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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 Fullbright 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 told 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 Milan-toni, 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 birth-right 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 Palmyra, 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 Pizzania, 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

study for this subject will be the moon. It was under her feet. Gen. 2-16. And God made two great lights! The greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. Scientists tell us the moon gets it's light from the sun, or it is a reflected light, the same as a looking glass. The moon under her feet, represents the law of Moses, and we know, it was only a reflected light to lead us to the great light, which is Christ. John said, "The law came by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." There are six hundred and twenty five precepts under the law, but Jesus Christ condensed them down to two. Thou shalt love the lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself. Upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Love is the fulfilling of the law. The ten commandments have never been done away with, they came direct from God himself. The law that Moses gave, or, the moon under her feet, was fulfilled in Christ. Why was it under her feet? Because she was clothed with the sun, which was the righteousness of Christ, therefore, the light shined in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. The House of Jacob is still worshipping under the law, or, under the lessor light. They could not see the light when it came, and the veil is still upon their faces. Come let us pay a visit to the moon. I know some will say, there goes Brother Heaps to the moon, well I will keep my feet down here. We seem to feel a personal interest in her. The papers and television are talking about going to the moon, but what are they going to do when they get there? She is only 240,000 miles away from us. That is nothing compared with the 91 million miles the sun is from the earth. We sing of the silvery moon, that soft silvery light, so unlike the sunlight. She has attracted millions, she is said to control the tides of the great seas. It is well for astronomers that she is not always full, but when she is, how large she looks, quite as large as the sun. Her diameter is a little more than two thousand miles, or, one fourth that of the earth. The reason she looks so large is that she is much nearer. The sun's distance from us is more than one third as many millions of miles as the moon. The sun actually draws the moon with more force than that of the earth. The moon turns upon her axis, and the result is that we only see one side of the moon. Well enough of that, now. Nevertheless, the moon, or the law of Moses was the guiding power for many centuries. Gal. 3-19 Wherefore when serveth the law? It was added because of transgression till the seed should come to whom the promise was made, and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Tim. 1-9.

Knowing this, that the law is not made for the righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for the sinners, Romans 7-7, What shall we say then, is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust. Except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Therefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ. She is clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet. We are clothed with a greater light which is Christ. If the law had been perfect, and brought us unto perfection, Christ would have had no need to come, even under the law, Isaiah said, Oh sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children

that are corrupters, they have foresaken the lord, they have provoked the holy one of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward (Isaiah 1-4). Yes, they are walking in the light of the moon, but now a greater light has come. A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel.

Yes, the people that sat in darkness saw a great light. It must have been in the dark of the moon, but the sun shines always. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And if ye are led by the spirit, ye are not under the law. Christ is become of no effect unto you whosoever of you are justified by the law. Ye are fallen from grace. For in Christ neither circumcision avail-eth anything, but faith that worketh by love. For the law having a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. So we see again, the moon is only a shadow of the great light the sun, so the law is only a shadow and not a real thing. Heb. 10-11. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had offered himself for sin, sat down on the right hand of God. And this is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the lord, I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now, where a remission of these are, there is no more offering for sin, so as the moon under her feet is just a shadow, and not the real thing, let us hold fast to our profession. Now, let us look for a moment at the priesthood; before the law was given. Alma 13-7.

This high priesthood being after the order of His son, which order was from the foundation of the world, or in other words, being without beginning or end of years, being prepared from eternity to all eternity. Now these ordinances were given after this manner, that thereby the people might look forward to Him for a remission of sins. It being a type of his order. Now while it was a perfect order, yet it was a type, looking forward when he should come in the flesh to offer the attoning blood for the sins of the world, and while the order was the order of the son of God, Alma speaking of Melchisedic said, "there were none greater."

So Paul said speaking of Christ, "Tho He were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered, and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him and called of God on high, a priest after the order of Melchisedic." but after the order of Melchisedic which is the order of His son. Which order was from the foundation of the world. So we must give all honour and glory unto the Son, for the law maketh men high-priests, which have infirmity, but the word of the oath which was since the law, maketh the Son who is consecrated forevermore.

Well may God bless you. I hope I have written some things that will be a blessing to you.

To be continued.

DETROIT NEWS

Dear Gospel Readers,

Greetings from the West Side Branch No. 2.

Our Sunday morning meeting was opened by sing-

ing this glorious hymn; "Rejoice, ye Saints of latter days, Lift up your heads and sing; With one accord unite to praise, your everlasting King."

Brother Pete Capone was our guest speaker. While repeating these words; We all felt the presence of the Lord. The scripture was then opened to II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

Dear Gospel Readers, how true these words are, "Truth will cause the mysteries of God to unfold." It enables us to follow the pattern which Jesus sets before us.

We are glad for this wonderful Gospel that came our way. We love Him, because He first loved us, and through this love, we have learned to sing the Song of Redeeming Grace. We are holding the Wednesday night meetings in my home, also, enjoying our Sabbath Day worship with Branch No. 4. Salutations with God's love to all, throughout the Church.

Sincerely,
Sister Anna Carlini

GOD IS SO GOOD

This was the very beautiful and effective theme that was used this past week-end by the Local of the Detroit Branch #1 at the G.M.B.A. gathering held at the East Detroit High School.

At this very moment as I attempt to write these few lines I am very happy to confess that my heart and soul are still overflowing with joy and gladness following one of the best G.M.B.A. conferences I have ever attended. I am extremely grateful to God for granting me the privilege to attend the conference this past week-end because I feel that it has certainly lifted me spiritually and I know that all who attended feel the same. Business was transacted as usual on Saturday during the first two sessions and I must say—in a very orderly fashion. Saturday evening the Detroit Branch #1 Local presented a short but very interesting and inspiring program based on the theme "GOD IS SO GOOD." The choir, accompanied by Eugene Amorino at the piano and directed by Brother Frank Conti rendered a few beautiful selections, namely: God Is So Good, His Name Is Wonderful, How Great Thou Art, and The Battle Hymn of The Republic. Brother David Campitelli spoke to us a few moments in connection with the theme, wonderful words indeed did he speak, words that touched the hearts of many who were present. A few teenagers from the class of Brother Norman Campitelli were given the opportunity to express themselves as to how they felt about the Church of Jesus Christ. It certainly did our hearts good to hear these young people express themselves in the manner in which they did. The young ones who spoke were Carolyn Pietrangelo, Marilyn Pietrangelo, Kathleen Scolaro, Judy Campitelli and Thomas Everett. We certainly feel proud of these youngsters and wish to congratulate them for their fine testimonies and we are praying that the Lord may continue to bless them and that He may cause them, along with all the

young people throughout the church to realize the importance of drawing closer to the Lord. The program was concluded with the choir singing the ever popular and most beautiful "God Bless America," featuring Brother Benny DiPronio as soloist. Following this song, our Presiding Elder, Brother Nick Pietrangelo gave a short but interesting talk in conjunction with the theme. The spirit of the Lord was truly made manifest through our brother as he spoke. The President of our Local, Brother Louis Vitto gave a few closing remarks before turning the service over to Brother Domenic Thomas, stating how grateful he was to be living in this great and blessed land of America, and how thankful we all should be for this wonderful privilege we have to be able to serve God in a land such as ours. Brother Louie was caused to think back a few months ago when Brother Dan Casasanta of McKeesrocks, Pa. visited our branch and related an incident that occurred while he was on Missionary work in Italy. He told us that one of the sisters back there told him that she would be glad to scrub the floors of the homes of all our Brothers and Sisters in order to earn her room and board if she could only have the opportunity to come to America. He said that many of the people there would do anything to be able to come to this Country, how much more should we thank God for this wonderful freedom that we are enjoying — Freedom of speech and Freedom of Religion — two of the greatest factors for which we should exalt His name continually.

Being that there were still a few moments remaining, Brother Thomas gave the Aliquippa and Detroit Branch #3 Locals an opportunity to sing a selection which was enjoyed by all. It was also requested that the Detroit Branch #1 male quartet offer a few selections. This request was granted. They sang three beautiful songs, one of which was entitled "Supper Time", which was unquestionably enjoyed by everyone. The quartet was requested to sing this hymn three times during this conference because of its beautiful words of invitation. This hymn was used once again during our Sunday morning service and a wonderful blessing was experienced once more. We had a wonderful service and three souls rendered obedience to the Gospel. The converts were Shirley Chambers, Frank Palermo and Sadie Caparota. We are hoping that all our future G. M. B. A. conferences will be as nice as this one was.

In closing may I quote the words of the beautiful song "GOD BLESS AMERICA" which seemed to create such a wonderful feeling in our midst:

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LAND THAT I LOVE,

STAND BESIDE HER, AND GUIDE HER

THROUGH THE NIGHT, WITH THE LIGHT
FROM ABOVE.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS, TO THE PRAIRIES,
TO THE OCEAN WHITE WITH FOAM.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, MY HOME SWEET
HOME.

Brother Frank Conti

ALIQUIPPA BRANCH

On the 27th. day of May, we of the Aliquippa Branch felt a blessing. On this day we welcomed into our fold Sister Concetta Rossi. She was taken into the waters by Brother John Ross. We all wish the best that life has to offer both spiritually and naturally for our Sister along with her husband and our Brother Feo and their son Floyd.

On June 27th. the Lord seen fit to call home our recently baptised Brother Anthony Mavric, Sr. He was 69 years old and a very sick man at the time of his death. May God bless his wife, Sister Olga, and his children Angeline, Olga, and Brother Anthony, Jr. in their bereavement. Brother Mavric was buried in the Woodland Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother John Ross.

July 6th. was the day that Brother Charles Fuller, Jr. was baptized into the Church. Brother John Ross took our young Brother into the waters. He was then confirmed by Brother Thomas Ross. May God bless him always and keep him in his loving care. "Buddy", as we all know him, lives with his parents Brother Charles and Sister Margaret on Ross Drive. We would also like to welcome Brother John and Sister Carol Bucenell and son Johnny to our branch. They are formerly from the Cleveland Branch. They moved here in July. May God bless them in all that they do.

BRO. JAMES GIBSON

CANADIAN INDIAN VANISHING NO MORE

OTTAWA—Canada's Indian population at the time of the first European settlements was about 200,000. After a 300-year decline the population began climbing in the 1900's and is now about 190,000.

ARE YOU CONCERNED?
IF NOT, WHY NOT?

To Our Readers:

I received today a small paper printed by the Sudan Missionary Organization titled as "Africa Now." It has in it a picture of a poor man plowing with an Ox team and apparently a wooden plow and himself almost destitute of any clothing. The following little poem is with the picture, apparently revealing the thought of the Poor Plowman.

"My hand is on the plough, my faltering hand
But all in front of me is untilled land
The wilderness and solitary place
The lonely desert with its interspace . . .
The handles of my plough with tears are wet
The shares with rust are spoiled and yet . . .
and yet . . .

My God! My God! Keep Me from Turning Back!

P.S. I might add, that Jesus taught that he who took

hold of the plough and looketh back is not worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven. May God bless the efforts of brother and sister Ross, in the sacrifice they are making in leaving their comfortable homes to help these poor people. It is an old adage: **You that can't go, lets go down in our pockets and send.** Editor.

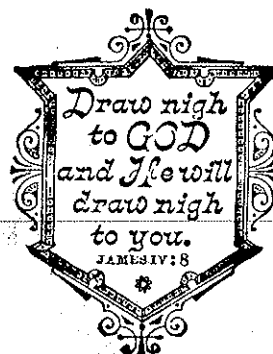
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"THE TESTIMONY OF THREE WITNESSES"

Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this work shall come; That we, through the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus, have seen the plates which contain this record, which is a record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites, their brethren, and also of the people of Jared who came from the tower of which has been spoken. And we also know, that they have been translated by the gift and power of God, for His voice hath declared it unto us; wherefore we know of a surety that the work is true. And we also testify that we have seen the engravings which are upon the plates; and they have been shown unto us by the power of God and not of man. And we declare with words of soberness, that an angel of God came down from heaven, and he brought and laid before our eyes, that we beheld and saw the plates, and the engravings, thereon; and we know that it is by the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, that we beheld and bear record that these things are true. And it is marvelous in our eyes. Nevertheless, the voice of the Lord commanded us that we should bear record of it; wherefore to be obedient unto the commandments of God, we bear testimony of these things. And we know that if we are faithful in Christ, we shall rid our garments of the blood of all men, and be found spotless before the judgment — seat of Christ, and shall dwell with Him eternally in the heavens. And the honor be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, which is one God. Amen.

Signed by,
Oliver Cowdery
David Whitmer
Martin Harris

P.S. This testimony is found in all publications of the Book of Mormon, as well as the testimony of others. The Book was first published in the year of 1830. The Book will still be here, when the "Watchtower" ceases to be.



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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, MONONGAHELA, PA.

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"TIME IS FAST PASSING, AND,

Are we The Church of Jesus Christ making proper use of it? If not, I wish to say that all excuses are futile. We preach that the gospel has been restored to be taught to all the world—and so says the angel in Rev. 14:6, 7.

We teach that the House of Israel must be gathered back to the lands of their inheritance before the Second Advent of Jesus Christ—Are we consistent?

We teach that it is absolutely necessary to obey the Gospel of Christ before entrance into the Regions of Glory—Are we sincere in this?

While time is passing swiftly by with all its millions thrust into **Eternity, prepared or unprepared**—what is The Church of Jesus Christ—may I ask, may I ask, **above all others**, doing about it?

The Signs of the Times are standing out very prominently—Russia and the U.S.A. have been on the verge of war, which, according to the predictions of many of our scientific men, would almost annihilate the human family—such, the **All Wise God** will not permit.

Have you noticed the many times in very late years, we have been pushed away from the brink of war, when it looked as though we might be "shooting" the very next day? Surely God has **stayed the hands** of "Men of War" in our day, and, Missionary Workers of all faiths are exerting their efforts to the utmost in the present time. Yea, and time is still fast passing away, And may I ask again of my Brethren—Are we extending our efforts to the utmost? or have we partaken of the spirit that is so dominant in the world today, Meddling with things of which we have no power over? Yea: to all who may read this, as time is fleeting so fast away, yea coming closer to its end—Surely it is more urgent that The Church of Jesus Christ become an ensign to all people. Can we put our shoulders more pressing to the wheel during the ensuing year (1963) than we may have ever done before? Editor Cadman

THE WORD OF GOD

(Mabel Bickerton and the class of girls)

The Word of God, how true it is,

If we but only believe

Hold fast to His everlasting Name,

We know He'll never leave.

I love my friends and fellow men

But Jesus I love the most,

If it weren't for His blood

We'd be completely lost.

I love everyone around me,

Even my enemies too,

For He above, hath once said,

We should love them true.

My teacher, to whom I am writing,

She means the world to me,

So if I but obey my Lord,

How much happier she will be

The F. H. C. class, along with her

God has given to me,

Why shouldn't I praise His Blessed Name

His holy praises shall be.

She and the class girls mean a lot,

To me away up here,

Even tho I'm away from home;

The Lord doth make it clear.

Sister Rebecca Griffith

TAKE TIME TO THINK:

In the midst of your darkest day, stop long enough to remind yourself that you are important. Any person created in the image of God is never useless. You may not have found the work for which you are best suited. You may not see how your life is contributing much to the world's welfare. But one eternal fact remains—you are important. You have been granted a gift from Heaven which no human power can duplicate—a personality.—CHURCH NEWS, Atlanta, Georgia.

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

The Gospel News:

I spent Thanksgiving in a different world! My wife and I went Tijuana to visit our brothers and sisters. We have a beautiful church building there which shows the results of hard and loving work. There is no water or electricity there but they have something better—the light of Jesus Christ. The light of that mission shines brighter than most branches that I know of.

It just happened that Brother Perdue had been invited to go 30 miles further inland to tell them of THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, and they let us go with them. We left in two trucks, as Brother and Sister Luna were there as usual. You can only use trucks in this country for only the main roads are good because of the tourist trade. The side roads are makeshift trails through the fields. Our Mexican sisters sang songs of praise in Spanish both ways of our trip. Not once did they talk of material things. Naturally the people we visited were just as poor but they do have electricity for those who can afford this luxury. There were about ten adults who welcomed us and all who could, crowded into one room. Brother Perdue explained the faith and doctrine of our church and the Book of Mormon. While this was going on, Sister Norma Kennedy stood at the door with a stick chasing away the chickens and kittens who wanted to join us. Another sister took the children outside where they could be heard singing songs of praise to God. We all gave them our testimony and sang a few songs. They invited Brother Perdue to go back to hold a service the following week. There was also another group in the area that Brother and Sister Perdue had been invited to visit for the first time the same week, so they are very busy.

I don't see how they can do so much with so little. God is surely blessing them.

When we returned to our Tijuana church at dusk, there was a call for Brother Perdue to go back up the

mountain to anoint and pray for a member which he did. On Sunday there was a large attendance at Tijuana with the Spirit of God there. During testimony meeting while Brother Perdue was anointing the sick, Sister Lucy Campitelle Hemp received, in the spirit, the message, "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest." Our brothers and sisters across the border invited us to all their homes to visit and eat with them. They are eager to share what little they have with us who live in this land of plenty.

I came home with these thoughts — If we are God's chosen people, as we believe, we must work harder for the seed of Joseph; we need more shepherds and less talk; and, those who can't, or won't, contribute help or money, please pray for this work. Finally, I believe that we can't do Missionary Work by sitting in our Plush chairs. The time for doing is **now** and anyone who thinks otherwise is sleeping while God is searching for live wires. How is our light shining today?

Your brother in Christ,
Floyd Hemp

BRO. JAMES HEAPS

Dear Bro. Cadman,

Just a line to the Gospel News. My subject is the crown of twelve stars upon her head. First, let us look where the stars were placed, not on her body or under her feet, but upon her head. The head or the mind is the controlling power of the body. You do not wink an eye or move a hand without the head or the minds say so. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers. After that miracles then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. The leading features of the kingdom thus stated, are apostles, and he gave some apostles some prophets and some evangelists and some pastors, and some teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the son of God. Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Now, while there were twelve stars in her crown, we have in the church today a quorum of twelve, that they might guide the church, that we might henceforth be not children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine. How necessary it is then, for the twelve to be in the faith and of one mind. If they are not in one mind, and in the faith, and united, how can the rest of the body be united that we might become perfect and not carried about with every wind of doctrine. You must remember this is a crown of stars, not the morning star, or the evening star, but a crown of twelve stars upon her head. At the coronation of a King or Queen, we wait till she or he is crowned before they become the ruling power. So John the revelator said, "The woman was crowned with twelve stars." The Queen of England has to watch every word she utters, her actions are watched every day that she does nothing that will bring reproach on her kingdom. Now there are other stars that shine, prophets, evangelists, elders, teachers, and members. We all make up the body of Christ. Paul said, "There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars." But then he said, "as one star differeth from another star in glory, so also is the resurrection."

Now we know we have only one sun and one moon, but there are millions of stars. The limits of our telescope take us at least two billion light years. Now if you can go that far, you are better than I am. Well I will keep one foot on the ground. My puny mind cannot fathom these figures. No wonder the poet said, "How great thou art, he holds the stars in his hand, he holds the whole wide world in his hand." Coming to the light of the stars each one has its own particular light, and again I say, if the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. Every movement of our universe is held by his almighty hand.

Light travels one hundred and eighty million miles per second. Equivalent to about seven times around the earth every second. Where is heaven then? Who can tell it? Answer ye who only know. Where abides the Holy Spirit? Where its fruits and graces show. The wise men said, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him. God even used a star to point the world unto Jesus. He is the lily of the valley the bright and morning star. We have what they call stars in Hollywood, but their light does not shine very far, because the light that is in them is darkness. Now in 1860 Sister Hibbs had a vision as she was cleaning the school room which I will relate. I sat down behind the door when a woman all dressed in white came in with a crown in her hand and in the crown were twelve stars. She laid the crown upon the stand and said, this crown belongs to this church, and then disappeared. The account said that the spirit of God bore a powerful witness of this experience. So again we have the testimony that it is necessary to have apostles, prophets, evangelists, etc.

On Jan. 2nd 1860 Bro. Bickerton had an experience I saw the sun setting with the moon, beneath it, and underneath there was a watch set, and the hour of it was a little over half past eleven, he then made an appeal to those present to come and obey the gospel before it was too late. These experiences all coincide with the Apostle John. Bro. Bickerton then stated this is the Church of God. You have power to cast out unclean spirits. Now, as one star differeth from another star in glory, so also is the resurrection. Each one has its own particular light, some shines a little brighter than others. No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost, now it is the Holy Spirit in a man that makes him shine, the office does not make the man, the light that shines from him does. Ye are the light of the world said Jesus. The greater the light, the greater they differ. God is not interested in their flesh. The flesh is an enemy of God. Neither can it please God. So what star can please God? Only as he walks in the light as He is in the light shall they have fellowship with God, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Now, there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit, there are differences of administration, but the same Lord, and there are diversities of operations, but the same Lord. Now, as one star differeth from another star in glory, so men differ in the administration and in their operation, and in their manifestation, to one faith by the same spirit, to another healing, another prophecy, discerning of spirits. We are all baptized into one body, if the whole body were the hearing, where

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EDITORIALLY

SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

Helaman continues on with his prophesying in chapter 15 of his writings, pronouncing a woe unto the Nephite people if they do not repent. His warnings are very severe indeed; for behold, they have been a chosen people of the Lord. Yea in the days of their iniquities hath He chastened them, because He loved them.

Samuel says: verse 4, "But behold my brethren, the Lamanites hath He hated because their deeds have been evil continually, and this because of the iniquity of the tradition of their fathers. But behold salvation hath come unto them (Lamanites) through the preaching of the Nephites; and for this intent the Lord hath prolonged their days." According to this, and while the Lamanites were a very wicked people, the more part of them are in the path of their duty, while the Nephites have now become a rebellious and wicked people, and the Lord raises up Samuel a Lamanite to warn the Nephites of their impending destruction unless they mend their ways. It reminds me of the fact that where much is given, much is required, and where little is given, little is required. This also reminds me of the divided condition of most all people professing the restored Gospel. Yea, **Much** has been given them through the Restoration yet, they have become as much divided as the world, to whom they should have set an example to, for both the Bible and Book of Mormon, according to the prophet Ezekiel 37:16, 17, both the Sticks of Judah and of Joseph are to become one.

The fact that the people of the Restored Gospel is so much divided — is no excuse for The Church of Jesus Christ becoming divided also. The Book of Mormon has clarified many things to us today, even to the fact, that it makes it plain, that Jesus Christ says very

plainly that He was with the Father before the foundation of the world, and that He was the Creator thereof. May I ask: is there not room yet, and time for a prophet in the Christian world today to be raised up and pronounce a **Woe** upon the divided condition of a people who should have been a light unto all men today? Isaiah says: "Behold, it is written before me; I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom." Isaiah 65:6.

While the Nephites and Lamanites both had done wickedly at times in their lives; yet it is written that it will be better for the latter than it will be for the former, except they repent. The Nephites had been so wonderfully blessed, while the poor Lamanites had been led astray because of the iniquity of their fathers. We read that when the Lamanite people were brought to repentance and obedience, they became fearful and would bury their weapons of war, lest they might take them up again and commit sin. Yea, I read that they would suffer themselves, that they be trodden down and slain by their enemies, and would not lift their swords against them, and this because of their faith in Christ. You know Jesus taught both in the Book of Mormon as well as in the Bible, to overcome evil with good — turn the other cheek if necessary. I will add, that peace cannot come to this world, yea, the will of God will not be done on earth as it is done in heaven, unless we bring our own wills in subjection to the will of God.

In verse 11 it reads: "Yea, even if they (Lamanites) should dwindle in unbelief the Lord shall prolong their days until the time shall come which hath been spoken of by our fathers and also by the prophet Zenos, and many other prophets, concerning the restoration of our brethren, the Lamanites, again to the knowledge of the truth.—Well, many of the Nephites were brought to repentance and obedience again, by a prophet that God raised up out of a, might I say! a cast off people. And, though they tried to slay him, yet the Lord shields him from the fiery darts of their weapons and delivers him from their wicked hands. He gets down off their wall, returns to his own people again, and was never more heard of among those Nephite people. But his prophetic utterances concerning the birth of Jesus and also of the terrible destruction at the crucifixion of Christ, was literally fulfilled.

My thoughts in writing at this time are, that if God did not spare the Nephites because of their contention and strife, He may not spare the **many** professed followers of the Restored Gospel, for many spirits have gone into the world and are leading many away into strange roads away from the simplicity of the teachings of the Gospel. Let all remember, the gospel was restored for the salvation of all men.

would be the seeing, but because we are not all apostles, or prophets, there should be no schism in the body. Now the world tells us there is no need for apostles. If there is no need for apostles, there is no need for pastors, or prophets, deacons, or teachers. They say apostles have ceased, but we have no account of it in the word of God. The fact is that apostles were called to succeed the original twelve. This would suggest the purpose of

the Lord is to continue the quorum. The Bible speaks of at least twenty two, one succeeding the other. Disorder will pursue, if you remove the crown off her head.

NOTE

December 5, 1962

Dear Brother Cadman:

The Sunday School of the Youngstown branch of

the Church of Jesus Christ would like to inform all brothers and sisters everywhere of the maps we are offering for sale. These maps are of Ancient America—Land of the Nephites—and cover the period of 600 B.C. to 400 A.D.

The primary purpose of this project is to provide money for the Youngstown Sunday School to purchase dividers for Sunday School classes which now are meeting in a room together. All money over and above what is needed will be sent to you, Brother Cadman, for missionary work, to be used at your discretion.

We feel that these maps are extremely good and are a big help in reading and studying the Book of Mormon and would make for good material to have in the home.

All brothers and sisters who would like to have a copy of this map, at the price of \$1.00 each, are asked to order through your own branch or mission. Sample copies have already been mailed.

We ask that each branch or mission ordering send their requests and money to Brother Earl Theodore, 34 W. Dennick Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

Yours-in-Christ,
Brother Ralph Berardino

RALPH JOSEPH HANEY PASSES ON.

Brother Haney age 60 years, of Masontown, Pa., died in the Uniontown Hospital on October 2, 1962 at 8:30 p.m. He is survived by his wife Martha and the following children—Mrs. Alfred Smith of Isabella, Dalice Stillwagon of Masontown, Mrs. Catherine Jones of Denbo, Ed Stillwagon, Mrs. Cora Show and Mrs. Mike Obrodovich of Masontown, and Mrs. John Lawrence of Greensboro and three sisters.

Brother Haney was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Vanderbilt. Funeral services were conducted at the Maykuth Funeral Home, Masontown with Rev. James Naff officiating. Interment in the Masontown Cemetery.

By Sister Margaret King

FIRE DAMAGES DETROIT BRANCH #3

A fire enveloped the rear stairwell at the church building of Detroit Branch #3, on October 24, 1962. The Fire and Police Departments have not been able to definitely establish the origin of the fire, but they positively ruled out spontaneous combustion as the cause.

The back stairway was destroyed and the interior of the building was damaged by water and smoke. Although the fire brought sorrow into the hearts of the Brothers and Sisters, they thank the Lord that no one was injured.

Renovation of the building is expected to be complete in about two months. Meanwhile the Brothers and Sisters of Branch #3 will meet in a building on East Seven Mile Road near Oakland. Your prayers are requested while we endeavor to reconstruct God's House.

Editor Branch #3

MILLER - ROBERTS - NUPTIALS

On Monday evening November fifth, Nineteen hundred Sixty two, Sister Bonita Roberts, daughter of Mrs. Fred Zanardelli of Spears and Mr. Elwood Roberts of Coal Center, and James Arlis Miller, son of Mr. and

Mrs. James Miller of Indiana, were united in marriage at The Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe, Pa. Officiating at the service was Brother George Johnson, Sr.

Attending the couple were Sister Carol Martin, and Dana Frazier. Junior attendants were Janice Zanardelli, and Wayne Martin.

Soloist Patty Christman sang "I love you truly", and "The Lords Prayer," accompanied by Alice Spisak at the piano. Brothers James Anderson and George Johnson, Jr. served as ushers. Reception was held at the home of her grand mother Sister Odessa Waltz.

The couple will live in Missouri where the groom is stationed with the United States Air Force.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless this young couple that they may never forget the many blessings of the Lord.

Sister Wanda Johnson

SARAH REBECCA SHAZER PASSES ON.

Sister Shazer, the beloved wife of Bro. Joseph Shazer born on March 19, 1903, passed on, on September 19th., 1962 in her 60th year, in the Uniontown hospital. To mourn her passing are her husband, one son Joseph, three daughters, Thelma Petrosky, Loretta Lowther and Geraldine Addis, two grandchildren, one great grandchild, her father Harry Fuller and two brothers and four sisters.

Sister Shazer obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 1931, having exercised faith in God and was baptized by the late Bro. Martin King. She was much interested in seeing the American Indian race of people obeying the gospel, and she made several trips with her husband to South Dakota among the Sioux Indians, and very willingly submitted to him making a Missionary trip to Africa, the affliction that eventually caused her death, happened while her husband was in Africa.

She was very active in church affairs at Vanderbilt, serving as president of the Uplift Circle—sharing the office of Deaconess along with her sisters in Christ. She has been very energetic in her duties, but has now gone to her rest and will be missed much by the congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ at Vanderbilt, which all joins in sympathy with her family.

Sister Margaret E. King

JAMES THOMAS GRIFFITH

Grindstone, Pa. Nov. 10, 1962

Roscoe Branch:

Brother James Griffith, 81, of Allenport died in the Charleroi - Monessen hospital Oct. 23, 1962. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe Branch. He was baptized in the year 1904.

His wife Josephine and two sons, Raymond and Leroy preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence and James, 5 daughters, Lorraine and Irene at home; Mrs. Josephine Joris, Mrs. Bessie Checci, Mrs. Emma Aquilina. His brother Clarence Griffith and three sisters, Mrs. Amy Martin, Mrs. Margaret Ward, Mrs. Alice Hammit, 16 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sat. Oct. 27, 1962, in the Church of Jesus Christ, at Roscoe, Pa. with Brothers George Johnson and W. H. Cadman officiating. Internment in Monongahela Cemetery. Brother Griffith will be missed

by his family and the brothers and sisters of the church.
Sister Wanda Johnson

LETTER FROM NILES

Brother Cadman:

Just a line to tell you that I am still pressing forward to the mark of perfection.

First of all, I wish to thank you all for prayers for me, for they have kept me alive and in the church till this present day. I know God answers prayer. Back in 1940 I was promised 20 years more of life. It will be 40 years on Nov. 5th since I made my vow to worship God in a humble way as long as I live. I have raised two sons, but as yet they have not obeyed the Gospel.

I am thankful unto God for my children and some day I hope to see them follow in my foot-steps. This is my testimony and I know it is true. May God bless you and all is my prayer. Sister Anna Nastasi.

CHICAGO INDIANS

There are more than 8,000 Indians living in Chicago, Illinois at a place called the Center. Letters and money pour in from across the country asking for advice "What they can do for these Indians," they are a group of different tribes of the United States. From Cherokee Times, N. C.

TESTIMONY OF ALICE GARCIA

On October 5th, 1962, Sister Helen Tisler came to my home for the first time. She introduced herself to me as one sent by Sister Lucy Gonzales. I was happy to have her with me and listened to all that she had to say. Finally, Sister Helen invited me to attend the church in Lorain the following Sunday. I welcomed the idea because I had not been to church for the past two months. When my husband came from work I introduced them and told him of her mission.

I visited Sister Lucy the following day and thanked her for her concern for the salvation of my soul. When I told her of my intention to worship with them Sunday she was very glad. We attended the church and were much inspired by the sermon and the general spirit of fellowship which existed among the saints. During the week we had the privilege of meeting Bro. and Sister Frank Calabrese who were also very anxious to meet us. We continued going to church and the brothers and sisters of the church paid frequent visits to us and encouraged us the more. Among these were Bro. Joe Calabrese and Sister Vicky, Bro. Frank and Sister Helen and others.

Before this time I had been attending many churches but none of them seemed to have been of much help to my soul. My life was always restless and full of problems. I felt insecure and needed help but how to get it I knew not. I consulted a psychiatrist who instructed me to have regular appointments for at least a year. This again did not solve my problems in anyway. I felt lost and desperate.

Since the time I came to the church, I began to feel better and started to have a feeling of security through our Lord Jesus. My troubles began to ease away as I opened my heart more and more to God through the teachings in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Then the big fight started between me, God and the devil. I started praying and reading the Bible and

the Book of Mormon, and God my Savior showed me in dreams the way of life and salvation. I will never forget the dream I had of a man riding on a horse going down a very straight and narrow road. Suddenly I heard a voice saying over and over BAPTIZE, BAPTIZE! I knew what it meant but I kept it to myself. I didn't want the brothers and sisters to know yet because I wanted something else, and it came, for on Sunday at 4 A.M. I woke up with tears in my eyes because I felt God once more, and perhaps for the last time, had called me, so I read the Bible and prayed and so it was that I had a dream that might have frightened me at one time but not any more, for I knew the Lord was giving me another chance. I saw the earth on fire but I was in the church and although I could see the destruction I wasn't afraid because I felt safe in the church and the fire was fading or being put out. It didn't reach where I was for I was praying and putting everything in the hands of the Lord. The door of the church was open and for me it meant that I had to come to Him openly. Then the light! . . . A light so bright when it reached the earth. Of course for me that was the Lord showing me that He was the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. But once again the devil tried to get into the dream for when I was praying, my husband was pulling me back as if he didn't want me pray; yet I kept on praying. Bro. Frank Calabrese explained later what it was.

That Sunday we went to church happy for I knew what had taken place and in my heart; I'd received my Lord. That day Bro. Joe Calabrese and I sang the hymn, "Take Up Thy Cross And Follow Me." How beautiful those words sounded. That night we went to Bro. Joe's home and before them all with an open heart I told them what had taken place and that I wanted to be baptized. They were all so happy but I felt to pray. They say the prayer was so beautiful but I had never prayed before in public, and I could feel the heavens open and I felt so light and knew that although I had kept Him waiting, He had received me and had forgiven my sins.

I was to be baptized the following Sunday and the devil still did not rest for that week he tried to make me think that I was doing wrong. One day I could take it no more and thought of putting off my baptism until later on but I wanted to cry and so went to the Lord in prayer, read the Bible and asked Him for help.

That night I dreamed three consecutive dreams. The first one of a baby that was dead but I prayed to God that the baby would live and it opened its eyes but closed them again and was still; but the more fervently I prayed that the baby would live, and it opened its eyes and began to kick. How happy I was. Bro. Joe Calabrese had had a dream about me and had knelt down right away and prayed for me because he knew that I needed help. He and the others had been praying hard for me. The second dream I found myself in a crowd singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." The third was of a man who was trying to kill me but he didn't catch me and once again I was safe. We know who he was. I had won the battle with God as my helper and guide.

Sunday! my big day! and the evil one was still working to stop me and we were 20 minutes late but it was a beautiful day; the church was filled with people and my sister-in-law was there who had not been to a church

for years. The brothers and sisters had invited her too. For me, it was a day I'll never forget! The service was beautiful and at the end I sang, "Just As I Am", a beautiful hymn that I will never forget because of the joy in my heart and almost everyone was crying. We went to Lake Erie where I was baptized. The water was cold and yet all I could feel was joy. When I was submerged all I thought was, MY GOD! After baptism I was confirmed into the church and I felt the glory of God as Bro. Rocco Biscotti laid his hands on me for the reception of the Holy Ghost. I felt as though my spirit was in heaven praising the Lord. How wonderful it was! To feel that the Spirit of our Lord had entered my body and I knew that he would be with me always. I have experienced something that I thought could never happen to me.

Today, only a day after becoming a daughter of the Almighty, I still feel that warmth that I know won't leave me ever, nor the love of the brothers and sisters who had so much to do with this; but they were chosen from the start. My husband isn't a member yet for he still has to make the first decision but all the brothers and sisters are praying for him and God will show him the way as He has shown me. I'm still young and a baby in the things of God and it won't be easy but now Jesus is with me and He will lead the way.

Although I'm Spanish, born in Puerto Rico, God has helped me to learn the English language and I'm very glad that I belong to The Church of Jesus Christ for there I feel as if I am among my own people. I am 25 years old and have three children, two boys and a girl 4 months old and I'm glad that I have not wasted my whole life for I still can do a lot for God. I can raise my children from the beginning of their life fearing God and teaching them His ways. This is my testimony, hoping and praying it will help others. "Bendito sea el nombre de Dios!"

Amen.

Sister Alice Garcia

Rewritten by Sister Helen Tisler

'WRITTEN BY REQUEST'

Dear readers: I am writing this article by request, just why it is requested of me I do not know, other than there is misunderstanding with some, relative to the time commonly known among us as the **Peacefull Reign**.

That expression itself, I do not think is found within the scriptures, but with us, it has reference to the **will of God** being done on earth as it is done in heaven. In Matthew 6:9, 10 the Saviour taught His disciples to pray to that end. And **surely** He would not **teach** them to **pray** for something that never was to be. In fact, to me I have not learned of Him in that way. And, to me, it seems **that** is the goal of the **Church or kingdom**, while we are yet in this mortal state.

If you will turn to the Fifth Chapter of Jacob in the Book of Mormon, you will find that the House of Israel is likened to a tame olive tree, and in verse 3 it waxed old and began to decay, and the master of the vineyard began to lay plans to save the **tree**. He plucks off branches of the tame tree (Israel) and grafts in branches plucked from the wild tree, (Gentiles) and proceeds with a grafting and pruning process in order to preserve the fruit of the original tame olive tree. If you will notice

in verse 17, the wild **grafts** brought the good fruit on the original tree. To my understanding, this was verified in the Gentiles obeying the gospel in the days of Peter, James and John. And in verse 18, if the wild branches had not been grafted into the tame tree, the tree would have perished, but the true penitent Gentiles obeying the gospel brought forth good fruit as well as Israelites did.

Several plantings were made in the grafting process, one of them on a **good spot of ground**, this we understand was upon this western hemisphere. And in verse 25 only a part of the tree bore good fruit, and the other part of it wild fruit. Such was the condition of the Nephites and Lamanites. In verses 30, 31 and 32 where the wild branches had been grafted into the old tree at Jerusalem, and where the wild grafts had been grafted in and brought forth much good fruit, but on this occasion it had brought forth much fruit and **none** of it was good. Paul says in II Thess. verses 1, 2, and 3, "That day shall not come (the day of Christ) except there come a falling away first." So here we find no good fruit on the tree where the first Gentile grafts were made, but in verses 35 and 36 the tree and roots profiteth me nothing (the master of the vineyard) so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit. Nevertheless, I know that the roots are good, and for mine own purpose I have preserved them; (the roots I might say are God's word and His covenants) And, may I draw your attention to the fact, that the Stick of Judah is still preserved.

If you will read now from verse 37 to, and including verse 45 this planting is the one made on the good spot of ground, choice above all others, which is in accord with the seed of Joseph's location, also that in verse 44 it is the place where the Jaredites had been cut down prior to the Nephites coming. Now, if ye will notice that in verses 47, 48 and 49, the vineyard has all become corrupted, there is no longer any good fruit, and the Lord's determination is to hew down the trees of the vineyard and cast them into the fire etc. But, in verse 50 he is asked to "Spare it a little longer." There is now no **good fruit** in the vineyard. May I ask Has not the Gospel completely fallen away? To my mind it has. The **man child** has been caught up into heaven again.

In verse 51, The Lord yields to the request of his servant and **s pares** the vineyard a little longer. He now makes plans to prune his vineyard again. The branches are still alive, roots etc. And he proceeds to graft them back into their mother tree. He plucks off from the trees that which is most bitter and they are cast into the fire verses 57, 58. In verse 62 "he says, let us go to and labor with our might this **last time**, for behold the end draweth nigh, and this is the **last time** that I shall prune my vineyard." (The **last time** stated here is the **Lord's words, not mine**.)

In verse 72 they labored with their might, and obeyed the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things. I do not understand from that, that the servants were all perfect and made no mistakes in the weakness of their flesh, but they **did carry out** the commandments of God.

In verse 73 The natural fruit is again in the vineyard. the gifts and blessings of the gospel as in the beginning, as when the Gentiles had been grafted in, or had obeyed the Gospel. After much labor, or pruning

the vineyard, or preaching the gospel—I read in verse 75, having kept the commandments of God, the fruit is good again and the vineyard is no more corrupted. And in verse 76, and for a long time I lay (It does not say how long) up the fruit of my vineyard unto mine own self against the season, which **speedily cometh**, and for the **last time etc.** “I will add that at **this time**, what we call the Peaceful Reign is being enjoyed in its fullness. But take note of verse 77 “When the time cometh that evil fruit **shall again** come into **my vineyard**, then will I cause the **good** and the **bad** to be gathered; and the **good** will I **preserve** unto myself, and the **bad** will I cast away into its own place. And then cometh the season and the end; and my vineyard will I burn with fire. **Now brethren**; after all the discussions about the **Peaceful Reign**, if language means what it says, the devil makes an inroad into the Kingdom and I might say, makes havoc for a time. Then, to my understanding is the second advent of Jesus Christ. He comes to take vengeance on them that know not God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. According to verse 77, it would appear that many who have survived in the peaceful reign, have turned out to be bad.

I will now refer you to First Nephi 22:1. First, take notice that Nephi is quoting from the **Brass Plates** (Plates of Laban) and in verse 30 “Wherefore, my brethren, I would that ye should consider that the things which have been written upon the plates of brass **are true**; and they testify that a man **must** be obedient to the commandments of God.” May I ask all of you to read the 22nd chapt. of First Nephi which is bearing very much on this same question. I will quote the 26th verse for you,” And because of the righteousness of his people, Satan has no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years; (it don’t say how 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.” (this is in accord with the previous parable, there was no bad fruit left in the vineyard) In verse 27 “And now behold, I Nephi, say unto you that all these things **must come** according to the **flesh**.” Thus far we learn that Satan is bound because of their faithfulness or righteousness; and not with an **iron chain**. The Saviour does not only teach us to repent and be baptized, but He commands us to resist the devil and he will flee from us. Therefore the people of God have learned to serve Him so faithful, that the devil cannot make any inroads among them. The Fourth Book of Nephi will give you much light on that thought. It was not an idle time for the Nephites as is recorded in the account, but they were a busy people. Therefore, Isaiah does not say that in the last days—that they shall **only** sit under their own **vine and fig tree**, But they shall build houses and inhabit them, they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them, and they shall **long enjoy** the **work** of their **hands**. I take it for granted that they are an **industrious people** as well as a **righteous** people. It is not a time of **sitting around** in a **easy chair**. Too bad though, for the time eventually comes according to the words of Jacob 5:77—that as it was in Fourth Nephi—the devil makes an inroad among the people of God, even though they had reached the top rung of the ladder, and Satan had no power over them. I will further say: whoever you are of the people of God—you must live

righteously and preach the Gospel for the saving of others as well as yourselves, in order to abide the day of His coming, when He shall burn up the vineyard with fire because of so much **bad fruit** or **corruption** found in the **vineyard** as spoken of in Jacob 5:77, in the Peaceful Reign. May God help us all to be more at the post of our duty.

I like the words of my father as recorded on bottom and top of pages 18 and 19 of the pamphlet “Religious Experiences” (third series) as follows: “Here is a Kingdom, then, that we are looking for; the Kingdom of Christ; called by our brother, Daniel, “The Ancient of days,” which will fulfill the covenants made to Israel; prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the ancient of days; introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion.” Brother Editor

VISITORS FROM CALIFORNIA

About 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 20/62 I received a phone call from here in this city from Don Laird and his wife, Margaret, formerly of Brantford, Ontario. They had just arrived in town from California and were hunting for my home. We directed them to my home, and it was not long until we welcomed them in our doors. It was very cold and much snow on the ground. My home was warm and it was not long until they were warmed up, and after an hour or so visiting, we gave them a warm bed for the night. I had never met Mrs. Laird before and it was quite a number of years since I had seen or heard anything about Don. And to, sorry to say, he is not a well man. He is pursuing the profession of an Artist in Hollywood, and his wife is a nurse.

For some reason, he says that he has wanted to visit my home and make a painting of me, which he did while here, and expects to finish it in oil. So what kind of a looking ‘old man’ Don will make out of me, I do not know. However, he seems to be well up in his profession. But I do feel sorry for his afflicted condition. They spent two nights with us and then headed east and south from here. They did not want to get any further north, and left here about noon on Dec. 22 (Saturday). His wife told me that this was the first snow she had encountered for ten years. I had a parting prayer with them, asking our Heavenly Father to care for them on their journey. I understand that they were both baptized into the church some years ago. (Editor)

ALGERIAN JEWS

The fearsome internal war that afflicted Algeria brought havoc and destruction in its wake to one of the most ancient and venerable of Exiles. This Jewish group, with a tradition of two thousand years of expatriation, and numbering some one hundred and fifty thousand souls, has been made almost entirely extinct, uprooted from its domicile and compelled once more to wander from dispersion to dispersion. It has yet to reach its sure haven, but the years to come will see many more of the fugitives of Algeria set foot on the soil of Israel, from whence their forefathers were driven twenty centuries ago. They and their children will yet strike roots in the historic homeland that has risen again and they will share in its rebuilding.

Jewish Hope



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Our help is in the name of the Lord"—Psalms 124:8.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Have you ever heard of the "patience of Job"? Did you know what it meant? There is a book in the Old Testament named Job. This is a story about a man named Job. He was a very patient man. He had many, many trials, but he put his trust in the Lord. One of our readers asked me to tell you a story about this man, so here it is.

Job lived in the land of Uz. He was a perfect and upright man, one that feared God. He was very wealthy. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 asses and a very great household. He had seven sons and three daughters. He was the greatest of all men of the east.

He and his family feasted often together. Job got up early in the morning and sanctified and offered sacrifices for his children. He was concerned for his sons, thinking maybe they had sinned. It was the custom in that day to offer sacrifices for sin.

One day the Lord spoke to Satan and asked, "Whence comest thou?" Satan answered, "From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it." The Lord asked if he had considered his servant Job. He was a perfect and upright man, one that feared God. Satan asked, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not made a hedge about him and his house and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands and increased his land. If you will take away all he has, he will no longer bless you but curse you". The Lord told Satan everything that Job had was in Satan's power now, only do not put your hand on Job. Satan then went from the presence of the Lord.

Satan tried in many ways to discourage Job. A group of people called Sabians came and took all his oxen and asses and killed the servants. Next fire came and burned the sheep and more servants. Before Job heard all about this, a messenger came and said the Chaldeans carried away the camels and killed the servants who were caring for them. This messenger was the only one left. Then a great wind came and blew in a house where his sons and daughters were. They were all killed. Job tore his robe, shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshipped God. He said the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. He did not charge God foolishly.

The Lord spoke to Satan again and reminded him of the perfectness of Job. Satan said to touch Job's body and he knew Job would curse God. The Lord said, "Behold he is in thine hand; but save his life". Satan smote Job with boils from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head. Poor Job, he was so miserable, he sat down among the ashes and scraped himself. His wife became impatient. She said, "Curse God and die." But Job's answer showed he still trusted the Lord. He replied, "You speak like a foolish woman. Shall we not receive good and evil at the hand of the Lord?"

Job's friends heard of all these trials and three of them came to comfort him. When they saw him they didn't know him. They cried and tore their clothes and sprinkled dust upon their heads. They sat down upon the ground beside Job. For seven nights and days they sat there. None spoke a word for they saw that Job's sorrow was great. Job was discouraged. He spoke many words to his friends. But he turned to God and said, "Though he slay me yet will I trust in Him. I know that my Redeemer liveth. He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." His friends thought maybe he had sinned and God was punishing him. But through all this, Job praised God. He became weary and wished he could die. He said, "Man that is born of woman is of a few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down." He realized this life is short and there was a greater hope beyond. Many chapters tell of Job's praises to God as he talked with these friends. These men stopped answering Job because he was a righteous man. In them Job could not find the answer to his troubles.

Job said to God, "I know that thou canst do everything and no thought can be held from Thee. I repent in dust and ashes." God accepted Job and commanded the three friends to offer a sacrifice. Job was to pray for them because they had not spoken the right thing as Job had done. The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. His friends, brothers and sisters all came and ate with him. Every man gave him a piece of money and an earring of gold. He had seven sons and three daughters. There were no daughters as fair as his. The Lord blessed him with 14,000 sheep, 1,000 yoke of oxen, 6,000 camels and 1,000 asses. The latter part of his life was better than the beginning. After this, he lived 140 years. He saw his sons, his son's sons and even four generations. He died a very old man.

Many people find it easy to serve God when all is going well, but when the test comes do we believe, "In your patience possess ye your souls."

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

1. What were the names of Job's 3 daughters? What did their father give them? Job 42:14
2. What does James say of the patience of Job? James 5:11
3. In Hebrews 12:1 it tells us how to run our race.
4. What do we have through patience and comfort of the scriptures? Romans 15:4

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

BISHOP FRED P. CORSON

The leader of the World Methodist Council, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson holds a handful of Vatican Ecumenical medals he received from Pope John XXIII. Bishop Corson, just returned to Philadelphia from Rome, told newsmen yesterday he believes in the eventual unity of Christendom, but thinks it may take a couple hundred years to achieve.

P.S. The foregoing item of Bishop Corson was clipped from a Pittsburgh newspaper this day October 19th. In the paper there is a 'cut' along with the article, wherein the Bishop is displaying Vatican Ecumenical medals received from Pope John XXIII while he was at

the Ecumenical Council in Rome. He has just returned to Philadelphia and apparently exhibits a little pride in the presents awarded him. He believes in the eventual unity of Christendom, but it is a couple hundred years away.

To me, that is a very strange conclusion on the part of the Bishop. As professed followers of Jesus Christ by, both Catholic and Protestant, Christ has been preached for centuries, and, by the most learned men in the world; yet, unity with them is thought to be so far away. There certainly must be a cause for this—and I will add, that it must be a very serious cause, for the teachings of Jesus Christ in its simplicity, obedience to, will certainly bring mortals to a spirit of unity and brother-love, in less time than two hundred years.

Isaiah the prophet in 8:20 says: "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is **no light in them.**" I will add, that such is a terrible indictment to men, whose learning is, as the great nobles who are gathered together in Rome today, including the learned professors of Christianity who may not be there. Let us take note of the testimony of the humble followers of Christ very shortly after His ascension to His Father in heaven. In the Acts of the Apostles 2:41 to the end of chapter: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls, And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." May I ask, why! take two hundred years, for the learned Christian World to be in a unit, after preaching the Christ of the Cross all these centuries? Is it not because of what the scriptures teaches us. Have they not as the Prophet Isaiah says in chapter 24:1, 2 "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with people, so with the priests; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him." To me, this scripture simply conveys the thought or might I say a fact, that the borrower, the lender, the servant the master, the priest or preacher and what is termed the 'layity' are not the example to one another as they should be—the borrower will cheat the lender, the master will take advantage of the servant and vice-versa. In many instances the ones who sit in the pews are examples to him or her who stands in the pulpit, etc. whether it be priest or preacher. I will add that such is the condition of the Christian world today. In verse 5 The prophet declares that the earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the

everlasting covenant. Then in verse 6, "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left."

Paul in First Timothy 4:1, 2, 3, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats etc." Also in II Tim. 3:5 "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." then in verse 13 "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." In this same scripture or chapter, the Apostles refers to those who are ever learning and not able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Paul likens them to some of the Magicians in Egypt who withstood Moses, Yea, the ones who are ever learning resisting the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. In closing I will add, that if it will take two hundred years yet to accomplish what the Ecumenical Council is now attempting to accomplish, it certainly does not speak good for the churches in Christendom, after preaching Jesus throughout the centuries. Editor

ATTENTION PLEASE:

Of late I have been approached about the manner of Ordaining an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ. As to my memory the following has been our procedure: In ordaining Apostles, Elders, Teachers, Deacons and Deaconesses: First, they are set aside by the Washing of their Feet, then Anoint their heads with oil, and then the Elders or Apostles hands laid on their heads and a prayer offered, invoking the Spirit of the office to abide with them.

Our Law and order book defines briefly the duties of each. And it is specified also, that one of the questions stated therein relative to the return of a license, be asked in the meeting of which a person is ordained to the office of an Elder. In ordaining Apostles in the church, it must be attended to by Apostles who have been ordained.

P.S. Notice page 14, rule 15 No. 1 Doctrinal Pamphlet.

MORE ABOUT THE SIDNEY RIGDON ORGANIZATION BY THURMAN S. FURNIER

With reference to the article copied from the One-Hundredth Anniversary Edition, Section 11: History of The Echo-Pilot. Founded in 1849 as the Conococheague Herald, Greencastle, Pa., Thursday, September 22, 1949. Subject: FIRST PUBLISHERS of PILOT MEMBERS OF MORMON COLONY.

Referring to that part of the article which reads: "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. Fraise Richards, Esq. of Chambersburg, Pa. This letter, published in the Franklin County School Annual in 1930". We have been interested in getting this article in full.

Since our recent visit to Chambersburg, Pa., Septem-

ber 13th. we have purchased a copy of the School Annual referred to above. Part of the article contains a duplication of what we already have published in the Gospel News. THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS IN FULL:

THREE DREAM TOWNS OF ANTRIM. THE NEW JERUSALEM.

After the killing of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum, June 27, 1844, Sidney Rigdon desired to succeed to the leadership of the Mormons, but Brigham Young was chosen instead. When Rigdon and his friends continued their opposition, they were promptly excommunicated. They then came east to Pittsburg and started a paper. On account of the local sentiment against the movement this project failed and they decided to go to a rural neighborhood. I. H. McCauley says, "In September 1845, the city of Nauvoo was cannonaded for three days by the forces of the State of Illinois, its inhabitants driven out at the point of the bayonet, and the city, with its magnificent temple and public buildings, wholly destroyed. About the same time two of Rigdon's emissaries came through the southern part of our county, on the turnpike leading from Mercersburg to Greencastle. Stopping upon the bridge spanning the Conococheague creek, about a mile and a quarter west of Greencastle, they looked over the farm of Andrew G. M'Lanahan, Esq., which lay spread out just north of them, and said that "there was the place the Lord had shown them in visions was to be the site of the City of the New Jerusalem." In a short time afterwards Mr. Peter Boyer, a wealthy farmer of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, came on and contacted with Mr. M'Lanahan for his farm of four hundred acres, at the price of fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars. Six hundred dollars were paid in cash, and on the 3rd. of April, 1846, Mr. M'Lanahan received five thousand four hundred dollars additional, gave a deed, and took a judgment for the balance of the purchase money—eight thousand seven hundred dollars—payable April 1st., 1847. The purchaser at once took possession, and in a short time Sidney Rigdon, Elders Hyde and Heber, Judge Richards, William E. M'Lellan, Hatch, Hinkle, Zody, Grimes, Ringer and others joined them. The band numbered from one to two hundred all told. The most of them went upon the farm, where they said that they intended to lay out a great city, build a magnificent temple and other needed public edifices. Quite a number of them located in the town of Greencastle, where they established a weekly newspaper, called the 'Conococheague Herald', under the editorship of Mr. E. Robinson, the church printer. Among them were professional men, mechanics and farmers, and one or two who had been heavy capitalists in Pittsburg when they joined the band, but their riches had been squandered subsequently. Sidney Rigdon was their Prophet and High Priest. Every Sunday they held services in the barn on the farm, Rigdon generally doing the preaching; occasionally one of the elders held forth. Their meetings were largely attended by the people of the neighborhood, more from curiosity to hear what would be said than from any similarity of thought or feeling with them. They made few converts amongst our people—not, perhaps, over half a dozen in the whole county. They talked largely about what they intended to do—about laying out avenues and streets, building glass works, cotton mills, etc.

But most of them lived in idleness the while, and all their plans soon came to naught. Their money was soon spent, death swung his scythe amongst them and cut down quite a number of them; others became discouraged and left; they could not meet their indebtedness due to Mr. M'Lanahan on the 1st. of April, 1847, and the farm was sold at sheriff's sale and bought in by Mr. M'Lanahan, in August of that year, who again obtained possession of it in November following. After this death-blow to their hopes and prospects all discipline and organization were at an end, and the band dissolved. A majority of them went to Salt Lake, whilst others joined the Gentiles and started life anew. In the pines, on the farm, a number of them lie buried, and the spot is known as the "Mormon Grave-yard".

We give below two letters dealing with the Mormon Settlement in our county. They are from a scrap book of Mrs. Charles Martin, a former teacher of Antrim, and were printed in Public Opinion forty-four years ago.

Mr. Editor—The following letter by the Church printer of the Mormons in Franklin county will be interesting to your readers. It presents some matters not usually understood, and speaks with the authority of one who knew. Many of your readers, doubtless, remember Ebenezer Robinson. He was, it seems, a conspicuous and I presume, quite a worthy man among the Latter Day Saints of the Conococheague. Very truly, J. FRAISE RICHARD.

Davis City, Iowa, April 24, 1886. J. Fraise Richard, Esq., Chambersburg, Pa. Dear Sir—Your letter of recent date is at hand (having been forwarded from Pleasanton, in which you submit certain questions with regard to the Mormon settlement made on the McLanahan farm near Greencastle, Pa., in 1846, with the request that "they be answered as fully as possible."

1. Did you as printer for the institution ever publish a paper on the farm? If so, what was its name?

Answer—No. Not on the farm. Published a few numbers of the Messenger and Advocate of the Church of Christ, Monthly, in the summer and fall of 1846, in the borough of Greencastle.

2. Did you publish any tracts for distribution amongst the people? If so, can you send me a copy, or a copy of paper issued?

Answer—No. In publishing the Messenger and Advocate we printed 2000 copies of each issue, which was greatly in excess of our subscribers. A large number of the extra copies were distributed among the people. I have not preserved a copy of any of those printed in Greencastle. Have a copy of each of the first 22 numbers printed in Pittsburg, before we moved to Greencastle, bound in a book.

3. Did Sidney Rigdon advocate polygamy while connected with the enterprise?

Answer—No, he did not. He was firm believer in the divine authenticity of the book of Mormon, which positively forbids it.

4. Who were the leaders of the organization, and what has become of them?

Answer—Among the prominent members of the organization who moved to Franklin county, I will name Sidney Rigdon, Samuel James, William Richards, Dr. George M. Hinkle, Jeremiah Hutch, Jr., Edward B. Wingate, Joseph H. Newton, Leonard Soby, Amos B. Tomlin-

son and your correspondent.

Sidney Rigdon was the first president of the church, and leader of the organization. He moved from Pittsburgh 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. He had two counsellors in the organization.

Samuel James moved from Illinois to Greencastle, in 1846, and left there in the spring of 1847. The last I heard, he was living some place in Southern Missouri. He was one of Rigdon's counsellors.

William Richards moved to Greencastle, in May, 1846, and left there in 1847, and settled in or near Mt. Holly, N. J., where he formerly resided. He was Bishop of the church. He died a few years since.

Dr. George M. Hinkle moved to Greencastle in 1846, and remained there two or more years, when he removed back to Illinois from whence he came. He was a widower and married in Greencastle a widow lady by the name of Hartman. He finally settled in New Buda, Decatur Co., Iowa, where he died some years since.

Jeremiah Hatch, Jr., moved to Greencastle in 1846, married one of Elder Rigdon's daughters, Lucy Ann, and moved from the McLanahan farm to Friendship, N.Y., in August or September, 1847. He attained considerable notoriety as a temperance lecturer, and organizer of Good Templar Lodges in New York and Ohio. Held a responsible position under the Canal Commission of New York. When the war broke out he was commissioned and served as captain in the Union Army. Died soon after his return home from the war.

Edward B. Wingate came to Greencastle, in 1846, he also married one of Elder Rigdon's daughters, Sarah, and moved from the McLanahan farm to Friendship, N.Y., in company with Mr. Hatch. The last I heard he was foreman of the bridge carpenters on the N.Y. and Erie R.R.

Joseph H. Newton moved to Greencastle, and left there in the fall of 1847 and settled in Philadelphia, where he formerly resided. He died a few years since.

Leonard Soby moved to Greencastle, 1846, and left there in 1847 and went to Philadelphia. He now resides in Beverly, N. J.

Amos B. Tomlinson moved to Greencastle from Pittsburg, in 1846 and in 1847 or 1848 settled upon the east side of North Mountain about 8 miles northwest of Chambersburg, where he lived nearly thirty years, when he moved to Kendall County, Illinois, where he died some years since. (Note: Mr. Tomlinson was Yankee. His home was in the gap now called Yankee Gap.)

The six last named were all members of the Grand Council of the organization. Your correspondent, E. Robinson, was one of elder Rigdon's counsellors, and moved to Greencastle in company with him in May, 1846, and remained in Greencastle (with the exception of a few months in 1847 that he lived on the McLanahan farm) until April, 1855, when he moved to Iowa and settled on a farm near Pleasanton, Decatur Co., where he resided until 1883, when he removed to Davis City, Decatur Co., his present place of residence.

While in Greencastle he compiled and printed 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 Bookkeep-

ing" of which some 40,000 copies were sold. Also a "Modern Letter Writer" and a "Child's Book," a primer, also some 13 numbers of the Conococheague Herald, a weekly newspaper.

