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HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Happy New Year", are the words we hear year after year. It is natural on the last day of the year to look back, and ask, "Was it happy?" We see plenty of mistakes and accomplishments, joys and sorrows. We even smile at some of the instances in our life this past year. Some resolutions were kept but more broken. But why look back? The time is past and we cannot relive it. Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." In our spiritual life we have a goal to attain. We are told to endure to the end. We cannot stop, take time to look back, unless it is in reflection on pleasant memories and correction of bettering our life. In the old saying, "Time and tide wait for no man", we then have no stopping place for Time marches on. Then as we greet our friends, "Happy New Year", with best wishes and prosperity for the 365 brand new days, just ahead, let us consider the Saviour's words, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matt. 7:12)

This is a time to take inventory of ourselves. Let us examine ourselves according to the Saviour's examples and instruction. Some of His wise sayings were; "What manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you even as I am." (III Nephi 27:27) — "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." (John 8:31) The year 1962 is past, so let us make good use of TODAY. "Today if ye hear his voice, harden not your heart". (Psalms 95) As we have sung in our Centennial Song, this past year, "Oh, blessed Church of Jesus Christ, now moving on to far greater heights", let us put our hand to the plow and look forward in 1963.

Sister Mabel Bickerton

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID

David DiChiera, son of our Brother and Sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cosimo DiChiera of Lindsay, California, has joined the staff of Michigan State University's Music department. David has a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Music. He has formerly taught piano in the music department at UCLA. In 1958 he was awarded a Fulbright fellowship and studied in Europe. David is an accomplished musician and composer.

LADIES CIRCLE NEWS

A meeting was held in the Monongahela Church, November 13, to organize a new Circle. The sisters are members of the Monongahela Branch but live in the Fellsburg area. The new Circle will be known as the Fellsburg Circle. The officers are; president and teacher, Sister Ann Ahlborn; vice pres. Sister Charlotte Olexa; treas. Sister Ellen Martin; sec. Sister Jennie Ditmore and word-giver, Sister Ella Pettijohn.

P.S. While I was not very well at the time of the above meeting, yet I attended the meeting along with two other brothers. I was pleased to see the nice crowd gathered together for the occasion. I felt glad to see the sisters of Greensburg so well represented, it was quite a drive for them at night.

I am glad to see the Sisters of the Monongahela Branch of the Church who live in the vicinity of Fellsburg making this step. Your faithfulness in the path of duty and righteousness, might easily be the beginning of the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ in your community. So, **Let your Light Shine** is my prayer.
Brother Cadman

MY SEARCH (By Inspiration)

When Jesus took my sins away, And said, "Today, you're Mine", I made a solemn vow to Him: "Yea, Lord, I will be Thine; Not for a day, or for a month, or for a year, or two, But, 'til my eyelids close in death, To Thee, I will be true".

Then, Jesus opened wide my eyes, Showed me His Church, divine, And, I saw Truth and Purity, Viewed thru these eyes of mine; And, everyone was full of love, (For love was in MY heart.) And He and I walked hand in hand, And, never did we part.

And when I called Him, thru the day Or, spoke to Him at night, Thru joy, or sorrow, He would come And, made my hours, bright. And, I was grateful to the Lord, That I, too, could belong to Jesus Christ and to His Church, And to this little throng.

And, since my gratitude was great, Great blessings, He did give, Until my heart received a hurt That I could not forgive. Little by little, then, it seemed, The love, I'd once received, Began to weaken, and His hand To mine, no longer, cleaved.

(Well, let us say it didn't cleave As firmly, as before.) And, those that I had dearly loved I loved not, anymore. And, soon, the eyes He'd opened wide, In living death, did close, And, many of my former friends Became my bitter foes.

(At least, that's how it seemed to me, It may not have been so). But I was blind of heart and eyes, Since Love had lost it's glow. And soon I wondered if my life Was really worth it all . . . To Church and home, and church again, It seemed, so, to appall.

And, then, those doubts, satanic doubts, Entered into my mind: 'Who knows if 'God has left this Church, They're cruel and unkind. He couldn't dwell here, in their midst He's in some other place, And I must go and search for Him, I've Got to see His face".

And, so, I thought I'd leave His Church, Where I had made my vow, Breaking the pledge that I had kept, throughout the years, till now. For getting all the blessings I'd received, here in this Church, All ready to embark upon A Wild and fruitless search.

Forgetting all His promises: "My Church shall never die," Forgetting that the evil one Could work with such as I . . . For discontent and calumny Had crept into my heart, And, malice, hate and anger caused my 'First Love' to depart.

What am I doing here, today? Why am I still with you? God's overwhelming love reached out, To halt what I would do. Because He said to me, "My child, My poor, misguided child, You'll never find the Christ you seek, If your heart's been defiled.

For Christ is not just here, or there, Or in this place, or that . . . But everywhere forgiveness is, Is where you'll find Him at. And, tho you search the whole world thru, If vengeance is your guide, You'll NEVER find the place you seek, **Wherever** you abide.

For, it was not the people' **worth**, That made Christ love them, so, But, all the good that was in Him, Reached out and made THEM glow. So, cleanse that cluttered heart of yours, And wash it with a tear, And you will find that Jesus Christ Has always **BEEN**, right here."

