosiah as named therein as well; while King Mosiah referred to in the Book of Mosiah is the son of Benjamin, and he was chosen to succeed his father as king.

In the Words of Mormon, Benjamin is spoken of as a Holy man, and it is stated that there were many holy men in the land, and in the Book of Mosiah he was a king who ruled in righteousness, and his son Mosiah did likewise, proving the fact, that position in life does not necessarily need to exalt any person. It is possible for any man to serve God if he will. I notice that King Benjamin in addressing his people, did so by addressing them as his **friends** and **brethren**. To my mind, there is no need for a man to become corrupt or exalted because of the position he might occupy in this life—he can serve God if he will—I have often made the statement, that the account given of Job of old, proved the **fact**, that it was possible for mortals to serve God faithfully if they would—even when his wife told him to curse God and die, he answered her: “you talk like a foolish woman”, he refused to yield to his beloved wife regardless of how dear she may have been to him—**Position in life** does not necessarily need to cause a man to forget his God. That is plainly demonstrated in the word of God.

I read in the first chapter of Mosiah that King Benjamin had three sons, namely Mosiah, Helorum and Helaman and that he was interested in their future welfare by having them learned in all the language of his fathers. Thereby they might become men of understanding; and that they might know of the prophecies spoken of by the mouth of their fathers. They were also taught concerning the records engraven on the plates of brass—the purpose was, that they might not suffer in ignorance, even at the present time, not knowing the mysteries of God, for it were not possible for their father Lehi to have remembered all these things, except it were for the help of these plates. And, if it had not been for these things, even our fathers would have dwindled in unbelief like unto the Lamanites.

I read that the Lamanites chose the traditions of their father which were not correct, which I might say, because of a lack of learning of their affairs in that day, left them in ignorance of the facts. Therefore learning is good if properly used; otherwise one's learning may be his ruination, and not only himself, but to many whose confidence he may have won—and cursed is such who put their **trust** in the **arm** of flesh. King Benjamin then, became a great teacher to his subjects, in the most simplest form of speech, taught them how easy it was to commit sin. It will be worth your while to read his discourses as recorded in the fore-part of the Book of Mosiah. He was sort of modern, for he has a tower built that he might be able to reach his people more conveniently—if he were here today he may have used a **loud speaker** as well. You know that I am of the opinion, that when the Kingdom of God becomes victorious, the kingdoms of the world subdued, that many things that are used both for good and evil, will be wholly used for good to all the inhabitants of God's kingdom.

What wonderful machines are the Air-planes of today—but how terrible they are when taken into the air and drop bombs down on helpless people. Yea how terrible and brutish mortals can stoop. I often think of the time when my mother and sisters stooped over a wash-tub all day long rubbing by hand on a wash-board our clothes to make them clean again, that us strong men might wear. It was a slavenuous job for our mothers—may I ask: will the modern mechanism of today be junked when the will of God is being done on earth as it is in heaven, or, will our modern inventions be used for the good of all citizens of the Common Wealth of the Israel of God—will our mothers be made slaves again? Will our fathers and brothers have to fall back to use the pick and shovel and wheel-barrow again, just note how mortals are using the wonderful machines known as Automobiles today. What wonderful machines they are, yet, they are being used today, to hurl men, women and children by the thousands into eternity. We get down on our knees and ask God to protect us in traveling on the highway, and then the first thing we know the speedometer is registering well up to the 100 mile mark, and then we wonder why things are allowed to happen. I am persuaded that the Lord allows nature to take its course in many ways, and we mortals have made it unsafe for our children to go out of our doors. We mortals seem to go to the extreme in most every way.

One time I heard our now deceased brother Grimes, when bearing his testimony say: that **ORDER** was heavens first-law, and that every person there will have to know his place. In our day it seems as though every one wants his own way and pays little attention to the law of Jesus: to treat others as they would like to be treated. Apparently, many want to make their own **law** and **order**.

Our deceased Brother Ashton said to me when visiting his home some years ago: “Brother Cadman couldn't we have a “Peaceful Reign today”? I answered **yes** if we would serve God as we should. God is still the same today as He ever was.

Well I may have digressed from the Book of Mosiah a little, but I will continue in my next. But the Book of Mormon has come forth and the Gospel, to prepare

a people for the second advent of Jesus Christ, and I might add, that they will reach the zenith of their profession, when they can do His will as it is done in heaven. May I ask, "What manner of men (and women WHC) should we be? Jesus answers His own question as follows: "Just as I am." I am taught that there is nothing impossible with God and, All things are possible to them that believe. As to what will be present for our comfort and welfare in the kingdom of God on the earth, I do not know—But the prophet Isaiah informs me that "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my (God's WHC) holy mountain, saith the Lord." The word of God is sufficient for me.

Editor

Grindstone, Pa
May 30, 1962

Dear Brother Cadman:

Enclosed are some excerpts from a letter we received from Brother Robert Lowden who is in the armed services in Germany. We thought it would be nice to have his letter to his grandmother printed in the Gospel News, so that those who know him may share in his experiences. I think he has had an extraordinary experience. The letter follows:

Dear Grandparents,

Well, here it is Sunday evening again and I thought I had better drop you a line. I'm writing this from my hotel room here in Garmisch. I've been on leave since last Monday morning. I left Karlsruhe last Monday and came down here by train. It took about 6 hours. Garmisch is one of the U. S. Army recreation areas and it's located in the Bavarian Alps in the extreme south eastern part of Germany. The country in this area is simply beautiful. That school I went to in Lenggries is not far from here.

Last Monday night I stayed here in Garmisch in the same Hotel. The rooms here are simply fabulous. Clean and real nice for only \$1.00 a night. I don't think you can beat that any where in the world. Tuesday morning I got a train to a small town called Klais and from there we got transportation to the Schloss Kransbach which is a castle, hotel, where this Navigators' conference was held. And what a place! Mountain peaks in the distance and such a quiet and serene place—Perfect for a conference of this type. I also had a spotlessly clean room there too.

The conference itself was really wonderful. The Theme was "Men with a Mission" and they stressed witnessing very much. Each morning a different speaker spoke on—The word, Prayer, Obedience—Witnessing and follow up. Following this meeting the men and women were split up into small groups, and they discussed the subject which had just been covered. Then at 11:45 each day Rev. John Parschauer, a missionary worker in Holland, went through the book of James, chapter by chapter. Mr. Parschauer did a wonderful job on this and from talking with him he seemed to be a very nice fellow. After dinner the afternoons were free. Several volley ball games were played and one day we went on a tour to Linderhof Castle. Then in the evenings Doug Sparks the director of the over seas Navigator program gave his talks on "Men with a Mission". He really presented some challenging thoughts.

I can really say that I enjoyed this conference. It really challenged us to give our hearts over entirely to the Lord and get out and tell people of this gospel of Jesus Christ. Many truths were brought out on practical christian living. The Navigators really try to help a person to get down to business with the Lord through prayer—(having a quiet time each day), the word (Bible study and scripture memory) and getting out and talk to guys. Every thing was so terrific. The singers and the speakers were great. The discussion groups were wonderful.

This morning five of us got up at 5:30 A.M. and walked up on the mountain in back of the Castle. We all had our Bibles with us and a song book. When we got to the top of the hill each of us took a chapter from James and read it aloud. We then gave a thought on it and then each of us had a word of prayer. Now just try to picture this. Here we were at 0600 in the morning up on a mountain top reading the word praying and singing praises to God. There were servicemen present from all three branches. 3 from the Airforce, one sailor (from Naples Italy) and myself. I'll tell you this is one experience that I don't think I'll forget. Singing the hymn "How Great Thou Art" really had meaning in a setting like this. The conference ended today after the noon meal. In this past week I really met some swell Christians, mostly servicemen, both men and women. I became pretty close to several guys and kind of hate to leave them.

This past week was really something. To get up in the morning and look out on a beautiful mountain peak and see guys all over outside carrying Bibles under their arms and two or three together on a bench reading the Bible, this was really something. For a whole week I never read a newspaper or heard a radio, and, being in a place like this sort of took our minds off the tense world situation and every thing else. I imagine it will be similar to this when Zion is established—I'll tell you grandmother, if our church would hold conferences of this type it would get somewhere.

My leave is up tomorrow night but I really don't have to report until midnight Tuesday night. This is what they call the day of grace. I am going to go back tomorrow though. I'd like to leave here at 09:51 and by the time I get a train out of Munich it will be in the evening before I get back to Karlsruhe. I'd like to get unpacked and rested up a little before going back to work again.

Well Grandmother, I can't think of much more to write so I'll close for this time. I hope all is going well back home. It's good to hear of whats going on so answer back real soon. So long for now and God bless you.

Love

Robert Lowden

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Dear Gospel News Readers:

Our Greetings and Love from the Saints of Anaheim Mission through our Lord Jesus. We want to share our happiness with all our Brothers and Sisters.

This month of May two souls have surrendered themselves in God's Service. What Blessing and Joy to our hearts to witness the baptism. Our new Sister Joyce

Burgess had an experience and in this experience she saw the handwriting on the wall and it had the word "ANAHEIM". She knew she had to come to the Mission and that day was her day of a new birth in Christ. The following week Brother Heaps' Granddaughter, Patty Alms was called and she heeded the calling.

If we here on earth rejoice to see a soul giving up this world to turn to the Service of Christ, how the Angels in Heaven must be rejoicing. We pray that this will be the beginning and that many more souls will come to Jesus. Pray for our two new converts that God will keep them constantly from the temptations of the evil one and that their seed is planted in fertile ground and that their gift they will seek for will be in Honor and Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ our Great Redeemer.

As I look around I notice our Mission is growing very slowly but it is progressing. It makes our hearts rejoice to see this, as it has been very discouraging as I mentioned before in one of my letters. Our Elder Brothers uplifted this discouragement through the Word of God and they never gave up the fight. By visiting and knocking on doors to tell about the Church of Jesus Christ the door of Salvation.

If only the people would stop to realize what we have and how simple it would be to go through the door and not struggle through a small window. What God has in store for them, the wonderful promises he gives if we would only Love and Serve Him and His Father with all our Heart and Soul for just this small period of time. Many times I stop to think, what are we doing? We struggle for big homes, beautiful furniture and go without to see our bank accounts grow so we could leave a small fortune for our children who don't realize how much struggle there was to accumulate this substance. Oh yes, maybe sometimes in doing so we forget God who sits back and watches all this and He still loves us. If we only put all this effort and cunningness in doing all this for the Gospel and the House of God. What an inheritance we would leave for our children; something that would never corrupt or rust. The way we came on this earth is the way we will leave it (with materially nothing). But if we strive for Eternal Life that we know it will be ours, and Oh what a mansion we will have and the beauty of it, and most of all the most beautiful in all Earths, Skys, Heaven, or the Universe to behold will be seeing Jesus and to hear Him call our name. It will be like a sound of tinkling bells, so sweet and mellow with expression of Love no one ever will call your name like that or ever will unless it was at the time of our baptism when Jesus called us to follow Him.

I am happy I answered his call 15 years ago. It hasn't been always on the mountain top, but Thanks to God He kept me firm in the Gospel and I pray my three sons will one day answer the calling of Jesus. My inheritance to them, I pray, will be the Church of Jesus Christ and all it stands for the greatest is Love of Jesus and One for Another.

Sadie Nicosia of California

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Editor:

We of Modesto wish to thank our brethren and sis-

ters who pray for those who go out on Missionary work. We can truly say that God has spared us on our trips to Monterey and San Jose. On one particular occasion, Brother and Sister V. Buffa and Sister Riggen were in the car. We were going through the mountains and we smelled rubber burning. The car was stopped and the water in the radiator was boiling. The cap was taken off and Brother Buffa was burned very bad in the face and he could not see. Another car passing, stopped to give us some aid and told us to get aid as soon as possible. Brother Buffa applied the blessed oil on his face. He was able to see again, but his face was blistered, but we continued on to Monterey. His face was sore for several days.

Also another accident occurred with Brother and Sister Joseph Lovalvo and two other in the car, were on their way home from San Jose where they had been on missionary duties. While going through the mountains, they met a car coming toward them with four young men in it, who had been drinking, and they were on the wrong side of the road. They crashed into Brother Lovalvo's car headlong. The car was badly damaged, ready for the junk yard, All in both cars were injured and were taken to the hospital. Sister Lovalvo was the most seriously hurt. She was thrown against the windshield and her forehead was very badly lacerated and required 26 stitches to sew it up, and she was hurt in her chest and one foot was injured. We are thankful that their lives were spared. But Sister Lovalvo's forehead is badly scarred. This is why I say: May God bless all who pray for our brothers who go out on Missionary work.

Blessed be the name of our God for His love toward us. We of Modesto greet you all and send best regards to all our brothers and sisters.

Sister Josephine Buffa

LETTER FROM PURDUE'S (Our Missionaries in Mexico)

Dear Brother Cadman:

The enclosed pictures may interest you: These are Oxacan Indians. They live in cardboard houses as you can see from the pictures. These people roam about quite a lot and are of the very poorest.

Brother and Sister Luna met a man who invited them to go to their home and that is how we got acquainted with them. They have no furniture whatsoever in their so-called homes, not even dishes. They live very crude. In this particular tribe, the men purchase their wives. After they get married, she has to go begging. There just isn't any kind of work for these people—and they have to do something to survive. The women wear long dresses and usually are barefooted. They strap their babies on their backs with their shawls and in this manner they walk the streets begging. What a plight they are in. (Josephs Seed). They have been coming to church for the past few weeks and we intend to have services in the area where they live.

They are very friendly people and have asked us to please come and teach them the Bible. One woman has offered us her home to meet in and is anxious to help in any-way that she can. Whether they will stay in one place or not, we do not know, but they seem to be interested and we do know that the Lord has said,

that He is going to recover His people and, only He can change their hearts and ways. Some of them do not speak Spanish, but they speak their Indian dialect. When we would see these women begging in the streets, we had a great desire to meet this tribe. We felt a great compassion for them and even prior to the time the Lunas met them, we talked about gathering some of them and bring them to church—but the Lord has opened the door for which we are thankful.

We have seen some of them shed tears in our services. We are praying that even with these few, God will do a work. In one of these pictures I have sent you is a group of children. They have never known the luxury of a bed or a glass of milk. (Sister Purdue that is hard for us Gentiles up here in the U.S.A. to believe, for we are living in luxury in most every thing—May God be merciful to the unfortunate is my prayer. WHC) Sometimes they accompany their Mother and also beg. Oh! that God would give them a new outlook on life! Their suffering is beyond comprehension.

There is much tuberculosis among all these peoples in Mexico and as there is no free Medical care, they just can't help themselves. Entire families become infected and perish. In fact, I have heard that one-third of the population is afflicted with T. B. There does not seem to be much interest in what happens to them. (Sister Purdue, this should awaken any people who profess to believe in the Book of Mormon—for in vision many centuries ago, the prophet Mormon saw the condition his people would come into—it is now before our eyes, what are the true people of the Restored Gospel doing about it? Brother and Sister Purdue, may God abundantly bless you in your condescension and labours in sharing their afflictions—I say again may God bless you. WHC) There is so much graft and corruption and the rich line their pockets at the expense of the poor. The poor can live or die, they care not. (To the readers of the Gospel News, all of you? Will you help The Church of Jesus Christ out of your treasury? In our own weak ways we are endeavoring to reach and help these poor afflicted human beings, I ask Will you help us some? Mail whatever you can to Editor of the Gospel News, and he will see that it is properly cared for. Thank you.)

Our church was filled to capacity yesterday. In fact we were short of seats. We feel that God is going to do something shortly, and our prayer is that we might be patient and wait upon the Lord.

There is a tribe out here who celebrate three days of mourning each year. They do not understand why, but they do know that once there were three days of darkness and sadness. They sit quietly and play mournful tunes on flutes. Of course we know that this was the time of the crucifixion. There are many things in Mexico that point to the Book of Mormon, buried cities have been unearthed along with other things. I trust you are well, Say hello to every body.

New address:
Brother and Sister Purdue
6412 Parkside Ave.
San Diego 14, Calif.

When in doubt, do the friendliest thing.

LITTLE MEXICANOS



A group of children on the Mountain top at Tijuana, Mexico, where Brother and Sister Purdue are labouring, and thus far, have done a good work among the Mexican people. A small church has been built and the attendance is now overtaxing the seating capacity of the building.

SANTILLI - MILANO

On Saturday, April 14, 1962, at 2:30 p.m., Sister Elizabeth Milano, daughter of Brother Mario and Sister Erma Milano, and Brother Elmer Santilli son of Brother Sam and Sister Gemma Santilli of Youngstown, Ohio, were united in holy matrimony at The Church of Jesus Christ, Euclid, Ohio. Officiating in the double ring ceremony was Brother Apostle Rocco V. Biscotti.

Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was Sister Esther Santilli, sister of the groom. Bridemaids were Miss Carol Pusateri, niece of the groom, and Miss Nancy Gibson.

Best Man was Brother Carl Di Fabio. Ushers were Steve Soffron and Ronald Pusateri, nephew of the groom.

Soloist, Mrs. Agnes Frisina, sang "I Love You", "Oh Glorious Father", and "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Miss Dorothy Vogelien at the piano.

The reception was held at the Charterhouse Hotel for family and friends of the bride and groom.

The couple left for a honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C., and will reside in Euclid, Ohio.

Editor

"CALIFORNIA"

June 2, 1962

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I hope you are well. Just a few lines to the Gospel News to continue my subject. The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament his handiwork. What a handiwork it is! He holds the whole wide world in his hands. Once again, we know that the earth moves and not the sun, it is the earth that moves and not the stars. When we travel in a train, the seeming rush of hedges, telegraph poles, houses, and fields are real, they are fixed, and we are moving, yet, the movement seems to be theirs, and not ours. Sometimes, when a train begins to pull out of a railroad station, from among other trains, it is at the first moment that we think the other train is moving, and not the one we are in. The motions of our earth are so quiet, there is no noise, no shaking, or jarring. All is rapid and silent, and even, and just as we can only know the earth's movements,

by seeing how worlds around us move in consequence, no man has ever been able to tell us how far the stars are away from us. The poet said,

Where is Heaven? Who can tell it.
Answer ye, who only know.
But, where abides the Holy Spirit?
Where its fruits and graces show.

There are telescopes that will reach far into the heaven. Still more and more stars are seen, and yet, more, behind and beyond in countless millions. People talk about being in space. Where you are, is space. Space is simply room, but it is when you get away from earth, and travel in thought, through the wide fields of space, where God has placed his stars, that we begin to think how vast it is. What a speck our very earth is, in this great boundless universe.

He that built all things is God. Heb. 3:4. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The cattle on a thousand hills belong unto Him. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth, and God called the dry land earth, and he provided everything good, for the benefit of man. This is our earth, this is our world. We were made out of the dust of the earth. The Bible tells us, it is appointed unto men, once, to die. That we go back into the elements that we came out of, and the older we get, we begin to bow down to the dust. God breathed into man, and he became a living soul, which makes him a part of the resurrection.

Our earth is 8,000 miles in diameter and 25,000 miles in circumference. From England and Australia it is 8,000 miles through the middle of the earth. But, what shall we think of God's masterpiece, which is the sun, being 800,000 miles in diameter. John Glenn going into space was a master work, but when we think of God's masterpiece, the sun, which holds the earth in its orbit, which holds the moon in its travels, and she holds the other planets in their orbit, she holds the stars in their place. So, the woman that John saw was clothed with the sun, she is to be the light of the world, she is to warm peoples hearts, she is to bring the world unto Christ. She was clothed with the sun, what is greater than the sun? She hangs out there in space 91 millions of miles away from us. and yet, her might, her glory, her heat, her light, gives life to everything.

Then, when we think of the magnitude of the sun, what do we think of the one that created it? The heaven, the earth, the seas, and the fountains of water? John said, "In Him is life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shined in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew him not. Paul said, "There is one glory of the sun, one glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars. (Wonderfull Wonderfull! It looks as though we have an Astronomer contributing to the Gospel News, Wonderfull Editor)

For one star differeth from another star in glory, so is the resurrection. As is the earthy, such are they that are earthy, and as is the heavenly, such are they that are heavenly. If we raise with that quickening spirit, we shall bear the image of that, which is heavenly, but if we have no oil in our lamps, we shall be shut out of the first resurrection. She was clothed with the sun. What a heavenly glory. Surely if we are clothed here with that heavenly glory, the sun of righteousness,

we shall bear the image of the heavenly. What a warm feeling, when that heavenly sunshine begins to shed its rays upon the saints. The rays that shine from Zions hill shall lighten every land, every nation will say, "Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, O, House of Jacob come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

What would we do without the sun? But, there will be a day when we shall need no more sun, for He shall be the light thereof. She had twelve stars upon her head, and the moon under her feet. As one star differeth from another star, it shall also be in the resurrection. It all depends on the glory of the star. There are millions of stars in the milky way. Each star differeth from the other. There are millions of people on earth, each one differeth from another. Some, one talent, some ten, but God expects us to use that which he has given unto us. There is the morning star shining in the early morning. Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear my voice ascending high. There are stars that you cannot see with the naked eye. You have to put a telescope on them.

It is wonderful to get up on Sabbath morning early, and there wait on the Lord for a blessing. Yet, there are stars that you cannot see until Sunday afternoon, and there are stars that you cannot see until night. Jesus said, "Work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work." Let us get our lamps trimmed and burning, that when the night cometh, we shall be able to see.

May God bless you all.
Bro. James Heaps



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Seek not after riches nor the vain things of this world; for behold you cannot carry them with you." Book of Mormon, Alma 39:14.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Our story this month is about Jesus and a good young man. He was very rich and was called a ruler. He knew and kept all the laws that God gave to the Jews many, many years before, in the days of Moses. He must not have been satisfied, maybe he felt there was more to live by than these laws.

One day, he came to Jesus. He said, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, to have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you call me good? There is none good but one, that is God, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." The young man asked, "Which?" Jesus replied, "Do not steal; do not bear false witness; honor your father and mother; and love your neighbor as yourself." But the young ruler answered, "I have kept these things from my youth up. What do I lack?" Jesus looked at him and loved him. Jesus knew his need. He said, "If you will be perfect, go and sell what you have and give it to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Come and follow Me." When he heard these words he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. This man's weakness was his love for riches and Jesus knew it.

After the young ruler had gone, Jesus gave his dis-

ciples a very good lesson about riches. He told them it was hard for a rich man to enter heaven. He said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. The disciples were amazed when they heard this and asked, "Who then shall be saved?" Now they had left all their possessions to follow Jesus. Peter, who had been a fisherman said, "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?"

Then Jesus told them about the wonderful blessings that would be theirs after this life was over because they had made such a sacrifice. He said that everyone who would forsake houses, parents, brothers, sisters, or lands for His name's sake, would receive a hundredfold and eternal life. Another time Jesus said, to seek first the kingdom of heaven and then other things would be given to us. But we must be prepared to make a sacrifice and put God first in our lives, then all these wonderful blessings will follow.

This lesson is good for boys and girls too. We are not too young to put Jesus first in our lives. The Bible teaches, "to hold fast to that which is good." Another place it states, "all good comes from God." So with God's help all things are possible.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

This story of the rich young ruler is found in three places in your Bible. See if you can find the one that read, "Then Jesus beholding him loved him," Matthew 19:16, 39, Mark 10:17, 30, and Luke 18:18, 30.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

FLORIDA

May 11, 1962

Dear Brother Cadman;

I decided to write you this letter to let you know of the wonderful experience I had while in Monongahela City for this last April conference.

My husband, our four children, and I started out for conference. I was feeling fine until late Saturday night in the hotel room when suddenly I felt a weak feeling come over my body, with terrific pains in my head. I was in agony and the pains were unbearable. My family and I became very discouraged for fear we would not get to conference Sunday morning.

We had heard the night before that Brother Rocco Biscotti was in the same hotel so I asked my husband to please look up Brother Biscotti and ask him to come in to anoint me for I know the Lord is able to do all things. The Lord had helped me many times and I knew if it was pleasing to the Lord, he would help me again.

When I saw Brother Biscotti walk into the hotel room, I felt new courage within me. He anointed me and as he was offering prayer I could feel the pains getting lighter and lighter and by the time Brother Biscotti left the room, my pains were all gone. I had received the gift of healing. Blessed be the name of the Lord for all honor and praise belongs unto him.

Sunday morning my family and I were happy indeed to continue on our way to conference. I can speak for my family as well as myself that it was a most glorious conference.

We enjoyed it immensely. Every one that attended knows the power of the spirit was manifested that day.

This is an experience and a conference my family and I will never forget.

In closing Brother Cadman, may the Lord continue to bless you and yours. Regards and love from my family and myself to you and all the saints.

Sincerely,
Sister Loretta Mazzeo

NOTE

The Editor is in receipt of a card from the American Bible Society, with the information thereon that the Society has distributed throughout the world in the last year a record total of 23,210,485 Scriptures in 277 languages.

If, it is necessary for the inhabitants of the world to have the word of God as it is written, (and who dare say that it is not?) then the Society is doing a wonderful work. It causes me to think upon the words of the Redeemer of the world—for He exhorts the Jews to search the scriptures—for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me.

In the Book of Mormon—*Mosiah* first chapter, the writer says: "My sons, I would that ye should remember that were it not for these plates, which contain these records and these commandments, we must have suffered in ignorance, even at this time, not knowing the mysteries of God. For it were not possible that our father, Lehi, could have remembered all these things, to have taught them to his children. The Editor is a firm believer in Romans 8:28. That all things work together for good to them that love God. For my part I desire to give God praise for all good there is in the world, including those who are distributing the eternal Word of God through out the world, giving the inhabitants thereof a chance to search the great plan of redemption.

Editor

NEWS FROM DETROIT

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Once again I find great pleasure in taking a few moments of my time to write a few lines for our wonderful paper "The Gospel News" to acquaint all its readers with the fact that the Lord is still pouring out His blessings upon us. We want to magnify His name incessantly for His goodness and kindness and for the many various ways in which He fills and satisfies our every longings and desires. For this, and for many other reasons we find such great joy in serving Jesus. Yes, we can sing along with the poet "How can I ever Sufficiently Praise Him?"

On Easter Sunday the Choir introduced our service with a beautiful selection entitled "He Tenderly Looked At Me." Following the Choir, the Male Choir offered another beautiful song "On a Rugged Hill." We felt honored to have in our Service and also as our speaker, Bro. Dan Piciutto from Arizona. We were thrilled to see our Bro. along with his family and to hear the many wonderful experiences with which the Lord has blessed him. He spoke briefly concerning the conditions in Arizona mentioning how thankful we should be for all that we have naturally and spiritually. At

times we may be inclined to take so much for granted not realizing that the Lord can take everything away from us in a twinkling of an eye.

Bro. Dan also dwelt a few moments on the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. He brought to our attention the time when Jesus was nailed to the cross, with the two malefactors, one on the right and the other on the left, and as He hung there, He cried "Father, Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do." Even during this terrible hour of great suffering and pain, Christ forgave those who mocked and scorned and beat Him, and finally nailed Him to the cross. How can anyone doubt that this was the true Christ who died on that cruel cross of Calvary for our sins that we might not be lost but have life ever-lasting?

Bro. Concetto Alessandro gave a brief but interesting talk along the same lines. All who were present were surely filled with the blessings of God.

A baby was also blessed during our Easter Service. It was the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Impastato.

Our service was brought to a close with the Branch #1 Male Quartet singing very inspiringly, a beautiful arrangement of the wonderful Hymn, "Lead Me To Calvary." Closing prayer was offered by Bro. Anthony Scolaro.

On Wednesday evening April 25th, we were privileged to have Bro. James Heaps from California worshipping with us. He gave us a remarkable talk on the greatest of all gifts "CHARITY." We were delighted to see and hear our Brother once again, and to learn of his constant zeal and effort in preaching the word of God. We are always happy to see Bro. Jim visit us, but we just can't seem to get our fill of him. We always hate to see him leave us. This time, he is giving us a little break, (even though we had a rough time convincing him), he will be holding two special meetings at our Branch on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 2 and 3rd. We are anticipating a wonderful time. We are always overjoyed to have visiting members in our midst especially our elder brethren.

Bro. Frank Conti of Branch #1

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

Readers of The Gospel News—Just a few lines that we from West Palm Beach, Florida, may take up a small corner in our wonderful paper.

We want to let you know of the progress in the State of Florida. Altho, spiritually speaking the work is very slow and we often think on those precious words our Saviour quoted, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"—we have found it to be as our Saviour told His apostles.

In 1946 brother and sister Frank Sirangelo and brother and sister N. Faragasso began to hold services, thus commencing the work of the Lord here. As time went on more of the brothers and sisters moved here, to different parts of the State. In 1958 the writer and husband brother and sister Gabriel Mazzeo and son joined them. A Mission was started in Ft. Pierce with Brother Patsy Rogolini in charge. They also held services in Orlando, Fla.

From West Palm Beach Branch our brothers hold Services in St. Petersburg once a month. There are five members in that area. Also we started to hold serv-

ices in West Hollywood with three members residing there. We find at this time that there is much to do, but the labourers are few. In all we have many visitors and have 44 members scattered throughout the State of Florida, most of them coming from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and California. We have had several baptisms, yet many of our visitors seem to hold back to make a covenant with God.

Our M.B.A. was organized in 1958. We find much enjoyment in our services. It is held in W. Palm Beach and Ft. Pierce alternating, and even though we travel 65 to 70 miles, still we rejoice that we are able to be in each others company to worship the Lord. There are at times 42 persons gathered in our homes.

We, the brothers and sisters in Florida, find happiness to know that the Banner of Jesus Christ is flying here in this lovely State—May our desire be fulfilled that light may shine, and through us many souls may come and serve the Living God. May God bless you all and may we start this second one hundred years full of hope. May we find ourselves knitted in the love of God, to be bound together with truth and righteousness and live the life God wants us live, Love to all Sister Carmela Mazzeo. Florida.

THOMAS AHLBORN GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Thomas Ahlborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ahlborn of Fellsburg, has been appointed to a graduate assistantship at Kent State University, Ohio.

Tom is a graduate from Rostraver High School and is now a Senior at California State College, where he is on the Dean's list. At the present he is student teaching in the physics department at Monessen High School.

At the end of this trimester, Tom will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in education with a major in physics, and will study for his "Master's degree in mathematics at Kent in September.

P.S. Brother Thomas is the son of brother and sister John Ahlborn of the Monongahela Branch of the Church—Congratulations Tommy, Editor.

ARIZONA

May 12, 1962

This is to record an experience had through the brothers and sisters in the Phoenix Mission. Brother Doug McLellan, one of our new brothers, baptized in Phoenix about a year ago, called our home on April 30, 1962, to tell us that he and his wife, Sister Pat just got news from Texas that Sister Pat's mother had a severe heart attack. She was requested to come home as soon as possible for they didn't expect her to live through the attack. Sister Pat left by plane for Dallas, Texas that night. On Saturday night, May 5th of that same week, Sister Pat called and said her mother was slipping away fast; she had been in a coma ever since she arrived there and didn't even recognize her. She requested that the Ministry anoint a handkerchief and mail it to her mother at the hospital.

On Sunday, May 6th, the brothers and sisters gathered in Bro. and Sister Galante's home for our regular meeting. Throughout our meeting, we felt the Spirit of God in our midst, and when Bro. Doug requested the handkerchief to be anointed, it brought a great blessing to all of us. Brother Phil Damore and Brother Ether

Furnier took the handkerchief to anoint it and as Brother Ether offered the prayer with a wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit, it was felt by all those present.

That afternoon, Bro. Doug got a call from Sister Pat who was overjoyed with the experience her mother received that day. Because her mother was in a coma, she knew nothing of the request that had been made in her behalf. At about 12 Noon, her mother came out of the coma, recognized everyone in the room and told them that she saw Bro. Doug requesting a handkerchief to be anointed and saw him kneeling praying for her. She remained conscious for several hours having conversation with her family and even talked to Bro. Doug and their children over the phone. When Sister Pat spoke to Bro. Doug, she exclaimed, "I know we've found the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, for truly we have all witnessed a miracle." That same evening, she went back into a coma and up to this writing, she remains the same. We learned that she had suffered a brain hemorrhage when she first went into the coma. We request the brothers and sisters to pray for Mrs. Stella Fought, that if it is the Lord's will that she might recover from this affliction that she might be a living witness to this testimony.

Brother Phil
and Sister Ann Damore

SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

May 17, 1962

Brother Cadman,

I am sorry I haven't written sooner, but we have been very busy since arriving home. We had a nice trip and enjoyed ourselves very much.