He has been for years and is a member of the re-organized 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.

Respectfully yours,
EBENEZER ROBINSON

THE LORD NEVER GIVES US TRIALS THAT ARE MORE THAN WE CAN BEAR

The above words have always been favorite words of mine, and ever since I came into the Church I have often repeated them to my family, my Brothers and Sisters and to my friends. I believe them because God has proved them to me many times over through my life. Recently He gave me further proof of these words. I would like to pass my experience on to all of you through the medium of our Gospel News. As most of you know, I have been afflicted with the disease of cancer. It has been three years since I had major surgery and only through the grace of God answering the many prayers in my behalf have I been able to have the patience and faith that has been necessary to see me through. This past July, however, I had a recurrence of cancer and was operated on a second time, the malignancy having gone into my chest quite deeply. Being of flesh and blood my strength was much taxed and I became discouraged to the point where I truly depended upon my Brothers and Sisters prayers more than I can say. Again it was through the grace of God that I was able to testify of God's again lengthening my life. But a third test came when just two months following the surgery in July, I again had a growth upon my body just below the last malignancy. It was this time and on an evening when I was most discouraged that I appealed to God. I was filled with thoughts of what a hardship this would be on my family, and how discouraging the news would be to my Brothers and Sisters. I talked to God about all this and I told Him that I truly felt I, too, was tired and worn, both physically and mentally, and I asked Him if it might be possible that it be His will to let this cup pass from before me. When my Brothers and Sisters heard of my condition, they immediately began again to petition the Lord in my behalf with fasting and prayer. This was around the time of our District Gathering where my Brothers and Sisters assembled prayed for me. During the service, Sister Cavalaro of San Fernando Valley Branch felt strongly to have a handkerchief annointed and sent to me in San Diego. When I received this handkerchief, I felt such a love and knew that this was a symbol of what our Church is built upon — the gift of Love.

When I had made arrangements for more surgery, the doctor was concerned that my cancer was now spreading rapidly. As I went to the doctor for examination, I had the annointed handkerchief with me and a prayer in my heart that God would give me the strength I need to bear the trial, and I also asked Him that this time He would relieve me if in His wisdom He could

see fit to do so. God heard my prayer and proved to me as I said in the beginning, that He never sends us more than we can bear, and when the doctor began to examine me, the tumor or growth had disappeared. I couldn't believe it til when I was asked to locate the tumor, my hand found nothing there. My doctor, who is a cancer specialist and also a staunch Catholic, was most amazed. She embraced me as I cried with joy and when I told her that God had heard my plea, she said she truly believed that the Mother Mary (this is their belief of course) was responsible for this miracle. We know that we are not taught in the Scriptures that we are to pray to the Mother Mary but that we are to ask God, in His Son's name, for our needs; nevertheless, though I mentioned this only briefly to my doctor, I thanked God with all my heart that our faith is built on Scripture and we are taught as the Lord taught, rather than by the precepts of man.

Brothers and Sisters, I thank God for the miracle of Love that He has given us, and I thank Him for all of you who have prayed for me without tiring. I cannot say whether I am completely healed, only God knows my future, but this much I do know for a certainty, that He will be my strength and guide as He has always been, and I fully believe that when our strength is drained and our trial becomes too much, He will come with sweet relief and carry us through to the very end when all trial is over, and pray God, we may enter His rest for all Eternity.

Sister Ann Smith
San Diego, California

PARLIN, N. J.

Dear Brother Cadman,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying good health. Your visit in N.J. was a good encouragement to me. The meetings that I attended in Brooklyn, New Brunswick and Hopelawn, as well as our Conference was a blessing and an inspiration to me. I believe it was the best that I have ever heard you speak. Our prayer is that God might continue to bless you and grant you the health of your body as well as the desire of your heart. We hope it won't be too long before you'll be able to visit here in N.J. again.

In looking through the newspaper the other day I saw the enclosed article. I thought it would be of some interest and I know you enjoy reading news of this kind, so I'm sending it to you. In a way it surprises me to see how man changes scriptures to his way of thinking. We will be seeing more of this as days go by. I'm watching the council in Rome to see what changes and progress are made. I thank God for the divine truth that we have. That no man has tampered with or taken anything away from the Book of Mormon and that the Church of Jesus Christ was given by Divine Revelation. First Nephi 13th & 14th chapter speaks plainly on this while we are a small group compared to the thousands and even millions who belong to other faiths. I always like to refer to the words of your father, about the 25 cows and 250,000 cats.

A dream was had not too long ago and was related as follows: Our people were gathered in our church building. In looking towards the rostrum behind the ministry there was no wall as we have today in our buildings. It seemed to be wide open. A stairs appeared and Jesus Christ descended on them. When our people saw him they wanted to go to him and touch him, but he beckoned them not to. His words were as follows: "I have come to check on my people, to see how you are doing." In closing, we ask for your prayers as we will remember you as God enables us. Bro. Joseph Perri.

KIRSCHNER - BARNEY

During a double-ring ceremony in which the bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Judith Barney became Mrs. Karl Kirschner on November 22, 1962 at 7:30 P.M. in the Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. Bro. Samuel J. Kirschner officiated.

Mrs. Kirschner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Barney of Eighty-four, R.D. #2, Pa. and her husband is the son of Brother and Sister Samuel J. Kirschner of Eighty-Four, R.D. #1, Pa.

Miss Randa Lee Barney, her sister, was the maid of honor. George Seighman was the best man. The ushers were Gerald Mellinger and Phillip Seighman.

Solist was Sister Patty Christman, accompanied at the organ by Sister Sara Vancik.

Following the ceremony a reception took place in the Ginger Hill Grange, after which they left for a brief honeymoon. They will reside at 530 W. Main St., Washington, Pa.

Our best wishes to the newlyweds and may God bestow His richest blessings upon them.

Ethel N. Crosier,

GREENSBURG LETTER

Dear Editor & Gospel News readers:

I have desired to send something to the Gospel News for sometime. We in Greensburg are enjoying the love and blessings of God. And, we all enjoy the Sisters of the Ladies Circle, we are all very active.

Every Monday we meet, and we learn something new. With the help of our teacher (Sister Swanson) we started from the beginning of the Old Testament. How God formed the earth and all living things, and how Moses told his people what to do. We also want to be like our forefathers and serve Him to the end, for we have nothing to gain in this world. But eternal life in the end if we serve God.

So I say to all Sisters of every Branch of the Church—attend your Ladies Circle meetings, for God will better you, all the time. Pray for us and we will do likewise for you. Sister Roset Nalevanko

ANCIENT ROME

The remains of a monumental synagogue built some 200 to 500 years before Christ were discovered during excavations near Ostia Antica, the harbor of Ancient Rome. Experts said the structure probably was one of the oldest Jewish monuments, second only to the Wailing Wall.

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SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

January 29, 1963

Dear Brother Cadman,

On Sunday evening, December 23, we had our Christmas program. There were about 80 present for this occasion. Bro. Ether Furnier opened the program and told the "Christmas Story." It was a joy to see the Indian boys and girls say their poems and sing Christmas Carols. They all did very well. At the close of the program we presented the children with gifts which we purchased with donations sent in by various brothers and sisters. Everyone enjoyed the evening very much.

On December 31, we had a "Watch Meeting" with about 30 adults present. We sang hymns and our Indian brothers and sisters gave their testimonies and sang solo's and duets. At 12 o'clock we closed in prayer, a wonderful blessing was felt by all present at this meeting. We served refreshments and truly enjoyed beginning the New Year in fellowship with the seed of Joseph.

Our mission is enjoying some wonderful meetings and we have had several visitors attending. We thank God for His many blessings. Please continue to pray for us.

We heard you have not been feeling well and trust this letter finds you in better health. We hope you will soon be able to come and visit as you had previously planned.

God bless you always is our prayer.

Dolores Picciuto

Your sister in Christ,

RECIPROCATE

We are helped by helping others;

Joy we give and joy we get!

Seeing others as our brothers

Is life's safest, surest "bet"!

If we give what folks are needing

It will pay us in the end,

And we just can't help succeeding

In the Game of Life, my friend!

Life gives back just what we give it:

Give it smiles—and smiles we get!

If we learn this rule and live it,

We will seldom know regret!

Give a cheerful word—we'll reap it;

It will come back multiplied

And will linger—we can keep it

In our "treasure-chest," inside!

Get together! Pull together!

Is the spirit that will win!

If the gales of life we'd weather,

We must "buck" them, with a grin!

Help yourself, by helping others;

Grab an oar and join the crew!

Pull together with your brothers

And they'll win the race—for you!

—Author Unknown

BLESSED DOORS

The first time that I stepped inside that blessed old church door, A group of lowly strangers welcomed me; then I received a blessing, like I'd never had before, my eyes were opened wide . . . and I could see! And then, the worldly treasures that were locked within my heart, lost all their glamour, and were washed away; and in their place, was born, instead, a great desire to be fed, by those few lowly strangers there, that day.

I never thought He'd number me among His very own; why would He pick ME from the multitude? I didn't look for Him . . . to me, He was the God Unknown . . . I wasn't looking for Celestial Food. I didn't even know the Church of Christ had been restored . . . nor, that it once in sin, did fall away, but, when I heard my Saviour call, there was no need to 'know it all', I only knew that Joy had come my way!

I can't begin to tell you what His love has meant to me, since I have made the Lord, my dearest Friend. His gifts have been as numberless as sand, beneath the sea . . . there's no beginning, and there is no end. But, there's one thing He's promised me that greater than the rest; and when I pass away, it will be mine: the right, beyond that Other Door, to be with those who've gone before, for there's where I'll find Jesus, Friend Divine!

Yes! There's one thing He'll promise you, that's greater than the rest . . . and when you pass away, it will be thine, (and mine!): the right, beyond that Other Door, to be with those who've gone before, for there's where we'll find Jesus, Friend Divine!

Catherine Poma of
San Diego, California

OH, HAIL THE MESSAGE

Oh, hail the glorious message sent
To earth with trumpet sound
Unfolding forth a greater light
That truth may now abound.

When evil here on earth did reign
And darkness did prevail
An angel from the heavens came
And did the truth reveal.

While Satan had his evil sway
Upon the hearts of men.
Young Joseph found the only way
To triumph over sin.

To Israel shall this message go
As prophets long foretold
To free them from their captive foe
And dwell within Christ's fold.

Brother Frank Calabrese
Lorain, Ohio

NEWS FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Dear Brother Cadman,

Sending you the happy news that our number in the Phoenix Mission has been increased by the family

of Bro. Tony Mazzeo, formerly of New Brunswick, N. J. Their coming here has encouraged us greatly and each of them has been a blessing to us.

To add to this joy, their son Roger was baptized last Sunday, Dec. 9, 1962. We had a wonderful, blessed meeting with humble testimonies and that spirit of repentance was felt throughout our meeting. Bro. Salvatore Galante arose to tell us, he heard a voice speak to him and ask, "Do you understand the blessings of God?" and then continue to say, "When you are of one mind, one spirit and one love, then are God's blessings among you." Surely, we know this is true, for we have experienced this promise of God many times. The Scripture tells us in Luke: 15, verse 10, that even the Angels in heaven are rejoicing when a soul repents unto the Lord. Likewise, we in the Church do rejoice and feel a great blessing in one surrendering unto the Lord.

We send our love and regards to the brothers and sisters throughout the Church. We hope this finds you well and enjoying God's blessings.

Sincerely,
Sister Ann Damore

DEATH OF BROTHER JOHN MAJOROS

Brother John Majoros, Sr. of Bentleyville R.D. 1 died October 8, 1962 at the Waddington Rest Home in Fayette City. He had been ill for some time and had lived with his children until just recently. A retired farmer, Bro. Majoros was born in Czechoslovakia June 17, 1882, thus making him 80 years old this last Father's Day. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Monongahela having been baptized in 1910. His wife, Sister Susan Bobka Majoros, passed away in July of 1951.

When Brother and Sister (Meredith & Irene) Griffith arrived home from Conference in New Jersey, word was awaiting them that her father had suffered a stroke and his condition was serious. He passed away peacefully the next day. To mourn his passing, Bro. Majoros leaves a family of eleven children: Three sons — John Jr. of Charleroi, Noah of Bentleyville, and Richard of Pontiac, Michigan; And eight daughters — Susan (Mrs. John Shernit of Steubenville, O.), Irene (Mrs. M. R. Griffith of Bentleyville, Pa.), Ruth (Mrs. George Shernit of S. Euclid, O.), Esther (Mrs. James Criswell), Thelma (Mrs. Max Blasko), Nanetta (Mrs. Mitchell Florence) all of Miami, Fla., Lillian (Mrs. Melvin Bassi of Monongahela) and Norma (Mrs. Peter Dubinsky of Syracuse, N. Y.) He also leaves 27 grandchildren and one great-grandchild — and two sisters in Czechoslovakia.

Services were conducted by Bro. W. H. Cadman at the Schrock Funeral Home in Charleroi with interment in the Monongahela Cemetery.

The Gospel News extends its sympathy to all the loved ones who were near and dear to Bro. Majoros.

FLORIDA NEWS

Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to tell you of our glorious weekend here in Fort Pierce. Some time ago we wrote and told you of our Sister Katherine Baker of Arizona and Sister Mary Glover of Fort Pierce who were baptized in Arizona. This past weekend we had the pleasure of witnessing the baptism of their sister Ruth Morris, who

made the trip here from Columbia, South Carolina, with one purpose in mind, to be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ. She arrived on Saturday morning and we all gathered together at 11 A.M. We had a wonderful meeting, the Spirit of God was "like a fire burning." We all shed tears of joy and no one wanted to leave to go home. We also enjoyed a carload of Seminole Indians who visited at our home and spent quite a long time with us. Sunday morning we met at the Local Union Hall, sang hymns of praise to God, had a word of prayer and all left together for the ocean to witness our Sister's baptism. As we gathered together, on the shore, there were quite a few spectators. One man walked over to us and stood behind us and watched. The ocean was quite rough the waves high, but when Bro. Patsy Rogolino walked into the water with the new convert, the ocean calmed and not a wave disturbed the baptism. Our Sister was so joyful when she came out of the water. A smile of happiness and joy was upon her face, and all of us were greatly blessed. As we left the seashore, the man who had stood behind us, came and spoke to us. He told how he enjoyed the baptism and the blessing he received and came back to our meeting with us. We had a wonderful meeting, during which our new Sister was confirmed and several visions were seen. A Sister was annointed for an affliction and was healed. These are but a few of the blessings God has bestowed upon us in Fort Pierce and we rejoice in our hearts that God is so good. We thank Him that He has called us into this Glorious Gospel and pray that we might hold firm and faithful to the end.

Sister Juanita Rogolino

VILLAGE TO BE BUILT ON FAMOUS BIBLICAL SITE

Jewish settlers will soon till the soil on the slopes of Mount Gilboa, where Saul and Jonathan were slain in the war against the Philistines and mourned by David.

The Gilboa Mountains form part of the southern border of the Jezreel Valley, close to the demarcation line with Jordon-held territory.

Jewish Hope

AUSILIO — PARRAVANO NUPTIALS

Olivia Ruth Ausilio and Louis Daniel Parravano were united in marriage at Detroit Branch #1 on Saturday, November 24, 1962, at 1:00 p.m. with Brother Louis Parravano officiating. The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister Vito Ausilio of Detroit and the groom is the son of Brother and Sister Louis Parravano of Modesto, California.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Sister Almerinda Ausilio, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Rosemary Furitano and Sharon Pontillo. The groom's brother, Joe Parravano, was best man and Johnny Eager and Eugene Amormino were ushers. Sister Rosalinda Dix was the organist and Mrs. Sadie Huett sang "I'll Walk Beside You."

A reception was held at 7:00 p.m. at the A.S.L.A. Hall. After a brief honeymoon the newlyweds will travel to Modesto, California where they plan to make their home.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

The last four verses of Helaman reads as follows: "And many more things did the people imagine up in their hearts, which were foolish and vain; and they were much disturbed, for Satan did stir them up to do iniquity continually; yea, he did go about spreading rumors and contentions upon all the face of the land, that he might harden the hearts of the people against that which was good and against that which should come. And notwithstanding the signs and the wonders which were wrought among the people of the Lord, and the many miracles which they did, Satan did get great hold upon the hearts of the people upon all the face of the land. And thus ended the ninetieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi. And thus ended the book of Helaman, according to the record of Helaman and his sons:

The next book in order, is the Third Book of Nephi and what wonderful things are recorded therein. It is my intention to delve briefly into its contents as I peruse through it. But before I go farther, I will remind you that as Lehi and his colony left Jerusalem, it was prophesied that Jesus Christ would be born in 600 years from that time. In verse 1 of Third Nephi, I read that the ninety-first year had passed away (of the Judges) and it was 600 years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem. In verse 2 I read that Nephi, the son of Helaman, had departed out of the land of Zarahemla, giving charge unto his son Nephi who was his eldest son, concerning the plates of brass, (plates of Laban) and all the records which had been kept, and all those things which had been kept sacred from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem, which was 600 years ago, and at this time they are looking for the Christ to be born—the sign, when a day and night would pass without any darkness.

In verse 3, it is recorded that he (Nephi) departed out of the land, and whither he went, no man knoweth: and his son Nephi (the grandson of Helaman) did keep the records in his stead, yea, the record of this people. Let us take a little note of time—for it does fly around. At this time Lehi and his colony had left Jerusalem 600 years ago, which is a longer time than it has been since Columbus discovered these shores, and it is almost two thousand years since the event the Nephi

people were then looking for—the sign to be given of the birth of Christ, when a night was to pass away without any darkness. And this first chapter of Third Nephi gives testimony of its literal fulfillment. One of the most wonderful events of the ages. Yea, thousands of years have passed on since the fall of our first parents in the garden of Eden, and in these various ages which have passed by, wonderful testimonies have been left on their records of miracles happening, which testified that the God of us all would not forget us, but would in His own time, send us a Redeemer that would atone for the sins of our first parents.

In verse 4 of this chapter, it says: Behold the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully; for there began to be greater signs and greater miracles wrought among the people. Their enemies began to rejoice over the saints of God, the unbelievers claimed that the time was past of which Samuel the Lamanite had prophesied of. And it became an anxious time for those who had put their trust in the words or prophecies of Samuel. They were even threatened with death if it failed. When Nephi saw the wickedness of his people, he was very sorrowful. And in verse 11 he bowed himself down upon the earth, and cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people. Yea, those who were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.—It was their faith that the Christ would come in six hundred years.

In verse 12, Nephi cried mightily unto the Lord **all the day**; and, behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying: **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 in verse 15, at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came. Yea, in 600 years after the prophetic utterance was made, the Babe was born as was predicted.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Dear Brother Editor:

During this past month of November we of the Youngstown branch have been enjoying visitors from several branches. On November 4th, we were privileged to have in our midst visiting elders from New Jersey along with two other brothers from that part of the vineyard.

On November 15, 1962 we enjoyed a visit from Brother Rocco Biscotti Brother Frank Calabrese, Brother Frank Altomier and Brother Anthony Picciuto. Our brothers gave us a good discourse which was enjoyed by all. There were some strangers present who expressed enjoyment of our brothers' words. Brother Picciuto opened the morning meeting reading in the 23rd chapter of Matthew, verses 24 through 27. Brother Anthony's discourse was as a question of where do we live and he said that he had given this much thought when the Lord called him to obey the gospel. He made his choice of where he wanted to live. He bid those who hadn't made this choice to give heed.

Brother Calabrese followed reflecting on the lives of some of our old brethren who bore the heat of the

day and how they being filled with the spirit of God confound the wise and by the power of God healed the sick and enjoyed the gifts of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He expressed himself as being thankful of having been called into this wonderful restored gospel.

Brother Biscotti opened the afternoon meeting and continued on the same discourse. He exhorted of a necessity to surrender all that we might know the fullness of the joy of the saints, which surpasses all understanding. He reflected on those saints of Youngstown when he first obeyed the Gospel. Brother Altomier give a wonderful testimony of his recent experiences when his wife was ill and how the Lord heard his prayers and came to his rescue. Brother and Sister Biscotti sang a duet, hymn 406. Brother Biscotti said he had spent 41 wonderful years in the Gospel and his wife 40 years.

Among other visiting brothers and sisters were Sister Romy Calabrese, Sister Lyda Picuitto, and a young brother baptized one month, Brother John Salerno.

On December 2nd two babies were blessed.

Brother Sam Costarella

ALIQUIPPA BRANCH

Oct. 1, 1962

On Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. we met on the eve of the departure of our Brother John and Sister Mary Ross, for the far off land of Nigeria. A lunch was served in the basement of the church building in honor of this occasion. We had a goodly number in attendance. Brother Thomas Ross, our presiding elder, in his opening remarks, stated that this was our way of expressing our feelings and gratitude to them and that we are looking anxiously toward their return. Brother Anthony Palmieri asked the blessing upon the food and we continued in fellowship.

A pin, shaped in a circle, and embedded with a pearl, was presented to our Sister Mary by the Ladies Circle of our branch. She humbly expressed her appreciation to all. We dispersed within a few hours each to our homes feeling thankful to God for the love and blessings we experience in The Church of Jesus Christ.

On the following afternoon a goodly number of Saints and friends from Aliquippa, McKees Rocks, Imperial, and Monongahela met at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport to bid farewell to Brother and Sister Ross. They left on this great journey with the best wishes from all. We are all confident that they will be a blessing to those Saints in Nigeria. May God be with them every step of the way.

BROTHER JAMES GIBSON

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Once more another year has rolled around, and we are almost at its completion, yet we are not sure, that our lives will be spared to see its end, or the beginning of the New Year. Hence it behooves us to be on the alert that if the end comes, it might not find us off-guard, but full watching, and waiting, like the wise Virgins, so that when the Saviour appears, we will be ready to go with Him into the Marriage Supper of the Lord. I shall now give you an idea, of how things are progressing out here in the Vineyard of the Lord. On Nov. 4th. in Branch #1, Service was introduced by Bro.

Dominic Thomas, who read a portion of scripture found in John 10th. Chapter, 1st. verse to 14th. verse. He gave us a very nice talk on the abundant life, which we enjoyed. On the 9th. of Nov. Bro. Tambarina, of Aliquippa, spoke in Branch #1. He spoke very humbly regarding Bro. and Sister Ross, who are gone to Nigeria, Africa, and offered a very devout prayer on their behalf. On Nov. 11th. 1962, the G. M. B. A. met in East Detroit High School, with a good following, from all points in Detroit, Windsor, Muncey, and other places, such as Ohio, New York, Pa. and other parts, met and had a lovely time. The main speaker was Bro. Anthony Di-Batista, who spoke from Luke 14th Chapter, 15th verse to the end of the 24th. verse, and gave us a very good talk. Other speakers were Bros. James Campbell of Monongahela, and Frank Johonone, of Warren, Ohio. The Detroit, Branch #1, Quartet sang, Supper Time, with a good feeling in it. Through the course of the meeting, the tongues, was spoken, and interpretation given, that the Lord was calling all those who would come to Him. Another tongues was spoken, and the interpretation given that we need more zeal, in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the conclusion of the meeting, there were two sisters, and a bro. baptized. On Sunday, Nov. 18th., at Branch #1, the speaker was Bro. M. Miller, who read portions of scripture, in Acts 15th. and 16th. Chapters, and brought out the baptism of Lydia, the Jailor, and his house-hold also being baptized, and the manifestation of the spirit of God, when Paul and Silas, got up in the middle of the night, prayed to God, and sang praises, unto Him. Bro. John Buffa followed, and gave a seasoned talk, and we had a sister baptized. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, in Branch #1, the speaker was Bro. Nick Pietrangelo, who gave us a good talk, followed by Bro. Anthony Scolaro. We were well fed, spiritually. On Nov. 25th. we were in Sarnia, Ont., and had an enjoyable time, indeed with Bro. and Sisters. On Wednesday, Dec. 19th. service was introduced in Branch #1, by Bro. Joe Milantoni, Bro. Joe was making preparations to give the Indians in Muncey, the best treat they have had thus far. On Sunday, Dec. 23rd. in Branch #1, we had our best program we have had yet. The teachers put out their best efforts, and the children responded wonderfully, and every-thing came off admirably. Prizes were distributed for various meritorious reasons, and the children left happily enjoying Christmas. Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year. Your bro. in Christ.

Matthew T. Miller

CARL C. KOSLOSKY PASSES ON.

Mr. Kosloskey the husband of Sister Molly Koslosky of Bentleyville, Pa., born Oct. 1901, died on Dec. 8, 1962. He was buried Dec. 11th from the Thompson Funeral Home in Bentleyville with Brother W. H. Cadman officiating. Sara Vancik accompanied Irene Griffith who sang three solos. Internment at Bealsville Cemetery.

To mourn his passing were his widow and eight children and many other relatives. Sister Molly and her daughter Dorothy are members of the Church at Monongahela.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved family.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Thy faith hath made thee whole", Luke 17:19.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you about one of the miracles of Jesus. In this, there is a great lesson for us. It is found in the New Testament, Luke 17.

Once Jesus was going to Jerusalem. To get there he had to pass through many villages. As he entered one of them, ten men saw him and called to him. These men were lepers. They had a dreadful disease and had to stay away from all other people. They would cry out, "Unclean, Unclean," so the people would not come near them. It was very sad to be away from families and friends. How they must have longed to be with their loved ones. They were so lonely.

Jesus saw them a long way off. They lifted up their voices and cried, "Jesus, master, have mercy on us." They no doubt had heard of Jesus, the great physician. Jesus said, "Go and show yourself to the priests." Quickly the men hurried down the road to do as Jesus had commanded. As they journeyed along they found that they were healed of this terrible disease. They were clean! How wonderful! Can you imagine their joy? Now they could go home! How anxious they must have been to tell their loved ones.

But one stopped, turned around and came back to where Jesus was. Here was the man, Jesus, who had healed his body and given him this great blessing. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and gave him thanks. Jesus asked, "Were there not ten lepers? Where are the other nine?" But the nine forgot to return to thank Jesus, for this great healing they had received. Jesus turned to this leper who turned back and said, "Arise go thy way, thy faith had made thee whole".

Which are we like, the one who gave thanks or the nine who forgot? Do we thank and praise Him as we should? Do we accept His loving gifts as a matter of course? Let us be like the leper who took time, came back to thank the Master.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Read in Leviticus 13 and 14, about the law of leprosy. This is why Jesus said to show themselves to the priest. Verse 45 in chapter 13 tells what they shall cry.
2. What woman was smitten with leprosy because she spoke against her brother? Numbers 12:10
3. How long was she shut out from the camp? Numbers 12:14
4. Did the people go off and leave her there? Numbers 12:15.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

FIRST SERIES

By Anthony DiBattista

I came from Detroit, Mich. to McKeesport, Pa. in 1919. I got acquainted with many people and made friends very fast because I played the accordion. In 1920 I met Brothers Dominic Dintino and Vincent Di-

Gennaro, they spoke to me about the Church of Jesus Christ, and I asked, "Where do you meet?", they said in Dravosburg, Pa. We agreed I'd meet with them the next Sunday, I met with them on the second Sunday and the third Sunday I was baptized — that was on March 20, 1920.

The Lord began to bless me wonderfully, but my friends began to hate me. One of my best friends was a barber. We also played music together. When I didn't go to play anymore and I went to his shop he began to question me, why I didn't go to the shop as often as I did before. I told him I had joined the Church of Jesus Christ, he called me all kinds of names then he put me out of the barber chair and said I wasn't his friend any more. Bro. Vincent Lupo (Now living in New York) was a witness to this. (My first experience.) I was a little discouraged at this time so I went to the Lord in prayer, the same night he gave me this dream——

"I was in Glassport, Pa. and it looked like the end of the world was coming, it started to get very dark with thunder and lightening, it looked very temptuous and all at once a prophet appeared and then thousands more prophets came all dressed in white, He began to preach to "repent and be baptized for the end of the world would soon come". We walked down to the river-shore, while we were standing there, it seemed there were all different church groups set off to themselves, the prophet started to command them to cross the river two by two. As they started to go into the water with each pace they went deeper and deeper and then they were drowned. He then commanded two brothers of the church to go across, they walked all the way, when they got on the other side they looked back to us and smiled. The prophet said, "All those who are baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ shall cross the river and be saved, and those who are not shall be condemned" . . . This was the answer to my prayer.

I started to write to Anna Frammolina of Detroit, Mich. telling her of this church I had found in Pennsylvania. Shortly after, my brother Patsy DiBattista came to see me. He also was baptized. A few months later he went to Detroit to try to spread this Restored Gospel as well as he could, and later wrote to me and asked if it were possible to send an Elder there, I gave the letter to Bro. Charles Ashton. They held a special meeting and chose Brothers Ishmael D'Amico and Joseph Du-lisse. They laid hands on them and a great manifestation of the Spirit of God was felt in the service to prove to us that God would be with them to go to Detroit, and the work of God did grow and is still growing today.

CLEVELAND, OHIO ABOUT 1920: Bro. Joseph Corrado, who lived in Glassport, said, "Bro. Tony, let's go to Cleveland, to spend a few days," we got on the train for Cleveland and took a streetcar to Five Point. We began to visit some of Bro. Joseph's relatives and visited four families that day. The last house we stopped at was Bro. and Sister Venzazio Thomas. It got dark while we were there so we stayed all night. Before we went to bed Bro. Joe said, "Let's have a word of prayer," as Joe prayed a light came up out of the corner of the kitchen and stayed on the ceiling for awhile, and went down to the other corner in a triangular way, that light surely was as bright as a shining star.

After a few days we came home, on our journey we

questioned each other of what experience we received, Bro. Joe said, "I received a blessing," I agreed that I did too. I then told him of my experience in which I saw the shining light, and I said to Bro. Joe, "that family will be the first members of the Church of Jesus Christ in Cleveland". A few days after we returned to Glassport, Bro. and Sister Thomas sent a telegram with money asking Bro. Joe to return to Cleveland. They requested to be baptized. The Glassport Branch then held a special meeting and set aside Bro. Joe Corrado and Bro. Vincent DiGennaro. They went to Cleveland, which started the work of the Lord there and is still going on.

CORAOPOLIS, PA. JULY, 1921: I was called and ordained an Elder, God put His spirit upon me to preach the Restored Gospel. Shortly after this Bro. Dominic Dintino said we should go to Coraopolis, a couple brothers tried to spread the work there but made no progress. Bro. Dintino and I went, the first house we went to was the home of Grazia Rossa, she received us with an open heart, as we talked she was glad to hear us. She prepared a good dinner for us as we spoke to her. Shortly after this she was baptized and was the first member in Coraopolis.

On another visit Bro. Dintino and I went to Pittock, Pa. where the church building is now, right below there the family, namely, Nick DiVito, lived so we visited this family. It was about 9:30 A.M. She just got out of bed and she received us with great joy. While we were speaking of the Restored Gospel the blessing of God fell upon us, in our talk we told her that when we were gone, go to God in prayer in the name of Jesus, to ask God who we are. She put her both hands on her head and said, "Oh! I don't have to go to the Lord to ask who you are, just before I got up out of bed two young pigeons were flying in my bedroom, and they both landed, one on each side of my pillow, that showed me that they represent you two, because you have brought peace into my home. Not long after this Bro. Nicole and Sister Mary DiVito were baptized. Bro. Nicole became a Deacon of the Church.

At this same place we crossed back over the railroad where two old people, the Raffaele Deramo's lived. They had a ferocious dog and as we walked on the side walk the dog followed us and when we knocked at the door they opened for us in a hurry because of the dog. When we got in they marvelled because the dog did not harm us. We told them that he followed us like a little lamb. Later these two became baptized and also donated the lot where the Church is now built in Pittock, Pa.

During this time Bro. and Sister Dintino were also visiting some relatives in McKees Rocks and were trying to speak to them of the Gospel, they received opposition but were not discouraged. Bro. and Sister Dintino offered fasting and prayer in behalf of this family. They acknowledged this and said that we are the true servants of the most high God, but it still was not enough to convince them of the Restored Gospel. A few weeks later Bro. Dintino invited me to go with him to McKees Rocks to visit his relatives again. We visited Vincent Clement first and when we knocked at the door he just opened it enough to look at us with one eye. We spoke a few words, then we left and went to Vincent Clement's sister, not too far from his place. When we got there,

she lived with her daughter, we began to explain the Gospel and as we were talking, her daughter came out of the bedroom with her face all wrapped with a woolen cloth, she was in misery, she said, "I'm suffering a lot with a toothache, I went to the Doctor but he wouldn't touch it because it was too dangerous, I went to the Dentist and he wouldn't touch it because it was too swollen." When we looked at her face we could see she was really in great pain. Brother Dintino got the little bottle of olive oil out of his pocket and said to her, "put a drop of this oil on the tip of your finger and put it on your tooth," she did this and when she touched her tooth with the oil the tooth jumped out by itself. This miracle brought a change to the whole family, this was Sister Anna Calangelo, mother-in-law of Bro. Dan Casasant. Because of the manifestation of the glory of God through his Son Jesus Christ all this family were baptized in the Lord, after this we visited Bro. Clement again and he gave us a welcome, shortly after he was baptized too and the work of the Restored Gospel prospered.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

By James Heaps

My subject for the Gospel News will be the Holy Spirit. What is it? Why is it? Where would the church be without it? The nature and work of the Holy Spirit is aptly illustrated by the words of Christ to Nicodemus, when he said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth; thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell where it cometh and wither it goeth." So is everyone that is born of the spirit. We cannot see the wind, but we can see and feel the results. We see the sea lashed into great fury, great trees uprooted, whole cities are carried away, many lives are crushed out. Yes, we see the results of its mighty force, and yet we cannot see the wind.

It came upon the gathering in the upper room like a mighty rushing wind. Of His existence there can be no question. We feel his Spirit in song, in testimony, in the preaching of the word. We see Him striving with sinners and leading them by an irresistible force, to renounce sin and give their lives to God, and yet, we do not see Him. It is one of God's mysteries. Some day, of course, we shall understand. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then we shall see face to face. John said, "There are three that bear record in heaven, the father, the word (which means the Son), and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. How can there be three when there are one. They are one in mind, and in spirit. If Christ did everything in opposition to God, how could they be one? But, Jesus said, "I do always those things that please my heavenly Father." If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater, for this is the witness of God, and He hath testified of his Son, and this is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ, not by water only, but by water and blood, and it is the spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. Here we have three witnesses all bearing record of one another, all of the same mind, all of the same spirit.

Was the Holy Spirit from the beginning? He moved upon the face of the waters. There are not three Gods. There is one God, one Christ, one Holy Spirit. Some say Adam was their God, well I am glad he was not mine, for as in Adam all die, even so, in Christ shall all be

made alive. Some say we came from monkeys, well I am glad I did not. God is a spirit and he that worships God must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Now if you cannot see a spirit, and John said, "No man has seen God at any time." And yet, we know that he has parts and passions, and we were made in His image. He showed Moses His hinder parts. How did he see his hinder part? God put him in the cleft of the rock, or he put him in the spirit of Christ and let him see the glory of God.

Everything is done by the spirit of God. How did the spirit rest on Jesus at His baptism? In the form of a dove. They did not see the spirit, but they saw the dove, so the spirit can come in many forms. Angels are ministering spirits. Did Jesus need the spirit, "yes", he said, "the spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me." And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan and was led by the spirit into the wilderness. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the flesh. And Paul said, "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 to Glory, "Was the Holy Spirit made manifest during the time of the Law. The Red Sea was opened by faith through the spirit.

After Jesus visited this land in his resurrected body, he said, "Ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and him will I baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, "Even as the Lamanites because of their faith in me at the time of their conversion were baptized with fire and the Holy Ghost. Is the Holy Spirit here today, "yes", I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Oliver Cowdery while listening to the voice of the angel, said, "What joy, what wonder, what amazement, when the angel said I am thy fellow servant, dispelled every fear, we listened, we gazed, we admired, twas the voice of an angel." Where was there room for doubt? Nowhere. Uncertainty had fled, doubt had sunk, no more to rise. Nor has this earth power to give the joy, to bestow the peace, or comprehend the wisdom which was contained in each sentence as they were delivered by the power or the holy spirit. This only proves the fact that angels spoke by the power of the holy spirit. Jesus said, "If I go not away the comforter will not come." While he was with them He was their comforter. The spirit had to take his place in the church. A church without the spirit is a dead church. The letter killeth, it is the spirit that quickeneth and giveth life to the church.

Well, let us see what Jesus said he would do. He will testify of me, He will convince men of sin, He will guide you into all truth, He will show you things to come. Whatsoever He shall hear, that shall he speak. The spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man save the spirit of a man that is in him. Even so, the things of God knoweth no man but the spirit of God. He directs the servants of God. The Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them, so they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost departed unto Seleucia." The Holy Spirit makes us overseers. He warns the Church of Apostasy. Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall

depart from the faith. He has the power to give revelations, and it was revealed unto Him (Simeon) by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lords Christ. He exercises his own will, but all these worketh that one and self-same spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. He will lay no burden upon you. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than those necessary.

He can be vexed. They rebelled and vexed his Holy Spirit therefore he was turned to be their enemy. He is grieved by sin in the lives of Gods children. Grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. To be continued.

Your Brother in Christ

IF A SECOND COMING, A SECOND CRUCIFIXION?

By Sydney J. Harris

IF THERE SHOULD be, on Christmas night, a second coming—would there not be soon a second crucifixion?

And this time, not by the Romans or the Jews, but by those who proudly call themselves Christians?

I wonder. I wonder how we today would regard and treat this man with his strange and frightening and "impractical" doctrines of human behavior and relationships. Would we believe and follow, any more than the masses of people in his day believed and followed?

Would not the militarists among us assail him as a cowardly pacifist because he urges us not to resist evil?

WOULD NOT the nationalists among us attack him as a dangerous internationalist because he tells us we are all of one flesh?

Would not the wealthy among us castigate him as a troublemaking radical because he bars the rich from entering the kingdom of heaven?

Would not the liberals among us dismiss him as a dreamy vagabond because he advises us to take no thought for the morrow, to lay up no treasures upon earth?

Would not the ecclesiastics among us denounce him as a ranting heretic because he cuts through the cords of ritual and commands us only to love God and our neighbors?

Would not the sentimentalists among us deride him as a cynic because he warns us that the way to salvation is narrow and difficult?

Would not the Puritans among us despise and reject him because he eats and drinks with publicans and sinners, preferring the company of winebibbers and harlots to that of "respectable" church members?

Would not the sensual among us scorn him because he fasts for 40 days in the desert, neglecting the needs of the body?

Would not the proud and important among us laugh at him when he instructs the 12 disciples that he who would be "first" should be the one to take the role of the least and serve all?

WOULD NOT the worldly-wise and educated among us be aghast to hear that we cannot be saved except we become as children, and that a little child shall lead us?

Would not each of us in his own way find some part

of this man's saying and doing to be so threatening to our ways of life, so much at odds with our rooted beliefs, that we could not tolerate him for long?

I wonder.

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HAS JESUS BECOME THE MOST FASCINATING FIGURE AMONG THE JEWS?

By our Missionary, H. M. Mael, in Michigan

It is strange but true that even though the Jews reject Christ as their promised Messiah, He is still the most controversial subject among them. He is discussed pro and con in almost every Jewish publication and by word of mouth, but Jewry never seems to come to any agreement regarding Him!

As we witness to the Jews and present the claims of Christ, the usual reply is, "We only believe in one God." When we ask the question to whom Jewry refers in the thirteen articles of the Jewish faith, where it states; "I believe with a 'perfect faith' in the coming Messiah, and though He tarry, yet will I wait for His coming", and when we ask, "Will He be human or will He be Divine?", not even the rabbis have an answer.

It is tragic but true that when Jewry rejected the Saviour-Messiah, they rejected the Word of God also, for they have no explanation to offer for the prophecies relative to the first coming of Christ. A rabbi frankly admitted, "If I accepted Isaiah chapter 53, I would have to accept Jesus for it is a clear picture of Him." Knowing this to be a fact, what can the Jewish religious leaders do but reject the Word of God. Our Lord said to these "blind leaders of the blind", "...Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition (Mark 7:9)."

Recently we have been witnessing to a Jewish man who vehemently defends Pharisaical Judaism and, like the Pharisees of old, rejects the Word of God in order to hold to his own traditions. This is the position of most rabbis. On one occasion a rabbi told us that modern Judaism was founded by the Pharisees. Is it any wonder then that the Jews reject the Christ of God, as the Pharisees did of old?

We do thank God that, despite this unbelief, there are those who think for themselves and come to their own conclusion regarding the Christ of God. Among the rabbis, many extol Jesus even to the extent of permitting their people to read the New Testament, a thing unheard of in the past.

One rabbi had this to say about the Lord Jesus, "Who can compute all that Jesus has meant to humanity, the love He has inspired, the solace He has given, the good He has engendered, the hope and the joy He has kindled, all that is unequalled in human history. Among the great and the good that the human race has produced, none has ever approached Jesus in the universality of appeal and sway. He has become the most fascinating figure in history. In Him is combined what is best and most mysterious and most enchanting in Israel, the eternal people whose child He was."

How true, yet how tragic that other rabbis turn their people against this peerless, Eternal Son of God. What a tragic end awaits all these, who will be obliged to spend eternity with the lost souls whom they led

astray. They will be accused for the plight of their own people, all because they rejected the Word of God, and with it the Son of God also.

We are certain that if it were not for the unbelieving Jewish religious leaders, thousands of precious Jewish souls would come to the saving knowledge of their Saviour-Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we were witnessing to a group of Jews, we presented the claims of Christ and quoted: "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 myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

As we quoted these verses, and the group listened silently, a Jewess placed her hand over her heart and exclaimed, "That's just beautiful, it makes you feel so good!" It was indeed food for their souls.

On another occasion we quoted these verses to another Jewess. As we began, she followed us quoting the words with us and her face just shone. This Jewess remarked that the Jews would be surprised if they knew what she believed about Jesus. Still another Jewess said, after having been witnessed to and had come to see the beauty of our Lord, "I don't know what any one wants more than Jesus." Then an aged Jew testified, "I believe in Jesus; I believe He is the Son of God my Saviour." Indeed, "Behold the Man!" When we do this, in sincerity and in truth, we come to see Him as the true Son of God.

From "Jewish Hope"

OLD CONCEPTS FALL IN REVISED JEWISH BIBLE

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "When God began to create the heaven and earth," begins the new Jewish Bible in one of several striking changes of the book, the first ever translated into modern English directly.

The new Bible, known as "the Torah, the five books of Moses," which will be published Jan. 28, says Moses didn't really cross the Red Sea.

Condemns Perjury

It revises the Third Commandment to condemn perjury, not profanity of God's name.

The word "soul" is virtually eliminated and the expression "with all my heart" is given a new interpretation — that of agreement rather than implying loyalty or devotion.

Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, editor-in-chief of a committee of Bible scholars who worked eight years on the \$250,000 project, said Thursday in announcing the new book that the most striking change is in the revision of the Third Commandment.

Formerly, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," it now reads, "You shall not swear falsely by the name of the Lord your God for the Lord will not clear one who swears falsely by His name."

The old interpretation improperly implied an injunction against profanity, said the editors, whereas the Hebrew reveals the commandment as concerned with perjury.

Dr. Orlinsky said the reason for the first words of the new Bible—"When God began to create the heaven and earth" — being phrased in such a way that it eliminates the inaccurate implication that eternity

began when God made the earth. The old version published in 1917, started "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

'Sea of Reeds'

As for Moses, the new book says he led the children of Israel out of Egypt through the parted waters of the Sea of Reeds a marshy area near the Red Sea and not far from the present Suez Canal.

Dr. Orlinsky, professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, also explained why the new Torah eliminates the aged concept of "soul."

"The Hebrew word in question there is 'nefesh,'" he said. "Other translators have interpreted it to mean 'soul' which is completely inaccurate. The Bible does not say we have a soul. 'Nefesh' is the person himself, his need for food—the very blood in his veins."

The Torah, containing Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, will be published by the Jewish Publication Society of America, a non-profit education Institution. It is the first of three scheduled volumes of the Holy Scriptures, commonly known together as the Old Testament. The others — prophets and writings — are to be completed by 1975.

Contributed by J. J. Perri

MONTHLY MEDITATION

God is fulfilling prophecy today, for He is dealing with the Jews. All prophetic Scriptures concern the Jew, who is the subject of prophecy. Distinct prophecies concerning Russia and all other nations must be viewed in their relation to the Jews.

The destiny of the Jew is fixed by Divine providence and depends on Divine faithfulness. His very survival after centuries of persecution is a standing proof of the activity of God in human affairs, for without Him the Jews would have been blotted out long ago. Nations might fight and Russia do its worst, but the future of the Jew is wrapped up in the purpose of God.

What a surprise the nations will have one day when they find that God intervenes and delivers the Jews from all their enemies and makes them His channels of blessing to the world. The 8th chapter of Zechariah is a better guide to their future than man can find elsewhere. Here we read in the 23rd verse: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." This Scripture has never been fulfilled; it remains a future hope and expectation for the Jew.

There is a day coming when a covenant-keeping God will make Jerusalem a praise in the earth, for it is marked out in the Scripture as the center from which the greatest world movement will take place. We read in Jeremiah 3:17, 18, "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers."

Prophecy after prophecy, prediction after prediction, tells us of the restoration of the Jews. What is the purpose of that restoration? It is to be both national and spiritual. This is foretold in Ezekiel 37 in the vision of the dry bones: "He said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say . . . Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live . . . Thus saith the Lord God . . . I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord . . . O my people." This is now coming to pass before our very eyes.

Today there is a national spirit arising and a movement toward nationalism among the Jews, but so far there is no "breath" in them. They have not yet been spiritually awakened and restored. God has promised that this shall come after their national restoration. Then said He unto me: "Say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet an exceeding great army."

This then is the second state of Israel's restoration, for they are also to be quickened spiritually and to recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah, for we read in verse 14: "And shall put my spirit in you and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord."

We must realize that God is now beginning to fulfill these predictions. The land has been restored to them and multitudes of Jews have returned and more are returning to the land in unbelief; but the Holy Spirit is working mightily in their hearts. We have today the greatest opportunity to win the Jews to Christ if we could help them in their terrible plight, because almost every day some more Jews are flocking into their country, which is unable to take care of all of them.

The cry of these poor refugees, who suffer so innocently, is reaching Heaven, and God is now calling His children to comfort and help them in their distress and sorrow, for He says in Isaiah 40:1, "Comfort ye, my people." Are you willing to listen to His voice and show these poor people the love of Christ by feeding and clothing them?

Yours in His service for Israel,

A. U. Michelson.

From "Jewish Hope"

EVERGLADES INDIANS BOW TO EDUCATION

MIAMI (UPI) — "The hunting is beginning to go. Our children will not be able to live off the land."

Buffalo Tiger spoke sad words, but his eyes showed pride in the new one-room school the county and the federal government built for his Indians off the Tamiami Trail about 40 miles west of Miami.

Heads Council

Buffalo Tiger, head of the tribal council of the fiercely independent Trail Indian branch of the Miccosukee Seminole tribe, came out of the Everglades Monday to see 19 Indian children, ranging in age from

7 to 16, start their first formal schooling.

For years his Trail Indians resisted life on the reservations, where schools have long been in operation. They preferred to build their chickees in the Everglades, live off the land and sell trinkets to the tourists.

But hardships softened the attitude of the tribal leaders. They asked for the school.

White Man Trusted

"There is a feeling we can trust the white man more. We have been promised some things and the promises kept," said Buffalo Tiger.

"And we know the hunting is beginning to go. We can't live off the land much longer as well as we used to. The old people didn't like the idea of the schools, but they know the children must go.

"They must learn English, learn to get along so they will be able to live when they grow up. We can still be Indians and don't have to adopt the white man's life . . . but the old life is gone.

"Maybe in five years the hunting is all gone."

A Letter of Appreciation

Dear Readers:

I have received a letter which certainly show some appreciation for the Gospel News, it reads as follows: "Enclosed is a check for \$50. to be used for the Gospel News. It certainly is an interesting Paper. May the Lord bless you richly for all your efforts. Many times we forget to say thank you, Bro. Cadman, but I want you to know that the saints love you.

Well, Thoughtful subscriber — I must say **Thank You!** For I was surely not looking for anything like this. I read that the Lord loves a "cheerful giver" and may He replenish you a hundred-fold for your generosity. I will add that I receive quite a few compliments on the paper, which I appreciate very much. I have now entered the 19th year of its publication and very few contributions in the way of writings have I refused to print—though I have refused some. The paper, along with many of its articles and poems have been complimented highly. I will add too, that while I mail lots of papers to people unknown to me, very few have ever been returned to me, but two or three have been returned, accompanied with a few sarcastic words. However, maybe that is to be expected.

May the Lord bless the donor in this instance, and may your offering serve as a means of stimulating our subscription-list to the wonderful little periodical, known as The Gospel News. Thank you very much.
—Editor.

LORAIN, OHIO

Gospel News Editor

Dear Brother Cadman:

We of Lorain pray for your health and strength to increase. We hear that you are not too well of late. May the good Lord stretch forth his hand of mercy upon you not only for your sake but for the whole of the church. Again I have the sad duty to write to you to tell of another Faithful Sister in Christ who has gone on to her reward.

Sister Janet D. Hefner, 52, of Lorain, died on Thursday, January 10, 1963, at the Elyrie Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. She underwent a heart operation on Wed., and never came to after it.

Sister Hefner was born Oct. 12, 1910, at Worthington, W. Va. She came to Lorain from Knox, Pa. Surviving her are her widower, Guy; three sons, Robert of Knox, Pa., Arthur and Ronald of Lorain; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Wilda) Collison, Mrs. Gerald (Janet) Warden and Miss Alice Hefner, all of Lorain. Her mother Mrs. Clara Cowan of Lorain; A brother, John Caldwell of Elyria. A sister Mrs. Michael (Johnetta) Guba of McKeesport, Pa., eleven grandchildren.

Services were held at the Riedy-Scanlan Funeral Home, Jan. 12, 1963. Elder Joseph Calabrese was in charge with Elder Frank Calabrese assisting in the services. Sister Hefner was laid to rest at the Ridge Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. May God comfort those who mourn her departure.

Sister Margaret E. King

Chico State College,
Chico, California.

January 9, 1963

Dear Brother Cadman,

We are a group of young people attending Chico State College at Chico California. We are all members of The Church of Jesus Christ; there are five of us. Two of us are permanent residents of Chico. The other three, living here during the school year, are from Modesto.

Chico has been established as a mission of the Modesto branch for about a year. During this school year we have been able to meet together on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings to study the word of God. The Lord has blessed us in studying the scripture and in speaking the Gospel to others.

Recently, we decided to devote our Wednesday night study class time to learning more about the missionary work of the church. We would like to know if we could obtain from you, a list of all established branches and missions and their current membership. We hope that this will give us some idea of how the church has spread since the work of the Restoration began and how the work is progressing in the missionary field.

We are praying that God will continue to be with us and that through our testimonies others might come to the knowledge of the Restored Gospel.

We are your Bro. and Sisters in Christ,

Bro. Johnny Eager
Sister Rose Lovalvo
Sister Sharon Lovalvo
Sister Lavon Gilly
Sister Marcia Leeds

P.S. Dear Johnny, Sisters Lavon and Marcia: I just cannot place you—but Rose and Sharon, you make me think of **The Lily of the Valley**. May the Lord be with you all. Brother Cadman.

THE TREND?

What shall the end be?

In the land of the free And the home of the brave, In the State of Pennsylvania alone, the cost of the recent November Election as given by the two parties (Republican and Democrats) cost \$3,936,527 dollars as given through the press in Pittsburgh and it is stated that, that sum only started to tell the story; and that much more was spent by the local committees in the state's 67 counties, and by special committees. It cost

one man \$15,096 dollars to be elected to the State Senate, a job which pays \$9,000 a year in Salary and expenses.

One Editorial is headed "A Rich Man's Game", and it is stated therein, that "The day may not be far off when **only** a millionaire may aspire to the office of governor, senator or president." And it is further stated, "It is the American tradition that a man can rise from the **log cabin** to the White House. We think it is a good tradition and should be preserved."

ELYRIA, OHIO

Dear Brother Editor:

Sister Antoinette DeFoggie of the Lorain branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed away at 2:30 p.m. Monday November 19, 1962 at the St. Joseph Hospital, following a long illness. Sister DeFoggie was born in Italy resided here for 45 years. Being a faithful Sister in the Church for many years she was dearly loved by all who knew her. Her survivors are her husband, Bro. Mike; two daughters Mrs. John Herstek of Lorain and Sister Rosemary at the Rebel Rest Home 221 West Ave, Elyria, Ohio. Both are faithful Sisters in the Church. There are three grandchildren and a brother, Clement Martino of Lorain.

Elders Alfred Dominico and Joseph Calabrese officiated at the funeral services at the Church of Jesus Christ at 2 p.m. on Wed. Nov. 21, 1962, after which she was laid to rest at Ridge Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. May God comfort her family in the hour of deep sorrow, and always is our prayer.

Branch Editor,
Sister Marge King

SISTER WESLEY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I just feel to write a few lines. For some time I have been reading the Gospel News. I don't know who is paying for it. I thought my husband was sending it, but he says no. So I would like to thank who ever it may be that is sending it to me. I enjoy this paper very much. Our church is not here, so I really enjoy reading from the different Branches of the Church through the paper. I would like to know who is sending it so I could thank them personally. But thanks very much. I pray that God will bless you all.

Remember me in your prayers. Sister Beatrice Wesley, 1035 N. 11th Ave., Tucson, Arizona.

P.S. In a recent letter from Sister Fisher of Parlin, N.J. She informs me that while attending a meeting at Neptune, there was another convert baptized, and prospects of others to follow. She mentioned that Bros. Persico and Paul Benyola were present on this occasion, and that some of our folks from Freehold were present also. It seems as though the work is gradually growing in that part of the vineyard. May the Lord continue to bless their efforts in that part of the vineyard and crown them with success. Ed.

NOTE

A few days ago I received a short note from Bro. Heaps of whom you all know much about his physical condition. Well, he has gone through another serious ordeal. But he is still surviving with us. He wants

you all to know that he appreciates your prayers in his behalf as well as remembering him with your cards of affection. As I understand his case, he was taken to the hospital again but was not operated on at this time. I understand that he was given up for dead, but he has written me a few lines, letting me know that he is still much alive and is at home recuperating. He is referred to as a **Miracle Man**. May the Lord continue to bless brother Jimmie.

Brother A. B. Cadman had a fall from a stepladder some time ago and has been confined to his home for quite awhile, is now able to get around some. He had no bones broken, but was badly bruised. He is now past his 84th year.

As for me, I may as well tell you how I am faring. At the close of our last Conference I stayed in New Jersey and conducted three night meetings before returning home, and soon after returning home, I was affected by Monoxide Gas from my water heater and have not been well since. My girls do not want me to be alone, so I am spending most of my time at the home of my youngest daughter. At this date, I feel that I am slowly recovering and am living in hopes that as warm weather returns, I will recover from the effects of the deadly gas. I am at present very short of breath.

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

OBITUARY

Youngstown, Ohio, December 10, 1962

Sister Consillia DeGennaro was born in Bugnara, L'Quila, Italy, April 27, 1881, daughter of Salvatore and Carmella Manna DiPiero.

She was married to Brother Vincent DeGennaro, July 27, 1902. He died in February, 1960. She came to the United States in August, 1902.

She was baptized into the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST at Glassport, Pa., on March 28, 1919, and came to live in this area in 1921. She passed on to her reward on December 7, 1962.

Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Strait of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Cesare DiCenzo of Girard, Ohio, with whom she lived; four brothers, Brother Peter DiPiero, Glassport, Pa., Brother Dominic and Victor of Youngstown, Ohio, Frank of Aliquippa, Pa., two sisters in Italy; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother A. A. Corrado assisted by Brother William Genaro.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ.

G.M.B.A. HELD

The Missionary Benevolent Association held its semi-annual conference at Detroit, Michigan on November 10, 1962. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, and Canada were represented.

The morning session convened with unfinished business continuing with communications, officers' reports, and a progress report on the revision of the M.B.A. By-laws.

After the delegates read their reports at the commencing of the afternoon session, officers were elected for the incoming term. The newly elected officers are: Brother Isaac Smith, Vice-President; Sister Rose Corrado, Assistant Secretary; Brother Carl Frammolina,

Financial Secretary; Brother Anthony Scolaro, Treasurer; Brother Joseph Draskovich, Librarian; and Brother James Alessio, Organizer for the Ohio Area.

Prior to the evening meeting, a panel discussed the question, "What can be done to stir up an interest in the M.B.A.?" To summarize the panel's suggestions: One must have the desire and Love of God, one must have a non-defeatist attitude, one must be active, and there must be an objective in the local and G.M.B.A. Meetings.

In the evening session the Detroit Local #3 presented its program entitled, "God is so Good." At its conclusion the Aliquippa and Detroit #3 Locals sang a selection of hymns.

Throughout the conference a quartet from the Detroit #1 Local sang several hymns.

The May, 1963 G.M.B.A. Conference will be held in Youngstown, Ohio; the November conference, in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Corresponding Secretary,
Ruth E. Akerman

ROMEO SALERNO, PASSES ON (NILES, OHIO)

Brother Salerno age 68 died on Dec. 15, 1962. He was born in Italy in Feb. 1894. He later came to America and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in June of 1938. He became a teacher in the Church and also occupied the position of a 'trustee'. Brother Romeo has been a faithful brother in the Church, and will be missed.

Besides his beloved wife to mourn his passing, he leaves two sons, one sister and eight grand-children. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Joseph Genaro and assisted by Bro. A. A. Corrado. Two selections of song were rendered by sister Phyllis Corrado — "Oh Paradise," and "In The Sweet By and By."

Burial was in the Giard Liberty Union Cemetery.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — BRANCH #4

I have had a strong desire, for some time now, to write a newsletter to the Gospel News to let the Brothers and Sisters know a little of the happenings in our small portion of God's vineyard. We, of Branch #4, are still enjoying the fellowship with the Brothers and Sisters of Branch #2 in our Sunday meetings. Sunday, January 13, we were pleasantly surprised at the appearance of Brother William Cadman and his sweet daughter, Sister Mabel Bickerton, in our midst. Brother Cadman had been ailing for several weeks and had been too weak to even take the rostrum. On this day he consented to speak to us and to our great joy was strengthened so greatly that he was enabled to deliver a full sermon to us. His text was of Prophets and seers, and though glorious is their coming and the message they bring, we should not sit back, content to wait for them to do God's work. We were told of the richness of doing our own work, each in his own capacity.

Many had been praying for Brother Cadman throughout the church and God hears and He answers prayers. In this case the answer was evident in Brother Cadman's delivery, of God's word, to us this day. When our Bro-

ther had finished speaking Brother Gorie Ciavarino Praised God for the power He had returned to Brother Cadman and the good spirit in our midst this glorious morning. He dismissed our morning meeting and God heard and answered our dismissal prayer for continued spirit in our following fellowship meeting.

We met in the afternoon meeting and God granted us an extra portion in our Testimony meeting. Brother Tony Lovalvo opened with a beautiful Testimony on some wonderful experiences he had had in Lorrain, Ohio, the previous Sunday. He attested to the power and spirit of God in praying for the sick in body and spirit. He was followed by a truly vitalized spirit of testimony running like a golden thread from one to another of our group. This included a stand for truth made by our young Sister Donna Tormino which touched the hearts of all. Just a year ago this Sister had arisen in our meeting and asked for her baptism. Brothers and Sisters, it is hard for me to tell you with this cold pen and paper and only inadequate thoughts, how the honest and sincere words of our young Sister affected the hearts of those who heard her.

We also enjoyed words of testimony from our Sister Mabel Bickerton. She thanked God for having been able to sit under the sound of her father's voice from the rostrum again. Sister Bickerton told us of the anxiety of she and her sisters during their Father's illness and of how grateful she was, to God, for this day and this evidence of the spirit. Our Sister told us of many experiences she has had in which God has worked with her. One in particular of how God allowed her an accident which cleared the pathway before her and gave her the answer of direction for her life. She showed us the silver lining in a dark cloud of her life.

Our meeting ended with our voices raised in gladness singing the hymn "Our Church".

Branch Editor
Sister Betty Capone

RECENT FACTS AS USED IN EDITORIALS OR IN COMMENT ON THE RADIO VISITS

***"Americans drank, smoked and bet more in 1960 than ever before in history . . . revealed the Commerce Clearing House in an early report of Federal tax collections."

—PITTSBURGH PRESS, May 11, 1961

***"In the city of Pittsburgh "Safety Director Louis Rosenberg was particularly incensed over the numbers racket because of an undercover report he received that one local numbers ring is doing a \$100,000 business a day."

—PITTSBURGH PRESS, February 16, 1961

***"Pittsburgh ranks with Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, and Baltimore in betting \$4 Million a week on sporting events."

—NEWSWEEK, June 6, 1960

***With 1,500,000 weddings being held this year, marriage must be considered at least a \$1.5 BILLION a year business. The average wedding costs \$1,000.