Sister Catherine Poma, San Diego, Calif.
(Very good, Sister Catherine. Bro Cadman, Editor)

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Editor:

I was quite pleased to be present at our Conference in Hopelawn, and noticed the precise manner in which the dear Lord is dealing with His children, in these the latter days, as evidenced in the dream, of the bro. from the Atlantic Coast. I am sure that God wants us to draw ever nearer to Him, which if we will do, He will draw nearer to us, and whatever we have to suffer in this world, will not be unto us, but unto Him, blessed and Holy, be His wondrous name, forever and forever. I will now give a few of the incidents that transpired in this part of the Vineyard in recent times. On Wed. night, Sept. 19th, 1962, the speaker in Branch No. 1, was Bro. W. H. Cadman, he read a passage of Scripture found in Ephesians, 4th. Chapter, 1st verse to the 20th. verse He made comment on the 1st. verse, where Paul said, I beseech you, he mentioned that Paul seemed to have been reasoning with the people, begging them as it were, to serve God, in an acceptable manner. He said there is no reason, in his estimation, why we should not be able to serve God as Job did, or any of the other faithful in Christ. If we try to follow after Him, He is never going to forsake us, if we are left alone, it will be because of our own iniquity, not God forsaking us, when we follow Him, purely, and sincerely.

On Sept. 23rd, 1962, at Branch No. 3 our speaker was bro. Anthony Pietrangelo. He read a portion of scripture, found in Mosiah 17th. Chapter, 7th. verse to the end of the, 11th. verse. Bro. Pietrangelo, gave his testimony regarding his entrance into the Church. While he was visited of the Lord, he left his work, and went home, bro. Ishmael D'Amico, working at Ford's Plant, had to return home also. He went to see brother D'Amico, and they both found out why they went home, the baptism, of bro. Anthony Pietrangelo. This, was a wonderful coincidence, the Lords, Holy and blessed name be praised. On Sept. 30th. in Branch No. 1 bro. Miller introduced the service. He spoke on parts of the 6th. and 7th. Chapters of the Acts, mentioning the faithfulness of Stephen, of him being taken before the Council, and they looking upon him, saw His face, as that of an angel.

They stoned Stephen, laying down their clothes, at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul, but he being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven, and saw the Glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord lay not this sin, to their charge.

In Grand River, on Oct. 14th., I also spoke from 1st. Nephi 22nd. Chapter 22nd. verse to the end of the

Chapter, where—in at a future date, because of the righteousness of His people, satan has no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years; for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy one of Israel reigneth. Bros. Leet, Burgess, and the saints testified, and we had a grand time indeed. There were about 35, all to.d in our meeting.

On Oct. the 19th., at Branch No. 3, there was an Area gathering of the M. B. A. Locals, which went along very nicely, chief speakers were bros. Joe Milantoni, Mark Randy. Bro. Randy also spoke in Branch No. 1, on Sunday, the 21st. with a good feeling in his talk. On Sunday the 28th. of Oct. in Windsor, meeting was introduced, by bro. Peter H. Capone, who read a passage of scripture, found in Isaiah 59th. Chapter, 1st. and 2nd. verses, He also read in the book of Ether, about the bro. of Jared, not praying to the Lord for 4 years, and the Lord coming down and reproving him. He repented, and went right along with the Lord's work, bros. Peter Capone, Frank Vitto, also spoke. In the afternoon, bro. Silver Coppa spoke, and we had a grand time indeed. In Branch No. 1, there were two bros. baptized.

Bro. Matthew T. Miller

WORDS OF THE PSALMIST

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119.

Jesus in His prayer lifted up His eyes to heaven to his Father and supplicates to him as follows: "**Father**, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him, And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **And now, O Father**, glorify thou me with thine ownself with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Yea, well does the Psalmist liken the word of God unto a lamp to his feet, and a light unto his path.

Jesus is soon to return back to his Father again after he suffers the will of his Father here in the flesh. **In sense**, He asks His Father to **restore** back to him that which he **enjoyed with Him** before he was born of the Virgin.

I might add, due to the communications I read from various sources, who apparently are satisfied with the simplicity of the teachings of Jesus, it might be well for you to turn to, and read verse 16 in 11 Peter, chapter 3. It to, is very simple. Editor.

NEW SETTLEMENT WHERE JOSEPHUS FOUGHT ROME

A new settlement, Mitzpe Yodfat, was founded last week in central Galilee by a group of young secondary school graduates. Yodfat is the historical site of the fortress where Josephus Flavius resisted the Romans in 66 A.D.

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From Jewish Hope

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

To My Readers:

I am still browsing around in the book of Helaman, one of the books in the Book of Mormon—and a wonderful book it is, especially for anyone who is interested in the experiences and exhortations of the servants of God in the days past and gone, which certainly confirms the principle taught in the scripture (Bible & Book of Mormon) from one end to the other—that **God changeth not**. Yea, a God who can be trusted, and has come to the rescue of the faithful in all ages of time.

In Helaman 13th chapter we read of one known as Samuel the Lamanite who prophesies to the Nephite people. A people, who should be exemplary to the Lamanite people, but in this instance conditions have gone into reverse. The Lord sends a Lamanite to warn the Nephite's of their impending destruction, unless they repent and mend their ways. The Mighty God, who is always same, has warned His servants and the nations, of His wrath about to fall upon them, unless they repented of their wicked ways.