We had a baptism last Sunday—a young woman who has been visiting us for sometime. God has been blessing us abundantly, but the evil one is working hard. Remember us in prayer that our endeavors may prove fruitful for our God. I will write more later in detail. May God bless you.

Bro. Daniel Picciuto

STATE APPEALS SCHOOL BIBLE READING BAN

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pennsylvania Atty Gen. David Stahl and the Abington school board appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court Thursday to wipe out a ruling which declared Bible reading in public schools unconstitutional.

P.S. The above News item appeared in the public press here on May 25, 1962 and a person might not take much notice of it, except for the fact that we are generally spoken of as a Christian Nation of people. Yet the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled the reading of the Bible in our public schools as unconstitutional. There might be a just reason to forbid the interpreting of the contents of the Bible in public schools, but to forbid the reading of it therein, is very strange indeed. If I remember right, in my schooldays the teacher usually read a portion of scripture and led the pupils in reciting the Lord's prayer. Of course that was better than 70 years ago.

The Bible is almost universally acknowledged to be the word of God as revealed unto His servants of old, may I ask: why forbid it to be read in the schools

when among our best educated throughout the nation they are teaching it as such? Is it because of what we call Higher Education? And, may I ask just what do we mean by the phrase Higher Education? Many of the educators today, teach that we evolved from the lower order, animals—May I ask are such teachings more brilliant than the story recorded in the Bible concerning the creation of our first parents? Is it erroneous for the students to hear and read the prophetic accounts of the rise and downfall of nations and yet teach the history of such things to them? Is it not possible that higher education is filling us with inconsistency?

When a nation like the U.S. with all its glory, forbids the reading of the Bible in any institution whatever, is it not a tendency to create the spirit of infidelity, which is already so rampant in the U.S. even as in most all other nations? The same cause will produce the same effects among all peoples of any age or standing. May I ask: Is it unconstitutional to read John 3:16 in our schools—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I ask: Is it unconstitutional to read such in our public schools? Has this great land of freedom and liberty (greater than all others in that respect at least) produced such a wonderful nation of people as we are today by forbidding the reading of the Bible in our schools? If there must be legislation relative to the Bible being used in the schools—why not allow the Bible to be read in the schools and forbid it to be interpreted therein. You know, that after all the education, our best learned men that we have, either Catholic or Protestant are much at variance in interpreting it to those who are much less learned. It is not the reading of the word of God that causes our perplexity, but to see our learned men so much in disunity after coming out of our best schools with their diplomas—each one teaching this is the way and that is the way, which is at the root of the disaffection, and not the reading of the Bible in public schools. I read in Acts. 2:1 that they were all with one accord in one place. In unity there is strength—in division there is every foul spirit.

Editor.

DOMENIC COTELLESSE PASSES ON.

Brother Cotellesse, an Evangelist in the Church, passed away on March 25, 1962. Surviving are his wife Julia, four sons Daniel, Ronald, Matthew and Joseph all at home and one daughter Mrs. Paul Francione of Detroit. Also three brothers, James and Nicholas of California and Peter with the U.S. Air Force and one sister Mrs. Joseph Milantoni of Detroit, Mich. Brother W. H. Cadman, assisted by Clifford Burgess officiated at the funeral service, from Branch No. 4 Church in Detroit. Two hymns were selected by the family, "The Last Mile of The Way and Oh Paradise".

Brother Cotellesse is sadly missed by us all especially in Branch No. 2, whom we have learned to love. He spent much of his time preaching among the Indian people. He accompanied brother Burgess very much to the Six Nations Reserve in Canada. He also laboured among the Indian people on the Muncey and Sarnia Reserves extensively in Canada. He was well liked among

them. Quite a number of them showed their regard for him by attending his funeral service in Detroit. Undoubtedly, he will be missed by them. Our prayer is, that his wife and family will continue in the service of the King. Interment was in the Ferndale Cemetery. Arrangements by Charles H. Nixon, Lincoln Park, Mich. May the Lord bless and comfort the family. Sister Anna Carlini.

P.S. I, brother Cadman, will add a few words to the obituary of Brother Cotellesse—We, the church have lost one of our best workers in the church. He and myself have been together very much among the Indian race of People. He has acquitted himself very well as a Minister of the Gospel among them, and one thing that has stood out very prominently in his life was—he was always willing to go. May his soul have found a resting place in the Paradise of God.

MABEL MAINS PASSES ON.

Miss Mabel Mains, the 76 year old sister of the late sister Sadie B. Cadman who was known by many here in Monongahela—her home being in McKeesport. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church, attended church on a Sunday Morning, took sick after returning home at noon and died in the evening while sitting in a chair. Mabel never married and had taught music most all her life. She was very active in her church. She made her home with Mrs. Logue her oldest sister who is in her 92nd year, who along with one brother and many relatives mourn her passing.

ROSARIO GIOVANONE

Sister Giovanone, age 69, died May 12, 1962 after a long illness. She was born Sept. 11, 1892 in Italy, immigrated to this country and lived in Niles, Ohio since 1918. She became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in May of 1920.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Rossi of Niles and Mrs. Dominic Musolina of Youngstown. Also two brothers, John of Lowellville and Frank of California. Funeral services were conducted on May 14 with Bro. Daniel Corrado in charge. He was assisted by Bro. A. A. Corrado and Frank Giovanone. Sister Phyllis Koon presided at the piano. Interment at the Union Cemetery.

ROSCOE BRANCH L. O. WALTZ — MINISTER

Bro. Lora O. Waltz, 69, of Roscoe, died May 6, 1962 in the Washington Hospital. He was baptized in "The Church of Jesus Christ" on Jan. 24, 1932 and was ordained an elder July 10, 1935.

He leaves his widow—

Odessa True Waltz

Three sons—

Bro. Ralph, Orval, and Eugene Waltz

Three daughters—

Sis. Virginia Martin

Mrs. Josephine Zanardelli

Mrs. Ruth Purcell

Three brothers and 9 grandchildren.

Services were held May 9, 1962 in "The Church of Jesus Christ" with Brothers Henry H. Johnson and George Johnson officiating.

Interment in Howe's Cemetery.

Bro. Waltz will be missed by his family and the brothers and sisters of the Roscoe Branch of the Church.

Prayers are needed for our Sis. Waltz who is very much afflicted and burdened. God Bless her and her family and may the Lord comfort their hearts and continue to bless them.

Branch Editor
Sister Wanda Johnson

ANTHONY SURRACE PASSES ON.

Anthony Surrace, died very suddenly April 26th in the Hospital in Monongahela. He was the son of our late Brother and Sister Surrace and in his youth was one of our Sunday School Scholars. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a brother to sister Nancy of the church here in Monongahela, was 45 years old and leaves his wife, one brother and several sisters to mourn his passing. Anthony had many friends in this city.

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

June 11, 1962

We were recently blessed here in the Bell, California Branch with the baptism of Jenny Helm. Sister Jennie is a daughter of our late Bro. and Sister Petrucci of Youngstown, Ohio. Bro. Petrucci died when Jennie and her brothers and sisters were very young leaving the great task of raising these children to Sister Petrucci. A few years later due to hard circumstances at home, Jennie left and went to stay with an older sister living in Delaware, where she eventually married and had two lovely daughters. Being far enough away from the church now, she put it aside, but as is true with the children of the saints, she never forgot the "only true church" and its teachings. Many years later she came to California after a nervous breakdown. She knew no one in California, but Bro. Tony Corado had given her the names of saints living here. Upon arriving in California she went to the home of Bro. James Heaps and family who then lived in South Gate. She attended a few Bible classes in Bro. Heaps home, but again put aside the church and went to work in the restaurant business working her way up from a waitress to a supervisor over all the help. This meant a great deal to Sis. Jennie and she established a good reputation in this field and for a while this gave her satisfaction. Many years passed by and more and more Sister Jennie felt that her life really had no meaning. Such a desire came over her to go to church that she asked an acquaintance to take her to her church which was the Covenant church. This was somewhat gratifying but in her heart she knew there was only one church where she could be washed clean and could start a new life with meaning and purpose in it. Throughout the years Sister Jennie was in contact with Bro. Corado of Youngstown, who never gave up praying that someday she would be able to make a covenant with God; so we submit this article that the Bros. and Sisters in Youngstown, and all of the saints might rejoice in knowing that the seed that was planted, took root, and now begins to grow.

Harriett Meo

BIBLE SCHOOL, MONONGAHELA, PA.



The success of Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Monongahela, Pennsylvania, Branch has been overwhelming. Certainly such a wonderful work was directed by God! This was realized and expressed many times as I observed how the tender little souls were being taught His holy word.

We recall how Sister Bickerton, the author of the courses of study and music, refused any honor or thanks for herself. Yet, one must marvel to think God has talented one individual to do such as is comparable and surpasses the work of an entire staff of paid professional religious educators who prepare VBS work for other churches. We praise God that He has blessed The Church of Jesus Christ with one who is sharing His gift with us and our children. I extolled God realizing that His vast wisdom excels all professions . . . And Sister Bickerton, though a teacher by profession was only able to do this work by the guidance and knowledge which came from above. So, we see that education is good; knowledge is wonderful but O, it becomes a light which cannot be hidden if God's Holy Spirit directs them. So, our dear sister has already been instructed as to what The Lord would have her prepare for 1963.

The teachers daily praise God for giving them ideas to perform their arts and crafts. They work diligently prior to the open and extra hours evenings during VBS. God's power does gently guide them also. Certainly these sisters are bearing good fruit and we thank God that we are privileged to partake of it. We are grateful for the kind brethren who assisted in various ways.

As a child I attended VBS at a church of a different faith and had taken my children to VBS of another faith. Following our calling into The Church of Jesus Christ however, we were anxious for them to learn as early as possible all that they can of "The way they should go." We were delighted at the opportunity to have them attend at Monongahela. In two consecutive weeks the children seem to retain equivalent to months of Sunday School teaching. Children also enjoy doing kind deeds for the sick and others through VBS. During Bible School this year, (June 11-22), our theme was "Heroes of Long Ago." We had a complete phase of

study in graduated courses from nursery to teenage, accompanied by original songs and unique crafts which must be seen to be appreciated. There was a record high of (114) one hundred fourteen children who attended and more than 25 have five consecutive years of perfect attendance.

As a mother, I thank God and pray that He will continue to bless those who for love of Him and His son Jesus have given so freely to instruct our children in the ways of righteousness. We pray also that some seed of God's love might be planted or nourished in every little heart. We also hope that this article might be accepted by the Director, Teachers, and all who helped in VBS as a bouquet of flowers from the children and parents, We pray God will reward you greatly.

Sister Madeline Robinson

June 25, 1962
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines to let you know that we have thought of you much lately. We have desired to write to you before but have not had the opportunity. We thank God for His mercies and goodness towards us. We have received many blessings and have had some wonderful meetings here. We have been very encouraged lately, both among the colored race and among the Indians on the Reservation.

We have had several visitors at the meetings in the colored section of town and also had two carloads at one of our meetings from the Reservation. We received a great blessing to have them tell us that they had never been treated this way from white people before. We pray that God will bless them and one day soon we will have the joy of seeing some of them enter into this Gospel.

We also have two young Sisters here from Roscoe, Penna. who have been very willing workers. We need more workers in this part of the vineyard and we do thank God for sending these Sisters here. Many from this area have gone North on vacation and are missed here. We trust this finds all there well and enjoying the blessings of God.

We ask that you will remember us here in your prayers. May God Bless you and keep you.

Sister Juanita Rogolino

WILLIAMSBURG, N. M.

Dear Brother Will:

Enclosed is a Money Order to help pay for July Issue of the Gospel News, as per requested in June issue.

The Gospel News is the best method for helping me and others, (who cannot attend church as often as we would like) to keep in closer communion with other church members. The Gospel News is welcomed and read from page to page as each issue arrives. May God bless and sustain us all until we all meet in that blessed land above all others.

Bro. R. E. Lynch

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SOME APT VERSE!

I dreamed Death came the other night, and Heaven's gate swung wide;

With kindly grace an angel ushered me inside.
And there to my astonishment stood folks I'd known on earth—

Some I'd judged and labeled as "Unfit" or "Little Worth."

Indignant words rose to lips, but never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise—

No one expected me!

NOTE

Any one wishing extra copies of the Centennial Edition of the Gospel News of July, 1962, can obtain them by addressing Librarian James F. Campbell of 540 High St. this city, or by addressing The Gospel News. They are priced at fifty cents per copy including postage. If the present surplus is reduced to a very low figure in the near future, we will probably have another thousand copies run-off the press before the type is destroyed. If any of you want extra copies, I would advise you not to delay in purchasing them. I would also advise our children to obtain and preserve a copy of the 32 page of the Gospel News. Undoubtedly they will be precious in the years to come. A sesquicentennial could be held in the year of 2012, but even that is fifty years ahead of us, and big changes can take place in the meantime. So, you that want extra papers, purchase them now or soon. —It is costing us considerable to publish the Gospel News, our subscription list should be much higher than it is. The proceeds from the selling of this Centennial Edition will be placed in the Gospel News Fund, to help further it along. Thanks to all of you for the support thus far given us.

Editor

THE HOLY BIBLE

When reading my Bible daily, and reading it time after time,

I sometimes fail to understand, and then unto God I do climb.

God has shown me time after time, when I have failed to see,

The most important words of God, from the B.I.B.L.E.

Climbing the ladder so Holy, climbing it when being so high,

I pray we'll all reach Heaven, yes, we hope to by and by.
When many a time I've failed Him, in trying to do what is right,

At least when doing different, the Lord is within our sight.

We know God is watching o'er us, each and every one,
Regardless of the color, He hath given us His Son.

Giving His Son upon Calv'ry, to die for you and me,
There is no reason for our complaints, when we can plainly see.

Rebecca (Betty) Griffith

OUR TRIP TO MEXICO LAST SERIES.

We were able to enter the excavations and Mario pointed out the different periods of building. This is supposed to be the largest pyramid in the world. In and around this city and in the city of Puebla which was our next stop our guide pointed out the numerous churches and said that when the Spaniards came in they destroyed the ancient temples atop the pyramids and replaced them with these cathedrals. Puebla is the capital of the state of Puebla and is referred to as the "Rome of America". Upon entering the cathedrals we noted the costly and ornate trimmings everywhere and Mario told us that much of the trimming was pure gold. We were shocked at the fabulous interiors after having seen the great misery and poverty of these Mexican peoples just outside the walls. It seemed criminal to see these walls covered with priceless paintings, draperies, carvings, gold and precious stones with so many human beings living in such poverty and we remarked to Mario that surely God would be more pleased if they sold these things and bought bread for the hungry. After visiting the onyx and pottery factories where we saw many beautiful articles we retired to our hotel for dinner.

On our last day in Mexico City our guide whisked us away to the Palace of Fine Arts, a most beautiful building, very modern in every respect and the architecture was superb, built of Italian marble and fashioned after the Paris Opera House at a cost of 53 million pesos. Begun in 1905 and dedicated in 1935, it is a blend of Mayan, Mixtec, and classical architecture. The theater has a famous colored glass curtain, depicting the volcanoes Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl, made by Tiffany at a cost of 47,000 U.S. dollars. Here we saw a most enlightening program of folklore done in ballet with beautiful music accompanying which was very descriptive and colorful. The interior was of marble and onyx and houses special exhibit rooms and galleries where some of the best known muralists are shown. The building is distinguished by its "fried egg dome" and the ceiling of the auditorium is a beautiful stained glass skylight dome.

Driving out to Xochimilco where they have the Lagunilla Market we took the lovely boat ride in the famous "floating gardens" where the canals bustled with flower vendors. (a note to the ladies) When we approached the canals, lovely native girls in colorful costumes presented us with the most beautiful corsages of several roses or gardenias centered with an orchid for which our husbands paid the small sum of 5 pesos or 40¢! We were serenaded by floating orchestras and marimbas drifting by and it was easy to see why it is referred to as the "Venice of Mexico". There were boats passing by continually, piloted by native men, women and children, selling their colorful wares of flowers, delicious food and soft drinks. These "floating

gardens" are located just a few miles from the city and the round trip through the canals is 33 miles. The canopied launches are propelled by one boatman with a long pole by which you are punted through the channels twisting and turning among a species of tall slender trees that give the peaceful waterways a wonderful and relaxing setting and we could have drifted on and on but we had only a few more hours to spend in Mexico City and all good things must come to an end.

We left the arena when it started to rain and headed back to Monterey with Mario accompanying us. We were happy to be able to give him transportation to this city where his mother-in-law resides and where his daughter was vacationing. We had truly tried to witness to this very capable guide of Mayan ancestry and we felt sad to think of having to leave him at Monterey. He had been reading the Book of Mormon at nights after the tours and we have promised to send him one. He mentioned one morning that we had already got him in trouble with his mother after he told her some of the things we had presented to him. Upon parting we encouraged him to pray for an experience that he might know the truth of these things. He seemed surprised to find that Bro. Joe had the authority to baptize and when he encouraged him to pray for an experience he made the remark that "in that case he might have to come to Lorain", and he was told it was either that or we would have to come back there". We would ask the brothers and sisters to remember this sincere man in their prayers that God might bless him and use him to his honor and glory if it is His will, for we all felt keenly that this Mario Cano Lopez has a great destiny if he so chooses. His knowledge of history the world over is astounding and he knew more about our own history than we did!

Our hearts were somewhat heavy after leaving Mario thinking of his people and their condition here in this land of "Eternal Spring" (because of its mild climate) and our determination is to do all we can for them and especially remember them in our prayers.

Reaching the border and reflecting on the several days we spent in this very colorful land we truly felt that our trip to Mexico had been very rewarding in many ways. We had been able to plant a few seeds that may bear some fruit. How fortunate we Gentiles are and we should take advantage of the blessings afforded us in and through the Restoration and appreciate our great heritage in this blessed land of America.

Imagine our feelings upon hearing that they were cancelling the ball games back home because of snow while we were basking in the 75 and 80 degree temperatures. It made one reluctant to return home but all good things must come to an end and after all summer is coming! I would like to end this account with the words of a hymn that have become very precious to me and came to my mind at this time.

We Are Longing For The Gathering

On that bright and glorious morning when the Lord shall come again,
And the gath'ring of the flock will flee to Him,
Then the saints of God will flourish when they meet
on Zion's land,
And afflictions, we will think no more of them.
When we gather in Mount Zion we will go with one

accord,
And we'll look upon that city and we'll sing.
We will sing the songs of Zion in that happy land so fair,
And the Lord will come and we will reign with Him.
Then the Lamanites, they will be blest, we'll all become as one
When the saints of God go out to preach to them;
They will have the Spirit with them for to lead them on their way,
And will praise the Lord; Hosannah to their King!
Then their eyes, they will be opened and their hearts will understand,
And our trials and temptations will be o'er; then the Gospel in its power
Will be preached thro'out the land, and we'll sing and shout His praises ever more.
Chorus:
We are longing for the gath'ring, that will be forever blest;
We shall gather in Mount Zion, where we'll sing redeeming grace.

Sis. Helen and Joe Tisler

Bro. Jos and Victoria Calabrese

A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING; APRIL 19, 1962

The sisters of the Vanderbilt Circle recently observed their 19th year anniversary. The sisters presented a small program of scripture, prayer and hymns. We were also treated to the 10 year history of our circle's accomplishments. We had the roll call of our first organization. Our 1st president (Sister Thelma Petrosky) honored us with a visit on our anniversary. We had four sisters still members of our 1st organization, Sister Reba Shazer now afflicted was able to attend and Sister Margaret King, Sister Katheryn King and Sister Mary Fleming. The last three Sisters have held their offices all these years. Some of the sisters from our two newest circles, Greensburg and Roscoe, were present. Then the elders gave us a very inspiring talk. Brother Thurman Furnier, Brother Alvin Swanson, and Brother Joseph Bittinger were the brothers who spoke at this service. After the service we had a very enjoyable social hour. We ask the prayers of the saints that we may continue in our work for the Master.

Branch Editor

Sister Margaret King

June 28, 1962

Modesto, Calif.

Dear Editor;

On June 14, 1962 Brother William M. Ashby and Miss Leilaine Lee Puttze were united in marriage, by Brother Vito Wm. Buffa. The marriage took place in the home of Sister Claudia Ashby, (the groom's Mother). The bride wore a plain white dress. The matron of honor was Mrs. Andrea Stephens, and the best man was Mr. Leonard Stephens. There was about 25 guests. Brother Joseph Parravano played the piano and Sister Rose Lovalvo sang — "I'll Be Loving You Always."

May God Bless the couple in their life together. They will make their home in Modesto.

Branch Editor,

Sister Josephine Buffa

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

BENJAMIN, AND BOOK OF MOSIAH CONTINUED

Nearing the close of king Benjamin's discourse he asks his people a question of which verse 2 in chapter 5 is their response to it: "And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually."

Benjamin was not only a king with his people, but was a servant to them as well. He had been a wonderful benefactor to them throughout his life. In the sixth chapter his son was placed on the throne and begins to reign in his fathers stead. And Benjamin lives three years and dies. Mosiah also proves to be a wonderful man on the throne and to his people. He taught his people to till the earth and he also himself did till the earth that he might not be burdensome to his people. It is not often you will find a king doing manual labour with his subjects. But, I might say it was common in the Book of Mormon.

During his reign, they came in contact with the people of Limhi who had found 24 gold plates full of engravings, which was later translated by Mosiah, he having a gift from God to translate and they proved to be a record of a people who left Babylon at the confounding of the languages when they tried to build a tower that would reach to heaven. They eventually became a mighty nation on this land of America—but because of wars, strife and contention they came to nought and on this land their bones were found mouldering on the earth. An account of these people is found in the Book of Ether. The Book of Mosiah gives an account of a wonderful prophet by the name of Abinadi, he prophesied much of Christ to come, and told them of their wickedness — especially king Noah and his priests, and after fulfilling his mission in preaching to—and warning the people he was put to death by burning at the stake. But during his preaching, one of his converts by the name of Alma became a great man of God and he re-establishes the church again in righte-

ousness, and after much preaching, he baptizes a large body of people in what was known as the Waters of Mormon.

Alma eventually became the High Priest over all the church, and his whole life is spent in behalf of the church. He had a very wicked king to contend with, but the prophetic utterance of Abinadi was literally fulfilled; the wicked king Noah that authorized him to be burned at the stake, met the same fate himself.

Limhi accepts the proposal of Gideon and his people are delivered from their bondage to the Lamanites. Alma refuses to be king—he and his people are very much persecuted, But he (Alma) establishes the church throughout the land. There had been a very hard seige for the people of God during these times, but they were delivered from their enemies in miraculous ways. Alma baptizes Limhi and all his people (Mosiah 25-17, 18 WHC), and while Alma established many churches—and yet, notwithstanding there being many churches, yet they were all **one church**, for there was nothing preached in all the churches except it were repentance and faith in God. This reminds me of the counsel of Paul—he was determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. That should be good counsel for all people professing faith in the Book of Mormon—for as a whole, they certainly have meddled into things that has caused much discord and strife, and is still rampant today. In Mosiah 25-24 I read the Lord did pour out His spirit upon them, and they were blessed, and prospered in the land. May you all remember that God is still the same. God is still the same—people who make a profession of the restored Gospel are **no exception** with God. The people of God in all ages have suffered the consequences of a non-oneness of spirit and strife, and it is very evident today that He is no respecter of, matterless who you might be. And it is certainly a pity that after all these years—to see the people of the restoration become divided on the status of God and His Son Christ Jesus—in lieu of the fact that the Only Begotten Son of God—Jesus Christ says I was with the Father before the foundation of the world.

Yea, let us all remember—Yea, all professing people the language of Paul "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13-8. Editor.

MEXICO

I have a letter from Bro. and Sister Perdue this day (July 25th). And they add that they had five baptisms last week and will have two more tomorrow. From what they write to me, the Indians which they are labouring among at present, are among the **poorest** of the **poor**. Apparently they have nothing, their stoves are formed out of three stones. Their homes are bare, the only thing they have is the Pot they cook in, and they do not have sufficient water to drink. They are a friendly, and humble people and they do look forward to our visits with them. They are an afflicted people and there is a Doctor here who is willing to give his services to help these poor people, so we have been loading them in our truck and taking them to him. May God bless the Doctor and all of you in lending the poor people a helping hand. Let us not forget—Jesus sent word to John while he was in prison, "The poor have the Gospel preached to them." It sounds to me

like the Saviour was telling John to keep up courage.
Brother Cadman

CROWDS HEARING BILLY IN HIS CRUSADE

Billy Graham in his crusade for Christ in Chicago, is reported as follows: "Americans are at the edge of an abyss and are about to fall in." He likens us to Sodom & Gomorrah, and that "the sins of Sodom are our sins." He says that "Americans live in the same false security that caused God to destroy the twin cities cited in the Bible. He attacked Americans economic and military securities and our trust in science."

This is plain language on the part of Billy. No doubt many will look upon them seriously, while others may look on them fantastically. Matterless of how we may exercise our God-given rights of having our free convictions and understanding of Gods ways among the nations, we must conclude that men in past ages have spoken of the rise and downfall of nations, which had become mighty—some tyrannical while others more liberal. But with all, none have yet arisen that has carried out the injunctions of Jesus Christ as should have been done, though all people bearing the name of Him, who taught His followers to pray thus—"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 temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen." With all the repetition of the Lord's prayer ever since the tragedy on Calvary's Cross, yet the nations have traveled in their own ways, and the professed followers of Christ today, are divided asunder and far from being in one mind and in one accord. Consequently, instead of His will being done in earth as it is in heaven—I might add, that it is just the opposite. However, I do read that in past ages there was a people who evidently reached a much higher altitude in righteousness than what is visible to day—for I do read that of two nations, Judah and Israel who dwelt safely under their fig tree in the days of Solomon. First Kings 4:25. It would seem though it was of short duration, for all Israel soon became a divided and a disobedient people.

Some of the prophets were permitted to look beyond their day, and even beyond our day, when righteousness will prevail above this sinful day, and in our own beloved land of the Stars and Stripes we have enjoyed much liberty and freedom, and it is too bad that we have taken advantage of these principles, and have taken freedom and liberty to do pretty much as we wished to do. It is written that there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end of those ways are death. Had we taken and used our liberty and freedom to serve God as we should have done—love for our neighbors even as ourselves and, doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, we would not be on the brink or edge of an abyss as Billy Graham refers to. I firmly believe that with all of our boasting of being a Christian nation, that you will find as much wickedness and corruption in the U.S.A. as you will find anywhere among the nations of the day. My old father declared many years ago that the sin of adultery would

be the downfall of this NATION and I might add that we as a nation have simply licensed adultery—the loose divorce laws are simply one form of adultery, and, if the laws should be too stringent for your particular case, just hop over a state line and you can be accommodated. He also in 1893 in his writings, declared that this nation is the feet of the image seen by king Nebuchadnezzar which was smitten by a little stone—the nations became as the chaff of the summer threshing floor and was blown away by the winds, but the little stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. May I ask, is not the Little Stone the Kingdom of God on the earth, wherein the will of God shall be done in earth as in heaven? Yes, Mr. Graham, it looks as though we are at the edge of the abyss, and it is possible that it is much closer than we think. I am a firm believer in the Book of Mormon, and it plainly shows the destruction of this great Gentile nation unless they repent and serve God. Yea, we are undoubtedly getting close to the edge of the abyss as is conveyed in Genesis 49:24. The days of oppression of Joseph's Seed are drawing close to the EDGE, and the days of this Gentile nation are drawing close to oblivion, and unless it repents and obeys the Gospel of Jesus Christ its days are numbered, and Israel's blessing are at hand.

In conclusion I will say: It is just too bad, yea it is one of the most disastrous conditions of the day—the divided state of Ministers relative to the plan of salvation as laid down by Jesus Christ. The more educated and learned they become, the greater the breach concerning the teaching of the Messiah.

Our Ministers are graduating from the best schools in the country, and yet the lack of harmony is amazing to the ordinary person or persons. Even in our national affairs—as to what to do and how to do, our best learned statesmen are on a parallel in discord and disunity, consequently, we have disgraceful doings in the highest seats of our national affairs—corruption and dishonesty in most all, if not all governmental institutions, and the Ministerial class is not wholly exempt from such.

Jesus Christ makes it absolutely plain, and His ambassadors likewise as is recorded in the word of God, both in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, that without repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, there is no promise of salvation. Jesus says that unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven. I might add, "much less enter it." The keys were given to Peter, and as is recorded in the second chapter of the Acts, he answered his questioners as follows: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. In verse 39 Peter shows that such a promise is to all that the Lord may call. There is no scripture either in the Bible or Book of Mormon that will justify sprinkling or pouring water on the heads of penitent candidates. Will this be tolerated by the Lord Jesus Christ, who Himself went down into the water and was baptized, and then came up out of the water? I will add, that with all our learning of today—the mode of baptism is still as the Saviour established it, it is still, immersion, or as one of the writers has said, "buried with Christ in Baptism. The commandment to repent and

be baptized is as **applicable** to the big crowds in a **crusade**, as well as to **little** crowds.

Editor

CALIFORNIA

In a letter dated June 21st, the following information was therein: "Two weeks ago my son, Leonard James graduated from Medical School as a Doctor of Medicine. He is now Interning at the Kern County Hospital in Bakersfield, California. We feel very proud of him and pray God will grant him wisdom and understanding when he deals with human suffering.

It would have been our pleasure to have had you here on this occasion."

Brother James Lovalvo

P.S. "Doctor Leonard Lovalvo, I will add to your fathers short note my congratulations to you. It does not seem long since you were just a small boy, and now I address you as Doctor; and, while as in all professions, a livelihood therein cannot be completely laid aside from our minds, it **can become** the **lesser** part of our ambitions. While I was in England in 1899 on a trip, two of my cousins were in about the same status as you are now in. In answer to a question from me one of them says: Cousin! I love to help ease the sufferings of my fellow man.

I trust such will be somewhat the same with you in your career as a physician. And, whether in prosperity or diversity, may you have in your soul, the meek and lowly Spirit of Jesus.

Sincerely,

Brother Cadman

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

A large group of Sisters met in their general meeting in June at the church in Youngstown, Ohio. It also was the yearly election of officers. All were retained with the exception of the assistant financial secretary. Sister Sylvia Curry had held that office and recently moved to San Diego, California. Sister Ethel Crosier, of the West Elizabeth, Pa. Circle, was elected to fill the vacancy. Reports were enjoyed from many Circles throughout the Church, by delegate or letter. A new Circle was organized this quarter in McKeeRocks, Pa. Approximately eight hundred dollars was donated to the General Church for missionary work. Reports were enjoyed from our brethren in the missionary work. Brother Joseph Calabrese gave a very interesting talk on his recent trip to Mexico. Through Circle work the Sisters of the church are able to help the distressed of the House of Israel. We hope to see all the Sisters united in this great cause. A vote of thanks was extended to the Youngstown Sisters for their hospitality. The next general meeting will be held in Warren, Ohio. Any group wishing to organize a Ladies Uplift Circle, contact Sister Mary Wilson, Sec. Box 63, West Elizabeth, Pa.

SCIENTIFIC BIBLE ELIMINATES EDEN

Englishman Rewrites Book of Genesis

LONDON (AP) — The story of the Garden of Eden has been cut from a new "scientific" version of the book of Genesis. The author says the whole idea of Adam and Eve won't fit in with evolution.

Dr. Brian Pamplin, 29, a Durham University scientist and active member of the Church of England, said his aim was to provide a scientifically accurate account of the creation which did not in essence challenge the biblical book of Genesis.

Pamplin's version starts this way:

"In the beginning God thought out the pattern of creation. The Lord God said let there be light, energy and matter. And God said let matter and energy form atoms and let atoms combine and condense and condense to form solids and liquids and let stars and planets evolve in their millions: and it was so."

Having discarded the story of Adam and Eve, Pamplin explains creation thus: "So man evolved, male and female, from the higher animals by the spirit of God."

P.S. The above article according to the press, is the results of the findings of Dr. Brian Pamplin a Durham University scientist and active member of the Church of England. No doubt he is considered to be a **wise man**, who has made himself **ridiculous** to the **extreme**, I believe it is good to be learned, but is it any wonder the world is in the condition it is today when the learned are exposing themselves as they are today. It has been preached ever since the tragedy on the Cross of Calvary, that the Bible is the word of God. Then in this late age, learned men can stoop to the **low level** that Dr. Pamplin has, in this instance and, he is a church man too.