—TIME, June 16, 1961

—And at the same time as all of these worldly expenditures, it's almost impossible to find finances for a Gospel broadcast!

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A SAD EASTER DAY

By Brother C. W. Holmes

How the tender hearts of Jesus' female disciples must have bubbled with joy on the resurrection morning as they bore their testimony; but who would believe their report? This was a unique day when the sisters were in the light while the brothers lingered in dark unbelief.

The angel of the Lord told the women at the empty tomb, "Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay, and go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you." (M't 28:5-7)

Overcoming their shock, they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy and ran to bring His disciples word, and, behold, Jesus met them, saying: "All hail!" and the women held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus personally confirmed the angel's message unto them, saying: "Be not afraid. Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me." (M't 28:8-10).

At first the women were afraid and would not testify (M'r 16:8), but Mary Magdalene led them off. (M'r 16:9, 10) Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved assured the brothers that the great stone had truly been moved away and the body of Jesus was no longer in the sepulchre (Lu 24:24), because they had witnessed this at the beckoning of Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-10); but when it came to the women's stories about angels with messages and Jesus walking and talking, they could not verify this, so they concluded that the sisters were guilty of telling "idle tales" and did not believe their testimony. (Lu 24:10, 11)

The sacred records are clear that the disciples did not depart for Galilee on the resurrection day in response to the Lord's message. As a matter of fact, two of them left for a village called Emmaus and met a stranger on the way to whom they described how Jesus had been slain although they "trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." They proceeded to tell the stranger about the day's happenings and the women's testimony, whereupon He said, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken," and expounded to them the things in the scriptures concerning Christ. (Lu 24:13-27)

Luke explains that it was toward evening and the day was far spent when they arrived at Emmaus and constrained the stranger to tarry with them, "and it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight . . . And they rose up the same hour and returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven gathered together and them that were with them." (Lu 24:28-33)

Mark reports in his Gospel that "He appeared in

another, form unto two of them as they walked and went into the country, and they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them." (M'r 16:12, 13) But according to Luke, the Lord by this time had given an added impetus to their faith by manifesting Himself to Peter and, at last, they declared: "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." (Lu 24:34)

The night Jesus was arrested He told His disciples, "After I am risen again I will go before you into Galilee." (M't 26:32) Now, the resurrection day was drawing to a close and they had failed to obey the Master's summons. They must have been deeply depressed and unable to eat their food as they reflected on these things behind closed doors; when, without warning, the Lord appeared in their midst. They would not go to Jesus, so He came to them.

Mark was compelled to record in his Gospel that "Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen." (M'r 16:14) These words would have never been written if the brothers had believed the testimony of their sisters. The women's early morning joy must have turned into dismal perplexity and bitter tears as they beheld their brothers adding another layer to mankind's mountain of shame.

Matthew concludes this phase of the resurrection story for us by reporting that "the eleven disciples went away into Galilee into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them, and when they saw Him, they worshipped Him,"—but we cannot end on a happy note because he adds, "but some doubted." (M't 28:16, 17)

NEWS FROM FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Dear Brother Cadman,

My Brothers and Sisters here are trying to hold fast to the rod of iron. They are trying all they can to learn the restoration of the Gospel. I am trying all I can to teach it to them. We had the opportunity to find a meeting place. It is in a very popular locality. It is on the main street when you are coming into town. The building is on the corner of 18th street and Ave. D. So far Brother Cadman, the outlook is good, although it is too early to say what the results will be. We meet every Sunday afternoon from 1 o'clock until 3:30. We have some visitors who say they never heard anything like the Gospel. I have had outsiders come to my room that I might explain the restored gospel to them. This is my whole life. I am not here to be seen or just to say, I am in the field. I am laboring with all my strength the Lord gives me. Tell all, I need their prayers now as never before.

I am thinking about Conference, but if things continue to look bright, as they are now, I don't know whether I'll come home or not. I am noticing the attention the people are giving to the Restored Gospel. I can see, we, the Church of Jesus Christ are the only people who have anything to offer this dying world. This is proof to me that we all had better be obedient

and faithful to the Lord's last warning voice to the world. I am visiting other churches Sunday mornings before our services begins. Last Sunday I visited the Church of Christ. Who are these people? Can you tell me something about them? I had an experience about them Sunday morning about 4:25 a.m. I learned there are some Salt Lake Mormons here, but I have not met them. If you can recall anything concerning The Church of Christ, after the death of Joseph Smith bring me up to date on it. Talk with Brother Alma, maybe both of you can give me something very good along this line.

Your Brother in Christ
Clarence Robinson

Note: Brother Robinson of the Jefferson Branch, Penna. has been doing Missionary work among his own race of people in Fort Pierce, Florida.

PYRAMID FOUND IN JORDAN BELIEVED LINKED TO MOSES

Expedition Unearths Large Structure

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A South American archaeological expedition has unearthed a pyramid in the wilderness, about 21 miles south of Amman, which it believes is associated with Moses.

The pyramid—about 140 feet high with walls 95 feet wide—is the biggest single structure ever unearthed in Trans-Jordan or Canaan.

It was discovered by a Venezuelan expedition led by Prof. Julio Ripamonti, of the Venezuela Central University.

Ripamonti told The Associated Press that the pyramid dates to the late bronze age, around 1250 B.C. Inside is another smaller building, and in between the two are 12 small chambers which he believes may represent the 12 tribes of Israel.

Walls Six Feet Thick

Ripamonti said the outer pyramid was built with walls six feet thick.

From the top of the pyramid facing west it was possible to view Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the distance.

Ripamonti believes Moses' tomb may be found under the pyramid or in one of the rooms. Excavations will resume next August.

South of the pyramid a sizable cave with a limed ceiling was found. In it were bronze-age pottery and human skulls and bones. Inside the cave is a tunnel in the direction of the pyramid, leading to a bigger cave—still unexcavated.

East of the pyramid an olive press or wine press was unearthed to indicate that the now barren area was cultivated 3,000 years ago.

The professor conducted Jordan's King Hussein around his discovery. Ripamonti showed Hussein large pieces of wood of all types used in pyramid building, including bamboo in a wonderful state of preservation.

Rock Basin Found

A huge rock basin and a stone with an undecipherable inscription also were discovered.

Next to the mountains is a deep ravine known today as Wadi Afarit, (Devil's Ravine).

"This was my first clue," Ripamonti said, "because according to Jude of the New Testament, Moses' body was disputed between the Archangel Michael and the

devil."

Ripamonti has not found Angel Valley but in the vicinity there is today a Wadi Dnayas (Churches Valley).

Ripamonti said that if the pyramid was not Moses' tomb, it might be a memorial to mark the site where Moses first saw the promised land, or to mark the place where he died.

Alternatively it might be a temple for Bethpeor, in which case Moses' tomb should be somewhere nearby.

MARCO J. PERSANTE PASSES AWAY

Marco J. Piersante, usually known as Mikey, passed away November 5, 1962, of a heart attack in San Francisco, California.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on October 30, 1928, Mikey came to know the Gospel through his parents. He was an ardent worker in the Sunday School and M.B.A. of Detroit Branch #3 for a number of years even though he never rendered obedience to Christ. His funeral services were held in Detroit Branch #1, on November 10, 1962, with Brother Peter Capone officiating. A small group of young people from Branch #3 sang and Sister Rosalinda Dix played the piano. Interment is in Forrestlawn Cemetery Detroit, Michigan.

He leaves his father Brother Marco, two brothers, Joe and Vincent of Detroit, a sister, Sister Mary Criscuolo of Richmond, Michigan, and many friends to mourn his departure.

Editor Branch #3

February 14, 1963

MARY FYRE PASSES ON

Sister Mary Fyre, the beloved wife of Brother Patsy Fyre, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital on January 29, in Warren, Ohio. For most of the past year she had been in the home of her daughter, Sister Jacie Salerno in Warren.

Sister Fyre was born in Italy, in 1898. She came to the United States in 1905, and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in 1948. She was ordained a deaconess in 1957. She was very active in all church work and it was through her efforts that the Ladies' Uplift Circle was organized in Lorain. She was a faithful sister and a shining example for we younger sisters to follow. Her testimony will live in our hearts for years to come.

Our beloved sister in Christ was laid to rest on Friday, February 1, 1963, at the Oakwood Cemetery in Warren, Ohio. Elder William Gennaro had charge of the service at the Peter Rossi Funeral Home. Hymns sung were "The Last Mile of the Way" and "Where Dreams Come True". She leaves many loved ones to mourn her passing—her husband, Brother Patsy Fyre; four daughters—Mrs. Anthony (Jacie) Salerno, Miss Leanora Scott, both of Warren; Mrs. Phillip (Anna) Badome of New York City; and Mrs. Sam (Ividine) Castello of New Castle, Pa.; one stepson, Mr. John Fyre of Lorain. There are also six sisters and five grandchildren.

We pray that God will comfort the loved ones she leaves behind.

Branch Editor, Lorain, Ohio
Sister Margaret E. King

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

In my last I drew your attention to the literal fulfillment of the predictions of Samuel the Lamanite, relative to the signs given of the birth of Christ. There was no room left for doubt—The sign was given just as Samuel said it would be, which was a reward to the faithful of the day, and also a terrible rebuke to the unbelievers. But it seems that signs soon lose their force, especially with unbelieving people. In the following chapter of Third Nephi, chapter 2, wickedness abounds very much.

In verse nine it is recorded that Nephi who was the father of Nephi did not return to the land of Zarahemla, And could not be found in all the land. He had been a very faithful man to his God and it is generally supposed that he was taken home by the Lord, even as was the prophet Elijah and Enoch as is recorded in the scriptures. This act goes to prove on the part of God, that He is the same God. Matterless of what part of the earth's terra firma man may reside upon—Yea, the oneness of God and His sameness of character is made manifest in so many ways, for instance—that men of all nations should set up and take notice. And, it reminds me of Alma as is recorded in Alma 29; 7, 8. He is made to exclaim "Why should I desire that I were an angel, that I could speak unto all the ends of the earth? For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach His word, yea, in wisdom, all that He seeth fit that they should have; therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom, according to that which is just and true."

I wish to draw your attention to the accuracy of God's word being fulfilled. Take note beginning with verse 14 in third Nephi second chapter. "And it came to pass that those Lamanites who had united with the Nephites were numbered among the Nephites; And their curse was taken from them, and their skin became white like unto the Nephites; And their young men and their daughters became exceedingly fair, and they were numbered among the Nephites; And were called Nephites. And thus ended the thirteenth year," Yea, how wonderful the fulfillment of God's promises through obedience to the simplicity of the Gospel.

Yea, disobedience brought on the curse, obedience removes it from the penitent soul.

This reminds me of the scripture in the case of king Sauls transgression—"Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken better than the fat of rams." By the time we reach the end of this chapter two, we learn that the Gadianton robbers have gained much advantage over the Nephite people because of their (the Nephites) wickedness.

The sword of destruction is now hanging over the Nephite people and they are about to be smitten. The wonderful sign given at the birth of Christ, apparently has been forgotten and they are doomed unless they will repent and turn back to their God. God's word shall be fulfilled to their sorrow in the near future. The most noble governor of the land is addressed by the notorious robber Giddianhi, but the governor Lachoneus was a just man and he refuses to be frightened by the wicked Giddianhi and he causes his people the Nephites to build fortifications. He exhibits his faith by his works. And his people hearken to the commands of their governor and they fortify themselves against their enemy. Great and marvelous were the words and prophecies of the governor.

Governor Lachoneus apparently made a wise choice in appointing a man by the name of Gidgiddoni as chief over his armies, for after all the preparation he had made in the way of fortifications, he refused to become the aggressor with the enemy. That was surely Christ-like on his part. We should all remember that Christ is and should be, our great example in all our struggles with the enemy of our souls. Had Jesus given His enemies any just cause as an aggressor, He might have remained in the tomb, and His Fathers plan of redemption been frustrated—I read that it is the meek who will inherit the earth. We must overcome evil with good, if we would have an inheritance in the regions of glory.

Chapter three of third Nephi shows that Lachoneus had the Nephite people well fortified against an attack from the enemy. And we find in chapter four verse ten, the Nephites did not fear their enemy, but they did fear God and He came to their rescue. And they were victorious. Yea when Jesus speaks, we must listen, even though we must turn the other cheek some times, and even though we may be cursed by our fellow man, we should pray in return—such a course will subdue the strongest of men, but to curse or hit back in return, is adding more fuel on the fire.

I am not very well at this writing, and my daughter Grace and her husband have me at their home a few days caring for me. This is January 29, 1963, and while sitting in a chair here yesterday, I thought of the Hymn "O God, Give Strength" No. 86, read it carefully, I sang it when I was quite a boy. How wonderful are the words contained therein, and remember that we are only promised His aid **when we united be**. Your Brother Editor.

VINCENT NATERELI of EDISON, N.J., PASSES ON

On October 13, 1962, Brother Vincent Natereli of 64 Douglas Ave., Franklin Township, passed to his reward. He had been ill for some time and died in Middlesex General Hospital. Brother Vincent was the husband of Sister Theresa, who died a short time before him.

Born in Italy, Brother Vincent lived a full eighty years, forty of which were in this area. He was a retired mason and foreman in a construction company.

Baptized into the Church in 1925, he persevered in the faith until his death.

Funeral services were held in the Gowen Funeral Home and were presided over by Brothers August D'Orazio and Anthony Ensana.

Surviving are two sons, Louis and Anthony; a daughter Anna; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Interment was in Van Liew Cemetery, New Brunswick.

DETROIT BRANCH #3 RE-OPENS ITS DOORS

Sunday, January 6, 1963, marked the re-opening of Branch #3's doors after having a fire October 25, 1962. The service was opened with Branch #3 choir singing "Bless This House" and "Blessed Assurance" followed in prayer by Brother Silverio Coppa. Our Presiding Elder, Brother Peter Capone made a few opening remarks, welcoming all the Brothers and Sisters back home again. He gave thanks to everyone who contributed in anyway to reconstruct the building.

Visiting Elders were Brother Gorie Ciaravino, Nick Pietrangelo, and John Romano. Brother Gorie was our first speaker, using as his text the 16th Chapter, 18th Verse according to the Gospel as recorded in St. Matthew. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." His main thought was "The Church", stating the NATURAL and SPIRITUAL definition of church. The NATURAL commonly referred to as a building or place of worship and the SPIRITUAL definition is a body of people who worship the Lord and are considered "The Church" no matter where they meet. Brother Pietrangelo followed continuing in the same theme.

Upon entering the building this day I was overcome with joy to think God had granted us the privilege to rebuild His house that we might worship together. I believe this was the sentiment of all Brothers and Sisters as they were rejoicing and exclaiming how marvelous it was to be home once again.

Editor Detroit—Branch #3

CHURCH BUILDING FUND DONATED TO MISSIONS

Membership Decides

Against Funds

For Own Use

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

The Religious Newswriters Association, a professional society of men and women who cover religion for daily newspapers, is currently conducting a membership poll to select the 10 biggest news stories of 1962.

I have a belated nomination to offer.

It's the story of a suburban church which gave away its building fund.

My RNA colleagues won't need to be told that this is a newsworthy event. "Man bites dog" is a relatively common occurrence compared with "church gives away building fund."

Newsworthy Event

The church which performed this reckless act is the Hildale Park Presbyterian Church of Cedar Knolls,

N.J. Cedar Knolls is a suburban village of about 2,500 persons. Many of its residents commute to work in Newark or New York City, about 30 miles away.

In some respects, Hildale Park Presbyterian is a typical small suburban church. It has a hard working young pastor, the Rev. A. Loy McGinnis, 29. It has a congregation of 275 members. And it has growing pains. The tiny white frame church is jammed to overflowing for both services each Sunday morning. And the Sunday School has to hold its classes in a nearby public school building (for which rent is paid.)

Like tens of thousands of similar congregations, Hildale Park Presbyterian began thinking, over a year ago, of putting up a bigger and fancier building, with plenty of Sunday School rooms.

The session of the church met to make plans for a building fund drive. So far, everything was going according to the Great American Pattern.

But then Hildale Park Presbyterian ceased to be a typical suburban church.

A boiler salesman named A. L. Behrens, who is one of the church's elders, raised a question that is not often seriously debated by churches on the brink of building fund campaigns:

"How can we justify spending so much money on ourselves when there are thousands of Christian congregations in other parts of the world in far greater need of new buildings?"

The Rev. Mr. McGinnis and several other members of the session thought the question was worth thinking about—and praying about.

Praying is always a dangerous thing for a session, or a vestry, or a board of deacons, to do. It may lead to highly impractical acts.

It led Hildale Park Presbyterian to proceed with a building fund drive (which netted \$18,000) — and then to give every dollar of the money away, to build a new wing on a mission hospital at Rio Verde, Brazil.

At Cedar Knolls, Presbyterian children still are attending Sunday School classes in the public school building. It's still hard to find a seat at either Sunday service. But no one seems to feel that these inconveniences are terribly important.

On the contrary, the congregation recently decided to make it a regular policy to contribute to missions every year at least one dollar for every dollar spent on local expenses. That will mean raising \$15,000 a year for missions in addition to the \$15,000 it takes to operate the little white frame church.

"We don't feel that we've done anything great or heroic," said the Rev. Mr. McGinnis. "We simply decided it was time for the church to get off its haunches and begin taking seriously this idea that Christians are supposed to be a 'servant people'."

"A lot of people warned us that we were being foolish . . . that we couldn't continue to attract families to our church unless we put up a fancy new building with all the modern comforts. But it hasn't worked out that way. We have families who drive 20 to 30 miles to attend our church. They tell us that they've been hunting for a church that takes its Christian mission rather than itself seriously."

"I suppose you could say that we took a chance on surviving as a local church. But our Lord said,

'Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'.

"We just took Him at His word. And we're glad we did."

BROTHER JOSEPH TOCCO PASSES AWAY

DETROIT, Michigan — A long-time faithful member of Detroit, Branch 1, Brother Joseph Tocco, passed away on December 5, 1962. Brother Joe, who was 70 years old, died after a short illness.

The deceased was baptized on June 23, 1935. He was ordained a Teacher of The Church on January 21, 1951.

The funeral services for our departed Brother were conducted by Brothers Nicholas Pietrangelo and Concetto Alessandro. Burial was in Gethsemane Cemetery.

Brother Joe, whose cheery smile and constant witnessing for The Lord were standards for The Church, is survived by his wife, Sister Josephine; three daughters; five sons; two sisters; one brother; 38 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Submitted by: Brother Carl Frammolin
Assistant Branch #1 Editor

SISTER GEORGE PASSES ON

Sister Clara A. George, 68, formerly of Uniontown, Pa., died February 2, 1963, in the hospital, Bellevue, Ohio.

She is survived by her husband James, two sons, Arthur, R.D. #1, Clyde, Ohio. Raymond of Flat Rock, Ohio, one daughter Mrs. Verna Shaffer, of Bellevue, Ohio, 13 grandchildren. She was a member of the Little Red Stone Branch, of The Church of Jesus Christ, having been baptized in 1951 by Brother Joseph Bittinger. Brother and sister George had been formerly associated with the J. L. Armburst group. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Joseph Bittinger assisted by Brothers William Bailey and Joseph Shazer, in the J. Harry Johnson Funeral Home, Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 6, 1963.

Burial was in the Chalk Hill Cemetery. Her family has our sincere sympathy expressed in the love of Christ.

SPRING

The long bleak winter, with its ice, snow, and retarded growth, has passed, and nature is responding, to the warm rays of the sun, and bursting forth into new form of life and beauty. Life is more abundant into manifestation, everywhere, for it is spring. As we draw closer, and closer, to the Son of Righteousness, our lives respond to the warmth of His love, and we begin to grow, and to live the more abundant life. (John 10-10.) I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. It is through Christ we can understand, appreciate, and experience life, that is abundant and eternal. Once we have become, a part of Christ's kingdom, the Holy Spirit continues to be our teacher, guide, and helper.

May we as co-workers, and followers of Jesus Christ, put forth our most noble efforts, for the growth and blessings of the Church of Jesus, radiating more courageously, peace, joy, and happiness, to all whom we come in contact with, traveling along the path of life. God

who touches earth with beauty, makes each one lovely too, and keeps us ever by His Spirit, pure, strong, and true. Ah: we see Him everywhere, in the sunshine, and the showers, we see Him in the rain-drops, in the fragrance of the flowers, in the beauty of the blossoms, and the greenness of the grass. In the sweet scents borne to us by the breezes, as they pass.

Who can fail to see Him, if they seek and look for long? The birds in thrilling measures, loud proclaim Him in their song, their music bringing pleasure, to our hearts, both day and night. In no uncertain measure, show the source of their delight. We can always see Him, near us, if we have the eye of faith, we can find Him, daily by us, He is in birth, life, and death. God's wonder book of nature, lies wide open all the day, and we but need to read it, to find out life's perfect way. Acts 17-27. That they should seek the Lord, if happily, they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from everyone of us.

Sister Muriel Miller.

RAYNAL — CUMMINGS

January 28th., Carol Lee Raynal and Robert Cummings Jr. were united in marriage in the bride's home at Madisonville, Ky. Carol is the daughter of Celeana Raynal and the niece of Brother and Sister Roy Parrott. The groom is the son of Robert Cummings Sr. of Nortonville, Ky. The Rev. D. Smith, pastor of Nortonville Baptist Church officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by Brother Roy Parrott. Her attendant was Miss Sharon Phillips of Nebe, Ky. The best man was Richard Smith of Nortonville. The reception was held at the home of the bride for the immediate family. Carol is employed in the office of the Trover Clinic in Madisonville, while Mr. Cummings is employed at the Traylor Trucking Co.

They are residing at the Mayflower Apts. in Madisonville. May God bless them and may His Holy Spirit draw them into the family and fold of Jesus Christ.

JOHN WESLEY—

The father of Methodism considered that religion was not real if it did not change a person's attitude toward his family, friends, neighbors, and business associates. This is another theme that is prominent in Wesley's petitions to God . . .

"Make us faithful in all our contacts with our neighbors, that we may be ready to do good and bear evil, that we may be just and kind, merciful and meek, peaceable and patient, sober and temperate, humble and self-denying, inoffensive and useful in the world; that so glorifying Thee here we may be glorified with Thee in Thy Heavenly Kingdom."

A fitting way to close this look into the prayer life of a great Christian is . . .

"My Father, I am Thy humble servant, who Thou hast preserved, who lives by Thy power this day. I glorify Thee and humbly pray Thee that this and all my days may be wholly devoted to Thy service. Amen"

Mahatma Ghandi once said:

"If Christians would really live the teachings of Christ, as found in the Bible, all India would be Christians today."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"He is not here; for He is risen," as he said Matthew 28:6
Dear Boys and Girls,

At this time of the year we like to hear the Easter story, an old story, which never grows old. It is a sad story with a happy, glorious ending. It was a very sad day indeed for the friends of Jesus when he was hung on the cross. When he died, there was a great earthquake. The centurion who was on guard was afraid and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

After Jesus died, Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man, asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. He had a new tomb which he had hewn out in the rock. He wrapped the body in a clean linen cloth and laid it there. He rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre and departed. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where Jesus was laid. They returned and prepared spices and ointments, and rested on the Sabbath Day, according to the commandment.

Now the next day the chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate. They told him they remembered that Jesus said, while He was yet alive, that after three days He would rise again. They wanted the sepulchre sealed and soldiers placed there, to guard it, lest his disciples come by night and steal his body. Then tell the people He is risen from the dead. Pilate told them, they had a watch, to go and make it as sure as they could. This is what they did.

When the Sabbath was ended and the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the sepulchre. There had been a great earthquake. An angel of the Lord came from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. The men who had been guarding the sepulchre were so afraid that they shook and became as dead men. They had seen the angel whose countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow. The chief priests and elders did not want the people to know the truth of what really happened so they gave large money to the soldiers. They were to say, "Jesus' disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept". This saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

The angel had told the women to go quickly and tell Jesus' disciples, "He is risen from the dead and behold He goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see him." The women ran with fear and great joy, to bring the disciples the word. Mary Magdalene ran ahead. She came to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre and we know not where they have laid him." They both ran together and saw the empty tomb. John stooped down, looked in and saw the linen clothes. Then, Peter following him went into the sepulchre and saw the linen clothes also. They knew not the scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Mary stood outside the sepulchre weeping. As she wept, she stooped down and looked in. There she saw

two angels in white, who said, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him." Mary turned back and saw Jesus standing and she knew not that it was Jesus. He spoke, "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?" Mary thought he was the gardener and replied. "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him and I will take him away." Then Jesus said, "Mary". Immediately she knew him. "Rabboni", (which was to say Master) was her reply. Jesus said, "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 your Father and to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene told the disciples all these things, how she had seen and talked with the Lord.

The days following His resurrection, Jesus appeared often to the disciples. One evening when they were assembled together, Jesus stood in their midst. The doors were shut for fear of the Jews. Jesus said, "Peace be unto you." He showed them his hands and his side. Again he said, "Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

One day Jesus led his disciples out as far as Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. They worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Their sorrow had been turned to joy. He had opened their understanding that they might understand the scriptures. They were witnesses of these wonderful things.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

1. What disciple would not believe unless he saw the prints of the nails in Jesus' hands? John 20:24, 29.
2. What question did Jesus ask Peter three times? John 21.
3. Why were all these things written? John 20:31.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

MEXICO NEWS

January 1, 1963

Dear Brother Cadman:

We know that you have been waiting to hear from us and we do thank you for your patience. Trust you have improved much since your illness. Lately, we have had a couple of baptisms out here. Also, there have been to date four baptisms in Sinaloa where Brother Luis lives. He and his family are spending the holidays here in Tijuana with us.

About six weeks ago we started to work in a town thirty miles from Tijuana called Tecate. We do believe the Lord led us there and doors have opened up. Several people have offered their homes to us for services which we did not expect. Actually we only went out there to visit the daughter of a woman who has been coming to the Tijuana Mission for quite a while. We promised to take her there and after we got there we discovered she had lived in this place just about all her life and she made us acquainted with quite a few peo-

ple and before we realized it we started to have services. This is a place of many rocks as you can see in the one picture. We try to hold meetings out here every Thursday. Perhaps some soul or souls may come out of this place. We have been well received. This town is also a border town but not as famous as Tijuana. There is very little industry here. The people work in the surrounding farms picking olives, grapes, etc. Pictures #1 - 2 - 3 are pictures of some of the people who have been attending and listening to the restored gospel for the first time. The little house in the background of brick is home-made and we hold meetings here. When the day is favorable we hold meetings in the open air.



Picture No. 4 is a picture we took on our way to Tecate just before Christmas. We saw approximately 17,000 people waiting in lines for a little something for Christmas. In the background is the famous Caliente Racetrack who sponsors this event. This is not a postcard. We snapped it at a distance but couldn't get all of it. Hope some day they will come like this to the Church of Jesus Christ. They waited from early morning until late at night.

There is another group we are working with about three miles from the church. There too, several have asked us to have services in their homes. We are hoping that some souls will come out of this group also. We have meetings here once a week. The Lord has manifested himself in many ways and healed many. Our prayers to God is that all Israel may be saved as Paul the apostle wrote.

For Christmas we purchased 110 pounds of candy for the children which made them happy. All in all we had some wonderful meetings and times during the holidays for which we are thankful.

So much for now. May the Lord Bless you and all out there. Best regards.

Sincerely,
Brother and Sister Perdue

Dear Sister Mabel:

May God bless you all, from the sisters here in Jesus name. I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letters which came safely to hand. There is nothing wrong, I was just too busy. My second son returned from United Kingdom after 8 years absence from home. I had to keep everything in order, when he returned. I played host to many visitors and this made me very busy. I am so very happy that you have not forgotten us despite my silence.

Sister Ross and John arrived safely to continue

with the work of God in Africa. We were so very happy and how I wish you were here then. They are working very hard and their report will show how busy they are here.

The mission house is going to be built because the last obstacle has been cleared, which the Church was registered under the new center at Okore with headquarters in Monongahela City, U.S.A. My husband, the president here, has labored greatly for the Church in Nigeria and I am very glad the Lord has crowned his efforts with success.

The box which you sent me has not yet arrived, but I have to thank you in advance. I shall endeavor to send a full report to your conference in March.

Your fathers ill health and sudden decline to travel to Africa has greatly shocked us here very much. We were happy waiting to see our Church president, but Satan has robbed us of that chance. May God be with him and guide him safely on.

I am very grateful to all of you for all the kindness thus shown to brothers Josiah and Moses. They have written us telling about your generosity. May God bless you all.

The slates sent were distributed and sister Ross bought some more. The sisters were very happy to have them. The Testaments too were received and fairly distributed. As they continue to get these things, they continue to think of you all there and wish they could see you. Sister Ross will tell you more in person.

We often see John and Mary Ross regularly. Every week and they often visit with us. Their house is just about three miles away.

All the sisters of this circle send their warmest greetings to you all and pray God to be with you all. Our prayer is that your father should recover speedily. Pass our sympathy to him.

Sister Rachael Arthur

BY BROTHER JOSEPH BITTINGER

A speech made by Chief Joseph, of the Nez Perces Indians, to General Howard and others in 1877, as it is written in History.

Quote: "My friends, I have been asked to show you my heart. I am glad to have a chance to do so. I want the white people to understand my people. Some of you think an Indian is like a wild animal. This is a great mistake. I will tell you all about our people, and then you can judge whether an Indian is a man or not. I believe much blood and trouble would be saved if we opened our hearts more. I will tell you in my way how the Indian sees things. The white man has more words to tell you how they look to him, but it does not require many words to speak the truth. What I have to say will come from my heart, and I will speak with a straight tongue. Ah-cum-kin-i-ma-mehut (the Great Spirit) is looking at me and will hear me.

"My name is In-mut-too-yah-lat-lat (Thunder-Travelling-over-the-Mountains). I am Chief of the Wal-lam-wat-kin band of Chute-pa-lu, or Nez Perces (nose pierced Indians). I was born in Eastern Oregon thirty-eight winters ago. My father was Chief before me. He died a few years ago. There was no stain on his hands of the blood of a white man. He left a good name on the earth. He advised me well for my people.

"Our fathers gave us many laws which they had learned from their fathers. These laws were good. They told us to treat all men as they treated us; that we should never be the first to break a bargain; that it was a disgrace to tell a lie; that we should speak only the truth; that it was a shame for one man to take from another his wife or his property without paying for it. We were taught to believe that the Great Spirit sees and hears everything, and that he never forgets; that hereafter he will give to every man a spirit-house according to his deserts.

"We did not know that there was other people besides the Indian until about one hundred winters ago. They brought many things with them to trade for furs and skins. They brought tobacco, which was new to us. They brought guns with flintstones on them, which frightened our women and children. Our people could not talk with these white-faced men, but they used signs which all people can understand. These people were Frenchmen, and they called our people Nez Perces, because they wore rings in their noses for ornaments. Although very few of our people wear them now, we are still called by the same name.

"These French trappers said a great many things to our fathers which have been planted in our hearts. Some were good for us, but some were bad. Our people were divided in opinion about these men: some thought they taught more bad than good. An Indian respects a brave man, but he despises a coward. He loves a straight tongue, but he hates a forked tongue. The French trappers told us some truth and some lies.

"The first white men of your people who came to our country were named Lewis and Clark. All the Nez Perces made friends with Lewis and Clark, and agreed to let them pass through their country and never to make war on white man. This promise the Nez Perces have never broken. No white man can accuse them of bad faith and speak with a straight tongue. It has always been the pride of the Nez Perces that they were the friends of the white man. When my father was a young man there came to our country a white man (Rev. Mr. Spaulding) who talked spirit-law. He won the affections of our people because he spoke good things to them.

"At first he did not say anything about white men wanting to settle on our lands. Nothing was said about that until about twenty winters ago, when a number of white people came into our country and built houses and made farms.

At first our people made one complaint. They thought there was room enough for all to live in peace, and they were learning many things of the white men that seemed to be good; but we soon found that the white men were growing rich very fast, and were greedy to possess everything the Indians had. My father was the first to see through the schemes of the white men, and he warned his tribe to be careful about trading with them.

"No Man Owns Any Part of the Earth"

"Next there came a white officer (Governor Stevens) who invited all the Nez Perces to a treaty-council. After the council was opened he made known his heart. He said there were a great many white people in the country, and many more would come—that he wanted the land marked out so the Indians and white men could be separated . . . My father who represented

his band, refused to have anything whatever to do with the council, because he wished to be a free man. He claimed that no man owned any part of the earth, and that a man could not sell what he did not own." (Joseph next says that his father did not sign the treaty, although hard pressed to do so. General Howard says that his father's name is on the treaty. There is evidently a mistake somewhere.)

"Eight years later (1863 was the next treaty-council. A Chief called Lawyer, because he was a great talker, took the lead in this conference and sold nearly all the Nez Perces' country . . . In this treaty Lawyer acted without authority from our band. He had no right to sell the Wallowa ('winding water') country. That has always belonged to my father's own people, and no other bands had never disputed our right to it. No other Indians ever claimed Wallowa. In order to have people understand how much land we owned, my father planted poles around it and said, 'Inside is the home of my people. The white man may take the land outside. Inside this boundary all our people were born. It circles around the graves of our fathers, and we will never give up these graves to any man.'

(To be continued.)

Detroit, Michigan
Branch #1

Dear Brother Cadman:

As the year 1962 drew its curtain and the New Year made its appearance many sad thoughts returned to the minds of those who may have lost a loved one throughout the year, or to those who may have encountered sad moments of one type or another; while on the other hand, very pleasant memories buried themselves deep within the hearts and minds of others. To those who may have lost a loved one we wish to extend our deepest and warmest sympathy; may the good Lord fill that empty spot with His tender love and kindness.

We, the Brothers and Sisters of the Detroit Branch #1 feel very happy to announce that the Lord certainly has been good to us during the past year and we feel that it has been a very prosperous one indeed as far as gaining new members into our church. Even as the angels in Heaven rejoice over one soul who gives himself to Christ, we likewise, were caused to rejoice in great measure to see the Lord call eleven more souls into His fold.

I would like to mention the names of our new Brothers and Sisters whom we have learned to love with all our hearts since they joined the family of Christ, so that our Brothers and Sisters throughout the Church may get to meet them, if not personally, by name. Our hope is that some day we may all get to see each other face to face. May I introduce them at this time? Marchel Chambers, his wife, Flossie and their daughter, Shirley; also a wonderful young couple, Sam DiFalco and his wife, Sarah; also an elderly woman, Gertrude Grossi; Matthew Samale; Roland Paleno; Alberta Di Battista; and two young brothers, Frank and Sam Palermo. I would also like to mention Sister Shirley Vitto who was baptized at the latter part of the year 1961.

At this time I would like to tell you a short experience which one of the above mentioned, (Brother Sam Di Falco) had when he was a little boy which he

says contributed to his many reasons for joining the Church of Jesus Christ. QUOTE: I thank God for calling me into this wonderful Church of Jesus Christ. I would like to tell you an experience I had when I was a young boy. I had five very serious operations on my head. I had a tumor and the Doctors had given up all hope for me. My mother, exercising her wonderful faith in God, called Brother Anthony Pietrangelo and told him of my very serious condition and asked him to come to the hospital with her so that he could anoint me. When he came to the hospital, the Doctor told him, you can pray if you like, but this boy does not have a chance, but Brother Pietrangelo told him, we will pray for him anyway, then the Lord's will be done. At the time that Brother Pietrangelo anointed me, I was in a coma. About thirty minutes after he left the hospital, I started calling for my mother. Within seconds my room was filled with doctors and nurses, as they could not believe their eyes. This certainly was a great miracle, and I am very happy to be a living witness to how good God is to His children. (Unquote).

This is only one of the many experiences that our new converts have had, time and space would not permit me to write the others. We would like to ask an interest in the prayers of all the readers of the Gospel News so that the Lord may continue to bless us abundantly during the remainder of this year and if it be His will that the year of 1963 may be even more prosperous and we will likewise remember all of you in our prayers.

Brother Frank Conti

NEWS FROM MEXICO

Dear Brother Cadman:

We hear the weather is quite bad in the East. For the first time in 20 years I have witnessed plants and trees destroyed by freezing weather out here. We had a few bad days but outside of that we are enjoying fairly nice weather. Bad weather or not, I don't think it keeps you in. I often am amazed at the places you manage to visit. I trust the good Lord will grant you many good years.

We still have that burning desire to see souls come to the Lord. He has been very wonderful to us. Last week we had a miraculous healing. A woman, who in the past had visited our Church, called for Brother Perdue to go to the hospital to anoint her, as she was preparing to go through surgery. She had been having very severe hemorrhages. She spent some time in the hospital and they told her, they would have to build her up before operating because she was too weak. We went down there. Brother Perdue prayed for her and left. Some time later they sent her home to try to gain strength. They told her it was either a tumor or cancer. She spent several days at home. When she went back for the final examination and tests, they told her that she did not need surgery. They found no signs of anything. This woman came to church to thank God. She said at the time of prayer in the hospital, she experienced something strange come over her body. Every time they wanted to take her to surgery something stopped it. She declared that she knew God healed her.

Last week a child was healed, who had been in a

state of shock for a long time thru fright. The mother was desperate and now is very thankful to God. The child would not eat and could not sleep, but now all of that is taken away. Also another child about 12 years of age, was prayed upon as she was preparing to have her appendix removed. After prayer a brother saw a ray of light descending upon this child. We trust she too was healed.

One day as we were going thru the mountains, we stopped to talk to a woman who appeared very ill. She told us she was going to the hospital for a gall-bladder operation in a few days. We asked her if she would like prayer. She replied yes. After that we had forgotten all about her, until one day we were passing by and saw her working outside. We stopped to ask her how she was. She told us the Lord healed her and she never went to the hospital. We were very happy for her sake, although she never came to church.

Another time, as we were going to a home back in the mountains, where we were holding meetings, a woman who had been attending came running out to ask us to go and pray for her neighbor who was very ill. We stopped and Brother Eddy prayed for her. She had not eaten for about four days and was very sick. She had been praying that the Lord would send someone to her home to pray for her. We stayed at this home for awhile and before we left she asked for food. The next day she was up on her feet. She asked us to please have meetings in her house. From then on we have been having our meetings there as there is more room in this house than the other one. We became acquainted with her neighbors who have witnessed how the Lord has raised her up.

These are only a very few, but the Lord has worked greatly among the seed of Joseph. We have seen many, many healings, too numerous to write about and we do thank God for all of them. A sister in our church had suffered with a tumor. One night in a vision the Lord appeared to her. She saw his hand reach in and take out the tumor, which appeared as a rotten orange. She saw Him throw it away. When she went back to the doctor there was no sign of anything. The Lord has healed cases of tuberculosis. This young sister's testimony was in the Gospel News. Also another young man who was in the last stages, but today is heavy and strong, working on a job. The Lord granted him healing but he never came back to church.

Brother Cadman, I guess all thru the ages there are people like the nine lepers, who failed to thank God. We have worked with all kinds. We have gone into places where there were all kinds of diseases and the good Lord has protected us. We have even come in contact with leprosy, so the doctor said. We had no fear of it. At that time the scripture came to our minds how Jesus ate at the house of a leper. We felt a great blessing in it.

Pray for us Brother Cadman. Our desire is to always be where Jesus would want us to be and we have found much joy in working with the lowliest and poorest of men. Jesus said the gospel would be preached to the poor. It seems this is our lot. Many say they cannot, but I thank God He has given us this love for them. May God bless you and yours. Best regards to all out there.

Humbly, I am, your sister in Christ,
Sister Evelyn Perdue

Dear Brother Cadman:

I hope you are well. I am not feeling too good as my kidney has been giving me trouble again, and as they refuse to operate on me I will have to get along as best as I can. I will get on with my subject now.

The Holy Spirit. (John 20; 22). And when he had said this he breathed on them and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. It is the will of God that all the saints receive the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and your children, and to all those that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call, receive ye the Holy Ghost. It is not a command it is an appeal. Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and worship with him, and he with me. When we have company we say, come and have a cup of tea, and we have fellowship together, so it is with the Holy Ghost, he comes in and we have a time of fellowship together.

John said, "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we shall have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ God's son, cleanseth us from all sin. The absence of the spirit is not on God's part, it is on our part. John said. "He giveth not the spirit by measure unto him, but it is measured unto us by our faith and diligence." If one is walking in the light and one is walking in darkness there is no fellowship.

Just a few days ago at the hospital, two men in the next beds said, "Well, how did you like our company?" I said, "It was all right, but I would rather be home where I can pick my own company." They were very rough men with little respect for God, so it is not because of any unwillingness to bestow, but our unwillingness to receive. "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, and if ye know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly father give unto them that ask." How may I receive the holy spirit? What are the terms? Peter told the Jews that had assembled to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, "Repent every one of you and be baptized for the remission of sin and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Now, next to God giving his son, was this precious gift of the holy spirit. When they were all of one mind, and what a wonderful thing to be of one mind: Then God can work. Jesus told them to tarry until they were filled.

In this mad rush age it will pay to lay aside the cares of life and choose that good part that shall not be taken away from us. Oh, that the words of the prophet Isaiah would hang onto us like a leach and be frontlets before our eyes. They that wait on the Lord shall mount up with wings as of eagles, they shall renew their strength, they shall run and they shall not be weary, and they shall walk and they shall not faint. All of one mind, all of one accord, all of one spirit.

Suddenly like a mighty rushing wind, it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Oh, how many blessings we miss because we do not wait upon the Lord. It is by grace through faith that we are saved.

Eph. 2; 8, "Righteousness comes by faith, and so is the gift of the spirit received by faith, that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith." If we do not wait on the Lord we shall find ourselves like David of old saying, "Renew a right spirit within me and take not thy holy spirit from me." The secret of believing is receiving, the way up is down. He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

"How long will this people provoke me." God asked the children of Israel. Ask ye the Lord. Rain said the spirit through Zechariah in the time of the latter rain. The rain has fallen, the angel has flown, the gospel has been restored. The rain has fallen and many have been under the showers, giving testimony that He has come in. Brother Bickerton said, "I put on Christ and He came in." The Lord is sending showers, and all you have to do is to get under the showers.

You will note that this letter was started in August and now it is September 5th. Before I finished this article I was in so much pain I had to go to the hospital. This time I went to a different doctor and he sent me to a different hospital, so they prepared me for the operation and we had to wait three hours for the anaesthetist to come as he was out on an emergency, but, oh what a change when he walked in the operating room. Now I had never seen this man before and I have never seen him since, but as you know, they would not operate on me in the other hospital because of my heart and my blood pressure, but when he had put on his mask he put his arm under my shoulder and lifted me up and said. "Now we are going to pray together," and he started to pray, and I said Amen! Praise the Lord! and he prayed and I kept saying Amen! Praise the Lord! He must have prayed for fifteen minutes and when he was through praying I thought I was in the arms of the Lord. I just fell asleep and I was on the operating table for three hours and I never knew when he gave me the shot. What a difference it is in this situation when the doctor and all the men wait on the Lord. We can sing with the poet, "The spirit of God like a fire is burning, this latter day glory begins to come forth. The gifts and blessings of old are returning and Jesus is coming to visit the earth.

We will wash and be washed and with oil be anointed and yet not omitting the washing of feet. For he that receiveth His penny appointed must surely be clean at the harvest of wheat. How blessed the day when the lamb and the lion shall lie down together without any ire. And Ephraim be crowned with the blessing of Zion, and Jesus descends with His chariots of fire. And now with the words of the apostle Peter, Greet one another with the kiss of charity and peace be with you all. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ
James Heaps

LADIES CIRCLE NEWS

(DETROIT and CANADA CIRCLE MEETING

Tonight, our theme is one which we hope will be of interest to all. We would like to discuss the role of woman since her creation to see how she has been

a help to man. It is recorded that:

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep."

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man who he had formed. And the Lord God Took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

And the Lord said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

During a deep sleep, the Lord took a rib from Adam and made woman. (Gen. 2:23). And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

(LYDIA FRANCIONE) The word woman has several meanings depending how it is used. Woman—when used as a term of salutation as in Matt. 15:28, this word implies no disrespect, but great tenderness and courtesy. It was thus that the Savior addressed his mother at the feast in Canaan; and also Mary, under the most touching circumstances. Women however, have not always been considered with respect, tenderness and courtesy. In very early times, women apparently had more freedom. There was no harem, and the sexes mingled together freely. They went about openly carrying water, watched the flock, prepared food, and were present at meals. But in the period just prior to the coming of Christ, the estimate of women perhaps in consequence of the growth of city life and luxury, had come to be mainly a low one. This attitude toward woman appears as early as many of the Proverbs which regard the woman as the exception. We find a hint of this feeling in the disciples' surprise in Sychar, that the Lord was found speaking to a woman. And for centuries, eastern women have been enslaved and degraded, and forced to live in seclusion; their mind is left uncultivated, and the best affections of their heart are not developed.

Christianity has elevated the female character and has given it a nobleness and a tenderness to which it is almost a stranger in heathen countries. Woman is honored throughout Christendom for her loyalty and self-sacrifice, devotion to the tenets of Christianity. Woman was among the last at the Cross and the first to greet the resurrected Saviour. Paul acknowledges with gratitude women as fellow-workers in the gospel.

In every day life woman fulfils a great variety of responsibilities. In the home, she works to meet the family's needs. In the community, she tries to be a good neighbor and live a life which demonstrates good citizenship. In the Church, she tries to be a good sister and live a life which portrays a good spiritual example. This spiritual responsibility is probably one of the most important.

We know that all of us are trying our best to live up to the Church's high spiritual standards.—As the responsibilities of the church increase, our responsibilities will likewise increase.

We would like to point out a few examples in the Bible which illustrate how women in the past have attempted to be workers in the Church of their day.

In Acts 9:36 we find, "Now there was at Joppa a

certain disciple named Tabitha which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

Mary of Bethany anointed the Lord with precious ointment. (John 12:3-8) Matthew (27:55-56) writes: "And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children." This illustrates that women were among, if not the last at the cross.

Women were also first at the tomb.

In (John 20:1) we read, "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre."

We also find that Phoebe and Priscilla were acknowledged by Paul as being servants and helpers in Christ Jesus. (Romans 16:1-6).

Many of the sisters in our own day and time have done even as Dorcas, Phoebe and Priscilla in that they have given of their strength to the Lord's work. These women have always sought to do good and be a help wherever they could.

An outstanding example of this kind of sister was our late Sister Sadie Cadman. Her ambition in life was to become a missionary, and through this desire she was able to develop the talents that God had given her.

One of her main contributions to the Church was the organization of The Ladies' Uplift Circle. In addition to this, she also compiled a lesson book for the Sunday School, composed many hymns, served on the Hymn Book Committee, and assisted her husband (Brother William Cadman) in various ways in the work of the Church. Even in her later years, she was willing to be separated from Brother Will so that he could do missionary work in Africa. Surely, it can be said of her that she was an help meet both to Brother Will and to the Church.

In memory of Sister Cadman, a poem was read. This poem was written at the time that Sister Sadie was relieved from the office of President of the Circle.

There are many, many other sisters whom we could mention who have been as pillars to the Church and the Circle.

Just as individual sisters have been a help to the Church, the Circle also has been a means of helping the Church in various ways. It has helped the Church finance some of the missionary work among the Covenant People of God. Recently, the Circle raised money for the erection of a mission house in Africa. It has also assisted the Church financially in the printing of literature. Many who have been greatly discouraged during affliction and other hardships of life have been uplifted and comforted by our Circle.

Tonight, we would like to say how proud we are for the benefits that have been derived from The Ladies' Uplift Circle. We have some sisters here who, I'm sure, would be happy to give expressions of thanks to God for having attended the Circle even before obeying this wonderful gospel. We would like to hear from them at this time. Sister Ottimia DiPaolo and Sister Sally Romano—If there are any other sisters who have

come to the church through the Circle who feel to express themselves, we will give them the opportunity at this time.

We have two letters which we would like to read tonight. One is from a sister who has stood by her husband in the missionary field for a number of years, and we know her efforts will not go unrewarded, along with many of our sisters who have given a part of their life to be an help meet not only to their husbands, but also to the Church and community as well. A letter from Sister Perdue in Mexico.

We also have a letter from Brother John Ross that was sent to the General Ladies' Uplift Circle.

Today, missionary work indeed presents a real challenge to the Church, and we must help both spiritually and naturally.

The Ladies' Uplift Circle has been organized in Detroit since 1922. Over the years it has been a source of spiritual joy and blessings to the Sisters. But more than a blessing, it has been a wonderful opportunity for us to do something for our Brothers and for the Church.

As we consider our role as a helpmeet to the Church it seems appropriate that we review our pledge to the Circle—(Read Pledge). Let us value our time and use it toward things which will unite us. Let us prove ourselves worthy to the task at hand, and fulfill the Lord's purpose in creating woman by being a "HELP MEET" to the Church and to our Brothers.

Sister Dolores Thomas

FLASHES

... and STILL THEY COME

They have come from the four corners of the earth: men, women and babes in arms, carrying their pitiful belongings in bundles and cardboard boxes. They have crept out of the ruins of war-torn Europe, travelled on foot over scorching desert sand, hid in woods to dodge border guards. They have come driven by fear and fortified by hope; and they are still coming.

To forge a united people out of newcomers from 72 lands is an undertaking which staggers the imagination. Yet, somehow, cave dwellers from North Africa and highly trained technicians from Central and Western Europe, bearded, pious Jews from the isolated highlands of the Yemen are living together within the framework of one society which has proved to be a viable, going concern. In the streets of Israel's cities, oriental immigrants who may still put their trust in amulets rather than in modern medicine rub shoulders with young scientists pondering the mechanics of space

travel.

Jewish Hope

OH, DESOLATE HOUSE OF JOSEPH!

Out of the treasures of Thy bulging storehouse,
Lord, grant to us, that we, in turn, may grant,
To those, whose need is measured, not by phrases
Like, "so in need", or, "very much in want" . . .
But, "utterly forsaken, desolate,
And without hope that time may change their fate."

Give unto us, one day, the lovely vision,
Of brown-skinned children, romping in the sun,
Their hunger stilled, the emptiness forgotten,
. . . . And, shoes, upon those little feet, to run
Dressed like OUR child is dressed, no longer shoddy,
Free from all dread disease, each little body

Give unto them, forgiveness of their fathers
For, it was THEY, who sinned before Thy sight;
Remove from them the guilt of those transgressions,
That caused Thy mighty fist to swing, in might,
Crashing within their midst, with stunning blow,
Diverting milk and honey, from it's flow

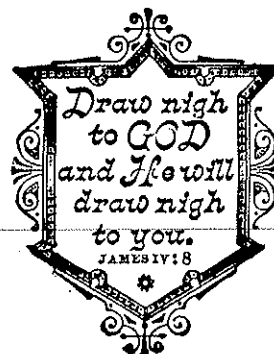
Ah, yes! Diverting ALL their milk and honey
In ever-swelling stream, before OUR door
Stripping them of their pride, and of their glory,
Giving to US, (the white-man), evermore
Yet, we too, share the guilt of that transgression,
And, turn to Christ, for BOTH our intercession.

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Give unto us a heart of love and care
. . . . To care for them, Oh Lord, this is our prayer!

By Catherine Poma

Dedicated to Brother and Sister Perdue,
who labor in their midst.



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METUCHEN, N. J.

Dear Brother Cadman,

I am writing, pertaining to an experience that happened in our Branch of Metuchen. There is a woman, Bess Eosso, a relative of mine, who was dying of cancer. She had cancer of the throat and because of this she lost a lot of weight. She was down to 75 pounds and was living on pills and liquids. She requested our elders to lay hands on her and asked the Brothers and Sisters to pray for her. She was anointed twice, and said there was definitely a change in her condition, she could eat solid foods, and felt much better. She came during a testimony meeting and praised God's name and said that she knows the prayers of the saints helped her. We know that God moves in mysterious ways, and can help us if we have faith in him.

Branch Editor
Sister Mary Ann VanBree

LETTER FROM MEXICO

Dear Brother Cadman:

Last Sunday we had a wonderful time in the Lord. Our little building could not hold all of the people. We had 67 adults (all Lamanites) plus some teenagers and about 50 children. Of course the children had to be in their building. They sang hymns in the Mayo Indian language and I am sure if you would have been here your heart would have rejoiced. Just to think that their forefathers once knew the Lord and that once again he is going to gather them in. In the last two weeks several have asked for baptism.

Two couples will have to straighten out their lives first, so, when we go to the waters, I imagine there will be about eight or nine. Also yesterday back in the mountains where we are holding meetings we had quite a group. Our prayer is that God may continue His work among these people. He is blessing them with miraculous healings, visions and dreams and many times we have to marvel at the wonderful things that take place.

Our hearts rejoice when we see these people praising and glorifying the Lord. We feel that God has great things for them in the future. We are thankful for an opportunity to try and do something for Him. Pray for us and may God bless you richly Brother Cadman. Perhaps some day you may once again come to Mexico and visit with us. We would love to have you.

Sincerely,
Brother and Sister Perdue

NOTE

I have read a letter from Sister Bertha Ford having a request in it to extend her thanks and appreciation for being remembered with cards and your prayers during her recent illness. Apparently she is much improved in her health, though she writes this letter while in the hospital. In her letter dated Feb.

22nd, she says they were in Muncey several weeks ago and attended "feet-washing service". They had a wonderful time and also attended a meeting in Windsor. The Fords live in Meaford, Ontario — a cold country.

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At this date, Feb. 26th., I am still confined to my home not very well but in hopes that when the weather warms up again I will feel better. I have received word of Brother Rocco Meo's death. A few years ago, he took me on a trip up into Canada on the Indian Reservations and I enjoyed his company. The last time I was in California, I noticed his health was failing. May the Lord care for his loved ones.

I ask you all to kindly remember me.

Sincerely, Brother Cadman

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Gospel News Readers:

Greetings from the West Side Branch #2 in Detroit!

We are indeed happy for this wonderful Gospel that came our way in these the latter days. There's nothing in this world that can equal the joy of the Saints who have become Sons and Daughters of the Most High God.

Blessed is he that puts his trust fully in the Lord for great shall be the reward. Psalm 125, verse 1 tells us, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which can not be removed, but abideth forever." We thank God for this spark of light he has put into our hearts. May we nourish it and cherish it and call it our own.

We are still holding the Wednesday night meeting in my home. However, we are in the process of building our new church building. We have had wonderful reports from our elder brothers who work in the missionary field. Our earnest desire is that some day the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

May the Lord instill the love of God into each and every heart who is diligently seeking him. We salute you all with the love of God throughout the church. This is our prayer.

Sincerely,
Sister Anna Carlini.

GREENSBURG NEWS

On January 12, the members of the Greensburg Branch, honored Brother Fred Fair with a surprise party, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fair. Brother Fair was 76 years old. About 50 guests attended, including his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Brother Charles Mancini, of Erie. Sisters Rose, Ann Fair and Brother Alvin Swanson were in charge of the affair.

Brother Swanson, with the help of Brother Fair's children, had gathered information on Brother Fair's life. This was very interesting. When he was 15 years of age he came to America. God had a purpose in

bringing this boy here. When he became a man and heard of the Restored Gospel the Lord opened his heart. He obeyed the Gospel and is a faithful member of the church. We hope God will keep him to the end and may he find a place in His kingdom over there. After lunch was served, a line was formed and all wished Brother Fair many more birthdays. The brothers and sisters of the branch, presented him with a Bible with his name, engraved in gold on it. Brother Fair thanked everyone for remembering him on his birthday.

Brothers and Sisters, I also thank God for giving me such a fine Dad. Through him I also found the true Church of Jesus Christ.

Love to all in Christ,
Rose Nalevanko

OBITUARY

Brother Sam Andrews (Sabatino D'Andrea) was born in Italy, March 10, 1877. He came to reside in Youngstown from Cleveland, Ohio in 1908. He was married to Assunta Di'Giuseppe who died in 1943.

He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on March 10, 1920, and was later ordained in the office of deacon. He passed on to his reward January 27, 1963, at Fairview Park, Ohio, and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lena Pitoscia, Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Eva Zuchowski, Fairview Park, Ohio (with whom he made his home) Mrs. Carmela Horkay, Lorain, Ohio and two sons, Adam of McDonald, Ohio and John of Youngstown, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Brother Sabatino was loved by the branch of Youngstown. He was a devoted worker and as a Deacon, he fulfilled his office in the labor of love both visiting the sick and was a good caretaker of the house of God. His testimony shall long be remembered. His eyes were most always filled with tears when he bore testimony. In 1958 he suffered a stroke which left him without speech and since he could not write, he could not communicate with others. The saints never failed to mention his name in prayer when we met. His devoted daughter, Eva, with whom he was staying, brought him to Youngstown branch several times during his illness.

He was confined to the wheelchair. We know the Lord will not forget his labor of love. During this illness Brother Joe Manes had a dream that Brother Sabatino said, "go tell the Saints to fast and pray for those that are not baptized, which he did and several were baptized." A faithful and devoted Brother truly missed by one and all.

Youngstown Branch Editor

MEXICO

A short note was received from Brother Floyd Hemp of a New Year's service in Tijuano, Mexico. He and his wife, Lucy, spent part of the evening in a service in California then from 7 o'clock until midnight met in the mission with Brother and Sister Perdue. When they arrived it was very dark, as there is no electricity, gas or water. They had to feel their way

to the door, and then lit a small lamp to see their way. It is very cold on the mountain at this time of the year, but God has blessed the little Church building. It doesn't get too cold in winter or too hot in the summer. The members there don't need much light to see the hymn books as most of them have the hymns memorized. That night their singing was beautiful. They turn their eyes toward heaven, open their mouths and the words come from their hearts. They sing as though God were standing there. We felt a warm, wonderful feeling among these people. After attending meetings in both U.S. and Mexico we can say the same spirit was there. The singing had the spirit of missionary work in it. We will always remember this New Year's Eve.

Your Brother in Christ
Floyd Hemp

A PARABLE

A glorious church, The Church Of Christ
is holding a picnic near.

On the banks of a river wild and wide
but the day is bright and clear.

There is drift of wood, boards and logs
on this river swift and wild.

There I see on a log clinging tight is a man
on some drift is a little child.

Crying for help and their cries are loud
for they know that death is near.

Panic has seized them as they drift on down
and their hearts are cold with fear.

The church sent men down upon the bank
of this river muddy and deep.

They could not go out to get these souls
only the close ones they could seek.

You see the problem with which they contend
their hearts did bleed for the lost.

No money in Gods church to buy rope and boat
There is none because of the cost.

The cries grow fainter as distance grows
between the church and the lost.

The day will come when we look on our God
Then we will remember the cost.

Written by Brother Clarence Griffith

SISTER SADIE B. DORAN PASSES AWAY

Sister Sadie B. Doran, 81, widow of the late Charles Doran passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. Verna Brierscheck. She was the last surviving member of her family being a daughter of the late Brother and Sister Lynch of Youngwood, Pa. To mourn her passing, she leaves two daughters and a son, namely: Mrs. Frances Henderson of Youngwood, Mrs. Verna Brierscheck of Norvelt, and Clyde Doran of Greensburg, Pa.; also, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Funeral Home with Brother Alvin Swanson officiating. She was a faithful member of the Greensburg Branch.

May God bless and comfort the family of our Sister.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By William H. Cadman

"An Experience"

My readers, no doubt, all know that I have not been very well for a while; in fact, I have not been well since soon after returning home from the October Conference which was held in Hopelawn, N.J. At the close of the Conference, I spent three nights in New Jersey holding meetings and had very nice attendance. I like to do what I can to encourage along in simplicity, while the world is in its present state of dilemma relative to the Salvation of the Soul.

While I have been living alone since the passing of my wife, though it is not because I **have** to do so — I have four daughters with their husbands who will all make a home for me when needed. Thus far, I have desired to still retain my own home. If I could sell my home, I would make a change in some way. While at my youngest daughter's home a short time since I was sitting in the room with my thoughts going one way and another, I found myself singing the first verse of Hymn #86 in our Hymnal — a hymn I have heard sung more or less all my life time.

When I finished singing the verse, I got up and looked for a Hymnal Book, found one and opened it to hymn #86 — "O God, Give strength to all Thy Saints (I have quoted the first line). It further reads, "And Courage give them too; And O lend us Thy Mighty Aid, To Conquer every foe. Thy Saints are weak, but Thou are Strong; There's all, there's all we want in Thee, And Thou hast promised us Thine aid, **When We United Be.**"

I have sung these lines many times and think they are a wonderful composition for any soul that has any reverence for God.

It is a wonderful old hymn and the real facts of it should not be overlooked. While I have read and sung it many times in the past, yet I don't think it struck me so forcibly as it did on this occasion.

It contains a promise, but inasmuch as we or the singer do God's will. It creates a serious thought in a serious person's mind — "Thou hast promised us Thine Aid, when We United Be".

If God requires a spirit of unity among His people, why is it that there is most always a Spirit crop-

ping up in our midst striving to destroy that unity? I read that all **Good** comes from God; then, that being true and it is, for I read that **no good thing** can come from the Devil — he who has been a **Liar** from the beginning; therefore, we must conclude that the evil power is using the spirit of disunity in our midst to prevent us from being eligible for the fulfilling of God's promise of divine aid. This does not mean that we cannot have differing ideas and opinions as individuals, but it does mean that when our ideas and opinions are at variance with the commands of God, and the doctrines of the Church as accepted by God, then we must show a willingness to lay aside anything that destroys oneness and unity of spirit among us. **Only then** will we receive that Divine Aid of which we sing in this wonderful old hymn.