If you are interested, please begin with the 13th chapter of Helaman and read of the fearless and courageous Samuel in his approach to the Nephites, who once was their benefactor (Lamanites) and whose concern for their welfare brought them to repentance and salvation. He tells the Nephite people that the sword of God's justice is hanging over them, and he makes it very plain that it will soon fall unless they hearken to his words. In chapter 14:1, It says that he prophesied many more things which cannot be written, but in the following verse he said unto them: "Behold I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name. The sign is described as follows (the sign of His coming—birth). For behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, in so much that in the night before he cometh (his birth) there shall be no darkness, in so much that it shall appear unto man as if it were day. Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day, and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two

days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and it shall be the night before he is born." He also adds, that a new star shall arise, and many signs and wonders in heaven. Ye shall all be amazed, and wonder, insomuch that ye shall fall to the earth. Please refer to III Nephi first chapter and read of the fulfillment of this wonderful prophecy.

Helaman still cries unto them and tells them that in and through repentance and obedience, they shall have everlasting life. He tells them in verse 12 that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Creator of all things from the beginning; In this matter, Samuel the Lamanite gives the same testimony to the Christ—as the Creator, as the Nephite prophets did, also the writers in the Jewish writings (our Bible) and what seems so wonderful too, is the fact, that our old brethren in the conception of The Church of Jesus Christ in 1862 gives us a similar description of Him, for they have written as follows: "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. It is evident that Jesus Christ must be given the pre-eminence over all. Read our older brothers writings on page 5 in "Faith And Doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ No. 1. Yea, how wonderful: our old brethren adopted the same faith as is made so plain in the Stick of Judah and the Stick of Joseph. Yea Jesus answered the tempter in a very simple manner:" It Is Written.

Continuing on in the 14th Chapter Helaman prophesies of a sign to be given of the death of Christ. There was to be darkness for the space of three days and nights. An account of its fulfillment is given beginning in III Nephi 8th. Chapter. It was a terrible storm, and it was so dark that no light could be had. Verse 28 reads thus: "And the angel said unto me that many shall see greater things than these, to the intent that they might believe that these signs and these wonders should come to pass up on all the face of this land, to the intent that there should be no cause for unbelief among the children of men. Editor

DETROIT, MICH.

To The Editor:

Bringing flowers to our deceased is a habit which we seem to fall into. How wonderful to be handed a bouquet of beautiful roses while we are yet alive, so we can enjoy their beauty and fragrance. To be remembered for the good we've done, while yet alive, is far better than an elaborate eulogy.

I recently learned of one of our brothers in the ministry is very ill. His illness has taken from him his strength and wit. I couldn't help but become nostalgic. It is for reason I would like to pay tribute to a fine person. One who is so ill, I doubt he is able to accept this token of recognition.

His thirty years (or more) of untiring service has been in the gospel. He never hesitated proclaiming God's word with whomever he came in contact. While living in Detroit, he drove mile upon mile spreading his testimony to many. Time was of no value. He moved to Los Angeles, California and was an implement in spreading God's wonderful word in the San Fernando Valley. He made many trips from Los Angeles, two and

three times a week.

He gave the strength of his youth, with all its vigor. Now, 10 years later, the Valley has a beautiful edifice which started from a little seed planted in faith. He is but one servant, I know. There are many more . . . But for this writing, my hat goes off to brother Rocco Meo, who has dedicated his life in Christ's service. May he always be remembered with kindness.

Sister Kathrine Vitto

BRO. NERONI PASSES ON

Detroit, Michigan — Brother Neroni passed away on August 22, 1962, after a sustained illness. Death came four days after his 76th birthday.

Brother Neroni was a long-time, faithful member of Detroit, Branch No. 1, where the main part of the last-respect service took place. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Evangelist Nicholas Pietrangelo.

The deceased was born in Italy. He was baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ on January 14, 1940.

Survivors include his wife, Filomina, three daughters, Miss Angeline Neroni, Mrs. Rose Farina and Mrs. Clare Rottach; one son, Guy, one brother, Anthony; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A NEWSY NOTE FROM SISTER CORRADO YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. NOV. 13/62

Brother Cadman:

Just a short note to let you know that we had two baptisms last Sunday. (apparently from Sharon) one is a son of Brother and Sister Martin and one is the husband of sister Grant of Sharon. Sister Grant (if I understand aright) was to have passed away last June, being afflicted with Leukemia according to the physician. But we thank God that our Heavenly Physician came to her aid. She still lives through His tender mercies. May God bless you as He has done. Thank you Sister Corrado for your small contribution to the Gospel News. Editor.

SUBMITTED

By Bro. Carl J. Frammolin

Detroit, Michigan — Two of the latest Italian missionaries, Evangelist Dan Casasanta of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania and Mark Randy of Modesto, California addressed the Detroit, Branch 1 congregation within a few weeks of each other recently.

Comparisons between American and foreign life were used as backgrounds for their talks, which complemented each other. Spiritual experiences and the universality of faith were the main points presented.

Geographical Descriptions

Brother Dan, the first to speak, included geographical descriptions of Italy, which is both mountainous and rocky, in his report. The discussion was centered around the down-trodden and undesirable living conditions of the people.