The prophet Isaiah in chapter 29 beginning at verse 9 says: "Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, read this; I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed. And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying read, read this, I pray thee: and he saith I am not learned." End of quote.

The Church of Jesus Christ declares to the world, that this prophetic utterance has been fulfilled thus far, the book being delivered to Joseph Smith the **unlearned man**, known to us as the Book of Mormon. This book is certainly exposing the **ignorance** of the **learned world** of today. I wish to make it plain that I am not adverse to an institution of learning, but how can we look up to our learned of the day, when we see them divided as they are on most every question of a secular nature, and then to see the divided condition of the learned, relative to the great plan of Salvation as laid down by the Son of God, what can this world expect, other than the warning given by Billy Graham in his recent talks to the multitudes here in America? But, may I ask: Is Billy telling his big Audiences as did Peter (he who was given the keys by the Master) "Repent, and be baptized (not sprinkled WHC) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

I will add that at this date, our wise men at the head of our government have ruled that the State of

New York, is in error in allowing a prayer to be offered up in our schools—yea, by men might I say: whose decisions almost control the destiny of this great Republic of the United States of America—It may be that the little stone spoken of by Daniel the prophet, will smite us on the feet, sooner that we may be thinking of.

Editor

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Bro. Cadman and all our Brothers and Sisters:

Bro. Felix Buccelatto, our Presiding Elder, and the Brothers and Sisters here, have asked that I write you to request a special prayer while you are all gathered together in the Centennial Conference.

Brother Louis Urias, of Tijuana, Mexico, who is an ordained minister of our Church, has had several experiences in the past few months telling him that it is now time that he is to do much missionary work among his people, the House of Israel. He recently had another dream where he was commanded to go far into the interior of Mexico and preach the Gospel to a people there who would be looking and watching for him. In his dream he was shown the exact place he was to go and was shown two men who would meet him there. These people speak the Mayan language and Bro. Urias is able to speak and understand this language.

Bro. Urias has obeyed the command and left Saturday and is now making his way to the place he has been directed. He asked us all to remember him and his family he has left behind. We feel a great joy in the courage and desire of our Brother, who weeps and prays constantly for his people. He is a wonderful speaker and a very humble Brother and we know that he needs much prayer in this great undertaking. Surely God's great work is commencing and we know that this is His plan, that we as Gentiles remember the Lamanite people. On the threshold of these great and glorious things we are made to feel that nothing in this world can compare to the glory of what God has prepared for the Church of Jesus Christ if we can all put our shoulders to the wheel and work together to fulfill the plan of God.

God bless you all.

Your Sister-in-Christ
Ann Smith

WILKENSON - REVOLLETTE NUPTIALS

Brother Peter Castelli officiated at the double-ring ceremony uniting in marriage Sister Willa Wilkenson and Bro. Revollette at 4 p.m. on March 31, 1962 in our Church building at San Diego, California. Sister Lavon Gilley was maid-of-honor and Bro. Martie Revollette was his brother's best man. Ushers were Bro. Ciccati and Bro. Jan Van Buren. Susan Mercer, cousin of the bride, was in charge of the bride's book. Sister Sylvia Curry sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Sharon Saczko at the piano. A reception was held for all the Brothers and Sisters and friends of the couple, after which they left for a brief honeymoon. They will reside in San Fernando Valley, Bro. Bob having secured employment in that city. Their address: 15133 Erwin Street, Van Nuys, California.

We will miss our Brother and Sister in our Branch. Bro. Bob was a perfect stranger in San Diego, but when he heard of the Gospel from his brother Martie, he embraced it and has been a devoted Brother. Sister Willa came to our Branch from Modesto, California, having met the Church there, and is also a devoted member of the church.

Our best wishes to the newlyweds and may God continue to be their company is our prayer.

Sister Ann Smith

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

"This is part of a letter written to me by Sister Violet Thomas"

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am enclosing money for my Gospel News: I enjoy reading it very much. Its so satisfying to our souls to read concerning our Brothers and Sisters whom we love so much and yet are so distant from us. It rather brings a closer feeling.

Tomorrow—our Ladies Circle is going to Tijuana, Mexico. We are taking baby clothes to the sisters and refreshments. We intend to have a little meeting with them. We shall sing and pray, if the spirit directs testimony we shall have it that way. We don't understand or speak their language—but we shall meet at the church and we pray that God will go before us and prepare our hearts and their hearts, that through His love, we will understand each other and have a season of time with them, and with Him.

Brother Cadman I am so happy for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I can't explain in words to people what's in my heart, but my heart expands with joy when words are spoken, Hymns sung, I just know - He is; Thank you Lord for the Gospel restored. I thank God for our Old Brothers and Sisters—"Faithful" and determined in the ways of God. We hope we may be Pillars also that others might want to march along with us. May God bless you all. Sister Violet Thomas.

P.S. Sister Violet, I believe the most striking thing in your letter is, (that is to me) of the concern your Circle has for the little babes in Mexico, which involves the babes mothers, fathers and little brothers and sisters as well. It was through my wife many years ago that this movement was organized among the Sisters. Brother Cherry was here then, and when my wife approached him about the movement, he sanctioned and said to her, if they could do any good to go ahead and do it. The Ladies Circle has done a world of good—and you know there is no law against doing good. Some of our sisters are conducting a Bible School these two weeks of their vacation time, for the children of most all ages. I visit the school every day—there is not much I can do among them, but if my presence just for a little while will encourage them, I will feel some satisfaction in that. They had better than one hundred children present today, and the weather was very unfavorable to start out this morning.

I wish to say to all my sisters and brothers too, that our professed faith in the restored gospel will avail us nothing, unless accompanied with good works. I want you all to know that I glory in the fruits of your labours. In our little Bible school here today, there are present some little Indians, little colored children, and

little whites from various nations of people. Many would say that they will be the Church of tomorrow—granting it so—may I ask, What are you doing, I mean **you**—what are **you** doing in a way that will be of help to them as they meet up with the temptations that are so rampant in the world today. Let every body wake up. I think of old Brother Heaps now deceased, he used to say: "We are not in this world just to please ourselves." Well may God continue to bless the Ladies Uplift Circle.

Brother Cadman

OUR TRIP TO THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT MONONGAHELA, PENNSYLVANIA

We, the Brothers and Sisters of the Lockport, New York Branch were glad for having been privileged to attend the Church's Centennial on July 7th and 8th, 1962.

During the years gone by, we have read much concerning the Organization of the Church, and have felt blessed in reading of the many experiences which were had by the saints. The revealed will of God has been and should be of primary interest to all members of the Church of Jesus Christ. The Saviour told Peter, "AND UPON THIS ROCK, I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." It was a wonderful revelation which Simon Peter unfolded when prompted by the spirit of God he said, "THOU ART CHRIST THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

Thus for one hundred years the Church has been in motion, and although we may not have reached our ultimate goal, it can be said that we have come a long way since 1862 and have made considerable progress in furthering and establishing the Kingdom of Christ here on earth.

On the evening prior to the Centennial gathering, I asked our M.B.A. Local to unite in a special prayer. The purpose of this prayer was to praise God for the hundred years that have passed, and to trust him for the years which are ahead.

As I write these words on paper, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and I feel the blessing of the Lord in great measure.

Most of our older brothers in the Church have passed on to their reward; while there are a few who are still with us. It is evident that there is a great responsibility facing the younger Brothers of the Church, especially those of the Priesthood. May the Lord see fit to bless us and to equip us with Righteousness and with the fruits of the spirit that we may preserve this Gospel in Righteousness and raise the Standard of Jesus Christ in these latter days even as Moroni raised the Title of Liberty in his day, placing God and his religion over and above all other things in this life.

I am impressed with two experiences which are recorded in the history of the Church, which I will include in this little article.

One experience as recorded tells us that we the Church have been likened unto a stem, with the prophetic utterance that whatever split or party separates itself from us shall come to nothing. Every time I read of this experience, the spirit of the Lord bears evidence that these words are true.

The other experience which I have always felt good

in reading is the one recorded on page 38 of our Church History Book, when the word of the Lord was given to our people in 1863 as follows: "Thus saith the Lord, Go ye my servants to all ends of this continent and preach my Gospel, and when ye return, I will give you power to preach unto all nations.

During World War II, in a revelation which was given to me, and which later was accepted by the General Church, it was revealed that a Base was to be established in the United States with a Main Switch Board. I was further told that after the base was to be established in the United States we would then make connections elsewhere. At the conclusion of the experience, I was told by a Brother in the Priesthood, the following words: "I have in my hands a roll of plans which have a bearing on the future. These plans are secret for now and I cannot reveal them. But I can tell you this much. The time is going to come when connections will be made, not only in the United States, but (and at this point he unrolled the plans and allowed me to read only one phrase which read, "UNTO EVERY KINDRED, TONGUE, AND NATION." He then added, "That's all for now, the complete details will be revealed in the future." (End of dream.)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ: LET US GIRD ON OUR HEAVENLY ARMOR AND BE READY FOR THE GLORIOUS WORK OF THE LORD IN THESE THE LATTER DAYS.

In conclusion, the words of the poet are vivid in my mind which read:

THIS GOD IS THE GOD WE ADORE,
OUR FAITHFUL UNCHANGEABLE FRIEND,
WHOSE LOVE IS AS LARGE AS HIS POWER,
AND KNOWS NO BEGINNING OR END.
'TIS JESUS THE FIRST AND THE LAST,
WHOSE SPIRIT SHALL GUIDE US SAFE
HOME,
WE'LL PRAISE HIM FOR ALL THAT IS PAST
AND TRUST HIM FOR ALL THAT'S TO
COME.

May the blessings of the Almighty God accompany us the remaining days which we have here on earth, and when our call should come to leave this earth and the roll is called up yonder and the dead in Christ shall rise, I pray that we can all answer to our name.

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST,
PAUL D'AMICO

HARRISON BITTINGER PASSES ON.

Bro. Bittinger died in the Hagerstown, Md. Hospital June 19, 1962. He was nearing his 85th year, he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Orr, of Waynesboro, Pa. in late years, he was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1939 and had continued a dutiful member. He was preceded by the death of his wife in 1945. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Virgie Winebrenner, Mrs. Dora Green, Mrs. Mary Orr, five Sons, Joseph, Olen, Russell, Elmer, and Albert, 40 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lonaconing, Md. Assembly of God Church by Bro. Idris Martin and Bro. Wm. H. Cadman, assisted by Rev. Charles Fussell. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, on the Mountain top.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The voice of the Lord by the mouth of angels doth declare it unto all nations;" Alma 13:22

Dear Girls and Boys,

This month I want to tell you an interesting story from the Book of Mormon. It is about a good man named Alma. The Lord commanded him to take Amulek and go preach to the people in the city of Ammonihah. As they went among them, the people did not understand and would not believe. They were stiffnecked and hard hearted. They asked, who is God that sent them among the people to show authority? Amulek and Alma were very bold in testifying of God and His great power. Alma told how good God had been in preserving them and if they rebelled against Him, he would destroy them. Alma also told them of the Son of God, who was to come in His glory and redeem His people. He asked the people to prepare the way of the Lord. But as Alma continued, they were very angry with him. They tried to put him in prison.

Amulek stood before the people and began to preach. He had a wonderful testimony. He said at one time he had hardened his heart and would not listen when the Lord called him. But one day as he was going to visit a very near relative, the angel of the Lord appeared to him. The angel said, "Amulek, return to your own house for you are to feed a prophet of the Lord. He is a holy man, chosen of God. He has fasted many days because of the sins of this people. He is hungry. You are to receive him in your home and feed him. He will bless you and your house, and the blessing of the Lord shall rest there." Now Amulek obeyed the angel and returned to his house. Behold, he found the man. He took him to his house and fed him just as the angel had said. "Now," said Amulek, "this holy man I fed, was Alma, the man who has told you all things about your people." The people were astonished, seeing that here was more than one witness to the things of God.

In the group were judges and lawyers. They began to question Alma and Amulek. They were very cunning and tried to catch them in their words. Amulek knew their thoughts and said, "O ye wicked people, ye lawyers and hypocrites for ye are laying the foundations of the devil; ye are laying traps and snares to catch the holy ones of God. You will bring down the wrath of God upon your heads, even to the destruction of this people." Amulek stretched forth his hand and cried again to the people, but they would not listen.

There was a man among them named Zeezrom, who began to accuse Alma and Amulek. He asked them many questions. He even offered them silver if they would deny God. As he questioned them, he turned to the people and said, "See that you remember these things". Amulek explained to them about Jesus, the Son of God, who would come to earth to redeem all people. Also about his death and resurrection. The people were astonished. Zeezrom began to tremble. Now Alma, seeing that Amulek's words had silenced Zee-

zrom, began to speak. He told Zeezrom he had not only lied to the people but lied to God. Zeezrom began to tremble more. He asked about the resurrection and how the just and unjust will stand before God.

After Alma and Amulek stopped speaking many people believed. But more of them wanted to destroy Alma and Amulek. Their words were too plain for them. They bound them with strong cords and took them before the chief judge. When Zeezrom saw what was done, he knew he had caused the people to disbelieve. He began to plead with the people but they spit upon him and cast him out. They threw stones at the ones who believed Alma. Their records were burned and their wives and children were put in the fire also.

When Alma and Amulek were in prison three days, many lawyers, priests, judges and teachers came to question them. They hit them and spit upon them. Alma cried, "How long shall we suffer, Lord? Give us strength". They broke the cords which bound them. The people were afraid and fled. They fell down and were not able to reach the outer door of the prison. The earth shook and the wall of the prison fell. The wicked lawyers, priests, judges and teachers were slain. Alma and Amulek walked out of the prison unharmed. Their bands were loosed! Now the people heard the noise and came running to see what had happened. When they saw Alma and Amulek coming out of the prison, they turned and ran. It was just as a goat with her little ones would run from two lions.

Alma and Amulek left the city and went over to Sidon. Now Zeezrom was in this city very sick with a burning fever. When he heard Alma and Amulek were there, he sent for them. Immediately they went to Zeezrom's bedside. He asked them to heal him. Alma took him by the hand and said, "Believest thou in the power of Christ unto salvation?" He answered he believed all Alma had taught. Alma cried unto the Lord, "O, Lord our God, have mercy on this man and heal him according to his faith which is in Christ". When Alma said these words Zeezrom leaped upon his feet and began to walk. The people were amazed and the news went everywhere. Alma baptized Zeezrom. He began to preach to the people. He knew how wrong he had been. Alma established the church in Sidon. The people came from all the region round to be baptized. But those over in Ammonihah remained hard hearted and would not repent.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

In the Book of Mormon, Alma 15: verse 16, find what Amulek left behind in Ammonihah for the word of God. In verse 18, how did Alma care for Amulek?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

YOUNGSTOWN BRANCH

In the Book of Revelation, chapter 1 verse 10, John the Divine, states that he was in the spirit on the Lord's Day. We of the Youngstown Branch felt a great portion of the same Spirit Sunday, July 8, as we commemorated the centennial of the Church of Jesus Christ. Here in the Youngstown Branch, well did the poet pen those beautiful words "Glory to God We're at the Fountain Drinking", for we surely drank of the spirit of the re-

storation. Prior to the beginning of the Sunday morning service, Bro. T. D. Bucci urged the congregation into the Spirit of the Restoration. Many Restoration Hymns were sung along with the recent hymn composed by Bro. V. James Lovelvo, the Centennial. The morning service began with hymn number 11, An Angel Came Down, followed by an inspired prayer by Bro. Ralph Berardino, then sang hymn 386, When The Angel Moroni. Bro. Bucci opened the service with the apostasy, years of ignorance and superstition. He spoke of the Roman Catholic Church that usurped in the place of the Church of Jesus Christ. He then brought unto us the story of the Reformation and the life of Martin Luther and William Tyndale. From this he went into the story of the Restoration with Joseph Smith being the main character, then went into the story of William Bickerton, the first president of the Church Of Jesus Christ and its organization in July 7, 1862, leading up to the present day.

After Bro. Bucci's presentation the congregation sang hymn 387, Great is the Lord, followed by the talks of Bro. Ralph Berardino. He gave us a talk on the fall of Adam and the Plan of Salvation, leading on to the 37 chapter of Ezekiel concerning the dry bones (referring to the house of Israel), the Stick of Ephraim (Book of Mormon), the Stick of Juda (The Holy Bible), then he concluded in saying that while we enjoy the fruit that others labored for it is our duty as members of The Church of Jesus Christ to bring to the house of Israel and to the Seed of Joseph the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our closing hymn was the third and fourth verse of the Centennial. Benediction was offered by Bro. Bucci. A day well spent in the service of the King.

A PATHWAY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS.

By Bro. B. J. Martin, Roscoe, Pa.

I suppose all men are somewhat sentimental about the places they roamed as little boys. In the days as a child, when all was joy and laughter, and our minds were free from all worry, for we had our parents, who loved us and cared for our every need. In thinking back, I remember how we loved the woods, the little creek in which we swam and the strong vines on which we would swing. And the trees we would plug for sugar water, but most of all, I remember that path, worn smooth by the constant use of little feet; worn so smooth and clear that even at night one could travel it. It comes to my mind so often for I remember before going down the hill and across the valley and up into the dense woods, we always paused at the top and viewed the winding pathway, as though it was a bright line painted through the wilderness, at least it seemed a wilderness to our young eyes, many times our hearts are saddened, for we know that not one moment can be recalled. For even as a moment passes it is gone forever. Truly, time swiftly passes on and only a memory is left to cherish.

Yet of late, we were made to see a great parallel to that pathway through the wilderness of our youth, in visiting that place on the hill, our lookout place of days gone by. Once again we looked across the valley and into the woods of our youth. The sight thereof was disappointing. As a child it had never changed but now,

as the man stood there instead of the boy, I saw that the pathway was gone. It had grown over with weeds and brush and could not be found and so the parallel was given to us through our spiritual eyes. As a little child we had our parents to lead us and care for us but now as men, we have another to lead us. And surely we travel through a spiritual wilderness and HE makes a way for us.

As the path of our youth was made smooth and clear by constant use, so is our spiritual path today made clear by constant USE OF PRAYER. Yes the pathway through this WILDERNESS is prayer, and if we pray not without ceasing then, the pathway will close up with spiritual brush, and we will not be able to find our way to HIM, who loves us so. Remember the Brother of Jared displeased the Lord only once and that was when he refused to use that pathway through the wilderness, which is PRAYER.

OBITUARIES FROM VANDERBILT

Sis. Ruth Ann Darby—Aged 90, formerly of Dawson, R.D. 1, died Sunday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m. in the home of a son, Allen, Youngstown, O. Baptized June 9, 1949. She is survived by two sons and three daughters, Allen, Youngstown, O.; Charles, Dawson, R.D. 1; Mrs. Pearl Baanan, Bristolville, O.; Mrs. Elizabeth Darby, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Carrigan, Cantfield, O.; nineteen grandchildren; twenty two great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Jane Downs, Vanderbilt; Mrs. Barbara Maner, McKeesport; Mrs. Sadie Paggert, Fayette City.

Friends are being received in the Blair Funeral Home, Perryopolis, where services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Shazer will officiate. Interment will be in the Bryan Cemetery.

Sister Blanch Warman Miller—Aged 68 years, of Masontown, died on March 15, 1962. She was a daughter of the late George and Emma Jean Warman. She is survived by these children, Mrs. Mary Riggen, George, James, Goldie, and Mrs. Charlotte Jordan, all of Masontown; Mrs. Alta Foster, Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. Helen Harford, Gallon, O.; Charles, Cleveland, O.; Winslow, Sturges, S. D.; thirty four grandchildren; one brother, James Warman, Uniontown.

Services at David J. Honsaker Funeral Home, Masontown, on Sunday at 2:30. The Rev. Paul Roth will officiate. Interment in the the Greendale Cemetery.

May 7, 1962

Youngstown, Ohio

PETER PAUL RECHEDY

Bro. Peter Paul Rechedy, 77, passed on to his reward on April 19, 1962, at Greenville, Pa. Hospital. He was born in Italy on Mar. 28, 1885, and resided here 27 years.

He was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ on July 2, 1933, and was a member of the Youngstown, Ohio branch.

He is survived by his wife, the former Maria Verina, whom he married in August 1961; five sons: Ralph, James, Simon, Rimi, and Roy; six daughters; Mrs. Mary Dray, Mrs. Rose Loutzenhiser, Mrs. Lena Sugar, Mrs. Angelena Kerfoot, Mrs. Norma Melvin, Mrs. Adelaide Giangiordano.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. A. A. Corrado, at the Galloway Funeral Home, Hartford, Ohio on April 23, 1962.

May the Lord comfort his wife, and family.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

After a little space, that I have not written, here I come again, wishing that you and all bros. and sisters, throughout the Church are in the best of health, and striving forward towards our greatest goal, "Perfection". I was speaking today, on what the gift of the Holy Ghost, may do for us, and am perfectly satisfied, as Jesus said, "It will lead and guide us into all truths, and show us things to come. I am also persuaded, that the longer we remain in the Church, the more fervent we should be, to show that we are building for Eternity, and on Christ the solid rock we stand, all other ground is sinking sand. I shall now relate some of the things, happening out here in the Vineyard of the Lord. On Sunday morning, April 15th. Bro. M. Miller, spoke in Branch #1, from the 27th. Psalm. There was a good feeling brought into our midst. The Quartet sang "Follow me", also Rock of ages, Bro. Nick Pietrangelo, then spoke, he mentioned about David, that life was no bed of roses, but he stuck with God, through all his battles, and eventually came out, as a man after God's own heart. Many other wonderful things were said, and many were the wonderful blessings we enjoyed as Bro. Nick and others, tried to encourage us, throughout this blessed day. On Sunday Morning April 22nd we were in Windsor. Bro. Burgess had to leave Windsor, on account of his natural work, to other parts of Canada. He read a portion of scripture found in Matthew 27th. Chapter, 1st. verse, to the 26th. verse, and gave us a wonderful talk on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Speaking of Pontius Pilate, he said a time comes in each person's life, when he must make a decision, and asked the question what will our decision be? Pilate had a double mind, and even though admonished by his wife, to have nothing to do with this just man, still delivered Him up to be crucified. Bro. Burgess spoke very highly of Bro. Domenic Cotellesse, how faithfully he had worked with him in Grand River, may those he left behind, be abundantly blessed. The bro. and sisters from Meaford, Canada, were in our midst, and we were glad to have them. We enjoyed many blessings in Windsor, and returned to Detroit, deeply thankful that we were able to go over. We were well entertained by the children who sang, and recited for us, may God abundantly bless them. Wednesday night, May 2nd. 1962, at Branch #1, We sang a Hymn, "Hallelujah the Gospel is restored". Bro. Heaps sang us a solo, "I know that He will always hear me, when I kneel down to pray". Bro. Heaps spoke on part of Ephesians 6th Chap. also 1st. John 5th. Chap. 6-7-8 verses. He spoke on the three witnesses in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, also the three witnesses on earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood. He said the apostles couldn't catch any fish, but when the Saviour appeared, they caught so many that the ship almost broke. He admonished us to preach the love of God, and said we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but principalities and power. Bro. Heaps gave us a wonderful talk, which will long be remembered,

by one and all, which was soul reviving, and refreshing. Sunday morning May 6th. 1962, at Branch #3, the Choir sang: This is my story, this is my song, also "Ivory Palaces". The Quartet of Branch #1, Sang "There is room at the Cross for you". We also sang, Hallelujah the Gospel is Restored. Bro. Heaps spoke from 2nd. Corinthians 3rd. Chap. 17th. verse, Now the Lord is that spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. We surely had a time of rejoicing, at Branch #3. On Sunday morning, May 13th in Windsor, our speakers were Bros. Tony Gerace, and Frank Vitto, from Branch #4. These bros. spoke well, from Matthew 16th Chapter, 21st verse, to the end of the Chapter. Bro. Gerace told us of a bro. and his wife, by the name of Burch, coming into the Church, recently in Muncey. We were quite pleased to know, that not only the Children in Muncey, are coming along nicely, but some of the older folks as well are coming up also, for which the name of the Lord, be greatly praised Honored and adored. May God's richest blessings, be showered down on all the saints, everywhere, is the prayer of your bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

By James Heaps

June 15, 1962

The heaven, even the heavens are the Lord's, and the earth hath he given to the children of men. The mysterious power which the sun has, and which all the planets have, but in a smaller degree, is called attraction, sometime called gravitation or gravity, or the law of gravity. Light attracts the eye. Men can hardly refrain from looking at the light from a welder's torch.

That is the reason God clothed the woman with the sun, so people would be attracted to her. Some said these are ignorant men, but they have been with Jesus. When the 120 were filled with fire and the holy ghost fourteen different nationalities saw and heard them speak the wonderful things of God, in the tongue they knew from birth. Three thousand were baptized.

Because of the attraction, the man that sat at the gate of the temple was healed and it was an attraction they saw in the woman clothed with the sun of righteousness, and she attracted many people. Even King Agrippa said, "Paul thou almost persuaded me to become a Christian." The earth in its swift movement drags everything down and by the law of gravity drags everything toward the earth. The devil contended with Michael the archangel about the body of Moses. Why the contention? Because the devil wants every body in the ground, but it is God's plan to raise them up. "I am the resurrection and the life," said Jesus. He is still the attraction of the world. The woman clothed with the sun, is still an attraction. Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." He has been lifted up, and has established the church, clothed with the sun of righteousness to draw all men unto her. "Ye are the light of the world," said Jesus, but if the light that is in us be darkness, how great is that darkness.

So, my brothers and sisters, the light that is in us should attract the world unto us. According to John Bunyan's dream (evangelist) said to Christians' do you see yonder wicket gate: no, then said he, do you see yonder shining light, he said, "I think I do," then said

the evangelist keep that light in your eye and go directly thereto, so shall thou see that gate. The gate was hard to see, but the light attracted his eye. If had he kept that light in his eye he would not have fallen in to the slough of despond, and the world is in the spirit of despondency because the light is not in their eye. Some are bothered about taking the mote out of their brothers eye, but I could not see it clearly for my sight was very dim. When I came to search more clearly, in my eye there was a beam. If I love my brother dearer, his mote I would erase, then the light should shine clearer for the eyes tender place. Charity and love is healing. This will give the clearest sight. When I saw my brother failing I was not exactly right. Down on skid row, we have preachers, doctors, lawyers, and the spirit of despondency has led them there, and the burden that is on their backs has weighed them down.

Just recently, in a nearby community, we had a woman who shot her three children, her husband, and herself. Why? There was no light in her eye, and the burdens got too heavy. Martha was told, "thou art cumbered about with many things." Dearly beloved, do not get overburdened with the cares of this life. They will take the light out of your eyes. Godliness with contentment is great gain. There's room at the cross for you, the millions have come, there's always room for one more, there's room at the cross for you.

Yes, she is clothed with the sun, 91 millions of miles away she stands out there for every one to see, and regardless of how far we have gone away from her, she shines just the same, the clouds may hide her from our view, but she is still shining. Clouds of sorrow and grief and despair, and despondency, but there will be a day without a cloud and we will need no more sun, for He shall be the light thereof. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth shall pass away. There will be no more sorrow, no tears, no crying, for He shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. What a glorious day. The lamb and the lion shall dwell together. The rays that shine from zions hill shall lighten every land, her king shall reign a thousand years and all the world command. Come, oh house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Yes, if Jacob had kept that light in his eye, John would never have had to write, "He came to his own, and his own received him not." The light that shined in darkness, but the darkness comprehended it not. If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light, look for good and you will find good. To the pure, all things are pure.

Let me repeat, Charity and love is healing, it will give the clearest sight, it covers a multitude of sins, it hides my brothers faults. Keep that light in your eye, and that love in your heart, and if you can stand the pull, he will pull you through. Some men, by words as dark as mine, make truth come forth, and its rays to shine. God speaketh to him, and happy is he that finds the light and grace that in them be. The prophets used metaphors to set forth truth. Christ and his apostles too, shall plainly see that truths in this day shall mantles be.

To be continued.

NOT THE STATE'S CONCERN

THERE IS something dismaying about the religious and

political criticism that has greeted the Supreme Court's decision outlawing New York's official school prayer. The clergymen, congressman and others who have condemned the high court's six-to-one ruling have regrettably failed to recognize that the decision is in keeping with the basic tradition of the American nation.

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The decision is not anti-religious. It is not pro-Communist, as one wildly irrational Mississippi congressman charged. It is simply a reaffirmation of the fundamental American principle that, where religion is concerned, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights—as extended to the states by the 14th Amendment—requires that government should remain neutral. Thus the New York law which authorized the State Board of Regents to compose and recommend an official prayer for public school use is unconstitutional.

As Justice Black made clear in his majority opinion, the history of the republic demonstrates the danger of governmentally sanctioned prayers. He noted that disputes over the officially established Book of Common Prayer led some Englishmen to leave their country and settle in America. The founders of this nation were mindful of the controversies over the Book of Common Prayer. They were mindful, too, that not long after this furor Britain adopted the Act of Uniformity compelling all Englishmen to attend services of the established church.

While Justice Black acknowledged that no such drastic infringement of religious liberty was involved in the non-compulsory New York prayer, he wisely called attention to some appropriate words of James Madison, the author of the First Amendment: "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties." The justice might also have cited some other words of Madison, a devout man:

Whilst we assert for ourselves a freedom to embrace, to profess and to observe the religion which we believe to be of divine origin, we cannot deny an equal freedom to those whose minds have not yet yielded to the evidence which convinced us. If this freedom be abused, it is an offence against God, not against man . . .

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In the light of such advice from Madison, from Jefferson and from the many 18th century authors of our state statutes on religious freedom, Justice Black and his five colleagues are obviously following an honorable tradition. They are concurring with the founders in the opinion that religion, however non-denominational (as the New York prayer was designed to be), is not the business of government. As Justice Black put it: "religion is too personal, too sacred, too holy, to permit its 'unhallowed perversion' by a civil magistrate."

FRANK WOOLEY

Brother Frank Wooley passed on to his reward on Monday, June 18, 1962. He was born on November 27, 1880 in Buccini, Italy. He came to the United States in 1908, and married Sister Jessie Paenny, who died in 1953.

Brother Frank was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ on Nov. 21, 1920, and was ordained an Elder on April 22, 1923. He was sent to Italy on missionary work in 1959. He was a faithful brother and

Minister in The Church of Jesus Christ, and the brothers and sisters of Youngstown, Ohio will always remember his humble testimony on Sunday afternoon in thanking God who was so good to him in this life.

He is survived by two sons, Dominic of Youngstown, and Robert of Campbell, Ohio; five daughters, Sister Mary Konesky of Boardman, Ohio, Sister Lucy Costarella of Girard, Ohio, Sister Katherine Sarisky of Youngstown, Ohio, Sister Pauline and Sister Ruth Santilli both at home; and eighteen grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Constance Damore died in November, 1961.

May the Lord comfort his family.

A CARD FROM JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

June 15, 1962

Dear Friend:

In appreciation of your interest in the salvation of my people, I am sending you my heartiest greetings from Jerusalem, Israel. I will be grateful for your prayers and your help that the work will be carried on while I am gone. Yours in His Service. Dr. Michelson

(Home address, Box 707 Los Angeles, California)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

July 23, 1962

Youngstown, Ohio

The Youngstown, Ohio Branch Sunday School held its Vacation Bible School June 18 to June 29, 1962. This was the second time the school was held in Youngstown, and again was well received by young and old. The effort made by our brothers and sisters in preparing and conducting the bible school is worthy of some recognition, for those who were not in attendance cannot fully appreciate their endeavors.

With the cooperation of the presiding elder, Bro. A. A. Corrado, and the Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Earl Theodore; Sister Dorothy Damore again directed the vacation Bible school. The teachers included; Sisters Alma Finnick, Mary Cosetti, Annabell Santilli, Mary Santilli, Amy Cook, Irene Perry, and Ann Fortunato. Many others helped with the various tasks necessary in conducting a school of this size, but space does not permit mention of their names. It may be said, however, that those concerned in teaching children receive their greatest reward in the accomplishments of those they teach. Certainly if many of the children attending the school, accepts the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the rewards of those who helped will have been received.

The theme this year was, "Joseph, Chosen of God". The outline and material was furnished by Sister Bickerton, and added to by our sisters. Each student chose a topic and project to work on during the two week period. Projects such as: drawing maps on the twelve tribes, food eaten in Bible times, and drawing scenes about Lehi crossing the ocean were completed. Students brought in objects of nature, such as fine stones, leaves, seeds, etc. and then found verses in the Bible or Book of Mormon to correspond with the article. All in all, many projects were found to stimulate the thinking of

the young people, and help guide them in reading the Bible and Book of Mormon.