Brother W. H. Cadman

Second Series

Anthony Di Battista

1922; In the early days in the church I used to buy the Book of Mormon from the Salt Lake people, I purchased four books, two for Brother Joseph Dulissi. On Sunday morning I got up about 5:30 a.m. and I took a walk to his home, (he lived in Glassport at the end of the street car line,) to give him his two books. I saw that he was still asleep so I went a little further from his place where the Glassport bridge is now, I sat down on the ground and I was going to read the Book of Mormon, but the book opened to the 17th Chapter of III Nephi, I started to read, the more I read the more blessing I felt, when I finished reading that Chapter I was filled with the love of God and I asked the Lord "why don't we get such wonderful experiences like the Lamanites?" At the same moment I was covered with a white cloud and I felt the glory of God. I heard the word from Heaven say, "this is a true book", the words were repeated three times, I got up and walked down to Brother Dulissi's home filled with the Spirit of God. When he looked at my face and they saw my countenance was changed, the Bible was on a stand and I got it and held it in my hand and it opened itself to the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, I read the first verse which said, "Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" In the twinkling of an eye the walls and the ceiling of the room disappeared for the Glory of God filled the room. We all knelt down and gave thanks to the Lord our God, and His Son Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit He sent down to bear witness to us. This was a remarkable experience for me in my early days in the Church.

MAHONING, Pa.; Brother Dintino asked me to go to Mahoning, Pa. near New Castle. We went to the house where Frank Thomas was staying. He was a widower with four children. We tried to preach the Gospel to the family, but a man was there with the spirit of the devil to contradict us on everything we said, he was rebuked by the power of God. After that he never troubled us. Later on Frank Thomas was baptized into the Gospel. He was the father of Brother Dominick Thomas of Detroit.

SOUTH GREENSBURG, PA. APRIL, 1924; — My mother-in-law, Sister Maria DiNino, said, "we have

some paesano's (countrymen) in South Greensburg, Pa., they are good people, we ought to go to see them for the Lord may bless them too." My mother-in-law, my father-in-law and my wife Fraolina went there to express the Gospel the best they knew how, they told them if they were interested in the Gospel they would send me to visit them. When they returned from South Greensburg they brought the report, this was a feast to me when they said there is a good opportunity to preach the Gospel there. As I was thinking over the matter the Spirit of God worked in me. The more I thought of that work the better I felt. I went to Brother Joseph Dulissi and told him about it, we counseled about it and soon after we decided to go and visit there.

The first trip we made we went to Patsy Fallavolito's home. When they saw us they knew who we were, after we greeted each other we felt very welcome. While we were in the house, people started to come in and we started to preach the Gospel. When they were all gathered, there were eleven men. Patsy's wife prepared a good dinner for us and after we ate we continued to preach, the power of God through His Son Jesus Christ manifested in that home. Shortly after, all those men that were there were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Brother Fred Fair is one that was present that day.

The next Sunday, we went to South Greensburg again with Brother Joseph Dulissi and we went directly to another family named James Lavelle. As we were discussing the Gospel, Mrs. Lavelle tried to show us their poverty. Truly they were poor, but as we talked we tried to explain the virtue of Jesus Christ, yea, what Christ would do. We told her, "when we go away from your home go into a room of the house and pray to God, in the name of Jesus and ask Him who we represent, He will let you know the truth we speak." As soon as we said these words she put her both hands on her head and said, "Oh! just before I got up out of my bed, two Angels walked in my room and both spoke the same words that you speak to me now, so I know who you are." This Sister is still living today, very faithful to the Gospel. God did provide her family with the abundance of all that the family needed.

TOLEDO, OHIO, 1924: A husband and wife were baptized in Toledo and two other members went there from Niles, Ohio. The branch of Glassport thought if someone would go there. There was a good start so I went there with my family, my brother, Brother Patsy Di Battista of Detroit came and we both tried to preach the Gospel. We went from door to door knocking: It was a hard job trying to make friends. We held meetings in our home every Sunday and through the week. As time went by we saw that we could not make friends and the members began to slacken down, everything seemed to be going against us, so in May 1925, we returned to Glassport. When I had gone to Toledo I had a lot of money and a lot of good spirit. When I returned I had no money and no spirit. This showed me that this work at this time was out of place.

I started to go back to South Greensburg to do missionary work and the Lord returned with bless-

ings toward me, sure the mercies of God were great and I worked there until the Lord raised some Elders there and they began to take care of themselves. Surely the Lord's work prospered in South Greensburg. God Bless them all.

MISSION IN VANDERBILT, PA. JULY 1930;

At the July Conference Brother and Sister Oren Thomas invited Brother Isaac Smith and myself to Vanderbilt. They wanted us to hold meetings at their place. The first meeting we held there was held under an apple tree and they still live at this same place. God surely put his blessings upon us. There were thirty-one people gathered which showed how Brother Oren and Sister Katey worked in bidding the people to come to our services. Brother Smith and I continued the work until the Lord saw fit and they were able to take care of themselves. May God continue to bless them.

AN EXPERIENCE ON HILL CUMORAH 1933;

Brothers Charles Ashton, James Curry and I wanted to go to Rochester, N.Y. to visit our Brethren and Sisters there. Brother Curry was driving along the highway and just before we arrived at the state line of New York, the voice of the Lord spoke to me saying, "THIS IS THE LAND WHERE ADAM AND EVE WALKED". This was repeated three times, after this the land appeared to be so marvelous as we traveled toward New York state. I said to the Brethren, "surely the House of Jacob looks wonderful". This experience convinced me that this was the land where Adam and Eve were created. Oh! what a blessing!

MUNCHEY, ONTARIO 1933; Brother William Cadman had received a letter from an Indian Chief of Muncney, Ont., Canada. He asked if Brother Alma Cadman, Brother Paul Love and I would like to go visit some Indians in Canada. We all agreed to go, so the four of us went to the Muncney Reservation. There we found an Indian Chief, George Nicholas, who invited us to stay at his home. He also helped us to get the council hall to have services in the evening. We remained there, holding a meeting every night. The second day I saw the Spirit of God move upon Sister Nicholas and the next day Brother William Cadman baptized her. The same evening we held another meeting, I saw the Spirit move on Brother and Sister John Hall. They were baptized by Brother William Cadman also. We then left to return to Pennsylvania with the understanding to visit them again. Brother Alma Cadman and I returned there and I baptized Sister Snake. Brother Alma took sick and we had to come home, while we were there the Lord surely blessed us and gave us a good experience through His Son Jesus Christ.

1951: Brother Donald Curry, of Glassport, was in the hospital in Pittsburgh with a spot on his lung. The doctor examined him, and Brother Don asked when he would be going home? The doctor said he didn't know. On Sunday afternoon we were all united in the service. I had asked two brothers to administer Sacrament and while they were praying I felt to pray for Brother Don. I asked the Lord in the name of His Son Jesus Christ to touch the spot on his lung with the tip of his finger and heal him, immediately the voice of the Lord answered me and said, "HE IS HEALED". I told the Saints right away that the Lord had healed Brother Don. A few days later the doctor examined him again and there

was no spot on the lung. The doctor was amazed but we knew the Lord had performed this miracle. I thank God and His Son Jesus Christ, and also the Holy Spirit which has been manifested in me Bless His High and Holy Name forever and ever.

GREENSBURG NEWS

Mr. Louis Tempo, husband of Sister Bambi Lavella Tempo, died in March, 1963, in Herminie, Pa. He is survived by two sons of California, two daughters of Greencastle, Pa., and sisters and a brother in Italy. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Anthony DiBattista. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

A ZOOLOGIST TALKS ABOUT EVOLUTION

Is there a conflict between the Bible and the biological sciences? What does a Bible-believing scientist think about the Darwinian theory of evolution? What makes man different from animals?

These and other questions are answered in this first of Sunday Digest's talks with scientists who believe in a personal God.

Our authority is Dr. Russell Lowell Mixter, Professor of Zoology at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. Dr. Mixter holds the M.S. Degree in zoology from Michigan State University and earned his doctorate in the field of anatomy at the University of Illinois.

He taught anatomy for one year at the University of Illinois, then moved to Wheaton where he has been Professor of Zoology since 1936.

Dr. Mixter is a member of the Illinois Academy of Science and the American Scientific Affiliation. He was president of the latter organization from 1951-54. He is a specialist in macrophages of connective tissues, spiders of the Black Hills, and the study of evolution.

Dr. Mixter is the author of *Creation and Evolution*, a monograph issued by the American Scientific Affiliation. He is the editor of *Evolution and Christian Thought Today*, a symposium of thirteen studies written by distinguished scientists.

Dr. Mixter was interviewed by James C. Hefley, a member of the David C. Cook editorial staff.

Mr. Hefley: Dr. Mixter, I understand you teach a class in evolution at Wheaton. This sounds like an unusual subject to be taught on a conservative Protestant campus. Are you and some Christians coming to accept Darwin's ideas?

Dr. Mixter: Not at all, and for that matter, some non-Christian scientists do not accept Darwin's theories. Evolution is a fighting word among some Christians. Some would prefer that we ignore it. But I do not think this is the answer. The Darwin theory and other theories of evolution are taught in most of our schools of higher learning. Our young people are exposed to it. So, why shouldn't we who teach at Christian schools give them the Christian viewpoint?

Mr. Hefley: Where does the conflict lie between Darwin and the Bible?

Dr. Mixter: Scripture declares that God the Creator is intelligent and all-powerful. He made living organisms according to His plan and purpose. On the other hand, Darwin believed in the creation by chance of only a few forms or just one. In later editions of

his book, he said life was breathed by the Creator into the first forms of life.

Darwin advocated total evolution, which is to say that all living things have evolved from the first living forms according to the laws surrounding them. But this is only theory and the evidence of science does not confirm it.

Mr. Hefley: For example?

Dr. Mixter: Generally speaking, there is not enough evidence to prove total evolution from protozoa up to man and from algae up to the flowering plants. The record of fossils is too scanty to prove total evolution.

Mr. Hefley: Will they ever find the so-called missing link?

Dr. Mixter: Make missing link plural, for there are a number of links missing. The most publicized one is the theorized "ape-man." Evolutionists believe that if we had fossils of all animals that ever lived there would be no missing links. They think animals on one side of a gap are related to those on the other side because the animals are similar. But this evidence from similarity is circumstantial evidence. The similarities might have resulted from kinship, but they may also be the result of creation.

But back to the missing links that are supposed to connect man with animal ancestry. The stratum of the earth which should have the missing links in it is the Pliocene. And it has yielded no fossils to reveal how bipedalism developed. Man is a bipedal being—that is, he walks on his feet only, not on his feet and hands, as do animals.

I suppose, though, that evolutionists will go on looking for their missing links and many people will go on accepting as fact what simply cannot be proven from science.

Mr. Hefley: You have stated in one of your writings that you believe in "progressive creation." Would you explain that term?

Dr. Mixter: Gladly. Fossil evidence shows that some creatures of the past appear to be ancestors of present creatures. For example, take the best-known fossil record, that of the horse. The horse of the Eocene Period appears to be the ancestor of our modern horse. However, the fossil record does not show us who is the ancestor of the Eocene horse. But between the Eocene horse and our modern horse a great number of changes have taken place. The Eocene horse had toes. Today's horse has hoofs, and a longer neck, and a heavier mane and tail.

Mr. Hefley: Then the horse has changed a good deal since creation.

Dr. Mixter: The horse has adapted himself to a changing environment. But, let me emphasize, the horse has remained a horse.

Mr. Hefley: In the first chapter of Genesis the phrase "after his kind" is used. We have "the fruit tree . . . after his kind," the "winged fowl after his kind," and so on. This seems to cut squarely across Darwin's theory.

Dr. Mixter: Indeed, it does. The "kinds" of Genesis did not evolve. They were specifically created by God.

Mr. Hefley: But don't geneticists say there have

been biological changes between certain species?

Dr. Mixer: Yes, and I'm inclined to agree with them.

Mr. Hefley: But doesn't this contradict the Genesis account?

Dr. Mixer: Some Christians mistakenly think so. But let me explain my view. On earth today there are about 800,000 kinds of animals and 250,000 kinds of plants. "Kinds" means "species" as the term is used by geneticists and biologists. The Bible does not claim that God specifically created each one of these thousands of species of living things. Remember that the Genesis account is general—grass, fruit trees, fowl, cattle, and so forth. From these general kinds — call them species if you wish — have developed the thousands of species which have been classified by scientists.

The idea of the "fixity of species" cannot be proven from Scripture. The Church picked up this concept from Linnaeus who originated it in 1758. Linnaeus assumed that the species he could identify were each one created. But later studies caused Linnaeus to give up this idea. Unfortunately, many in the Church did not. Even today we still have people saying that the Bible teaches fixity of the species. It does not.

Mr. Hefley: Then a lot of so-called evolution is merely progressive development within the first families of created "kinds."

Dr. Mixer: That is correct. A lot of misunderstanding would not take place if this was understood. Some Christians believe nothing has changed since creation and ignore all the findings of biological science. On the other hand, many non-Christians believe the Bible dogmatically teaches the fixity of species and that the earth is 6,000 years old. So they ignore the Bible, and call it unscientific.

When the Bible speaks on scientific matters, and is correctly interpreted, there is no conflict with the findings of science. But notice I said findings, not theories. The Bible does conflict with certain theories that cannot be proven. For myself, I prefer to accept the Bible account, instead of unproven theories.

Mr. Hefley: Could you point out an illustration of how the Bible agrees with science?

Dr. Mixer: There are many which could be cited. Let's look at Jacob's so-called "breeding experiment." Nonbelievers have poked fun at the Bible account of Jacob putting green poplar, hazel, and chestnut rods into the watering trough of the goats and sheep of Laban (Genesis 30: 37-39). Because verse 39 says "the flocks . . . brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted," the critics say the account is mythical. But when we read Genesis 31: 11, 12 we see that the angel revealed the truth to Jacob in a dream. According to the angel the spotted flocks were bred from male parents who had recessive (not even) genes for spottedness. This is perfectly in accord with the law of genetics that recessive characters not seen in breeding animals may appear in later generations.

Mr. Hefley: Have you seen evidence of God in your study of living things?

Dr. Mixer: Everywhere I look I see the evidence of intelligence, planning and design. I would be a fool not to believe in an intelligent first Designer and Planner. For instance, take the coordination between our

nerves and muscles. I prick my finger with a sharp instrument. The nerve impulses go to my spinal cord and I withdraw my finger before I actually feel the pain. This reflex action is based in all animal life.

Then consider how we purposefully control our muscles. As you are making notes in this interview your brain orders your finger muscles to write the particular words you want. All living things testify to their marvelous Maker. As a scientist I can bow in reverence.

Mr. Hefley: You have a high appreciation of the genius of God in creating life. I think all people—Christian and non-Christian alike—would agree that man is the highest form of life. But not all agree that man is distinctively God's special creation. How do you go about proving that man is uniquely different from high forms of animal life?

Dr. Mixer: First, man is anatomically and structurally different from the animals. Man is a bipedal creature. He walks on two feet. His upper body is supported on his pelvic bones. In contrast the apes customarily walk on four limbs and their pelvic bone structure is different from man's.

Second, man is culturally different from the animals. For example, take language. Genesis says that Adam named the animals. Man can communicate by means of highly developed language. Animals cannot.

Third, and the most distinctive difference of all, man is a spiritual creation of God. Only man was created in God's image. Only man has the capacity to worship God. Only man can know God.

Mr. Hefley: What do you believe to be man's highest conception of God?

Dr. Mixer: Man receives his highest knowledge of God through the Biblical revelation of Jesus Christ who I believe was God's Son. When I was twelve years old I committed my life to Christ in Williamston, Michigan. Since then I have grown spiritually, physically, and mentally, but I have never found reason to give up my boyhood faith in Christ.

Mr. Hefley: Do you think Christians—particularly Christian young people—should study science? Is there a needed ministry here?

Dr. Mixer: God instructed man in Genesis to have dominion over, multiply, replenish, and subdue the lesser creation. The Bible teaches that the lesser creation is to be used for man's benefit and God's glory. The proper seeking of scientific knowledge falls within these instructions.

Young people who are scientifically inclined should study science. Science can bless or curse mankind. Take these two examples. Knowledge of the atom can be used to destroy or greatly benefit the world. Knowledge of bacteria can be used in bacteriological warfare or to combat human disease.

There is a tremendous ministry in the field of science. Besides the good that he can do through science, the scientist who is a Christian can communicate the Gospel to the non-Christian scientist. And the non-Christian scientist needs the knowledge of Christ as much as anyone else.

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I know that He loveth His children," I Nephi 11:17.
Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you about a wonderful vision recorded in The Book of Mormon. Our Church believes in visions and dreams. Some people think these things are not for people today but the word of God states, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrew 13:8)

The man who had this vision, or dream, was Lehi, a prophet. The Lord directed him to leave Jerusalem before it was destroyed. He came to this land of America, the promised land. Lehi had seen his sons, Nephi and Sam, in the vision. He rejoiced because these and many of their descendants would be saved in God's kingdom. But the other two sons, Laman and Lemuel were not so. He feared for them. In the dream Lehi found himself in a dark, dreary wilderness. A man dressed in a white robe came and stood beside him. He spoke to him and asked Lehi to follow. After traveling for many hours in darkness, Lehi began to pray. He asked God to be merciful to him. After praying he saw a very large field. In it was a fruit tree. The fruit was very desirable, sweeter than any he had ever tasted. It was very, very white. As he ate it, his soul was filled with great joy. He wanted his family to eat of it also. He knew this fruit was desirable above all others. As he looked around for his family, he saw a river running along near the tree. At the head of the river he saw his wife, Sariah and his two sons, Nephi and Sam. They stood as if they did not know where to go. He cried with a loud voice and motioned to them to come to him and partake of the desirable fruit. He wanted his other two sons to come too. He looked at the head of the river. That perhaps he might see Laman and Lemuel. But they refused to come and take the fruit. This dream was later fulfilled because Laman and Lemuel did not desire to follow the Lord.

Also in this vision Lehi saw a rod extending along the bank of the river. A straight, narrow path was by the rod and both led to the tree where he stood. They also led by the head of the fountain or the beginning of the river and on into a large spacious field as if it were a world. Then he saw many, many people pressing forward to get on the path that led to the tree. Some started on the path but there arose a great mist of darkness. They lost their way and wandered off and were lost. Others went forward and caught the end of the iron rod and clung to it. They traveled through the darkness, holding the rod until they came to the tree. After they had taken of the fruit they looked about as if they were ashamed. Lehi then looked around, and on the other side of the river he saw a spacious building, standing as if it were in the air, high above the earth. It was filled with people both old and young, dressed in fine clothing. They were mocking and pointing their fingers toward those

who had gone to the tree and were eating the fruit. Lehi understood why those people were ashamed. They could not endure the scoffing of those watching them so they fell away into forbidden paths and were lost.

Next he saw other multitudes of people pressing forward and taking hold of the rod of iron. They continued holding fast until they reached the tree and partook of its fruit. Others were feeling their way towards the great building but were drowned in the depths of the fountain. Many were lost from view, wandering in strange roads. That great multitude that entered the strange building pointed their finger of scorn at Lehi and those who were partaking of the fruit. Many would not heed, so fell away. Lehi feared for his two sons Laman and Lemuel who would not eat of the fruit. He hoped the Lord would be merciful and would not cast them off.

Later Lehi's son, Nephi, told his people the meaning of the vision. The tree represented the tree of life. The rod of iron was the word of God, which led to it. All who would hear the word of God and hold fast to it would never perish and Satan could not harm them. The river was the water of filthiness and his father had not noticed this because his mind had been occupied in other things. The river was an awful gulf which separated the wicked from the tree of life. Nephi told the people to give heed to the word of God and keep His commandments.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. After Nephi desired to see the things his father saw where was he taken? I Nephi 11:1
2. How did Nephi describe the tree? I Nephi 11:8
3. After he had seen the tree what else did he desire? I Nephi 11:10, 11.
4. What other wonderful thing did he see? I Nephi 11:18, 19, 20.
5. Had his father seen this?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

HOW GREAT WAS THE INFINITE SACRIFICE

My thoughts are drawn very much of late concerning the greatness of the Infinite Sacrifice, which I believe we need to give more thought and meditation, to the overwhelming of all sacrifices.

In the 15th Chapter of St. John 13 - 14 Verses, reads thus "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." Was the laying down of His life for us the infinite sacrifice in its entirety? I believe most people refer to the above scripture and think along these lines of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ upon Calvary's Cross, of His persecution by those whom He loved, to whom He came that they may have eternal life, yet they received Him not. After being betrayed by Judas, He was brought before a council to be judged. Imagine the Son of the Most High God being judged by man and mocked shamefully. They clothed Him in a purple robe and placed a crown of thorns upon His head roughly, and brought Him before all, spat upon Him and struck Him sharply and mockingly exclaimed "Hail, King of the Jews."

We believe many there must surely have been

given evidence that He was without sin and could surely see the goodness of Him, as was attested to by Pilate who as one man tried to release Him, for he said I find no fault in Him, thus he expressed the desire of his heart, and we believe he was given knowledge in his heart that this was the Son of God, yet his fear robbed him and caused him to release Jesus unto them to be crucified.

My thoughts at this time go to another trial, when Stephen appeared before a council and it is written of him, that as the council looked upon him, his face was that of an angel, and yet they condemned him and he was stoned to death. Surely then how much more would the glory and goodness of Jesus shine forth, although He likewise, was put to death. We think of His love at that time for His accusers as He said, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do", and before the council He answered their questions with meekness and compassion towards them and sought no defense or retaliation, thus fulfilling the scriptures. Like a lamb being lead to the slaughter, He opened not His mouth. Many prophecies were fulfilled at this time, though some would seem not to be important yet it should impress upon us the exactness of the Lord that all must come to pass that was prophesied from the least to the greatest. It is written that not a bone of His body would be broken, and so it was when they came to take Jesus down from the Cross, He had already given up the ghost and so they broke not his legs as they did the others. It is also written of this time, they looked upon whom they pierced, a very small prophecy seemingly yet it was fulfilled when although HE was dying from His terrible wounds in His hands and feet yet the word of the Lord came to pass when they pierced His side, and five bleeding wounds were His, and so we look with an eye of faith to the prophecies, yet before us, knowing all must be fulfilled. Man has been known to give up his life for those he love, so we know there is much to the Infinite Sacrifice.

We believe the crucifixion was a part of the Infinite Sacrifice, but we believe He gave up much more. One of our Lord's prayers found in John 17-5 gives us thought as He prays "O, My Father, glorify thou me, with thine own self with the glory I had with Thee before the world was." Making known He was with the Father from the beginning but consider these scriptures, 2 Cor. 8-9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich yet for your sake, He became poor that ye through His poverty might ye be rich. Hebrews 2-9, Jesus was made a little lower than the angels. This becomes a part of the Infinite Sacrifice, showing that He was with the Father from the beginning, having no pain, troubles or afflictions of this fleshly body but because as it is written, God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, and so He came in the flesh. He became a little lower than the angels. He, in the flesh, they, in the spirit. So, it is that although He was rich for your sake, He became poor when He took upon Him flesh, He made it possible that ye might become rich even as He in the beginning was rich through obedience to His time of poverty or His time here in the flesh when He made the plan of redemption known by be-

ing the example sent by the Father which as we pointed out by the fulfilling of the prophecies which were seemingly very small yet it points out the exactness of the Lord and also points out that there is no other way where man can be saved, only through the teachings of this Jesus Christ who gave up so much for us not only through giving up His life for us on Calvary, but also in giving up His life with the Father to come in the flesh, Yes for your sake He became poor and through His poverty He has made it possible for you to become rich.

I believe all mankind desires this riches of eternal life which cannot be described even by the greatness of poets, and only can be attained to by the exactness of His life of poverty or His life in the flesh when the way was made plain by Him—repentance, baptism, and laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. The apostle Paul bears this out also in Galatians 1 Chap., 8 verse. "For though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached let him be accursed. Very strong doctrine, but true, for we know the apostles taught all men that this was that straight and narrow gate spoken of in the latter part of the sermon on the mount by our Lord when He speaks "Few there would be that find it." This because of man seeking an easier way of serving God than the way of His poverty that as He, our Lord humbled Himself so must you and I by obedience to His will as taught by Him and His Apostles.

Paul speaks on one occasion to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. Make your election sure, examine yourself. Are you walking after the way of our Lord, have you entered in through that straight and narrow gate of repentance, baptism, and laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost? If not, you are procrastinating the day of your salvation for if you feast upon the word of God as He commanded, then you will find these words are true and this way is truly the only way to enter in that straight and narrow gate of our Lord, that we also may become rich through eternal life. We beseech all mankind to inquire of the Lord concerning this narrow gate by which you must enter, for the Lord Himself speaks in John 10-1, He that climbeth up some other way is a thief and a robber. This concern and importance of the way of entry is the reason of God bringing about this great and infinite sacrifice, yes because He loved you so, He desired you to come in by the way of the Lord. In conclusion we write the words of great wisdom of one of the greatest prophets of our Lord, Moroni 10-4, "And when ye shall receive these things I would exhort you that you would ask of God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true and if you shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent having faith in Christ, He will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Has the great and Infinite Sacrifice reached your heart, if so, "Seek ye the Lord while He can be found, Call on Him while He is near, Yes, prove the days of your poverty that ye also may become rich.

Brother B. J. Martin
Roscoe, Pennsylvania

CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My husband and I decided to take a Christmas trip to visit his parents in Warren, Ohio. Our daughter Cheryl who is ten had not been feeling too well, but we thought it was not anything serious. We had her anointed shortly before we left trusting that God would take care of her. As we traveled on the train and all the time we were in Warren she complained of a terrible headache, and pain in her neck and back. The day before we were to leave I noticed her getting worse. My brother, Joe Genero, came over to anoint her. She fell asleep and slept most of the day. When she awoke she told me her eye sight was blurry and she started to see double, so I decided to take her to a doctor. When the doctor examined her, he said it was something more serious than the flu. He found there was pressure behind the eyes. The symptom, he told us, might mean a tumor on the brain. The doctor told us we should fly her home as soon as possible, so we left the next morning.

As soon as we got off the plane we went directly to the UCLA hospital. The doctors were waiting for us and when they examined her they all felt that it was very serious. The next morning they began a series of tests. They scheduled her for Monday morning surgery. Our branch and others that knew of this had fasting and prayer on Saturday and Monday morning. There was a feeling of unity among both young and old. When they took her into surgery they performed a Uentriculogram and it showed no tumor. I started to praise God on the phone for his goodness and mercy in behalf of my daughter. I felt so relieved that they found no tumor, because there were other children there that had tumors and they gave them no hope.

We thought that everything was alright, but Tuesday they noticed her eyesight was failing very fast. The doctors told us they were going to tap her spine again to see if there was pressure. So Brother Joe notified the elders and we had a prayer meeting Wednesday night for her. Again the doctors were amazed that there was no pressure. Cheryl was calling on God to help her, and surely he did answer her prayer along with all the prayers of the brothers and sisters. Since that time her eyesight has started to improve.

Wednesday night, Cheryl had a dream. She dreamed that Brother Bob Cirochi was anointing his little girl because she didn't feel well. After anointing her it seems that he asked us to go to the park, so we did. When we got there I saw a little old lady that was blind trying to get a drink of water from a fountain. She was not able to drink too well because the water was not flowing freely. Cheryl said that Brother Bob was standing next to her. It seemed that he was going to fix the fountain. When he started to fix the fountain she noticed he still had blessed oil on his finger. Something bumped his arm and the finger with the blessed oil on it touched the water and it started to flow freely. Then she awoke. How wonderful it is that God would bless a child of this age with such a wonderful dream.

Cheryl was in the hospital for another week. She

improved daily but they kept her there to see that she had no further complications. We asked the doctors what had caused all this and they told us they didn't know. But they checked her for tumors, polio, spinal meningitis, and other serious illnesses. They just couldn't tell us what it was. There are not enough words in the world to express our gratitude to God for his goodness and mercy to our Cheryl.

We wish to express our humble thanks and gratitude to all the Brothers and Sisters throughout the church for their fasting and prayers. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Brother Joe and Sister Jean Ciarolla

**A BRIEF ACCOUNT AND TESTIMONY OF
SISTER JULIA D'AMICO
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**

While living in Glassport, Pa. my husband, the late Brother Ishmael D'Amico and I came in contact with the Church of Jesus Christ. We were baptized on August 24th, 1919, by Brother Fred Smith.

The joy and happiness which we experienced for all these years are beyond the descriptions of words; though like all true saints of God, we too had to fight through the heat of the day and thus endure many trials and tribulations.

When the Gospel was preached in the city of Detroit, Michigan, my family moved from Glassport, Pa., to Detroit in 1921. Five souls had been baptized into the Church, and after many persecutions and many efforts put forth; we rejoice today to see the many souls in that part of the vineyard, which now represent the Michigan Canadian District of the Church of Jesus Christ.

In 1928, my husband left me home with six children, and went to Sopris, Colorado to preach the Gospel there. The Lord was with us, and in the midst of dark clouds and discouragements, our testimony is that the Lord blessed us, and blessed the humble efforts in the preaching of the Gospel.

In 1931, once again I was left home alone with my children, when the missionary work began in Rochester, New York, and it was not until February of 1934 when my family moved to Rochester to further the work of the Lord in that city. The Lord was with us, and in times when work was hard to get, we can thank Him that He provided for us both temporarily and spiritually. There are many experiences that could be related, but the greatest reality of all of these is that **THE LORD WAS OUR SHEPHERD AND WE DID NOT WANT.**

In 1947 we went to Brooklyn, New York and continued to work in the vineyard of the Lord but two years later my husband was stricken with a Cerebral Hemmorage which paralyzed him and silenced his speech. In this condition, three months later, we returned to Rochester where we have lived with our son Ansel ever since. Words cannot describe the many greater trials and sorrows which we endured, and then from the month of June, 1960, until the month of January 1962, the good Lord called home to rest, first my son Alfred in the city of Detroit, and then my husband, Brother Ishmael D'Amico, after twelve and one half years of great trials and sufferings.

Some of our loved one have gone before us to view that beautiful land prepared by the Lord for all His faithful. It is this hope that convinces us that LIFE IS WORTH LIVING. The words of a poet come to my mind which read as follows:

HYMN NO. 18 IN OUR SAINTS HYMNAL

How will the Saints rejoice to tell and count their sufferings o'er,
When they upon Mount Zion dwell, and view the landscape o'er,
There they will see upon that land, fair Zion from above,
And meet with Enoch's Holy Band, and sing redeeming love.

CHORUS:

Oh, that will be joyful, joyful, joyful,
Oh that will be joyful to meet to part no more,
To meet to part no more, on Zion's happy shore,
Where we shall meet at Jesus' feet, to meet to part no more.
There no more sickness, pain or woe, shall mar their peaceful rest,
For God shall wipe away their tears, and comfort the oppressed,
O may I see that glorious day, and join with all the blest,
To sing aloud the Saviour's praise, and enter into rest.

In conclusion, I ask all to pray for me that I might continue to walk in this path of Righteousness as I have done for the past forty-three years or better, and when my time comes that I may go to meet all the faithful departed and to be with my Lord forever more.

YOUR SISTER IN CHRIST,
JULIA D'AMICO

WARREN, OHIO

Dear Editor:

We the Saints of Latter Days have everything to be thankful for. As long as we feel that we please God, we have a great joy and happiness, and are sometimes subjected to be afflicted. In Apostle James 5:11, we find these beautiful words, "Behold we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy."

Dear Brother, I spent the holiday season in Trumbull Memorial Hospital. I was there both Christmas and New Years. They took good care of me there. I had been short of breath when admitted but within a couple of hours I began to recover nicely. Some of the Brothers and Sisters came to see me that afternoon. Brothers Biscotti and Santilli of Cleveland were there too. I was to be released on Thursday, Dec. 27, but another little matter turned up and I was operated on. I was later released, Jan. 2, 1963.

On Christmas evening about 5:00 p.m. I heard a lady screaming at the opposite side of the hall from me. She was in much pain and wished someone would help her. I began to feel her pain, so I could no longer remain in bed. I went to her room. I had a little blessed oil in my robe pocket. I told her I was a minister and would she accept a word of prayer. She said she would accept anything that would help her.

I gladly anointed her laying my weak hands upon her head. While I was asking God to bless her, she stopped screaming. Some of the nurses told me that was very nice to pray for her.

The day before I left the hospital, I told her that I would leave the next day. She said she wanted to thank me very much for the prayer I offered in her behalf. This reminded me of the time I was in the hospital, twelve years ago, recovering from an operation. There was a fifteen year old Greek boy there. He had been placed at the end of the hall thinking he would pass away. I was two or three rooms away from him, but I could hear him crying. I couldn't stand to hear him, so I got out of bed and went to his bedside. A young nurse was there trying to cheer him. I told him I was a minister and asked if he wanted me to pray for him. He repeated several times, "Yea, yea, pray for me." I anointed him. Thank God, while I was yet praying he fell asleep and rested all night. The nurse told me the next day that surely God heard my prayers because they thought he was going to die during the night. The next day his family came to see him and he told them what had taken place the night before. The mother told me she was a very sick woman and asked me to pray for her too. During this time my son Frank came to see me. Frank and I took her to my room. We anointed her and she felt much better. In this, we rejoice greatly, that apparently God goes with us where-ever we go. We want to thank Him from the bottom of our hearts.

It is a little over forty years since I obeyed the Restored Gospel. I have enjoyed the blessings of God very much all these years. I will be sixty-seven my next birthday. I still want to love and serve Him the remainder of my days so I might reap that glorious reward, along with the faithful ones.

Your Brother in Christ,
D. Giovannone
Warren, Ohio

325 Plainfield Ave
Edison, New Jersey
March 28, 1963

Dear Sister Mabel:

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. As you requested I am writing about our trip to Aliquippa to attend the General Circle meeting last Saturday, March 23rd.

It was a perfect trip. After preparing for several weeks, we finally started on our journey at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. I had originally planned to go myself by train. Then Sister Betty D'Orazio and Sister Mary Perri made plans to go by bus. I decided to join them and before we knew it all our Edison sisters of the circle, except one, who was away visiting in Detroit, made plans to come with us. Then two others joined us from Metuchen and we were so happy to have them come with us. We wish that all their sisters could have also made the trip.

The bus trip was very pleasant and we were all seated together. Each one had prepared a box lunch and after we got on the N.J. turnpike, we exchanged lunches and I guess you can imagine what went on as we munched on the lunches and made further ex-

changes of veal cutlet, eggplant, pepper and egg, roast beef, chicken and sausage sandwiches, cookies, cakes, etc. The bus turned off the turnpike, passed through Camden, went over the Delaware River into Philadelphia where it stopped to discharge and pick up passengers. It then went on to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and got off at Harrisburg where we had a 25 minute stopover. After this stop it again went on the Turnpike and as the sun began to descend and disappear over the hills our previous excitement, etc., seemed to disappear somewhat and as we relaxed in our seats we started to sing hymns. We felt a blessing and we noticed too that a stillness had fell among the most of the passengers as though they were listening. At long last the bus again turned off the Turnpike and headed into Pittsburgh. We arrived at the bus station on time and were met there by two cars to take us to Aliquippa.

Our blessing in attending the Circle meeting was great. It was the first time several of our sisters had visited outside of New Jersey and they were overwhelmed with the hospitality and the closeness of our brothers and sisters in Aliquippa. May God bless them for all they did for us. Saturday evening, we were invited to attend the Brothers' meeting where they showed slides taken by Brother and Sister Ross in Africa. We attended the Sunday services, including Sunday School and the morning and afternoon meetings. We originally planned to leave at 11:30 a.m. but we found, we could take a later bus. So we decided to stay on, also for the afternoon meeting and by taking the later bus it was not necessary to take anyone out of the meeting to take us to Pittsburgh. We left Aliquippa about 5 o'clock after gathering at Brother and Sister D'Antonio's home where we had a word of prayer. The room was full and many had gathered there to see us off. Two cars again brought us back to Pittsburgh where we boarded a bus, which incidentally was driven by a man from Edison. We left Pittsburgh at 6:55 p.m. and retraced the route we had taken two days ago when we came out. Again, we ate on the bus. The sisters where we stayed prepared sandwiches which we enjoyed very much. We arrived right on time at 2:15 a.m. in New Brunswick. There must have been a half a dozen or more to meet us to take us to our homes. We were tired but happy and praised God for watching us and for His many blessings on the way and while we visited with our brothers and sisters.

Now we are looking forward and preparing to have our sisters and brothers who will come for the General Circle meeting on June 15th, which will be held in Edison. We hope everybody can come. Love from all.

Your sister in Christ,
Elsie Ensana

Note: Our General Circle meeting was opened by hymn and prayer and the devotional exercises were taken care by the Aliquippa Circle at which time they honored two of their sisters who had belonged to their Circle since its organization forty years ago. At this time, our President, Sister Mabel Bickerton spoke of God's blessing to us as we strive to search the scriptures in our Circles. Reports of Circles were heard; some by letter and quite a few by delegates including

circles from Ohio and New Jersey. After making our donations to the Church for Conference and Missionary work, our afternoon meeting was turned over to Brother John Ross who along with his wife, Sister Mary, were present with us after Missionary work in Nigeria, Africa. Brother Ross told of their accomplishments and the needs in Africa after which he left the meeting open for questions and discussion. Several of our visiting brethren spoke of how the Circle has been a blessing to the Church of Jesus Christ since its organization many years ago. After a wonderful day together in fellowship with our sisters and brothers gathered in Aliquippa, our meeting was closed with prayer, with all looking forward to meeting with the sisters in New Jersey in June.

"A LETTER OF DUE PRAISE"

Dear Brother Cadman:

HISTORIC EXAMPLE

Please allow me a space to draw the attention of the Brothers and mostly the Sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ in America to the Historic Example of my beloved Sister, by name: Mary Ross and her husband Elder John Ross, 100 Cleveland and Division Sts., Aliquippa, Pa.

Before I continue, I must give praise to the Name of Jehovah God on behalf of myself and the brothers and sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ both in the Eastern and Western Regions of Nigeria for having protected Elder and Sister Ross throughout the period of their stay in Nigeria.

I am proud of Sister Mary John Ross for proving herself a faithful servant of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I am proud that Sister Ross has made a Name for herself being the first Missionary's wife of our Church to have proved herself faithful to the Church of Jesus Christ. She does NOT only prove her faithfulness but she has the fear of God and trust in Him, as it is written he that is trusting in Jehovah will be protected (Prov. 29 - 25th verse), and for this, the Lord Jehovah has protected Sister Ross and her husband in many ways while they were in Nigeria.

A truly dedicated Christian must move ahead, must make progress, having tasted the fine word of God. He or she must courageously imitate Christ Jesus and go on doing God's will.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, a person is like fine soil. These are the ones that after hearing the word of God with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear fruits with endurance.

Our being Christian means, we have dedicated our lives to the Service or Worship of God and that we have confessed this step publicly by being baptized.

A GOOD CHALLENGE TO ALL

Brothers: What are you producing in your life as Christians in the Church of Jesus Christ?

My beloved Sisters, please do not be offended but kindly take up your Bible and turn to Proverbs 31 - 30, 31 verses. I quote: "Favor is deceitful and Beauty is vain, but a WOMAN that fear the Lord, she shall be praised."

"Give her of the fruits of her hands; and LET HER OWN GOOD WORKS PRAISE HER IN THE GATE."

Please what have you to say to the above words? Do you want to change it to read "and let her own BEAUTY praise her in the gate"? Please DO NOT, repeat NOT. We are not permitted to take out or add anything to the words of God and whosoever do so, does it at his or her own risk.

I must put it to you that, Sister Mary John Ross' visit to Nigeria is a good Challenge to all the Sisters in the Church of Jesus in America.

Written by Elder N. J. Umoh, Lagos, Nigeria

"WHERE IS HE THAT IS BORN KING OF THE JEWS?"

(Matthew 2:1-12)

By Our Missionary

H. M. Mael in Michigan

Once again we are about to commemorate the birth and coming into the world of the Saviour and King of the Jews. The exact day of the Saviour's birth is not given, and perhaps rightly so, for He existed in heaven before He came to earth. In His manhood, He said to those who doubted His Saviourhood, ". . . Before Abraham was I AM" (John 8:58; Exo. 3:14). Moreover, we read in the prophets that His "goings forth have been of old." That is to say He lived before He came in human form as a "child born and a Son given" (Isa. 9:6, 7). Further, He was to be "ruler of Israel"; in other words, King (Micah 5:2).

It is interesting to note from the Scriptures that while the day of the Saviour's birth was not made known, the time was. For godly Simeon and Anna, a Jewish prophetess in the temple, were looking for the "Consolation of Israel." Anna not only recognized Him at His coming, but also spoke to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem, for God had told Simeon that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ, or anointed Messiah (Luke 2).

Often, in our work, the Jews who reject the Christ of God say it is because the name Jesus does not appear in the Old Testament and some say, "Show me." But even when they are shown, they still refuse to believe. Those who can read Hebrew are asked to read a certain verse in the Scriptures which says, "Behold, thy Yeshua cometh." They are asked to repeat what they have just read for "Yeshua" in Hebrew is "Jesus" in English, which, of course, means Saviour. They argue against it, but there it is, right in God's Word. It is also written in the Psalms, "Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his Yeshua" (Psalm 78:22).

Those few who still believe in a personal Messiah say that while the Christians believe that the Messiah has come, the Jew still looks for Messiah's coming. They do not realize the fundamental fact that it would be harder to believe the Messiah is still to come than to accept Christ, for if another came, he would have to fulfill every scripture of the Old Testament to the letter just as the Christ of God did. He would have to come just as Christ did, die just as He died, be rejected of His brethren and return to heaven

until God made His enemies His footstool (Psa. 110:1) for it is written that "not one jot or tittle" of the Scriptures would pass away "till all be fulfilled!" (Matt. 5:17-20). In the face of all this, it is more difficult to believe that another will come and fulfill the Scriptures just as Christ did.

A young Jewish student who was deeply impressed by a powerful message on the Person and ministry of Christ, went to his rabbi teacher and inquired, "What will our Messiah have that this Christ did not have?" The rabbi could not answer.

When the Christ of God came into this world, the Wise Men brought their presents and offered Him their gifts. They fell down before Him, fulfilling Psalm 72 in part, and this Psalm will be fulfilled completely at His second coming for it is written: "His name (Jeshua) shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed." May God hasten the day.

IN MEMORIAM

to

BROTHER ROCCO MEO

The voice is stilled . . . the earnest, pleading voice,
Pleading, forever pleading for man's soul;
Friend to ALL men, and, not to those, alone
Who walked the path he chose — toward heavenly goal;
Extending hand of friendship, warm and true,
To washed AND the unwashed . . . so, Christ did, too.

Hushed, the exhorting voice, at least, on earth . . .
In heaven, it shall swell, in joyous song!
Tho' not in pleading . . . there, he works no more,
For, in that sacred place, men do no wrong . . .
While, here on earth, his echo carries on . . .
. . . The heritage of father, to his son!

Catherine Poma

San Diego, California

RESTORATION

The woman's child was taken home,
As John had long ago foretold
To be with God upon His throne
Until again His truth unfold.

A famine from God's Holy Word
Had long prevailed upon the land,
No where on earth could it be heard
To feed the hungry soul of man.

The earth could not receive this light
Until the long appointed day
But soon would fade the darkened night,
And come to us a glorious day.

Within us now there is a hope,
A hope that makes the heart rejoice,
For since the angels joyful note,
Again we hear the Saviour's voice.

Brother Frank Calabrese,
Lorain, Ohio.

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NOTICE—

The May 1963 issue of The Gospel News was Brother W. H. Cadman's last paper. He had written the Editorial and had all the material for the paper in the hands of the printer before April third.

The Gospel News will publish a special edition in memory of Brother Cadman, editor of the paper since its beginning in 1945, and president of The Church of Jesus Christ for the past 41 years. All subscribers will receive this paper.

Brother Cadman was present for a short time at several sessions of our General Conference held in Monongahela, Pa., April 4, 5, 6, and Sunday, April 7, at Glassport, Pa. During the early morning hours of April 8, he suffered a severe stroke which claimed his life April 15, 1963. His services were held in the Church of Jesus Christ, Lincoln and Sixth Streets, Monongahela, Pa. on Friday, April 19. They were in charge of Brothers Thurman Furnier and Joseph Bittinger, first and second counselors of the general church and George Neill, presiding elder of the Monongahela Branch. His body was laid to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery.

THE WAY YOU WALK

By Carrie Suter

It's the way that you walk that makes you a blessing
It's the way that you talk and the life you're confessing
It's the way that you live and God's professing
Live for Jesus and He'll be your friend.

Do you know the Lord in all of His kindness
What He's done for you in all of your blindness
Your life here on earth with Him is but Timeless
Live for Christ and He'll be your friend.

When the storms of sin around you are raging
Look unto Jesus when the battle is waging
When all strength is gone and your body is aging
Look to Jesus and He'll be your friend.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many brothers, sisters and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown, during our recent bereavement, the loss of our beloved father, and grandfather, William H. Cadman. We especially wish to thank those who sent cards flowers, telegrams, made contributions to our Church missionary funds and all others who in any way tended to lessen our sorrow. May God bless all.

The Cadman girls and their families.

CHARITY

(Taken from the writings of John J. Snyder,
scribe of David Whitmer, 1896)

Happy is he whom the Lord has made to understand or realize in his soul what charity is. It is only by keeping it in our hearts that we can be truly happy in this world, and escape many chastisements from the Lord for our lack of obedience. It is only by following after charity that we can have life here, and eternal life in the world that is to come. He who has charity, has the kingdom of heaven in his soul. It is only by following after charity that we can keep the commandments of Christ. And if we keep his commandments, we can have his love in us all the time. No man can love and do good to his enemy without charity. No man can love his neighbor as himself without it. No man can love his brother without it. No man can love his wife and family as he should without it. No man can overcome his pride without it. No man can keep from becoming angry without it. No man can possess his soul in patience under all circumstances without it. If I can have charity or the love of God, which is the secret of the whole matter, and which we will carry with us into the eternal kingdom, for all things except charity will fail and be left behind us.

Paul says as follows; "Charity suffereth long, and is kind." Then he who has it, will suffer anyone to say or do anything to him, and he will still be kind. No matter what anyone says to him in anger, he will take it patiently and be kind to them. If a person smite you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. Return good for evil under all circumstances. Now there is no one that could do these things except God gives him the power or the ability to do them. God will give any man his Spirit, which is the power to do these things, if that man becomes converted; which is to be changed; born again; which is to get the love or the Spirit of Christ in us. No person can see his faults when in anger. They must be in the right spirit to see their sins. Then he who can walk or continue with charity in him, is perfect in a scriptural sense. He has overcome, and the promise to eat of the tree of life is only to him that overcometh, as Jesus says.

"Charity envieth not." He who has this love, will never experience any uneasiness, mortification or discontent, because of another's superiority or success in anything and will not dislike, but will love those who surpass us. Envy springs from pride. Envy is not of God. There is dislike or hatred in envy. Charity envies no one.

"Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up". He who has charity is meek and lowly in heart. He has become as a little child, as Christ commands every man to be at all times, or he cannot have the Spirit of God. He who has charity thinks he is nothing. He is stripped of pride. He has no desire for the praise of men, nor the praise of his brethren, but seeks the

praise of God only; giving all the praise, honor, ascribing all the power and the glory to God in all things, and takes no honor or praise to himself. He will not vaunt himself forward, but will act in his spiritual duties among his brethren, only as he is acted upon by the Spirit of Christ. He who has charity has, "bridled his tongue". The tongue of him who has not charity speaks many idle words displeasing to God. The tongue is an unruly member, as James says. All who have not overcome their pride in spirit, say and do things to vaunt themselves, seeking praise of men (not intentionally), but because they are not meek and lowly in heart. No man can have God's love in his heart except he overcomes his desires for the praise of men. God gives his gift of charity to only the humble in heart.

"Charity seeketh not her own." He who has charity seeks the good of others. The love of God overcomes selfishness. It is only by having God's love in us, that any man can devote his life to seeking the good of others. Paul had this love, and all who expect to go to heaven where Paul is, will have to overcome the flesh and become just as he was, or they will never reach there. Eternal life costs every man the same price. Paul said, "Not seeking mine own profit but the profit of many, that they may be saved." He who has charity, the strongest passion of his heart will be to do the most good to his fellow-men that it is possible for him to do, and as we have said, the most good he can do them is to labor with all his might to persuade them to repent and obey the teachings of Christ, that they also might be happy in the love of God like unto himself.

"Charity is not easily provoked." This expression has been wrongly taken to mean that a man who has charity is not easily made angry, but by sufficient cause he does become angry, and angry after the manner of the flesh. He who has charity or the love God in him does not get angry, as the world understands anger. There are two kinds of anger. One is the anger of God, and the other is the anger of man; that is, the anger of the flesh. This latter kind of anger is sin, and is condemned in the scriptures. Christ says that we resist not evil, but return good for evil, and endure all things returning love and kindness for hatred and anger. (See Matt. 5:39, 48, and Luke 6:27, 38) "Charity bears all things" and is kind, and does not get angry. To sorrow because of the transgressions of those we love, is alright. To be grieved because of the transgressions of those we love, is alright. He who has God's love in him will experience sorrow or grief, and not anger or impatience because of evil in others. Patience is one of the choicest fruits of the Spirit, and impatience is sin.

"Charity is not easily provoked." By the continued and persistent transgressions of others, the man who has charity does become provoked or angry after the manner of the Spirit, but is not easily provoked. Now let us see what the anger of the Spirit is. It is an attribute of God, and also of a man of God. When a man of God has this feeling, there is as much love and mercy in him as there is at any time, and there is no excitement or haste whatever. It is charity

provoked. It is a calm decision that a just and merciful punishment (which will prove for the ultimate good and happiness of the offender), should be brought upon them for their continued transgressions. Charity provoked rebukes in sharpness, but charity is not easily provoked. Jesus says for us to do good to them that despitefully use us, return a blessing for a cursing, and turn the other cheek to him that smites us. We must follow the law of Christ, suffer or bear all things and be kind.

"Charity thinketh no evil." Those who lack charity, look for evil and suspect evil, and often think they see it where there is no evil. Charity looks for good. Charity is merciful, and slow to judge and condemn. As we love and judge men, just so will we be loved and judged of God.

"Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity", but rejoiceth in the truth; bearing all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." This love will never fail, as Paul says. It will continue with us. Do not forget that we must have it in this world first, or we cannot be saved in the kingdom of God. Except we have this love of God in us, Paul says, we are nothing. It is only by prayer and diligently striving to keep it in us continually, that we can overcome and gain the victory. This is the great secret by which we can overcome in a much shorter time, and not have to suffer a lifetime in troubles and afflictions brought upon us for our disobedience, to make us understand and do our duty to God; in fact, to make us understand and practice this very love we have been speaking of. God says it is the end of the law. This love is what God wants, and nothing else. When we get it, we become obedient; and when we can retain it, we have gained the victory. This love can only be acquired by a full surrender of our all to Christ. It is acquired only by true repentance and obedience. It is only by an actual realization of this love in one's heart, given to him by the power of God, that any man can comprehend what it is. Let us repent, obey, and seek God that we may understand it; and when God gives us the understanding and realization of it, let us strive hour by hour to keep it in our hearts all the time.

John J. Snyder

CORRECTION

The following article appeared on Page 9 in the November, 1962 edition of the Gospel News: Entitled "Modesto, Calif. Church Burns its Mortgage".—

Paragraph number two of this article reads as follows: "The site was obtained and the structure built for \$75,000 utilizing volunteer labor and materials either donated or obtained at cost."

This paragraph is to be corrected as follows: The site was obtained and the structure built for \$25,000.

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The general meeting of The Ladies Uplift Circle will meet in Edison, New Jersey on Saturday, June 15, at 10 o'clock in the morning, in the Church.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD Monongahela, Penna.

The April 1963 General Conference was held at the church headquarters in Monongahela, Penna., commencing on Thursday, April 4, 1963, at 2:00 p.m. and continued until Sunday, April 17, inclusive.

The business portion of the conference, to which, the attendance was limited to the general priesthood, constituted meetings held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with the exception of the Saturday evening meeting which included all members of the church and any

Editorial

by George A. Neill

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land", Songs of Solomon, ch. 2: 11 and 12. I believe spring is the most welcome season of the year. Most of us grow tired of winter because it brings hardships no other time of the year brings. We tire of seeing things lying dormant and dead; we don't like being around death more than we have to. If springtime, which brings all nature back to life, were to fail for any length of time, mankind would feel a determination to do something about it.

However, suppose all mankind were to unite and tackle the task of bringing about spring in the midst of winter by cutting the ice in the rivers and lakes, causing seeds to germinate, warming the earth so that grass and flowers might grow, capturing the birds and bringing them back. How far could the combined efforts of the entire human race go in such a task as this?

The mission would be practically untouched; but notice how easily and quietly this great task is accomplished when the earth obeys the law of the Creator. The earth tilts on its axis so that the rays of the sun are brought to bear on that portion of the earth that lay cold in death. A mighty thrill begins to vibrate that portion of the earth, tons of ice melt, frost leaves the ground, millions of seed germinate, sap flows up into the trees, flowers appear and grass carpets the ground, the songbird returns, and there is food for man and beast. This brings life and health and joy because the winter is past. Remember, this all came about because the earth obeyed the law of its Creator. The earth, in doing this, placed that portion of its globe into the right position relative to the sun; by such obedience the whole thing was done.

Did you ever think that there is such a thing as human beings getting themselves in the right position relative to the Son of Righteousness. It is from those, and only those that get into the right relationship to God, that the blight of spiritual winter will pass. Life, health and joy will be experienced. God wants us to be like the birds that sing for joy, like the trees that bear their fruit, like the flowers that give off their fragrance. All plant life cries, 'sunlight, sunlight, give me sunlight, else I die'. If it were not for the life-giving rays of the sun all nature would die, including man and beast. Therefore all life is dependent on sunlight. All plants grow facing the light; they will lean toward it. The sunflower follows the sun across the sky, its face always toward it. Of course, vegetation will live for a certain length of time and even produce some fruit with very little sunlight; these plants are never very healthy, however, and their fruit is never desirable. Let us ask ourselves this question, "just how healthy a Saint am I; am I offering withered fruit and faded leaves or is my fruit to be desired of God? Is His smile of approval upon me?"

All plant life follows the gleam. It would seem to me God has provided a gleam for all creation. What is the unknown thing that guides the birds back and forth from north to south; what is this that guides the honey bees back to their hives, and even the fish to their spawning places, as well as other types of creatures down into the earth? Believe me, He has a gleam that will guide your life and mine. He is the Great Light; the poet says we should "make Him our Theme for He is Supreme".

Like the plant, we too, spiritually speaking, may feel we are alive in Christ; still we may not be in the right position relative to God. We may be living too far outside of the 'gleam'. We read of numerous men and women both in the Bible and Book of Mormon; more than that we have been permitted to know many who have gone on to their reward who were guided by this gleam. Let each of us set our objective on things above. Let us look to Him Who is the finisher of our faith, for He will take us through both sorrow and loss. He will help us to conquer both sin and strife.

May the Lord help us to bring the whole of our lives under the life-giving rays of God's Son that God's face might shine upon us; thus we will be assured of that celestial reward which is eternal life.

friends who choose to attend. These meetings as outlined, were held at the general church headquarters building. However, the Sunday preaching and worship service was held at the Glassport High School, Glassport, Penna., since the facilities at the Monongahela church were far too inadequate to accommodate the record number of people in attendance.

Priesthood and membership representation varied from many extremes. Saints were in attendance from California, Canada, Florida, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and many more localized areas.

In the absence of President W. H. Cadman, due to illness, Brother Thurman S. Furnier, first counselor, acted in the capacity of President of the Conference, with Brother Joseph Bittinger, as first counselor, and Brother Rocco Biscotti, as second counselor pro tem. We would feel remiss if we did not take this opportunity to compliment these brothers for an excellent job, realizing the absence of Brother W. H. Cadman.

During the business session on Saturday, Brother W. H. Cadman was able to be in attendance for a brief period and speak a few well chosen words to the priesthood, regarding his personal feelings and guidance as influenced by the spirit of God. His words, softly spoken, were very inspiring as they portrayed a desire to gain strength for the Church before God by attaining to a cooperative spirit of unity in all that was done in conducting the work of God. How we now realize the profoundness of these statements since, as we all know, these were the last words of guidance spoken by Brother Cadman to the general priesthood. He since has departed to take his rightful place in the Paradise of God with our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whom he had many years ago set his sights upon and fashioned his life to follow. And we may note, quite successfully. May we all remember his teachings and example well.

The Sunday worship service held at the Glassport High School was attended by a record number of people, approximately 700. The main feeling of the necessity of unification of the Church and the increasing attitude of our missionary efforts, as displayed throughout the entire business conference, seemed to be portrayed and expanded upon by the speakers who took part in the service. The speakers included: Brother Allan Henderson from Windsor, Canada, who read and spoke on the eleventh Chapter of Romans. He was followed by Brothers Samuel Kirschner from West Elizabeth, Penna., Thurman Furnier, Vanderbilt, Penna., and V. James Loyalvo, Los Angeles, Calif.

Much attention was drawn to the congregation by these brothers regarding our destiny as gentiles and as a nation in the ultimate plan of God in the complete restoration of Israel according to His promise.

An appropriate timely highlight of the conference with reference to President Cadman was the dedication to him of a beautiful composition of the Twenty-third Psalm of David, by Brother V. James Loyalvo. This heartfelt Psalm was musically composed, arranged, and sung by Brother Loyalvo, and the inspired spirit of God was very evident as the beauty of the occasion was imparted to Brother Cadman and the congregation.

Truly a divine feeling of rededication and courage was experienced with the spirit of renewed faith to press

on to the eternal mark; praying for an increased charitable attitude to envelope the searching hearts of all mankind who would love and serve God wherever they may be.

SECOND INSTALLMENT.

A Speech Made by Chief Joseph Of the Nez Perces Indians.

Quote: "The United States claimed they had bought all the Nez Perces' country outside of the Lapwai reservation from Lawyer and other chiefs, but we continued to live on this land in peace until about eight years ago, when white men began to come inside the bounds my father had set. We warned them against this great wrong, but they would not leave our land, and some bad blood was raised." (Another council was held with the United States Government, at which the old chief, now blind and feeble, was represented by his son Joseph, who was firm in his refusal to go upon the Lapwai reservation, and the council accomplished nothing.)

"Soon after this my father sent for me. I saw he was dying; I took his hand in mine. He said, 'My son, my body is returning to my mother earth, and my spirit is going very soon to see the Great Spirit Chief. When I am gone think of your country. Always remember that your father never sold his country. You must stop your ears whenever you are asked to sign a treaty selling your home. A few years more and white men will be all around you. They have their eyes on this land. My son, never forget my dying words. This country holds your father's body; never sell the bones of your father and mother.'

Noble Sentiments

"I pressed my father's hand and told him I would protect his grave with my life. My father smiled and passed away to the spirit-land. I buried him in the beautiful valley of winding waters. I love that land more than the rest of the world. A man who would not love his father's grave is worse than a wild animal. 'For a short time we lived quietly, but this could not last. White men had found gold in the mountains around the land of winding waters. They stole a great many horses from us, and we could not get them back because we were Indians. The white men told lies for each other. They drove off a great many of our cattle. Some white men branded our young cattle so they could claim them, and obtain what did not belong to them,

"In treaty-councils the commissioners have claimed that our country had been sold to the government. Suppose a white man should come to me and say, 'Joseph, I like your horses, and I want to buy them... Then he goes to my neighbor and says to him 'Joseph has some good horses. I want to buy them, but he refuses to sell.' My neighbor answers, 'Pay me the money and I will sell you Joseph's horses.' The white man returns to me and says, 'Joseph, I have bought your horses, and you must let me have them.' If we sold our lands to the government, this is the way they were bought.

"On account of the treaty made by the other bands of the Nez Perces the white men claimed my

lands. We were troubled greatly by white men crowding over the line. Some of these were good men, and we lived on peaceful terms with them; but they were not all good. Nearly every year the agent came thru Lapwai and ordered us on to the reservation. We always replied that we were satisfied to live in Wallowa. We were careful to refuse the presents or annuities which he offered.

"Through all the years since the white men came to Wallowa we have been threatened and taunted by them and the treaty Nez Perces. They have given us no rest. We have had a few good friends among the white men, and they have always advised my people to bear these taunts without fighting. Our young men were quick-tempered, and I have had great difficulty in keeping them from doing rash things.

The remainder of this article, are excerpts, taken from the latter part of the account as it is written in order to be brief as possible.