He was very emphatic in pointing out, however, that "Although The Church-members there are mostly poor, they nevertheless, exercise a tremendous faith in God, Christ, and The Gospel. Their only concern is in staying faithful in The Church."

In regard to receiving tangible help from us in America, Brother Casasanta stated that the Italian mission-members ask for no assistance. "As a matter of

fact," he added, "some told me that they preferred that we send them nothing in the form of economic or monetary aid. They are confident The Lord will be their daily helper, and they feel sincerely that He will satisfy their needs. It was a strengthening experience for me to view their faith."

International Implications

Further testimony to universal faith was offered by Brother Mark, who accentuated his missionary endeavors with examples of The Church's international responsibilities. He characterized the aims of missionary activities as being the same no matter where they are performed: the duty to mankind and the spreading of The Gospel.

The custom of family prayer and worship in Germany was represented as being common in many parts of the world. "People basically want peace. They want to trust in The Lord and prepare for the life after this. We must help them to do this. In this respect, we must think big," he stated.

The plight of the Jewish people was threaded throughout Brother Randy's talk. Their historical flights from annihilation were portrayed as being the same as that of the American Indians, whom The Church believes are descendants of the Jews and who will eventually return to Israel.

Experiences Given

Personal and other pertinent spiritual experiences were given by both speakers to augment their addresses. These were indicated as being confirmation of the necessity for The Lord's Work internationally.

The Evangelists summarized, in essence, that "There are people throughout the world who are sincere, religious, and seekers of The Truth. To them, we must mainly direct our efforts, so they may know of The Gospel."

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Dear Brother Cadman;

I am writing a few lines for use in the Gospel News, which I believe would be edifying to all concerned.

Sunday morning, October 27, 1962, meeting was opened by singing, Does Jesus Care, followed by prayer offered by Brother Ralph Berardino who manifested a good humbly spirit. We then sang Invisible Hands. Brother Ralph used for his text scripture found in Kings where Elijah prayed that it might not rain and also where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. His theme, understood by this writer, was some can be halted between two opinions, which is a state of confusion, and in attempting to service two masters such is the case. He also exhorted to be mindful of the times we live in. Brother Travis Perry followed with hymn, There Shall Be Showers of Blessing. Brother Perry's remarks exhorted on the scripture, which he said are underlying reason given for our learning and that we have a birthright in hearing the word of God. He further exhorted this is the hour of Judgment. Hymn was sung, Fear Not Brethren and prayer was offered by Brother T. D. Bucci.

Our afternoon meeting was opened by singing hymn, How Happy Are They and Brother Rocco Berardino led us in prayer. We sang hymn, Faith Is the Victory. Brother Rocco bore testimony of the goodness of God. He remarked that the Lord had stopped the rains for three and one-half years and how terrible when we don't have

rain for quite a spell. The testimonies followed expressing concern on the danger in this world and how Jesus is our Rock and shelter in the time of storm. Hymn 395 was sung, the hymn shows the time of the prophecies must be fulfilled. Brother Bucci, then bore testimony of a dream he had about 6 weeks before this present trouble in the world and in the dream he saw airplanes of destruction fly over our land. He quoted Washington's vision where it reads "again amid the noise of the fearful conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic look and learn." As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back together with the armies it had brought leaving the inhabitants of America victorious. Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before while the bright angel planted the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them and cried with a loud voice. "While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth so long shall the Union last and taking from his crown on which blazed the word Union he placed it upon the standard while the people, kneeling down said, "Amen."

When Brother Bucci sat down, Brother A. A. Corrado arose and spoke by the gift and power of God. He uttered words as follows. "Fear not. Fear not. I am with you and I the Lord shall protect you." A spirit of comfort sent to be as a word from Heaven to reassure us in these perilous times.

I would add that it is good to be a Saint of latter days. "Let every child of the Republic learn to live for God, His land and Union."

Youngstown Branch Editor

BE YE NOT IGNORANT THE GOSPEL RESTORED, IS ONE.

The Apostle Paul says to his brethren in First Thesalonians 4:13, 14. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so they also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Again he says: in First Cor. 10:1, 2, "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." Please, I have quoted Paul thus far, to show that he did not encourage ignorance among his brethren concerning the things which were written as to the things of God. The Spirit of God should enlighten, our minds, and not darken. Be it understood that I as one, do not want to see ignorance in The Church of Jesus Christ concerning our faith in the Gospel restored in these last days.

We firmly believe, that Jesus established His church in righteousness. We also believe that through the encroachings of the evil one, that the time came, that the True Church as set up by Him, was no longer on the earth. That fact is certainly made plain in Rev. chapter 12—The Woman, (the church) was disrobed of her glory and driven into the wilderness, (a place of obscurity) Her man child was caught up into heaven (the executive power) which was to rule all nations. And there was war in heaven. The great Red dragon (the Roman Em-

pire) operating through the fallen angel, the devil, and he persecutes the woman (church) and in verse 17, the dragon is wroth with the woman and makes war with the remnant of her seed (the humble followers of Christ). If you will turn to chapter 13:7, "And it was given unto him (the dragon) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them, and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (Is that not a universal condition?) And out of this condition of turmoil, tyranny and strife, men of honor and integrity could bear it no longer—hence what is commonly called a reformation took place, which resulted in a multitude of churches arising and all claiming to be the Church of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church claims absolute succession from Peter.