A choir composed of the Primary and Junior classes worked together during the two week period. Under the direction of Sister Amy Cook, and with the help of Patty Narone, they learned several songs, and participated in the program given on Sunday morning to conclude the Bible school.

All of those attending the program, seeing the interest shown in the children, and also the various exhibits in the church basement, I am sure will agree that a fine job has been done in creating an interest in our young people.

May God bless all those who gave a helping hand in making this Vacation Bible School a success.

METUCHEN BRANCH

Dear Brother Cadman:

The Saints of the Metuchen Branch, of The Atlantic Coast District, wish to extend our love to all the Brothers and Sisters of the Church. We are enjoying God's Blessings very much although we are just a few in number.

One of our Sisters had an experience involving her daughter, who according to the doctors had a murmuring heart. She was to go to the hospital for tests. Our Sister had her daughter anointed before going to the hospital and when the tests were made, they proved negative. So we thank God for His great love and mercy toward us.

Bro. Cadman, we also would like to remind our Brothers and Sisters that in the April Conference, a motion was passed that all church members make a contribution towards the renovation of our building. We have received a few donations, but we are in need of much more. As we explained to Conference, we are just 10 working members and it would be quite a burden on us if we were to supply all the necessary funds. Our Building is in need of repairs as soon as possible. It would make the burden lighter if all would help out in the best way that they can.

We hope you and your family are enjoying good health Brother Cadman and our prayer is that your life may be extended to see more of the latter day glory.

Your Brother in Christ

J. Joseph Perri

Presiding Elder

Metuchen Branch

GLASSPORT, PA.

Brother Cadman:

Enclosed find a check for the renewal of the Gospel News for another wonderful year.

I can surely say that I have enjoyed the Gospel News, since it was first published. I would never want to be without it. I have learned so much more reading your column and received the truth of God's work to His people.

I pray that God will Bless You Forever and keep you in His care.

Your Sister in Christ Angela Intrieri

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, MONONGAHELA, PA.

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I think of the fence I have needed to paint,
I think of the chair I have needed to mend,
I think of the money I soon need to pay,
To send my young son on to college some day.

The lawn in the front should be trimmed very soon,
The garage should be cleaned to make us more room
The car should be vacuumed, the outside be shined,
We should plan a picnic with the neighbors some time.

Oh the anxious impulses that drive me each day,
Robs my starving soul of time needed to pray,
I fear I am cleansing the outside the cup,
While the place my soul lives with debris is filled up.

Have I unto man a debt I must pay?
Or to customs and standards of this present day?
To this evil world must I then bow down,
As though it could award me a heavenly crown?

With a breath of resolve I could then be free,
From the present anxieties that now control me,
If I turn unto Christ as my strength and my guide,
And surrender my will that His may abide.
Selected

OUT DOOR M.B.A. GATHERING

On August 11 the Pennsylvania District had an "out-of-doors" M. B. A. meeting with the Greensburg local serving as host. We gathered at the residence of Brother Joseph Draskovich and the location was ideal for such a meeting. Brother Dominic Moraco described the setting perfectly when he said in his opening prayer that we were under the canopy of heaven.

The program presented by the Greensburg Brothers and Sisters was entitled "Freedom, God, and America." Through topics and hymn selections they proved that the History of the United States was not something which just transpired of itself, but rather something which was influenced by God so that its development might produce the proper conditions for the latter day works.

They reminded us of the prophecy written in the second Chapter of the book of Ether that "whoso should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve Him, the true and living God, or they should be swept off when the fullness of His wrath should come upon them." That we as citizens of this land of promise have a duty to perform—that being—serving God all our days. If we would not obey Him we would be swept off when the fullness of God's wrath should come upon us. Even as the Jaredites were completely destroyed because of their wickedness, and as the tribe of Joseph was cast from the sight of God for their disobedience, that we as inhabitants of this land must obey God or also a similar lot would befall us.

A thought which prevailed throughout the program was that we are indeed a blessed people. Materialistically, politically, and spiritually we definitely surpass the other nations of the world.

Brother Joseph Milantoni from Detroit was a guest speaker invited by the District. He continued the theme of the program and expressed some personal experiences he had which increased in him his love for America. He reminded us of the obligations we face as ambassadors for Christ. He said there was much work to be done in the Church and that we should help to strengthen it so that this work can be properly realized.

Brother Cassasanta, who just returned from missionary work in Italy, gave a talk about the conditions he faced there. It seemed as though he could verify all the thoughts advanced about our blessings in America since he just returned from a country bound by the shackles of imperialism and perverted Christianity.

Brother W. H. Cadman gave a summation of the thoughts brought out in the program and by the Elders who spoke afterwards. He then took the theme of "Freedom, God, and America" into the future when America, by the work of the Church, will be the place of the Peaceful Reign. Also that the Restoration of the whole House of Israel would begin right here in America. He said as he very often does: "What manner of men ought we to be?" We should be an example to others and men always ready and willing to carry out the work of the Lord. That in this crucial period of History we should not let anything hinder us from doing God's will.

In conclusion I might add of my own that the time is drawing near when this land will be ripened in iniquity. The evil power is gathering all the forces he can to prevent the great works which must come forth. The founding of Zion and the Restoration of the House of Israel will be opposed bitterly. However, just as this nation has succeeded in its work; just as the Church is succeeding in her work; they will together succeed in fulfilling the whole plan of God.

Written by
Richard S. Curry

SISTER BETTY WRITES OF HER EXPERIENCE.

Brothers and Sisters:

As I have already told a few of you what happened on the 9th of July through the kind heartedness of Brother and Sister Kirschner, Brother R. Tassone and Bro. Robinson that evening at home (in Monongahela) and seriously I never felt so strong the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ within my own body, as well as in the meeting and even my father said, he never felt before like he did that night. God was surely in our midst, for I could feel His presence and when being anointed I felt a stronger hold on Him. Brothers and Sisters as I have already told you—I honestly and seriously felt more determined than ever before to believe and do the things he wants me to do—live a righteous life regardless of what comes before me, He will surely, if not already has healed me, of ever taking such seizures as I have been taking for 33 years. I honestly believe, that from now on, if I do my part, God will surely do His marvelous work. I deeply thank these brothers and sisters for fasting and praying for me. Brother Tassone said he had several times felt to

write to me, if he would be able to come and anoint me, but something seem to tell him to hold back. I am positive that God was with us and especially me, for since being anointed I have not had a seizure. Praise God's name for His miraculous work here on earth. I hope the brothers and many others will write to me. Thanks be to God for such interest and kindness shown in me by my Bros. and Sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ. May God bless you and every one.

Sincerely,
Sister Betty Griffith

P.S. Betty has been seriously afflicted most all her lifetime, and I believe has spent most of her time in an institution. She is a daughter of Brother Clarence Griffith here in Monongahela. While home for a short visit this summer, some of the folks from the West Elizabeth Branch paid her a visit and anointed her. And according to her letter, she feels that she has been healed. May her feelings not prove in vain—For Betty has been a sick girl.

Sincerely,
Brother Cadman

ARE WE ALL SO APPRECIATIVE?

To My Readers:

I do not often hear from Sister Large, but this short letter of hers, I believe is worth passing on.

WALTON, NEW YORK

Dear Brother Cadman,

I wish this were 100 dollars. (I had requested a dollar extra from each of you to help along with the expense of the Centennial Issue, to which she is responding. WHC) You don't know how I welcomed the Gospel News. It's just what I needed. I was reading the old one just this morning. I feel so far away from everyone until I get my new issue.

My sister tells me about the Church in Florida and it's so wonderful to hear of the good things being done by the brothers and sisters. God bless every one in His work. Thank you. Darlene Large.

NEWS FROM FREDONIA, PA.

Just a few lines to tell you of how the Lord blesses His children in the Fredonia Branch.

On Sunday, May 27, the Erie Mission joined us for our feet washing service. For the past several years the Erie Mission has joined us once a year on this occasion. We were happy to have visitors from other parts of the Church also; Bro. Oliver Lloyd and Bro. Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio, Bro. and Sis. Samuel Kirschner of Jefferson, and Bro. and Sis. Dominic Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio.

The young people of the Fredonia Branch sang the centennial song, "One Hundred Years Ago" written by Bro. James Loyalvo. This is another beautiful song we can add to our "favorites" collection; another song we sing about our Church.

Bro. Lloyd opened the morning service by reading the 28th chapter of 3rd Nephi concerning the three disciples who wished to live on this earth until the end of the world and not taste of death, and how Christ told them they shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men until He (Christ) should come in His glory. Bro. Lloyd given an inspir-

ing testimony of how God has blessed him in his life in the Church. God's spirit was in our midst as we listened to this humble Brother.

Bro. John Mancini of Erie followed telling us more concerning the House of Israel.

Bro. Samuel Kirschner introduced our afternoon service giving us an interesting account of his experiences in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Many wonderful testimonies were given and the Spirit of God prevailed throughout the feet washing service.

Kenneth Olexa, son of Bro. and Sis. John Olexa of Monongahela, attended our Sunday morning service, June 10. He has just been transferred to the Mercer Barracks of the State Police. We always receive an added blessing when our Brothers, Sisters and Friends come to meet with us.

Bro. Martin Klein, Jr. visited with us after serving basic training in the Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He is serving six months active duty with the Reserves and will be home in September. Several Brothers and Sisters from New Jersey have visited with him at Fort Dix which has helped him to endure the many discouragements of Army life. He hopes to spend a weekend with them and to attend Church in New Jersey.

I would like to close with this poem I read. In writing about our many visitors and our Church being in the country, I thought it was quite appropriate.

Sunday Bells

I love to hear the Sunday bells,
When passing through a country town;
They sound a welcome, warm and true,
For weary ones to settle down.

A country church is made for folks
Who come to worship, stay to greet;
For miles they come, each Sunday morn
To talk with God, as friends they meet.

I love to hear the Sunday bells
That sound where country folk reside;
It seems God's hand is reaching out,
Where bells say, "Welcome, come inside".

Sister Mary Kay Klein

PARLIN, NEW JERSEY

Quite often I receive a short letter from Sister Iva Fisher relative to a work they have started at Freehold and Neptune. (I believe this is among the colored people)

In Neptune they baptized a sister on July 22nd and then she says that last Sunday a 75 year old man was baptized. Brother Matthew Rogolino seems to be having much success in that part of the vineyard. May the Lord continue to bless his efforts.

SOUTH DAKOTA

I received a letter or rather a card from Brother Furnier just recently, him and his wife arrived in Wakpala, South Dakota on July 27th and relieved Brother Brutz from Resda, California, who had spent about one Month holding meetings in our church at Wakpala among the Sioux Indians. We hope to hear of some good being done among them.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

Dear Readers:

The September Editorial was the last of a series of articles I wrote sometime ago. I, at the time, started to write from the first Book in the Book of Mormon, just giving a brief account of different characters contained therein. But in doing so, you will no doubt have noticed that I wandered into other writings as well. It is still my intention to follow or continue a similar course throughout the Book of Mormon. My last 'write-up' was mostly confined to the Book of Mosiah. I have received letters of a complimentary nature of these writings or Editorials.

The last chapter of Mosiah records the account of the deaths of both Mosiah and Alma, two wonderful men in the service of God. It is said of Alma that he was 82 years old, having lived to fulfil the commandments of God. Mosiah died also, in the thirty and third year of his reign, being 63 years old; making in the whole, 509 years from the time Lehi left Jerusalem. And thus ended the reign of the kings over the people of Nephi; and thus ended the days of Alma, who was founder of their church.

The Book of Alma is written by the son of the afore-mentioned Alma, the founder of the church. In his youth he was a very wayward young man, apparently filled with a spirit to destroy that which was good. It was much concern to his father, but he prayed much in behalf of his son Alma. The account given of him is much in parallel with the life of Saul of Tarsus as given in the Acts, of the Apostles, whom was making havoc of the church and persecuting both men and women. He was feared much by the disciples of the Lord, until his career of destruction came to an end on his way to Damascus. He then became a wonderful worker in the Vineyard of the Messiah.

The experience of Alma was not identical with what is written of Saul of Tarsus, but its effects are, and it brought both these young men to their knees. With all the destructive lives these two young men were leading, it has always seemed to me, that down in their hearts there was a good-spot and the Lord God had mercy on them. Alma the son of Alma became one of

the great men we read of in the Book of Mormon. Likewise, did Saul of Tarsus become one of the greatest of the followers of Christ in the Christian era. I suppose he is quoted more than any other writer in the New Testament scriptures.

Alma was associated with another by the name of Amulek, the two of them suffered and rejoiced together very much. They preached the Gospel, they baptized many people, angels administered unto them. They were bound with cords, thrust into prisons and the power of God falls upon them and they are delivered out of prison. Read the 14th Chapter of Alma. In chapter 45 verse 16, he makes no allowance for sin in the least degree. In chapter 40, he delves into the "state of the soul after death" very extensively, also defines the "Resurrection" of the body more so I believe than any other writer. He speaks of the first resurrection—meaning that which took place immediately after the Christ arose. I read in Matthew 27; that after His resurrection, many of the saints which slept arose and came out of their graves, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many. According to Alma, it appears that there was a general rising from the dead at that time. John of course in Rev. 20:6 speaks of a first resurrection and upon those the second death hath no power. In this instance, John is speaking of things yet to come, while Alma in the Book of Mormon is speaking of what would take place at the resurrection of Christ from the tomb.

In the Book of Alma chapter 32, verses 13, 14 and 15. He makes quite a distinction between being compelled to be humble, and of us humbling ourselves of our own accord. While it was good even to be compelled to do so, yet it is far better for us mortals to humble ourselves willingly and serve our God.

What a wonderful man Alma must have been. I read of him in chapter 45:18, 19. that he departed out of the land of Zarahemla, as if he would go to the land of Melek, and he was never heard of more. They say: Behold, this we know that he was a righteous man; and the saying went abroad in the church that he was taken up by the Spirit, or buried by the hand of the Lord, even as Moses.

I might add: be that as it may: The Lord will take care of His own. Amen

July 7, 1962

"NUPTIALS"

On June 30, 1962, Sister Rosanne Loyalvo and Harold L. Batalucco exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony which was performed by the Uncle of the bride, Bro. Dr. D. R. Thomas, in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 4, Detroit, Mich. He was assisted by another uncle, Bro. Joseph Calabrese. The Bride is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Anthony R. Loyalvo, of Redford Township, Mich. and the bridegroom's parents are Bro. and Sister Joseph Batalucco of Belleville, Mich.

The bride wore a gown of white peau de soie, and carried a cascade of white roses and stephanotis, centered with a white orchid. The maid of honor, Cheryl Calabrese, cousin of the bride, wore a gown of Nylon organza. She carried a spiral bouquet of white blue tipped carnations. The Bridesmaids, Loretta Bologna

and Sandra Batalucco wore identical frocks in powder blue and carried a spiral bouquet of yellow carnations. The Best man was Richard Bologna and the Ushers included the brother of the bride, Leonard A. Lovalvo and cousin, Dennis Calabrese.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he received a B.A. and M.A. Degree in Administration. He is teaching at the Franklin High School, Livonia, Mich.

The couple will make their home in Redford Township, Mich., after an extended tour of the New England States.

May the Good Lord bless them in their marriage.
Sister Betty Capone

ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

March 2 thru 4, 1962

The Atlantic Coast District Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ met in the District Headquarters Building of Hopelawn, New Jersey on Friday evening, March 2, 1962 with all the officers and elders present. The business sessions of conference were conducted through Saturday evening.

On Sunday, March 4th, the worship service was held in the Hopelawn School with a large representation of brothers, sisters and friends in attendance.

After a few selections by the Hopelawn Junior Choir, directed by Sister Irene Williams, our meeting was introduced by singing hymn #11, "An Angel Came Down." Prayer was offered by Bro. Nathan Peterkin. Hymn #17, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" was then sung.

Bro. August D'Orazio, Jr. of the Edison Branch, spoke concerning the hymn #17 just sung. He remarked about the marvelous way God has called each of us in a different way. He then read a few verses from 2nd Nephi 27th chapter, "then shall the Lord say unto him the learned shall not read them for they have rejected them, and I am able to do mine own work wherefore thou shalt read the words which I shall give unto thee," etc. Bro. August gave an encouraging talk regarding these verses. Hymn #355, "We've A Story To Tell to the Nations" was sung by the congregation. Bro. Carmen Sgro, of the New Brunswick Branch, referred to how the Lord moved upon a young boy, Joseph Smith. The Lord revealed unto Joseph Smith that he would be instrumental in the hands of God in performing the work of the latter day. And so it was that Joseph Smith was inspired by the spirit of God in the last dispensation of time representing the beginning of the Kingdom of God upon this great land of America. Gifts of tongues were spoken by three brothers during Bro. Carmen's inspiring sermon.

The congregation sang hymn #53, "How Sweet To Reflect." Bro. Nick Persico, of the Hopelawn Branch, asked the question, "If we were asked what we thanked God the most for, which answer would we give?" "Would we thank Him most of all for restoring the Gospel upon the face of the earth?" During His ministry, the Saviour likened the Kingdom of God in many ways. Bro. Nick made reference to the man who was a collector of precious pearls and when he came upon a certain pearl, he was willing to sell all his pearls for the "pearl of great price." He urged us to regard the

Gospel of Jesus Christ as "A Pearl of Great Price." The first and last verses of hymn #163, "We Shall Shine As the Stars" were sung. Bro. Dominick Rose, Brooklyn Mission, then spoke concerning the wonderful treasure we have found in the Gospel and that we should exercise the faith that God has given us.

Hymn #51, "O Paradise," was sung by the congregation. Bro. Paul Benyola, of the Hopelawn Branch, expressed himself in regard to the responsibility that rests upon us as a people. Bro. Paul paralleled the torch held by the Statue of Liberty which reads, "give me your tired and your poor" with the words of Jesus, "Come unto me that are weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest." As the Statue of Liberty is a symbol of peace and rest to all who come to our land; the Church of Jesus Christ is also a type and shadow of peace and rest to all those who come unto it. Bro. Paul made an appeal to all of our young to employ our strength and efforts to bring about this great work that has been entrusted to us.

Bro. Rocco Ensana, of the Edison Branch, spoke briefly, commenting on the wonderful spirit which prevailed among the brothers in this District Conference.

Dismissal hymn #18, "How Will the Saints Rejoice To Tell" was sung. Prayer was offered by Bro. Frank Mazzeo.

District Secretary,
Bro. Nick Persico

GIRL SCOUTS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

August 3. I am in receipt of a beautiful card this day from Sister Virginia Martin. As I understand, Virginia is teaching a class of "teen age girls" at Camp Red Wing, Renfrew, Pa.—spending her summer vacation that way. With her parents, I visited this place one year ago and it is certainly a place isolated from civilization.

She writes: I am starting on my 7th week here and I am enjoying it even more than I did last year. There's just something wonderful about being out here surrounded by nothing, but the beauty of God's creation. However, I do miss Sunday services at home. Remember me in your prayers. Virginia Martin.

Thanks for your card, Virginia. Bro. Cadman

POEM

BY EVELYN MAPES

JESUS IS THE MASTER
HE IS THE TRUE ONE IN ALL
HE WILL HELP YOU WHEN YOU FALL
HE WILL HELP YOU WHEN YOU CALL
HE WILL GUIDE YOU ONE IN ALL
THIS IS THE GOSPEL FOR US ALL
SO BE TRUE TO THIS YOU HEAR
SO COME TO JESUS WITHOUT FEAR
BECAUSE JESUS IS RIGHT NEAR
HAVE SALVATION WHILE IT'S HERE
JESUS IS SO VERY DEAR.

SO COME TO JESUS HE IS NEAR
COME TO JESUS WITHOUT FEAR
COME TO JESUS AND OBEY
HE WILL GUIDE YOU ALL THE WAY
HE WILL BE WITH YOU NIGHT AND DAY
HE WILL BE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ". Romans 1:16.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell a story of a great missionary, known as Paul. By many he was called Saul of Tarsus. He was raised in the city of Tarsus. His Jewish name was Saul and his Roman name was Paul, therefore he is called by both names. His parents were Hebrews and his father was a Roman citizen. His father was a Pharisee and believed in the law of Moses. Saul was taught by the greatest teacher of his day, named Gamaliel. Saul was a very bright young man.

Many of the Jewish leaders and Pharisees did not believe in Jesus as the Son of God. They were still looking for a Messiah. Even though they knew Jesus did many wonderful things, like making the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the crippled to walk, cleansed the lepers and even the dead came to life. Wherever He went people followed Him and loved Him. If the people did believe in Jesus these Jewish leaders and Pharisees would not be important anymore, so they did all they could to destroy Jesus and His teachings. We all know the story of Jesus's death and resurrection and how the disciples saw Him ascend into heaven. They remembered his promise that he would return some day. They went about teaching these things.

When Saul heard of this, he thought it was wrong. He did not believe in this Jesus. So he started out to bring these people before the Jewish leaders. He even consented to the stoning of the believers in Jesus. He thought he was doing right. He went to Jewish priests to get letters that gave him permission to bind men and women and take them to Jerusalem.

Once Saul was going to the city of Damascus, when a wonderful thing happened. Suddenly a light from heaven shown round about him. He fell to the earth. He heard a voice say, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He asked, "Who art thou Lord?" The Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest". Saul was astonished and tremblingly said, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" The Lord said, "Arise, and go into the city and it will be told thee what thou must do". The men who were with him stood speechless. They had heard the voice but saw no man. Saul arose from the ground. He could not see, he was blind. The men led him by the hand and took him into Damascus. For three days he neither ate or drank.

Now in this city lived a good man named Ananias. The Lord had spoken to him in a vision, "Arise and go into the street which is called Straight and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold he prayeth". Then he said that Saul had seen Ananias in a vision and knew that he would come and put his hand on him that he might receive his sight. Ananias had heard about Saul and how he had bound the saints in Jerusalem. The Lord knew all about Saul too and he told Ananias, Saul was a chosen vessel. He

was really a very good man and would give his testimony to Israel and the Gentiles.

Ananias went his way and soon came to the house where Saul was. He put his hands on Saul and told him Jesus had sent him that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Immediately there fell from his eyes as if it had been scales. He received his sight, arose and was baptized. He then received meat and was strengthened.

Before this, Saul had not known Jesus was the Christ. How wonderful, it all was to him now. He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for awhile. He went into the synagogues telling everyone about Christ. All the people were amazed. They asked, "Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem?" It was hard to believe that a man could change so quickly. But Paul increased the more in strength and confounded the Jews which lived in Damascus, proving that this is Christ. Since Jesus had come into Paul's life he was a changed man. He was sorry and repented of the wrong he had done. He spent the remainder of his life telling others of his Saviour.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

In the same chapter of this story, Acts 9, you will find in verse 23, what the Jews planned to do to Saul.

Verse 25—How did the disciples save him?

Verse 26—How did the disciples in Jerusalem feel about Saul?

Verse 27—What man came to Saul's rescue?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

ARIZONA

July 18, 1962

We have been blessed with two new baptisms in the Phoenix Mission. On Sunday, June 30, 1962; Sister Katherine Baker of Phoenix and her sister Mary Glover of Florida surrendered their souls unto the Lord. Through the testimony of Brother Patsy Rogolino of Ft. Pierce, Florida; these women came to know of the Gospel Restored.

While visiting their sister Katherine, afflicted with cancer, Sister Mary and Ruth Morris, formerly of Florida, talked about the Church and discussed the importance of faith in God. Both of these women had previously met with our Church people in Florida and were impressed with the doctrine of the Church.

We received a call one evening from the sisters telling us that Katherine desired to be baptized, as she no longer was concerned with her natural body but she wanted her soul cleansed. The brothers visited with her that same night and felt a good spirit in talking to her. A day was set aside for fasting and prayer, that the Lord might give her enough strength to come to our meeting on Sunday. She came on Sunday, along with her sisters Mary and Ruth. Brother Bob Ciarrochi came from the San Fernando Valley to assist Brother Damore, for we thought in her weakened condition, she might have to be carried into the water.

She walked into the water, slowly, with the brothers and the ordinance was performed so beautifully with no trouble at all. As she came out of the water, she looked to her sisters on the shore and smiled with such a look of peace and contentment on her face.

While we were singing, Mary cried out that she, too, wanted to be baptized. She was taken into the water, just as she was, in her own clothes.

It was a beautiful sight to see and we praise God for seeking out those who have a desire to love and serve him. It's wonderful to see such results come from a testimony from brothers and sisters across the country. The seed was planted in Florida and the Lord gave the increase in Arizona.

We request the prayers of the Saints for this little Phoenix Mission, and especially for our new Sister Katherine afflicted with this dreaded illness.

Sister Ann Damore

Phoenix Mission

P.S. Brethren and Sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ, Sister Damore writes a letter of good-news to us. May I ask, are you—are we, living in appreciation sufficiently before God, for Him answering our prayers as a WHOLE and crowning our efforts with success? We must overcome the evils of this world by good deeds. Sister Damore, may God continue to crown your efforts with success in Arizona. Brother Cadman

FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On Sunday, July 15th, the Youngstown branch welcomed several visitors in our midst including visiting Evangelist, Brother Clarence Robinson.

Brother Travis Perry, in the absence of Brother Tony Corrado, opened the meeting by reviewing some of our doctrine for our visitors.

Brother Ralph Berardino led in prayer and opened the service. Reading from the 55th Chapter of Isaiah he invited those who have not yet made a covenant with the Lord to come and taste of the goodness of the Gospel. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." A wonderful chapter revealing God's invitation and promises to all.

A young couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Vaspisan, whom Brother Ralph had married, presented their little one to be blessed. Mr. Vaspisan is in the Navy stationed at Washington, D.C.

Sister Vera Edwards of Sharon had Brother Robinson bless her new baby, Mitchell, Jr.

Brother Perry closed the meeting in prayer. Several of our members were visiting out of town and some were sick. There is much sickness among the saints. Let us all sincerely seek the Lord in prayer, praying for one another in our time of greatest need.

AT THE WASHING OF FEET

At the washing of feet,
What a pleasure to greet
All our brothers and sisters, united;
What a blessing to know
What we practice, below
Makes our Jesus in heaven, delighted.
With my brethren I feel
Every time that I kneel,
Such a wonderful blessing enshroud me,
And, I know that, once more,
I've been true, as before,
To the knowledge with which He endowed me.

Let the proud of the Earth

Scorn and laugh, in their mirth
At the ordinance Jesus has given;
It is only the meek,
As Salvation, they seek
Who shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven;
For the washing of feet,
Shows Humility, sweet,
Tho' the proud world may choose to ignore it,
But, to those who believe
And, the Truth, do receive,
Tis the Way of the Gospel Restored.
At the washing of feet,
What a joy to repeat:
"Brother, sister, forgive me, forgive me."
If I mean what I say
When I sing, when I pray,
What a blessing my Jesus will give me.
All the errors of the day
Are erased, wiped away,
And my soul does receive ammunition;
For another while, then,
I can battle, and then,
Praise the Lord! I've completed my mission.

(This last verse was written, by inspiration, during a feet washing service.)

Catherine Poma

JEWS IN RUSSIA

In London, Sir Barnett Janner issued the following statement at the end of a meeting of the central representative body of British Jewry:

"The Board of Deputies of British Jews wishes to express its deep sense of shock and abhorrence at the savage sentences of capital punishment reported to have been passed on a number of Jews in Lithuania, following upon similar charges and death sentences in other parts of the USSR. Such reports of the trials as are available, indicated by their suggestions and innuendos against Jews and Judaism an intensification of anti-Jewish measures made increasingly manifest in recent years."

The Board's appeal requested not only the remission of the death sentences but also "a reversal generally of the present harsh and discriminatory action against Jews in the USSR."

I ask you all, remember the poor Jews in your prayers, Bro. Cadman

WHAT WE ARE TO BE, WE ARE NOW BECOMING

Life is a constant learning. Never the lesson ends, and the more we learn the further the bounds of our life extend. Life must be a constant growing up from the nourishing foundation, into better living nearer the fullness of God. One's life should be filled with good, better, best, because all good comes from God, and is given to man for profit, and enjoyment. Many are the causes, that may be found, to keep us from advancing toward the goal of our high calling in Christ Jesus. The conduct of our daily life, depends very largely upon the working answer, we give to the problems. Matt 7-13-14. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

It is important to make the full conquest of one's life, patterned to the end, that one's deeds will flow, more and more from the center of one's intent. To work towards that goal, meditation, and prayers, are helpful in providing a climate in which one's deeds may be exposed, and the character of the deeds understood, therefore don't be anxious, be practical, give of your best to the Master, and the best will come back to you. Our Lord and Master has set the example of life. A true method, for meeting unknown, and untried situations. A love that never fails. With faith and trust in God, that His Holy Spirit, will lead and guide us, every step of the way. It takes time to cultivate the mind. It takes time to grow in wisdom. One step won't take you very far, you have to keep on walking. One word won't tell people who you are, you have to keep on talking. One little deed of kindness, won't do it all; you have to keep on going, always doing your best. People fail only when they no longer try. It isn't necessary to make a big showing every day, but it is necessary to continually improve, and by doing some one thing to improve yourself every day, you will go forward.

First be sure that you are headed in the right direction. An inviting path, may lead to a dead end. Stop; look; watch and pray, before you leap. It is a conclusive fact, that your destination or goal does not come to you. You must travel that road yourself, and a single step forward each day, in the Church of Jesus Christ, will shorten the distance, and bring you closer to God. Isa. 28-10. For precept must be on precept, precept on precept, line on line, here a little, and there a little. One small act of decisiveness, keeps the door oiled, and opened for the next major one to be made. The ability to make better decisions tomorrow, comes from the act of making one today, and to be abreast of the times in these realms, calls for the best in a man. It means not following the crowd, but being true to one's vision, not letting down, but rising up, not license, but discipline. There is hardly a higher ideal for anyone to strive for, than to be a humble follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ. New occasions teach new duties. It is true life gets lived, one way or the other. Gal-6-7. Be not deceived God is not mocked, for what-so-ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap, Travel on, don't stop or falter, make life worth while, for some one else on the pathway now unfolding, because there is a hero of courage, who will test, and lead you onward, for the conquest of your goal.

Sister Muriel Miller

A JOURNEY TO FLORIDA

Dear Editor:

My wife and I and the children left Lockport, N.Y. on the morning of July 14th and began a long journey to visit the brothers and sisters of West Palm Beach, and Fort Pierce, Florida.

We traveled about five hundred miles each day, and with the help of God arrived at Fort Pierce at 6:00 P.M. on July 16th. The Brothers and Sisters were anxiously awaiting our arrival and we felt the blessings of God as we met with those who have been born again of the same spirit, thus being of the same family in Christ Jesus.

While at Fort Pierce for six days, I had a very busy

schedule visiting the saints and holding a number of meetings with them in the evening. On the evening of July 18th, three car loads of us, (my car included) went to the Brighton Indian Reservation in Okeechobee, Fla. The brothers of Fort Pierce became acquainted with the Seminole tribe on this Reservation who belong to an Independent Baptist Church, and who have taken a great liking toward our people. We felt good to visit these Indian people, and spoke to a number of them concerning the Gospel Restored, and concerning the belief of the Church in the gathering of Israel. They were very much interested and promised they would come to Fort Pierce to one of our meetings the following Sunday Evening.

On Sunday Morning we had a nice group assembled at the Union Hall in which they worship. Representation from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Palm Beach, were present in the meetings along with the saints of Fort Pierce. The Lord was with us throughout the day. In the afternoon I accompanied the brothers to Colored Town where they hold services among the colored race who are not permitted to come to the regular meetings because of existing circumstances.

In the evening on Sunday a car load of Seminole Indians came from Okeechobee, Florida. We were glad to have the Seed of Joseph present with us and to hear them sing in English and in their own Language the wonderful Hymns of Praises unto God. The Lord blessed us immensely.

After the Sunday Evening M.B.A. Service, we left Fort Pierce, for West Palm Beach, where we stayed at the home of Bro. and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo who were still in New Jersey, due to their daughter Palma's affliction. While at Fort Pierce we stayed at Brother Frank Rogolino's home and were made welcome. We can also say the same at West Palm Beach. Brother and Sister Sirangelo and all the saints were very good to us. On Wednesday Evening, July 25th, we had supper at Sister Maffee's home, after which the regular Wednesday evening meeting was held in her home. A car load of saints from Fort Pierce came down since this was going to be our last meeting together. We had a wonderful meeting that night, the spirit of the Lord being made manifest.