"Year after year we have been threatened, but no war was made upon my people until General Howard came to our country two years ago and told us that he was the white war-chief of all the country. He said: 'I have a great many soldiers at my back. I am going to bring them up here, and then I will talk to you again. I will not let white men laugh at me the next time I come. The country belongs to the reservation, and I intend to make you go upon it.' General Howard said: 'You have talked straight, it is alright. You can stay in Wallowa.'

"I said to General Howard, 'I am ready to talk today. I have been in a great many councils, but I am no wiser. We are all sprung from a woman, although we are unlike in many things. We cannot be made over again. You are as you were made, and as you were made you can remain. We are just as we were made by the Great Spirit, and you cannot change us; then why should children of one father and one mother quarrel? I do not believe that the Great Spirit gave one kind of men the right to tell another kind of men what they must do. "General Howard replied, 'You deny my authority, do you? You want to dictate to me, do you?'"

"Then one of my chiefs, Too-hool-hool-suit, rose in the council and said to General Howard; 'The Great Spirit Chief made the world as it is and as he wanted it, and he made a part of it for us to live upon. I do not see where you get authority to say that we shall not live where he placed us.' General Howard lost his temper and said, 'Shut up! I don't want to hear any such talk.'

"Too-hool-hool-suit answered: 'Who are you, that you ask us to talk and then tell me I shan't talk? Are you the Great Spirit? Did you make the world? Did you make the sun? Did you make the rivers to run for us to drink? Did you make the grass to grow? Did you make all these things, that you talk to us like boys? If you did, then you have the right to talk as you do.' "General Howard replied, 'You are an impudent fellow, and I will put you in the guard-house; and then ordered a soldier to arrest him. The order was at once obeyed.

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Joseph Bittinger



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"There is a God that revealeth secrets," Daniel 2:28.
Dear Girls and Boys,

Once there was a king who made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, princes and wives. This man was named Belshazzar, the king of Babylon. He commanded that the golden and silver vessels or goblets be brought in and filled with wine for his guests. These had been taken from the temple at Jerusalem by his father Nebuchadnezzar. As they drank they praised the gods of gold, silver, brass, wood and stone. While they were feasting a very, very strange thing happened. Suddenly on the wall the fingers of a man's hand appeared, writing strange words. Belshazzar's countenance changed and his knees shook.

The king cried aloud to bring in his astrologers and soothsayers. He offered to give a golden chain, clothes of scarlet and one third of his kingdom to the one who could tell him the meaning of these strange words. All the wise men tried but failed. The king was greatly troubled because no one could explain this to him. Then the queen came to the banquet and said, "Oh, King live forever, let not thy thought trouble thee. There is a man in thy kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy God." She had reference to a young man named Daniel. He had interpreted the old king's dreams and had been made master of the magicians. He had an excellent spirit, knowledge and understanding in telling the meaning of dreams.

Daniel was brought before king Belshazzar. The king said, "I have heard of thee, how you can make interpretations and dissolve doubts. If you can read the writing, you shall be clothed in scarlet, have a gold chain about your neck and be third ruler in the kingdom." Daniel answered, "Let thy gifts be to thyself and give thy rewards to another. I will read the writing and tell the interpretation." Daniel reminded Belshazzar of the punishment God had sent upon his father, King Nebuchadnezzar because of sin and pride. His glory was taken from him and his heart was made like the beasts. His dwelling was with the wild animals and they fed him with grass like oxen. His body was wet with the dew of heaven. All this was done until he knew that the most high God ruled. Even though Belshazzar knew all this about his father, he never humbled his heart but served other gods. Gods made of silver, gold, brass, iron, wood, and stone, which could not hear, see or know. The Gods who gave him breath, he did not glorify.

Then Daniel read the words, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," God has numbered your kingdom and finished it. "Tekel", you are weighed in the balance and found wanting. "Peres", your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Belshazzar commanded that Daniel be clothed in scarlet have a chain of gold about his neck and be the third ruler of the kingdom. But that very night Babylon was captured

and the king was killed. The Medes and Persians placed Darius on the throne. This new king made Daniel the first of three presidents. He was preferred because an excellent spirit was found in him.

Search the Scriptures

These answers are found in Daniel, chapter 3;

1. What did Nebuchadnezzar make?
2. What did he command the people to do?
3. Who refused?
4. What happened to them?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

PEN PALS — If you would like to correspond with boys and girls throughout the Church, send me your address, also your age.

Mrs. Mabel Bickerton
West Elizabeth, Pa.

PRAYER

We pray in the morning,
We pray at noon,
We pray at night before we go to bed,
We pray in the morning when we get up,
We always pray before we eat, Amen.

Walter Laird, age 8
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A HELPER

Jesus is a helper too;
He always tells you what to do.
Jesus helps the girls and boys,
Always to be kind and good.
Jesus help us to do good;
And never to do bad.
Jesus is a helper indeed
Always there in time of need.

Mary Nolfi, age 12
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JESUS IS MY FRIEND

Jesus is my friend indeed,
Always there in time of need;
Jesus is my friend in play;
Then I thank him when I pray.
Jesus is my friend in a test,
But that's not where he helps me best,
Jesus is my friend I know
Because the Bible tells me so.
Jesus is my friend, always;
He watches us on highways and byways,
I always try to follow His rule.

Panfilo DiCenzo

(Last Series)

Anthony Di Battista

1926 THE BOOK OF MORMON TRANSLATED INTO ITALIAN; A group of Italian Saints were coming into the Church and the majority of them didn't understand the English language. The Saints began to ask one another if we could buy the Book of Mormon in Italian so we could read it in our language, and understand it better. When we searched for the book, Brother Joseph Corrado got hold of one, but he couldn't get anymore. He inquired to see if he could print the book in New York City, but the printing company

examined the book and said the writing had such poor language, it wasn't worth printing. At the same time the word of the Lord came to Brother Dominick Dintino and said, "the book is to be printed in Pittsburgh, Pa., and will cost us \$1400."

We told this to Brother J. Corrado but he still insisted that we couldn't find a better place than New York City to print it. One year went by and Brother Corrado found that the book couldn't be printed in New York because the price was too high. Brother Dintino was sure that the word of the Lord spoke to him and he was still wondering why it couldn't be printed in Pittsburgh. The first conference of 1927 (the next year) Brother Joe brought the book to Glassport and said the book **couldn't** be printed because it cost too much and he gave it to Brother Dintino. Early in the year of 1927 Brother Dintino and I (Anthony Di Battista) took the book and went to Pittsburgh to see if we could find a printing company to print it. We found one, the Frediano Printing Co. They estimated the book and said it would cost us \$1200. They also added that in the book we have the language was poor and it wouldn't pay to print it. Brother Dintino looked across the room and saw an old friend sitting by the desk. We went to him and they saluted each other. This man smiled at Brother Dintino and shook his hand. His name was Micheli Robertucci and he was a translator of different languages. We asked him to estimate the price to translate the book and he said that it would cost a lot of money, but because Brother Dintino was an old friend of his he'd translate it for \$200.

The next conference we submitted the price to print the book and the Church gave us permission to print it in Italian. I took care of the work while the book was translated and printed. I can say "O what a blessing in taking care of the work of the Lord."

The cost of all the work was \$1395. This fulfilled the word of the Lord our God and the book was printed in Pennsylvania. The book was finished in 1929 and distributed to the Saints. This was one hundred years after the Book of Mormon had been translated into the English language.

1937; The Glassport Saints began to say we ought to have a church built, for we were increasing in number and didn't have a place to meet. One brother of the Church said, "If you give me permission to go around among the Brothers and Sisters to make collections I'll put the first \$150 myself," this Brother was Brother Frank Doratio. He did what he said he would and reported the money he had collected. The Saints of Glassport Branch Councilled together and they appointed me to be in charge of the building. All those who volunteered to work started. We put 46 yards of concrete in the foundation and 395 tons of stone. We got two stone masons, Brother Ralph Venturo and his cousin, they built the foundation.

The next year, 1938, we started work early in Spring and all those that volunteered worked together. Brother Joseph Marino mixed all the mortar for the stonemasons to the last stone. Brother Isaac Smith did the electric wiring and furnace work with a number of Brothers helping him. Brother Dintino was in

charge of the work. I did all of the carpenter work. Many Sisters that lived near the Church building came to visit and brought us jars of lemonade to refresh us as we worked. In 1938 the building was completed and dedicated.

NOVEMBER 22, 1961, FIRST MEETING IN STAR JUNCTION, PA.; The Spirit of God began to work in me towards Perryopolis, Pa. I visited some of the families and tried to rent a hall but every place I found did not satisfy our needs or the price was too high. While I searched around and talked to the people it wasn't very encouraging.

One day I visited Brother and Sister Oren Thomas. They told me about different ones who fell away from the Church and mentioned a Brother and Sister John Boone. I visited Brother John. I didn't know him and he didn't know me but when I introduced myself, telling them who I was, and what my intentions were, they offered me their home and said I could hold the meetings there anytime. Before I started to hold any services, I took them to Vanderbilt Branch to make a statement and to take a transfer to Glassport Branch. So the two were renewed, Brother and Sister Boone, and two were baptized, namely, Raymond and Nina Intrieri.

We are still holding services in their home with an increasing attendance and a very beneficial blessing with each meeting we hold every Thursday evening We pray God will continue to be with us.

AMEN.

OBITUARY — BROTHER HUGH BEAVER

Word was received from the Six Nations Reservation regarding the passing of Brother Hugh Beaver in the 82nd year of his life. He passed away on May 3, 1963, after a short illness resulting from a stroke.

He will be missed by the many brothers and sisters who knew him, as he has experienced many faithful years in the Church, however, we are consoled in the knowledge that he has passed to his rightful reward.

May we also remember Sister Beaver in this time of sorrow, since it is our understanding that her health has been failing lately.

May we suggest that as many that can write her a letter of encouragement; it would be gratefully appreciated, I'm sure.

Her address is as follows:

Mrs. Hugh Beaver
Six Nation Reservation
Oshweken, Ontario, Canada

SISTER CROCIFISSA DORATIO PASSES ON GLASSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Sister Crocifissa Doratio, aged seventy-four, died in her home on March 5, 1963. She was a resident of Glassport for forty-five years where she was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in 1919. An illness confined her to her home for the past few years.

She is survived by her husband, Brother Frank Doratio, two sons, four stepchildren, two grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one brother.

Funeral services were held March 8, in the Church

of Jesus Christ in Glassport. Brothers Anthony Di-Battista and Alma Nolfi officiated.

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BROTHER GEORGE GRICE PASSES ON GLASSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Brother George Grice, born January 24, 1888, died in a Pittsburgh hospital on January 15, 1963, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Clairton, Pennsylvania most of his life. Although Brother Grice had been baptized less than a year, he was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ.

He is survived by four sons, two daughters, fifteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Whetsel Funeral Home in Clairton, with Brother Alma Nolfi officiating.

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ANTHONY A. MANCINI, JR.

Anthony A. (Tank) Mancini, Jr., a second class Petty Officer, U.S. Navy Aviation Field, Jacksonville, Fla., died at the Naval Hospital, April 2, 1963.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mancini, Sr. of 720 Ridge Ave., Monongahela, Pa., three sisters, Mrs. Kenneth Mellor, Dolores and Linda Mancini.

Brief services were held at the Campana Funeral Home, April 6, at 12:30 p.m., followed by services at 1 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela with Elder John Mancini of Erie, an uncle of the deceased officiating. Brother Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Ontario, Canada sang accompanied at the organ by Sister Erma Campbell. Interment Monongahela Cemetery.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family in the spirit and love of God.

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BROTHER FRED LUPO PASSES ON NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Brother Fred Lupo, aged 79, passed away December 1, 1962, at his home 63 Juliet Ave., Somerset, N. J. He was born in Italy, Sept. 29, 1883, and was baptized into the Church October 17, 1926. Brother Lupo was a faithful brother. He suffered much before his death, but whenever any of the saints visited him, he would always say, "Thank God". We all hope and pray that God grants each one of us this faith.

He is survived by his wife Sister Ida, and five children: Joseph, Anthony of Somerset, N. J., Louise Bonosoro of Somerset, N. J., Columbus of New Brunswick, N. J., and Mrs. Irene Knight of Levittown, Pa.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, 1962, at the New Brunswick Branch with Brothers Carmen Sgro, Eugene Perri, Sr., and Rocco Ensana officiating.

May God bless and comfort his family for he will be missed by all.

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SISTER ANNA RENDA PASSES ON NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Sister Anna Renda, aged 56, passed away September 29, 1962, at St. Peter's General Hospital. She was born October 24, 1905, and was baptized into the Church on Oct. 26, 1930 by Brother Fred Lupo.

She is survived by her five children, Patsy Renda, North Brunswick, N.J., Frank Renda, Somerset, N. J.,

Mrs. Mary Celone, North Brunswick, N. J., Josephine Day, Edison, N.J., and Catherine Ramicone, Morrisville, Pa. She also leaves eleven grandchildren.

The funeral services were held on Oct. 3, 1962, at the New Brunswick Branch with Brothers Rocco En-sana and Carmen Sgro officiating. Interment in the Vanliew Cemetery.

Sister Renda suffered quite a bit of affliction before she passed away. She was faithful to the end and always had a wonderful testimony of the Church. She is greatly missed by all.

May God bless and comfort her family.

NEWS FROM ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

It has been a long time since I have written to our paper and I feel it is time to let you know how we are fareing here in Anaheim, Calif.

At our last organization meeting our mission was set in order as a Branch of the church. We have been having very good meetings, the Lord blessing us in many ways.

This last illness of my companion was a very trying time for our family, but God really manifested His Power in restoring him back to a reasonable amount of health. I think the most surprised at his recovery was the two doctors that were treating him. We all thank God for his recovery, and for His faithfulness in keeping His promises to all who will put their trust in Him. Surely there is none greater that we can turn to in our hour of need. We also had a sister that was going into the Hospital to have a tumor removed from her stomach. She came to church and was anointed when they took another X-ray the next day they could not find the tumor. The first X-ray showing the tumor really upset the Dr. according to what her husband told us over the phone. He was so thankful they did not have to operate on his wife. Also he wanted to thank the church for their prayers. He is not a member of the church but a very fine man and some day we hope we will have him with us, a brother indeed.

We will soon be four years old here in Anaheim. We have baptized seven, two have left but the rest are faithful. Our youngest member is serving our country in the Air Force in Denver. He was baptized a few months before he left and had a very good testimony of what he had found in this Gospel. This meant quite a lot when you know his family. His grandfather and uncle are both Baptist ministers and when Bob was baptized into our group it upset them a little. He had quite a time trying to make them understand. We are not growing as fast as we would like to. It is very hard to get people to listen, but we will continue to pray and do what we can and trust God to do the rest. So when you go to prayer, please remember the little group in Anaheim that we may win souls for Christ and the building up of His kingdom.

At this time I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters for the lovely cards and letters we received during Jim's illness. It is comforting to know you are remembered. God Bless you all and again please remember us in your prayers:

Your Sister in Christ Margaret Heaps

AN INVITATION FROM CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

Brother Harry and Sister Marie McGuire by way of letter wishes to extend an invitation for anyone who may be passing through or near Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to stop and visit with them.

Brother and Sister McGuire had attended the Lorain Ohio Branch, before deciding to move their home to Missouri, and we pray that the Lord will bless them with much health and happiness in their efforts to serve Him.

For anyone desiring to visit with the McGuires, their address is as follows:

1632 Perrysville Road
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Letters of this nature are certainly appreciated since it is always gratifying to realize and experience the hospitality of the Saints.

NEWS FROM FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

A letter from Sister Mary Glover of Fort Pierce was received extending greetings to all from the Saints from her locality.

She also gives a brief account of their worship service meeting of March 17, 1963, wherein the spirit of God was manifested and enjoyed by all who were present.

May the Lord continue to bless His children, not only in Fort Pierce, but everywhere the Saints gather giving praises to His name.

"AN APPEAL FROM THE SAN CARLOS TRIBAL COUNCIL"

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ! !

We need your prayers as we will be leaving for Washington, D.C., we have come to the understanding that God is the only answer to our problems these days, let God be our guide and our reservation will prosper, it will set example to the other Indian Reservations so they, too, could see the mighty works of God.

There are so many things that our reservation needs, poor people need more help and our development need finance, this all can be done and lot of accomplishment can be had through prayers, please pray that God will move. We, the Tribal Council do not have any wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, God is the only one that can provide, so, we need all we can have from the Almighty God.

Yours in Christ,
Marvin Mull, Chairman
SAN CARLOS TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus Christ was born in the meanest of circumstances, but the air above was filled with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew distinguished visitants from afar to do Him homage.

His birth was contrary to the laws of life; His death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so inexplicable as His teaching and His life.

He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for 5-thousand and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on no beautiful carpets, but He tread on the waters and they supported Him.

He had no veneration for old mistakes; no admiration for ancient forms. He loved truth for truth's sake and for man's sake. He saw oppression on every hand; injustice everywhere; hypocrisy at the altar; tyranny on the throne; and with high and splendid courage He espoused the cause of the weak against the strong: of the enslaved many against the titled few.

He commanded no wealth; He built no church; He founded no schools; He organized no army; He wrote no books, and yet after 1,900 years He is the one central character of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only Regenerator of the human race.

Was it merely the son of Mary who crossed the world's horizon 1,900 years ago? Was it merely human blood that was spilled on Calvary's hill for the redemption of sinners and which has worked such wonders in men and nations throughout the centuries?

His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, but no lower price than His infinite agony on the cross could have made possible our redemption. When He died few men mourned, but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath shook under the load! All nature honored Him; sinners alone rejected Him.

Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that had been reddened with His blood could not claim His dust.

The Name of Jesus sounds down the corridors of the centuries like the music of all choirs, visible and invisible pealed forth in one anthem. His Name blossoms on the pages of history like the flowers of a thousand springtimes blossoming in the narrow limits of one garden.

What thinking man can keep from exclaiming: "My Lord and My God."

—Author Unknown

PREPAREDNESS

Time seems to be running out and we are brought face to face with the remaining days allotted to us. We must keep going forward and cannot afford to be out of step, with the age in which we live, by being prepared to face the issues, from day to day as followers of Jesus Christ. As each year has added to our heritage, it is about time we were taking stock of our lives. Are we satisfied with the progress we are making! or are we content to sit back on our laurels, and let others do the job? In God's plan, you too have been given a personal assignment. To succeed at any task, we must keep the current turned to flow from within and be a communicator of God's truth, and love, as you go through life. God's Holy word is our source of information, and inspiration. 2 Tim; 2-15. Study to show thy-self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

When we know Christ in a real and vital way,

we will tell others about Him. God's reservoir overflows with wisdom, love, joy and power. More than we can ask, or think, is waiting every instant to flood your life, and everyone who will be obedient, to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 55-6. Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found, Call ye upon Him while He is near. May each one be given grace today, to let Christ live out His life in us. May He so possess our spirits, and so govern our lives, that others beholding us, may think of Him, listening to us, may hear His message, and in fellowship with us, may feel the influence of His spirit. May each life ring true to its profession, working unitedly, our talents, and energy, by the Holy spirit, will enable us to serve mankind effectively. May we be more determined to carry Christ's message of love, helping the Church of Jesus Christ fulfill its great mission upon the earth. It fortifies my soul to know, that though I perish, truth is so. That however I stray, and range, whatever I do, Thou dost not change. I steadier step when I recall, that if I slip, Thou doth not fall. We must earnestly seek the presence of God, and through the Holy Spirit, He will give us the guidance, which we need. Be prepared, your persevering efforts, may be known only to God. But if you keep them steadfast, and constructive, you will one day be able to report to Him.— Hymn 49-1.

Radio Gems. If when you give, the best of your service, telling the world, that the Savior is come. Be not dismayed, when men do not believe you, He understands, He will say, "Well done".

Sister Muriel Miller

WELSH - GARRISON

During an impressive and quiet ceremony in which the bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Sherrie Lynn Garrison became Mrs. Stanley J. Welsh on April 20, 1963, at 6:45 p.m., in the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones of Fisher Heights, Monongahela, Pa. Elder Idris Martin, the bride's great uncle officiated.

Mrs. Welsh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Garrison, Fisher Heights, Monongahela, Pa., and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welsh, Monongahela, Pa.

Mrs. Kepler Mills and Mr. Hugh R. Jones were their attendants.

Soloist, Sister Patty Christman sang, "Because" and "I Love You Truly" accompanied at the piano by Sister Sarah Neill.

It was a lovely ceremony with only the immediate families in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Welsh are residing for the present at the home of his parents.

Our best wishes to the newlyweds and may God walk with them is our prayer.

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A speech made by Chief Joseph, of the Nez Perces Indians.

"I turned to my people and said, 'The arrest of Too-hool-hool-suit was wrong, but we will not resist the insult. We were invited to this council to express our hearts, and we have done so.' Too-hool-hool-suit

was a prisoner for five days before he was released.

"The council broke up for that day. On the next morning General Howard came to my lodge and invited me to go with him, White Bird, and Looking Glass to look for land for my people. As we rode along we came to some good land that was already occupied by Indians and white people. General Howard, pointed to this land, said: 'If you will come on to the reservation I will give you these lands and move these people off.'

"I replied, 'No, —it would be wrong to disturb these people. I have no right to take their homes. I have never taken what did not belong to me; I will not now.' We rode all day upon the reservation and found no good land unoccupied. I have been informed by men who do not lie that General Howard sent a letter that night telling the soldiers at Walla Walla to go to Wallowa Valley and drive us out upon our return home.

"In the meeting next day General Howard informed me, in a haughty spirit, that he would give my people, thirty days to go back home, collect their stock and move on to the reservation, saying, if you are not here in that time I shall consider that you want to fight, and will send my soldiers to drive you on.'" (Joseph then asked for more time, but was refused.) "When I returned to Wallowa, I found my people very much excited upon discovering that the soldiers were already in the Wallowa Valley. We held a council and decided to move immediately to avoid bloodshed. "Too-hool-hool-suit, who felt outraged by his imprisonment, talked for war, and made many of my young men ready to fight rather than be driven like dogs from the land where they were born. He declared that blood alone would wash out the disgrace that General Howard had put upon him.

It required a strong heart to stand up against such talk, but I urged my people to be quiet and not begin a war.

"We gathered all the stock we could find and made an attempt to move. We left many* of our horses in Wallowa, and lost several hundred in crossing the river. All of my people succeeded in getting across in safety. Many of the Nez Perces came together in Rocky Canyon to hold a grand council. I went with all my people. This meeting lasted ten days. There was a great deal of war-talk and great deal of excitement. There was one young brave present whose father had been killed by a white man five years before. This man's blood was bad against the white men, and he left the council calling for revenge.

"Again I counselled peace, and thought the danger was passed. We had not complied with General Howard's order, because we could not; but we intended to do so as soon as possible. I was leaving the council to kill a beef for my family when the news came that the young man whose father had been killed had gone out with several other hot-blooded young braves and killed four white men. He rode up to the council and said, 'Why do you sit here like women? The war has begun already.' I was deeply grieved. I heard then that Too-hool-hool-suit had succeeded in organizing a war-party. I knew that their acts would

involve my people.

"I knew that my young men had done a great wrong. But I asked, Who was first to blame? They had been insulted a thousand times; their fathers and brothers had been killed; their mothers and wives had been disgraced; they had been driven to madness by whiskey sold to them by white men; they had been told by General Howard that all their horses and cattle which they had been unable to drive out of Wallowa were to fall into the hands of white men; and, added to all this, they were homeless and desperate. I would have given my own life if I could have undone the killing of white men by my people.

"If General Howard had given me plenty of time to gather up my stock, and had treated Too-hool-hool-suit like a man, there would have been no war. (Here follows an account of the various battles fought with Generals Howard, Gibbon and Sturgis in the course of the memorable flight of the Indians, and which have already been described.)

"Several days had passed and we had heard nothing of Generals Howard, Gibbon or Sturgis. We had repulsed each in turn, and began to feel secure, when another army, under General Miles, struck us. This was the fourth army, each of which outnumbered our fighting force, that we had encountered within sixty days. "We had no knowledge of General Miles' army until a short time before he made a charge upon us, cutting our camp in two and capturing nearly all of our horses. About seventy men, myself among them, were cut off. My little daughter, twelve years of age, was with me. I gave her a rope and told her to catch a horse and join the others who were cut off from the camp. I have not seen her since, but I have learned that she is alive and well.

"I thought of my wife and children who were now surrounded by soldiers, and I resolved to go to them or die. With a prayer in my mouth to the Great Spirit who rules above, I dashed, unarmed, through the line of soldiers. It seemed to me that there were guns on every side, before and behind me. My clothes were cut to pieces and my horse was wounded, but I was not hurt. As I reached the door of my lodge my wife handed me my rifle, saying, Here's your gun; fight!

The soldiers kept up a continuous fire. Six of my men were killed in one spot near me. Ten or twelve soldiers charged into our camp and got possession of two lodges, killing three Nez Perces and losing three of their men, who fell inside our lines. I called to my men to drive them back. (Negotiations were now entered into, by General Miles, to induce Joseph to surrender.)

(To be continued.)

Joseph Bittinger.

A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA WASHINGTON, D. C.

For the Gospel News:

My husband and I arrived in San Diego, California, Friday morning, October 5, 1962, after a five day journey by automobile. We were glad the Lord was with us and gave thanks to His name for His wonderful mercy and a safe trip. As we traveled through the

desert, a wind storm came up and blew sand across the road. The road was almost covered but thanks to the Lord, we drove forty miles through this without a mishap.

Sunday, we attended meeting at San Diego Branch and enjoyed sweet communion with the saints. I attended Ladies Uplift Circle on Tuesday night. Prayer was offered for the sick, a wonderful spirit prevailed. Wednesday night prayer meeting was held and prayer was offered that the saint's children might attend church more often.

We found my son, Charles, with a broken leg. He had an accident while working on a car. Thank God, his life was spared. The following Saturday morning we left for San Carlos to visit Brother Dan Picciuto's Mission on the Apache Reservation. There was feet washing on Sunday. Oh! what a blessing we received mingling with God's covenant people. On Monday, it was so hard for us to pull ourselves away to go home.

Finally we were on our way, and a sorrowful spirit came over us. Tears streamed down our faces. This spirit stayed with us for over an hour. I felt as though my heart was being pulled back, and a voice spoke to me and said, "GO BACK, GO BACK".

We stopped to see the petrified forest, and while there saw the ruins of some Indian people. While reading their history, the words, "Rejoice, be Glad the Shepherd has begun his long divided Flock again to gather into One", came to me with the Spirit. The tears flowed down my cheeks, and I was walking back to the car so the others there wouldn't see me when the Spirit spoke again the words, "GO BACK, GO BACK".

We stopped at a curio shop and talked to a very nice Indian woman. She told us some Mormon Elders had been there talking to her of their church. They gave her a Book of Mormon. We talked to her for more than an hour of the church and gave her a hymn book. She was getting ready to move and would be located near Brother Dan. She promised to visit him.

We wish to thank all the Brothers and Sisters for their kind hospitality extended us during our visit.

Sister Esther Andrews

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS AND PHOENIX ARIZONA By Brother James Heaps

To the Gospel News:

I am so used to saying Dear Brother Cadman, that I hardly knew how to start my letter. But he has gone to a better place and we hope to meet those whom we have loved and worshipped with, here many years. I have been in the church over 52 years and spent many days with Brother and Sister Cadman.

I am writing this letter from Brother Dan's home on San Carlos Reservation. Brother Cadman and I dedicated this church one year ago last November. I asked him then to come and spend some time in California, but he said he had to go home and look after the Gospel News, always thinking about his duty as Editor and President of the Church. I am sure we are going to miss him.

I have been here over a week between Phoenix and San Carlos, and have enjoyed myself in preaching to the Indian people. We had one baptism Sunday, an

old Indian woman. My what a spirit takes hold of these people when they come up out of the water. She spoke in the gift of tongues and so did Brother Dan. There will be more as they have told us of their intention to be baptized. I am glad I had the opportunity to help Brother Dan a few days as he has a lot of work here. He has to go and pick them all up with the bus and after the meeting he has to take them all home again. Most of them want to be annointed every meeting, the children even come to the house to be annointed. May God bless this poor people and give them no more sad tears for bread, but give them joy divine. They surely need your prayers. Pray also for Brother Dan and his good wife who is so patient. Surely it takes a brother and his wife to do this work.

May God raise up other men and their wives for missionary work. The saints in Phoenix need your help. They have bought a nice big lot with a house on it, and are going to remodel it. They need your prayers and if you have some extra money send it to them. Brother Furnier and Brother Damore are working hard and some day I believe there will be a big branch there. These brothers were called in the ministry by revelation and God is going to open doors for them.

OUR TRIP TO TIJUANA, MEXICO

Recently I had the opportunity to gather all my old copies of the Gospel News and began to read them. What new joy to read of the past and glorify God for His promises and the fulfilling of His everlasting words. The articles warmed my heart and filled my soul with Thanksgiving unto God for such a glorious Church, such a wonderful plan of redemption and such gracious promises for His children.

I stopped and pondered over Sister Ann Smith's article in the October 1962 issue for my thoughts went to Tijuana and the two days spent there. How true, Sister Ann, when you say, "The people in Mexico are poverty stricken both naturally and spiritually. It is truly a fact we as Gentiles, and more important as members of the Church, should be and must be nursing mothers and fathers to them."

During my visit in Tijuana, I felt so useless, so troubled over the conditions that I saw. My prayers are that the Lord will open my eyes and mind to the ways that I can fulfill this portion of scripture to become a nursing mother to Israel. With thanksgiving to God for such a great privilege of spending a few days with our brothers and sisters, also with anticipation and a prayer in my heart, I shall try to relate unto you the many impressions and the many things which we saw. My desire is not to bring sadness or grief into your hearts, but that more than ever before, the hope and the promises of God for Israel, the Seed of Joseph, will cause your soul to rejoice.

We, Brother and Sister Luna, Sister Connie, and my younger sister Georgianna enjoyed Friday evening together. The Lord has blessed Sister Carmen with many dreams and experiences. We enjoyed the Spirit of God as she related some of them to us.

We arrived in Tijuana about twelve Saturday afternoon. Our first stop was with an Indian family of the

Oxaquain Tribe. These very poor and humble people have been attending our church for quite some time. I understand that this family are among the only ones of that tribe remaining in Tijuana. If you remember about this time last year there were very many Oxaquain Indians in Tijuana. Being very destitute and hungry, they would go out in the streets begging from the tourist. Because of this, many were put in jail and cast out of the city. We read in II Nephi that the day will come when they (The House of Israel) will be driven to and fro, they shall be smitten and afflicted.

Somehow this particular family has survived all of this and are still in Tijuana. They are very dark with long black hair and wearing long shawls wrapped over their heads and neck. They wear many pieces of clothing. I don't know whether this is because they are cold or if this is a custom. Their dwelling place was made of cardboard with the earth for the floor; Just a little shelter from the winds and the rains. One of the women had a baby that morning about six o'clock. The mother was up and about in her barefeet, sick and cold. I thought to myself, how marvelous the Lord has strengthened and preserved their bodies. Later while reading I discovered a better answer. In the Book of Mormon, it states, "And they shall be afflicted in the flesh and shall not be suffered to perish the Lord will be merciful unto them."

These people were begging for blankets. We happened to have a blanket with us so we gave it to them. Such a gratifying expression could never be put into words. They have little or no water. What they have, they buy. No lights, nothing. We behold these people in their oppressed and afflicted state and remember the words of Isaiah, "For a small moment have I forsaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment." "Oh thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted." Yes, this is the condition of the Seed of Joseph today.

Saturday we had the opportunity to visit many of our Sisters. Their children sang for us and we enjoyed their company. In one home there were about eight or ten children in two rooms. Our hearts were torn and we wept tears of sorrow for these poverty-stricken people, yet with joy and strength they sang praises unto the Lord. On the burner was a pot of beans, probably their one and only meal for the day. The little ones are so friendly and precious. They shake your hand, kiss you and say, "Dios le Bendigo", meaning God bless you. How the children love one another and so tenderly care for each other.

We visited another Sister's house, Sister Rafailia, who so diligently prepared dinner for us. At Sister Juanita's house we sang and enjoyed fellowship with one another.

We retired after a wonderful manifestation of God's Spirit as we bowed before Him in prayer. After a good nights rest, we awakened to prepare for a glorious Sabbath. We went to Sunday School. The lesson was taught by Brother Perdue in Spanish. He told us

about the baptism of Christ, also of the manifestation of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. The Church was packed with Brothers and friends.

Brother Rudy Meo from Bell Branch spoke and Brother Perdue translated his words in Spanish. Brother Rudy told us to seek the desires for Spiritual goods even as the Disciples sought and waited for God in the Upper Room. This is what we should do, and just as God sent the Holy Ghost to them, He will also send His spirit to us.

Many of the Brothers and Sisters testified and many were anointed. Brother Perdue said "Israel is sick, not only their souls, but their bodies as well". They came to be prayed for. Such humility and love! Such a spirit of worship! They have nothing, yet they have everything! Those who know Him, depend on Him for all things. There is agony and pain when we behold Israel. But oh, the promises for Israel causes us to rejoice. We thank God, the Church of Jesus Christ is a light shining brightly upon that mountain in Tijuana and God has blessed His Church.

We hear the words of Isaiah saying once again, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people for in righteousness they shall be established".

To our Brothers and Sisters of the Seed of Joseph, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and hospitality. We thank God for you and say "Prepare for your Lord," for you have heard the good tidings.

Your Sister in Christ,
Sister Meredith Martin of
San Fernando Valley Branch

MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Upon the Mount of Transfiguration
Came the words so true and plain
Revealing forth God's full salvation
Behold My Son, O hear ye Him.

What glorious truths our eyes behold
Upon the mount of latter days
As here before us God unfolds
His marvelous plans, His wonderous ways.

Unconquered by the carnal mind
Its brightness stands above the veil
A beacon light that all may find
The truth restored His will revealed.

Within the realm of Zion walls
Encircled by this light divine
Our voices ring, our joys resound
O boundless peace, O joy sublime.

Tis good to be here,
Neath the sound of His voice,
Tis good to be here,
That all may rejoice.

Brother Frank Calabrese
Lorain, Ohio

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FOR WHAT DO I SEEK?

For what do I seek? As I journey along;
In this world of trouble, can I sing a song?
Or am I a captive, and my Harp hung high
On a willow, while I sit there alone, and just sigh,
So full of self pity, and lament the day long
Because of my plight, and the fight against wrong.

Wrong seems to flourish, the wicked seem strong;
While strength of the righteous, in prayer, is nigh gone,
How shall HIS Kingdom be established I say,
When HIS people are lax and depart from HIS way,
My soul grows weary and I nigh would faint
As I listen to this one and that one's complaints.

When God has given us all that we need,
And then adds good measures to those that heed
HIS WORD, and endeavor to do, the little things HE
asks us to,

Many would do great things to be seen of men,
They have their reward, JESUS said of them,
But the little things, from the heart, within,

Unseen by man, but seen by HIM.
In our secret chamber, we would serve our LORD,
And seek HIS KINGDOM and not a reward.
For having done all, we're unworthy still,
For our labour is vain and our hope is lost
If we find not our place, at the foot of the cross.

What do we seek then? A life of ease,
Nay my dear pilgrims, but war if you please.
If sin is defeated, the battle goes on,
Until CHRIST is the Victor for right over wrong.
For sorrow and trials and sickness and death
Shall not be allowed entrance to our Haven of rest.

O Father I pray, give Thy servants GRACE,
That thru the dark days they may see Thy face,
That the shackles of doubt and despair not prevail
To bind up Thy people, and with them dwell.
Let pride take its flight, the deceiver destroyed

That the Gospel we preach be the Gospel restored.
A Gospel of strength and Power divine,
Hymns of Praise, that make our faces shine,
May THY GLORY bear witness to the truth we bear,
That frees men, not only here, but everywhere.

For after this do I seek.

Margaret Heaps

NOTICE

All material, individual articles and news items, please send direct to the Editor of your district whose name and address appears in the Masthead on Page 3.

G. M. B. A. AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The General Assembly of the Missionary Benevolent Association of The Church of Jesus Christ convened Saturday, the 18th day of May at 10:00 a.m. in the

city of Youngstown, Ohio.

An excellent attendance, representing a majority of the Branches from the U.S.A., were with us; including a chartered bus load from the Detroit and Windsor Area.

One of the prime goals of the M.B.A. is to cultivate a spiritual incentive for our young people, that their lives may abound in the goodness and Grace of our beloved Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are grateful that through the functions of the Sunday Schools and M.B.A., a ground work can be laid that will motivate these spiritual incentives to the point where a decision will be made in their young lives to serve the Lord all the days of their life, through the medium of Baptism and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

We look forward to the General Assembly gatherings which take place the third Saturday in May and the second Saturday in November of each year. We look forward to them because we realize the value of the fellowship of the saints and the mutual love of Christ and His members.

To the local that hosts the General Assembly, it means a great deal of effort for the work involved, the preparation, and above all, the hospitality extended. I have never seen one fail in their duties; and to those in Youngstown, Ohio, we say to you thanks and God Bless You for sharing your homes, your food, and above all, your love toward us.

The business end of the session for this gathering was very small, and I am happy to report that this coverage will stress to you the Spiritual aspects which dominated our three meetings on Saturday, and the Sunday morning meeting in the Youngstown Branch.

The feeling prevailed through the sessions of the importance of serving God, with reference to those who had gone before us, who left us the words of life, who, while they were alive, lived lives dedicated to the cause of the Gospel Restored. We could not pass the day without reference to our beloved William H. Cadman; his sincerity, his honesty, his love for his fellow man, and his zeal in serving God.

Who did the speaking, who did the praying, and who did the singing is not important, but that Jesus was with us, is! If I were to pin-point the force behind this spiritual revival which we felt throughout the sessions, it would fall in two categories; United in our endeavors, and the Love of God in our hearts.

It is wonderful, indeed, when you get the feeling the Lord is here, and truly in our Sunday morning meeting we felt just that. When the portion of scripture was presented to us, how the disciples of the Lord went to look for him after his crucifixion and the stone was rolled away from the door; at that moment, Oh the emptiness that must have been in their hearts—Typical and Symbolic of the emptiness we once felt before He came our way. Under the inspiring influence of the Spirit of the Lord, a plea was made to the young to follow Him for it is the only way and

not to get that "not yet" attitude. As we sat in this heavenly atmosphere, we could only pray, "Lord call our young, touch their hearts." And He did, for 12 souls called for their baptism, and one asked to be reinstated.

I saw a young man break into tears, immediately after the service, and I could witness the eternal struggle, that of right and of indifference and indecision, I could sense the turmoil he was going through, and when he asked to be baptized, tears of thanksgiving were presented to the Lord for His Grace.

It may seem strange to some, that in this high powered era of the 20th Century, with all the advancement in science, rockets, atoms, orbits, and missiles; a feeling of love, humility, and meekness, can ever be manifested, but to those who know and understand, we thank the Lord, the Gospel has been restored.

About ten miles from the Youngstown Branch, is a secluded area surrounded by trees, and about 50 yards from the road, a brook runs thru. It is in this locale that the baptisms took place. This scene opened many avenues of thought, and one thing I am certain, no other spot in this world could have surpassed it for the peace of soul it gave to all of us.

The day was cool, but the sun shone brightly. As its rays penetrated through the trees, I could see the likeness of the light that the Son of God gave to mankind. In this the spring season, when the trees awake from their long winter sleep, and take on new faces for the summer season, I could visualize the comparison of these tender growths who were starting life anew. The early verses of the Book of Psalms, began to whisper in my ear, "They shall be as a tree by a river of water, that shall bear fruit in its season, its leaves shall not wither, and whatsoever they doeth shall prosper".

To those who planted, and to those who watered, we say God Bless You; and to our Lord that gave the increase, we will sing His praises forever.

In conclusion, I would like to state, there is no goal that cannot be reached, no height we cannot scale, no rivers we cannot cross, when we as a people are united in love, and an eye, single to the glory of God. May we always live to appreciate what he has done for us.

G. M. B. A. Editor

LAND PURCHASING FUND WHAT IS IT?

The General Assembly has a fund called the "Land Purchasing Fund". This fund has been set aside for the sole purpose; if the General Church ever desires to purchase land that will be centrally located, where we can hold gatherings, conferences, meetings, and etc., this will be available for them. The fund now totals \$1723.31.

G. M. B. A. Editor

THE HOLY SPIRIT By James Heaps (Continued from April 1963 Issue)

It is the duty of the Holy Spirit to convince men of sin, not all the manifestations of the spirit bring re-

joicing, it brings scourging and chastening. It was the Holy Spirit in Nathan the Prophet that told David of his sin, when he said thou art the man. The rejoicing did not come until he cried unto the Lord to forgive him of his sin and restore unto him the joy of salvation. Before a sick man can realize his lost and undone condition this work must be accomplished by the Holy Spirit no man ever did, or ever will feel himself to be lost until the Holy Spirit has reproved him and convinced him that he is a sinner. The letter is dead without the spirit by the law or word is the knowledge of sin. The great apostle Paul said, I had not known sin but by the law or word, I had not known lust except the law had said thou shalt not covet. James says to look in the looking glass and you will see yourself as you are. Through the spirit the law is holy and just and good. But I am carnal, sold unto sin through the Divine law the Holy Spirit leads the soul to realize his condition. But go ye and learn what that meaneth. I will have mercy and not sacrifice for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

The apostle thought he was the chiefest of sinners, he seems now to be more vile, guilty and polluted than anyone else, he no longer swaggers about in bold defiance against God putting men and women in prison, but under the conviction of the Holy Spirit he says what do you want me to do. His views changed, sorrow wrings his heart, he is lead to exclusion with the Prophet Isaiah, woe is me for I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips, but is his case hopeless, must he perish in his sins? No. Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no Physician there who can cleanse the soul until it is no longer red like crimson, but pure and white as snow. Jesus said the spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to the captives. Here on the Reservation there are many broken hearted people bound down by sin sickness and poverty, they need the Holy Spirit in their lives to give them joy for mourning; beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of Heaviness that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the days of travailing is about upon us and when Zion travails she shall bring forth, cast out every idol, break down every foe, now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

No Prodigal son of God has ever returned to his fathers house to be buffeted, scolded and turned away. No wonder the Prophet said my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken me the fountain of living water; and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water, oh if they would only come unto him and drink that living water; Jesus said out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water, this spake he of the spirit that they should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet given unto them. Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us spotless before the throne of His Majesty. May God bless these few words to my brothers and sisters whom we love in the truth.

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George A. Neill

The Gospel News, as we know it, for many years has not only served The Church of Jesus Christ as a means of communication, but in essence it has been a means of portraying the voice of the church to many people throughout the world, primarily by effectively sharing the inspired thoughts of the saints, and more important, producing the faith and doctrine of Jesus Christ to the minds of seeking men and women in our dispensation of time.

To this end did our late editor and general church president, William H. Cadman, work, not only in his untiring efforts in compiling, editing, and preparing for print many articles submitted by the saints for reprint in The Gospel News, but in the tactful effectiveness of his editorials which were largely responsible for a closer relationship regarding points of church doctrine and edification, thus elevating the minds of all those who read them to better human relations.

The desire of those who follow Brother Cadman in the responsibility of editing The Gospel News is that the spirit which led its success in the past will continue to strive among those who are responsible for its future.

This desire is the basis on which the present editor, Brother George A. Neill of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, hopes to secure its continued success. Brother Neill has been closely associated with Brothers William and Alma Cadman for many years. He has also shared many personal experiences with the late Brother Charles Ashton whom he visited frequently. Due to his association with these brethren he has become familiar with their futuristic attitude regarding the destiny of The Church of Jesus Christ in the great plan of God and the restoration of the house of Israel through the seed of Joseph.

In view of Brother Neill's diversified experiences in the church since March of 1937, he offers good qualifications in his leadership to The Gospel News editorial staff.

He is the son of the late George Albert and Ida Behanna Neill, and as a young man traveled extensively throughout the church with his parents, including an eight year's residence at Aetna, Kansas, on the 1920 acre ranch owned by the church commonly referred to as "The Colony". Brother George's father, during his career in the church, served as a member of the priesthood for many years, and prior to his death on December 19, 1924, was a member of the quorum of twelve apostles. The example of his life as portrayed to his family and in his faithful passing left George with a profound love largely responsible for the good desires planted in his heart as a youth. His father died reciting the Twenty-Third Psalm of David.

Brother George and his wife, Sister Sarah Toye Neill, reside in Finleyville, Pennsylvania and attend the Monongahela branch of the church where Brother George is Presiding Elder. In 1952 they moved to the state of Florida and resided there for a period of fourteen months. During their stay at this locality they became acquainted with a group of people from The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ. As time progressed he has maintained his friendship with these people, thereby giving him added experience with other factions of latter-day-Saintism. He has been a member of the priesthood of the Church since July 16, 1944, at which time he was ordained into the office of an Elder.

We of The Gospel News editorial staff pledge our support to Brother George Neill in the success of the paper and earnestly solicit the cooperation of all the saints by way of material and news from every branch of the Church in every part of the world. Most important, however, we solicit your prayers that God may bless his people in their efforts to further his work among the children of men.

NUPTIALS GENTILE -- BOLOGNA

Sister Catherine Bologna and Brother Alex Gentile were united in marriage on March 23, 1963, at Branch #4 of The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit. Brother Joseph Milantoni officiated at the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister Reno Bologna of Garden City, Michigan, and the groom is the son of Brother and Sister Gentile of Lincoln Park, Michigan.

During the service, Sister Delores Thomas sang several lovely selections accompanied by Sister Rose Ann Wood at the piano.

The newly-weds will reside in Lincoln Park, Michigan. May the Lord bless them with a happy married life.

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MELLINGER -- STERNER

During a quiet and very impressive ceremony, Miss Sherry Sterner became Mrs. Gerald Mellinger on April 20, 1963, at 7:30 p.m. in the Evangelical United Brethren Church of West Newton, Pa. Rev. Ralph W. Brownfield officiated.

Sherry is the daughter of Herman Sterner of West Newton and Jerry is the son of Walter and Sister Margaret Mellinger of Monongahela, Pa.

The attendants were Debbie Backstrom and James Kirschner. Music by Amanda Parkinson.

The happy couple are residing at Belle Vernon, Pa., R.D. #1, Box 55A, after a trip to Florida.

Our best wishes to Sherry and Jerry and may God bless them and walk with them all the way through their life together.

OBITUARIES ALQUIPPA BRANCH

We are sorry to report that we have lost two of our old and faithful Sisters. On January 2, 1963, our Sister Lauara DeFrancisco passed away. She was one of the pioneers of our branch when it was located in West Aliquippa. She was baptized on August 21, 1921. Sister Lauara was very sick for many years. She leaves two sons, Nick and Carmen and two grandsons. She was born on January 4, 1884. Brother Thomas Ross officiated.

On April 16, 1963, our Sister Caroline D'Antonio also passed away. Sister Caroline was baptized into the church on March 9, 1930. She proved faithful to the Lord down through the years. She was sick in bed with a heart condition. Surviving are three sons, Brother Frank of Corapolis, Fred at home, and Brother Anthony. There are also three daughters, Sister Mary Ross, Sister Sue Rossi, and Diana Gula. Both of our Sisters were laid to rest in The Woodlawn Cemetery, Aliquippa. Brother Domenick D'Antonio officiated.

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GENNARO (JIM) FERRARO

Brother Jim Ferraro of 546 Park Ave., Monongahela, died Friday, April 26, 1963, in the Monongahela Memorial Hospital at the age of 82. He had been ill only three days.

Brother Ferraro was born in Italy, November 16, 1880, and had lived in Monongahela 63 years.

He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ

in July of 1925, and was a faithful member.

Surviving are four children, Sister Dominick (Elizabeth) Wooley of Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Basil (Jennie) Sarver of Monongahela, Patsy of Monongahela and Harry of New Eagle; 11 grandchildren; one step-brother, Patsy Folino of Ambridge.

Funeral services were held at the Campana Funeral Home, Monongahela with Apostle Alma Cadman officiating. Sisters Ethel Crosier and Irene Griffith sang, "Blessed Assurance" and "Sweet By and By" accompanied at the organ by Sister Mabel Bickerton. Interment took place in Monongahela Cemetery.

Brother Ferraro will be sadly missed here in our part of the vineyard. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to friends and loved ones.

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DOROTHY COPOLA PASSES AWAY

Sister Dorothy Copola was born in Italy March 1, 1890. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ by Brother Joseph Bologna on August 25, 1946, and passed on to her reward April 12, 1963.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one son, four daughters, eighteen grandchildren and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #4 in Detroit, with Brother Reno Bologna officiating.

Sister Copola was a faithful sister, loved by all, both young and old. She is sadly missed, especially by her own branch (Detroit #2).

May the Lord comfort the bereaved and be with them in their sorrow.

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SISTER GERTRUDE F. SHUTT PASSES AWAY

Phoenix, Arizona—After two years of faithful service in The Church of Jesus Christ; our dear Sister Gertrude passed away on April 28, 1963, at the age of 79 years. She was baptized in Phoenix on March 8, 1961.

In spite of her age and afflictions, she never tired of the many trips we made to the San Carlos Reservation, 100 miles away, before our Mission was established in Phoenix.

The funeral services were conducted by Brothers Phil Damore, Ether Furnier, and Daniel Picciuto. Burial was in the Mesa City Cemetery.

Sister Gertrude is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Don Neel of Mesa and one son James M. Shutt of West Virginia; seven grand-children and six great grand-children.

She is sadly missed by all in the Phoenix, Mission. We express our sympathy to all of her family.

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MRS. ANNIE E. EVANS PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Annie E. Evans, 86, died May 18, 1863, in the Monongahela Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness.

She was a member of the Nazarene Church of Belle Vernon, Pa.

Among those left to mourn her loss are her daughter, Sister Jennie Ditmore of Fellsburg, and a brother, Brother Charles Behanna of Erie, Pa.

May the Lord comfort and bless the loved ones and many friends of Mrs. Annie Evans.

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BROTHER ROCCO MEO, EVANGELIST, PASSES ON

Brother Rocco Meo passed away February 15, 1963, to be with the Lord he Loved so much and labored so tirelessly for. He was baptized in June of 1933 at Detroit, Michigan, Branch #1; ordained an Elder in April, 1939, and ordained an Evangelist in April, 1941.

Brother Rocco and his youngest son left for California in April, 1944, and were joined by his wife, daughter and older son in September, 1944. They first settled in Arlington, about sixty miles from Los Angeles. Two months later they moved to Los Angeles where he began to hold meetings. A mission was established which is now the Bell, California Branch. Later on in 1949 he started to hold meetings in the San Fernando Valley where several saints had moved to. From this work came the San Fernando Branch.

He became afflicted several years ago and gradually his body began to get weaker to the point where he could no longer keep up the pace he had been going. This was very hard for him to bear because he had dedicated himself to the Lord's work almost from the day of his baptism. He praised the Lord over and over again for bringing him to America from Italy where he was born on April 15, 1904. He was seventeen when he came here. The Lord certainly watched over him from that time until he was told of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ by Brother Jim Mercuri which he quickly opened his heart to.

Memorial services were held in the church building at Bell. Brother Peter Capone flew from Detroit, Michigan, to officiate at the service. Brothers Rocco and Peter were fellow laborers in the Gospel together for many years. Assisting Brother Capone was Brother John Dulisse of Bell Branch. Brother V. James Lovalso sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Morning Breaks", Brother Rocco's favorite hymns. Brother Lovalso also wrote special words dedicated to Brother Rocco and sang them as the last verse of "The Morning Breaks". Interment was at Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea, California. The loved ones left behind are many, because Brother Rocco never met anyone he didn't love with the love of our Lord. Of the immediate family are his wife, Sister Concetta, daughter Sis. Rachel Fallavollita, sons, Brothers Rudolph and William, a sister here in California, Sister Concetta Capone, a brother and two sisters still in Italy, and eight grandchildren.

Just this past Christmas Brother Rocco's family brought his brother, retired police marshall, Antonio Meo here from Florence, Italy, for a joyous reunion after 41 years of separation. Brother Rocco, though ill in health was able to spend two weeks with his brother and his sister, Sister Concetta Capone.

He will be mourned and his presence missed by those he loved, but we are comforted by the knowledge that he has gone to that land which is fairer than day.

"BE YE HOLY AS I AM HOLY"

By Brother Rocco Tassone

Saints - a - Challenge

Holiness - Demanded - Revealed

Lev. 19th ch—

"And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, "Speak

unto all the Congregation of the Children of Israel and say unto them;" "Ye shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am Holy"

Lev. 20th ch—

"And ye shall be holy unto me: For I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine."

Herein we find God speaking unto his servant Moses revealing himself as to his nature and holiness and calling upon his people to conform themselves to such. Holiness can not be comprehended apart from God. This was a profound knowledge given unto Israel as God's Covenant people that they might attain unto this calling, "Be ye Holy as I am Holy." This commandment started with the Nation of Israel when they entered into a Covenant with God, as we read in Ex. 19—

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine; And ye shall be unto me a Kingdom of priests and an Holy Nation."

Thus we see Holiness is mandatory from God in our Covenant Relationship with him. Why? Israel as a nation served as a New Creation when God severed her from all other people that she might reveal God's Image and Nature unto the children of men. As God once walked and talked with Adam in the cool of evening while in the garden, so God now chose to dwell in the midst of the Nation Israel. His presence was with them in the cloud by day and as a pillar of fire by night; also God dwelt with Israel in their midst by choosing the tabernacle and that gloriously in the Holy of Holies. Herein Holiness was most Revealing. The Nation of Israel was exempted from his Holiness for God decreed that only one which was the High priest was allowed to enter therein and that not without blood. This is not without significance for the way into the holiest was not yet made manifest while as the first tabernacle was yet standing. Thus we see the High Priest was the only one able to comprehend and reveal the Holiness of Jehovah. This of course was done by his "Ministry of Sacrifices" on the day of Atonement. He actually stood as Mediator for the people between God, for he served as a type and shadow of Jesus Christ our Great High Priest. How else could National Israel attain unto Holiness except through obedience and faith on what God revealed through the Priests. Though God dwelt within them yet he was not to be seen with the naked eye. His Priesthood was to serve as his Image and reflect his nature even in their garments of separation and their dedication to his services. Much more is required out of God's Holy Priesthood than from the Congregation. Paul states the Husbandman must be first partakers of these fruits. Blameless, sober, vigilant, good behaviour, apt to teach etc., and above all in doctrine they were to show uncorruptness. Not that God demands higher degrees of Holiness from the Priesthood above the congregation but the rather as chosen and anointed to serve in God's stead they were to reveal the maturity of His holiness as Priests, of Our God. The Water and Bread and Wine; the Sacraments of Baptism, lay-

ing on of hands and feet washing are to be looked upon and entered into as sacred and holy unto the Lord. The Ministers therefore are doubly responsible for their Revelation of God's Holiness may be the means of the rise and fall of many. "This child shall be for the Fall and Rising of many in Israel." (Jesus Christ)

Be Ye Holy as I am Holy

Holiness is attainable and explainable only in one's proportion of God. The more fully consecrated and devoted one gets the more sacred his conversation becomes: Peter confirms this as such, "As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written "Be Ye Holy as I am Holy." If we are expecting to enter into the Holy of Holies (type of God's Presence) itself we must follow peace with all men and holiness, for without such, no man shall see the Lord. There are various channels by which God chooses to teach, instruct, and impart holiness unto us."

1st. God chooses to impart unto us Holiness, not by types and shadows, but by his own nature for by none greater can he speak, therefore He sent forth his Son in whom was his Spirit given without measure. For it pleased God that in him should all the fullness of the Godhead bodily dwell, and now he filleth all in all. So as Israel learned God's holiness by the High priest now we are able to learn of him as we receive him whom God hath sent. Jesus Christ in our judgment is the Highest of God's Revelation of Holiness as we believe in him and received him unto ourselves we thus become a partaker in his holiness. Having believed on him he hath given us power to become the sons of God and according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of His Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Now we see that only by becoming a partaker of God's Divine Nature can we attain to our Holy calling "Be Ye Holy as I am Holy." By none other source can we learn of Him but by Himself, who gave Himself for us that we might have life and that more abundantly.

John said to confirm this—But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you; and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you all things and is truth, and is no lie even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

No matter what you do, or where you be in word or deed, do all to the glory of God. Are you where he hath taught you? Is your speech revealing as becometh him? Only in this proportion of possession can one reveal him. The anointing which ye have received what hath it taught you?

Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Therefore let us not be ashamed of his appearance

but rather when he doth appear we shall be like him. Every one that hath this hope purifieth himself even as he is pure. "Be Ye even as I am." What a challenge!

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. We thus conclude that if God called us with an holy calling, and of communion with the Holy Ghost, we have become an holy temple unto the Lord, wherein sacrifices are to be offered up holy and acceptable, as the Holy Ghost teaches us we are able as Holy Brethren to lift up Holy Hands and attain unto the command of God — "Be Ye Holy as I am Holy," and hear the Blessed words "He that is Holy let him be Holy Still!" Amen.

THE BOOK OF MORMON EVIDENCE OF ITS DIVINITY

By Thurman S. Furnier

Many object to The Book of Mormon, on account of the language of John found in Rev. 22:18, 19. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

John's language, here does not mean that God will reveal nothing more, but not to add to and take from God's word already revealed. We are told that 1st., 2nd., and 3rd., John were written after the Book of Revelation. If John caused these books to be written, after the Book of Revelation, and John's language meant that God was to reveal nothing more, or nothing more was to be written, then John violated God's word, in causing these three books named above to be written. Deut. 4:2 reads: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." Again Deut. 12: 32 reads: "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it." Again Prov. 30: 6 reads: "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

If it be the case, that God was to reveal nothing more, those also who wrote after Moses and Solomon then would come under God's judgment. Does this sound reasonable? Any person with a little intelligence, and without a prejudiced mind can readily see that God meant, not to add to, and take from the Revelations He has already given.

But what is The Book of Mormon, and what is it for? Let us refer to the fly-leaf at the beginning of the book, it being translated the same as the book, from the Golden Plates, by the Power of God. Thus we read: "The Book of Mormon. An Account Written by the hand of Mormon upon plates taken from the plates of Nephi. Wherefore, it is an abridgment of the record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites—Written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant

of the house of Israel; and also to Jew and Gentile—Written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation—Written and sealed up, and hid up unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed—To come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof—Sealed by the hand of Moroni, and hid up unto the Lord, to come forth in due time by way of the Gentile—The interpretation thereof by the gift of God.”

“An abridgment taken from the Book of Ether also, which is a record of the people of Jared, who were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people, when they were building a tower to get to heaven—Which is to show unto the remnant of the House of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever—And also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations—And now, if there are faults they are the mistakes of men; wherefore, condemn not the things of God, that ye may be found spotless at the judgment-seat of Christ. Moroni.”

O, says one, a Bible! a Bible! we have a Bible. That is just what the Lord said the Gentiles would say: “and my words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth, for a standard unto my people, which are of the house of Israel;

And because my words shall hiss forth—many of the Gentiles shall say: A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible.

But thus saith the Lord God: O fools, they shall have a Bible; and it shall proceed forth from the Jews, mine ancient covenant people. And what thank they the Jews for the Bible which they receive from them? Yea, what do the Gentiles mean? Do they remember the travels, and the labors, and the pains of the Jews, and their diligence unto me, in bringing forth salvation unto the Gentiles?

O ye Gentiles, have ye remembered the Jews, mine ancient covenant people? Nay; but ye have cursed them, and have hated them, and have not sought to recover them. But behold, I will return all these things upon your own heads; for I the Lord have not forgotten my people.

Thou fool, that shall say: A Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible. Have ye obtained a Bible save it were by the Jews?” 2nd. Nephi 29: part of vs. 2, Vs. 3-6.

Let us explain further: **THE NEPHITE NATION:** The progenitors of this nation were led from Jerusalem 600 years before Christ, during the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah. See 2nd Kings 24:17, 18. “And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father’s brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.”

During the first year of the reign of Zedekiah many prophets came prophesying unto the people that they must repent or Jerusalem must be destroyed. Lehi, a Jewish prophet of the tribe of Manasseh, went forth

among the people, and declared unto them that Jerusalem should be destroyed, and the inhabitants thereof; many should perish by the sword, and many should be carried away into Babylon. See 2nd. Chron. 36:15-20. “And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:” (Refer also to Jeremiah 39:1-9)

Lehi, as he went forth prayed unto the Lord, and he saw one descending out of the midst of heaven and came and stood before him, and gave unto him a book, and bade him that he should read. As he read, he was filled with the Spirit of the Lord. “And he read, saying: Wo, wo, unto Jerusalem, for I have seen thine abominations! Yea, and many things did my father (Lehi) read concerning Jerusalem—that it should be destroyed, and the inhabitants thereof; many should perish by the sword, and many should be carried away captive into Babylon.” See 1st. Nephi 1:13. The Jews did mock him because of the things which he testified of them, and when they heard these things they were angry with him, even as with the prophets of old. The Lord commanded Lehi to take his family and depart into the wilderness. He obeyed, and departed into the wilderness, taking nothing with him, save it were his family, and provisions, and tents.