This makes me think of a poem, or might I say a petition to the all wise God to come and help us poor creatures, written by Charles Wesley: "Where shall I wander now to find, Successors they have left behind? The faithful, whom I seek in vain, Have vanished from the sons of men, Ye different sects, who all declare, "Lo, here is Christ! or Christ is there!" Your stronger proofs divinely give, and show me where the Christians live." (fourth and fifth verses) These verses tend to verify the fact, that the Church composed of the saints of God was no longer to be found on earth.

In the 19th Century a man by the name of Joseph Smith of Palmira, N. Y. in seeking after his God, was finally directed by an angel of God to a hill near his home. Eventually, sealed records on gold plates were delivered to him by the angel out of the ground. He was gifted by the power of God to translate them into English. His experience was attested to by several witnesses, who were faithful to their testimony until silenced in death many years later. Joseph was also slain by his enemies while in the prime of his life. This experience is in accord with Rev. 14:6, 7, where John saw an angel fly through the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel that was to be preached to the inhabitants of the world, for the hour of God's judgment is come. etc. Joseph, along with some of his associates were commissioned to preach the Gospel—Hence the gospel was restored back to the earth after it had been taken away as previously referred to in the former part of this article.

Paul says that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation etc. Therefore, the gospel was established by the Saviour, and the authority thereof, taken back to heaven as we understand it. Rev. 12th chapter.

The Book of Mormon and the Bible are not the Gospel, but are only instruments therein — even as Ezekiel says in chapter 37:15, 16, 17 the two 'sticks' one of Ephraim (Book of Mormon) and the stick of Judah (the Bible) "becomes one in thine hand," for the building up of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and establishing peace in the earth. Both these books are identical in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Paul makes it very plain in the first chapter of Galatians, that there is but one Gospel. "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." He says that the gospel was preached to Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Gal. 3:8. In Hebrews 4:2 Paul says: "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them", meaning

the people prior to his time. And in the Acts. 4:12 Peter says: "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, (Jesus Christ) whereby we must be saved." To be saved in His name, it requires obedience to the gospel.

Therefore, there is but one gospel and according to Paul in II Thess. 2:1, 2, 3 they were cautioned or warned that the day of Christ would not come, except there come a falling away first. The **falling away** has taken place, the angel of God has **flown**, and through His servant Joseph Smith the gospel has been restored to earth again. Hence the term is commonly used 'the restored gospel, or the gospel restored—which is but one, the same gospel as taught by Peter, James and John and by Jesus Christ the Head. Editor Cadman

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC BRANCH #3 DETROIT, MICH.

I would like to tell you of our Sunday School Picnic. It was scheduled for Saturday just before the new school term was to begin.

We were planning to have a nice time, however as the day came it seemed even the weather was against us. The forecast was thunder storms, and rain. But we went to the picnic area. There just a few gathered, and we were discouraged. The rain began just as we got our food all out on the tables. The outlook of the whole affair looked rather bleak.

We did not gather up our things and leave though. I don't know why, usually under all the conditions that came about we would have gone back home. Everything was wet, but something held us there.

The children took part in games, others just visited with one another. There was rain from time to time and under umbrellas there were those listening to the story of the Gospel Restored.

I would like you to know among those listening to the Gospel story, there were some who were visiting the church. And making an earnest effort to learn of our church, of Christ, His ways, enjoying fellowship with our people.

When it was time to leave it was getting dusk, one of the visitors made the statement, that they had never enjoyed themselves at a gathering so much. The rain began again and even then they said, "do we have to go, it was so good."

We had cups of hot coffee, and the rain, and each other, and the Love of God to share.

God Bless You All.

P.S. Dear sister Ilene very nice indeed that a few of you could have as you describe such a wonderful time together with your families and brothers and sisters in Christ. When I was much younger than I am now, we would get together near the old church at Jefferson (West Elizabeth) and spend a day in the open. They call them picnics now, but in those days they were called **celebrations**, and we enjoyed the day, even as you folks have done on this occasion.

I like Romans 8:28 it reads as follows: "And we know that all things work **together** for **good** to them who are called according to his purpose." — But I will add, that if someone takes the Devil with them, either to your picnics, or if we take him into our Pews on Sunday or to meeting on Wednesday nights, we will have trouble. The promise is to the people of God, not

to people who may have the spirit of the Devil as part of their company. My Bible teaches me to "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." In your talk to those you mention, may God bless the good seed that is sown, even though it was at one of your gatherings. You do not necessarily have to be enclosed by four walls to sow good seed. Editor.

A LETTER

Dear Editor,

It is so nice to drop you a line after a long time. We are all well here. I have enjoyed our last conference very much. I came home with joy and happiness, but my joy soon departed. In the mail I received a letter from a nephew. He is the son of my last surviving sister. He sent the sad news of my sister's death. I cannot thank God enough that He allowed my sister and I to be united together in May 1957, after 44 years. I had great joy in telling her that she was the only one left out. She was the only one of our family who had not obeyed the Gospel. She told me, she would not be left out, that before I would leave Italy, she would also obey the Gospel. On July 6th, 1957, I baptized my sister and her oldest daughter. I also confirmed them as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. In this I find great joy. I know if I prove faithful, someday we will be united in the Kingdom of God.