On Thursday Morning, July 26th, we left West Palm Beach and began our journey homeward. With God's protection we arrived home safe and sound to tell of God's goodness toward us, and how he protected us along the way. We thank God for the privilege of visiting the saints in Florida and for the opportunity to meet with the Seminole Indians. It is my prayer and sincere belief that the time is not far off when God will remember His ancient covenant people, and when the blessings of the Lord shall be restored unto them in great measure.

May God bless and help us to remember our covenants which we made at the water's edge is my prayer.

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST,
PAUL D'AMICO

August 6, 1962
San Carlos, Ariz.

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I had just written a few lines to Bro. Griffith along

with a financial report of the work. I had referred the first page of my letter to you, if you wish to use it for the GOSPEL NEWS you may.

I have been receiving the copies of the GOSPEL NEWS you have been sending me, they have been greatly enjoyed by all. As a matter of fact I have had requests for more, would appreciate 10 to 12 copies monthly. The edition of the 100th anniversary issue was beautifully done. Would appreciate 2 more copies.

I hope you are feeling well, we would like to have you come out and visit with us soon. The temperature today was a dry 109°. We are all well, thank God, doing the best we can.

I have enclosed an experience, given by a 93 yr. old Apache Indian man. With all humbleness of heart I present this for the GOSPEL NEWS, I leave it to your disposal and consideration.

APACHE INDIAN EXPERIENCE

This experience was given by a 93 yr. old Indian man, whose name is George Phillips. He lives alone in the mountain area of "Cutter", Ariz. located about 15 miles from San Carlos. I never met the man before, neither knew of him, like wise he never knew of me.

One day by request of one of our Indian sisters I went to the Indian hospital to pray for Mr. Phillips daughter, Mrs. Steel who was very sorely afflicted. Truly the spirit of God was felt in the anointing of this lady. Upon paying her a visit the next day, I found her sitting up in bed, praising the lord, that she was able to eat a meal and have a good night's rest for the first time in three days. Then she related to me her father's experience which is as follows:

"I, Mr. Phillips, dreamed a group of preachers whom I recognized were from the different churches in San Carlos. I saw them standing together in a large field, struggling with confusion trying to reach a dazzling silvery white line, which was ahead of them in their path at the end of the field. As I looked up I saw another preacher, who I never saw before. He was young, medium build, and had dark hair. He had already reached the silvery white line. He was standing facing the line with his back toward me. I then heard a voice speaking to me saying, "This man is my servant, he will give you the truth of God's word. He will also tell you the truth about your people." Then I saw the young man turn around, and upon his face he had a smile of happiness. He then changed into an old man with white hair, and a white beard.

I then found my self being led to this man's church. I followed the road from San Carlos, turned left, crossed a bridge over a river, then turned right and followed the road to a small church building. Suddenly I beheld a bright shaft of light shining down upon this building, and in the light I read these words, "THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST". I then awoke.

I knew where this place was, but I didn't know there was a church there. I haven't been across the river for some time. Not able to understand the dream, I told it to my daughter, (Mrs. Steel) I also told her if there were such a church, this is the true church. My daughter said to me, "Yes, there is a church on the other side of the river named The Church of Jesus Christ, and the preacher you saw is Bro. Dan".

When I heard this experience I went to visit Mr.

Phillips, when he saw me, and pointing to me he said, "You're the man from the church of Jesus Christ." Please continue to remember us in your prayers, that the mysterious ways, and the wonders of God may continue to be unfolded.

Bro. Dan Picciuto

COLUMBUS AND THE THREE NEPHITES

By C. J. Hunt

The Three Nephites—Angels of God

The hearts of thousands of Latter Day Saints have been cheered, comforted, and greatly encouraged in church work by reading the inspired account of the visit of Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer, soon after his resurrection, to the Nephites and Lamanites on the American Continent. Much of this narrative of the ministrations of his love and power is in the book of Nephi (often called the third book of Nephi), chapters five to twelve, in the Book of Mormon.

Of the special official work done by the Lord while here, there was the calling and ordaining of twelve men, disciples as special ministers, three of whom, because of their faith and worthiness, he blessed with promise of never-ending life, to become at a given time ministering angels to their own people, also to Jews, Gentiles, and scattered Israel, a wonderful charge, a glorious mission, under God and Christ. And those three angels have manifested themselves, giving true witness to people in the church as well as nonmembers by ministration and counsel, and will continue their good work of helpfulness until the second coming of Christ to earth.

Did Columbus Know of the Three Nephite Messengers?

Christopher Columbus and his brave voyagers of discovery of America did know of those white messengers. In a history, *Life and Voyages of Columbus*, University Edition, New York, The University Society Publishers, U. S. A., preface written by Washington Irving, Madrid, Spain (1827), volume 1, pages 270, 272 (also recorded in other published works of Mr. Irving), we note experience of Columbus on his second voyage at the island of Cuba. The account in substance reads:

"Here a party was sent on shore for wood and water; and they found two living springs in the midst of the grove. While they were employed in cutting wood and filling their water casks, an archer strayed into the forest with his crossbow in search of game, but soon returned, flying with great terror, and calling upon his companions for aid. He declared that he had not proceeded far when he suddenly espied through an opening glade, a man in a long white dress, so like a friar of the Order of Saint Mary of Mercy, that at first sight he took him for the chaplain of the admiral. Two others followed in white tunics reaching to their knees, and the three were of as fair complexions as Europeans. Behind these appeared many more, to the number of thirty, armed with clubs and lances. They made no signs of hostility, but remained quiet, the man in the long white dress alone advancing to accost him; but he was so alarmed at their number that he fled instantly to seek the aid of his companions. The latter, however, were so daunted by the reported number of armed natives, that they had not courage to seek them nor await their coming, but hurried with all speed to the ships.

"When Columbus heard this story he was greatly rejoiced, for he concluded that these must be the clothed inhabitants of Mangon [Mangon, a Bantu nation of British South Africa, fine specimens of physical manhood.—C. J. H.] of whom he had recently heard, and that he had at length arrived at the confines of a civilized country, if not within the very borders of the rich province of Mangi. [Mangi, a country of Asia, a climate, etc., like China.—C. J. H.] On the following day he [Columbus dispatched a party of armed men in quest of these people [three white personages on island of Cuba.—C. J. H.] clad in white, with orders to penetrate, if necessary, forty miles into the interior. The party penetrated through a belt of thick forests which girded the shore, and then entered upon a great plain or savanna, covered with rank grass and herbage as tall as ripe corn, and destitute of any road or footpath. It was with the utmost difficulty they could penetrate the distance of a mile, when they had to abandon the attempt, and return weary and exhausted to the ships.

"Another party was sent on the succeeding day, to penetrate in a different direction. The party returned to the ships equally unsuccessful as their predecessors, and pronounced the country wild and impenetrable, though exceeding fertile. Not a tribe of Indians was ever discovered in Cuba wearing clothes. In footnotes to preface, Jated Madrid, April 1, 1831, speaking of Historian Irving: 'Resident in Madrid, having an opportunity to examine excellent books and precious manuscripts, having always at hand the authentic documents which we had just published, he has been enabled to give to his history [of Columbus] that fullness, impartiality, and exactness, which make it much superior to those of the writers who preceded him.'

It is evident that the God of our church and of our standard books did direct Columbus to come to the Western Continent and that he also instructed the three Nephite messengers to greet the heralds of the coming civilization, bringing the "stick of Judah," the Bible, preparing the way for civil and religious liberty to be fully established here, and eventually the coming forth of the "sealed book," "The stick of Ephraim," the Book of Mormon, and the restoration of the gospel and his divinely organized church.

The Jews—American and Palestine.

The statements are generally accepted without documentary evidence that the Jews are a specially named and favored people of God. Christopher Columbus was a Jew, and five of the first voyagers to America were of Hebrew blood. The first European, in 1492, to tread American soil was Luis de Torres, one of the five Jews who sailed with Columbus. Thus we note that the God of Israel inspired Columbus, a Jew, to cross the great waters, to discover to the world of posterity of Joseph (descendants of his sons Ephraim and Manasseh), and they (Nephites and Lamanites) were found and greeted first by their people, the Jews. Wonderful, indeed!

Again we note the following the liberation of Jerusalem, December 11, 1917, by British soldiers under General Allenby, that the Council of the League of Nations, or Principal Allied Powers, by vote placed Palestine and Mesopotamia in charge of Great Britain, especially favoring Jewish colonization. The Great Brazilian nation of South America took active part in the

final League Covenant meetings of 1922 and 1923 represented by Domicio de Gama, Afranio de Mello Franco, and Paul de Rio Branco. Latter Day Saints believe that the great people of Brazil are mostly descendants of Nephites and Lamanites, hence the three noted representatives were most likely of Israel, and they did cross the mighty deep to speak and vote for the return of their Jewish brothers to their homeland, Palestine, although they did not know they were related.

Lo, the Poor Indian of America.

The approximately 356,000 Indians of the country, members of a vanishing race which seems marvelously to retain its vitality and numbers, may be regarded as doing very well. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the combined wealth of the race is 1,648 million dollars, or more than \$4,600 per capita. The only objection we see to the situation as it affects the American group is that the wealth is not equally divided among the Indians. Each man, woman, and child among them, according to the best standards, should have the per capita amount. There is little real prospect it will come. (from The Saints Herald for June 19, 1929).

P.S. This article was found among some old papers left by my wife, which was printed by The Reorganized Church in Independence, Mo. (Editor)

Brother, Sister Reunited Here



A brother and sister were reunited last week after a separation that lasted almost a half century. Anthony DiBattista, 66, of Mentor Road, Forward Twp., came to the United States from Italy when he was 17 and his sister, Elisabetta, was eight. They kept in touch with one another through letters, and then Mr. DiBattista decided to bring his sister here for a visit.

Elisabetta, whose married name also is DiBattista, has a daughter, Rose, in Cas-

—A Daily News Photo
tiglion, Italy, a son, Domenico in Argentina and three grandchildren. She is enjoying her visit here and plans to stay six months.

In the above photo, Mr. DiBattista is shown tracing, on a map of the United States, the different cities he plans to visit with his sister. He said she loves to travel by automobile although the traffic in the large cities amazes her because she comes from a farm near a small town, where not too many families own cars.

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH Rock Valley, Iowa

Rev. Harvey T. Hoekstra
Akobo, Upper Nile
The Sudan
Dear Harvey:

Let me share with you the rich experience we had

since you challenged us last fall. We decided to write to you after we had reached our goal of receiving \$10,000 to help produce the Anuak Translation. I am happy to report it has been raised.

The experience was a genuine working of the Holy Spirit in the heart and life of one individual who wishes to remain anonymous. Several weeks after your challenging message, he asked if he could be permitted to say a few words to the Sunday school class because he believed God prompted him to share a very deep experience of providing a way to print this Anuak Translation.

At first he said, "Yes, Lord. I am willing to contribute two or three hundred dollars for this excellent cause." He realized, however, that this wasn't what the Lord actually wanted. The man asked what He wanted him to give and felt the Lord directed him to give one load of fattened cattle or \$3,000. Certain temptations kept reminding him of other ways in which he could spend the money. After much prayer with his family, they were convinced that they must give more. Then arose the question, "Lord, this is only \$3,000 and Rev. Hoekstra mentioned the need for \$10,000! How can such a large sum be raised?"

Within the week, largely through this layman, the congregation gave \$5,600. This experience has done our church families much good. One layman's witness did far more than I as a pastor could have done. Our people can think of no greater joy than to be used by God for making known His Holy Word.

We do not want this to be a Look-What-We-Did letter. Rather, we as a congregation all join in saying with this layman who started this gift to make the Anuak translation possible: "This doesn't really amount to anything when we consider all that God has given to each of us, and when we consider all that we often spend selfishly and foolishly on ourselves."

The people of the Rock Valley congregation praise God for having a part in helping to provide His Word in still another language.

With God's richest blessings on your work,

Jerry Heemstha

P.S. You will be happy to know that on September 9 Secretary James Z. Nettinga of the American Bible Society will lead us in worship and dedicate a first copy of the Anuak Testament.

"Reprinted from the Bible Society Record" with their permission, thank you.

P.S. To my mind the American Bible Society is doing a wonderful work in translating the scriptures into so many languages. Editor W. H. Cadman

BROTHER ISHMAEL D'AMICO

January, 1962 marked the end of an inspired and spiritual laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. Brother Ishmael D'amico, beloved Apostle and Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, went to meet his Maker and his Master whom he had served untiringly since 1919.

Bro. D'amico leaves behind not only his wife and children, but numberless friends and members of the Church who mourn sadly for his departure from this vale of tears and sorrows.

I particularly mourn his passing as it was under the sound of Bro. D'amico's voice that I requested to be baptized. To have known Bro. D'amico has been an

inspiring experience. He is remembered for his untiring efforts to promulgate the Gospel in spite of great odds, which at times beset him. He is remembered for his prayers, his fastings and relentless battle waged against the forces of evil. He was never one to shirk duty, either as a Missionary or a local Minister.

Shortly after being ordained an Elder in 1920, Bro. D'amico and the late Bro. Joseph Dulisse went to Detroit, Michigan, where by the grace of God a branch of the Church was started and eventually through the efforts of other wonderful men, five branches including Windsor, Canada were established.

Bro. D'amico was ordained an Evangelist in 1921 and an Apostle in 1923.

Bro. D'amico's restless spirit and the love of souls urged him on to further efforts in the Missionary field. He went to Sopris, Colorado to deliver the word of God and where eventually a few persons obeyed the call of the Gospel. When he returned to Detroit, it was only a short time before he again obeyed the "Macedonian call" and went to Rochester, New York, where subsequently another branch of the Church was established.

During the years of 1931 through 1937, Bro. D'amico made missionary efforts in Waterloo, New York; Syracuse, New York; Palatine Bridge, New York; and much work among the Indian tribes of Tuscarora and Tonawanda.

From there—Bro. D'amico went to Brooklyn, New York, where again the results of his efforts produced another Mission.

In the midst of his greatest travail for the souls of men and women, Bro. D'amico was stricken with a Cerebral Hemorrhage which stilled the voice of this wonderful preacher of the Restored Gospel. Shocked and bewildered, the Saints prayed and fasted for his recovery with a longing in their hearts to hear again the sound of his voice raised in praise to his Maker, but to no avail! A mystery known only to God, Bro. D'amico never recovered from this unfortunate affliction which claimed his life eventually.

Will Bro. D'amico be forgotten? No! Never! Like the composition, "The song is ended, but the melody lingers on", so with Bro. Ishmael D'amico. His voice is stilled and ended, but the memory of this wonderful man will linger with the Church of Jesus Christ until time is no more.

We, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, salute the memory of Brother Ishmael D'amico and although saddened at his departure are made glad by the fact that in the "Mansions" above, we hope to meet again.

In Loving Memory

The Quorum of 12 Apostles

Written by Bro. V. James Lovalvo

A KINDLY REQUEST.

Contributors to The Gospel News: Please, when abbreviating words, do not abbreviate Sister, as is so often done by some of our contributors. When the term Sister is written as just plain Sis. I do not like it and it is mostly pronounced as it is written. I received a couple articles this day, and the abbreviation Sis. is used so much in them. (Of course I always aim to correct it but sometimes I overlook it.) To my mind there is a difference in abbreviating the term Brother—for in-

stance the abbreviation 'Bro.' is usually pronounced brother, can't hardly be pronounced otherwise. I remember when I was a young boy, there was one of our neighbor women, of which you never would hear her first name—it was Sis. this and Sis. that—to me it is not a term of respect to refer to a Lady as SIS. Please do not use the abbreviation Sis. in writing to the Gospel News, take time and spell it out Sister.

Thank You
Editor

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

July 31, 1962

Dear Brother Editor,

It has been some time since I last wrote to you and there is some news to report from both our branch here in San Diego and also the mission in Tijuana. The Lord has blessed His people in both these parts of His vineyard.

Supplementing my letter to the conference in which I told of Bro. Luis Urias' (ordained elder in the Tijuana Mission) dream to travel one thousand miles into the interior of Mexico, I am happy to report that Bro. Luis has made the trip and found in Mexico just what the Lord showed to him in his dream.

Bro. Luis dreamed that he should travel one thousand miles into Mexico, and there he would meet a man. He dreamed also that near the place that he should meet the man there would be a body of water where he was to baptize many people into the Restored Gospel. Bro. Luis did as the Lord told him in the dream and he took a bus into Mexico exactly one thousand miles. He got off the bus and as he walked along the road, he saw a man walking in front of him. He felt within himself that he had seen the man before, but he couldn't recall where, until suddenly he remembered that this was the same man that he had seen in his dream. Bro. Luis began to pray to the Lord for guidance in how he should approach this man and he felt directed by the spirit of God to simply say to him, "I am a minister of The Church of Jesus Christ and I have come to preach the Gospel." The man replied, just as he had in the dream, that for a long time he and the people there had prayed that God would send someone to tell them of the truth. Bro. Luis then asked the man if there was a body of water nearby and the man said, "Yes, come with me." They walked a short distance and then Bro. Luis beheld a body of water that was just like the one the Lord had shown him in his dream.

We all feel so blessed by this wonderful and glorious experience. Bro. Luis presently has returned to Tijuana to make ready to move his family to this place in the interior of Mexico. We ask that you all remember them in your prayers, as they have no funds or worldly goods; they are fully trusting in the Lord just as He has taught in the Scripture, that He will provide. The man Bro. Urias met has provided a vacant shack where Bro. Urias can preach to these people. We have prayed a long time that God might open the way for His word to be brought to His chosen people, and we feel that now that work is beginning. The people in Mexico are poverty stricken both naturally and spiritually. It is truly

a fact that we as gentiles and more importantly as members of the Church should be and must be nursing mothers and fathers unto them.

Here in San Diego we have also felt God's presence. Our branch enjoyed the visit of Bro. James Heaps from Anaheim Branch and Bro. Bob Schrocki from San Fernando Valley Branch. They visited here for a week during which time we held a series of meetings, one each night. There was a large attendance at each meeting and all enjoyed a good portion of God's spirit. Our Church is our life and it seems that the more often we gather together, the closer we draw to God and the more He blesses us. We continue to pray that someday soon we shall behold the fullness of the Gospel when we shall hear all peoples say "Men and brethren what shall we do" to be saved.

San Diego Branch Editor
Sister Ann Smith

P.S. Bro. Cadman, I'd like to use the medium of the Gospel News to thank all the Brothers and Sisters for their prayers in my behalf during my recent illness of a recurrence of cancer and more surgery. I know that God has been my company and I am so glad that many years ago He called me into His Gospel where I have found safety and where He has cared for me and has been by my side, especially during the trials. He provides freedom of fear even of this dread disease, for we know that "... though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..." My trust is in Him, for I know that He never forsakes His children.

2020 North Ridge Road
Elyria 7, Ohio
August 20, 1962

Gospel News Editor
Monongahela, Penna.

Dear Brother Cadman:

I pray this letter finds you in good health and spirits. The Saints of Lorain greet you in the love of Jesus Christ, may his grace and mercy rest upon you always is our prayer.

The Lorain Vacation Bible School did very well this year. Once again we wish to thank Sister Mable for the Material for our Vacation Bible School as well as all the wonderful Sisters and Brothers that worked so hard to make it all possible. The Theme was TEACH US TO PRAY. The classes were also taught from the Book of Mormon as well. The Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. George Puskas did all he could to see that things ran well, and helped where he could.

Our Director, Sister Helen Tissler, did a marvelous job through-out the whole two weeks of the classes, which were held from June 19 to June 29. There were 55 children enrolled in the four classes taught this year. Sister Josephine Dominico had the Junior class and was assisted by Marilyn Tissler, daughter of Sister Helen Tissler. Victoria Calabrese had the intermediate class and had Sister Mary Nardoza to assist her. Sister Marie Caldwell had the Kindergarten class with Sister Jennie Hersfak to help her. The Nursery class was taught by

Cheryl Tissler, also a daughter of Sister Helen, she had Inez Caldwell to help her. Mrs. Emma Quinnt was the Pianist for all the classes. There was \$18.14 collected during the classes for the two weeks. The children did make many beautiful things besides learning songs along with their lessons. The children had refreshments after class the last day of school.

The M.B.A. gave their time Friday evening of the 29th. to the V.B.S. that they might present their Achievement night to friends and parents. Awards were presented to the children after which all were invited to see the crafts and work completed by the different classes. It is really wonderful to see how much these children can learn in two short weeks. We pray that these classes will grow with the blessings of God. With the world in the condition that it is the more small minds we can teach the Love of God to the more hope we have for the future, for our children of today will be the Church of Tomorrow. Our hope is to see our church grow until it covers the whole earth.

Sister Marge King
Lorain Editor

FLIGHT OF JEWS

It is reported from Paris that the influx of Jewish immigrants from Tunisia into France has increased further during the last few days.

The majority of the Jews arrive with only one dinar (\$2.00) in their possession—the maximum amount of money they are allowed to take with them.

"Jewish Hope"

People who make the best of
it seldom get the worst of it.

RAILWAY WILL REACH EILAT

Israel will have 1,000 kilometers of railroad track by the end of the nation's second decade as compared to the 640 kilometers today.

It has been predicted that Israel would become one of the major rail hubs of the Middle East when peace with the neighboring countries was established.

HAIFA—Israel's seaport is always busy.

"Jewish Hope"

THANK YOU

Dear Gospel Readers:

I want to thank you kindly for your wonderful get-well cards, letters of cheer and your prayers during my

stay in the hospital. I underwent a very painful operation on both feet. During my trying hour, I sincerely felt the prayers of the Saints throughout the church.

I am now feeling much better every day. I thank God for this wonderful Gospel. May God bless you all in my prayer. Sister Anna Carlini.

The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.

DeCREDICO-TISLER

On the evening of June 27th. at 6 P.M. Nancy Tisler (daughter of Sister Helen Tisler) and Gerald DeCredico (son of Sister Elizabeth (Nancy) DeCredico) were united in Holy Matrimony at the Church of Jesus Christ at 27th. and Broadway Lorain, Ohio. Mr. Elroy McCain of R.L.D.S. (great Uncle to the bride) opened in prayer. Bro. Joseph Calabrese officiated at the double ring ceremony. Maid of honor was the sister of the bride Cheryl Tisler with the brother of the bride Joseph Tisler, Jr. as best man. The ushers were Bob Gracie and Dennis Calabrese, the son of Joseph and Victoria Calabrese as was the ring bearer Joel Calabrese. The little flower girl was Geni Tisler. Sister Catherine Coco sang Walk Hand in Hand and I Love You Truly, with aunt of the bride Betty Kelling at the organ.

The reception was at the home of the bride with 100 guests attending. The happy couple are residing at 1030½ 9th. Street, Lorain, Ohio, after a trip to Niagara Falls. May God Bless them and draw them into his fold and give them all they stand in need of all of their days.

Lorain Editor

Sister Marge King

Many defeats are installments
to victory.



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THANKSGIVING DAY

Upon this dedicated day, devoted to Thee.
Dear Lord, as every day should be;
Grateful and elated that we are free
Ever to serve and offer up our prayers to Thee.
For love of right, and scorn of wrong,
For all the blessings, that keep us strong
We thank Thee Lord, and pray that we
Deserving of Thy love may be.
Grant us the strength Thy will to do
The courage always to be true,
Words that friendly thoughts impart
Ties that bind us heart to heart.
The faith to brave what-ever must be.
Until world-wide, mankind is free.
Hopes that glisten in the skies
Goals that wait before our eyes
No tongue can tell, no words express
The Praise we offer Thee.
For Christ, who came for us to die
Accept our thanks, O God on high.
Sister Muriel Miller

MISSIONARY TEMPO INCREASING

MUNCHEY INDIAN RESERVATION, ONTARIO, CANADA — The tempo of missionary work in The Church of Jesus Christ is on the increase, according to returned African missionary, Alvin Swanson.

This observation was verbalized in a brief address during a recent trip here with other individuals of his Greensburg, Pennsylvania branch. They were accompanied by visitors from Detroit, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario. Brother Swanson's comments followed the opening remarks by his hometown associate, Elder Fred Fair, who acknowledged the ever-present ties with the inhabitants of this reservation.

More Activity Evident

"We are living in a time when missionary work is on the increase. Unless I am badly mistaken, the tempo of activity within The Church indicates a large rise in missionary work. Many of you here today will, I am sure, be in the mission fields shortly," Elder Swanson said in directing his remarks to the many Church-member visitors.

"When we realize there are people around the world who have nothing—not even enough to eat—in comparison to what we have, we become aware of our oversteering material attainments. Then, we become anxious to do more for others."

Desires Another Tour

Brother Swanson indicated his desire to once again go on mission duty. This time, however, he expressed a preference to do so among the Indian people, whom The Church believes are the "Seed of Joseph."

Incidentally, the returned missionary spoke although he was ill. He was suffering from a siege of the malaria he encountered in Africa. He was anointed for this affliction later in the service.

Other Locations Described

The poverty of people in other world locations was

also described by President William H. Cadman, who delivered the closing remarks. The Indians in Mexico comprised his most vivid explanation.

The undesirable conditions were presented by Brother Cadman to further emphasize the importance of doing The Lord's Work to help underprivileged peoples. The President spoke with authority, because he was mainly responsible for starting the African mission in addition to many others.

By Carl Franmmolin

THANKSGIVING (Cleveland, Ohio)

July 3rd., 1962 as I was making toast for breakfast for myself, I looked out the window toward the sky and I started to thank the Lord for the day. I had already said my morning prayer previous to this, and I realized I was saying a prayer word for word as if it was written. So I sat down and wrote it; the prayer follows:

We thank thee on this day Dear Lord
For those with humble heart's
That stood the burden of the day
And thus did then depart.
To gather on the other shore
To wait in peace and love
For those that linger here on earth
And serve our Lord above.
O may we all united be
When that great day shall come
That we shall meet at Jesus feet
And never more to roam.
In this wicked world of sin and strife
But only know the Love and Peace
That Jesus gives redeeming Grace
And through His blood
He gave us life
If only we believe in him.

Amen

Sister Gladys Gibson

THE PILGRIMS REHEARSED (By Bro. C. W. Holmes)

We lay aside our history book and, as we relax, our mind forms a picture. We see a small band of bedraggled men, women and children struggling in a cold, bleak, wilderness. They discover a store of buried corn and hungrily consume it to stave off starvation.

The scene changes to show people clustered in the center of a clearing bordered by a dense, dark forest, the trees of which are sprinkled with young green leaves. We draw closer and see the people are watching an individual with smooth bronze skin that glistens in the sunlight, adding a divine glow to his proud majesty as he makes signs to his attentive audience and proceeds to dig a hole in the earth. He places two fish in the hole, drops in five or six kernels of corn, and the scene again changes.

The forest is now ablaze with multicolored autumnal leaves. In the clearing, which is much larger, we see a rippling golden lake of cornstalks, waving good-by, at

the close of a fruitful season. Seven or eight crude structures can be distinguished spaced apart at the far end of the clearing, and there is much activity in that vicinity. Outdoor tables are being loaded with a variety of foods, foremost of which is a large roasted fowl placed at the center of each table.

Our eyes focus upon the black depths of the forest, and we are astonished to see a parade of copper-colored people emerge from gross darkness into brilliant sunlight, bringing with them deer, slung downward on poles, which they present to the people who are heartily greeting them. All take seats in an integrated fashion. A shadowy figure rises and lifts his face to the heavens. All reverently bow their heads, and our self-conceived vision comes to an end.

Have you discerned what we were reading about in our history book? Of course you have, and you are absolutely correct. We read about the small band of people called Independents or Separatists who left their church because it maintained vestments, altars and ceremonies of another great church which they regarded as idolatrous, so they went on a pilgrimage to find a home in the wilderness and carve out a community where they might worship God according to their own consciences, without molestation from anyone. We read of the hardships these Pilgrims suffered during their first winter on the rock-bound coast of New England, causing their governor, William Bradford, to later write: "It pleased God to vssite us with death dayly, and with so general a disease that the living were scarce able to burie the dead." They were saved from starvation by finding some corn buried by the Indians, and they made friends with an Indian named Squanto who taught them how to plant the grains and fertilize each hill of corn. In the spring the "Mayflower" returned to England, but not one of the colonists went with her. They had found a home and they were determined to stick it out.

We also read how, as their first year in America drew to a close, they found themselves facing the approaching winter of 1621 well fortified, so they feasted and gave thanks to God for His goodness. An account written by one of their party, Edward Winslow, under date of December 11, 1621, reads in part: "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as many fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation, and bestowed on our governor, and on the captain and the others . . ."

These historical facts are certainly interesting, but in forming our vision they served only to furnish characters and events; for our mental reflections concerned the future rather than the past. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done," saith the Preacher.

(THE END)

August 1, 1962
San Carlos, Ariz.

Dear Bro. Griffith, and Bro. Cadman,

I trust this letter finds you, and all, enjoying the best of health, along with the blessing of God. We are holding on trying to do the best we can, we are willing only God can make us able. The Adversary is never asleep. He is constantly trying to disrupt and destroy the designs and plan of God. Many nights he has stood beside my bed looking down at me. At times I would be able to see him standing on the outside, looking thru the walls of my house. Thanks be to God for his power of deliverance, thru the name of our Lord Jesus we have rebuked him to flee.

Evil, evil, on every hand, wherever you turn the hearts of men are being deceived, the scales are in their eyes, they are groping in darkness with no real concern for righteousness. Yes, cursed, afflicted and forgotten, no different than the desert that surrounds them. "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear;" Isa. 54, 1.

This being our first summer here. We find a great many of the Indians go into the mountains to live, seeking relief from the heat, and to harvest nuts and berries. Others go to work on the farm ranches. Due to this condition our attendance has dropped considerably for this season of the year. We need your prayers for them, that as they return this fall we may find their desire for the service of God still steadfast. We well understand and patiently know that these are some of the circumstances we have to work under.

Recently the Lord has seen fit to call two more into the fold, for which we are thankful. We abundantly need your prayers that we may make it through the "Toil and Heat of the Day".

Bro. Dan Picciuto

KING JAMES' BIBLE: HOW TEN MEN ARE CHANGING IT

By the Associated Press

LONDON.

The new translation of the Old Testament being made by a 10-man panel will contain revolutionary changes in wording, giving it a wholly new idiom and rhythm, the panel said yesterday.

The 10-man board, chosen by the Joint Committee of the Churches, has spent 15 years on its task so far. But progress has been so rapid that the new translation may be ready for printing in four years—at least a year earlier than previously forecast.

The committee which commissioned the translation includes representatives of all Protestant churches in Britain and the Irish Republic. The Roman Catholic Church is not represented.

Prof. Godfrey R. Driver, director of the panel, gave details of the radical changes in an interview. He said it is expected they will cause as much controversy as changes in the new translation of the New Testament published in March last year.

"You can't change camels into motor cars," said Prof. Driver, "but we want to prevent the singsong into which the old words can easily fall."

Time-honored words like "virgin," "Jehovah," and "leprosy," will disappear in the new version.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

To my readers:

In this article, I am going to delve into the Book of Helaman relative to that which is written therein, of some of the wonderful characters in the service of their God.

First: In the last chapter of Alma verse 11, Shiblon before he dies, turns the sacred things over to Helaman, the son of Helaman who was a son of Alma, consequently—Helaman the author of the book bearing his name is the grandson of Alma who disappeared from among his people, as is recorded in Alma 45:18, and was never more heard from—But he was a wonderful man of God.

In chapter 2, I read that Helaman was appointed to fill the judgment seat by the voice of the people and Kishkumen, a leader of a secret band, did lay wait to destroy Helaman, but he himself was slain. The secret work of **secret orders** were very bad in those days. There is no question in my mind, but what there is much secrecy carried on today, from which no good shall come. Webster defines a secret society as follows: "A society having a secret ritual, oath, sign of recognition, or the like."—To my mind, such an organization could be used for accomplishing good ends or bad ones. Any man or woman **professing** to be a follower of Jesus Christ, should be very careful as to where, or to whom they get entangled with. Apparently, it was secrecy and very unwise move on the part of the U.S. Government to send a spy out over Russian territory, and especially on the eve of an appointed meeting for the purpose of seeking peace with each other. Let us all remember—the same cause will produce the same effects in all ages of time, irrespective of persons or nations. I might add, that secret abominations were the downfall of the Nephite people, and a woe is pronounced upon all nations if they allow such to get the upperhand of them.