His immediate family, at the time of their departure from Jerusalem, comprised his wife, Sariah, and their sons, Laman, Lemuel, Sam, and Nephi, at a later stage of the history, daughters are mentioned, but whether any of these were born before the family exodus we are not told. Beside his own family, the colony of Lehi included Zoram and Ishmael. Ishmael with his family joined Lehi in the wilderness; and his descendants were numbered with the nation of whom we are speaking. The company journeyed nearly a south-southeast direction, keeping near the borders of the Red Sea; then evidently changing their course to the eastward, crossed the peninsula of Arabia: evidently arriving at the Persian Gulf, or Gulf of Oman, and on the shores of the Arabian sea, built and provisioned a vessel in which they committed themselves to Divine care upon the waters. Their voyage carried them east-

ward across the Indian Ocean, then over the south Pacific Ocean to the western coast of South America, whereon they landed probably somewhere near the site of the present city of Coquimbo, Chile, S. A. There is no specific date given in their records when they landed, but they were in the wilderness for eight years before arriving on the shores of the Arabian sea. The people established themselves on what to them was the land of promise; many children were born, and in the course of a few generations a numerous posterity held possession of the land. After the death of Lehi, a division occurred, some of the people accepting as their leader, Nephite, who had been duly appointed to that office; while the rest proclaimed Laman, the eldest of Lehi's sons, as their chief. Henceforth the divided people were known as Nephites and Lamanites respectively. At times they observed toward each other fairly friendly relations; but generally they were opposed, the Lamanites manifesting violent hatred and hostility toward their Nephite kindred. The Nephites advanced in the arts of civilization, built large cities, and established prosperous commonwealths; yet they often fell into transgression; and the Lord chastened them by making their foes victorious. They spread northward, occupying the northern part of South America; then crossing the Isthmus, they extended their domain over what is now the United States of America. The Lamanites, while increasing in numbers, fell under the curse of darkness; they became dark in skin and benighted in spirit, forgot the God of their fathers, lived a wild nomadic life, and degenerated into the fallen state in which the American Indians, their lineal descendants, were found by those who re-discovered the western continent in later times. The final struggles between Nephites and Lamanites were waged in the vicinity of the hill Cumorah, in what is now purported to be the State of New York, resulting in the entire destruction of the Nephites, with the exception of a few that dissented to the Lamanites. This took place about 385-400 A.D. The last Nephite representative was Moroni, who, wandered for safety from place to place, daily expecting death from the victorious Lamanites who had decreed the absolute extinction of their white kindred, wrote the concluding parts of The Book of Mormon, hid the record in the earth, the last we hear of him, he said, I soon go to rest in the Paradise of God. It was this same Moroni who gave the records into the hands of Joseph Smith, in the present dispensation.

There are some differences of opinion existing about the location of the hill of Cumorah, (known by the Jaredites as the hill of Ramah) where it is purported that the plates were given to Joseph Smith. By referring to the letters of Oliver Cowdery, written in 1834 he often refers to the hill Cumorah being the same hill where the plates were given to Joseph Smith. (See pages #31-35-40, paragraphs 4-4-2 respectively.) About 385 A.D. Mormon writes: "Words of Mormon" vs. 1, 2: "And now I, Mormon, being about to deliver up the record which I have been making, into the hands of my son Moroni, behold I have witnessed almost all the destruction of my people, the Nephites.

And it is many hundred years after the coming

of Christ that I deliver these records into the hands of my son; and it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my people. But may God grant that he may survive them, that he may write somewhat concerning them, and somewhat concerning Christ, that perhaps some day it may profit them." About 385 A.D. Mormon writes: "Mormon" 6: 5, 6: "And when three hundred and eighty and four years had passed away, we had gathered in all the remainder of our people unto the land of Cumorah.

And it came to pass that when we had gathered in all our people in one to the land of Cumorah, behold I, Mormon, began to be old; and knowing it to be the last struggle of my people, and having been commanded of the Lord that I should not suffer the records which had been handed down by our fathers, which were sacred, to fall into the hands of the Lamanites, (for the Lamanites would destroy them,) therefore I made this record out of the plates of Nephi, and hid up in the hill Cumorah, all the records which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord, save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni."

With reference to the land which was occupied by the Jaredites, Moroni writes; Ether 15:11. "And it came to pass that the army of Coriantumr did pitch their tents by the hill RAMAH; and it was that same hill where my father Mormon did hide up the records unto the Lord, which were sacred."

Ether 9:3. "And the Lord warned Omer in a dream that he should depart out of the land; wherefore Omer departed out of the land with his family, and traveled **MANY DAYS**, and came over and passed by the hill of Shim, and came over by the place where the Nephites were DESTROYED, and from thence eastward, and came to a place which was called Ablom, by the sea shore, and there he pitched his tent, and also his sons and his daughters, and all his household, save it were Jared and his family.

Ether 9:26 in part: "And the people had spread again over all the face of the land."

Ether 10:4 in part: "And the people began again to spread over all the face of the land."

You will note that the Jaredites had become so numerous that they occupied the land northward (North America) and had "spread over all the face of the land."

The following writers refers to the land which was occupied by the Nephites:

Alma 50:29: "Therefore, Morianton, put it into their hearts that they should flee to the land which was northward, which was covered **WITH LARGE BODIES OF WATER**, and take possession of the land which was northward."

This was, according to vs. 25 in part: "in the commencement of the twenty and fourth year of the reign of the judges, or 68 B. C.

Alma 63:4: "And it came to pass that in the thirty and seventh year of the reign of the judges, there was a large company of men, even to the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED** men, with their wives and their children, departed out of the land of Zarahemla into the land which was northward."

This was in the 37th. year of the reign of the

judges, or 55 B.C.

Helaman 3:3: "And it came to pass in the forty and sixth, (year) yea, there was much contention and many dissensions in which there were **AN EXCEEDING GREAT MANY** who departed out of the land of Zarahemla, and went forth unto the land northward to inherit the land."

Vs. 4: "And they did travel to an **EXCEEDING GREAT DISTANCE**, insomuch that they came to large bodies of water and many rivers."

This was in the 46th. year of the reign of the judges, or 46 B.C.

Helaman 11:17: By referring to this verse you will note that it was in the seventy and sixth year of the reign of the judges.

Helaman 11:20: "And thus it came to pass that the people of Nephi began to prosper again in the land, and began to build up their waste places, and began to multiply and spread, even until they did cover the whole face of the land, both on the northward, and on the southward, from the sea west to the sea east."

This was in the 76th. year of the reign of the judges, or 16 B.C.

Please take notice, according to Alma 50:29 that the Nephites were occupying the land northward. (North America) "**which was covered WITH LARGE BODIES OF WATER.**" in the year 68 B.C.

Mormon 2:3: "And it came to pass that in the three hundred and twenty and seventh year the Lamanites did come upon us with exceeding great power, insomuch that they did frighten my armies; therefore they would not fight, and they began to retreat towards the north countries. This was 327 A.D.

From the year 327 A.D. until the year 375 A.D. a number of battles were fought.

Mormon 4:16: "And the Lamanites did not come again against the Nephites until the three hundred and seventy and fifth year."

Verse 23: "And now I Mormon, seeing that the Lamanites were about to overthrow the land, therefore I did go to the hill Shim, and did take up all the records which Ammaron had hid up unto the Lord."

This was 375 A.D.

Mormon 6:4, 5: "And it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah, and we did pitch our tents around about the hill Cumorah; and it was in a **LAND OF MANY WATERS, RIVERS, AND FOUNTAINS**; and here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites.

And when three hundred and eighty four years had passed away, we had gathered in all the remainder of our people unto the land of Cumorah."

This was 384 A.D.

It was 375 A.D. when Mormon took up the records from the hill of Shim.

It was 384 A.D. when Mormon had gathered in all the remainder of their people unto the land of Cumorah.

This would have given Mormon nine years to travel from the hill of Shim to the land of Cumorah.

Traveling that distance in nine years should not have been too difficult, as we have shown from Alma 50:29 that the Nephites were occupying the land northward, **which was covered WITH LARGE BODIES**

OF WATER" in the year 68 B.C.

Also from Helaman 11:20 the Nephites "began to multiply and spread, even until they did cover the whole face of the land, both on the northward, and on the southward, from the sea west to the sea east." in the year 16 B.C.

Therefore from 68 B.C. to 384 A.D. would be 452 years. By that time, may I repeat, traveling should not have been too difficult. Especially when we consider that the Jaredite nation had become so numerous that they occupied the land northward (North America) and had "spread over all the face of the land" for approximately sixteen hundred years prior to the coming of the Nephites.

It is supposed by some that the hill Cumorah (Nephites) or hill Ramah (Jaredites) was located in Mexico.

The scripture quoted proves that the Jaredites and the Nephites had long before traveled northward, and had spread over all the face of the land.

From the evidence given (it is my opinion) that the location of the hill Cumorah (hill Ramah) was in what is now the State of New York, (not Mexico) where there may be found **MANY WATERS, RIVERS, AND FOUNTAINS.**"

It has been said that many have supposed the description referred to, especially the "exceeding great distance" implies a journey from Central America, to the Great Lakes in the United States; and that those that suppose this, are jumping to conclusions that are altogether unwarranted.

I would say, there is a possibility that those who do believe the journey from Central America to the Great Lakes in the United States are not "jumping to conclusions", but from the evidence given they could be correct.

However, it is not the object of this article to endeavor to pin-point the location of the hill Cumorah, but to prove the Divinity of The Book of Mormon.

For after the terrible destruction that took place at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the whole face of the land was changed.

See 3rd. Nephi 8:12: "But behold, there was a more great and terrible destruction in the land northward; for behold, the whole face of the land was changed, because of the tempest and the whirlwinds, and the thunderings and the lightnings, and the exceeding great quaking of the whole earth; (Read the complete chapter.)

THE JAREDITE NATION: Of the nations whose histories constitute The Book of Mormon, the first in order of time consisted of the people of Jared, who followed their leader from the Tower of Babel at the time of the confusion of tongues. Their history was written on twenty four plates of gold, by Ether, the last of their prophets, who, foreseeing the destruction of his people because of their wickedness, hid away the historical plates. They were afterward found by an expedition sent out by king Limhi, a Nephite ruler. The record engraved on these plates was subsequently abridged by Moroni, and the condensed account was attached by him to The Book of Mormon record; it appears in the modern translation under the name of the Book of Ether. The first and chief prophet of the

Jaredites is not mentioned by name in the record as we have it; he is known only as the brother of Jared. Of the people, we learn that amid the confusion of Babel, Jared and his brother importuned the Lord that He would spare them and their associates from the impending disruption.

Their prayer was heard, and the Lord led them with a considerable company, who, like themselves, were free from the taint of idolatry, away from their homes, promising to conduct them to a land choice above all other lands. Their course of travel is not given with exactness; we learn only that they reached the ocean, and there constructed eight vessels, called barges, in which they set out upon the waters. These vessels were small and dark within; but the Lord made luminous certain stones, which gave light to the imprisoned voyagers.

After a passage of three hundred and forty four days, the colony probably landed on the East Coast of Central America, near the mouth of the River Motagua. The Pittsburgh, Pa. Gazette Times of 1912, a Sunday issue, reads: "The Tower of Babel built by Ancient Mexicans. Why science now believes that the mysterious (Mayas) of Yucatan came from Ancient Babylon after the 'confusion of tongues'. This view is confirmed in a great degree by the extraordinary resemblance between the ruined towers and pyramids of Babylonia and those built by the (Mayas) in Yucatan. In addition to this there is other evidence that the Mayas came from some where in Asia." etc. Here they became a flourishing nation; but giving way in time to internal dissensions, they divided into factions, which warred with one another until the people were totally destroyed. This destruction, which occurred near the hill Ramah, afterward known among the Nephites as Cumorah, probably took place at about the time of Lehi's landing in South America. The last representative of the ill-fated race was Coriantumr, the former king, concerning whom Ether had prophesied that he should survive all his subjects, and live to see another people in possession of the land. This prediction was fulfilled in that the king, whose people had become extinct, came, in the course of his solitary wanderings, to a region occupied by the people of Mulek, who are to be mentioned here as the third ancient colony of emigrants from the eastern continent.

MULEK, we are told, was the son of Zedekiah, king of Judah, probably an infant at the time of his brother's violent death and his father's cruel torture at the hands of the king of Babylon. (Nebuchadnezzar) See 2nd. Kings 25:7: "And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon." About ten years after Lehi's departure from Jerusalem, another colony was led from the city, amongst whom was Mulek. His name has been given to the people. The Book of Mormon record concerning Mulek and his people is scanty; we learn, however, that the colony was brought across the waters, probably to a landing on the west coast of Central America. See Helaman 6:10: "Now the land south was called Lehi and the land north was called Mulek, which was after the son of Zedekiah; for the Lord did bring Mulek into

the land north, and Lehi into the land south." The descendants of this colony were discovered by the Nephites under Mosiah; they had grown numerous, but having had no scriptures for their guidance, had fallen into a condition of spiritual darkness.

They joined the Nephites, and their history is merged into that of the greater nation. At the time of their discovery by Mosiah they were called the people of Zarahemla, and Zarahemla did rejoice exceedingly. (See Omni Vs. 14) "Now there were not so many of the children of Nephi, or so many of those who were descendants of Nephi, as there were of the people of Zarahemla, who was a descendant of Mulek, and those who came with him into the wilderness" Mosiah 25:2.

(To be continued next issue.)

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD

By Alma B. Cadman

Christ, as the Son of God, was a question much disputed in His day on earth and much misunderstood by many that believed on Him. They knew He was a man similar to other men, born of woman in Bethlehem as foretold by the Prophet; but before He could be born, conception had to take place and growth had to be, subject to nature. The Catholic avers it was immaculate conception; that is one thing I agree upon. Mary was pure and Holy, which signifies sinlessness as much as any other mortal could be. Because of such the Angel Gabriel was sent from God to her home in Nazareth of Galilee saying, "Hail Thou that are highly favored, the Lord is with Thee, blessed art Thou among women". And the Angel said unto her, "fear not Mary, for thou hast found favor with God, and behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the highest and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father David". (Luke 1st Chapter)

The question has arisen, how could He be the Son of God and also the Son of Man. Adam was also called the Son of God, which could not be, unless he was the offspring of God. Was he the offspring of God because of the body? No! because the body was of the earth, earthy, so also were the animals of the earth but the life of Adam was by the spirit of God. "God breathed into Adam and he became a living soul. God formed the spirit of man within him." (Zachariah 12 Chapter 1st verse) Therefore, man is the offspring of God. (See Acts 17-28) Therefore, Adam was of the earth, earthy because of the body; the second Adam was the Lord from Heaven. I have shown that Adam's body was formed before his soul. He was not a son begotten, for Christ is the only begotten Son of God. Now, in the bringing forth Adam there could but be only a created man, as the bible states, but that a given spirit that returns to God who gave it; but four thousand years later a Virgin pure and Holy, at the set time according to God's appointment foretold by the Prophet Daniel and others; a virgin would conceive and bring forth a son or, the long promised Messiah, the long looked for Prophet that God was to raise up likened unto Moses; Him shall ye hear and all that would not

hear that prophet would be destroyed from among the people. Who can deny that Christ was begotten? How, by the natural? No, but by the spiritual, as the power of the highest was to overshadow her. "The Holy Ghost" (The power of God) therefore, "also that Holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God". He was to be the Son because of the flesh (body) and God because of the spirit. Is not the spirit God as well as your spirit is you? Or, as Paul says, "the inward man". Paul longed to depart this life to be with Christ. Without the spirit and body, man would not of been. Some believed that Christ had not come in the flesh but that the spirit only was Christ. (2nd John). For many deceivers are entered into the world who confess not that Christ is come in the flesh; "this is a deceiver and an anti-Christ". Did God cease to exist because His spirit entered Adam?—Foolish!—Does man cease to be because he has sons. Has the sun ceased to be because its life-given properties has been given to all natural growth of this earth? Solomon, in his prayer said, "behold the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, yet God sits on His throne in the heavens. What is it then that the heavens cannot contain? Why, spirit or glory that emanates from His personage. It is the creative power by which all things consist — heaven, earth, sun, moon and stars. Who can measure the extent of its bounds? Remember, God made man in His own likeness and image and Christ, who was in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God and sat down at the right hand of God He (God) makes His (Christ's) enemies His footstool. Some churches believe that God is spirit only, has neither body or parts. Moses saw His back parts as He was in the cleft of the rock as God passed by. A God without body or parts is contrary to our printed faith. God made man in His own likeness and image. Christ was made a little lower than the Angels but in His resurrection He was so changed that His body was in the form of God as stated by the Apostle Paul, and sat down at the right hand of God and he commanded the Angels to worship Him. Yes, the Virgin Mary was of the seed of Abraham; the promised seed was quickened to life by the spirit of God within her, and a babe grew both body and soul and was born in a stable wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Angels announced His birth to the shepherds by night. He grew in wisdom and stature and when He was about thirty years old He went to John and was baptized in the river Jordan and as He came up out of the water God himself spoke from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him". Then followed three years of ministry; then His hour came that He must drink that bitter cup that the Father had given Him to drink. The spirit was willing but the flesh was weak but He said as He prayed to His God, "Not my will O' Father but Thy will be done". Angels were sent down to strengthen Him. Pilate said, "I find no fault in the man", but they cried out the more, crucify Him. He was nailed to the cross, he bore it all alone and he cried out, "my Lord and my God, why hast Thou forsaken me"? He gave up the Ghost (spirit) and cried, "Father, into thy hands commend I my spirit". This letter is poor comfort to the "Jesus only"

people, whose philosophy is that God, who had never changed, but now was fading away, that it became expedient that He become reincarnated so that all that was left of His God's life entered the womb of the virgin and made her as some say the mother of God or a God made new. I say, shame on such ignorance.

The Book of Mormon gives an account of Christ appearing on this land. Soon after His ascension into heaven, they saw a man descending out of heaven and they heard a voice which said, "Behold my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye Him. He reappeared unto them several times, and taught them His gospel and the first day He said, "Behold, I am Jesus Christ whom the prophets testified shall come into the world and behold I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk of that bitter cup which the Father has given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning; and this is my doctrine and it is the doctrine which the Father has given unto me; and I bear record of the Father and the Father beareth record of me; and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me, and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men everywhere to repent and believe in me". (See Book of 3rd Nephi, 11th Chapter).

May 13, 1963

NEWS FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA

By Sister Ann Damore

We have purchased property with a home on it which we have converted into a Church building. After two years of meeting in the home and then for several months in a hall; we are proud and happy to have this humble, little place to call Our Church.

On Sunday, May 5, 1963, we met in the building for the first time. We were happy to have Brother Jim and Sister Mary Loyalvo and Brother Bob and Sister Millie Ciarrochi from California visiting with us. Our meeting was wonderfully blessed and especially so when a new soul came unto the Lord. Sister Helen Numkena is the first of the Seed of Joseph to be baptized in the Phoenix Mission. We praise God for calling her and we rejoice in her husband and two sons meeting with us. Surely we can say, they are a credit to our Mission.

I am enclosing the address of the Church for the benefit of those who might want to meet with us when they visit here in Phoenix. We ask that the Saints might remember us in prayer. Our hope is that the Lord will prosper the work and that many will come to the knowledge of God and the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church of Jesus Christ
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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him,"
Psalm 145: 19.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you about a great prophet. His name was Elijah. We don't know anything about his family but he was known as "Elijah the Tishbite." He had long thick hair hanging down his back. He wore a girdle of skins and a mantle or cape of sheepskin. Once he told the wicked king, Ahab, that there would be no dew or rain for three years. This angered the king so that Elijah had to flee. He hid beside a brook and ravens fed him. They brought him bread and flesh in the evening. He drank of the brook.

Another time the king's wife, Jezebel, was angry about the things Elijah had prophesied. Elijah fled in the wilderness and sat down under a juniper tree. As he slept an angel touched him and said, "Arise and eat". He looked and behold there was a cake baked on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. He ate and drank and laid down again. The angel of the Lord touched him the second time and said, "Arise and eat because the journey is too great for thee". He arose, ate and drank and the strength of this kept him for 40 days and nights.

He went up to Horeb the mount of God. He came to a cave and the Lord spoke to him. "What doest thou here Elijah?" Elijah told the Lord the children of Israel had forsaken their covenants, killed the prophets and now were seeking his life. The Lord said, "Go forth and stand upon the mount before the Lord." The Lord passed by and a great, strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came, an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, a fire but the Lord was not in the fire and after the fire, a still small voice. When Elijah heard it he wrapped his face in his mantle and stood at the opening of the cave. He was told to go to the wilderness of Damascus and anoint Elisha a prophet. Elijah found Elisha plowing in a field with 12 yoke of oxen. Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. Then he followed Elijah.

Now the time was near when Elijah's work as a prophet of Israel was coming to an end. He said to his faithful follower, Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee, for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel". But Elisha said "I will not leave thee". So both of them went to Bethel together. Later Elijah went to Jericho. He told Elisha to wait for him but Elisha would not leave the prophet alone. They came to Jordan and again Elijah asked Elisha to wait for him. Again Elisha refused. As they were about to cross the Jordan, fifty men of the sons of the prophets, stood afar off and

watched them go. Elijah took his mantle and wrapped it together and smote the waters. Elijah and Elisha crossed over on dry land. When they came to the other side Elijah asked Elisha what he should do for him before the Lord took him away. Elisha answered, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me". Elijah said, "You have asked a hard thing. If you see me when I am taken it shall be so, if not, it shall not be so." He knew only God could grant this.

Suddenly a chariot and horses of fire came between them. Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. His mantle fell from him and Elisha picked it up. When he struck the river, it parted and he went over. When the sons of the prophets saw him they said the spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha. The fifty went searching for Elijah but could not find him. Many thought he would return. He had spoken many words of prophecy but left no written words save the letter to Jehoram, the king of Judah.

Search the Scriptures

The writing of Elijah to Jehoram is found in II Chronicles 21:12, 20.

1. What was the name of Jehoram's father?
2. Was he a good man? Did Jehoram follow the ways of his father?
3. What terrible plague was sent on him and his people?
4. How old was he when he began to reign? How long did he reign?
5. Where was he buried?

Pen Pals;

Catherine Vancik
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Age 12 years

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Samuel Cuomo
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Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

12 years old

These would like to correspond with children their age in the church. If you want a Pal send your name and address to me, also age.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel.

Mrs. Mabel Bickerton
West Elizabeth, Pa.



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"OUR CHURCH"

by Brother Kenneth Hatch

Our Church once graced this evil world
with spirit, truth and banner unfurled.
In fullness it dwelled for many years
drowning the sins and oppressing the fears.
Then the words of Christ did manifest
and evil arose for the mighty test.
Not only without did it take its stand
but within the church, amongst the band.
Mightily he fought for the living souls
with pride and greed His mighty tools.
The battle raged until at last
the word withdrew into the past
And rested there; and angels fed
and dwelled with God her mighty head.
Time, times and a half she did stay
watching and waiting for the day,
Waiting for one who was in his youth,
a humble young man seeking the truth.
Many men asked, "Where is it today,
this Gospel of Christ in truth arrayed?"
They sought and sought and could not find
this power of release and content of mind.
And then one day, in fullness and bliss,
the Gospel was given to Joseph Smith.
For to the Lord he took his plea,
He desired the truth that he may see.
So to the world was given the key:
salvation great for you and me.
So let us uphold this mighty fount
even unto the highest mount;
Let not our greed and lust destroy
our Church restored to a humble boy.

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"THE MIRACLE MAN"

We have entitled this article as such because we are writing about Brother James Heaps of California who is a "miracle man" because the Lord raised him from the dead. Brother Heaps was so seriously ill that his doctor did not believe he was going to live. But the Lord saw fit to restore him to health and strength again, and we here in Monongahela were so happy to have him occupy our pulpit for four nights, June 10 - 13th. Our meetings were well attended and the scriptures which were brought forth were of much spiritual worth to each and every soul present.

The music also was very beautiful—special numbers were enjoyed each night. Brother Heaps along with Sister Irene Griffith sang some very lovely hymns. The one we all enjoyed so much was, "I Believe In

Miracles".

Thursday, the last night of the meetings we were so happy to hear Glenn Collins raise to his feet and ask for his baptism. He is the husband of Sister Marilyn (Vancik) Collins. What a wonderful way to end a series of meetings—a new name written down in Glory.

So—"Mr. Miracle Man", we here in this part of the vineyard were very pleased to have you visit us again. Would like to close this article with the following verse from a card:

The reason you have so many friends
Who think the world of you
Is because you're so warm-hearted
So friendly and cheerful, too —
It's because you have a certain strength
That inspires all who know you —
No wonder you're thought far more of
Than any words can show you.

Selected
Ethel N. Crosier,
Branch Editor

ROCHESTER — LOCKPORT GATHERING

How we thank our Great Redeemer for the spirit that He has invested within our hearts which, from time to time, inspires our songs and our testimonies. Above all, it inspires our brethren of the priesthood to bring forth words of gladness and edification which give us the hope to continue toward the mark of eternal perfection.

This inspiration was witnessed in our last gathering on June 2, 1963, at the Rochester branch as our brethren brought forth the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man in Luke 16:19-31.

Brother Paul D'Amico from Lockport opened the service by calling the hymn, "Beyond the Sunset". He proceeded to read the aforementioned verses and to expound them.

Brother Henry Berardi followed in the Italian tongue after which Brother Simone gave his testimony as to how God had drawn him into this gospel. This was quite fitting in that it covered the history of the founding of the two branches which were gathered together. Our Brother Simone was among the first four to be baptized in the city of Rochester and it was he whom God used to carry the gospel to Lockport.

Brothers Patsy Marinette and Ansel D'Amico reverted to the topic introduced by Brother Paul. It was pointed out to us that the rich man had a chance to serve God while in this life, but he did not. Instead, he chose to let his riches dictate the policy of his life and cause him to be lifted up in pride, which is one of the seven things God hateth.

Brother Paul mentioned that though we do not believe in purgatory as some do, yet we do believe in it in as much as the word is derived from the Latin word "purgare", which means "purge". He pointed out that this life is the time allotted to us by God to purge ourselves from sin.

Brother Paul related an experience he had had in the early spring of the year which confirms the solidness of our hope. In this dream he was home alone when a knock came on the door. He went to the door. He was overjoyed and surprised to see his late brother Alfred who had what he thought was a gold box in his hand, but what later turned out to be the Holy Bible. The two sat down and Alfred began to tell him many things. Brother Paul interrupted his brother and said, "I've got something very important to ask you. Have you seen Dad?"

His brother answered, "Yes, he's there."

Brother Paul then asked him, "Have you seen my mother-in-law?"

Brother Paul asked about others and each time his brother Alfred answered that each one mentioned was there. Brother Paul was not satisfied with his answer "there", so he said, "Brother Fred, you keep saying 'there', but tell me — where is 'there'?"

His brother looked at him as if to say, "don't you know?"

When his brother spoke he said, "Why in the Paradise that Alma spoke about, awaiting the resurrection. I'm just here because I have received permission to pay you a visit."

Brother Patsy Marinette pointed out in his talk that though this story delves into the bliss of Paradise and the torment of hell, yet there is more to be gained from it. He said that the fear of hell does not carry the power in itself to cause men to repent of their sins, but it is the love of God which causes men to look up to God and to repent of their sins.

All in all, the brethren exhorted us not to be like the rich man — that is to be carried away with our natural blessings and become too proud to humble ourselves before God. We should be like Lazarus — humble, submissive, kind, emitting the love of God and all of the Christ-like qualities, that we might be acceptable in the sight of God when we stand before His judgment bar. We were exhorted to remember that many poor people are proud, for pride comes in many forms.

After several testimonies, our meeting was closed with hymn #200, "Thou Shepherd of Israel and Mine". Brother Everett S. Williams closed in prayer.

Brothers and sisters, let us hold fast to the pure principles of the gospel that we, like Lazarus, may rest in Abraham's bosom.

Sister Rosa M. Williams
of the Lockport Branch

"Church membership does not make a Christian anymore than owning a piano makes a musician."

—Unknown

This statement, or the thought it implies, has been used by many as a reason for not affiliating themselves with any church; however, in answer to this statement we would offer the following:

AN OLD QUESTION

Question: Can I be a Christian without joining a church?

Answer: Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

A Student who will not go to school;

A Soldier who will not join the army;

A Citizen who will not pay taxes or vote;

A Salesman with no customers;
An Explorer with no base camp;
A Seaman on a ship without a crew;
A Businessman on a deserted island;
An Author without readers;
A Tuba Player without an orchestra;
A Parent without a family;
A Football Player without a team;
A Politician who is a hermit;
A Scientist who does not share his findings;
A Bee without a hive.

—Copied

Everytime I pass a church I always pay a visit
So when at last I'm carried in the Lord won't say
"Who is it?"

—Unknown

BLESSINGS AT McKEES ROCKS

Brothers and Sisters, we have much reason to thank God, for we have felt His spirit so many times with us throughout this month. Brother and Sister Kirschner of West Elizabeth spent the Sunday with us. That afternoon we were surprised with the arrival of Brother Bailey and a few brothers and sisters from Bittner, Imperial, and Redstone. The following Sunday, Brother Harry Robinson from West Elizabeth visited us. Again we enjoyed the blessings of God abundantly.

We have had two baptisms and one brother reinstated. Brother Dan Casasanta performed the baptism to Sister Eleanor Lampis who is Brother Harry Hendler's sister. Brother Chester Nolfi baptized his sister-in-law, Sister Georgiana Nolfi. After our sisters were confirmed and our brothers were about to prepare the communion, Brother George Hendler arose and asked to be reinstated. (Brother George is the son of Brother Harry Hendler.) What a joyful time. We had been praying and fasting for them and now we thank God and pray that He will continue to bless them with experiences and gifts to make and keep them strong and firm in their service for God.

Last Sunday, Brother Clarence Robinson came with Brother Lee and his son.

This Sunday, Brother Dan asked God's blessing on Brother and Sister Ralph Ciotti's new daughter, Monica Ann. Brother and Sister Paul Ciotti's son, Paul Joseph Jr. will be blessed this Sunday,

May God bless all of you with happiness, health, and above all, may His spirit abide with you always.

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Editorial Viewpoint



by George A. Neill

In May we celebrate Mother's Day, in June it is Children's Day and Father's Day. They tell me there is a grandmother down in Texas making an earnest effort to establish Grandma's Day; let us hope someone thinks of Grandpa a little later on. We could even broaden the scope of our tributes to include stepmothers and foster mothers. Stepmothers are often a target for cruel jokes, and some may be deserving of them; however, I know there are some mighty good stepmothers, and foster mothers as well, who have been very successful in rearing someone else's children. They have won their hearts by tender teaching. Children have learned to love, trust and obey God. Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest men in the history of the United States, had a stepmother. It was of her he spoke those memorable words, "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel Mother." What a wonderful tribute to pay any mother.

It has been said that a home without a mother isn't a home; that a woman is simply too valuable an asset to be lost to the home, and we all agree. I think the same thing can be applied to a father and children. Much of what can be said of Mother can also be said of Father. Under the marriage covenant they are one; Father, Mother and children constitute a home. Mother and Father both share responsibility in home building. God has given them the admonition to teach their children the principles of righteousness.

It is strange how some fathers feel Church is just for women and children. I read once where a minister said his Church was a women's church; eighty percent of his congregation were women. Let me draw your attention to Genesis, ch. 7:1, where the Lord said, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." This is a call to the head of the house and this call is still going out from God to fathers of today. If a father can get his household into the ark of safety all else amounts to little. What a wonderful thing if father, when he faces the Lord, can say, "Here am I and all my household."

Mother's love may, in some respects, differ from the love of a father but both have love for their children; may I add that this love should be a wise love. The word 'love' by itself may not describe the proper quality but 'wise love' does. We know that love, unwisely administered, will spoil a child; many of us have witnessed this. Some parents seem to have very little love and this naturally has just as harmful effects. A child is not only affected by the attitude of his parents toward him but is also affected by their attitude towards each other. As parents, we should realize that a home is a base from which a child operates, no matter what kind of a home it may be. However, a happy and good Christian home is a secure base; children grow up to be a product of their home environment. As I passed a church recently I read the title of the Minister's subject for that Sunday, "Lost at Home"; I have often wondered just what he had to say on that subject.

With many children of today the only learning and discipline the child receives is in his school; however, the school can never replace the home. Do parents realize they are doors through which their children pass? It is through their hands many times that the boy goes to prison or even attains to some respective position in life. Do adults realize the world must pass through the door we control? I'm afraid many times the parents are the criminals and the boy or girl who gets into trouble is the victim, the 'victim of parents' neglect'.

It would seem to me the battle for America is on, not on the battlefield or on the sea; the threats to our nation are not all of military nature, but are symptoms of conditions far more dangerous. Evil has lifted a dagger over the heart of America and the heart is the home. Only a Christian home where love and peace prevail can wrest the dagger from his hand. America is in need of a spiritual force which can only come by way of the home; she is being threatened by a moral slump. This is proven by the record rise in teenage crime and unless this moral condition is stopped

I'm afraid it means disaster for America.

In America our homes are our first line of defense; if the home crumbles, the nation crumbles. Our defense is not found in guns and bombs but in the character of our citizens. If our homes crumble our churches crumble for the foundation of the church is the home. If the home is weak the church is weak; it is weakened from within by its very builders rather than by outside interference. Your home, my home is one unit and a part of the whole. If I cannot regulate my home, how dare I try to regulate the church.

May our homes be as lively stones in building up a spiritual house. However, as no stonemason can build a firm, lasting building out of easily-crumbling stone, neither can God build a church out of inferior stones. Some people show much interest in foreign mission (and this is good), but the home is a special field and no excuse is accepted by God for neglecting this field.

I was about to bring this editorial to a close (realizing it is a little long) when I glanced at the headlines of my morning paper, which reads as follows: "Court bans Bible for schools." I was immediately deeply impressed by the far-reaching implications of a decision of this sort. The first thought that came to my mind was that now thousands of children will never hear again the Bible read; those that recited the 'Lord's Prayer' will soon forget what it sounded like because many homes lack religious training completely. My mind goes back to the year 1951 when living in Miami, Florida, I took my daughter, Patty, to the school she attended there, Miami Senior High School, one morning where I was to sign some papers connected with her schooling. While waiting to do this, suddenly I heard over the loud speaker the words of Jesus being read, I presume by the principal of the school. The reading consumed a period of two or three minutes; this really impressed me as I had never heard this before in all my life (my schooling ended back in 1924). I said to myself, "This is good". Later on I learned that a great number of the children attending this school were Jewish. I realize now that this was something the Jewish children had to contend with every day, especially if the words of our Lord were read. This wouldn't sound so good to them as it did to me, but rather embarrassing, and would be almost torture to an atheist if there were any in that school.

My mind goes back at this time about forty years. After moving with my Father, Mother and sisters from the ranch in southwest Kansas to the city of Wichita I attended Waco School (this was in 1923). One day every week (I can't recall which day) school was dismissed and every child was compelled to go to his church for the last class of that day; we weren't dismissed from there until four o'clock which was the end of the school day. I remember I went to the home of Sister Jones along with her daughters and one or two others, I believe, although I don't recall who they were. There, in her home, during the last class of the day she taught the scriptures to us. I wonder if it would be possible for the schools to go back forty years; actually, I believe if every child that attends school were given that much religious education, we

may be able to undo the harm done our children by this much-publicized decision of the Supreme Court. Each child would receive a greater amount of religious teaching in accordance with his own faith; the Catholic to his church, the Protestant to his, and the Jewish to his. The atheist could go home to his parents providing he remained in the house till four o'clock. However, I suppose it would be almost impossible to instigate a movement such as this today even though it would be of great worth to the children and America as a whole. I am afraid the big objection to this would be the time element.

When I attended school we were taught the three R's, so to speak, to the tune of the hickory stick. This is something else that has almost disappeared from our schools for many parents forbid teachers to use corporal punishment. The three R's have been expanded to include almost everything and anything and the schools are faced with the problem of finding a place on the schedule for religious training. Nevertheless, this does not destroy the word of the psalmist, David, where he says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." I believe, however, that America will soon suffer the consequences of too much education and not enough religion.

THE BOOK OF MORMON, EVIDENCE OF ITS DIVINITY

By Thurman S. Furnier
(Continued from Last Issue)

THE ANCIENT PLATES AND THE MODERN TRANSLATION: The plates of The Book of Mormon as delivered by the messenger Moroni to Joseph Smith, according to the description given by him, were of gold, of uniform size, each about seven inches wide by eight inches long; in thickness, a little less than the ordinary sheet tin. They were fastened together by three rings running through the plates near one edge; together they formed a book nearly six inches in thickness, but not all has been translated, a part being sealed. Both sides of the plates were engraved with small and beautiful characters, described by those who examined them as of curious workmanship, with the appearance of ancient origin.

THREE CLASSES OF PLATES ARE MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON; viz: The plates of Nephi were of two kinds: The larger plates, and the smaller plates. The plates of Mormon, containing an abridgment from the plates of Nephi, with additions made by Mormon and his son Moroni. The plates of Ether, containing as we have seen, the history of the Jaredites. To these may be added another set of plates, as being mentioned in The Book of Mormon, viz: The brass plates of Laban, brought by Lehi's people from Jerusalem, and containing Jewish scriptures, and genealogies; many extracts from which appear in The Book of Mormon. We have now to consider more particularly the plates of Nephi, and Mormon's abridgment thereof. The plates of Nephi are so named from the fact that they were prepared, and their record was begun, by Nephi, the son of Lehi. Nephi began his labors as a recorder by engraving on plates of gold a historical account of his people, from the time his father left Jerusalem. This account recited

the story of their wanderings, their prosperity, and their distress, the reigns of their kings, and the wars and contentions of the people; the record was in the nature of a secular history. These plates were handed from one recorder to another throughout the generations of the Nephite people; so that at the time they were abridged by Mormon, the records covered a period of about a thousand years, dating from 600 B.C., the time of Lehi's exodus from Jerusalem. Although these plates bore the name of their maker, who was also the first of the writers, the separate work of each recorder is known in general by his specific name, so that the record is made up of many distinct books. By command of the Lord, Nephi made other plates, upon which he recorded practically the ecclesiastical history of his people, citing only such instances of other events as seemed necessary to the proper sequence of the narrative. (See 1st. Nephi 9:3) The object of this double line of history was unknown to Nephi, it was enough for him that the Lord required the labor; that it was for a wise purpose will be shown.

MORMON'S ABRIDGMENT: In the course of time, the records that had accumulated as the history of the people grew, fell into the hands of Mormon, and he undertook to make an abridgment of these extensive works upon plates made with his own hands. Read Words of Mormon 1:11, Book of Mormon 1:1-4; 4:23 and 3rd Nephi 5:8-11. By such a course, a record was prepared more concise and more nearly uniform in style, language, and treatment, than could possibly be the case with the varied writings of so many authors as had contributed to the great history during the thousand years of its growth. Mormon recognizes and testifies to the inspiration of God by which he was moved to undertake the great labor. (See 3rd. Nephi 5:14-19). In preparing this shorter history, Mormon preserved the same division of the record into books according to the arrangement of the originals; and thus though the language may be that of Mormon, except in cases of quotations from the plates of Nephi, which are indeed numerous, we find the books of Nephi, the book of Alma, the book of Helaman, etc., the form of speech known as the first person being generally preserved. When Mormon, in the course of his abridgment, had reached the time of king Benjamin's reign, he was deeply impressed with the record engraved on the smaller plates of Nephi, the history of God's dealings with the people during the period of about four centuries, extending from the time of Lehi's exodus from Jerusalem down to the time of king Benjamin. This record comprising so much of prophecy concerning the missions of the Saviour, was regarded by Mormon with more than ordinary favor. Of these plates he attempted no transcript, but included the originals with his own abridgment of the larger plates, making the two, one book. The record as compiled by Mormon, contained therefore, a double account of the descendants of Lehi for about the first four hundred years of their history, the brief secular history condensed from the larger plates, and the full text on the smaller plates. In solemn language, and with an emphasis which subsequent events have shown to be significant, Mormon declares the hidden wisdom of the Divine purpose in this duplication: "And I do this for a wise

purpose; for thus it whispereth me, according to the workings of the Spirit of the Lord which is in me. And now, I do not know all things; but the Lord knoweth all things which are to come; wherefore he worketh in me to do according to his will." Words of Mormon: vs. 7.

THE LORD'S PURPOSE: After Joseph Smith translated the first part of Mormon's abridgment, from the book of Lehi, (now Mormon's abridgment was taken from the large plates of Nephi,) making one hundred and sixteen pages of manuscript on foolscap paper, (size 17" x 14") the manuscript was entrusted to Martin Harris and was stolen. Joseph Smith did not again attempt to translate Mormon's abridgment to replace the parts which had been stolen, but he translated the small plates of Nephi, which supplied the necessary information, or in other words, that which the Lord would have revealed at this time.

The following was copied from the Palmyra edition of The Book of Mormon, published 1830; and is the statement of Joseph Smith: "As many false reports have been circulated respecting the following work, 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 Nephi, by the hand of Mormon; which said account, some person or persons have stolen, and kept from me, not withstanding 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 words 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 shew 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 Joseph Smith". (Also see The History of The Church of Jesus Christ, Chapter Two, page #11.)

THE TRANSLATION OF THE BOOK OF MORMON was effected through the power of God manifested in the bestowal of the gift of revelation. The book professes not to be dependent upon the wisdom or learning of man; its translator was not versed in

linguistics; his qualifications were of a different and of a far more efficient order. With the plates Joseph Smith received from the messenger the sacred Urim and Thummim, (which means light and perfection) which was used by ancient Seers, called by the Nephites, interpreters, having the appearance of a pair of spectacles. Joseph would put on these spectacles, when a few words of the text of The Book of Mormon would appear on the lenses. When these were correctly transcribed these words would disappear and others take their place. When one hundred and sixteen pages were completed, Joseph entrusted them to Martin Harris, to take them home, with a view to convert his family to the new faith. They were placed at night in a bureau drawer and the next morning were missing, having been stolen. They were never recovered.

As a chastisement for Joseph's carelessness by allowing Martin Harris the privilege of taking to his home that which had been translated, he was deprived of his gift to translate for a season and the Urim and Thummin was taken from him. By humbling himself, he again found favor with the Lord and was presented with a strange oval-shaped, chocolate-colored stone, the size of an egg, but more flat, which should answer the same purpose. With this stone all the present book was translated. "Joseph would put the seer stone into a hat, and put his face in the hat, drawing it closely around his face to exclude the light; and in the darkness the spiritual light would shine. A piece of something resembling parchment would appear, and on that appeared the writing.

One character at a time would appear, and under it was the interpretation in English. Brother Joseph would read off the English to Oliver Cowdery, who was his principle scribe, and when it was written down and repeated to Brother Joseph to see if it were correct, it would disappear, and another character with the interpretation would appear. The characters I speak of are the engravings on the golden plates from which the book was translated. Thus The Book of Mormon was translated by the gift and power of God, and not by any power of man." (See "An address to all believers in Christ, by David Whitmer, page #12, published in 1887") The details of the work of translation have not been recorded beyond the statement that the translator examined the engraved characters by means of the sacred Seer stone, and then dictated to the scribe the English sentence.

ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON: The Book of Mormon comprises fifteen separate parts, commonly called books, distinguished by the names of their principal authors. Of these, the first six books, viz: 1st. and 2nd. Nephi, Jacob, Enos, Jarom, and Omni, are literal translations from corresponding portions of the smaller plates of Nephi. The body of the volume, from the Book of Mosiah to Mormon, chapter 7, inclusive, is the translation of Mormon's abridgment of the larger plates of Nephi. Between the books of Omni and Mosiah, "The Words of Mormon" occur, connecting the record of Nephi as engraved on the smaller plates, with Mormon's abridgment of the larger plates for the periods following.

The words of Mormon may be regarded as a brief explanation of the preceding portion of the work, and

an announcement of the parts then to follow. The last part of The Book of Mormon, from the beginning of Mormon, chapter 8, to the end of the volume, is in the language of Moroni, the son of Mormon, who first proceeds to finish the record of his father, and then adds an abridgment of a set of plates which contained an account of the Jaredites; this appears as the Book of Ether. At the time of Moroni's writing, he stood alone, the sole surviving representative of his people. The last of the terrible wars between Nephites and Lamanites had resulted in the annihilation of the former as a people; and Moroni supposed that his abridgment of the Book of Ether would be his last literary work; but, finding himself miraculously preserved at the conclusion of that undertaking, he added the parts known to us as the Book of Moroni, containing account of the ceremonies of ordination, baptism, administration of the sacrament, etc., and a record of certain utterances and writings of his father Mormon.

THE GENUINENESS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON will appear to any one who undertakes an impartial investigation into the circumstances attending its coming forth. The many so-called theories of its origin, advanced by prejudiced opponents to the work of God, are in general too inconsistent, and in most instances too thoroughly puerile, to merit serious consideration. Such fancies as are set forth in representations of The Book of Mormon as the production of a single author or in any manner as a modern composition, are their own refutation. The sacred character of the plates forbade their display as a means of gratifying personal curiosity; nevertheless a number of reputable witnesses examined them, and these men have given to the world their solemn testimony of the fact. In June 1829, the prophecies respecting the witnesses by whose testimony the word of God as set forth in The Book of Mormon was to be established (See 2nd. Nephi 11:3; 27:12, 13, Ether 5:3, 4.) saw its fulfillment in a manifestation of Divine power, demonstrating the genuineness of the record to three men, whose affirmations accompany all editions of the book.

THE TESTIMONY OF THREE WITNESSES: "Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this work shall come: That we, through the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, have seen the plates which contain this record, which is a record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites, their brethren, and also of the people of Jared, who came from the tower of which hath been spoken. And we also know that they have been translated by the gift and power of God, for his voice hath declared it unto us; wherefore we know of a surety that the work is true. And we also testify that we have seen the engravings which are upon the plates; and they have been shown unto us by the power of God, and not of man. And we declare with words of soberness, that an angel of God came down from heaven, and he brought and laid before our eyes, that we beheld and saw the plates, and the engravings thereon; and we know that it is by the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, that we beheld and bear record that these things are true. And it is marvelous in our eyes. Nevertheless, the voice of the Lord commanded us that we should bear record of it; wherefore,

to be obedient unto the commandments of God, we bear testimony of these things. And we know that if we are faithful in Christ, we shall rid our garments of the blood of all men, and be found spotless before the judgment-seat of Christ, and shall dwell with him eternally in the heavens. And the honor be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, which is one God. Amen" "Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, Martin Harris."

Shortly after the witnessing of the plates by the three, eight other persons were permitted to see and handle the ancient records; and in this also was prophecy fulfilled, in that it was of old declared, that beside the three, "God sendeth more witnesses," (See 2nd. Nephi 11:3) whose testimony shall be added to that of the three. It was presumably in July 1829, that Joseph Smith showed the plates to the eight whose affirmations also accompany all editions of the book, and is as follows:

THE TESTIMONY OF EIGHT WITNESSES: Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this work shall come: That Joseph Smith, Jun., the translator of this work, has shown unto us the plates of which hath been spoken, which have the appearance of gold; and as many of the leaves as the said Smith has translated we did handle with our hands; and we also saw the engravings thereon, all of which has the appearance of ancient work, and of curious workmanship. And this we bear record with words of soberness, that the said Smith has shown unto us, for we have seen and hefted, and know of a surety that the said Smith has got the plates of which we have spoken. And we give our names unto the world, to witness unto the world that which we have seen. And we lie not, God bearing witness of it." "Christian Whitmer, Jacob Whitmer, Peter Whitmer, Jun., John Whitmer, Hiram Page, Joseph Smith, Sen., Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith."

There are proofs of varied kinds regarding the reliability of this volume. Learned linguists pronounce the characters genuine; eleven men of honest report make solemn oath of the appearance of the plates; and the nature of the book itself sustains the claim that it is nothing more or less than a translation of ancient records.

BOOK OF MORMON TITLE PAGE: "I wish to mention here that the title page of The Book of Mormon is a literal translation, taken from the very last leaf on the left hand side of the collection or book of plates, which contained the record which has been translated, the language of the whole running the same as all Hebrew writing in general; and that said title page is not by any means a modern composition either of mine or any other man who has lived or does live in this generation." **JOSEPH SMITH.**"

We learn that through wickedness the Jaredite nation became extinct about the time that Lehi and his people landed on the promised land, and that the Nephite nation became extinct about the year 400 A. D., but there was yet left on the promised land the victorious Lamanites, who have lived on as the degraded race of red men, whom Columbus found in the land on the occasion of his re-discovery of the Western Continent. Such is the origin of the American

Indian. (Lamanites) They are of Israelitish descent, belonging to the House of Joseph who was sold into Egypt.

We have found very much evidence to corroborate The Book of Mormon from American Archaeology and from the traditions of the American Indians. Here is just one instance. Let us refer to the historical facts in the 3rd. Ch. of Helaman, in The Book of Mormon: In this chapter it is stated that some of the Nephites, who first settled South America, migrated into Central America to occupy the country which was first settled by the Jaredites. According to this account, when the Nephites came to Central America they found that the timber in Central America had been destroyed and as a consequence they used cement in building. One may say, "I see nothing remarkable in that narrative." But we shall see in a moment that the narrative is very remarkable, Archaeological discoveries reveal that buried cities have been unearthed, having been grown over by virgin forests, the buildings thereof being made of cement, also that cement roads have been discovered, and hundred of other evidences. They can be had by referring to Baldwins Ancient America, and other writers. The evidence is so plain that none need deny that the progenitors of the American Indian were at one day a highly cultured people, and that another people inhabited this Continent prior to their coming.

We read in the word of God that He is no respecter of persons, and that He is the same yesterday, today and forever; then do we think for one moment that God would bring a people upon the South and North American Continents, and leave them in blindness relative to His will, etc.?

We learn from what has been written, that the Nephites brought with them the plates of Laban, which contained the five books of Moses, which gave an account of the creation of the world, and also of Adam and Eve, and also a record of the Jews from the beginning, even down to the commencement of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah; and also the prophecies of the holy prophets, from the beginning, even down to the commencement of the reign of Zedekiah; and also many prophecies which have been spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah. (See B. of M. 1st Nephi 5:10-13.)

But were they to know nothing further? Were they to know nothing of the birth of Christ and His personal ministry, in setting up His church upon the earth? Or were they to live on, after Christ's own ministry, in darkness concerning Him, and still live under the Law of Moses?

Ah! no, He is a just God. The Gospel of salvation was taught and the fundamental ordinances were administered among the Nephite Nation; and the resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ, ministered among them in person, and set up His church among them.

The Book of Mormon is an abridged record of God's dealings with them as a nation, just the same as the Bible is a record of God's dealings with the Jews. Our history writers differ in their opinions as to the origin of the American Indians; some say they came from Europe, some say from Asia, and some say they originated upon this land, so in the midst of confused opinions let us read The Book of Mormon prayerfully, stripping ourselves of all prejudice, and let God re-

veal, by His Holy Spirit that it is of a truth, the record of God's dealings with the American Indians, (Nephites and Lamanites, also the people of Jared) while in their civilized state.

Let us read from 2nd. Nephi 29:6-14: "Thou fool, that shall say: a Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible. Have ye obtained a Bible save it were by the Jews? Know ye not that there are more nations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath; and I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea, even upon all the nations of the earth? Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word? Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another? Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also. And I do this that I may prove unto many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure.

And because that I have spoken one word ye need not suppose that I cannot speak another; for my work is not yet finished; neither shall it be until the end of man, neither from that time henceforth and forever. Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written. For I command all men, both in the east and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea, that they shall write the words which I speak unto them; for out of the books which shall be written I will judge the world, every man according to their works, according to that which is written. For behold, I shall speak unto the Jews and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto the Nephites and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto the other tribes of the house of Israel, which I have lead away, and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto all nations of the earth and they shall write it. And it shall come to pass that the Jews shall have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews; and the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews. And it shall come to pass that my people, which are of the house of Israel, shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions; and my word also shall be gathered in one. And I will show unto them that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham that I would remember his seed forever."

The Jew and Gentile have made the same mistake in that they both believe that God would never reveal His will to any person outside of Palestine. Now you know they used to think that, over there, in the New Testament times, but I want to draw your attention to the 17th. chapter of Acts 26th. and 27th. verses, where Paul forever buries the thought that God had only some favored spot where He would reveal his mind and will.

Paul says, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men"—"and hath determined the times"—"and the bounds of their habitation;"—"That they should seek the Lord"—"though he be not far from every one of us."

(To be continued in the next issue)

AN INSPIRATION

Dear Brother Editor:

I am enclosing one of my latest poems entitled, "The Smile on Jesus' Face". May I tell you how I was inspired to compose it?

I had my radio tuned to a station that is religious in tone, and in addition to hymns, a little inspiring story is read, at intervals.

One day, it was my good fortune to listen to the following: A young musician was making his debut in a large music hall. He played beautifully, but all during the recital, he kept his eyes focused on a corner of the second balcony. He received a thunderous applause, and later, one of his friends said to him: "Tell me, why did you keep your eyes on that second balcony?" He replied, "Because my master was sitting there, and I could tell by the smile on his face whether I was playing up to his expectations, or not."

This immediately gave me the inspiration to write the enclosed poem. I hope that you like it and can use it in the Gospel News.

Sincerely,
Catherine Poma

A SMILE ON JESUS' FACE

I want to bring a smile to Jesus' face
I want to sing, forever, Jesus' praise;
The 'Story of My Life' to Him, compose,
Each day, a melody from our own symphony
I never want to sound a jarring note,
To spoil the greatest theme I ever wrote,
For every moment, faithfully, my God records for me,
Each word, each measure, of each melody.

I want to bring a smile to Jesus' face
It tells me every note is in its place;
And, when I see the pleasure in His eyes,
It takes my cares away, it brightens all my day;
But, when, instead of smile, I see a frown,
I know that I have let my Master 'down',
And, thru discord or apathy, I lost sweet harmony,
. . . . Then, how I weep to see His misery

I want to bring a smile to Jesus' face
I want to live forever in His grace;
He is the Inspiration that I need,
And, I shall look to Him, until my eyes are dimmed . . .
And, when at last I see the curtain fall,
And know I've played the last note of it all,
I'll take my bow, and eagerly I'll look again, to see,
If there's a smile on Jesus' face, for me!

Catherine Vultaggio Poma

DRASKOVICH - CAMPBELL

The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela was the setting for the marriage on June 8 at 2:30 p.m. of Sister Erma Campbell to Brother Joseph Draskovich, son of Brother and Sister Joseph Draskovich of Greens-

burg, Pa. The bride's father, Elder James F. Campbell officiated at the double ring ceremony assisted by Brother James Heaps of California.

A reception was held between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. in the bride's parents home. Upon their return from a short honeymoon, they will reside in Greensburg, Pa.

It was a very lovely and quiet ceremony and we wish to extend our best wishes to Erma and Joe and may the Lord bless them with much happiness all the days of their lives.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(continued)

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (I Corinthians, 3:16, 17). Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you? Here the terms 'God' and the 'Holy Ghost' are used interchangeably. The body is the temple of God and also of the Holy Ghost. Thus the deity of the Spirit is clearly set forth.

Jesus said, "But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you." (Luke, 11:20). But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you; thus again the terms 'the finger of God' and 'the Spirit of God' are used synonymously. Not only are the names of deity applied to the Holy Spirit, but He also possesses the attributes. God is declared to be eternal; the Spirit is declared to be eternal. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Ist Timothy, 1:17). So also is the Spirit eternal. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews, 9:14).

The Spirit is omnipresent; He can be in all places at one time. Jesus said, "It is expedient that I leave you." While He was in the flesh He could not be all places at one time, "But when I am gone I will send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit unto you." We can feel His Spirit any place, any time; the Spirit is omnipotent, He has all power. Paul says that his mighty miracles were wrought by the power of the Spirit of God.

Creative power is ascribed to the Holy Spirit as the power to give and to take life. Peter said to Ananias, "Why hast thou lied to the Holy Ghost?" and Ananias dropped dead. His wife, not knowing the things that had happened, came under the justice of the Holy Spirit when Peter asked her, "Why hast Satan filled your heart to lie against the Holy Ghost?"; she gave up the ghost and they carried her out also.

In Psalm, 104:30, we read, "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth." In 1st Peter, 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh." The Spirit is omniscient, He knows all things, yea the deep things of God. What a mighty leader is this for the Church; a Divine Personality, yet one who can be in

all places at once, one who is eternal. What a church ours would be if we were all directed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus told of the ten virgins, five of them wise and five foolish. The five wise ones had oil in their lamps, but the lamps of the five foolish ones had gone out; in other words they were empty in spirit. Beloved, do not fool yourselves; just because you have your name on the church record you are not necessarily a candidate for the eternal kingdom of God. You must be filled with His Spirit. At midnight hour (twelve o'clock) lo, a cry went out, "Behold, the Bridegroom comes; go ye out to meet Him." When the five wise virgins who had oil in their lamps went in, the door was shut. What a sad picture! no oil, or in other words, no spirit. As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage till Noah went into the ark and the door was shut.

The Holy Spirit was commissioned to lead the church. When He, the Holy Ghost, is come He will lead you and guide you into all truths and show you things to come. What a leader! He knows all things. The Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God. Man knows the things of a man by the spirit of a man that is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no man but by the spirit of God. As it is written, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard; neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him". However, God has revealed this unto us by His spirit. The carnally-minded man cannot understand the things of the Spirit because they are spiritually discerned. "O, that cunning plan of the evil one! O, the vainness, the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the Council of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth not. And they shall perish." (II Nephi 9:28). To be learned is good if the learned hearken unto the council of God. However, the Spirit of Christ is much more intelligent; He searcheth the deep things of God.

Young men that are learned today, may God bless you. We hope learning will make you great, but if it is mingled with spirit it will make you greater. Do not trust your learning to give you an understanding of the things of God, but put your trust in the Spirit of God. Paul was a learned man, but listen to his words, "I came not unto you with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (I Corinthians, 2:1, 2, 4 and 5).

Let us stay humble and God will raise us up; however, if we exalt ourselves we shall be abased. "Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all

nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen." (Romans 16:25, 26, 27).

James Heaps

"FIRST AMERICANS LAST"



The above sketch which appeared in a recent publication shows very vividly one of the puzzling attitudes existing in our country today. The federal lawmakers show great concern about the suffering people of the world, but seem hardly aware of the great suffering in our own country.

The United States is one of the great world powers because we have been so bountifully blessed with all natural resources. Our fertile soil is nourished by rain and sun to bring forth the most prolific harvests on earth. Our rivers, our forests, our minerals, the energy and know-how of our people have all contributed to make this truly a land of plenty. The government has felt it necessary to limit the amount and kind of planting done in order to reduce our huge surpluses which exceed storage facilities. The freedom allowed Americans to choose our line of work and to develop abilities has made possible great progress in all kinds of endeavor.

We give thanks for all this bounty and are proud that our nation wishes to share with the less fortunate in neighboring lands. The government has sponsored plans by which food, medicines, clothing, tools, and educational supplies are sent to backward peoples. Billions of dollars have been given overseas to help alleviate the suffering and to improve living conditions and facilities. Individuals are constantly hearing appeals for help by different organizations and agencies to contribute to overseas aid. This is good and all charitable people should support such appeals when possible.

But right at our doorstep is poverty and misfortune which is almost unnoticed. Our American Indians, especially those in the southwest, are existing in the most wretched conditions. They live on barren land

which cannot produce without water. It is impossible to raise crops. They exist in shelters of the meanest kind which cannot even be called shacks. Many suffer from exposure and are dependent on charity for any kind of clothing. Schooling is practically non-existent. They are sick and their bodies show the effects of constant malnutrition and disease. Their only help comes from begging. What a pitiful plight for a once prosperous and enlightened nation! It is a miracle not only that they have survived at all, but that they are actually increasing in number.

Can more be done to bring attention and help to these poor people? Their plight has been publicized and their delegates have visited officials in Washington, but funds for the Indians seem very limited. Perhaps much has been done that we do not know of, but would it be possible to re-channel some of the billions now sent overseas and share more of our great surplus with our first Americans? Paul told Timothy that "if any provide not for his own, and especially those of his own house, he is worse than an infidel".

Would this also be the condition of a nation which is very generous toward its neighbors, but not so mindful of its own needy ones? The Indians need help so badly. We pray that the time is not far off when our officials will recognize more fully the right of all Americans to the pursuit of happiness and will remember that charity begins at home.

Ruth Mountain

CALIFORNIA NEWS

We're happy to congratulate the Tony Piccolo's on the birth of their child, Kimberly Beth. Kimberly was blessed in The Church of Jesus Christ by her Grandfather, Brother Gorie Ciaravino on March 31. Brother Gorie and Sister Antoinette spent three weeks with their daughter, Carol and family in San Diego at that time.

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A warm welcome is extended to the former Sister Rose Surdoc of Lorain, Ohio, who became the wife of Brother Nick Lombardo on Saturday, April 20, 1963, at The Church of Jesus Christ, San Diego Branch. Brother Ben Ciccati officiated in the ceremony. A dinner immediately followed the ceremony at the "Valley Ho!" restaurant where the relatives congratulated the couple.