The last letter I received from my sister was written in August. These were her words, she had been home thirteen days from the hospital and was now bed-fast. She felt the need of more patience. She desired to bear her cross with patience and humbleness. She realized the Saviour suffered for us. Her daily prayer was that His will be done.

My sister had a very serious operation fifteen years ago. There were three women operated on at the same time as she. She was the only one who survived. I feel God had spared her life, so that I could see her again. I am now the only one left from my father's family. I baptized both my father and mother here in Niles, Ohio. 32 years ago. I will be happy to go when my day comes. My sister was born January 10, 1899 and died September 23, 1962.

Best wishes to all the brothers and sisters throughout the Church, and readers of The Gospel News.

D. Giovannone

OBITUARY — YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Brother Frank Polite was born in Italy September 29, 1887 and baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ on June 21, 1931 by Brother Rocco Berardino and confirmed by Brother Frank Wooley. He died from a heart attack at 12 midnight in St. Elizabeth Hospital at 75 years of age, on October 15th.

Funeral services were held at the Fabrazio Funeral Home. Services were conducted by Brother Sam Costarella assisted by Brother Rocco Berardino. A faithful Brother who will be sadly missed by his Brothers and Sisters in the Youngstown branch.

NOTE

Brother Rosatta of Rochester, N. Y., and who has been confined to an institution for some time, is doing well and wishes to thank you all whom have remembered him with cards, gifts, and your prayers. Editor



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Be not afraid, only believe", Mark 5:36
Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story taken from the New Testament. It is about a ruler of the synagogue, named Jarius. One day he came to Jesus and falling at his feet, begged him to come to his home. The only little girl he had, was very sick, so sick they thought she was going to die. She was twelve years old. Jarius wanted Jesus to lay his hands on her to heal her.

As Jesus went with him many people followed and crowded about him. As they were walking along, a woman who had been ill for twelve years, touched Jesus' garment. She had spent all she had on doctors and had grown worse instead of better. She felt if she could only touch Jesus' clothes, she would be healed. As she touched Him she was healed immediately. Jesus turned about and said, "Who touched me?" His disciples said, "You see all this multitude thronging about thee and thou sayest, who touched me?" But Jesus knew someone touched him, besides the people, who were pressing close to him. Then the woman, seeing she could not hide, came fearing and trembling. She told Jesus she had touched Him. Jesus said, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace." What a wonderful experience for this woman.

While they were talking, someone came from Jarius' home and said the child had died. There was no need to trouble the Master now. Jesus hearing this said to Jarius, "Be not afraid, only believe." They continued on to the home. Jesus did not allow anyone to go with him except Peter, James, and John, his disciples. As they entered the house they heard great wailing and weeping because the girl had died. Jesus asked them why they were making so much noise? He said the girl is not dead, she is only sleeping. They laughed and made fun of Him. Jesus put them all out of the house, except the little girl's father and mother. Then they went into the room where the little girl lay. Jesus took her by the hand and said, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." She arose and walked. They were all astonished. Jesus told them to give her something to eat. He told them to tell no man.

Then Jesus went to his own country and his disciples followed him. When the Sabbath day came, He began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were astonished. They asked, "From whence hath this man these things and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?"

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Does Luke or Mark tell of the border of the garment?
2. Which writer says, "Maid arise", instead of Damsel?
3. Which uses this word, "Talithacumi"? What does it mean?

Luke 8 ————— Mark 5

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

TRAVELER

We go this way but once, dear friend of mine, so why not make the journey well worthwhile. Giving to those who travel on with us, a helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile. Time like a dream, flies swiftly away, year after year slips by. Life rushes on like a torrent gone mad, with a pause now and then for a sigh. Days that have fled come never again, so make the most of today, my young friend; there are tasks to do, and goals to be won, today is the day to amend. We go this way but once. ah: never more can we go back along the self same way. To get more out of life, undo the wrongs, or speak love's words we know, but did not say. To have no secret place where-in to stoop, unseen to shame or sin. To be the same when you are alone, as when your every deed is known. We go this way but once. Then let us take what comes, good or ill, and cling to faith, and honor still. To do your best, and let that stand, the record of your brain and hands. To make the road, we travel blossomy and sweet, with helpful, kindly deeds, and tender words, smoothing the path of bruised, and stumbling feet, May we my friend, look back across the span, twixt day and dark, and to our conscience say, I have followed the path, I should have walked, and praised my Saviour when I talked. Oh, live your life, in truth and grace, with unselfish service in every place. Striving to give an uplifting influence, so that the good deeds, may endure for ever, that many will say the world is brighter, better because he passed this way.

Sister Muriel Miller

JOHN CANTAMESSA PASSES ON. EDISON, N. J.

Brother Cantamessa died at his home on September 16, 1962. He was born in Italy in 1878 and immigrated to this country more than 40 years ago. He was baptized into the church in 1929 and was ordained an Elder in 1930 and was instrumental in preaching the Gospel to many.

His wife Mary, whom survives him is also a member of the church. He also leaves two sons Louis and John, three daughters Mr. Mary Mantz, Mrs. Virginia Pizzai, and Mrs. Santina D'Orazio; 13 grandchildren and many other friends. The funeral services took place in the Gowen Funeral Home in New Brunswick and at his church on Knapp Ave. in Edison. Brother Samuel Dell presided with Brother Anthony Ensana assisting him. Interment was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park.