In the 53rd. year of the reign of Judges, Helaman died, and his eldest son Nephi did reign in his stead and did fill the judgment seat. Nephi had a brother named Lehi. They were named after Lehi and Nephi of old, whom had emigrated from Jerusalem to the land, known to them as the land of promise, which is now known to us as the land of America. Both these brothers (the sons of Helaman) proved to be faithful servants

of God. Their names, no doubt would ever keep them mindful of their progenitors whom they were named after.

Their father's admonitions to his sons were as follows: "Behold my sons, I desire that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God; and I would that ye should declare unto the people these words. Behold, I have given unto you the names of our first parents who came out of the land of Jerusalem; and this I have done that when ye remember them ye may remember their works; and when ye remember their works ye may know how that it is said, and also written, that they were good." If, it was good counsel for Helaman to give his sons to remember the good works of their forefathers, how much more of necessity it is, for we mortals who have taken upon us the **name of the Master**, that in our temptations, lest we smite our fellow-man. The commandment is: Thou shalt not smite; and we should always remember that **vengeance belongeth to God**.

Well, the recorded account of these two sons of Helaman, doesn't only prove that they remembered Lehi and Nephi of whom they were named after, but also, they remembered the God whom their ancestors served. Yea, in sense if not in actual deed, they turned the other cheek to their adversaries—overcoming evil with good as Jesus has taught us to do—May I ask, who dare say that Jesus erred in His teaching?

Occasionally I sit down and read the account as given of Nephi in chapters 9, 10 and 11, for the account does appeal to me—he was so much like unto his master. In chapter 10 beginning at verse 4, **is so wonderful of him**. It reads as follows: "Blessed art thou, Nephi, for these things which thou has done: for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but hast sought my will, and to keep my commandments. And now, because thou hast done this with such unwearyingness, behold I will bless thee forever; (please dear readers, **forever** is a **long time** WHC) and I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word, for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will. I might add, that God places complete confidence in Nephi. Praise His name, for it is written, "I change not."

EXCERPT FROM RELIGIOUS DIGEST (David C. Cook)

"Power is never a good thing except he be good that has it." In the hands of evil men such power over forces of nature can destroy our civilization. Someone has said: "It is not the ignorant, the primitive people who terrorize the world today, but the most educationally advanced peoples who have made learning a road to power without bringing that power under ethical control."

We must correct the prevalent wrong idea that our laws and court decisions are nearly all against religion in public education. The opposite is true. They are indeed against sectarian religious instruction. The attempt to introduce sectarian views has been a leading cause of opposition to religion in public education.

We must correct the mistaken idea that the American principle of religious liberty and of separation of church and state excludes religion from public education. No one's religious liberty is infringed on if he is not required to participate in religious exercises of the schools. For him to insist religious instruction be denied those who want it, when he is free not to take part, is not religious liberty but religious bigotry. Properly interpreted, separation of church and state is separation of control. That is, each of the two organizations is independent in its own sphere of action. Not separation of function—that is excluding religious instruction from state schools and restricting it to church schools and the home.

September 2, 1962

"BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY."

By Bro. Alma Coppa, San Diego

The great cry of the early CHURCH as it pushed the evangelization of the world was, "The LORD Cometh". (Jas. 5:7-8) "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the LORD. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the LORD draweth nigh." We must labor in the Lord as if each day were the last and "BE READY" always. He will come not in an hour when the whole world is in expectancy, but when it is taken up with other things, even as the unfaithful steward's belief in the delay of the Lord's coming, so will the world be taken unaware. But we of the "Gospel of Jesus Christ" should always be ready. The faithful servants of an absent but expected Lord watch for him in order that they may give him a suitable welcome. (Luke 12:35, 37, 40) "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

We should then be ready by having our "loins girded about" and our "lamps burning". It is the loins of our minds that are to be girded. (I Pet. 1:13-15) "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation"; "The one who would be "ready" must study the Word." (2 Tim. 2:15,16). "Study to shew 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." The lamps are our religious profession and practice. (Matt. 5:16) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The oil that keeps our lamps "burning" is the Holy Spirit. In (Matt. 25:1-12) Christ likened, the Kingdom of Heaven, unto ten virgins; five foolish, NO OIL in their LAMPS, five wise, (THANKS BE TO GOD) for the wise, waiting with oil in

their lamps, and they arose at the call of "Behold, the BRIDEGROOM COMETH", and trimmed their lamps. And while the unwise virgins went out to buy oil for their lamps, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Christ to the MARRIAGE of the LAMB of GOD: and the heavens were shut unto those who had not the Holy Spirit in them. O thou of little faith, it is as the dew before the noon day SUN, then is life's little while done, wherefore didst thou doubt? And HE shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth, so shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Dear ones might not we be made to exclaim here along with Jude, "the servant of Jesus Christ," that we should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the SAINTS. Are we not those "saints" to which the gospel was given? even that restored gospel of Jesus Christ.

Watch and pray always that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the SON of man. If the day comes that the power and gifts of GOD shall be done away among us, it will be because of unbelief. Let us then build up ourselves in the holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keeping in the love of God, working unto eternal life, STIRRED up to the seriousness of the matter. "Behold, the ax is laid at the root of the tree; therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire, yea a fire which cannot be consumed, even an unquenchable fire. Behold, and remember, the Holy One hath spoken it" (Alma 5:52).

What manner of men ought we to be? Even watching and praying, being diligent, found without spot, and blameless. The day shall declare it as it comes as a "thief in the night": and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved. Let us then walk in the light. "And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. And he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be. And the SPIRIT and the BRIDE say, Come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Surely "I" Come quickly. Amen.

ONE AT A TIME

Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," once wrote to an eminent senator in behalf of a man who was suffering great injustice. He replied, "I am so much taken up with plans for the benefit of the race that I have no time for individuals." She pasted this in her album with this comment, "When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this altitude."

That person who has no interest in individuals has a spirit different from that of the Master whose personal words and work make up the bulk of His life record.

"He who waits until he can save many souls will never save one."

—Selected



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"None shall come into this land save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord." II Nephi 1:6.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Since this is the land of liberty and many people have come here to find freedom, I want to tell you a story of a man who upheld freedom. Moroni was this man. He was the chief commander of the armies of the Nephites. He had a great desire for liberty and freedom of religion, just as our Pilgrim fathers had years ago. They came to America from England to find freedom. Here they could worship God as they desired. Today our land is still the same.

Among the Nephites was another man who wanted to be a king. He was a large strong man named Amalickiah. He flattered the people. He told them if they would make him King, then he would make them rulers. Amalickiah was very cunning and soon led away the hearts of many to do wickedly. The people would not listen to Moroni and the men of the church. They quickly forgot how the Lord had blessed them and delivered them from their enemies, the Lamanites. They wanted to destroy the church of God and the foundation of Liberty which God had given them for righteousness sake.

When Moroni heard of these things he was angry with Amalickiah. He took his coat and tore a piece from it and wrote these words on it, "In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children". He then fastened it upon the end of a pole. He called it the title of liberty. Then he put on his headplate, breastplate, shields and girded his armor about his loins. He took the pole which had his rent coat on it and bowed himself to the earth. He prayed mightily to his God for the blessings of liberty to rest upon his brethren so long as there should be a band of Christians to possess the land. Those who belonged to the church were faithful, true believers in Christ. They did not care if the unbelievers called them Christians. Moroni also prayed that the cause of the Christians and the freedom of the land might be favored.

As he continued to pray, he poured out his soul to God. He named all the land south and all the land north a chosen land and the land of liberty. He felt God would not make them suffer because they had taken upon them the name of Christ. Then Moroni went forth among the people waving the rent part of his garment in the air that all might see the writing. In a loud voice he cried, "Behold, whosoever will maintain this title upon the land, let them come forth in the strength of the Lord, and enter into a covenant that they will maintain their rights and their religion that the Lord God may bless them." As the people heard these words they came running together with their armor on. They began to tear their garments as a token or a covenant that they would not forsake the Lord their God. If they would not keep the commandments of God and be ashamed to take

upon them the name of Christ, then the Lord should rend them as they had rent their garments. They took their garments and cast them at Moroni's feet, saying, they would covenant with God that they would be destroyed if they fell into transgression. Moroni reminded them, they were a remnant of Jacob and Joseph. Joseph had been sold by his brothers and his coat of many colours rent in many pieces. Moroni told them to remember to keep God's commandments lest their garments be torn by their brethren and they be put in prison or be sold or slain. He told them to preserve their liberty as a remnant of Joseph. Then he related to them the words of the old father Jacob before his death. Jacob had seen that a part of the remnant of Joseph's coat was preserved and had not decayed. Even as this remnant was preserved even so shall a remnant of Joseph's people remain by the hand of God. These are wonderful words of prophecy because in our day there are still some of Joseph's seed preserved.

After Moroni said these words he went in all parts of the land and gathered together the people who desired liberty. The ones who stood against Moroni were called Amalickiahites. Moroni gathered his armies together and went out in the wilderness to cut off the course of the army of Amalickiah. When he saw Moroni's army, he fled with a small number of men. The remainder were captured by Moroni and taken back into the land of Zarahemla. If they would not support the cause of freedom, they were put to death. Moroni put the standard of liberty upon every tower in the land. They began to have peace in the land again and great rejoicing in the church.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Alma 47:8—What plan did the wicked Amalickiah have?
2. How did Amalickiah plan to become chief commander? Were his plans carried out? Alma 47:17, 19.
3. What was the end of Amalickiah? Alma 51:33, 37.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Dear Bro. Cadman,

Just a few lines to the Gospel News. First, I hope you are feeling well, and enjoying your oyster stews. I would like to take this medium of thanking all of the Brothers and Sisters for their kind hospitality toward me on my recent trip east.

I left here with Bro. Alma, March the fourth, and came home May the ninth. I enjoyed myself at the different branches. I held about 40 meetings before getting home, and my Brothers and Sisters were very loyal to me. We had no baptisms, but I feel there will be.

After returning home, I preached the following Sunday, and we had one baptism. It was my granddaughter, Patty Ann Alms. My wife received many letters and cards while I was away. She thanks all the Brothers and Sisters for their kindness to me. I was more ill than they thought me to be. May God bless you all.

You will find my text in Psalms, 19 chapter, 1st verse. "The Heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." Paul said in the 1st chapter of Hebrews, "God who at sundry times and divers manners spoke unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom

he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." When we meditate a little on the vastness of God's creation, as much as our little puny minds can comprehend, we say it is too much for me, and we fasten ourselves to this earth, and we think she is so firm, and never moves from under our feet. When we get up in the morning she is there. When we go to bed she is there. What a comfort to know God provided a place for us to live down here. We love it, we like to put our hands in hers, especially in the spring, when the sun begins to warm her with the rays that come from heaven. Psalms 115th chapter verse 15:16. "Ye are blessed of the lord which made heaven and earth. The heaven even the heavens are the lords. But the earth hath he given to the children of men." What is this earth of ours? Something very great, and yet, something very small. Something very great, compared with things upon the earth, and something very small when compared with things outside the earth. As our journeyings together are. To be away from the earth, we shall find her very small in this great universe, where so many larger and mightier things are to be found. Not that we want to say goodbye altogether, we must linger about for a while before starting, and after, it will be needful to come back with speed swifter than the flight of light, that we may compare notes on the sizes and conditions of other places visited by us.

When I was flying above and looking at the mountains of clouds, another plane passed us. It seemed he was going about 1,000 miles an hour, but he was only going about as fast as we were going. It was a pleasant feeling in olden days I imagine, to think the earth was flat, and if we went so far we would fall off, and the sun rose and set every day just for us. The stars twinkled for our enjoyment only. They thought the earth was the center of the universe, the sun, moon, and stars going around her every 24 hours. We know better now, but even now it is hard to convince men that they are moving at the rate of 66,600 mi. per hour and rotating on its axis at approximately 1,000 mi. per hour at the equator. Job said, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." Job 26-7. The earth is one of a family of worlds and that family is called the Solar System. The earth is so far from being the head of the family, she is merely one of the little sisters.

When you take a bird, and put him out of his nest, the world looks big for him, and he wants to get back into that nest, afraid to venture out. Moses writes, "As the eagle stirreth up her nest." Why stir up the nest? To get those babies out. Then if they won't get out of the nest, she takes hold of them and throws them over the cliff, to teach them to fly, and if they fall, she spreads her wings and carries them up to the nest. What a venture to get out of the nest! We have to venture to learn something of God's great universe. If Columbus had not ventured we might still be in the old countries.

Get out of that little nest of yours and venture out some. Thru faith we understand the worlds were formed by the word of God. What more shall I say, for time would fail me to tell of the great cloud of witnesses? When you get out, you find evil spirits. You find the devil roaring at you. But, stay in the nest, and he won't bother you. Oh, how we like to settle down in those

nice soft downey feathers. But, it is God's business to stir us up, even to losing all of our money, or homes. The rich man said, "I will tear down my barns and build bigger." But Jesus said, "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has no place to lay his head."

Where is the ministry today? Everyone is thinking of how much he can make. When they venture out of their nests the sick are healed, devils are cast out. The revelation of God was given, showing them open doors. We are waiting today for someone to do the work for us. Why were we called into the ministry? Just to sit in the nest and let the old eagle feed us? Get out of the nest! The church is suffering today, because we are still in the nest, and it is just too cozy to leave. It is time we look into the glass and see what manner of men we are.

Oh, yes, we will be at every business meeting, and some will travel 100's of miles for a wedding, social gathering. But, Jesus said, "Go into the highways and byways, and call in the poor and the maimed, the halt and the blind."

I may have left my subject some, but I feel inspired to write as I do. May God stir up our nests.

Bro. James Heaps

Editor My Beloved Brother in Christ

As I promised something for the gospel news, I humbly trust the Lord will bless me with something with vision and charity. Here are the words to a hymn the Lord inspired me with recently "Do Angels walk the earth again, My heart shall sing in spite of men, Visions return and dreams at night, When Faith is strong, The Lord Has Said: Young men shall prophesy and be given sight, Do Angels Trod the earth again?— I hear a walk so soft and light, Is there a star at midnight? I see it in the Lily white, Do Angels trod the earth again? Lord I thank Thee, for Thy Love, Yes Angels trod the earth Again! Do Angels trod the earth again? Is He the CHRIST and they just men? When Faith is strong the Lord Hath said—To plowshare men shall beat their swords'. Yes Angels trod the earth again!

I humbly ask your prayers for the foreign students—they are from Persia, India, Columbia, Dominican Republic, China, and Formosa. Truly one can see that the Lord will gather his peoples from all the isles and every kindred tongues, and peoples shall bow at his feet and bathe his feet with their tears.

I have read parts of the Book of Mormon to them and told my testimony in humility with the grace and help of the Lord. It breaks my heart that any soul should not have this pearl of great price and share in the peace of the New Jerusalem. One very dear friend returns to India, he desire to be a missionary to his people and another returns to Teheran, Persia.

Yes "Daniel saw a vision of the Church of the latter days, and the Lord is still the same as He was in Ancient Days, He's coming to earth, My BELOVED, the Rose of Sharon, to reign a thousand years peace without end, I want to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I want love in every heart A vine a fig tree and Eden of Love, An angel of Shiloh eternally, An ANGEL of Shiloh I want to be, For He taught me to sing songs

of Love, Taught me to sing songs from above."

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you always.

Sister Louise Robinson
St. John, Kansas

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

We were overjoyed to hear from you this week, and do trust, everything is going along very nicely, with you and family. Some of the saints, that were at the 100th. year Centennial, brought us back, a copy of the Gospel News, for July, (before ours arrived). We were more than gratified to receive this paper, and reading it, we felt as if someone had brought us, a great legacy. I want to congratulate you Bro. Cadman, and all the other inspirational writers, who were instrumental in bringing out a document of such great importance. Thank God, we here in Detroit, are in pretty fair health, naturally, and are trying our level best to serve God, in spirit and in truth, so that when the roll is called up Yonder, we will be there.

I will now make reference to a few of the things that have transpired out here in the Vineyard of the Lord recently. On Sunday, May 27th., in Sarnia, we had some of the saints from Muncey with us in our Sunday School class, which was very enjoyable. They had to leave before our morning service, to reach their service in Muncey, at 1:30 P.M. We had the Quartet from Branch #1, who sang for us before our service, "It is so wonderful", also "There is room at the Cross for you". Bro. Tony Scolaro, gave us a nice talk, based on the Sunday School lesson found in Luke 18th. Chapter, about the importunate widow, and the unjust Judge, who only avenged her case, because he feared she would weary him. We also had washing of feet, so Bro. Scolaro, treated on the 13th. Chapter of John, a few verses, and I have never seen the young in our midst, as humble as they were on this occasion. May God abundantly bless them.

On Sunday the 10th. of June, we were over in Windsor, and had a great blessing in our Sunday School. I introduced the morning service, speaking from a part of 2nd. Nephi, 6th Chapter. Bro. Cliff Burgess spoke next, and gave us a wonderful talk on the lesson, and also a historical talk on his construal of the Return of Israel to Palestine under the banner of the Church of Jesus Christ, we could say like we sing "There is a feast of good things, for the righteous preparing, that the good of this world, all the saints may be sharing. On Wed. night, June 20th. in Branch #1, service was introduced by Bro. Concetto Alessandro. He read a passage of scripture found in 1st. Thes. 5th. Chapter, 12th. verse through the 24th., and spoke very seriously, on how he came in touch with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He said he attended for many months, before the Gospel penetrated his heart, and soul, and he bowed to the truth, and now thinks that every-one of us should endeavour, to return to our first love, so that the happiness, we first enjoyed, may return to us again. Our bro. also said, many other good words, too many to record. May our dear Heavenly Father, abundantly bless him. In Muncey, on June 24th., we had a Sunday School class of over 40 children and over 25 grown-ups. Bro. John

Visconti, from Branch #3, was in our midst, and introduced the meeting with 3rd. Nephi 27th. Chapter, 11th. verse, through the 18th. verse. Bro. John spoke well of the Church, how we would know the Church, by the fruits if we bear the same fruits, that Jesus bore, then we are Christ's Church. Otherwise we may settle it in our hearts, and minds that we are not His Children. Our bro. spoke well. May God bless him, Bros. Miller, and Joe Milatoni also spoke. On Sunday, July 8th. at Branch #3, the service was introduced by Bro. Jack Puntillo. He read a portion of scripture, found in Romans 12th. Chapter, 5th. verse and also a few verses found in the book of Enos about the joy of the Saints, and eternal life, spoken to Enos, by his father Jacob. Our bro. spoke very well on this topic. Bro. Peter Capone, following him gave us much food for thought. On July 18th. in Branch #1, Bro. John Mancini was in our midst and opened the service on Luke 19th. Chapter, 41 through 44th. verses. He gave a talk, that will long linger in our minds and thoughts. May the Lord richly repay Bro. John, his father-in-law, Bro. Behanna, and also his family, that we were overjoyed to have in our midst. On Sunday, July 20th., we had in our midst, at Branch #1, Bros. Vitto Buffa, of Modesto, California and Ralph Leet of Branch #4. Bro. Buffa opened the service on Ephesians 6th. Chapter, and read his text, from the 11th. verse through the 18th. verse, giving us a good seasonable talk on many good things, also Bro. Leet fed the flock well, may God greatly bless our bros. and all the saints in the Church of Jesus Christ is the prayer of your loving bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller.

LORAIN, OHIO

Dear Bro. Cadman:

We rejoice to bear glad tidings of a new soul coming unto Christ here in Lorain, Ohio. Sunday on Aug. 12th. in the beginning of the meeting it was announced by our presiding Elder Brother Alfred Dominico that a phone call had come from Bro. Joseph Calabrese telling of the baptism of Gerald DeCredico. The call came from Monongahela, Pa. Oh, how we rejoiced for he is the son of our dear Nancy (Elizabeth) DeCredico, who only on June 27th. was married to Nancy, the daughter of Sister Helen Tisler. May, God, bless him and keep him faithful to the End. On this same afternoon we had Sister Rose Altomare with us. Words cannot express how happy we were to see her with us once again in the house of the Lord. She has been away for 2½ mos. in a hospital. We praise our merciful Father above for her improvement and look forward to the day she will come home to stay.

We servants of God in this part of his vineyard beg for your prayers for there are some very sick among us. Sister Mary Fyre has not improved any and is still in Warren at her daughter's home, while Bro. Patsy Fyre is just home from the hospital from having an eye operation. Sister Rosemary is still in bed and her Mother Sister Antanet is not too well either. I know Sister Rosemary would be so happy to hear from some of the Sisters that know her. Her address is Rosemary DeFoggi, 925 West 20th. Street, Lorain, Ohio.

We are so happy to have Bro. Alma B. Cadman with us. He spoke to us on the 5th chapter of Jacob Friday

evening and we are looking forward to him speaking to us on Wed. evening. He is leaving us Sat. to go to Rochester. May God bless him and keep him with us for a long while. He really knows the scriptures and can expound them so well that even a child can understand some of the mysteries of God's Holy Word. I could never tire of hearing Bro. Alma speak. I just wish we could have him here longer, I learn so much from him, and feel so uplifted when I hear him speak to us. God has sure blessed him in his ability to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God give him good health and a peaceful heart and mind.

With love in Christ, Your Sister in Christ.
Marge King

MONTHLY MEDITATION.

(Voice of Israel)

Events and happenings in the world have always taken the course outlined in the Scriptures and will continue to do so until the throne of the Son of God is established in Jerusalem, for the law shall go forth from Zion and "all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee. For the kingdom is the Lord's; and He is the governor among the nations" Ps. 22:27-28. This is the great goal of prophecy.

Palestine has been a desolate land for many centuries. It has been a wilderness and yet God declares in Ezekiel 36:8-11 that it shall not be so toward the end of this age. The wilderness and the desolate places shall begin to blossom, and that has already taken place. Palestine is fast passing from its "wilderness" experience, for God is turning toward the mountains of Israel. God declares in Jer. 31:4-15, that the mountains of Samaria shall be tilled by the people of Israel, and they shall plant vines upon them. This has been literally fulfilled.

All the developments in the country, the villages, the land and the hills testify to a God who is true to His Word, that abideth forever. According to the "Signs of the Times", there are two hills near Neblus, the former Shechem, which are called Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim. Mt. Ebal, though the same height, standing under the same heaven and enjoying the same amount of God's sun and rain, stands barren. Barren rocks stick out of that mountain and no flocks of sheep are there, no cattle, nothing green, no olive tree, nor fig tree; it is almost like a cursed place. How different is Mt. Gerizim! It is full of life and beautifully fertile.

It has orchards and all kinds of trees, orange groves, olive trees, vineyards, fig trees and flocks of sheep and cattle. Here are two mountains; the one is like a blessed place and the other like a cursed place. How is that possible? We cannot reason it out but the Bible gives us an answer, for we read in Deut. 11:29, "and it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon Mount Gerizim and the curse upon Mount Ebal." Is it not marvelous how this Scripture, spoken of 3500 years ago, has been fulfilled?

In Matt. 23:37-38 the Lord said about the destruction of Jerusalem: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent

unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Thirty-five years after Christ uttered these words, Palestine, Jerusalem and Israel became a desolation.

The same God who predicted Israel's scattering and Palestine's desolation, has also predicted Israel's gathering and Palestine's rebuilding. We read in Jer. 31:10, "Hear the Word of the Lord, O ye nations and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock." It is astonishing to see how prophecy is being fulfilled, for only forty thousand came back from Babylon under Israel and Nehemiah, and now there are over two million Jews in Israel.

In Ezekiel 36:35 we read, "And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited." How marvelously this prophecy is being fulfilled, for the country is being changed from a desert into a land of beauty and fertility.

God is also dealing with the Jews spiritually, for He has planted in their hearts a hunger after the truth and has given us opportunities which we never had before. He has laid the burden for the poor refugees upon our hearts, for they do not have the necessities of life and are suffering. As we cannot speak to hungry people, we feed them first and then explain the Gospel to them. They listen because their hearts are touched by love.

The more we can show these poor sufferers the love of Christ, the easier it is to win them to Him. We can not take care of all of them, but we are asking the Lord to undertake.

This is the "End Time" and we have only a short time to bring precious Jewish souls to Christ. Will you help us with your prayers and your gifts, that the Gospel of Christ may reach them?

Yours in His service for Israel,

A. U. MICHELSON

NEWS FROM ARIZONA

Dear Brother Cadman,

In the August issue of our Gospel News, you printed the experience I wrote about Sister Pat McClellan's mother of Dallas, Texas. I thought you would like to know that since the writing of the article, Stella Fought has recovered completely from the brain hemorrhage. Praise God, He does hear and answer prayer. She plans to visit the Phoenix Mission, as she is anxious to meet the brothers and sisters who prayed for her and wants to know more about our wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We attended the District Conference in Calif. and enjoyed the blessings of God. Also, had an opportunity to visit with Bro. & Sister Purdue and some of our brothers and sisters in Old Mexico. The people there display a great love and although, they have nothing in material things or even the necessities of this life, they offered such warm hospitality to us. We enjoyed our visit immensely.

I trust this finds you in good health. God bless you always is our prayer.

Sister Ann Damore

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Dear Editor:

On Sunday, August 12, 1962 my companion and I from the Brooklyn Mission on Willoughby Avenue of The Church Of Jesus Christ, visited the Mission in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, under the guidance of Brother Salvatore Valenti.

Brother Dominick Rose and his family were also visiting on this same Sunday. We also had the privilege of meeting the two brothers who were recently baptized in Lake Ronkonkoma. We were also surprised to see Sister Rose Laessig and her family from New Jersey visiting with her mother and father Brother and Sister Valenti. All together we were a very nice group gathered on the day of the Lord in the house of the Lord.

Brother Dominick Rose inspired from God gave a wonderful sermon about two rich men, one being named Zacchaeus and the other a rich ruler. Zacchaeus desired to see Jesus and it was fulfilled. The rich ruler asked how he could save his soul; the Lord gave him the answer and that displeased the ruler very much that he did not obey. The reading was from St. Luke Chapter 19 - verses 1 - 10 and Chapter 18 - verses 18- 23.

All the Brothers and Sisters and visiting friends were greatly blessed with the words of life spoken by the Elder Brothers as well as during the fellowship meeting where each one gave their testimonies of the great love of God and the wonderful change He has wrought in their lives.

God Bless you all and all His followers.

Your Brother in Christ

Edward Amatruda

Editor of Willoughby Ave Mission

KATHERINE M. BAKER PASSES ON.

Sister Katherine Baker, age 48, died Aug. 26, 1962 after several months of affliction. She was baptized in the Church July 1, 1962.

She leaves her husband, Orvel and son Steven; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Glover of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Mrs. Ruth Morris of Columbus, S. C. and two brothers, George Deitch and Bill Deitch.

Brother Phil Damore, assisted by Bro. Dan Picciuto, officiated at the funeral services held at the Chapel of the Chimes at the Lundberg Mortuary in Glendale, Arizona. May the Lord bless and comfort her family.

Sister Ann Damore
Phoenix Mission

MODESTO, CALIF. CHURCH BURNS ITS MORTGAGE

The congregation for the Church of Jesus Christ, 329 Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto, celebrated the completion of payments on the new edifice with a mortgage burning yesterday.

The site was obtained and the structure built for \$75,000 utilizing volunteer labor and many materials either donated or obtained at cost.

Mark Randy moved to Modesto from Michigan in 1951 and served as the group's first pastor.

In May, 1958, Joseph Lovalvo was elected pastor and served until April, 1961. Leonard Lovalvo was elected pastor then and still serves in that capacity.

Samuel Randy, the first pastor's son, along with his grandfather. Joseph Cipponeri, contributed much of the

labor. Cipponeri was the first deacon ordained in Modesto.

The local church started as a mission, with meetings held in a private home. Later, sessions were held in Prescott Hall until the new building was completed.

The church has started new missions in San Jose, Monterey, Monterey County, and Chico, Butte County.

REMEMBER YOUR BROTHERS.

In a recent letter from Sister Florence Catena, she requests me to make a note relative to Bro. Frank Rosati illness. He has been poorly for a long time and is confined in the County Infirmary at E. Henrietta, Rochester, N. Y. As I understand the letter, he is much better and is going around in the Institution and is lending a helping hand to others.

Brother Rosati has been in the church for a long while, and is growing old. Kindly remember him in your prayers and with a card wishing him well.

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I am also informed that Bro. Oran Thomas, presiding Elder of the Bitner Branch of the church is confined in the Uniontown, Pa., hospital and is very poorly. He is also growing older and has been with the church a good many years.

Kindly remember him in your prayers and with a card wishing him well.

SISTER TEETS PASSES ON.

Sister Lillie May Teets aged 81 of Evans Manor, died in the Uniontown Hospital on June 9, 1962. She was born in Terra Alta, W. Va. She leaves three sons and one daughter surviving her. Eight grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Sister Teets was baptized into the church in April of 1953, in the eleventh hour of her life. Services were attended to by Oran Thomas, assisted by Brothers Stroke and DiBattista. May the Lord comfort her family.

MORE ABOUT THE RIGDON ORGANIZATION

By Thurman S. Furnier

It is stated in the 100th. Anniversary issue Vol. 18, No. 7, July 1962, page No. 23 that, "it would seem that (the Rigdon organization) as an organized body, they became extinct." (The Church History by W. H. Cadman)

Recently I had occasion to pass through Greencastle, Pa. I stopped in the Echo-Pilot newspaper office, and had a conversation with Mr. G. Fred Ziegler. He loaned me a copy of an Anniversary paper dated September 22nd, 1949 which has given us much wanted information. At the present time we have made arrangements to have several photographic copies made.

In the same issue of the Gospel News Anniversary issue, page No. 24, (An article by Thurman S. Furnier) it is stated: "He (Sidney Rigdon) went wrong after he came to Pittsburg, and wanted to make a gathering in the Emlenton Valley of the Allegheny mountains". William Bickerton said: No one followed him from that branch, we knowing by the Spirit he was going wrong." "After Rigdon went wrong all that followed him fell away, and I (Wm. Bickerton) was left alone."

I was informed by Mr. G. Fred Ziegler that the valley where Sidney Rigdon settled was the Cumberland Valley and not the Emlenton Valley, as stated by Wm.

Bickerton.

You will note that the article in the Echo-Pilot states that Rigdon and his followers "came east from Missouri" This is wrong, they came east from Nauvoo, Ill., and not Missouri.

You will also note that in the 100th. Anniversary issue of the Gospel News, page No. 24, at the time of the Rigdon organization, Ebenezer Robinson and Samuel James were Rigdons counselors. In the Echo-Pilot article these men are mentioned as leaders of the organization.

Brother Wm. Cadman and I with possibly others expect to go to Greencastle and Chambersburg, Pa., next Thursday, September 13th. seeking for more information, also hoping to obtain some pictures of interesting places, named in the article.

P.S. The forepart of this article is written by Brother Furnier and he requests me to write about the trip we made later.

Brothers Furnier, Alma Cadman, George Neill and myself drove to Chambersburg and Greencastle on Sept. 13th. and aside from what is already written, I don't know that there is much I can write farther on the subject. But, we did go to Chambersburg—a very nice town, possibly one hundred and fifty miles from Monongahela. The man that we wanted to see, was out of town on this day, so we were directed to the School Superintendents Office, and there we met the assistant who was very courteous with us. He showed us a School Manual, in which was much history concerning Sidney Rigdon and his two or three hundred followers. He did not have an extra one that he could give us.

We then drove to Greencastle where Rigdon and his followers had located in the year of 1846. We had quite a talk with the Editor of the 'Echo Pilot' and there we met a gentleman who was a descendant of 'Andrew G. McLanahan' whom Rigdon and his people had bought his farm of 400 acres, for a place to settle on. The gentleman was very accommodating to us. He took us to the home of his aunt who was 85 years old, and after a visit with her in her home, she got in the car with us and we drove out to the old farm—about one mile out of town. She had spent her childhood days on the farm, and remembered much about it, and remembered much of what she had heard of the Mormons as they were called. We saw the old barn (a very large one) where they held their meetings pending the erection of a House of Worship, also the old brick house where Rigdon once lived—a frame edition has been since built on to the brick house. There were some old out-buildings that were original, still standing. The farm land laid very nice, and a creek of water ran through it. All told, it looked to me like a very nice place on which to build homes. However, we were told that they failed to meet their obligations financially, and they lost the farm. I took a number of pictures of the premises.