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Speaking on behalf of all the members of the San Diego Branch, we would like the Charles Curry's to know that they have been missed, since they moved to Moorpark, California, because each one of them in his own way, was a blessing to our Branch.

LETTERS

To The Gospel News:

I am writing to ask my Brothers and Sisters to please write to me. I have had to leave the Fort Pierce, Florida Mission to join my companion, so I am quite alone as far as being near the church is concerned. I know God will help me if I prove faithful to Him. He has shown me so many wonderful things, how could I ever go wrong! But I also know the Evil One is ever present. I've only been here a few days and already he has tempted me with worldly things.

I ask for your prayers and your letters of encouragement. I pray I may be able to give my testimony.

to some one of God's children.

Mrs. Ruth Morris
3233A Ruchman St. El Paso 4, Texas 79904

While attending the Conference in the General Church building at Monongahela, Pa. I also attended the funeral of Anthony Mancini, Brother John Mancini's nephew, Brother John officiating at these rites. While Brother Mancini was speaking I saw a vision, A Ribbon of Lights which appeared over the ministry beginning at the first light on the left and it went slowly across the room. When it reached the light on the right, it disappeared. It was beautiful. I felt a change come over me. I thank God for this wonderful experience and for giving me the privilege to attend this Conference. God bless you all.

Sister Ivy Fisher
of the Edison Branch, N.J.

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Dear Brother Editor:

I am dropping a few lines to let the Gospel News readers know that the Lord still is blessing us of the branch of Youngstown. On Sunday, April 30th, we did drink at the fountain of life as a spirit of beckoning those who had strayed from the Church to return. A gift of tongue spoken by Brother A. A. Corrado was interpreted to be "Open your heart." Two brothers who had not been in fellowship for many years expressed their desire to return to the Church. Many good testimonies were heard and we might say God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform and fill our joy.

Last week May 9th, our church building was entered and the locks on cupboards were broken. Thank God they did no other damage and took nothing. Then on Sunday, May 12th, while we were gathered in our afternoon meeting one of our Brothers had his car stolen from the Church parking area.

Brother Sam Costarella,

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The members of the Fredonia Branch are indeed happy to announce the baptism of a new brother into our Church. Alvin Gehly was baptized by his brother, Arthur Gehly, and confirmed by his older brother, Paul Gehly. Alvin has attended our meetings for a long time and in his testimony he stated that he felt he had put off his baptism long enough. We are proud to have this young brother as one of us. His baptism now makes his family a complete family in The Church of Jesus Christ. About six and a half years ago the first member of this family was baptized and now the mother, father, their three sons and their wives have entered into that covenant with God. What greater blessings could a family hope for!

We feel that we are making progress here at Fredonia, Pa. We have had many wonderful preaching services and, as we gather together on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, we learn much from the lessons taught unto us. We have very faithful members and capable leaders who work as diligently as they can to uphold the truth of the gospel and to encourage others along the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life.

There are a lot of young people baptized in our branch, and many children attend our meetings. We

do enjoy getting together, singing hymns of praise unto God, and talking of the joys of the gospel. We hope that during these summer months many of you will come and visit with us. Our church is small and is located in a quiet spot in the country where often the song of the birds is voiced along with ours on Sunday morning.

Sister Carolyn Gehly

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Dear Brother Editor:

The Saints of Lorain greet you in the deep love of Jesus Christ. The Lord has been blessing us in this part of the vineyard with a few more souls, as well as with visits from brothers from other branches.

The week before April conference we had Brother James Heaps from California with us. He held three meetings which we enjoyed and we were enlightened on many scriptures. May God bless him for his efforts and his desire to go among the Saints even though he is not fully recovered from his recent illness.

At April conference Sister Mary Jones was baptized in Glassport, and on Mother's Day Sister Emma Quint was baptized in Lake Erie at Lorain. After conference Brother Thurman Furnier and Sister Furnier were with us for several days. We enjoyed their visit very much.

On May 5, we had visitors from Pennsylvania and Detroit, Michigan, and some ordinations were taken care of. After our feet washing service, Sister Victoria Calabrese was ordained deaconess by Brother Isaac Smith. Brother James Alessio was ordained a teacher with Brother Patsy Frye officiating. Two were ordained deacons. Brother Mike DeFoggie by Brother Alfred Dominico, and Brother George Puskas by Brother Joe Calabrese.

At the G.M.B.A. conference we gained two young sisters who were baptized in Youngstown, Sister Cheryl Calabrese and Sister Marilyn Tisler. May God bless all these new souls and keep them firm to the end.

Margaret E. King

Lorain Editor

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To all my beloved brothers and sisters in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially those in Detroit, Lorain and California, and to the Ladies' Circle:

My most grateful thanks and appreciation for your effectual fervent prayers in my behalf. God, our faithful Father and creator of all that is in heaven and earth, has in His grace and mercy granted me the wonderful and miraculous recovery from cancer and I am fully cured. He rewards us all in the works of our faith according to His will.

My many thanks and praise to our Father in heaven for this wonderful Gospel of love which gives us friends indeed when we are in need. I thank Him in the spirit of love and humility for all of you.

My sincere thanks to all for the many cards, phone calls, and visits. They were a blessing in keeping my morale high and my trust in the Lord firm. Special thanks to Branch I of Detroit for their kindness and spiritual love which is given to us by God. I have felt their love and concern for me and I love all of them with the same love.

Elaine (Louise Ciccati) Voelker



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord". Numbers 22:18

Dear Boys and Girls,

I think you will enjoy this story found in the Old Testament in the book of Numbers.

Once there was a king named Balak. He and his people lived in Moab. The Israelites came to the plains of Moab and pitched their tents. When Balak saw them he was afraid they might over-run the country. There were too many of them for his soldiers to fight. He sent messengers to Balaam the prophet. He thought Balaam had power with God and he would get him to curse these people.

The elders of Moab went to see Balaam. They told him why the king had sent them. Balaam said, "Lodge here this night. I will bring you word as the Lord shall speak unto me." The men stayed that night with the prophet. God came to Balaam and asked why these men were there. Balaam told how a people had come to Moab from Egypt and the king wanted a curse sent upon them. The Lord said they were a blessed people, they were not to be cursed and Balaam was not to go with these men. In the morning Balaam told the messengers to go back to their king and tell him the Lord refused to let him go to curse these people. They took the message back to Balak.

Again Balak sent more princes, more honorable than the first, to Balaam. He told them not to let anything stop them from bringing Balaam back. He would bestow great honor upon Balaam and give him silver and gold. But Balaam said if the king gave him his house full of silver and gold he could not go beyond the word of the Lord. They stayed all night with Balaam. That night God came again to Balaam. He said, "If the men call thee, go with them, but say to them what I tell you to do".

In the morning Balaam saddled his ass to go with the king's men. God was angry with Balaam and sent an angel to stand before him. The angel had a drawn sword in his hand. Now Balaam could not see the angel, but the ass saw him. The ass turned out of the way. Then Balaam struck the ass. The angel went on further and again stood in their path. Here was a wall on each side of them. When the ass saw the angel she thrust herself into the wall and crushed Balaam's foot. He hit the ass again.

The angel went on further and in a narrow place. There was no room to pass either to the right or left. When the ass saw the angel again she fell down. Balaam was very angry and struck her with a staff he had in his hand. The Lord opened the mouth of

the ass and she began to speak. "What have I done for you to strike me three times?" she asked. Balaam answered, "Because you mocked me. I wish I had a sword instead of a stick and I would kill you." Again the ass spoke, "You have ridden upon me for a long time and have I ever disobeyed you?" Balaam replied, "No". Then the Lord let Balaam see the angel before him with the sword in his hand. Balaam bowed down his head and fell flat on his face.

The angel asked why he struck the ass three times. The angel said he was there because Balaam was planning to do wrong. If the ass had not turned aside Balaam might have been killed. Balaam replied, "I have sinned". The angel told him to go with the men but tell the king only the things that he would speak to him. Balaam obeyed and went with the men. When the king learned of their coming he went to meet them.

The next day Balak took Balaam upon a hill from which they could look down on the camp of the Israelites. The angel told Balaam to build seven altars and offer burnt offerings. Balaam went off alone to see if the Lord would let him curse the people of Israel. The angel told him the Lord would not let him curse these people but instead he must bless them. Balaam made other altars thinking he might persuade the Lord to let him curse the Israelites. It was wicked for him to think so, for the Lord cannot be persuaded to let anyone do wrong. The king was very angry with Balaam. He sent him away without the silver and gold he had wanted.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. How many time did Balaam bless the people?
Numbers 24:10
2. Why did God turn the cursing into a blessing?
Deuteronomy 23:5
3. How did Balaam die? Numbers 31:8 Joshua 13:22

PEN PALS

These children would like to correspond with boys or girls their own age.

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Age 11

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Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

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GRAND SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS

First in 208 Years

By T. D. Bucci



Grand Spiritual and Temporal Council of North American Indians. First one held in 208 years. June 22 and 23.

From left to right Chief Lightfoot (Talking Eagle) Chief William (Fighting Bear) and the other unidentified. Back, Brothers T. D. Bucci and Fred Musolino.

I received an invitation to attend the first "Grand Spiritual and Temporal Council of North American Indians" to be held in 208 years at Wyalusing Rocks, Pennsylvania, June 22 and 23. It will now be an annual affair.

Brother Fred Musolino of Youngstown, who provided the transportation, and I left home about 5:45 p.m. Friday and arrived in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania about 2:00 a.m. After getting some rest we drove to the Council place in the morning which was fifty or more miles from Tunkhannock. We met Chief Clinton (Loud Voice) Rickard and his son Chief William (Fighting Bear) Rickard whom I was acquainted with and met in Niagara, Ontario Canada several years ago. They are from the Tuscarora Reservation in Sanborn, New York. Old Chief Rickard is now about 83 years of age and has been very prominent in Indian affairs for many years. Our late president of the Church, W. H. Cadman, was well acquainted with him and spent time in his home. Brother Paul DiAmico is also acquainted with him. We also met Chief Lightfoot (Talking Eagle) and wife Princess Fleet Deer. After some conversation with them it was arranged for me to address the Grand Council on Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning I was given the privilege to address the Grand Council of Chiefs and Chieftainesses (head women) of various tribes. There were also representatives from Peru and Mexico.

Council meeting got underway about 9:45 and lasted until 12:20. I was given the privilege to speak first and presented unto them the Book of Mormon explaining to them that this book has been misrepresented and associated with Polygamy which is a gross error. I read to them how it forbids and condemns

such practices. I also read to them concerning the coming forth of an Indian Moses to bring deliverance for the Indian people, in the near future. As Moses was used instrumentally to deliver the Children of Israel from 430 years of slavery and Egyptian bondage, so will this Indian Moses do the same. He will be called a Deliverer and a Choice Seer. Brother Fred was also permitted to speak briefly. We were allowed to remain in their Council meeting as observers.

We hope and pray that this little effort we made may someday bear fruit, and bring about the designs of God in these last days.

I wish to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to Chief Rickard and Chief Lightfoot for the privilege to address the Grand Council of North American Indians. May I urge all to pray for the house of Israel and the seed of Joseph (American Indian) who are also of the House of Israel. The Grace of Our Lord be with you all. Amen.

A REQUEST

To my beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ at home and abroad:

I cannot speak to each of you personally, but I shall endeavor to reach you through the medium of the Gospel News.

Surely in the passing away of our beloved brother W. H. Cadman, we have lost a wonderful father and a devoted leader in the cause of Christ. He has left for us many good examples to follow. We have enjoyed his counsel and fellowship for many years. We will surely miss him.

I, being the first counselor, automatically became acting president, until the April 1964 conference, when all General Church officers will be elected. I repented of my sins, and was baptized into Christ August 23, 1914, at which time Brother Alexander Cherry was the president, with Nephi Federer and W. H. Cadman as his counselors. Others living at that time were Brothers Alma B. Cadman, Charles Ashton, Issac Smith, John Ward, John K. Penn, Robert Anderson, William Lynch and many other worthies. With the exception of Brother Alma B. Cadman all these have gone to their reward.

I had close affiliation with most of these brothers, receiving good counsel from them; by adherence to their sound teaching, I became an ardent follower of the gospel which they taught in such simplicity. Having learned to love them, I have tried to follow the example they exemplified during their life time.

For the time being the responsibility has fallen upon Brother Joseph Bittinger (second counselor) and myself, and I trust that we may follow in the footsteps of our old brothers.

We must retain the faith of our fathers. Throughout the many years we have had our shortcomings and imperfections, but God has remembered us when we have displayed a spirit of humility and meekness. We are reminded in God's Holy Word . . . "That by small means the Lord can bring about great things." The apostle Paul said: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God . . ."

This is a time of many decisions; we will need God's divine guidance to direct us in all things. We must not forget the true mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, endeavoring to bring souls to Christ; also the preaching of the Gospel to the seed of Joseph, as Brother Cadman would say; "There are great things in store for us as a Church and People." Let us continue to be united in faith and doctrine, proving all things, holding fast to that which is good. May we never be ashamed of the simplicity of the Gospel. . . . "That we should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Let us not forget the labor and toil of our fathers who were pillars of the Church.

I know you have prayed for Brother Cadman many times. Therefore I am asking the prayers and co-operation of the Quorum of Apostles, Evangelists, the Elders, all local officers and members of the Church, for Brother Bittinger and myself. We are living in troublesome times, and we expect things to get worse before Zion becomes a reality.

In conclusion may I draw your attention to one of the last statements made by our beloved Brother, W. H. Cadman, when he read to us hymn #86 and counseled us to have courage and unity.

The hymn follows:

O God, give strength to all Thy saints,
And courage give them, too;
And, O lend us Thy mighty aid,
To conquer every foe.
Thy saints are weak, but Thou art strong,
There's all, there's all we want in Thee,
And Thou hast promised us Thine aid,
When we united be.

Thurman S. Furnier

MAN SEEKS PERFECTION

Perfection is a complete and effective harmony of the whole, and anything which is a part of this complete harmony is perfect and will exist forever. Disharmony is the friction of the universe which causes imperfect things to slow down until they cease to exist, to wear away until they have lost their being. All imperfect things, if left alone, will slowly but gradually sink into that dark abyss of decay and non-existence; but nothing ends that is perfect.

Man long ago recognized the existence of an eternal harmony in the universe and, through religion, has tried to become an integral part of it. He clearly sees it as his only source of immortality and perfection—"In God we live and move and have our being." His progress has been slow because of the negative approach which sees religion as a thing in itself, an oil that acts to decrease the friction of disharmony rather than as an all inclusive way of life which brings about a better harmony among men. Christ tried to reverse the negative approach of "thou shalt nots"

with an all inclusive positive approach, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, etc." but man has not yet learned to walk this pathway to harmony which the Son of Man provided. Men are not evil by nature but merely lack an innate knowledge of how to live in harmony, and, contrary to what some men think, this knowledge cannot be gained by merely passing from this life of disharmony. If man is to become a part of the eternal harmony, he must first become perfect—"Be ye perfect even as I am perfect"—for to throw an imperfect part into a perfect machine is to destroy the machine's harmony. This perfection can only be brought about by conscious effort, for any system in nature left to itself tends toward a state of greatest disorder.

Man's attempts to live in harmony have not been without remarkable success. Many are inclined to believe man has and is retrogressing towards a state of greatest disorder. The truth is, however, that as the machine becomes more harmonious (perfect) it also becomes more intricate and sensitive so that its harmony is upset by smaller disturbances. Man's progress has been interrupted by small setbacks or periods of inactivity, but the progression has been steadily upward.

Man's goal then is to establish a complete, effective harmony among the members of his race. Then and only then will he be eligible to become an integral part of the universal harmony.

By James R. Curry Jr.

SISTER SARAH FERA

Sister Fera was born in Italy on September 5, 1889. She came to America in 1911. In 1904 she was married to Ralph Fera who passed away on July 13, 1939. Sister Sarah was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the year 1939.

On the afternoon of May 31st, 1963, Sister Sarah suffered a tragic accident which inflicted burns on more than 80% of her body. Through the heroic efforts of her neighbor, Mrs. Church, the flames were extinguished. She was rushed to the hospital, but was given little or no chance to survive the night. However, she lived for almost twenty-one days. Throughout these past weeks her family, friends, and her Brothers and Sisters in the church rallied around her in a most wonderful way. While Sister Fera put up a tremendous struggle to recover, she nevertheless was prepared to accept the inevitable.

When the final call came, she slipped quietly into the arms of the Almighty at 2:00 a.m. on June 20, 1963.

Funeral services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ on W. Chicago in Detroit, on Saturday the 22nd. of June, 1963. Brother Gorie Ciaravino officiated with Brother Dominic Thomas assisting. Brother Frank Vitto was the soloist.

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Editorial Viewpoint

by George A. Neill

"This do in remembrance of Me." These words come to my mind as we gather at the table to partake of the bread and wine; they seem to describe the reason for which we have come. After more than nineteen hundred years we still do this in remembrance of Christ.

Many great and beautiful things are done or erected in remembrance, such as the dedication of good books and musical compositions and the building of shrines, monuments, etc. It could be said that the Old Testament Saints were altar builders lest they would forget that it was God who gave them the blessing. Great heaps of stones were raised up by these people for a witness of any memorable event or to preserve the remembrance of some matter of great importance to them.

Jacob and Laban raised a monument of stone in remembrance of an agreement reached between the two of them. Joshua also erected a monument of the stones taken out of the Jordan that the miraculous passing over this river would be remembered. Throughout our land many monuments have been erected as memorials to outstanding men and women. Some of the most beautiful buildings ever erected were built in remembrance. There are such buildings as Universities, Cathedrals, Hospitals and Churches that have been reared in memory to those who lived and died; even highways, streets and roads.

As we come before the Communion Table, here before us is the greatest monument ever conceived, and there are things we should remember at this time. We should take an earnest look at the ministry, suffering and resurrection of our Lord. I have said in my prayer many times when officiating in this ordinance, "Lord, give us a glimpse of Calvary; let us see with our mind's eye how Jesus suffered and died that we might live again." We should look into Gethsemane where Jesus fought a great battle, where He wrestled against His own flesh and brought the will of His flesh into submission unto the will of the Father. "Not my will but Thy will be done." We should remember that the earth groaned within, that perhaps the thunder rumbled and the lightning flashed; the sun hid its face and darkness covered the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour. We should remember that Paul says that Christ was made sin for us, who knew no sin, being made also a curse for us; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." When we think of Jesus being made sin when He was so holy I am reminded of a saying which goes something like this; it is always the tallest tree which feels the full fury of the storm, the purest in heart who suffers most from impurity; and those who strive for right are most aware of wrong. I think, too, at this time we should remember the words of Isaiah where he says, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities."

In a large upper room, according to the writings of St. Luke, we see Jesus speaking to twelve men. This night He is to be betrayed by one of them; tomorrow He will die. It was on this occasion that Christ instituted His Last Supper. He said, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer," and He took bread, gave thanks and brake it, and gave it unto them saying, "This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me." Likewise He gave them the cup saying, "This is my blood which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Jesus asked that this be repeated in memory of Him when He was gone.

He said to them as they ate, "One of you shall betray Me." This may have come as a great shock and surprise, and it did cause them to be exceeding sorrowful. Every one of them began to say unto Him, "Lord, is it I?" Their question

often comes to my mind when partaking of this sacred ordinance. "Lord, is it I? Have I spoken to anyone cross and hurt them; do I know of anyone that has ought against me; do I really feel I have nothing to prevent me from offering my gift at the altar? Lord, is it I? Am I guilty of the sin of omission? Lord, is it I? Have I walked on the other side of the road, wrapped up in self, and missed seeing or hearing the wounded man? Lord, is it I? Have I turned a deaf ear to the sobs of perishing souls? Lord, is it I who have allowed the material things of life to dull my sense of spiritual things?" It seems to me as we prepare our hearts to partake of the sacred emblems we should humbly pray, "Lord, is it I?"

The Lord's table is not only a place of memories; it is also a place of self-examination. Paul says, "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."

THE BOOK OF MORMON Evidence of its Divinity (Continued from Last Issue)

By Thurman S. Furnier

Peter takes up the glad refrain in the 10th chapter of Acts, and he declares there: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Vs. 34, 35. Now, whatsoever your preconceived ideas may have been with reference to this, let me say that the light is turned on; that the revelation comes to us that we may hope for God's power and blessings and Spirit, and revelation to come to any man, anywhere in all the wide, wide world, if he will only fear God and work righteousness before him.

Jesus supports the statement made by Paul and Peter when he declares in John 10:16. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Now isn't it remarkably strange that the disciples who heard that, never asked Jesus, so far as the revelation comes to us, to whom He referred? But taking up this work under consideration, I turn to The Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi 15:12-17, "Ye are my disciples; and ye are a light unto this people, who are a remnant of the house of Joseph. And behold, this is the land of your inheritance; and the Father hath given it unto you. And not at any time hath the Father given me commandment that I should tell it unto your brethren at Jerusalem. Neither at any time hath the Father given me commandment that I should tell unto them concerning the other tribes of the house of Israel, whom the Father hath led away out of the land. This much did the Father command me, that I should tell unto them: That other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Mark the thought, the very language that occurs in that chapter of St. John, in the revelations that Jesus gave to the people over there in Palestine, occurs here, with the claim following it that it fell from the lips of the same individual, and gives the interpretation to the thought as expressed in Palestine,

that they were the sheep referred to by Him over there. Now that these sheep were of Israelitish descent may be proven beyond doubt.

You remember in the 10th. of Matt. 5, 6: Jesus spoke to them and said: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Now, where can we find these lost sheep? Ezekiel is informed by God, and records the fact in the 34th Ch. of his prophecy 6th Vs., that "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Here, then, we may expect to find the sheep of Israel, the descendants of the house of Jacob upon every hill, or over in some far off lands, and they were to hear His voice. Now The Book of Mormon comes up and declares that some of his sheep came here, and that Jesus visited them; but I am going to try and show you from the Bible that Israel did come over here, or one branch of the house of Israel.

You know Jacob had twelve sons, and it will not be expected that I will follow all of them in their rambles throughout the land, but I shall follow a favorite one; his name is Joseph. Turn with me to Genesis 48th. chapter, and we find there that Joseph brings his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, to be blessed of his father, Jacob: "And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the first born. And he blessed Joseph, and said, "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." Verses 12-16. Now hunt up your geographies, and find where the 'midst of the earth' is, and you will find where they were to dwell and grow into a multitude of nations. Come with me to Genesis 49:22, and we find a further blessing of this tribe of Joseph. "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." Now the wall here I understand to be the sea. The branches, the posterity of Joseph, that is Ephraim and Manasseh, are to go over the sea. "Well, some one will say, it does not say the sea." We will claim that it means the sea and we will try and prove that it is the sea.

He goes on here and says, Vs. 26: "The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. Now, he declares here that his posterity was to receive a greater blessing than his progenitors.

Who were Jacob's progenitors? Why, Abraham and Isaac. What was the blessing pronounced upon them? Genesis 15:18. "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:" The river of

Egypt no doubt refers to the Nile. This included that holy land over there lying east and south of the Mediterranean sea; and the little land over there, that perhaps, generally speaking, is about one hundred and eighty-five miles long, and somewhere in the neighborhood of forty-five miles broad. But Joseph's posterity was to receive an inheritance afar off to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills, and the blessings were to be above the blessings of his progenitors. Says one, "You want to give Joseph's posterity a land of their own?" That is what I am striving to do, and we will see if I cannot find it in just so many words. Go with me to Deuteronomy, 33rd. chapter, and we will try to find just those words, that Joseph is to get a land of his own over here. Deut. 33:13, 16: "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, (Joseph is going to get a land, you perceive) for the precious things of heaven, (What are the most precious things of heaven?) (The revelations of God.) (Mark you, the land of Joseph is to produce the revelations of God.) for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath." (The land of Joseph is to be so blessed in its abundance of wealth that go through its waters, that the blessings of the deep will be pronounced upon it.) And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, (What are the chief things of the lasting hills and the ancient mountains?) (Gold and silver, and you will find it in abundance in Joseph's land. The Black Hills and the Rocky Mountains have drawn out hundreds and thousands of men looking for precious things of the lasting hills and ancient mountains.) "And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren."

Here we find that God is going to give Joseph the land. His posterity is to grow into a multitude of nations in that land, and is to enjoy the precious things of heaven. Now, where is that land? Go with me to Isaiah 16:8, and we read concerning the same people under the similitude of a vine with branches or boughs. "For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principle plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea." I promised that I would find that they were to go over the sea; I told you it said a wall over there in Genesis.

The reason it was called a wall is, that it was thought in those days that it was impossible to cross the briney deep, but the time came that they did go over; they were to go over the sea. Now, we turn to 1st. Nephi 17:4, 5, and we read how they did come over the sea just exactly as the prophet Isaiah said they would: "And we did sojourn for the space of many years, yea, even eight years in the wilderness. And we did come to the land which we called Bountiful, because of its much fruit and also wild honey; and all these things were prepared of the Lord that we

might not perish. And we beheld the sea, which we called Irreantum, which, being interpreted, is many waters." Vs. 8: "And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, (Nephi) saying: Thou shalt construct a ship, after the manner which I shall show thee, that I may carry thy people across these waters." Ch. 18:4, 5. "And it came to pass that after I had finished the ship, according to the word of the Lord, my brethren beheld that it was good, and that the workmanship thereof was exceeding fine; wherefore, they did humble themselves again before the Lord."

"And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came unto my father, that we should arise and go down into the ship." Vs. 8: "And it came to pass after we had all gone down into the ship, and had taken with us our provisions and things which had been commanded us, we did put forth into the sea and were driven forth before the wind towards the promised land." Vs. 23: "And it came to pass that after we had sailed for the space of many days we did arrive at the promised land; and we went forth upon the land, and did pitch our tents; and we did call it the promised land."

I want you to notice this thought, that the Bible declares they were to go over the sea, and it describes the land and how they would travel. The Book of Mormon takes up the thought and shows that they fulfilled the prophecy and were in the wilderness eight years, and came over the sea. A little further upon this thought; Jeremiah 48:32, "O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage." In the Dummelow Bible Commentary Jazer is located as lying North of Heshbon; and it is added that near its ruins are two large ponds. In the Standard Bible Dictionary the town of Jazer is similarly located, and the comment is made: "The sea of Jazer seems to be a corruption of the text." Now, stand there on that part of Palestine and look, if you please, over the sea. What land will you come to? The land of America. There is a further description of this land given in Isaiah 18:1, described as, "a land shadowing with wings which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia." Look over the sea and find a land shadowing with wings. You will find America, lying geographically as two great wings, North and South America, and the Isthmus of Panama between. This land's great symbol is the eagle's wings. We now have brought them over the sea.

Now refer to Whiston's edition of Josephus. You will find that some went over the sea; that at a certain time there was an emigration from Jerusalem over the sea to a strange land. Now, I take up The Book of Mormon and I read that the people of Nephi came from Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ, in the reign of Zedekiah. (See 1st. Nephi Ch. 1:4; 10:4) Also that Mulek came upon the land in the north country about ten years later. (See 2nd. Kings 25th. Ch. also Helaman 6:10). Also that Mulek who was a son of Zedekiah, came and peopled this continent.

I want now to turn your attention to Jeremiah again, and read that they left Jerusalem just exactly the time that The Book of Mormon stated they would

leave. The book tells us that they left Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ, that is at the commencement of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah. Now, the Bible declares, in the 49th Ch. of Jeremiah Vs. 30-32 that they were commanded just six hundred years before Christ, according to the margin here, to leave Jerusalem, and here is the language: "Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Habor, saith the Lord; for Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the Lord, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone. And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the Lord." Now, here they are commanded to dwell deep, that is to go unobserved, and to hasten out of the country in order to save their lives, and they were to find a wealthy nation which dwelt without care, whose cattle were uncared for and whose gold and silver could be had for the coming for it.

I turn to The Book of Mormon, 1st. Nephi 18:25, and read that they came to that very land. Here is the description they give of it: "And it came to pass that we did find upon the land of promise, as we journeyed in the wilderness, that there were beasts in the forests of every kind, both the cow and the ox, and the ass and the horse, and the goat and the wild goat, and all manner of wild animals, which were for the use of men. And we did find all manner of ore, both of gold, and of silver, and of copper." The very thing, mark you, that Jeremiah says they would find. Now, the question arises, where did the people come from who preceded this migration from Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ? And I turn to the Bible the 11th. Ch. of Genesis, for the answer, and we read that the people were of one accord building a tower to get to heaven, and that God came down, and seeing the tower, confounded their language, and they were scattered over all the face of the earth.

Now, I take up The Book of Mormon and the fly leaf tells the great story. That the people of Jared were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people when they were building a tower to get to heaven. Mark the similarity: The Bible declares that when they were building that tower, God confounded their language and scattered them over all the face of the earth. The Book of Mormon comes right up and says that some of them were scattered to this land. Turning to The Book of Mormon, Book of Ether, we read a very good account of how they left the plains of Shinar. They built barges, and Jared, with his brethren and others, came over to this continent and settled upon this land "shadowing with wings which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia." They tell us how they worshipped God; how they built large cities and inhabited them. In process of time, they became a wicked and disobedient people, and that God declared, through the mouth of their prophets, that if they would not repent, he would destroy them. We find that all was fulfilled as prophesied in the Bible. The descendants of Lehi came here six hundred years

before Christ, and entered into the very cities that were depopulated by reason of sin; the very ones whose people came from the plains of Shinar. These are thoughts that are worthy of your consideration. We now draw your attention further to a few notes selected from the archaeological discoveries, all over the land, by such men as Baldwin, who wrote his wonderful work entitled "Ancient America."

It was published in 1871, forty-two years after The Book of Mormon came forth. I want to give you just a few thoughts from Baldwin, and show that he and others had discovered just what The Book of Mormon revealed forty-two years before they ever dreamed that there were people upon this continent. Baldwin, page #155, declares that there were two different periods of the past, in which people, who were enlightened, inhabited this continent. I have proven from the Bible and The Book of Mormon that this is a fact. Baldwin, page #264, says that there were over a thousand years between the two people. The Book of Mormon shows there were sixteen hundred years between the two people. Baldwin, page #271, says they were not one people. The Book of Mormon, declares they were the people of Jared that came from the tower of Babel, of which has been spoken, and the people of Nephi who came from Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ. Baldwin, page #271, declares that they were of different speech. The Book of Mormon, Omni 14-19, shows how the people of Nephi came and found the people of Mulek and educated them in their language, and both people merged into one great body.

The Book of Mormon, book of Ether, chapter 1, verses 33-37 shows that the people of Jared came from the tower of Babel at the time of the confusion of tongues, and that the language of the people of Jared was not confounded. Therefore, their manner of speech was not that of the Nephites or the people of Mulek.

Baldwin, page #264, (and I want to draw your attention to this thought) has discovered by the monumental evidences that are still extant in Peru and Yucatan, that the last people who came, were led by four brothers, the youngest of whom became the head of a long line of kings. The Book of Mormon, 1st. Nephi 2:5, tells us who these four boys were, and who was the youngest of them, and just what he accomplished. Nephi was the youngest, who ruled his brethren, and the names of the other three boys were Laman, Lemuel, and Sam. You would not be able to find in the world any more proof for the divine authenticity of the Bible than you would for the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

I want to read just one little sketch here, from a newspaper. It reads as follows: "A Dead Nation.—Remarkable discoveries made in the State of Chiapas, Mexico. Returned explorers from the State of Chiapas confirm and add to the remarkable reports concerning important archaeological discoveries. A fine broad paved road, built by prehistoric inhabitants, has been traced from Tonalá down into Guatemala, and thence in a curve up into Mexico, terminating at Palenque. All along the road are still to be seen the remains of ruined cities, and a careful estimate of the population of these places is about 30 million. On that part

of the road near Palenque the ruins are of great magnitude. Houses four and often five stories high have been found in the depth of the forest. Many of these houses are pyramidal in form, and so covered are some of them with vegetable mould that large trees are growing from the roofs. In some of the houses great employment has been made of stone beams of tremendous weight, and the architecture indicates a high degree of scientific attainments," etc. Here, upon one road, we find cities have been built and are existing in their dilapidated state, covered by the forest of years, that have accommodated, in these happy homes, over thirty million sons and daughters.

Do you think Joseph Smith built these cities and planted these trees and shrubs and forests over there in order to prove that a people lived there, and that The Book of Mormon was true? I have heard of Joseph Smith performing a few miracles, but none so great as this. Mark you, these were discovered some forty and fifty years after The Book of Mormon was in print. We have been informed by good authority that Stevens and Catherwood took The Book of Mormon in hand and discovered some sixteen cities by its descriptive powers as contained in its pages. Whether it is a fact or not, I am not prepared to say, but I give it to you as I have received it from others. But it is still a truth that all through the years since the introduction of The Book of Mormon, the world has been discovering evidences that prove its divine authenticity. A few years ago an archaeologist was lecturing in the Heard Museum at Phoenix, Arizona. He said, in part, that he did not know anything about the spiritual significance of The Book of Mormon, but that he would not be without one, for it assisted him greatly in his line of work.

Now, having brought a people to this continent and divided them, and given their history in their different periods of time and existence, shown from the archaeological discoveries and from those not connected with this latter day work; and the evidence we have here in favor of this continent once being peopled, is it a thing incredible to you that these people who were so highly intelligent should have written history, should have had a mode, a plan, a system of religion? If they were a religious people, as the monumental evidences prove they were, why not have a written history? Why did not God reveal to them his mind and will on this continent, as he did to their brethren on the other continent? We have every reason to believe that he would, from the evidence already adduced. God is no respecter of persons; Acts 10:34.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:" Vs. 35. "But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Paul taught; Acts 17:26, 27. "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:" Now, if these people sought after him, the promise is, they would find him; and how would they find him only as he revealed himself to them?

Says one, "There is no objection to be urged from a reasonable standpoint that these people would have a record." But now we draw your attention to Hosea 8:12, and we find there that God spoke: "I have written to him (Ephraim) the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." Now, where are the great things that God wrote to Ephraim, in the Bible? Look for them and when you find them let me know. But here comes great things that God wrote to Ephraim upon this continent, and they are counted as a strange thing, just as the prophet said they would.

How many have thought in their mind, "Well, I tell you, that Book of Mormon is really a strange thing; I never thought there was evidence in the Bible that proves its divinity so clearly. It is certainly a strange matter." Well, that was what the prophet said they would say, when the great things written to Ephraim would be revealed. The Book of Mormon verifies that statement; see the Title page: "The Book of Mormon . . . Written to the Lamanites (Ephraim) who are a remnant of the house of Israel" Also see Moroni 10: 1-5. "Now I Moroni, write somewhat as seemeth me good; and I write unto my brethren, the Lamanites; (Ephraim) and I would that they should know that more than four hundred and twenty years have passed since the sign was given of the coming of Christ. And I seal up these records, after I have spoken a few words by way of exhortation unto you. Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts. And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things."

(To be continued next issue.)

G. L. U. C. AT EDISON, N. J.

We, of the Edison Circle, were so happy to have all of you Sisters and Brothers with us, that it is still our main topic of conversation. I am sure the sisters of the surrounding circles feel the same.

We looked forward with anticipation Friday evening for the arrival of the bus and thanked God for your safety. Brothers and Sisters from all four branches in the area made preparation for all.

Saturday morning was in charge of Sister Mable Bickerton along with her officers. Testimonies were given and we can certainly say the spirit of God was felt.

In the afternoon after some business, Brother Heaps talked to us, along with Brothers Mancini and Di Battista. Their main theme seemed to be asking the Sisters to get behind our Evangelists in helping them promulgate the Gospel.

Your Sister in Christ
Betty D'Orazio
Edison, N. J. Branch



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,"
I Peter 3:12.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I think you will enjoy this story about a very good king. He was Hezekiah, king of Judah and son of Ahaz. He is considered one of the most perfect kings. He reigned for twenty-nine years. He inspired his followers to destroy idols and restore the temple worship. Hezekiah believed in God and ruled his people well.

One day king Hezekiah became very sick. God sent the prophet Isaiah to him with a message. "Thus saith the Lord, set thine house in order; for thou shalt die." He meant to take care of any business he had because he couldn't get better. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed. He was sad and wept because he didn't want to leave his people. He asked the Lord to remember how he had walked before Him in truth and with a perfect heart. God heard the king's prayer. God spoke to Isaiah before he had gone out into the middle court, "Go back to the king. Tell him I have heard his prayer and seen his tears, I will heal him and give him fifteen more years to live".

Isaiah obeyed God and went back to Hezekiah. He told him the words of the Lord. But Hezekiah wanted a sign that the Lord would heal him and he would be able to go to the Lord's house. Isaiah told him he would have a sign. Isaiah said to take a lump of figs and lay it on the boil. They did so and he recovered. In those days they had sun dials to tell the time. Have you seen one? Isaiah asked if he wanted the shadow to go forward ten degrees, or go backward ten degrees? Hezekiah answered, "It is a light thing (or easy) for the shadow to go down ten degrees so let the shadow return backward ten degrees". Isaiah then cried unto the Lord and he brought the sun ten degrees backward. This was proof to the king of God's promise.

The king of Babylon heard that Hezekiah had been sick, so he sent letters and a present to Hezekiah. Some of his men came to see Hezekiah. He showed them all the house of his precious things, the house of armour, his gold, silver, spices, precious ointment, and all his treasures. There was nothing in his house or all his kingdom that he did not show them. After they had gone Isaiah came and questioned the king, "Who are these men and where did they come from?" Hezekiah replied, "They came from a far country, even from Babylon." Then Isaiah asked, "What have they seen?" Hezekiah told him they had seen everything, all his treasures he had showed them. The word of the Lord came to Isaiah and he prophesied, "The days will come, that all in your house, and those things that your fathers have stored away, shall be carried to Babylon. There shall be nothing left. Even your sons will be taken and be in the palace of the king

of Babylon." All these things came to pass as Isaiah foretold. Hezekiah said, "Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?"

Hezekiah had been a good king. There were many things he did to remember him by. He was a young man twenty-five years old when he began to reign. The first year of his reign he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them. He had the Levites cleanse the temple and light the lamps. It took sixteen days for this work. Hezekiah got up early and the rulers of the city and the priests went to the temple. The Levites came with their cymbals, harps and psalteries according to the commandment of David, Gad and Nathan the prophet. Offerings were made of goats, lambs, bullocks and rams. The priests killed them and made an atonement for all Israel. Hezekiah encouraged the people to bring in their tithes to the Lord. When they heard this request they brought in abundance, the first fruits of corn, wine, oil, honey, oxen and sheep and laid them in heaps. When Hezekiah saw the heaps of offerings, he blessed the Lord and his people of Israel. All had plenty to eat and plenty left over. All that Hezekiah did, he did with all his heart and he prospered.

When Hezekiah's people went to war, he encouraged them saying, "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid of the king and his multitude; for there be more with us than with him; with him is the arm of flesh but with us is the Lord our God. He will help us fight our battles." When Hezekiah died they buried him in the highest of the sepulchres of the sons of David. All Judah and Jerusalem honored this great king at his death.

Search the Scriptures

1. In II Kings 18:4, what was the Nehushtan? Compare this with Numbers 21:4, 9. Why was this serpent made?
2. In Isaiah 28:4, 8 it tells about the sign. Whose sun dial was it? The story of Hezekiah is found in Isaiah, II Chronicles and II Kings.

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Lately I was visiting in the Aliquippa Branch of the Church and a little girl three and one half years old said the books of the New and Old Testament for me. I wish you could have heard it too. I have been thinking maybe we could learn them. You, who have received the Books of The Bible card from the Children's Corner, have the books divided into parts. For next time let us learn the first five, which is the law and then the next twelve, which is the history, of the Old Testament.

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Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

THE STORY OF JESUS**(By: Darlene Spisak, Age 13)**

God sent one of His angels to visit Mary. The angel said that Mary was going to have a child and that she should call His name Jesus. This pleased Mary very much.

Before the angel went to Mary, he went to visit Zacharias. He told Zacharias that his wife was going to have a child and that the child should be called John. Zacharias did not believe the angel because he and his wife were very old. Because of the unbelief, Zacharias was stricken dumb until the child was born.

Mary and Joseph were taxed and had to journey to Bethlehem. When they reached Bethlehem there was no room in the inn, so they had to stay in a stable. This was where Jesus was born.

In the field shepherds were taking care of their sheep. Angels appeared unto them and said, "Fear not, for we bring glad tidings of joy, for unto you is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." The shepherds hurried to see this great sight.

King Herod also heard of this great child who was born and he wanted to have Him killed. He sent three wise men to bring back word to him, but the wise men never told him. Joseph was warned in a dream to flee into Egypt until Herod was dead. Joseph did as the Lord commanded.

Simeon blessed Jesus. He was a very old man, but the Lord told him he would not see death until he saw Jesus.

Jesus grew up in the city of Nazareth helping His earthly father, who was a carpenter. When Jesus was twelve His family traveled to Jerusalem to the Passover, which was celebrated because the Death Angel passed over their houses when the Jews were in bondage in Egypt. Joseph and Mary were on their way home when they realized that Jesus was not with them. They returned to Jerusalem and found Jesus with the doctors and priests, asking and answering questions. When Mary told Jesus that they were worried about Him, He answered, "Why do you worry? Don't you know I must be about My Father's business?"

John the Baptist was teaching in the wilderness about Jesus. Jesus came to John and told him to baptize Him, but John did not want to. He said he was not worthy enough. But, finally, he did baptize Jesus. When Jesus came out of the water the Spirit came down on Him in the form of a dove and God spoke from heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." God did this to show the people that Jesus was truly His Son and that He was well pleased in Jesus for following His commandments.

Jesus went into the wilderness and fasted for forty days. Satan appeared to Him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it may be made bread!" Jesus answered him, "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God." Then Satan showed Him all the kingdom around Him and said this could all be His; but Jesus answered him, "Get thee behind Me, Satan; for it is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'" Then Satan tried one last thing. He took Jesus to Jerusalem and set Him

on a pinnacle of the temple and said, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence; for it is written, 'He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee.'" Jesus answered saying, "It is said, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God.'" Satan let Jesus alone then.

Jesus was walking along the seashore and saw some fishermen. Their names were Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus called to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," and they followed. Jesus chose twelve faithful men and they became His apostles.

Jesus did many miracles while He was on earth. Jesus was crucified because He was teaching about God and He said He was king of the Jews. Three days after He was crucified, He arose. He was on earth forty days after He arose, and then He ascended to heaven to be with His Father.

DISTRICT GATHERING OF THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The Ladies Uplift Circle representing the branches of the Michigan-Canadian District gathered together on June 17th, 1963, in Detroit Branch #4 of The Church of Jesus Christ.

The locals from every branch in this district were well represented and the building was filled. The meeting was presided over by the District President, Sister Rose Milantoni, the Vice-President, Sister Mary Vitto, and the Secretary, Sister Ilene Coppa. After the official business of the evening, the presiding officers turned the meeting over to the Sisters of Branch #4 who were in charge of the program. The theme chosen by our Sisters was "Women Blest in God's Way in Bringing Forth Men". Sister Eva Cain as program leader introduced the participants; the first being Sister Santina LaCivita who read portions of Scripture pertaining to these women used by God such as: Sarah, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Rachel, Hannah and the Shumanite Woman. One of the Sisters had written to Sister Poma and asked if she would compose a poem to fit the theme of the evening. She graciously complied with this inspiring work:

God's Miracles Have Not Ceased

This evening we remember not famous men of God,
But, mothers of these famous men, by miracle, begot.
For miracles are not confined to middle-aged, or young,
But often thru the very old God's loudest praise is sung.

We do not call a miracle (as we know it to be,)
When it's an ordinary thing that comes to you or me;
But, Sarah was not in her prime, when Isaac was conceived,

And so it was a miracle that Abraham received.

For she was very, very old . . . and she was barren too,
So when she bore her strapping son a miracle came true.

And, since it was a miracle, God's name they both did laud,

And raised their son to pay their debt in servitude to God.

So also, Samuel, the prophet, was conceived . . .
His mother too, pledged him to God for what she

had received;
 Rebecca too, in her old age, God's praises must have
 sung,
 For when her twins were born to her she wasn't
 very young.

The lovely Rachel's hard reproach, in later years,
 was gone,
 When thru God's mercies Joseph came, her first be-
 loved son,
 Yes there were other women too, used in their later
 days,
 To prove to men of then and now . . . how wond'rous
 are God's ways.

For John the Baptist, fiery John . . . Elizabeth did
 bear,

When she was old and full of days . . . Christ's com-
 ing to prepare.

A miracle again this was . . . to herald Christ's
 own birth.

. . . And, miracles have never ceased to come upon
 the earth.

For tho we may not all have sons when we are
 very old,

. . . Nor mothers of a nation be . . . nor twins in
 arms enfold . . .

Still as we sojourn on the earth, a thought I would
 instill:

Our Lord demands from each of us a purpose to
 fulfill . . .

For we were placed upon this earth as instruments
 of His,

To wrest the souls of men from hell . . . and bring
 them into bliss;

And only through the miracle of spiritual birth,
 Have we the strength to work for Him, and prove to
 God our worth!

Catherine Poma

At this time the choir sang very appropriately, "It
 took a Miracle". One of the Sisters had sent to Sister
 Mary Ross of Aliquippa, Pa., a list of questions for
 her to answer concerning daily life in Africa which
 is of utmost interest to all women. She graciously
 answered. Our Sister Elsie Marinetti read this ques-
 tion and answer letter revealing many of the facts
 of life in Africa which Sister Ross encountered while
 on missionary duty with her husband in Nigeria. It
 made us pause and wonder if we could ever walk the
 path of a missionary.

The program closed with a hymn entitled "Follow
 Close to Thee".

The remainder of the evening was spent in fond
 farewell to our Sister Rose Milantoni who is leaving
 to follow her husband, Brother Joe, in a move to
 Canada that he might spend more time in Missionary
 work in Muncey. Sister Mary Vitto read a paper which
 had to do with struggles for freedom and especially
 the freedom of religion. She then presented Sister
 Rose with a token gift from the Sisters of The Ladies
 Uplift Circle in honor of her work and efforts in the
 Circles of this district. Sister Milantoni accepted her
 gift with words of praise to God.

After the meeting was closed, we were all invited

to the basement of the church building where refresh-
 ments had been prepared by the Sisters that we might
 spend a little time together with Sister Rose Milantoni.

May the Lord continue to bless The Ladies Uplift
 Circle in their endeavors to please God.

Branch #4 Editor

Sister Betty Capone

OBITUARY ARCANGELO D'AMORE

Brother Arcangelo D'Amore, son of Antonio and
 Vincenza D'Amore, was born January 7, 1876, in Pacen-
 tro, Provincia Aquila, Italy. Passed on to his reward
 June 4, 1963. He came to the United States and Youngs-
 town, Ohio, in 1901. He retired from U.S. Steel in
 1945.

Brother D'Amore was baptized into The Church of
 Jesus Christ on September 28, 1919, at Glassport,
 Pennsylvania. He and his late brother Carlo D'Amore
 were pioneers in the Church in Youngstown. He was
 ordained in the office of teacher, which he fulfilled
 faithfully. His wife, the former Maria Teresa Buccilli
 died in 1930.

During his illness, our late Brother never ceased
 to relate his experiences to those who visited him of
 the goodness and mercy of God toward him.

Funeral services were conducted by A. A. Corrado,
 assisted by Brother Ralph Berardino.

BROTHER GIUSEPPE GIANZANTE

The always pleasant and smiling face of our dear
 Brother Giuseppe Ginzante will be greatly missed by
 all the members of the Detroit Branch #1. He was
 loved by all who knew him, both young and old. He
 was born on June 23, 1887, in Italy and became a
 member of The Church of Jesus Christ on April 24,
 1921, (42 years). Brother Ginzante was ordained an
 Elder of the Church on July 7, 1923, and passed away
 on June 14, 1963, a good and faithful member. The
 funeral services were conducted by Brother Nicholas
 Pietrangelo, Detroit Branch #1.

BROTHER PASQUALE PALLANTE

Brother Pasquale Pallante passed away on June
 17, 1963, following a prolonged illness. He was born
 in Italy on October 16, 1888, came to the land of
 America in the year 1913, and became a member of
 The Church of Jesus Christ on May 6, 1934.

The funeral services were held in the Detroit
 Branch #1 Church Bldg. with Brother Concetto Ales-
 sandro officiating.

NEWS FROM FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

By Sister Mary Glover

Greetings to all the Saints in the Name of our
 Lord. May God's richest blessings be on all.

Although some of our Brothers and Sisters from
 this part of God's vineyard are making trips North,
 and we are few in number at this time, we are surely
 enjoying the blessings of God. We look forward to
 the return of our Brothers and Sisters, bringing good
 news and glad tidings from their visits with the
 Saints up there.

God has seen fit to bless us in letting us all gather

together in our meetings for the past several weeks, regardless of whom it may be. We feel a great joy over this. Surely His mighty Hand is being extended and we look for His greater works to begin to show forth.

We have had several visitors in our midst, and we pray that God will see fit to call them into this Gospel. For laborers are needed, and it is our desire to serve God and be vessels prepared for His use.

We were blessed this past Sunday with a baptism, Mary Zeismer, who has been attending our meetings for a short while. There was evidence given of her coming several times in vision and dreams. Also on Friday night, a voice called her three times, so she wasted no time in asking for her baptism. This same Friday night as we gathered together for Bible Study, our Presiding Elder spoke to Mary and asked her, "Mary, if God called you tonight, would you come?" and Mary had answered yes.

How we thank God for His wonderful works and blessings, and we rejoice each time a soul comes forth to make a covenant with Him.

Pray for us here in Florida, for the prayers of the Saints availeth much, and we will remember all in our prayers.

May God bless all of you.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL

Sixth Year

By Sister Ethel Crosier

The Monongahela Vacation Bible School came to a close June 28, after having completed ten days of lessons and handwork relative to our theme, "God's Beautiful World." We are also proud to tell you that this completes our sixth year of Bible Schools.

Our days' lessons were as follows:

1. In the Beginning
2. The Beautiful Garden
3. A Beautiful Story
(Ruth and Naomi)
4. Solomon's Wisdom
5. A Beautiful Temple
6. The Queen of Sheba
7. Jesus—Lily of the Valley
8. God's Wonderful Plan
9. Missionary Day

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." (Romans 10:15)

10. Our Eternal Home

As in previous years Sister Mabel Bickerton was our director and wrote the lessons and composed the music used in our Bible School. Each year the theme has been given to Sister Mabel by the inspiration of God. Next year's theme has already been given to her and is underway. We wish to thank her again for her untiring efforts.

I feel sure that all the teachers and helpers received the same blessing this year as in previous years in working with the boys and girls. I know that I, for one, shall never forget our first year. It was such a wonderful feeling to know that you were doing something that would be of some benefit to our children. I felt the presence of our Lord at each one of our

sessions, and I'm happy to say that the same spirit prevailed at each of our Bible Schools.

The teachers worked out the handwork for their group to go along with their lesson. Our highest attendance was 108 with twenty teachers and helpers. The children learned the books of the Old and New Testaments, Psalm 136 — Verses 1-10 and 25-26, and our memory verse for the day. We were happy to find that twenty-two children have attended six years without missing a day. Our theme song, which we sang daily going to and from our classes, was: "This Beautiful World".

On the ninth day, which was Missionary Day, we took up a special collection for Mexico and realized \$37.39 which has been sent to help further the missionary work in Mexico.

It seems that each year something has turned up for our children to have the opportunity to be "little missionaries" and help someone in some way. This year we learned of a little girl, who is a friend of one of the teachers, who has had quite a bit of hospital care and is an invalid. We set a day at which time the children brought cans of food, books, coloring books, crayons etc., for this little girl. I am sure this made her very happy to know that so many children cared about her and wanted to do something for her.

We had a program on Friday evening at the close of our ten days. We were proud and happy to see so many parents and friends of the children come to hear what they had learned and see what they had made at our Vacation Bible School.

We, as parents, are thankful for the Bible School because it gives us an added opportunity to plant our Gospel more firmly in the hearts of our children. It also affords us an opportunity to acquaint the outsiders, who visit and take part, with our faith and doctrine. It is our duty as parents to teach our faith to our children in such a way that they will not stray away from it.

We feel to thank our Heavenly Father for our Vacation Bible School and all those who were so willing to help in any way.

The following letter was received from Sister Evelyn Perdue thanking the Vacation Bible School for their donation:

"Please thank the Vacation Bible School for their donation. You can assure them every penny will be well spent, mostly on food and medical care. Things are very different in Mexico than the States. One cannot get medical care there as out here. It takes money or else suffer.

"We have had a few baptisms lately making a total of fifty-eight in Tijuana to date, plus six in Ahomi, Mexico. There are also two ministers that were ordained in Mexico. Our building is full on Sundays and the Lord has blessed us much. We are very grateful to him for everything because we do not merit anything. We covet your prayers."

Brother and Sister Perdue

A FAREWELL GATHERING

In the evening of Aug. 2 an "outdoor" farewell

gathering was held at the residence of Brother and Sister M. R. Griffith for Pat and Dick Christman of Monongahela and Connie and Johnny Ross of Aliquippa who are leaving August 12 for missionary work in South Dakota. Brother and Sister Christman are going to Eagle Butte, S.D. and Brother and Sister Ross to Oglala, S. D. Brothers Christman and Ross have accepted teaching positions in the government schools for Indian children on the reservations in each of these cities.

A very nice crowd was present for the occasion and an enjoyable evening was spent. We had visitors with us from the surrounding branches. Brother Russell Cadman, having spent some time in Wakpala, S. D., gave an interesting talk touching on many things of interest concerning the country, climate and the Indian people in the Dakotas.

Brother John Ross, Sr. then spoke to both young couples encouraging them in the work they are about to undertake and advising them that when discouragements came if they would take them to the Lord, He would bless and direct them in all things. These remarks brought to my mind the scripture in Prov. 3:5, 6 — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS".

Brothers Dick and Johnny spoke briefly expressing their appreciation of having this opportunity to help spread the Gospel and the hope that God would bless their endeavors, also asking for the prayers of the Saints in their behalf.

Our farewell gathering was then closed with prayer by Brother Tony DiBattista.

Branch Editor

Ethel Crosier

GATHERING OF THE MICHIGAN-CANADIAN DISTRICT

On June 2, 1963 we gathered together in a large auditorium on the east side of the city. The group was rather large and represented the branches of Detroit and Windsor, Canada district with some visiting Brothers who occupied the rostrum.

We joined our voices in singing praises to God as the Saints so love to do. The trio who sang in the M.B.A. gathering was asked to repeat the hymn they had sung there; the male quartet was then asked to sing a few hymns among which was one written by Sister Sadie Cadman, "O Paradise". Their rendition was beautiful and led Brother Anthony Corrado to speak on the following scripture: "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 myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Even as I type these words they comfort me.

In speaking Brother Corrado reminded us that

this was Jesus' promise to His disciples. He also stated that we are here serving God for our reward in Heaven, our mansion in the Father's house since we too are the disciples of God. To obtain this we all have duties to fulfill in this life: duties that God expects us to fulfill if we would reap our reward in Heaven and if we feel, sometimes, too weak and in need of help, we must go to the Lord. Keeping this in mind we will surely find 'we need Him every moment.' Our Brother then read a verse a little farther along in the chapter saying, "This is the verse of importance." It reads, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

As our Brother spoke, Brother Stracci spoke in tongues and a Sister arose to her feet with the interpretation: "Whatsoever comes from the pulpit of this church is sacred and should be heeded and put into effect." He closed by asking us all to make sure our spiritual lives are built on solid rock, not on sand, and to rise and shine as followers of Christ. We sang the hymn that tells of it so beautifully, "In That Land Where The Day Has No End."

Brother Rocco Biscotti followed Brother Corrado; he quoted scripture concerning Jesus' words about the rock on which the Church is built and that our foundations in the Gospel must have this same firmness. He asked how deep our roots go in this Gospel of Jesus Christ and reminded us that it is not enough to say "I know my Redeemer lives" but we must live our lives to show we really believe it. He also asked if our baptism has wrought a change in our hearts. If the change has come then we are His disciples and nothing can hurt nor destroy; thus spoke our Brother. The quartet then sang a request number, "Supper Time", and dedicated it to Brother Biscotti.

Our next speaker was Brother Don Curry who spoke, not so much on Paradise itself, but on the task of getting there. He told us we each have a task to perform in order to obtain our mansion and we must not put it off. We have a challenge before us and we surely need Christ if we are to face this challenge. We, in these days of the restored Gospel, must preserve, enlarge upon and teach. He put to us this question, "Can we meet our challenge; can we drink of the cup prepared for us?"

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, in conclusion, asked us to remember that while we are so busy in this workaday world attending to the natural needs we must be mindful that we have other things to attend to more important than the things of this life.

At this point Brother Stracci asked permission to relate a vision he had received in this meeting, which follows: He saw two groups of men with six in each group and in the center appeared to be Jesus; in front of the figure of Jesus was a well and Jesus was inviting the multitudes to the well.

We closed the gathering with the hymn, "Just As I Am", and Brother Joseph Calabrese was invited to lead us in our closing prayer.

Sister Betty Capone

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A SECRET HIDING PLACE

Many times we have felt the need to be alone with God. We must remove ourselves for a few moments from the activity and commotion that surrounds us at work or at home. We must find a place removed from a misunderstanding world, from the sorrows and cares, the concerns and the decisions that are all a part of the day. When we search for a place to pray, to meditate, a place to be alone with God, we find ourselves wandering into many empty rooms, spare closets and various other places. Oft times we are disturbed by the surrounding environment. In our distress we turn to God in prayer, making our desires known unto Him. Very soon the answer comes; the Lord leads us to a perfect and wonderful place of quietness. Alone we worship Him in the blessed quietness of a few precious moments which we never forget.

On the tenth floor of a large building overlooking the San Fernando Valley I have found my place of quietness. With each visit the Lord makes me aware of something new and wonderful. As I stand and look out over the Valley I experience an awesome wonder of what a mighty God we serve; a living God that is real and wonderful. How precious are the moments we spend with Him, a divine relationship with direct communication. I see the trees, oh so tall and beautiful, so firm and upright as they look toward the heavens as if in acknowledgment of their Creator. The soft winds blow and how quickly and graciously they bend and sway, not rebelling with the great power that has control or command over them. Can we, as saints, bend and be molded by the Master?

One day, in my secret hiding place, I was made aware of Man. I looked down; yes, I saw men and women rushing about, in and out of the building. Way up there on the tenth floor man looked so small and puny, though seemingly he appeared proud, rushing about with strength and confidence. I thought of the confusion, the unhappiness, the ugliness of sin, and the terrible state of this world. How sweet seemed the voice of the Lord speaking, "I am a God of love and mercy: I am faithful and full of patience."

The Lord doesn't see very many beautiful and pleasant situations when He looks on His creation. Once this world was a beautiful garden where only tranquility, love and beauty prevailed. In the midst of this perfect creation was God Himself. We thank God for His unlimited mercy toward the children of men and pray that He can look down and find pleasure, joy and satisfaction in His Saints; that we, the Saints of latter days, will stand firm and strong in the Lord, ready to bend and be molded to perfection by Him.

Another time in my blessed place of prayer I discovered the sky. It was a beautiful and clear day; the sky seemed so vast, so endless. I thought, "What a shouting in the sky from the multitude that shall rise to meet the Savior in the air." How sweet will be our song of worship to our Master that day. So

we rejoice and thank God over and over again for The Church of Jesus Christ and each blessed individual calling to be adopted sons and daughters of God.

Once I was aware of the mountains that surround the Valley. I thought surely this is the handiwork of a mighty God. The mountains seemed so strong and solid. My mind went to the Book of Mormon and the terrible destruction on the land of America. The mountains became valleys, portraying only a thought of the might and power of God.

How true the words of the song writer when he states, We serve a God of miracles. We behold the trees, the sky and the mountains, and see the wonderful artistry and majesty of our Lord. No, we haven't words to describe or explain our Creator, but there is joy in our hearts since we've made Him our choice.

To the Saints everywhere: We cannot fathom many of the glorious things of God, but we know and enjoy His love and mercy. By His love and mercy we have been called into this wonderful restored Gospel of Jesus Christ and are experiencing a portion of His great mercy. We long for the day 'when our course is finished and victors' palms we wave; To Him will we give the Glory, Oh Thou who art mighty to save.'

Sister Meredieth Martin
San Fernando Valley Branch, Cal.

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TESTIMONIES OF FIVE NEW CONVERTS

Five "young people" from San Diego were baptized at the July gathering in Bell, California. This good news was enjoyed by many brothers and sisters throughout the general church when they heard it. Although everyone has the pleasure of knowing that these five made their covenant, it isn't possible for all to watch them grow in the Gospel and actually hear the reassuring testimonies of their determination to keep this covenant. I'd like to give you the opportunity to follow-through "after the baptism" by letting you enjoy a sample of the testimonies that these new members are always so willing to give.