Though Brother John will be missed immensely by his relatives and brothers and sisters in the church, yet we all take solace in that he has served well and now rests in his reward. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to our aged sister and family. (Editor)

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF "MIKEY" PIERSANTE

On the tenth day of November, funeral services were held for "Mikey" Piersante, the youngest son of Brother Marco Piersante of Branch #3 of Detroit, Michigan.

All of us who knew Mikey know that his heart was with the Church and the church folks.

At the time of his death he was residing in San Francisco, California. He was thirty-four years old.

Among his personal effects, his brother Vincent Piersante, found a copy of a Christmas program that Mikey had written many years ago. He was a favorite Sunday School teacher and the children loved him very much. Mikey was a gifted, talented, creative artist. He made many lovely paintings. Years ago when he was in charge of a Christmas program, he designed and drew a pair of beautiful angel wings.

With the shocking news of his death, the memory of the "angel wings" came to me: Mikey and the angel wings.

Surely, God must have a special spot for a person whose creative mind conceived a pair of golden angel wings!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

A copy of the "Watchtower", has been handed to me with an article therein, addressed, "To the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints", **The Book of Mormon** is the word of God and is considered to be in complete harmony with the Bible. Their view was concisely expressed by Brigham Young in Journal of Discourses of July 13, 1862, "The Book of Mormon in no case contradicts the Bible. It has many words like those in the Bible, and as a whole is a strong witness to the Bible."

To any person of understanding, it will be seen that the article is addressed to the members of what is commonly called the Mormon Church with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, of which Mr. Young was president. He held this office from about 1847 until his death, many years later.

Be it understood that I, as a representative of The Church of Jesus Christ with its headquarters in Monongahela, Pa., am not writing in defense of the church in Salt Lake City, or of Brigham Young, but as the Watchtower proceeds to expose or compare the background of these two books, namely the Bible and Book of Mormon, then I become interested. The church in Monongahela is a strong believer in The Book of Mormon as well as the Bible, yet we have no affiliation with the Mormon Church. There are **many believers** in the two books that are not members of the Utah Church. One of the **principal** causes has been and still is — the more than one wife principle and the celestial marriage vow (being married here in their temples for time and eternity). Plainly speaking, you may have a wife in heaven. From now on I will endeavor to confine my discussion to the "Watchtower," article, in as much as the Bible and Book of Mormon are involved — not the teachings of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City.

The Watchtower issue in my possession, is dated May 15, 1962. It states concerning the background of the two books: "The writing of the Bible was done over a period of 1600 years and much of its historical narratives has been confirmed by many archeological findings" and -so -forth. Very true, yet in gathering together the various writings that constitute our Bible, the scholars are and have been much at variance with one another concerning the authenticity thereof. The Book of Mormon writers cover a period from 600 B.C. until about the year A.D. 421, that is of the Nephite people. The Book of Ether there in contains writings which date back to the confounding of the languages as recorded in Genesis chapt. 11. Therefore the writings

in the Book of Mormon by the two different peoples cover a period more than 2000 years, as against 1600 years of the Bible writers. The narrative of the Book of Mormon has certainly been corroborated by scientific men of today. The findings of what has been left behind of the nations, who once inhabited this Western Hemisphere, certainly corroborates the narrative as given in the Book of Mormon. Even the fact, that a people anteceded the present race, of what we now call American Indians, to this American continent.

As to Joseph Smith not making public property of the plates that were entrusted in his hands, he was simply obeying the command of the Heavenly Messenger—the results were, that at least eleven others witnessed the plates. My old father visited David Whitmer while he was on his sick bed in 1887. The old gentleman verified his testimony in the matter until he was silenced in death. He was the last of the witnesses. He along with others were faithful to their testimony to the end, in spite of all their persecutions and trials. I have read of Emma Smith, wife of Joseph, wherein she stated that she handled the sack or bag which contained the plates. She said she was not forbidden to see them but she did not take the liberty to pry into them.

According to the testimony of Joseph Smith he was forbidden to show the plates. I might add regardless of what Moses did with the Ten Commandments, no doubt Joseph obeyed the command of God also. Jesus forbade various ones of whom He had benefitted not to tell of it to others. Paul who was caught up to the third heaven, apparently received a command, for it was unlawful for him to tell what he saw while there. The instance of above 500 brethren witnessing the Christ, is not recorded in the scripture, but Paul makes us acquainted — I might ask, why was it so? To believers in the Book of Mormon it is very plain as to why the Lord proceeded as He did. Had everyone had their way, the plates may have been stolen by slick hands and melted and made into filthy lucre. Just like the Spanish invaders whose lust was so much for gold that valuable records were wantonly destroyed.