I might add that this sort of fills in the gap between the time of which Bro. Wm. Bickerton says of Rigdon who was baptized in 1845 into Rigdon's following—a space of time which was much of a blank to us. According to our findings he went to Greencastle in 1846, he left there in 1849. He was recognized as president of the church by his followers. He died at Friendship, N. Y. in 1876. His first counsellor Ebenezer Robinson sometime

later returned or went to Iowa and associated himself with the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ.

We hope to receive a copy of the School manual from Mr. R. G. Mowery, Historian who lives in Chambersburg.

Sincerely W. H. Cadman

The following was copied from the
One Hundredth Anniversary Edition, Section 11:
History Of The Echo-Pilot.

THE ECHO-PILOT, Founded in 1849 as
The Conococheague Herald.

The Echo-Pilot, Greencastle, Pa., Thursday, Sept.
22, 1949.

FIRST PUBLISHERS OF PILOT MEMBERS OF MORMON COLONY.

By one of history's oddest incongruities the old Scotch-Irish community of Greencastle and Antrim, founded as far back as 1734, owes its first newspaper to Ebenezer Robinson, church printer of a colony of Mormons, known as the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ, who settled on the McLanahan farm, along the Conococheague creek, in the year 1846.

After the killing of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum, on June 27, 1844, a contest arose as to the Mormon leadership, with Sidney Rigdon and Brigham Young as the rival candidates. When Young was chosen, Rigdon and his followers continued their opposition and were excommunicated from the church. They came east from Missouri to Pittsburg, where they started a church paper, but were unable to make a success of it and decided to move to a rural neighborhood.

Late in the fall of 1845 two of Rigdon's emissaries traveled through the southern part of Franklin county, along the turnpike leading from Mercersburg to Greencastle. When they reached the bridge spanning the Conococheague creek they looked over the farm of Andrew G. McLanahan, Esq., which lay spread out just north of them, and reported that "there was the place the Lord had shown them in visions to be the site of the City of the New Jerusalem."

Negotiations were begun with Mr. McLanahan for purchase of the farm. While most of the colony remained in Pittsburg, Rigdon and a few of his followers came to Greencastle and occupied a house on the corner of Carlisle and Madison streets where the home of G. Fred Ziegler now stands. A short time afterward Peter Boyer, a wealthy farmer of Allegheny county, came on and contracted with Mr. McLanahan for his farm of 400 acres, at the price of \$14,700. Six hundred dollars were paid in cash, and on April 3rd, 1846, McLanahan received \$5,400 additional, gave a deed and took a mortgage for the balance of the purchase money, \$8,700, payable April 1, 1847.

The purchaser at once took possession, and Rigdon and from one to two hundred of his followers joined him on the farm. Among them were professional men, mechanics and farmers, and one or two who had been heavy capitalists in Pittsburg. They began laying out the "New Jerusalem" and talked of building glass works, cotton mills, etc. While they were erecting a small building to be used as a church, they held services in an old barn which is still standing, but which was badly damaged by a severe windstorm 10 years ago. They at-

tempted to make converts among the people of the neighborhood, but their services, though well attended, failed to produce the expected results. The disheartened Rigdon at last declared that there was not enough religion in the churches of Greencastle "to save a nest of woodpeckers" and prophesied that streets of the town would run with blood. On April 1st, 1847, they were unable to meet the payment to Mr. McLanahan and the farm was sold at sheriff's sale and bought in by Mr. McLanahan in August of that year.

Among the colonists was a young man by the name of Ebenezer Robinson, who was the church printer. He was one of Sidney Rigdon's counselors and moved to Greencastle with him in May, 1846. He remained in Greencastle, with the exception of a few months in 1847 when he lived on the McLanahan farm, until April, 1855, when he moved to Iowa and settled in Decatur county. In the summer and fall of 1846 he printed in the borough of Greencastle a few numbers of the *Messenger & Advocate of the Church of Christ*, a monthly, and on September 19, 1849, he began publication in Greencastle of "The Conococheague Herald," a weekly newspaper, of which he published thirteen numbers. While in Greencastle he also compiled and printed a 'Child's Book' and several editions of a small work entitled "Legal Forms For the Transaction Of Business and a Set of Tax and Interest Tables together with a Short System of Bookkeeping," of which some 40,000 copies were sold. Each of these works is advertised in the early issues of the Conococheague Herald, the primer at 3 cents a copy and the "Legal Forms" at 15 cents a copy. The latter is recommended, in the advertisements, by Washington Crooks, Greencastle attorney, and other citizens of the community.

Associated with Robinson in the editorship of the Herald was J. Kilbourn, who, according to an advertisement in the paper, was principal of the "Greencastle Academy," which opened October 15, 1849, "for the reception of pupils of both sexes." It is obvious from the pages of the Herald that both he and Robinson were educated men, with a high conception of the purpose of a newspaper. Curiously enough there seems to be no reference whatever in the paper to the Mormon faith or to the unfortunate colony.

No more authentic source of information as to the Mormon enterprise exists than a letter, dated Davis City, Iowa, April 24, 1886, written by Ebenezer Robinson himself in reply to a letter addressed to him by J. Fraiese Richard, Esq. of Chambersburg, Pa. This letter, published in the Franklin County School Annual in 1930, tells of Robinson's publishing activities, as mentioned above, lists the leaders of the Mormon organization in Franklin county, and tells what had become of them by 1886. Among the leaders mentioned are Sidney Rigdon, Samuel James, William Richards, Dr. George M. Hinkle, Jeremiah Hutch, Jr., Edward B. Wingate, Joseph H. Newton, Leonard Soby, Amos B. Tomlinson and Robinson himself. Rigdon, he says, was the first president of the church. "He moved from Pittsburg to the McLanahan farm in May, 1846, and left there April, 1849, and settled in Friendship, Allegheny county, New York, where he died some years since." In reply to the question whether Rigdon advocated polygamy while connected with the enterprise, Robinson writes: "No, he did not.

He was a firm believer in the divine authenticity of the book of Mormon, which positively forbids it." Dr. Hinkle, Hutch, Wingate, Newton, Soby, and Tomlinson were members of the Grand council of the Organization. Robinson married a Miss Rockwell, of Antrim township, a young woman not of his faith.

Of himself Robinson says, in concluding his letter: "He has been for years and is a member of the reorganized Church of Christ of Latter day Saints, and a firm believer in the Gospel of Christ, as revealed in the New Testament Scriptures and Book of Mormon but always strongly opposed to polygamy, as is also the church to which he belongs."

Thurman S. Furnier



Mr. and Mrs. John Ross

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The September meeting of The Ladies Circles was held in Warren, Ohio. The Circles of United States, Canada and Africa were represented by letter or delegate. Donations were made to the Church's missionary funds. A letter was read from Brother J. Milantoni of the progress in the missionary field on the Indian Reserve in Muncey, Canada. Also a note from Brother John Ross, who along with his wife are going as missionaries to Nigeria, Africa. The speaker for the afternoon session was Brother Dan Casasanta of McKees Rocks, Pa., our returned missionary from Italy. These reports of the missionary work were enjoyed by all.

This was the first General Meeting ever held in Warren, and we can say we enjoyed the blessings of God with our sisters. The next General Meeting will be held in Monongahela, Pa. December 15, 1962.

P.S. Brother and Sister John Ross of Aliquippa, Pa., are leaving for Nigeria, West Africa at 8 p.m. by plane in New York on October 2nd. Brother Ross is making his second trip there on Missionary work, while this is the first trip for Sister Ross. May the Lord protect them from all dangers.

ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES IN IRAN EARTHQUAKE:

Comparatively, Heidary was fortunate. In that one village alone, 3500 persons died out of a population of 6500.

The next morning a reporter for the Teheran newspaper Etleaat came to the village of Dar-Isfahan. He saw an old woman beating her head against a rock. Her family had been killed and the bodies just removed from the home. She was trying to kill herself.

UPI's Ray Maloney came to Dar-Isfahan with a com-

pany of Iranian troops commanded by a young lieutenant. A man knelt in the dust of his home. His wails pierced the ears. The village chief explained to the lieutenant, and thus to Mr. Maloney, that the man had lost his entire family of 14. His name was Abdullah Hussein, 30. His job had been teaching religion to the village children.

The Press



Does this picture effect you? if not, turn to Mormons writings in the fifth chapter, Lets wake up.

Brother Cadman

NEWS FROM MEXICO

Brother Cadman:

I think the enclosed picture is quite a character study. She belongs to group that certainly can be called the outcasts of Israel. It seems that none of the others like this particular tribe, but we can't help from loving them. It is understandable when Jesus said, "My bowels are filled with compassion." When I see them, I feel such an overwhelming love for these poor creatures. Surely, unless God works in their behalf, they are without hope and without God in the world. "Yea, tell me red man who you are and why you roam?"

The back-ground in this picture shows nothing but poverty. The local government is bearing down on them. They are afraid to go out begging. You just can't imagine the predicament they are in. Some of them have asked us to go to their State of Oaxaca, where they have friends and families. It is 2500 miles from here. Perhaps in the future, the Lord will raise up one of their own tribe to minister to them. There is also an opening in Mexico City. A young man, his wife and children came up here recently. She was very distressed. My husband talked to her, and she felt much comforted. She had an experience for the first time in her life—the Lord appeared unto her, and she says she knows this is indeed the true Church of Jesus Christ. She has

to go back home again but wants to live here and she expects to return and get baptized. She also begged us to come and meet her family, for they would accept the Church. We could not promise her anything—(too bad is it not? (Yea let us forget some of the things that we are bothering ourselves about wedding receptions in the church etc. WHC. I say to you all—let us get more busy in carrying the gospel to the covenant people of God and all others who will listen to the restored gospel—lest we find ourselves wandering in strange roads—I say beware!)

In the last month we have had 9 baptisms and another one coming up. (May God continue to bless your humble efforts. Bro. Cadman) Bro. Alexander Robinson of St. John, Kansas, also brother and sister Andrasik were here from Penna.

My husband is planning on making a trip to SinAloa where Brother Louis is to learn of what progress is being made.

Sincerely,
Sister Perdue

MY TESTIMONY

I was asked to write my testimony for the Gospel News. To me, my testimony is most precious because it's when I really knew God. I was baptized in the Modesto Branch, Sunday, April 16, 1961. I was going to attend a wedding reception in honor of Brother Leonard Lovalvo. We left on Friday with Bro. Bob Cirrochi. I had felt something all that week and when I started, I kissed my mother, goodbye, and I began to cry. I was quiet all the way up there. I must have been thinking of the feeling I had in my heart. After we had gone to the reception, Saturday night we returned home. All week I had been praying that God would give me a dream to let me know that I was ready. But Saturday was the last night that I prayed that way because I had no dream. Then, I knelt by my bed and prayed to the Lord and said, "Lord, I have had no dream myself but let someone else have a dream that I should be baptized."

Sunday, we went to church and Bro. Leonard Lovalvo was anointed an Evangelist. Bro. Mark spoke in the gift of tongues but I can't remember if there were an interpretation. Then Bro. Bob Watson, Jr. got up. As he sat down we sang hymn 109, "Things Are Different Now." I couldn't sit any longer. I stood and asked to be baptized. Then Bro. Leonard Lovalvo came to where I was sitting and asked me who I wanted to baptize me. I said Bro. Bob Cirrochi. When Bro. Cirrochi heard this, he jumped to his feet and said that he had a dream that he baptized his first soul, and it was me. I thank God, my prayer was answered. Sister Donna Lotering also asked for her baptism.

Brothers and Sisters. I have now been baptized a year. The Lord has shown me many things. My greatest wish is to be a good nursing mother unto the people of God. Please pray for me and all the young people everywhere. May God bless you, your sister in Christ.

Sister Joy Jones,
Northridge, California

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CHRISTMAS SEASON VISITING THE CHRIST CHILD

(By Bro. C. W. Holmes)

Dear Little One
We gaze upon Thee
God's precious Son
Come down for me

In swaddling clothes
In Your manger lay
Not everyone knows
You were born today

But we look back
From time to come
And share the fact
Of where You're from

You are from old
From everlasting
And men were told
Through prayer and fasting

You would arrive
Our sins to bear
And remain alive
Our burdens to share

Now You must rest
Grow sturdy and strong
Prepare for the test
And meet the throng

You have tomorrows
That must be faced
You'll have sorrows
And be disgraced

Hope for man's loss
Abides with Thee
You'll mount the cross
And set us free.

CONFERENCE IN HOPELAWN, N. J.

The annual October Conference assembled in Hopelawn, N. J. on the afternoon of the fifth of the month in the Church on Florida Grove Rd. Hopelawn is a suburb of Perth Amboy. Quite a number of delegates gathered together from as far west as California and various other states as far south as Florida.

Our routine of business was carried on as usual, and reports given from the various districts of the church. Interesting reports of Missionary work in Canada and especially from the Muncey Indian Reservation, also from the work in Mexico among the Indian people and in the state of Arizona, especially on the San Carlos Reservation were very good. The Mission at Phoenix is also thriving. Reports were also made of the work in Italy and Nigeria, Africa. Brother and Sister John Ross of Aliquippa, Pa., left New York by plane at 8

p.m. on October 2nd for Nigeria to spend six months. While in our Conference word came by cablegram that they arrived at Lagos safe.

In all, we had five business sessions in our Conference in which we attended to the general-run of Church affairs. The Saturday evening session which is open to all members wishing to attend, was, I believe filled up to more than the regular seating capacity. I believe the meeting was enjoyed by all present.

To accommodate the anticipated crowd attending the Sunday Morning meeting, permission was obtained from the School Board to meet in the Auditorium of the High School building. It was well that we did, for there were better than 400 people seated at this meeting. A song service preceded the preaching service. Singing by both old and young, solo's by brother Loyalvo from California, and Sister Mary Fehr of Hopelawn.

The preaching service was led by Bro. Loyalvo. His text was the temptation of Christ as recorded by Matthew. He gave us a good and seasonable discourse for our hungry souls, as did other speakers who followed, including Bro. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio who spoke in the Italian language for the benefit of some who did not understand English. The meeting lasted for about two hours and was closed in prayer by Brother A. B. Cadman.

GOD'S GIFT

The season is approaching which is recognized as the time to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. The story of this, the gift of God's Son unto the world, is more beautiful than any other in the scriptures. We cannot add to this wonderful event, but these are some of my thoughts.

Sisters, imagine what our reaction might have been had we experienced the visitation of an angel as appeared unto Mary who told her that God had chosen her to bear the Saviour of the world! As a betrothed virgin, she may have bemoaned her state for fear she would be misunderstood and disgraced. She may have taken honor upon herself and let all those around her know the important role she was to play as mother of the lowly Nazarene. However, she pondered these things in her heart. What a relief it must have been when she met Elizabeth and could share her secret; and then, to learn that her cousin also was to bear a child who was to be known as John the Baptist. No two women ever rejoiced more over contemplation of their first born than did Mary and Elizabeth.

Man will never comprehend the mystery of the miraculous conception of Mary by the Holy Spirit.

Brethren, put yourself in Joseph's place! Could you have accepted Mary as your choice above other virgins although she had conceived before your knowledge? Would your love and devotions been unwavering so that you would not hesitate to follow the directions of God's angel to keep her and the babe safe? It's hard to imagine a Joseph today, for regardless of being poor at the time of the first born child, many feel they must have the best for their child. They will make great

sacrifices to provide mother and baby with more than they need. Joseph may have questioned God when it appeared Mary was to deliver His son in a stable. He may have exalted himself and demanded the best comforts and the most preparation for this Christ Child. Today, the world shares the joy of a proud father, and not one since Joseph has had as much reason to be proud. Yet Joseph was humble and obedient in all ways to the will of God. But, we are unable to express the beauty of Christ's birth. Tongue will ever magnify, ears will always be listening and voices will always swell in song concerning it. Though the praises are beautiful they can never justify the actual event, because Christ was God's gift to the world.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." In the beginning God gave the world many precious gifts including light, darkness, etc. Mankind, his greatest creation, had been given everything necessary to sustain his natural life up until this time. But the soul of man is what God wants and loves most to preserve. So He gave His Holy Word, holy men to prophesy, to lead and to teach His Holy Commandments. None of these, however, seemed sufficient to redeem man's soul from sin. So, He gave His only son that we might have life everlasting.

Great men of all ages have studied and have learned much concerning life, yet there is a vast amount of knowledge unknown of man's natural life. We understand that this cannot exist forever but God has promised unto those who believe in him everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Jesus says in Matt. 25th. chapter, 34, 46v. in part, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. But the righteous go unto life eternal". And there are other texts which give the promise of eternal life. This life, only God can give, for man cannot begin to comprehend it. Yet, our souls do yearn to live forever.

The date of December 25th. has been observed by most of the Christian world as the date of Christ's birth since Bishop Liberius of Rome adopted it in the year 354 AD. The exact date is not known and this season is controversial because the geographical and atmospheric conditions in Bethlehem would prevent Christ's birth under circumstances as recorded in the scriptures. Since the Bible established no positive date for this great occasion, it causes us to surmise that it is the purpose of God that we emphasize the event rather than the day. Paul admonished the Galatians that they observe days, and months, and times, and years.

The Christmas spirit exists everyday among those who have been born again. It is a spirit of love. If one loves, they will give as God gave. Of course, we cannot ignore those who have natural needs but we are anxious to impart unto all the world the salvation story which through Jesus Christ is the Greatest Story ever told.

We would like to share with you the beautiful words penned by Sister Esther DiBatista Dyer:

The Sweetest Story as told to you
Reveals the secrets a promise true
First came the Saviour to pave the way
To bring us peace in the latter day.

Then in the dark days all fell away,
God's glorious beauty in dark display
The picture painted was marred with sin
Until the Saviour returns again.

A greater story has now come forth
And in remembrance, a book of worth
The heavens opened, the angel came,
A restoration to earth again.

Now that the truth has come to a few
This is the question, "What shall we do?"
To bring forth Zion, and truth uphold,
The Greatest Story that ere was told.

Your Sister in Christ,
Madeline Robinson

MEDITATIONS ON THANKSGIVING

By Amy Martin

The Spring Song begins, "Ah sweet mystery of Life." Often in the scripture the mystery of Salvation, God's Plans and also the mystery of Iniquity are all mentioned. I was thinking of the parallels and opposites of God's work.

Like the darkness that could be felt in Egypt when God was angry for Israel's sake. Jesus was given as a "Light" to lighten the Gentiles, and a Glory to Israel. Yet with the spiritual darkness in Israel, they stumbled over the Son of God, "The Light of the World".

Paul tells us they stumbled that through their fall Salvation would come to the Gentiles: In John 1:4-5 it tells us "In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of Men. And the Light shineth in darkness and darkness comprehended it not.

Let us very humbly Thank God to be permitted to be one of His Church, His Children. And that He has let the Light shine in our hearts. For when He came into our hearts, it was as the sweet new life of Spring. The precious joy of learning, the love, the mystery and the wonders, as little by little, the Way of Salvation was made known to us. The Great Plan, the Hopes that come to be a Blessed Assurance.

And just as we come to this time of Harvesting, to the happy time of bringing in the sheaves and a happy Thanksgiving, may we remember that in our natural and spiritual life there is a sowing and a reaping. Let there be a HAPPY THANKSGIVING for the things that are ETERNAL when the harvest is HOME. We are at this time; one by one removed to our Father's House, as we would a choice flower. Safe in the Paradise of God, until the dead in Christ arise, which will be as the Sweet Springtime and new Life, that will be everlasting.

Springtime or Harvest — Let Us Give Thanks.

SISTER BELL PASSES ON.

Cassie Wilson Bell, aged 77, of Mt. Bradock died on August 26, 1962 at her home. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ at Bitner, Pa. Was baptized in August 1954. She is survived by one brother at Mt. Bradock.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Oran Thomas, assisted by brothers Stroke and DiBattista. May the Lord comfort her loved ones.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

In my last, and in quoting from the Book of Helaman tenth chapter, I made the statement that God places complete confidence in Nephi the son of Helaman, for He knew that he would not take advantage of His promise to him, that he would not ask anything contrary to His (God's) will. What a condescension on the part of God! Yea, pledging Himself to give a mortal being whatever he would ask for. Many mortals undoubtedly would take advantage of such a promise and ask for things that they should not—for human nature is such, we want to see **big things** happen.

We must not forget the fact that the prime object of Jesus suffering on the cross, was that **all souls** could escape an endless woe, if they would. In Luke 9:54, 55—"John and James saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" Jesus rebuked them, and said, "Ye know not what manner of **spirit ye are of**. For the Son of man is not come to **destroy men's lives**, but to save them." What a contrast there was between these two brothers spirit and that which Nephi possessed. Yea, Nephi did not want his fellow man to be destroyed, but he ask God to send a famine upon them—see chapter 11; verse 4: "O Lord, do not suffer that this people shall be destroyed by the sword, rather let there be a famine in the land, to stir them up in remembrance of the Lord their God, and perhaps they will repent and turn unto thee." The salvation of their souls (though they had wandered far off from God in wickedness) was the soul's sincere desire of faithful Nephi. Let my readers all remember that the spirit that was given to Nephi was to save and not to destroy: Yea, and the Mighty God is still the same.

Note the attitude of Nephi as recorded in the tenth verse: "O Lord behold this people repenteth; and they have swept away the band of Gadianton from amongst them, insomuch that they have become extinct, and they have concealed their secret plans in the earth." And in the following verse (11) "Now O Lord, because of this their humility wilt thou turn away thine anger, and let thine anger be **appeased** in the destruction of those wicked men whom thou has already destroyed." May I ask, Was not Nephi a man of good **pattern** for the serv-

ants of God to follow after today? Let us all remember that the tree is known by its fruit, saith the Master, and to, **Vengeance** belongeth to God—and not puny mortals. It reminds me of David of old, he would rather be left in the hands of God, than in the hands of men, for he knew that he would at least get justice from God—but the judgment of puny mortals who can return **evil for evil** cannot be trusted very far.

In the twelfth chapter of Helaman, the writer certainly describes the frailty of mortal beings—the children of men. It seems that when the Creator blesses man, or men with material blessings of life abundantly, they forget their God and trample His commands under their feet. They become unthoughtful, unholy and selfish and as Paul says "lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God. To my mind I fail to see where mortals are forbidden to have some pleasure in life. For instance I have had pleasure in my work. I have worked at various professions or trades even down in the coal mines, and I have found pleasure therein, but when it comes to the place that I can't lay down my tools and spend some of my time labouring in the vineyard of the Lord, then my love for the mighty dollar is getting the best of me, just as much so as the one who's life is all taken up in other things, to the extent that they cannot find, or take time to do **anything for Him** who has been so **good** to them. For I read that all good things come from God.

Man has proven himself to be nothing, when he thought he was something. And, Helaman in verse 7 is made to exclaim: "O how great is the nothingness of the children of men; yea, even they are **less** than the **dust of the earth**—a very odd expression; yet the dust will move at God's will, but puny man will treat **God's** will with **contempt**. The Lord Jesus (God's only begotten Son) has made it very plain that we mortals **must overcome evil with good**. And, His word shall stand when Rolling Years Cease to Move. He taught—"Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Let us all follow the example of faithful Nephi (the son of Helaman) be wise enough to keep within the teachings of Jesus Christ, and harmless enough, that we might suffer if needs be, even as did Jesus on the cross. For He cried unto His Father—let this hour pass from me—nevertheless, thy will be done.

MISSION WORK IN RONKONKOMA, LONG ISLAND

Our work in Ronkonkoma, under the supervision of the Bronx Branch has been moving slow but our constant prayers are showing results.

On Father's Day June 17, 1962 we had a great day with the baptism of a brother who made his covenant with the Lord. Our new brother is 73 years old.

Our most recent member has been our young brother Anthony J. Micale, who lives in Huntington, L.I. and is the son of Brother and Sister Anthony Micale from the Edison Branch in New Jersey. This baptism took place on Sunday August 5, 1962. Not only was this a joyful day for Brother and Sister Micale but for all of the Brothers and Sisters who were present. Immediately following the baptism while a few words of prayer were being offered by the shore of the lake, the tongue was spoken and interpretation being given "The only hope is Jesus Christ." We then returned to Brother Valenti's

home to prepare for our service. Brother Dominick Rose opened the service and was inspired to read Chapter 18 in First Kings. As the reading proceeded to verses 36 and 37 Brother Salvatore Valenti spoke the tongue, interpretation being given as follows, "This is the blessing of God: Woe unto those who do not obey the law of Christ."

The text of the Scripture concerned prophet Elijah in proving that the God he worshipped was a living God as compared to the "dead" Baal which the prophets of Baal worshipped. We all felt a wonderful blessing in the words spoken by Brother Dominick Rose and Brother Salvatore Valenti.

Our testimony portion of the service was also inspiring in relating the experiences received from God. Thus we spent a wonderful day in the service of the King, our Lord.

We urge you all to sincerely pray for this work that many others might follow the footsteps of these brothers, so that some day a branch of our church may be erected here.

A Building Fund has been set up by the brethren to accumulate voluntary contributions with the goal of building The Church Of Jesus Christ on the lots already provided for that purpose.

We also would like to say at this time that our Brother Evangelists, Vincent Lupo from Bronx, Joseph Benyola from Hopelawn, Dominick Rose from Brooklyn and Presiding Elder James Link from Willoughby Avenue Brooklyn Established Mission have contributed their time and efforts to assist Brother Salvatore Valenti in this work and may the Lord Bless our brethren.

We extend a sincere invitation to our Brothers and Sisters to visit us when they have an opportunity.

Sister Belle Rose

MORMON PRIVACY IS HIGH PRICED

LONDON — Britain's 16,000 strong Mormon community must pay taxes of more than \$110 a week on its new \$1,500,000 temple, the Court of Appeal decided recently. It is not a place of public religious worship which would make it exempt from taxes.

The temple, near Lingfield, Surrey, was opened in 1958 Lord Denning, master of the rolls, said only Mormons of good standing were admitted to the temple.

He added: "It seems to me it is a sanctuary or holy place of a private nature, not a place of public religious worship."

LESSON ON NULLIFICATION

(Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Oct. 1, 1962)

FACED WITH the deliberate defiance of Governor Barnett and other Mississippi officials, President Kennedy had no choice but to proclaim a state of emergency and to authorize the use of federal troops, if necessary, to enforce the court decrees which Mississippi has so adamantly ignored. Those decrees represent the law of the land. And to permit one state to disregard them because its officials disagree with them is to invite anarchy.

Federal officials up to this point have exhibited patience and have used every means of persuasion short of force to obtain compliance with the law. It is to be hoped that an armed clash can still be avoided. The lesson taught by that means should have been learned

in the Civil War, in which Mississippi and the other Southern states lost. It should have been learned long before that when President Andrew Jackson, himself a Southerner, forced South Carolina to back down in its attempt to defy the laws of the United States.

Jackson's proclamation of 1832 stated the case for federal supremacy. Its words, quoted in part below, are as applicable to Mississippians today as they were for South Carolinians 130 years ago:

"If this doctrine had been established at an earlier day the Union would have been dissolved in its infancy . . . Admit this doctrine and . . . every law . . . may be annulled. . . I consider, then, the power to annul a law of the United States, assumed by one State, incompatible with the existence of the Union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the Constitution, unauthorized by its spirit, inconsistent with every principle on which it was founded, and destructive of the great object for which it was formed.

"Fellow-citizens of my native State, let me admonish you . . . I have no discretionary power on the subject . . . Those who told you that you might peaceably prevent . . . [the execution of the laws] deceived you . . . Their object is disunion. . . Disunion by armed force is treason. Are you really ready to incur its guilt? If you are, on the heads of the instigators of the act be dreadful consequences. . . [Your] first magistrate cannot, if he would, avoid the performance of his duty. . ."

Pittsburgh Post Gazette "Editorial" Oct. 1, 1962

P.S. I am taking the privilege of republishing your Editorial in the Gospel News. You must be commended for this master piece, and President Kennedy as the Chief Executive of the United States of America must be commended and sustained, in the brave stand he has taken in defense of our Constitutional rights in the U.S.A.

The Governor of Mississippi must be taught (even if it is humiliating to him in his executive office) that he has superiors in our system of government. It is bad enough for us to be treated with contempt, by some of the foreign powers of today. But when a chief Executive of a **United People** oversteps his authority as Mr. Barnett has, he deserves to be treated as any other ordinary citizen.

It is reported today, October 1st on the Television, that blood has been shed on the Ole Miss. Campus. I might add, the results of the defiant attitude of Governor Barnett of Mississippi. We must all remember, regardless of our official standing that we all shall stand before the same **Eternal Executive** and if we have not learned before it is too late: We undoubtedly shall learn in His presence—"that we should have loved our neighbor even as we do ourselves—And to have treated others as we would like to be treated. Bear in mind that after this life—cometh the Judgment. Editor

FAREWELL MEETING

The Ladies Uplift Circle held a farewell meeting for Brother and Sister John Ross on September 21, 1962 in Aliquippa, Pa., in regard to their forthcoming trip to Africa.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Welcome Best Of All Good Meetings". Brother Thomas Ross

led us in prayer. We then sang "Ready".

Sister Irene Griffiths of Roscoe read the scripture which was found in the 15th Chapter of Acts 6th to 19th verses "the Macedonian Call". We continued by singing "Lo! What An Interesting Sight Are Sisters That Agree".

Sister Mabel Bickerton, our president, then spoke a few words comparing the Macedonian Call to the call the church has had to Africa. She told of the work the circle has done and their interest in all missionary work. Also speaking of how Sister Mary Ross was pioneering the work for our sisters in missionary work and paving the way for others to follow.

The meeting was then turned over to the presidents of the various circles represented. The nine present were: Aliquippa, Erie, Glassport, Jefferson, Rock Run, McKees Rocks, Monongahela, Roscoe, and Youngstown, Ohio.

Sister Mary Mancini of Erie, spoke first speaking of God's wisdom in making a helpmate for man and what a great help a wife can be, concluding her talk with a beautiful poem written by Sister Esther Dyer, in honor of Sister Ross. The other sisters all gave wonderful testimonies.

Sister Mabel then called Sister Ross to come forward, and in behalf of all the circles presented her with a gift, a travel alarm clock, after which Sister Ross made a few humble remarks thanking the sisters.

Sister Irene Griffith of Monongahela sang "I know Who Holds Tomorrow". The congregation sang "O Lord Fulfill Thy Faithful Word". Brother John Ross then spoke concerning the work that has been done in Africa, and what they hope to do on their coming trip.

Brother William Cadman gave a brief talk on Missionary Work and Brother Alma Cadman closed the meeting in prayer.

Sister Ruth E. Akerman

THE PURE IN HEART

By Catherine Poma of San Diego, Calif.

If I could be, so pure in heart,
That everyone would seem, to me,
A specimen of wondrous art . . .
No imperfection, could I see;
If I could blind my critic eyes,
And, deafen both my critic ears,
I would, indeed, be very wise,
My heart, would be eyes and ears."

It seems, that to the pure in heart,
Are given eyes, to search and see
The loveliness, God did impart,
Beneath man's gross impiety.
And, to the pure in heart, alone,
Are given ears, that do receive
Each message, with an overtone
Of love, that will never grieve.

Ah! If my heart could be so pure,
That, in it, only Mercy, dwelt,
It could not possibly, endure
To know injustice had been dealt . . .
For, where there's Mercy, there, is love;
(The two have ever been, but one.)
They are the Keys to gates, above,

In Heaven, when life is done.

The Fear of Death, that rocks the soul,
Is, oftentimes, the Child of Guilt,
Because, a Human missed his goal,
And, in God's heaven, no home has built.
But, if my heart lets Purity
Obtain command, and, hold full sway,
Death's Fear, cannot o'erpower me,
When darkness disperses day.

So, I shall ask my God, above,
To grant me Grace, that I may be
Endowed with Mercy and with Love,
That bathe my heart, with Purity.
And, if my heart is pure and clean,
In ALL my life, it will shine thru,
For, inward cleanliness is seen
Whatever we say, or do!

IN MEMORY OF For Whom We Cared

"The one for whom we cared, with such abiding love,
Has found the wondrous shining path, up to the home
above.
The home where joy forever dwells, where loved ones
but await,
For us to share their happiness, beyond the Eastern
Gate."

Sister Sadie B. Cadman passed away November 18, 1959. She is sadly missed by her husband, Brother W. H. Cadman, her four daughters and all who knew her.

LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Dear Editor:

I hasten to report the Safe arrival of Elder and Sister John Ross in Nigeria to you. I hope you will kindly publish this good news to enable our brothers and sisters over here to read.

We are happy to see Bro. Ross again in our midst and on seeing Sister Ross for the first time in Nigeria, made our happiness to be increased.

We are proud of Sister Ross being the first Minister's wife of our Church who proves so faithful to the Church and to her husband Elder John Ross.

We are hopeful that as far as her good example is concerned, other sisters and brothers will follow her steps. Her visit to Nigeria is being regarded as a **blessing** in various ways: these are (a) She has set an example to other sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ in America to see and follow. (b) She has proven her love to the Sisters in Nigeria or in America. May I say that her name should be recorded among the faithful Sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ. May I also add that her **deeds must be remembered** or mentioned in the History of the Church.

Ten people were healed by Our Lord Jesus Christ; It was only one who proved faithful to return and give thanks to the Lord. Where are the **nine** "the Lord asked." Therefore I ask, Where are our Brothers and Sisters?

For your information, Brother and Sister Ross left Lagos by car for the Eastern Region. May the Lord bless both of them **is my prayer.** Elder N. J. Umoh.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." Luke 2:10

Dear Girls and Boys.

Many, many years ago, on the most wonderful night that the world has ever known, an angel brought a message to the earth. "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." (Luke 2:10, 11) These beautiful words were heard by some humble shepherds as they watched their flocks by night. The glory of the Lord shone round about them. They were afraid. The angel gave them a sign that they would find this baby wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. Then there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

This precious baby of whom the angel spoke, was God's own Son. He was God's gift to the world. His birth brought joy to his parents, just as our babies bring happiness to our homes. This baby had been named Jesus, hundreds of years before he was born. The baby's mother was Mary and his father, Joseph. The prophets foretold of Jesus and Mary. These prophets knew many great events long before they came to pass.

One of these prophets was Isaiah. He has been called the "silver tongued prophet," because his words are beautiful. He said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given". (Isaiah 9:6) He would be called by many names such as, Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father and The Prince of Peace. He prophesied of Mary, calling her a virgin. He said the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. This light had reference to Jesus. The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah tells a prophecy of Jesus as a man and how He suffered for us. All these things were told more than 500 years before Jesus was born. There are other prophets in the Old Testament who tell of Jesus.

The Book of Mormon, which is a history of God's people whom we know as Indians, tells of the birth of Jesus. There was a man named Nephi who had a wonderful vision. His father Lehi had seen these things, therefore Nephi wanted to see them also. Nephi was caught away in the Spirit of the Lord and taken to a very high mountain. He had never been there before. He spoke to the Spirit and told his desire. The Spirit spoke with a loud voice and cried out, "Hosanna to the Lord, the most high God; for he is God over all the earth, yea even above all. And blessed art thou, Nephi, because thou believest in the Son of the most high God; therefore thou shalt behold the things which thou hast desired." (1 Nephi 11) Nephi saw the great city Jerusalem, then Nazareth. In this city he saw a virgin, very fair and white. The heavens opened and an angel came down and stood beside him. He asked Nephi what he had seen. Nephi told of seeing a virgin. The angel explained

that this virgin was the mother of the Son of God. As Nephi looked she was carried away in the Spirit. When the virgin appeared again she had a child in her arms. The angel said this was the Lamb of God, the Son of the Eternal Father. Then he saw Jesus as a man going among the children of men, many, many people coming to hear him speak. He saw Jesus baptized by John, saw the sick healed, devils cast out and all the wonderful things Jesus did while here on earth. He saw Jesus lifted up on the cross by cruel men. The heavens opened and the Lamb of God came down and showed himself to them. All these wonderful things were shown to Nephi, 600 years before they came to pass.

These are the things we should remember at this season of the year. Jesus was God's gift to the world many, many years ago. All the wonderful words of the prophets were fulfilled. We are living in a time when latter day prophecies are being fulfilled. Do you know some of them?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Book of Mormon questions

1. What did the angel say the Messiah's name would be? How many years was this? II Nephi 25:19
2. An angel of God told King Benjamin about the Saviour in Mosiah 3. Which verse gives his name and that of his mother? This was 124 years before Jesus was born.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Dear Brother Editor:

I am writing a few lines as Editor of the Youngstown branch concerning our labors together as a branch in the work of the Lord.

We had a good meeting Sunday, September 23, both morning and afternoon in which we felt the shower of blessing poured out upon us. In the morning meeting a woman from Washington, D. C., was annointed by Brother A. A. Corrado, his prayer was with much compassion in pleading with God. This woman has been brought to our attention in many of our prayer meetings by Sister Rose Rand, her mother-in-law. The woman is greatly afflicted.

In our afternoon meeting we ordained two young brothers to the office of Deacon. Many good testimonies were heard and some sick were annointed by the Elders. A feeling was expressed what would we do without Jesus.

I would like to add that Brother Sam Martin of Sharon, made a trip to California to visit his daughter, Sister Meredith Martin and on returning he expressed much joy to visit the Saints and many places there.

Sunday, September 30, our morning meeting was opened by singing hymn 218, followed by prayer by Brother T. D. Bucci. Then we sang hymn 99 and a baby, was blessed by Brother Travis Perry. Brother A. A. Corrado opened the service by reading 6th Chapter of Matthew verse 39 to 48, exhorting all to read the sermon on the mount for our own instruction. He exhorted with many good words of how we should live by the word of God. He was followed by Brother Travis Perry. The meeting was closed by Brother Corrado.

Many of us went to Aliquippa in the afternoon to bid farewell to Brother John Ross and Sister Mary Ross

who were leaving for Africa.

Bro. Sam Costarella, Editor

FRANK V. FIRE PASSES ON.

Frank V. Fire, the son of Brother Patsy Fire and of the late Sister Rose Fire, died on Sunday, Sept. 2nd. He was born on Dec. 2nd 1916. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, one son, his father and other relatives and friends. Brother R. Biscotti was in charge of the service, assisted by Brother Joseph Calabrese. He was laid away in the Brookdale Cemetery on Oberlin Rd. Elyria, Ohio.

It is written of Frank, "He saw a hand you could not see which beckoned his soul away; He heard a voice you could not hear which would not let him stay. His soul went to its resting place on Sept. 2nd." May the Lord comfort his beloved wife and all that were near and dear to him. Sister Marge King.

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Brother Oran Thomas wishes to extend his gratitude to you all in remembering him in your prayers. He was in the hospital for awhile, but is home now and it is understood he is so much better. May the Lord bless Brother Oran for he is needed in the Bitner mission of which he is presiding over. Sincerely, Brother Cadman.

"The moral man who scoffs at religion is a spiritual parasite, a foreign growth feeding on what man's faith in a holy God has produced across the ages. We dare not say whether unmoral religion or irreligious morality has done us the greater hurt."—Bishop Costan J. Harrell.

THE TESTIMONY OF BROTHER DOMINIC SCALA Metuchen, New Jersey

Brother Louis Mazzeo had a dream about a man in Metuchen, New Jersey. A voice told him to visit Dominick Scala and preach the Gospel to him. The following is Brother Scala's testimony;

When Brother Mazzeo was preaching to me, I didn't want to obey. He said to me, "Please listen a minute". When he said, "Listen", a voice spoke, saying, "Obey. When you die, you will go before God and tell Him 'When I heard about your Church, I came.' I told Brother Mazzeo I would attend a meeting. The next Sunday, my wife, our nine children and myself went to church. Brother Rocco Ensana was preaching. He was a wonderful preacher, but my thoughts were elsewhere. For an hour and a half I could not hear a word he was saying. Brother Louis came by bus every night to visit with us. The next Sunday we all went again to church. Brother Ensana preached again. I wanted to cry, the words I heard were better to me than my mother. When we returned to the church in the afternoon, my daughter Margaret (Brother Joe Benyola's wife) and I asked for baptism. Later my wife and children obeyed the Gospel.

Later, one Friday morning I went to prepare my lunch for work, I became so weak I couldn't stand up. I had to go to bed with my clothes and shoes on. My wife and children had the same thing. This condition lasted from Friday until Sunday. On Sunday morning we could not get up to go to church. The Brothers and Sisters wondered what happened. In the afternoon they came to see us. The house was quarantined, but they came

in. Brother Louis Mazzeo laid hands on me and I got up. All the brothers and sisters were on their knees praying. He then laid his hands on all my family, one by one, and they were all healed.

Later my wife was sorely afflicted with rheumatism. She was very discouraged. She cried to God to please help her as she had a large family to care for. She saw a tall man holding a little boy by the hand. He looked at my wife and said, "All right, All right, All right," and smiled. My wife fell asleep and rested. In the morning she awoke and the first thing she did was to make bread for the family. That day Brother Mazzeo came to visit us and she gave him a loaf of bread.

I have much to tell how good the Lord has been to my family and I, all through the years. May God give to you, my Brothers and Sisters, strength and remember to pray for one another.

JFK CONSULTS EX-PRESIDENTS

WASHINGTON, OCT. 28 (AP) — President Kennedy consulted the three living former presidents—Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Herbert Hoover—before replying today to Soviet Premier Khrushchev's latest proposal on the Cuban crisis.

P.S. Very thoughtful of President Kennedy, I am sure. Editor Cadman

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Note: Bro. Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y., who has not been very well of late, wishes to thank you all for remembering him with you prayers and cards.

Sincerely Editor

CHRISTMAS

There will always be a Christmas with the lovely shining star, so full of happiness, and hope, no matter where we are. It tells of peace and love, as a way of life that enriches men, according to the strength of their faith. The sweet and gentle story, has been repeated, for hundreds of years, and to millions of people, and it is as new as every day. Men hear it, and are kind, children listen and are glad. It touches the fields, and the streams, and all places where people dwell together, and makes them lift their faces toward the promise, and fulfillment, of those cherished dreams, of "Peace, and good-will toward all men". It comes to the hearts of men, as a special blessing. Not outward forms, but what the heart may hold, measures the joy of Christmas everywhere. This day, the thoughts of those who love you, will whisper out a sincere prayer. We are filled with joy and gratitude today, for the gift of the Saviour, Jesus. We are especially thankful that He is not a Saviour, afar off, but linked to our nature, in the manner of birth, in child-hood, in humility, in love, and sympathy. Christmas is a blessed day, and the way is brighter, and the burden lighter for its cheer. On Christmas, the Church is a place of reverence, and the home is where each heart, should be filled with joy. The profit of Christmas is measured, in the coin of happiness, and those who find it in abundance, are these who have shared the Holy Day, in the company of friends and family, and those who observe it best are those who have put words of courage, and joy, in empty hearts. St. Luke 2-10-11. And the Angel said unto them, 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. Christmas, may it's love replace, Hate the wide world over. May all homes Christ's presence, grace, with peace, the hearth be blessed, and Christ, Himself, will enter in to be your Christmas guest.

Sister Muriel Miller

A PROMISE FULFILLED IN 600 YEARS

During the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, many prophets came prophesying unto the people to repent or the great city of Jerusalem must be destroyed. Among these prophets was a man whose name was Lehi. The Jews did not receive these prophets but mocked them — some were stoned — some were slain, but Lehi was warned by God in a dream to take his family and depart into the wilderness. This family consisted of Lehi, his wife Sariah, and their four sons, Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam. They left Jerusalem and departed into the wilderness leaving all their wealth behind. God revealed to Lehi that in 600 years from the time they left Jerusalem that a Messiah would raise up among the Jews. (1 Nephi 10-4) Lehi's son, Nephi, had the same vision as his father, his vision is recorded in 1 Nephi 11-13 thru 21. In his writings, Nephi also prophesies that signs will be given his people on the land of America concerning the birth of Christ in Palestine.

These people who left Jerusalem at this time were led thru the wilderness, traveling south and southeast until they came to the great waters which we know today as the Indian Ocean. Here Nephi built a ship according to instructions given him by God. When the ship was finished, they set sail taking with them the family of Ishmael at the command of the Lord and crossed the great waters (known to us as the Pacific Ocean) and landed upon the western coast of South America — a land God had promised to them. A land — choice above all others. They began to reckon their time now according to this promise given to Lehi and Nephi that in 600 years Christ would be born.

This people grew into a mighty nation and wickedness soon crept in dividing the people into two groups — the Nephites who were the more righteous and the Lamanites who refused to cling to the God given promises. From one generation to another, this promise of a Messiah was handed down by the Nephites. They looked forward in great faith for this Messiah to be born. After 200 years had passed away, the people were still being taught to look forward for the Messiah.

About 270 years later (making in all about 470 years since Lehi left Jerusalem), we read about a good King whose name was Benjamin. An angel appeared to him and revealed the name of the Virgin who would become the Mother of this Messiah and also named Him. (Mosiah 3-8)

As the time came closer, others were given revelations concerning His birth. To Alma it was revealed thus: "And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem, which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God."

During the life of Alma, Judges were set up to rule the people — Alma being the first chief judge and

head of the Church too. Wickedness became so great that Alma felt to give up the office of Chief Judge and devote all his time to preaching the Gospel. His office was filled by another good man whose name was Nephiah. Many judges ruled the land, some good and some evil and as the time approached for the great event to happen as prophesied so many years before, wickedness became greater. In the 86th. year of the reign of the Judges, there was a prophet, Samuel the Lamanite, sent among the people to preach to them. It was now about 594 years since Lehi had left Jerusalem. Samuel prophesied many things which made the people angry and they sought to take his life. One of these prophesies stand out above all others — the one concerning the sign of the birth of Christ. He told them that after five years more cometh, then Christ would be born. And as a sign of his coming, there would be great lights in heaven. The night before his coming into the world, there would be no darkness. He says, "Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night;" also "behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld;" yea "And behold this is not all, there shall be many signs and wonders in heaven." (Helaman 14 - 1 thru 8)

This was five years before the birth of Christ and from that time on the people began to look forward for that sign — the great star in the heavens and the time when the sun would go down yet there would be no night. In the 90th. year of the reign of the judges, the words of the prophets began to be fulfilled. (Helaman 16, 13 thru 16)

Satan was getting great hold upon the hearts of the people, filling their minds with doubts and fears.

When the 91st. year of the reign of the Judges had passed away, the prophesies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully for there began to be greater signs and greater miracles wrought among the people. But there were some who began to say that the time was past for the sign which was spoken of by Samuel the Lamanite, and the true believers became very sorrowful for fear these things would not come to pass.

Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers that all those who believed in these traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet. This caused great sorrow among the people of God and especially to Nephi, their spiritual leader. Nephi made this a matter of prayer. He went out and bowed himself down upon the earth and cried mightily unto the Lord all the day. Behold the voice of the Lord came to him in answer to prayer: "Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets . . . And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given."

Behold, these words were literally fulfilled, for at the going down of the sun, there was no darkness in all that night — it was light, as though it were mid-day. And it came to pass, that the sun did rise in the morning according to its proper order and they knew that

it was the day that the Lord should be born. The new star appeared, just as it was prophesied.

Thus the 92nd. year of the reign of the judges had brought with it the fulfillment of a promise, made to the ancestors of our American Indians, some 600 years before the birth of Christ — "Yea, even six hundred years from the time that my father (meaning Lehi) left Jerusalem, a prophet would the Lord God raise up among the Jews — even a Messiah, or, in other words, a Saviour of the world." (1 Nephi 10-4)

What joy and peace His birth brought to all the world!

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

By Sister Sara Vancik

FORT PIERCE MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

October 20, 1962

Dear Brother Cadman:

I feel great joy in beginning this letter to you this morning. I have had the desire to write you for some time now, but have put it off because I felt I couldn't put into words what I wanted to say. This morning (5a.m.) I have decided not to put it off any longer. Before I start, I want to say you may put this in the Gospel News if it pleases you to do so.

To begin with, I am 46 years of age, and though I have searched for God these many years, a cloud always would arise to blot out the view until July 1st. of this year, on which day I found my God and His Church.

As a young girl while in a convent, I was to be baptized along with my sister, but somewhere I had read of idols and though my mind was young, I could not bow down. While my sister and others were preparing for the walk to the chapel and baptism. I walked out and ran away. I was found, brought back and dealt with, but in my heart was joy. In later years I still looked for my God. I was approached at various times as we most all have been by different groups, and would think at last, at last. Then I would find out that many things weren't being done any more, such as feet washing, calling the Elders for the sick, or immersion for baptism — always something, that I just couldn't accept because this God I looked for had to be a never changing God. So deeper in the world I went, sinking in sin. I don't know how many times in the wee hours of the morning (after being to a dance and drinking) have I fallen on my bed and cried out to this God I desired, wondering if this was all there was for me.

Then in February of this year, my sister took very sick. She lived in Phoenix, Arizona. I went to her side. Her sickness was a very rare type of cancer and no treatment known. But her great concern was not a cure, for somehow she knew that God could heal her if He so desired, but she felt and seemed to know that this was not to be. Her main concern was that she must be baptised by immersion — the sprinkling she had received as a young girl did not console her. I stayed a while and returned to Fort Pierce, Florida (my home). I had met Brother Patsy Rogolina and his companion through my younger sister who at one time had been a neighbor to them. But otherwise, I knew nothing

about them. When they heard of my older sister's illness, they asked me to go to their church. I went but I wasn't very anxious to go. As I left the little building where these people held their meetings, I began to cry. I could hardly see to drive home, for I felt the Spirit of the God I had been searching for. But still I couldn't grasp the fullness of it, for I felt there would be another disappointment. But that night I had a strange dream. In this dream, there were three little crippled animals laying in a circle. A man stooped down and picked one up. I could see it was a little lamb, and oh how happy I was because it wasn't crippled any more! I did not then know what the dream meant. Then I was called back to my sister in Arizona. A preacher had been visiting her but in her condition would not baptize her. I stayed for several weeks on this trip, and while there read some in a Book of Mormon that my sister had acquired from some place. She had found it interesting, but not I. I told her and my younger sister to stick to the Holy Bible and let that book alone. After the trip home, I was given the names of some members of the Church of Jesus Christ (by Sister Juanita Rogolina) who lived in a suburb of Phoenix. I returned to Arizona and still no one had baptized my dying sister. This worried my very soul. I called this Brother Philip Damore. He and Brother Galanti came that very evening. Lo, when they had spoken to my sister, they took a bottle of oil out and anointed her and prayed. I was on my knees — my God was real and a few people knew Him. After prayer, we decided we would ask God to give our sister the strength to go to the river which was quite a ways out of Phoenix and my sister was not able to be up very long at a time. They called the Church in California and told them the story; they fasted and prayed for this also. Brother Bob Cirrochi decided to come to Phoenix to assist Brother Damore. That Sunday we woke to find Satan had other plans, but God was using me without my knowing it. For I knew God had given my sister the strength she needed and I told her He had, but old Satan tried to make her believe she could not arise. But I was determined, so I and my younger sister got ready and we were going to that meeting place regardless. As we readied ourselves, our dear sick sister got up and dressed herself and we left the house at 9 o'clock. We went to Brother Damore's house and my sister had to be put to bed. I told them Satan was trying to stop her. I could hardly talk for I couldn't stop crying; for Satan must not be allowed to stop my sister. After a while, Sister Galanti awoke my sister and dressed her for the baptism. Oh, how I silently wished that it was for me, but I knew I was too much a sinner. I vowed I would do better, then I would be able to come to my God. The river was some distance away and it was so hot. My sister sat silent as the miles rolled behind us. At last, we came to the Indian Reservation which was where we would find a river. One of the cars stopped and just wouldn't start. Satan was not going to give up easy. We all got into the remaining two cars and went on to the river. There we gathered on the bank. As we sang, the brothers walked into the river with my sister. There were quite a few people there in swimming but they came out of the water. As I saw my sister come up from that watery grave, I knew that for her,

death had lost its sting. I don't know how to explain this part, but I ran to Brother Bob and asked that they not leave the river, that I must be baptized right away. They wanted to take time to put other clothes on me for this, but I could not wait for that; so they took me into the water in my own clothes. How I joyed in my heart and praised my God! I didn't have to be perfect to come before Him!

After my baptism, I was told of a dream that Brother Doug had had a couple of days before. Up until that time he had never seen either of us sisters. He had dreamed there would be two baptisms that Sunday and when we had arrived at Brother Damore's house, he told them that I was the one he had seen in his dream and that I would be baptized. He believed this so much, that they had even carried an extra pair of coveralls along. How I thanked my God that I knew nothing of this dream until afterwards.

Brother Cadman, this dear sister of mine had a beautiful dream shortly before she left us in death. She dreamed of a crystal clear lake with many people gathered around. God slipped her away in such a beautiful peaceful way that it would take a poet to describe it. From the day of her baptism until August 26th., though facing this event, she was at peace; and her joy was complete with witnessing my baptism also.

As I picked up the Book of Mormon again and read, it was more plain to me than anything I have ever read. Since that day, God has inspired me to write many verses which I hope one day can be used in our hymnals.

I praise my God and will serve Him as long as I live! I love Him so, but I also fear Him. I ask always to be remembered in your prayers and I will pray for you.

How wonderful it is to gather with the brothers and sisters and praise God and to tell Him of our desires. No one can know what it means unless they have been the sinner that I was. My Jesus is real, My God still lives and He has never changed!

God bless you and all the saints.

Yours Sister in Christ,
Sister Mary Glover
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Fort Pierce, Florida

P.S. Sister Glover, Personally I do not know you, but your experience is wonderful. May the Lord continue to bless you is my prayer. Sincerely Brother Cadman (Editor)

NEWS FROM METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

The Saints of Metuchen wish to extend our love to all of you. We are happy to have the Gospel News as a means of communication.

We have been blessed in our Branch by having you from different parts of the Church come to visit us.

On August 5, Brother Raymond Cosette and his wife from Youngstown, Ohio and Brother Rocco Ensano from Edison Branch visited us. Brother Raymond read Scripture from St. John, 9th Chapter, concerning the miracle Jesus performed in opening the eyes of the blind man. The people wanted to know who had sinned because he was blind from birth. Jesus answered them

and said neither had sinned but that the works of God would be made manifest. After Jesus annointed his eyes with clay, he gave the blind man a commandment to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man obeyed the Lord and thus received his sight. What joy must have been in his heart. This man remarked "Once I was blind but now I see". More could be written on Brother Ray's sermon but time and space would not permit. His testimony was that a few years back he wanted to die because of an affliction that came on his body but since God spared his life and gave him his health back, his desire is to do something for the Lord.

Brother Rocco Ensano spoke next. His first words were that we were blind once as to the things of God but since we were born a-new in Christ, we now have our eyes open so we can see. Brother Ensano has been in Church some 32 years, and his desire to serve God has grown greater. When our Brother was invited to church, meetings were being held in Brother Louis Mazzio's home. He said, when he heard the words come from the lips of Brother's Joseph Corrado and Eugene Perri Sr., they were the most beautiful words he had ever heard. He left the Catholic Church and became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Sister Mary Cosetti also bore her testimony to the Glory of God. She told how God moved upon her to obey the Gospel.

On Wednesday, August 8th, our Branch met with the Saints of Hopelawn Branch, where Brother Tony Corrado was visiting. Brother Corrado read from the 6th Chapter of Romans. His exhortation to us was the responsibility that is upon us as a people and the great wonder's that God will bring to pass in the near future. He called our attention to the day we were baptized. If we would serve God all the days of our life, we would be with Christ for eternity. He made reference to the words of Christ in the Book of Revelations which states that we must be either hot or cold. Either we serve God or serve the devil. We cannot mix serving God with worldly pleasures. He said, "those that do are crippled Saints and will not have part with God." He said, "we can not partake in worldly activities and then expect God to Bless us at home or in our meetings.

Brother Frank Sirangelo from Florida was with us too. He told of meeting a minister of some church and said he was not afraid to defend the Church of Jesus Christ. "He told him he was doing wrong and he must repent.

On Sunday, August 27, we were blessed in having Brother John Buffa and his family from Detroit along with Brother Joseph Benyola and his family from Hopelawn Branch. Brother John read the 6th Chapter of Ephesians and spoke upon the importance of putting on the Armor of God that we may be protected against the forces of evil. We fight, not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities. One of our hymns says, "Put on the Gospel Armor each piece put on with prayer." May we all have the shield of faith and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

Brother Joseph Benyola followed and spoke of the importance of putting on the whole Armor of God. He referred to a Knight when he went out to fight against his opponent had to have every piece of armor on. If one piece would be missing, the enemy would strike

where the Knight was not protected and he would fall. He gave us much advice as well as encouragement.

Brother Tony Ensano and his family visited us the same Sunday afternoon. His exhortation to us was to the effect that we who have obeyed the Gospel, must remain faithful until the end of our life that we may obtain rest, peace and happiness in the paradise of God. Also that if we are obedient to the will of God, we would receive the Gifts and Blessings promised to us by our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We enjoyed the visit of our Brothers and Sisters and extend an invitation to all to come and worship with us.

The 23rd of July made twelve years that God called me into his blessed Church. It has been a blessing to serve God and in return he has blessed me beyond understanding. On the Sunday afternoon of July 16, 1950, a large group of young people gathered in the New Brunswick Branch. It was our desire to meet in the branch wherever the M.B.A. would be held at night. Fifteen of us asked for our Baptism that afternoon and five more during the week. Of the twenty Baptised, 15 still remain in the Church.

Before closing, I would like to say that on the weekend of the 24th, 25th, 26th of August we held our District Conference in Metuchen Branch. There was a wonderful gathering of the Brothers and Sisters of the Atlantic Coast District.

May God Bless you all is our humble prayer.

J. Joseph Perri

SAN CARLOS INDIAN RESERVATION ARIZONA

We of the Church of Jesus Christ were invited to a united fellowship tent meeting with the Miracle Church on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, on the weekend of September 30th.

Being present at the California District Conference, Bro. Dan requested the presence of the brothers and sisters who were able to attend this meeting, and represent the work of the Restored Gospel among the seed of Joseph. About 35 attended from Phoenix, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Modesto.

On Friday, September 28, we met Bro. Joseph Lovalvo and his wife at the bus terminal. They were very much welcomed. That evening Bro. Joe and Bro. Dan went to the tent where the meetings were being held. There they met Mr. Mull the chairman (chief) of the tribe. Bro. Joe and Mr. Mull had a very enjoyable discussion concerning some of the questions that have arisen in the minds of some, affiliating us with the Mormons. Mr. Mull stated that he has borne our stripes of persecution when he has stood in our defense of what he feels is right.

Saturday morning while we were waiting for the others to arrive, Brother Dan took Brother Joe around the reservation to visit the homes of the Indian people. At one home we were requested to pray for a lady that lived next door who was much afflicted. As Bro. Joe anointed her with oil all present felt a wonderful blessing. Truly the powers of God were revealed, for that evening this lady attended the services healed, Praise God.

That evening we along with our visiting brothers and sisters boarded our mission school bus at the church,

and drove 3 miles to the tent meeting. Along the way our voices swelled with joy, echoing out songs of praise through out the valley among the humble dwellings of the seed of Joseph. There were approximately 500 attending this meeting. Our brothers and sisters from Calif. sang a few hymns, and Brother Joseph Lovalvo opened with prayer. Following the testimonies of our visiting brothers and sisters, he spoke of the experiences he encountered in his youth, of how God moved upon him in accepting the Gospel, also how God blessed him in his work on the Six Nation Reservation during the 13 years he worked among the Indians. Then he spoke on the 4th chapter of Eph. of how we all should come to the unity of the faith, etc. a great blessing was felt by all.

Sunday morning services were held at our church building. There were 100 or more in attendance. Selections of hymns were sung by our visiting brothers and sisters, also by the Indian sisters, and a solo by sister Lily one of our Indian sisters. The meeting was opened in prayer by Brother Phil Damore of Phoenix, Arizona. Our first speaker was Bro. Rudy Meo, presiding elder of the Bell, California Branch. He used for his text the 4th chapter of Acts 1st - 13th verses, revealing how Peter and John filled with the Holy Ghost witnessed for Christ. How men in that day were made to marvel at the demonstration of power by the Holy Spirit, he went on to say that men of today are no longer faithful nor interested in seeking the workings of the Holy Spirit. They are drawn by the great feats being accomplished by men in the strength of flesh. Bro. Joseph Lovalvo followed on the same subject, revealing how Abraham, the prophets, the apostles in the days of Christ, and also those who have been called and ordained of God in the ministry today, through faith and by the workings of the Holy Spirit have, are, and will continue to witness for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

While he was speaking, Brother Ether Furnier arose in the spirit and spoke words of praise concerning the house of Israel. A great manifestation of the blessings of God was felt by all through the words that were spoken, also in the gift of tongues, and in the anointing of the sick. Three adults and one child received the gift of healing. The meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Liberto from San Diego, Calif.

The hour of parting had then come. We were sorry to see our brothers and sisters leave. We bid them God speed as they returned to their homes, parted asunder in the flesh, the blessings we received that day are the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

That evening we assembled in our fellowship service with our Indian brothers, sisters, and friends. (approx. 50 attending) We were grateful to have Bro. and Sister Joseph Lovalvo stay with us for this service. It was a great blessing to see our Indian brothers and sisters come forward singing solos and duets and expressing themselves in testimony. Bro. Joe related many experiences of how the Lord has blessed the Indian brothers and sisters in the work in Canada. A great blessing was felt by all present. Two of our visiting Indian friends requested baptism, four others requested prayer that they someday soon would take this step. The candidates wanted to be baptized while Brother Joe was still here, so Monday morning we left with the school bus going about the reservation picking up those who wanted to go

to the baptism. We drove about 12 miles to Coolige Dam, the setting was beautiful, we were surrounded by mountains in a valley of water. There we stood feeling the quietness and peace in Gods creation. After Bro. Joe took the Candidates into the water, we accompanied them to the top of a knoll, there the candidates sat upon a rock as Bro. Joe and Bro. Dan laid hands upon them for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The power of God was felt by all, for in one accord our Indian brothers and sisters were praying for our newly baptized sisters. After the prayer Bro. Joe felt inspired to speak to those who were strangers attending this service. As we looked upon him standing on the mountain side speaking to those who were gathered below, it reminded me of our Lord when He was speaking to the multitude.

That afternoon we drove him and his wife to the train station, our hearts were filled with sorrow to see them leave, still today voices are speaking of how they enjoyed the visit of our brothers and sisters.

Yes, many times we feel lonesome and alone, then we have an encouraging hand given us through the visits of our brothers and sisters, where the reward of a great blessing was felt.

Bro. Dan revealed that he longs for the day that he could feel the hand of his brethren on his right and on his left, hand in hand never to be broken forming a chain linked together, going forth pulling out the lost and dispersed of the remnant of Jacob, from the valley of tears and sorrow, up to the mountain of the Lords house.

Please remember us in your prayers and may God bless you all is our humble prayer,

Your sister in Christ,
Dolores Picciuto

THOSE WE LOVE BEST

They say the world is round—and yet
I often think it square;
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But there's one truth in life, I've found
While journeying east and west—
The only folks we really wound
Are those we love the best.
We flatter those we scarcely know
We please the fleeting guest
And deal full many a thoughtless blow
To those we love the best.

—Selected.

BUILDING A TEMPLE

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill:
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said, as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."
A teacher builded a temple

With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan;
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of men.
Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust,
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul.

THE BATTLE OF THE ROCKS

In the hills of Galilee, along Israel's Northern frontier, a peaceful battle is moving into high gear. Here in fledgling hill settlements, future farmers are fighting the battle of the rocks.

For 1,500 years, torrential winter rains have washed away millions of tons of top-soil from these once verdant hills, leaving extensive forests and olive trees to perish. Unchecked by man, erosion laid bare the rocky sinews of the deserted land.

Under the direction of the Jewish Agency's Department for Hill Settlement, groups of dedicated men and women are today reversing the course of history in the hills of Galilee. Within the past ten years, over 60,000 acres of barren mountain slopes have been reclaimed, ameliorated and made productive.

NEW OIL FIELD FOUND AT NEGBA

A new oil-field was added to Israel's map when a Johnston steam-test, carried out at Negba III, a Lapldot concession, disclosed a seven-foot thick layer of exploitable, oil saturated sands at a depth of over 5,000 feet.

The depth and thickness of the layer are similar to the average Heletz-type well, five kilometers to the southwest, but Negba's oil strike definitely opens a new and unrelated structure area, Lapidot officials say.

ARTESIAN WELL IN DEAD SEA AREA

The first artesian well in the Dead Sea region was struck recently, it is learned here. The new water source has an estimated output of several hundred cubic meters per hour and is expected to increase present water resources in the area to three-quarters of the potash works' daily average requirements.

You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true.
Say! What is the gospel
According to YOU?

—Amen

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