The "Watchtower" has much to say relative to the sayings in the Book of Mormon about God. Before going any further, I wish to draw the readers attention to the fact, that the term 'God' is applied to the Son as well as the Father in the Bible as well as in the Book of Mormon. Bible writers have peculiar ways of expression, as well as the former. For instance in Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given". (It was centuries later before the child was born.) This same child is referred to and called by name a Wonderful, Counsellor, **The Mighty God**, The Everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace. In plain words Isaiah refers to the Child to be born as 'God', yea The Mighty God. The child was named Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, which is God with us. Also the prophet speaks of Him as **The Everlasting Father**. I have quoted the prophet verbatim. In John I, it is very plain that the Word was made flesh (Jesus Christ) and that **He** was the **Creator** of this world and "without Him was not anything made that was made." Now then in Genesis it is stated that God created the world, therefore in this instance the Son is referred to as God. When Thomas first saw the Saviour after His resurrection, he was made to explain, "**My Lord and my God.**" In John 14:1 (Jesus

speaking("Ye believe in God, believe also in me". (Jesus puts Himself on a parallel with God.) In verse 9, the Saviour tells Philip, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;". Therefore both Bible and Book of Mormon refer to Father and Son as God. He tread upon the earth in the form of a man, was despised and rejected by His own and nailed to the cross, even as a criminal. To me the Bible and Book of Mormon are in harmony on that question. I will add again, that if Jesus Christ created this world as both Bible and Book of Mormon states He did, then the first chapter of Genesis refers to the **Creator as God**.

"The Supreme Being" — Under this heading, "The Watchtower" seems to charge the Book of Mormon with the doctrine of the Trinity and apparently absolves the Bible from it. Let us see what the Bible says; In Matthew 28:18, 19, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I (the Son, WHC) have commanded you; lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." In John 15 beginning with verse 20, Jesus prays to His Father in heaven for His disciples that "they may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; That they (His disciples) may be one, even as We are one." Therefore, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to the Bible are one, and He prays that His disciples may become one even as He himself and His father and the Holy Ghost — and remember His disciples were not one person nor never were — **they were many**. Paul then, in his wisdom combines the three under the term of the Godhead, which according to the Saviour or Father, Son and the Holy Ghost are one God. The Book of Mormon speaks of the three as one God — may I ask, 'Where is the consistency of the opponents of the Book of Mormon in this matter?' Both Books refer to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as being one God. While a **trinity** means three, yet it does not **necessarily** mean three persons. **We, The Church of Jesus Christ**, accept Father and Son as two persons. We believe the Holy Ghost to be the mind of the Father and of the Son. (See Doctrinal Pamphlet No. 1, page 1) We read that Jesus Christ was with the Father before the world was, in both Bible and Book of Mormon. (Quoting from King James Version.)

The reference made to Jesus Christ; — Books in the Book of Mormon dated prior to the coming of Christ, but they repeatedly talk about Jesus Christ. Yes, 'Watchtower editor', likewise in the Bible. People in all ages of time, who have enjoyed His spirit — thought and talked about the same things — I read in Acts 2:1, that they were all in one accord. In Galations chapter 1, there is but one gospel, saith Paul. In the same book, chapter 3:8, the Gospel was taught to Abraham. In Hebrews 11:26, Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. I take it for granted that Moses knew something about Christ before the babe of Bethlehem was born. Remember the Lord is not partial. I also read in I Cor. 10:2, "And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." According to the teachings of Christ in the Book of Mormon and the Bible, people cannot be saved in heaven

unless they are baptized by water and the spirit. In Genesis 11:8, the Lord **Scattered** them **abroad** from thence upon the face of **all the earth**. In Colo. 1:23, Paul speaks of the Gospel which was preached to every **creature** which is under **heaven**. (A very broad statement was it not? There is no intimation that the gospel was not taught, — the law of God was taught from the fall of man, and eventually because of transgression, the law of Moses was added. WHC.) A very strange statement for "Watchtower" to make, "The Book of Mormon being out of time — order." While the Gospel was being preached on the earth, John sees, in Rev. 14:6,7, another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, kindred, and tongue and people, yet the disciples were already doing that very thing. Jesus Christ had given them that commission before He was crucified, which was long before John's time on the Isle of Patmos.

The Book of Mormon has the term, **Bible**, being used more than 500 years before Christ. The "Watchtower" fails to see the prophetic utterance in the following, "**Gentiles shall say, A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible.**" It states, the Gentiles shall say — and, **I shall add** that after the Book of Mormon came forth, many of the Gentiles have fulfilled that saying; "A Bible, a Bible we have a Bible and we need no more Bible. Many of them are so filled with prejudice that they will not read it for themselves. Mr. "Watchtower" the book you are endeavoring to find errors in, so abundantly, does not say the Gentiles **had said**, but the book does say **they shall say** and many of you have fulfilled that prophecy. The Book has some very cutting remarks for many of the practices of Gentile Christians today. For instance, the baptizing of infant children is solemn mockery before God. Christ did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Of course "Watchtower", that saying is familiar, whether it be here, there or elsewhere. The Bible teaches in sense, if not in exact word, that the people of God should have the mind of Christ in their souls.

I am now going to conclude from following the "Watchtower's" rambling nonsense any further, with the exception of the last paragraph of the article, which is as follows: "Measured against the detailed history of the Pentateuch, the sublime beauty of the Psalms, the concisely expressed wisdom of the Proverbs and the up-building counsel of the Pauline Letters, **The Book of Mormon stands** as a shabby, uninspiring and painfully wordy imitation of God's word," end of quote. P.S. In lieu of the following testimony of the three men whose names are signed, I consider the Editor of The Watchtower a very reproachful person. The many or variant translations of our learned men of today do not give them or you much room to **belittle** the Book of Mormon as The Watchtower has in the aforementioned article.

Sincerely,
W. H. Cadman
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By. BROTHER HEAPS

July 3, 1962

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Our