Sister Lorraine Thomas — "At the gathering God filled my soul and I couldn't contain the joy in my heart, so I made my decision to serve God. The Church was nothing new to me as I grew up loving God and desiring to be a part of His people. Even in my childhood I often observed what God could do. I appreciate the fact that many in my family belong to the Church including a ninety-nine-year-old-grandmother who has been my greatest example. I pray I will please

God in all things and always remember the Covenant I made at the water's edge."

Sister Linda Nelson — "Before I came to know Jesus Christ and His Church I was always in search of something but I didn't know what. When I visited The Church of Jesus Christ for the first time, I felt something that I had never felt before; there was a warmth and love among the people. I didn't know at the time that this was the Spirit of God working with my heart. Very soon after attending the Church a few times, I wanted to be baptized but I knew that I had so much to learn and that the Spirit hadn't taken a real hold of my heart yet. The thought of being baptized at the Bell gathering didn't enter my mind at first, but when I heard the words that the brothers spoke, my heart was touched and I was overcome with the Spirit of God. When the brothers and sisters embraced me I felt the love again, so strongly. Now that I am baptized, I pray that I'll always be faithful in the Church and love and serve God all the days of my life."

Brother Kenneth Buccellato — "Being born and raised in the Church I have seen and heard many wonderful things but they never were so much of a reality until I did "come unto myself" and ask God to show me the way. Now I can fully realize God's greatness and would like to take this opportunity to thank Him that I was raised in The Church of Jesus Christ instead of being brought in the world where I would have to look for the Gospel."

Brother Joseph Smith — "For several months before my baptism, as I knelt by my bed, I prayed that if it be God's will that I give my life to Him, He would make it known to me. I knew my life was becoming my own and I had reached the "age of accountability". I am glad to say He answered my prayers at our last gathering. Although the morning meeting was wonderful and I felt a blessing, I didn't think I would ask for my baptism that day. After the morning meeting was over and the others were asking for their baptisms, God's spirit began to pour down upon me. When my sister, Jo Ann, walked up and asked me if today might be my day too, the last chain of indecision was broken and I called for my baptism. Now I look ahead to many years that I have to serve God and I ask you all to pray for me that I may keep this initial blessing in my heart and strive to add to it."

Brother Edmond Buccellato — "I want to thank God for sparing my life thus far and calling me into His wonderful Church. He was very merciful to me even when I was a child, and now that He has called me to serve Him in my youth, I am grateful that I can give my 'best to the Master'. I sincerely hope and pray that the Lord will be my guide throughout my life and that I may repay Him with devoted service along with all the other young people."

Sister Rita O'Brien

Branch Editor

San Diego, California

OUR TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

With our two Elder brothers and four sisters, on July 1st, we started on a motor trip to California. As you know, it was planned a year ago that there was

to be a reunion in California with the saints from the east.

Well, brothers and sisters, it was a wonderful trip. It makes you think of the beginning of time: how God said, "Let there be land!" and there was land. God sure formed a beautiful earth; the mountains, and trees, and the desert. As a poet once said, "Only God can make a tree." How true! God is great.

As we drove from state to state, we finally came to California the same week we started. Yes, the earth was beautiful and the trees, but how great it was to meet with our brothers and sisters of California! We met brothers and sisters that we had not seen for twenty years, and they are still serving the same God we are serving. They treated us like we were of a royal family. May God bless them for their kindness and hospitality.

On Saturday we gathered at the church at Bell, California, and God surely blessed us; and on Sunday God made our cup to run over. Brothers and sisters, it was like a revival meeting. There was the Spirit of Baptism. Six young people asked to have their sins washed away, and before the day was over three more asked for baptism.

That day we were to have one meeting, but God had other plans. We went back to the church at Bell and confirmed our new brothers and sisters, and also had the Lord's Supper served to everyone; and oh, how God blessed us: we had the gift of tongues, and interpretation of tongues.

Oh brothers and sisters, to re-live that reunion again! That blessing stayed with us until we came home. How I wish that all the saints could have been there. Well, that meeting lasted until about five o'clock. It just seemed we could not separate one from another. God surely blessed us a hundred fold.

May God bless you in California; also all the Saints of God in other places.

Your Sister in Christ.

Rose N. Nalevanko

BITNER, PA. NEWS

A mother, Mrs. Arlene Lazure, and her daughter, Jackie Lazure, were baptized by Brother Tony DiBattista on August 1, 1963. They were then confirmed by Brothers Tony DiBattista, Oren Thomas and Elmer Lazure at the home of Brother and Sister John and Ethel Boone in Star Junction, Pa.

About twelve brothers, sisters and friends were present. They washed feet and gave sacrament to the new Sisters-in-Christ and to Brother and Sister Boone.

Sister Arlene Lazure, who is the daughter of Sister Ada Hawk of Vanderbilt, Pa., was sick and expecting to enter the hospital for an operation. Sister Ethel Boone was also sick and was anointed at the meeting.

God blessed the entire service. It was a meeting to remember. Almost everyone gave testimony for God, telling how He has blessed and healed them.

Why did everyone present rejoice? Why did the angels in Heaven rejoice? Because two sinners had left this world of sin and came to Jesus. May God bless, strengthen and keep them all their lives.

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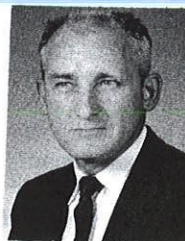
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Editorial Viewpoint

by George A. Neill

Most Churches (I do not know of any exceptions) observe the sacrament of Holy Communion. Some serve the Lord's Supper once a month while others serve it quarterly and perhaps at various other times. This is true of some Latter Day Saint Churches also. We have often been approached as to why we, as a Church, serve communion each Sunday. I do not recall anything written in any of our literature on this question; neither have I read or heard anyone else's views concerning this matter. I know of no official answer to this question. I quote from Acts, chapter 20, verse 7, "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread," or to celebrate the Lord's Supper; this indicates to me that breaking of bread on the first day of the week became a part of their service, and also a routine occurrence.

In this land we are all familiar with the Jewish Sabbath being observed on the seventh day of the week, or Saturday. We are sometimes asked why it was changed. The change in the Sabbath Day (after the Resurrection) by the New Testament Church is of significance. The early Church came from the Jews and they always celebrated the seventh day as their day of rest. In the Acts of the Apostles we find the early Christian Church assembling on the first day of the week. To change a holy day that had been celebrated for centuries, and had become a custom as well, would seemingly be quite difficult to accomplish. However, this change seems to have taken place by no expressed decree but by consent of all, and is still a universal observance.

Something extraordinary must have occurred to lead to such a change. Let us consider the following incidents: It was on the first day of the week that the followers of Jesus made that sublime discovery that the tomb was empty. It was on the first day of the week that the voice of an angel was heard to say, "Fear not, He is not here! He is risen! Come see the place where the Lord lay." It is my opinion that Jesus appeared five times on the day of His resurrection which was the first day of the week. The first time was to Mary in the Garden. He then appeared to the other women and it was on this occasion He greeted them with the words, "All Hail." His third appearance was to Peter. The details of this appearance are wholly unknown; perhaps they may have been too personal to have been revealed. See Luke, chapter 24, verse 34 and I Cor., chapter 15, verse 5. He appeared again to the two disciples as they walked the Emmaus road, and His fifth appearance was to the ten disciples who were sitting together at evening with doors and windows closed for fear of the Jews.

It is undoubtedly because of these incidences that took place on the first day of the week that the Sabbath, or Holy Day, was changed by the early Church. Often Sunday is referred to as the 'Lord's Day'. This expression first appears in Revelations, chapter 1, verse 10, when John says, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day."

Another question that is raised frequently concerns our practice of 'closed communion'. We believe in this because we are an authoritative church. As a church we teach that an apostasy took place which brought about the loss of priesthood authority, thus bringing about the period referred to commonly as the 'dark ages'. Hence a restoration was necessary, for without a restoration there would be no church on earth to minister with authority the ordinances of the Gospel such as baptism and laying on of hands. Communion, then, is only administered to those who have made a covenant through baptism and confirmation, authoritatively speaking, and are members of Christ's Restored Church.

Partaking of the communion is an acknowledgment, and also a pledge, of our continued adherence to that covenant, and a promise to remember the Lord's death till He comes. Anyone, therefore, who has not made such a covenant through

this authorized ministry has no right to share in this ordinance which is done in remembrance of that covenant.

We might further add that no one who has made a covenant under this authority has any right to partake of communion administered under any other authority; to do so would be to deny the very authority that we claim exists in our Church and to recognize the authority of others as valid. If valid authority exists elsewhere, then restoration falls to the ground, and we become just another denomination in the world-wide church of Christianity.

HOW I FOUND THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

A young brother in the Gospel came to our home one day,

We talked about the Bible and the Church of today.
I thought this matter over and with that tender touch,
I thought about the things he said and liked it very much.

He said something that touched my heart,
Then I thought Lord, I'll do my part.
So I entered a room and I knelt to pray,
O Lord, please show me the true Church of today.

Then one night I visited The Church of Jesus Christ;
The Church was just perfect and the people so nice.
When I entered the Church my heart began to knock;
I thought, Lord, what's in this Church that ours hasn't got?

The next time I went, my heart knocked even more;
Then I realized that it was God, knocking at my door.
I prayed and I prayed, Oh Lord, hear my plea;
He gave me salvation which was precious indeed.

One night while sleeping God gave me a dream;
I was in the prettiest place I have ever seen.
Everything was perfect there in that land;
Then I knew that it wasn't made by hand.
It was on a Sunday; I prayed and I prayed,
Until God came in and took my burdens away.
As I went to the water to be baptized
While the brothers there were cutting the ice.

I looked to the Heavens and thanked God above
For calling me into the true Church of Love.
I promised God that day I'd serve Him till I die,
So every time I call on Him, He hears my humble cry.
I thank you, God, for answering my prayer,
I ask you to keep us safe in your care.
Now, God, watch over your children today,
Oh help us, Lord, never to go astray.

Sister Flossie Chambers
Detroit Branch # 1

LEST WE FORGET

My mind has been drawn to many thoughts since
the passing away of our beloved Brother and Leader
William H. Cadman.

I trust that a few lines will revive things that
are dear and precious to us as a church and people.

Many may express the thought that since Brother
Cadman has passed away his era is gone — it is fin-

ished and we seek and wait for another. The thought that his era is gone should be farthest from our minds. His life is gone, but we praise God for the foundation he laid and the pattern he followed. If anything should be alive, more than ever it should be the desire within us to carry on where he left off, for he would want it this way. We could not find words enough to honor and praise him, as I see by the many wonderful articles written about him before and after his death. If we were given the opportunity to have him with us again, I am sure we would accept him as our Leader because of the many wonderful traits that he possessed. His guidance as a Father, his humbleness and meekness as a servant of Christ, his desire to preach the Gospel to the children of men, his taking time to listen to our problems, his anxiety for the seed of Joseph and the wonderful consistency in his work in the Gospel by always placing the Church first in his life. These are but a few of the many wonderful qualities that he possessed and I'm sure that our Father in Heaven granted these unto him for a guide unto His church and people. Lest we forget we must not lose sight of this remarkable pattern left for us to follow.

In the history of the Church, our Lord has given us wonderful leaders such as Brothers Bickerton, Cadman Sr., Cherry and William H. Cadman. These men knew and understood the task that was before The Church of Jesus Christ. They knew that only the SPIRIT OF THE RESTORATION could bring about this great work. How they labored diligently in their efforts so that the Gospel would remain pure and unadulterated. How they realized that only the pure Gospel with the spirit of a nursing mother and father would go to the seed of Joseph. Praise God for the faith of our fathers. Yes—

Faith of our Fathers living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
When'er we hear that glorious word.

Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

This was a realization that was vivid in their hearts and souls. They could not be swayed by the spirit of Protestantism, or any other 'ism', but were firm in the Faith and Doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ, the same doctrine that was given by the Angel that flew through the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel.

Lest we forget the many wonderful pillars in the church let us remember their many sound teachings and their strong faith and true counsel. Names such as Brothers Charles Ashton, Nephi Federer, Joseph Corrado, Ishmael D'Amico, Joseph Dulisse, Isaac Smith, John K. Penn, and many others cannot be erased by time because the fruit of their labors were performed in the spirit of the RESTORATION. Yes, many times they confounded the wise and prudent. Their words pierced the hearts and souls of sinners and made the saints rejoice. It was not the knowledge and wisdom of the world that brought about this wonderful work, but the simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When Jesus prayed, He thanked His Father in heaven for

hiding these things from the wise and prudent and revealing them unto babes. How true are the words of Paul, when he tells us in his writings to the Corinthian Brothers and Sisters, (1st, Corinthians 3:19) that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

Surely our prayers are in behalf of him who shall be the Joshua unto the Church to continue on where Brother Cadman left off. We read in God's Holy Word that Joshua was very close to Moses as his minister and surely the Lord was preparing Joshua for the great work which Moses had started. Joshua did not deviate from the teachings of Moses, but carried on from the counsel he received by the mouth of Moses. I trust that the "faith of our Fathers" shall possess the mind and soul of him whom God will bless with this great responsibility. Age is no barrier with God, for Moses was eighty years of age when he led the children of Israel. Brother Cadman in his seventy-seventh year brought the Gospel to Africa.

I am reminded of an experience Brother Cadman had shortly before he became ill. In this experience, he witnessed a great struggle. After the struggle, he found great comfort as he heard the voices of many in the ministry blending into the voice of his first Counselor. Does this not mean to us that he rejoiced realizing that the voice of his first Counselor represented the faith of our Fathers, standing by him, showing unto him that it was not dead but yet much alive?

May our hearts and souls be enriched with God's Holy Spirit to always be encircled in the spirit of the Restoration. Yes, we want to ever sing with the poet—"The Spirit of God, like a fire is burning, the latter day glory begins to shine forth!" Lest we forget—The Angel did fly through the midst of Heaven—Joseph must return—ZION will be established only in the SPIRIT of the RESTORATION and the FAITH OF OUR FATHERS.

Brother Frank Calabrese
Lorain, Ohio

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BLESSINGS IN CALIFORNIA

I feel the desire to write a few lines to let the Brothers and Sisters know of some of the blessings of God in our part of the church.

We have been enjoying the spirit in the preaching and in meeting together. We have Brothers and Sisters who have been blessed by God beyond words; such as Sister Mary Lovalvo, who was miraculously healed of cancer and Brother William Lotgering who was an invalid in the hospital suffering from a bad

heart condition. After suffering for a period of six months a tumor was discovered on his lung and the lower left lobe was removed. They told him he would not be able to work for a year, however, he was able to work shortly after his return home, and has been working ever since. I am sure that all of you have read the experience of Brother and Sister Ciarrola's little daughter Chyrl. Whenever we look at her, we know that it's because of God's goodness that she is alive and can see.

Recently while we were gathered at the church, little Lorie Cirrochi's finger was accidentally closed in one of the church doors and she was taken to the hospital. As we sat in the afternoon testimony service we felt a sorrow in our hearts for Lorie. During the meeting a sister related a dream that she had that week and felt that the evil one was trying to discourage us. Instead of the sorrow felt previously, we entered into a spirit of praise and trust in God and the evil spirit was destroyed. We had fasting and prayer that her finger would be healed and since have learned that it will be fine. We praise God, for these experiences cause us great sorrow when they happen, but in looking back, each one caused us to be united in one mind and with one accord in the end.

This past week we had Brother Dan Picuito and his family with us and enjoyed the preaching and also seeing his pictures of the seed of Joseph.

There are many things that could be written, but I do not wish to take up all the space. We are happy to be in the service of the King and send our love to all.

Sister June Jones
Branch Editor
Northridge, Calif.

A LETTER OF THANKFULNESS

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With this testimony, I would like you all to know that I am so thankful to God for my complete mental recovery.

After much suffering the Lord has had mercy on me. While I haven't enough strength to attend services regularly to worship and glorify our Lord in Church as yet, I am grateful to Him for the great miracle bestowed upon me.

While I was ill, the Lord had mercy on me, since I didn't know anything nor anyone. I was in the hospital in California and my beloved companion brought me back to Detroit in hopes my mind would come back being in familiar surroundings and among my loved ones. At that time my mind felt so dark and when I remember I cry and thank God for what he did for me, in restoring my mind.

When I had been at home for two weeks my husband was inspired to call the Church and ask that the Sacrament be administered to us. Brothers Domenic Moraco and Domenic Thomas were asked to comply with our wishes and when they had administered to us I asked if they would please pray to the Lord to make me feel better mentally. When they had completed their prayer it seemed only a matter of seconds and my mind became clear and I really recognized my beloved companion for the first time since my illness.

Everyone cried for joy for the clearness of my mind was an evidence of God's reward of faith.

Please pray for me that I may remain that way and I will do likewise for all my brothers and sisters. I hope and pray that our dear Father in heaven will answer the prayers for others who are afflicted as He did me.

This is my testimony, respectfully submitted.

Katherine Aquilino
Detroit, Michigan

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY AT ALLEN PARK, MICHIGAN

After a long, anxious wait we are happy to inform you that Detroit Branch No. 2 held their ground-breaking ceremony Wednesday evening, July 10, 1963. We were fortunate to have Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the Michigan-Canadian District, with us. He broke ground and offered prayer at the site, invoking God's blessings for an increase. A few selections were sung and a good spirit prevailed throughout the evening.

We thank God for our young people in the branch, and some from the other branches, who will give us a helping hand in whatever there is to be done. May God bless this church building as He did the temple of Solomon that it may be a beacon light unto all who will look upon it.

The plot of ground is almost an acre, and is located in Allen Park, Michigan. It is most appropriate for a lovely church building. Our desire is that many will take part in this glorious Gospel and carry it through until this world is won for Christ.

Sister Anna Carlini
Branch Editor

BROTHER FRANK ROSATI, EVANGELIST PASSES ON

Brother Frank Rosati passed away on July 4, 1963 after thirty-three years in the church. He would have been eight-four years old August 2, 1963. He was baptized July 4, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan, Branch # 1, ordained an elder January 17, 1932 and on July 20, 1941 was ordained an evangelist.

Brother Frank left the city of Rochester with a determination never to return because of family misunderstandings. He went to Detroit and met brothers Anthony Pietrangelo and Mario Francione. They gave him their testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ which he accepted and it brought great joy to his heart.

One midnight he knelt down to pray and remembered his sister and other relatives he had left in Rochester. How wonderful it would be if he came back and brought the gospel to them. As he prayed he felt the Spirit of the Holy Ghost fall upon him and felt greatly blessed. His desire to come to Rochester increased immensely. Upon his return to Rochester, brother and sister Castronovo and brother and sister Simone accepted the gospel and desired to be baptized. Thus he sent for brother Ishmael D'Amico and the first four converts were baptized November 15, 1931 and The Church of Jesus Christ was established in Rochester, New York.

The seed of the gospel took root in brother Frank's

heart for he wanted to go out and preach the gospel. Later missions were started in Lockport, New York and Tuscarora Reservation. He was a devoted man, loved by all who knew him. Having no children he loved all as dear children in Christ Jesus.

On February 19, 1962 he was admitted to Municipal Hospital and later at Monroe County Infirmary where he spent approximately seventeen months. Until his condition became critical he would walk in the ward and help feed other disabled patients. He would also comfort them and give them words of cheer. Until he passed away he showed he lived a good Christian life through his deeds. His memory of love and good works will never be forgotten and will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

He is survived by one sister, Sister Angelina Castronovo, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held July 8, 1963. Robert Marinetti played a few of brother Frank's favorite selections. Among them "Abide with Me", "He'll Understand and Say Well Done", and "Beyond the Sunset."

Brother Anthony Pietrangelo officiated at the funeral and burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery.

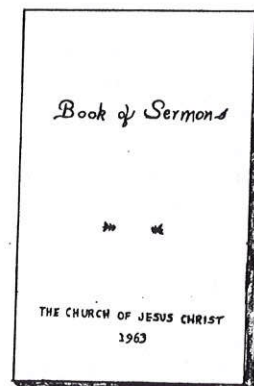
Sister Carmella D'Amico

DAMORE - LOWENTHAL

Sister June Damore, daughter of Brother Joe and Sister Dorothy Damore of Youngstown, Ohio, was united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, to Mr. Ludwig Lowenthal of New York on June 15th. Brother A. A. Corrado officiated and an open reception followed at the bride's home.

The young people are living in the Bronx, New York and are attending the Bronx Mission. Our very best wishes to Sister June and her husband, and may God's Blessing abide with them.

Sam Costarella



One of the most recent publications by the Church is the **Book of Sermons**. This book is proving very popular among the Saints and is in increasing demand. It contains a collection of thirty-three sermons which have been delivered over the radio by various members of the priesthood of The Church of Jesus Christ. Included are sermons on many subjects by eleven of our ministers who have presented their views and interpretations as inspired. These sermons will surely be a source of inspiration and spiritual guidance to all who read them.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Leviticus 19:18.

Dear Girls and Boys,

How many have learned the books of the Old Testament up to Ezra? I knew you could do it. This time let us start there, take the next three and then the five books of poetry, Job, The Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and The Song of Solomon.

I want to tell you a story that Jesus told a lawyer when he asked, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied with another question as He often did, "What is written in the law?" The lawyer answered "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus told him he had answered right and if he should do this, he should live. The lawyer asked another question, "Who is my neighbor?" He probably thought neighbor meant his fellow Jews who loved him. Jesus told him this story to show that a neighbor is not just someone who loves us, or the folk next door but anyone who needs our help.

This is the story: A certain man was traveling a lonely dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. Now this road was through a mountainous country and dangerous to travel because it was infested with robbers. The poor man was robbed and beaten by these thieves and left lying by the roadside, half dead.

Soon a priest came along. He should have shown some pity toward the poor man but he didn't. He passed by on the other side of the road without helping. Next a Levite came by. Now a Levite is a descendant of Levi, one of the sons of Jacob. The Levites were instructed by the Lord to give all their time to the Lord's work. But he was just like the priest, he passed by on the other side.

Finally another traveler came by. He was a Samaritan, one of the people the Jews hated. When he saw the poor helpless man, he went to him and poured oil and wine on his wounds and bound them up. He was moved with pity. He helped the man up on his own beast and walked beside him until he came to an inn. He cared for him until morning. He had to go on his way but before he left he gave the innkeeper two pence saying, "Take care of him and if you have to spend more than this, I will repay you when I come back."

Then turning to the lawyer, Jesus asked, "Now which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell among the thieves?" The lawyer replied, "He who showed mercy to him." Jesus said, "Go and do thou likewise."

So our neighbor is not just the people next door or down the road but people all over the world. Jesus taught us that we should be kind to all of our Heavenly Father's children. Aren't you glad the Gospel of

Jesus Christ takes everyone in? No one, regardless of race or nationality is left out in our church.

Search The Scriptures

Use I Corinthians chapter 13 and fill the blanks. Charity means love.

1. Love has p_____ and is k_____.
2. Love is not j_____.
3. Love is not v_____.
4. Love thinks no e_____.
5. Love never f_____.

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Here are names of other children who would like to correspond with boys and girls who read The Children's Corner;

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Sincerely,
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THE BOOK OF MORMON Evidence of its Divinity (Continued from Last Issue)

By Thurman S. Furnier

Ezekiel, in chapter 37, tells us that God was going to do a great work in bringing out this very record (The Book of Mormon). Beginning at the 15th verse to the 22nd verse "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel, his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all."

... Here you discover that God shows the prophet that he is to take two sticks and write upon them.

Naturally the people will say, "Well, what do you mean by writing on these sticks, Ezekiel?" And when they ask in this regard, "Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand." After these are joined together, He declares, by their power and force, He will gather Israel to their promised land. Now, this is one of the things by which the Jews are going to be convinced that Jesus is the Christ. It is by the putting of these two sticks together—the testimony of Judah and the testimony of Joseph—that in the mouth of two or three witnesses the word of God may be established.

Now, what is this stick? A certain man tells the following: When I was in the city of Chicago, I went up to the Jewish synagogue and watched the Jewish Rabbi come out from the pavilion and walk up to the sacred altar. Behind him followed two men bearing the holy stick of the law on silver instruments, for they were not worthy to touch it with their hands. They laid that law before the Rabbi and it was called a stick wound up on two sticks. He would unroll until he found just what he wanted; this he called the stick of Judah and the Bible says it was the stick of Judah. Now, Judah was to hold the scepter and be a lawgiver until Shiloh come, then shall they be gathered home. See Genesis 49: 10, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Now, where is the stick of Joseph? We have followed Joseph's posterity to this land. We have followed Ephraim and Manasseh to a land shadowing with wings. We have followed him to a land that was beyond the sea of Jazer; in other words, to the land of America. Now, where is his stick? Where is the law that is to be joined with the law of Judah, and the two witnesses which are to go together to bring Israel home in the latter times? We remark, it is The Book of Mormon. Says one; "It does seem kind of strange, but then, the story that Joseph Smith got the book out of the ground, and all that, I can't believe that." I am going to give you some reason for believing it.

Turn with me, to the 29th. chapter of Isaiah, and we will read some there. We will briefly note it. We find that God, in speaking says: verses 1, 2, "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! (that is Jerusalem) add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel." What shall be unto God as Ariel? Why, the other parts of Israel who have wandered away. He declares that they shall go into apostasy, that they shall be brought down. He is to raise forts against them. See verses 3. Now, note this 4th. verse; It is wonderfully strange: "And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be,

as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust." Four times in the 4th. verse do we find that the people are to speak out of the ground and whisper out of the dust. What is spoken from the ground and whispered from the dust hath a familiar spirit. How do nations speak out of the ground? How could they? The only way, we reply, is that they would bury their history and it would be exhumed in other times. By this they would speak. Their history was to be deposited in the earth was to come forth and speak out of the ground and it would be "as of one that hath a familiar spirit."

Now, there are two forms of objections urged against The Book of Mormon in this regard. Some do not like The Book of Mormon because it is not good grammar, (so they say.) Some say that it is all stolen from the Bible. "You read The Book of Mormon and it teaches the very same doctrine that the Bible does. Well, that is what it does. It will have a familiar spirit and you will have heard the same truths before. Some claim that it contradicts the Bible and condemn it by reason of that. Others claim that it agrees with the Bible and say it has been copied from the Bible. You see, they will grumble anyway. Is it a thing incredible with you that God will always speak like Himself and teach one people as He taught others? The Spirit of God is to guide into all truths and when the prophets were instructing the people of God on this continent, they would teach just the same as the others did on the other continent. Therefore, why would this book not teach the doctrine that is taught in the Bible? If it taught anything else you would pronounce your anathema upon it at once. "Well, says one, it doesn't say a book." That is just what it does say. "A book to come forth out of the ground." Let us read it. Isaiah 29:11; "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book (now notice I didn't put these words in there. It is to find form in time and come to 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." Did that meet with literal fulfillment? When the messenger delivered to Joseph Smith the golden plates which contained the sealed language, the translation of which we have in The Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith transcribed a few of the hieroglyphics and sent them to Professor Anton, of New York, by Martin Harris. When Harris presented them to the Professor he told him that they were characters that were Egyptian, etc., and he says, "It is a sealed language, I cannot read it." But mark, the book itself is to be delivered to the unlearned man. He didn't say he could not read it, but he says, "I am not learned" and the whole world has been saying Amen to the statement that Joseph Smith was unlearned. That was the kind of a character that was to get the book itself and when he acknowledged with humility his ignorance in this regard, the God of heaven was then to speak and say: Vs. 13 "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people (those living in the day and age in which this book shall come forth) draw

near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:" and Vs. 14 "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."

One may say, (speaking without reverence) "Really friends this Book of Mormon is a marvelous work and a wonder." By making this statement, they do not realize they have fulfilled the words of Isaiah, which says that God would proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder when this book would come forth. And they were to draw near with their mouth and with their lips they were to honor Him in the time of the coming forth of this book. But we proceed; Vs. 17 "Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" David the Psalmist, writes in the 85th Psalm, verses 10-13, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good: and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps,"

Now, what is truth? Jesus tells us in the 17th chapter of St. John 17 Vs. "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." Then God's word is to spring out of the earth, and when it does, our land—David's home—was to yield her increase. This says that this book was to speak out of the ground and whisper out of the dust. Is it not yet a very little while after this takes place that Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field? Some have said, "Well, that book, that truth, certainly is God's word, but it refers to the New Testament, and when it came that Palestine was to be made fruitful." Don't you know that then was just the time that Palestine began to be cursed as a land? Didn't Jesus declare that because they rejected Him they would be led captive into all the world; that the land should be cursed, and that they would not see Him again until they had properly repented? Don't you know that soon after Jesus went away the Jews were cursed, robbed, plundered, murdered, and led captive in all the world; and the former and latter rains ceased to come upon that land, causing it to become a barren waste. No one lived there but the roaming Arabs and for centuries no rain fell upon that land and nothing grew, to speak of. Says one, "It cannot mean the New Testament." Now, what was to take place after the coming forth of the work that we claim is The Book of Mormon? A very little while after truth was to spring out of the earth, the land was to yield her increase. The book came forth in 1829-1830, and in 1852 the former and latter rains returned. We are informed that today that land is yielding her increase to such an extent that they have three harvests a year.

One thought more; In 1840 Rothschild, a Jew, loaned forty-four million dollars to the Turkish government and took a mortgage on mines along the Black Sea: thus opening up a highway for the Jews to re-

turn to their promised land. Out of the First World War, deliverance came to Jerusalem. It had been under the heel of murderous oppression since the Jewish captivity from 600 B.C. to 530 B.C. It had been dominated over by Babylon, Medes and Persia, Greece, and Rome. Rome made a slaughter house of it. The Caracens (the name of the Arabs or Mohammedans used in the medieval or middle ages) plundered it and laid it waste. Finally it fell into the hands of the Turks. After the First World War, Palestine was under British rule, but it took a world's war to bring it about. Lord Balfour made his famous proclamation that Palestine should be preserved for a homeland for the Jews and Israel is now a free state, gaining their independence May 6th. 1948. What is the result? The Jews are going home again. Is that so? Remember the 29th. chapter of Isaiah says, that after the land yields her increase, Vs. 22 "Jacob shall not be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale." Why? What made Jacob's face wax pale? Why was he ashamed? Jeremiah chapter 30: 7 "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be." But remember, he is to be restored to his land a little after this book comes forth, and the land is to be prepared for the reception of its owners, and in 1852, as I have remarked, the former and latter rains were restored. Here is a little jotting of history: In 1812 there were only eight hundred Jews in Palestine. In 1852 the former and latter day rains returned. In 1856 one bunch of grapes, taken from Mount Olives weighed nineteen and one-half pounds. In 1890 there were one hundred eighty thousand Jews in Palestine. An article appearing in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, September 2, 1946 reads: "There are six hundred thousand Jews in Palestine. Jewish investment in Palestine is six billion dollars, spent in the last half century. Jews own one hundred million dollars worth of land and have eighty million dollars invested in industry. Some three hundred Jewish agricultural settlements form the basis for the country's principal economy. More than one fourth of Palestine's six hundred thousand Jews till the soil, and by scientific farming produce some fifty million dollars worth of crops a year. Most of the produce from Jewish settlements goes into Tnuva, a producers marketing co-operative, which sold nearly twenty million dollars worth of dairy and fruit products alone during the 1944-1945 fiscal year. Jewish owned industry in Palestine only had seven thousand and five hundred workers and a gross output worth eight million dollars in 1930. This has increased to forty five thousand workers and a gross output worth one hundred and fifty million dollars annually. Tel Aviv is the capital of the State. This bustling city, on the Mediterranean coast, plotted in 1905 on sandy waste lands, is the home of 200,000 Palestinian Jews. The Jewish people spent three million, two hundred thousand dollars last year on four hundred eighty-three all-Jewish public schools, including technical and agricultural institutions. This speaks pretty loud, doesn't it?

This book was to come forth; in a period of time later. Jacob was not to be ashamed because he was to be permitted to return. But the former and latter rains were to return. The curse was to be removed

and the land was to become a fruitful field. This has all been fulfilled and the book has come forth. Now, Jacob's face need wax pale no longer. He need not be ashamed. The nations are being poverty stricken and the Jews are the men of money in the world today.

Soon after the introduction of The Book of Mormon these disabilities were being removed. The Gospel has been restored and will be preached to all Israel. Jeremiah says; chapter 16:16 "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." Now, will you tell me that Joseph Smith, the poor unlearned boy, born in the Green Mountains of Vermont, could build all these cities in Yucatan, Peru, etc., in order to prove that a people dwelt here who wrote this record? Will you tell me that Joseph Smith, as a man, influenced all the European nations to sign a treaty removing the disability of the Jews, permitting them to return a little while after this book comes forth? Immediately after the Crimean War, England, France, Sardinia, Russia and other nations signed a treaty to remove the disability of the Jews and permitted them to return again. Will you tell me that Joseph Smith influenced the heavens to shed forth the rain, and the earth to bring forth her fruit in order to prove that The Book of Mormon is true? That Joseph Smith has influenced the nations of the earth to favor the Jews, agreeing to permit them to return and to inhabit the waste places again, as The Book of Mormon and the Bible say they would, when the record of Joseph would come forth through the hands of Ephraim, out of the bowels of the earth? What then, shall we say? That God Almighty had his hand in this marvelous work and a wonder. Says one, "It seems so strange though, that the book would come out of the earth."

Let me read you another little thought, and see if this is strange: At Yale College, in possession of Theodore Dwight, is a stone on which is written the Ten Commandments in Hebrew of the days before Ezra. This relic was found in a stone box which was cemented and was discovered in the earth. At one time this could be seen at Yale College, we are told. This shows that the people were educated; that they understood something about the old laws. They could write on stone and their method was to hide their records in stone boxes and deposit them in the earth. Remember this was discovered in 1879, and The Book of Mormon story was told in 1827-1830. In 1943 Mr. Wiley and some others were digging a well on this continent, in Pike County, Illinois, and discovered six brass plates with four lines of characters or hieroglyphics on each plate. These were in the ground about thirteen feet below the surface. This was thirteen years after The Book of Mormon was in print. Here are evidences that we cannot get over.

Now, how did Joseph Smith come into possession of this information? He informs us that a messenger from God revealed to him that the time had come for the Gospel to be restored in all its splendor and power and purity. For the benefit of the people, he was to receive the book that was then deposited in the earth. The Book would throw light upon many

things and that would better prepare them to evangelize the people. Says one, "Is there anything in the Bible about a messenger or angel coming in this day?" Yes, there is, the 14th. chapter of Revelation verses 6, 7 "And I saw 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, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." The New Testament is very specific on the statement that "at the eleventh hour," "just before the end of the world," "at the harvest time," "in the hour of God's judgment" that the gospel would be restored again. The authority would be recommitted to the sons of men, and that the pure gospel, as taught by Jesus Christ, would again be presented for the consideration of the world. And when we come to consider the doctrine as taught in this work, the facts which are revealed in this wonderful work, we find that it contradicts nowhere a single truth presented in all the Bible. Therefore, we present for your consideration this wonderful work, this marvelous work, this strange work, that comes as a witness with the Bible, to convince the Jew and the Gentile that Jesus is the Christ.

Here is my testimony, relative to The Book of Mormon: Shortly after obeying the Gospel. When The Book of Mormon was presented to me, I did not know what it was, but supposed it to be a Bible story or something of the kind. I was then reading the New Testament, which I was much interested in, and made the remarks to my wife (for The Book of Mormon was left with her, and it was she who presented it to me) that I had no time for other books at the present. I read the New Testament through twice, to satisfy myself of the things I was hearing preached from time to time by our Elders. After finishing reading the New Testament the second time, I inquired of my wife; "Where is that book that the church has and believes in? She told me it was on the side-board (buffet) in the dining room. I took it to work with me, and started to read it in my spare time at the office. Shortly after I was told that it had been revealed to a man by the name of Joseph Smith, by an angel of the Lord. I became very sincere, because I was afraid of being led away by false spirits. I went to a hill across the Monongahela River from West Brownsville Junction, (crossing over the rail-road bridge, for I was at the time employed at W. J. tower as a telegrapher, for the Pennsylvania R.R. Co.), and knelt down and petitioned the Lord to direct me. I knew that I had done God's will thus far, but I was afraid to trust in the arm of flesh. By some of my brothers and sisters telling me an angel gave this book to Joseph Smith, did not satisfy me. I made it plain in my prayer to God, that I was afraid of being led away by false spirits, and also asked him to manifest himself to me, relative to the truthfulness of the book. Several days passed. I continued to read and went as usual to the hill before mentioned, praying sincerely for God to reveal himself to me. By reading more of the book, I was caused to have so much joy, that

the power of God came down on me from time to time and I would tell the Train Dispatcher and others what wonderful truths I had found. I suppose they thought me out of my mind, or mad, or had become a fanatic over religion. I recognized the Spirit of God that was being revealed to me as the same Spirit that I had received when the Spirit of repentance was given me, and after by baptism, and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. One day I turned to the back of the book, and I read the 10th. chapter of Moroni. In this chapter I found that God would manifest the truth of the things written in The Book of Mormon by the gift of the Holy Ghost, if asked of the truthfulness of them in the name of Jesus Christ. I will quote from the above mentioned chapter, verses 4, 5 "And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things." This satisfied me and I can testify that God, by His Holy Spirit has revealed to me the truthfulness of The Book of Mormon. This is the word of God, and worthy of any person's investigation. Every spare moment that I had at work, when the wires were not busy, I would read the book. Within a short time I had read the book through twice. I obeyed the Gospel August 23rd. 1914, and have been a student of The Book of Mormon from that time to the present day, which is the 18th. day of June 1962. May the Lord help those that read these words to believe, have faith and obey the truth, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thurman S. Furnier
(To be Concluded)

THE HOLY SPIRIT (Continued)

"But the Comforter which is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." Now if that is true, and we believe it is, then what more do we need than the Comforter? "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do." How is He going to do it? Through the Comforter, even the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive. Why can they not receive it? Because He said unto them, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." If they will not keep His commandments, they cannot receive His spirit. He will teach us, He will lead us, and He will show us things to come. The greatest preachers this church has ever had were coal miners filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit, taught by the Spirit, blessed by the Spirit, and comforted by the Spirit. "Whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." The Spirit is the author of the holy Scriptures. For prophesy came not in old time by the will of men, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. True, men were the writers, but they wrote by the Holy Spirit. Paul says all scriptures are given by inspiration of God, not in words of man's wisdom, but in words

taught them by the Holy Spirit. That is the reason there are many things in the Bible that are beyond human understanding, with mysteries too great for the finite mind to understand—such teachings as the new birth, a personal God, the resurrection of the dead, the indwelling of the new man, the conception and birth of Christ.

If God made man, is it too hard to believe that the Spirit can do all things? Ezekiel 36, 27—"And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes." Romans 8, 9—"But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. The word of God is so profound in its teaching, it goes beyond the depths of human reasoning. True, many of the teachings are simple and so easily understood that even a way-faring man need not err therein. Yet he says eye has not seen nor ear heard the wonderful things God has prepared for them that love Him. But God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit.

The sin against the Spirit — Matthew 12, 31 — "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven." That is to deny the Holy Ghost when once we have received it. Men might leave the Church, but there is forgiveness for such if they do not deny the Holy Ghost. John, writing on that matter says, "Little children, I write unto you that ye sin not; but if you do sin, we have an advocate with Jesus Christ the righteous." Christ said to the woman, "Neither do I condemn thee. Go and sin no more." Everywhere in the scripture is the claim set up that the Holy Ghost is the author.

Let us note the following on this point. "And when the Jews (in Rome) agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers—(See Acts 28, 25.). Also Acts 1, 16—"Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus." Hebrews 3, 7 — "Wherefore as the Holy Ghost sayeth, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 10, 15—"Whereof the Holy Ghost also is witness to us." II Samuel 23, 2—"The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue." This proves that the Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible. Men were moved to write as they were inspired. When Paul said all scripture, he was saying the entire Old Testament was made up of inspired writings and was profitable for doctrine, and for instruction in righteousness. But the apostle spoke not only of the Old Testament, but of his own writings and the writings of the other apostles.

I want to add a note thanking my brothers and sisters who have been so kind to me both naturally and spiritually. May God bless every one of you. I hope I have been a blessing to you. I am writing this letter from Brother Dan Cassasantta's home.

Your brother in Christ,
James Heaps

A VISIT TO KENTUCKY

We, of the Imperial Branch, are enjoying good health and the blessings of God. On July 9, 1963 Brother Jim and I went to visit our two sheep who were baptized in Kentucky several years ago. Two others have passed on to their reward at the ages of eighty-one and eighty-six.

We found our two members both strong in the spirit because they read the word of God continually. We had feet-washing and served sacrament. The next day Brother Jim's sister-in-law, who has heard the word of God from us for several years, asked for her baptism. She is blind and has been bedfast for three years from a stroke. She asked if it were possible to baptize her in the condition she is in; Brother Jim said yes, even if he had to carry her into the water. We prepared her, and with the aid of Jim and his nephew she walked to the car. We then drove seventeen miles to water and she walked a good ways from the car into the water with the help of being held by both arms. She was so happy as she came forth out of the water, and she said "I've made it, thank God."

We enjoyed good fellowship and a good, humble spirit among our three sheep. We also spoke to others everywhere we went. We've had many tell us, "We believe everything you tell us except The Book of Mormon." So we tell them about the restoration of the Gospel and hope for God to give the increase.

We found much unrest and dissatisfaction among many with their Church's doctrines; we praise God for our Church because the doctrine is pure and unadulterated. It has withstood the test of the ages; it is the 'Pearl of great price,' the 'Ark of safety'. It is the 'power of God unto salvation'. I often think of our hymn, No. 177, "Our Church", which reads:

Oh, God, our Church a beacon light,
Still stands thro' all the storm and night;
To be our guide on life's wild sea,
Bringing us safely back to Thee.
Help us to keep our hand in Thine;
Lead us in paths of truth divine;
Reign in our hearts, O God of Love,
That we may join Thy Church above.

Sister Eva Moore

LETTERS

Dear Brother Editor:

I would like to thank God for the wonderful meetings we have had here at Monongahela. In our Sunday evening M.B.A. meetings, we have started the study of the Book of Mormon with Brother James Grazan as our teacher. We have been very much blessed with the enthusiasm the young people here have shown. Many visitors from surrounding branches have blessed us with their presence and their thoughts which have left an impression on our minds of the greatness of God.

This last Sunday, August 11th., we had a large turnout to bid farewell to our beloved Brother and Sister Christman and family who have taken up God's work in South Dakota among the Indian people. This has brought a wonderful blessing in our branch and has stirred up a missionary thought in the minds of our young people. We here in Monongahela feel that this is only the beginning of a marvelous future for the Saints to look forward to. We pray God's blessing be with Pat and Dick in their work. May His light shine upon more of the brothers and sisters that they may go out in God's vineyard and preach this wonderful Gospel. The Saints are proud of our Brother and Sister Christman. Many of our young people spent wonderful evenings in their home talking over the goodness of God. Their parents must surely be proud to know they have raised their son and daughter in the Church from babyhood up, and to now see them go forth on Missionary work for the Church they have grown to love. Today we feel "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning, the latter day glory begins to come forth". In the future there will be many willing to leave their loved ones to tell others of the love of God.

Since my husband has been baptized, we have surely been blessed. Our prayer is that God will watch over our lives and guide us.

May this thought be in the minds of all the Saints throughout the Church: "I ought to do something for Jesus for He has done so much for me".

May God bless each of you.

Sister Marilyn Vancik Collins

ALIQUIPPA, PA. BRANCH NEWS ROSS-CHRISTMAN DEPARTURE

Brother and Sister John Ross, Jr. and their two children, Pamela and Rhonda, departed on August 12th, together with Brother and Sister Dick Christman and their family, for their new homes in South Dakota. Both brothers have accepted school teaching jobs offered by the government on Indian reservations. Brother Ross is on the Pine Ridge reservation and Brother Christman is on the Eagle Butte reservation.

Their primary hope is to be of some help to the Seed of Joseph, better known as the Indian people. Brother Christman will be able to move about and work in his spare time exercising his office as an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ, and Brother Ross will be able to assist him in many ways.

Brother Joseph Ross and his wife and son, who drove the large moving truck for the Ross and Christman families, reported upon his return home that the government has provided well for their comfort and they have nice homes, grounds and schools.

We know they will experience loneliness being away from their loved ones, but we trust that God will provide. May God's rich blessing be upon these two brothers and their families.

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FIRST NATIONAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humble to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both houses of Congress have, by their joint Committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceable to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now, therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in tendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation; for the single and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors, which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And, also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good governments, peace and record; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increasing of science, among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York, the third day of October, 1789.

—George Washington.

NATURE AS A MAN SEES IT

By James T. Grazen
Assistant Editor

In the autumn of the year I marvel at the many wonderful things which transpire before my eyes to unfold stories yet untold and conceived within the

limits of understanding.

With the beginning of a life, or a year, or a day, all things are reproductively new, born to face a challenge of existence; then to strive to grow tall and straight, to be erect and alert, to comprehend and understand all of life's fullness. Thus it is with all forms of life, whether it be man, beast, or nature itself.

To witness the birth, progress, and destiny of a man is to witness life in its various extremes—love and hate, ambition and indolence, intelligence and ignorance, beauty and ugliness, weakness and strength, ability or inability, heroism or cowardice. But with understanding or misunderstanding, somehow we manage to exist in whatever capacity our intelligence permits us to maintain.

I feel it is a phenomenon that a single leaf, released and freed from the bindings of its mother tree in the closing of the year, creates a brief but indelible story of its own. It may be clothed in the fascinating splended color of autumn, and float gracefully to earth to rest and look up at the awesome wonder of the tree itself; and await the covering warmth of the snow. Or it may be fascinatingly released and set free into a mountain brook to be carried into new worlds of existence far beyond comprehension and create many thrills and stories to be observed, contained, and relived with the eloquency of speech.

Or it may fortunately be able to ride quietly upon the surface of the cooling stream and gaze upon nature in its fullness. It may look at mountains rising high, or tall trees ever looking upward to reach the heavens; or may watch the majesty of billowy clouds as they form and display their beauty created by the unseen hand of the wind, never to formulate the same scene again; or may eventually terminate into a beautifully placid mountain lake and await the coming of death by winter.

Perhaps it could be that a leaf might find its way into a side stream harbor, floating, circling about, forever being cheated and deprived of further life by some strange fateful twist. Or might a leaf be caught into the dreadful interior of devilish undertow to be dragged down into the depth, drowned and dashed to pieces against unseen objects which possess the stream's uncertain void? Could a leaf's journey be too swift, thus depriving it of a full life by catching only glimpses of what others appreciate by study? Or could it be too slow, causing anxiety in the knowledge that the time is as a brief display, then removed?

Is it possible that nature also strives as we, realizing that all that has a beginning also has an end? Do we realize and understand that all things endeavor to obtain much from their brief passing in the great journey of life. Could it also be that all creation awaits the beauty of the placid, still lake and winter's death? And may it also be that not all who strive for this completion are privileged to witness the glorious end?

Wait!—I see a leaf, a single leaf upon the mouth of the stream, much worn and almost in shreds. Surely it has had a long hard journey, but erect and float-

ing well, it enters the treasured lake.

Who could it be?—Me?—

CONCEPTS OF GOD

By James Curry

I know a man, who, as a boy, gave promise of developing into a better than average musician. His zeal to develop his talent won him a scholarship, which would have necessitated his taking residence in a distant city. The boy's father, a shiftless fellow who was indifferent to the provisional and cultural needs of his children, forbade the boy, saying: "We need you at home." The boy was needed at home because he was gainfully employed, which gave the selfish father a certain sense of security.

This was the crucial episode of the boy's life. The father image, which had been growing in his mind and heart since babyhood, was suddenly shattered. Sick with disillusionment and frustration, he revised the role of fatherhood downward until he became, of all things, an atheist. Because he had lost all confidence in his earthly father, he could not believe in the Fatherhood of God. His concept of God had fallen to a frigid zero.

About ninety percent of the father image in the mind and heart of man is acquired during the formative years of childhood. The boy of our story created out of his home environment a mental and emotional picture of a lazy, improvident and, therefore, useless God. Away with Him, He profits me nothing; The children of dictatorial parents likewise create in their children a mental and emotional picture of a stern, demanding, domineering God. Away with Him, He is too overbearing! When such children attempt to convey to others what God is like, they too often only succeed in revealing the natures of their earthly fathers. It is a tragedy of our times which must one day be rectified.

There are as many different God ideas as there are cultures on earth. A Chinaman could not, for example, create out of his environment the same God idea that exists in the minds of free Americans. His idea of God would be a strange mixture of Chinese paganism and a distorted interpretation of Jewish morality. If we were fortunate enough to be able to travel and study the various cultures which exist among men, we should be struck by the relative poverty and backwardness of those nations which cling to a poor or false concept of God, as compared to the prosperity and creative genius of those nations which cling to a higher God ideal. The poverty, ignorance and superstition prevalent in Rome-ruled lands is an example of the one, while the remarkable achievements and prosperity of the Protestant nations is an example of the other. If the half-light of Protestantism, with its higher concept of God, could produce the miracle known as the United States of America, what do we suppose The Church of Jesus Christ will produce when, in the full blaze of Restoration, "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea"? It staggers the imagination to visualize, however dimly, the heights to which mankind shall ascend in that age of golden days.

The lofty heights to which The Church of Jesus

Christ shall ascend in these last days is referred to by the Prophets as "The Mountains of Israel"; so named because the inhabitants of Zion shall search out and conform to a higher concept of Israel's God.

Time was when, in the dim and shadowy dispensations of the past, mankind's concept of God had, like that of the boy in our story, fallen to absolute Zero.

(To be continued.)

G. M. B. A. NOTICE

The General Assembly of the Missionary Benevolent Association will convene at Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Time: November 9, 1963, at 10:00 A.M.

Place: The Church Of Jesus Christ

Sixth and Lincoln Streets

Monongahela, Pennsylvania

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Remember your contributions to the Land Purchasing Fund. It is up to the Locals to contribute if they so desire.

Requirements to attend: A good spirit.

Rewards: A blessing.

To those who cannot attend: Pray for those who do, that they may have a few days of rejoicing.

G. M. B. A. Editor

ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Semi-Annual District Conference of the Atlantic Coast District was held on September 6, 7, and 8th. There were representatives present from various parts of the Atlantic Coast as far south as Miami, Florida, and as far north as Ronkonkimo, Long Island.

The Sunday service was held in the Pine Grove Manor School Assembly at Franklin Township, New Jersey. Brother John Mancini from Erie, Pa., visiting in New Jersey, was invited to be our first speaker. He spoke of the journey of the children of Israel to the Promised Land, their experiences along the way and their final outcome in the promised land. He concluded his talk by relating some of the religious experiences and expectations of the saints in the Latter Days. Brother Ernest Shultz, Boynton Beach, Florida, followed Brother Mancini offering an invitation to all who haven't obeyed the Gospel to come unto Christ. Brother Joseph Perri, who was leaving for Binghamton, New York the following day, addressed the saints asking them to remember him in prayer. Brother Joseph bought a home in Binghamton and has moved his family there with hopes of starting a mission. There are six members located in this vicinity.

Brother Vincent Lupo of Bronx, New York was our final speaker. He spoke to the saints in the Italian Language.

Brother Frank Sirangelo, from West Palm Beach, Florida dismissed our meeting in prayer.

This conference was one of encouragement and blessing to all the saints. May the spirit of the everlasting Gospel always abide in our hearts.

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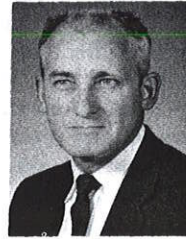
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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



George A. Neill

"Come before winter," are some of the last words Paul wrote in a letter to Timothy whom he affectionately called 'my son'. These words were written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome.

Certainly there was a great friendship existing between Paul and Timothy, the youth who was half Hebrew and half Greek. We do not know just how long Paul and Timothy had been separated or how long it had been since they saw each other, but the friendship and love that existed between them makes itself apparent when Paul writes, "Do thy diligence to come before winter"; yes, Paul wants Timothy to come and be with him. He tells him to pick up his cloak in Troas at the house of Corpus, as well as his books, and especially the parchments, and bring them with him. Paul needs his robe to keep him warm for it is beginning to get cold in Rome. The summer is gone and Paul knows if Timothy doesn't come before winter he would have to wait till spring and it would seem that Paul has had a premonition that he would not last the winter, for he says, "The time of my departure is at hand." Without a doubt Timothy did not wait a single day longer than necessary after receiving Paul's message to set out for Rome, picking up his robe and books in Troas.

You and I who live in parts of the country where we have seasons like summer and winter know full well there are things we must get done before winter or they won't get done; with many things it's 'before winter or never'. We must take advantage of the autumn season to take care of such things as outside painting, repairing roofs, installing storm windows; in other words, preparing for winter.

Autumn is a wonderful season with its cool mornings and days of sunshine, its fields strewn with the last of the wild flowers such as the goldenrod. After the first couple of frosts the trees take on their variety of colors—yellow, orange, light and dark reds intermingled with the green that still lingers. All this beauty is just for a short time, however. Autumn passes so quickly; we see the forests in all their beauty and splendor today, tomorrow it will all fade away. Tomorrow the winter winds will blow and the trees will become stripped and barren. This is a perfect parable telling us all things fade and die, even our lives. Therefore every autumn should bring home to us the thought of how precious are life's opportunities, its beauty and, above all, its brevity.

The opportunities that are open to us on this autumn day may be forever shut a year from now. The voices we hear speaking to us today may be forever silent by next November. Let us take a lesson from Paul's message in the prison at Rome, "Come before winter," and listen to those voices telling us what we should do. Come before the wintry winds strip the leaves from the trees and send them whirling over the fields. Come before snow blankets the meadows and ice forms on the brooks. Our lives can be amended and improved but not just at any old time; there are favorable seasons. Our hearts are like molten metal which can be easily molded when it is warm. Come before the heart is cold; come while the desire is there; come before life's probation period ends. There are precious and crucial moments in our lives, and if God has awakened your conscience and given you a feeling of contrition and sorrow heed Paul's message, "Come before winter."

**NEWS ITEMS FROM
OTHER PARTS OF THE VINEYARD
ALIQUIPPA, PA.**

On August 5, 1963 the Aliquippa, Pa. Branch welcomed into the fold Paul Zindrin and his mother-in-law Betty Turnow, both of whom were baptized and confirmed by Brother Domenic D'Antonio.

Brother Zindrin met the Gospel through the testimony of Brother Charles Fuller Sr. who works in the same department in the steel mill. Brother D'Antonio also works there and aided in encouraging Brother Zindrin. He became interested and spoke to his mother-in-law about the church. She had asked him to find a good church that she could attend.

Sister Turnow is from Germany and has been in this country for about three years. She is mastering the English language very well.

Brother Zindrin, his wife and two children, together with Sister Turnow, began to attend church regularly. They heeded the call of the Spirit, and they were baptized on Tuesday morning after Brother Zindrin had phoned Brother D'Antonio on the previous night regarding their intentions. May God's Spirit always be with them.

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McKEES ROCKS, PA.

On September 1, 1963 Peggy and David Ronk, who are the children of Sister Bertha Ronk, were baptized by Brother Dick Lawson. Brothers Dan Casasanta and John Manes offered prayer for their confirmation.

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WARREN, OHIO

We are very happy to report to all a new convert in our branch, Brother Jerry Giovonnone, youngest son of Brother Dominic and Sister Marietta Giovonnone, who was baptized August 25, 1963. This young brother was touched many times by the Lord and while attending MBA Gathering in Lorain, Ohio he could resist no longer. The following day he returned to our branch and was baptized.

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FREDONIA, PA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

We have had a busy, happy year so far.

Many Sundays visitors have come to our Church. We are encouraged and helped by their presence and the sermons of the Elders.

For the first time we had a Sunday School picnic, and intend to continue it. The children had fun in games and gifts, while the grownups visited and had a Bible quiz.

There are sixteen faithful M. B. A. members, which we consider good for a Branch as new as ours. Along with the rest of you we find pleasure attending each week and having a variety of subjects.

This summer several of our nearest M. B. A. Locals spent an evening with us and put on the program. We are looking forward to returning Aliquippa's visit.

In July our Church was closed one Sunday and we met with our Brothers and Sisters at Greensburg. The fellowship and hospitality was something we will not soon forget.

We try to do what we can for our own church

and also to help wherever help is needed. Just now we are interested in making dresses for little girls from the ages of two to about eight. The young Sisters are stuffing toys and I believe there will be two or three hundred. We are told that the children who shall receive them hardly know what toys are. Should there be such a difference between our children and theirs?

While in Detroit at the last General Ladies Circle Meeting we saw some of the things being made there, with which they hope to bring a little happiness into the lives of others. It is good to take time from our busy lives to do something for someone else. The Word of God teaches us to help the needy; Christ cared for them.

May God bless all of you.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On Sunday, August 3, 1963, we had the pleasure of a visit by Brother Philip and Sister Ann Damore. Brother and Sister Damore were members of the Youngstown branch before they moved to California, then to Arizona where they are now laboring for the Lord.

To open the morning service, Sister Ann sang a solo that was very much enjoyed. We have missed Ann's singing talent since they moved west four years ago. Brother Philip gave a wonderful discourse, taking his text from Samuel, ch. 3, verses 1 to 10. He spoke on 'Communication with God,' and related an experience he had in which he was given much understanding on this subject. The experience was about a man that Brother Philip knew, who was an amateur radio operator. This man was able to communicate with men all over the world, but sometimes unexpected conditions would arise in the atmosphere which prevented his message from reaching its destination.

Brother Travis Perry followed, saying that the avenues of communication with Heaven were closed because of transgression in the days of Samuel, also during the apostacy until the day of Joseph Smith. Brother A. A. Corrado followed him, referring to the reformation when the heavens were shut for twelve hundred and sixty years. He bid those who had not this communication to open their hearts and ask of God in prayer. We can say that our Brothers' words were food for our souls.

During the testimony of Sister Ann Damore, as she related their experiences concerning their work among the Indians, Brother A. A. Corrado spoke in the gift of tongues. Sister Gemma Santilli had the interpretation which was as follows: "If you don't tell them, how will they understand?" We also enjoyed the testimonies of Sister D'Amico and her daughter from Aliquippa. Sister D'Amico said she hadn't been in Youngstown since her husband, Brother Ishmael, had visited here. We can say that it was good to be present on this Sunday.

Brother Philip and Sister Ann are on a month's visit here in the East, and we of the Youngstown branch have been enjoying wonderful fellowship with them.

Brother Sam Costarella

NEWS FROM MEAFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA

Dear Brothers and Sisters
of The Church of Jesus Christ:

We of Meaford wish to send greetings from this part of the vineyard. There are still only three of us here but we still strive to serve our Master with all our hearts.

September 1, 1963 was Brother Douglas Ford's spiritual birthday and we always used to spend it with the Windsor branch, but they decided to come to visit us this time.

On Saturday night Brother Allan and Sister Etta Henderson, along with Sister Ford were at our home. Brother Douglas and Sister Ethel Henderson came along with their family. They had their trailer, having just come back from the East Coast (Prince Edward Island). Also with us were Sister Elzby, her husband and family, and her mother, Sister Mabel McKay. We all gathered on the beach around a huge bonfire and sang hymns and ate barbecued hot dogs and marshmallows. What a wonderful night we had; a beautiful full moon made the night more enjoyable.

On Sunday, Brother Allan Henderson held a meeting. He related the wonderful experiences they had received on their trip to California, to the July gathering. We also received a wonderful blessing in his telling us about the people at San Carlos and at Brother and Sister Perdue's mission in Mexico. He related to us about the child who hadn't walked from birth. She was three years old, and when Brother Danny anointed her, she arose and walked out and played with the other children. As we were having sacrament, a sister from Alliston came in. It was Sister Alverna Greer. We hadn't seen her for some time. After the service there were twenty-four of us sitting down to eat although they were not all in our meeting. After dinner we returned to the living room to talk with the saints. It is so good to have our brothers and sisters visit with us as we haven't been able to go to Grand River Mission for a long time.

On July 1st we went to the Muncey Reservation and had a nice time with the Saints there. Sister George from Grand River arrived. She is a much afflicted old sister but still in her afflictions, she loves to come out to worship with the Saints of God. We are looking forward to a trip to Windsor on September 14-15 to attend Ladies' Circle Meeting in Detroit.

We send our best wishes and prayers to all of you and ask an interest in your prayers.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,
Douglas and Bertha Ford

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WAKPALA, SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Brother Editor:

Today we are leaving Wakpala and our hearts are sad to go away from those we have grown to love dearly in the Gospel. To us it is an experience we will never forget. It wasn't easy to get these wonderful people to come close to us, but at this time I can write that in them we have found brothers, sisters and friends.

In leaving these, our Indian people, we are going to miss their visits, miss the conversations we have had together; all in all miss their presence. However, the beautiful gifts they have so graciously given us

will continue to remind us of their love for us; no doubt they know we too love them with all the love a servant of God could possess.

As our youngest convert, Johnnie De Marrias, sat near the school fence and watched us pack our car, it brought a lump to our throats. He was not allowed to leave the school ground but he sat there and waved good-bye to us. About 8:30 a.m. there began a constant flow of brothers, sisters and friends to bid us farewell. This really made us very happy to see everyone on the last day there.

We were very happy to go from house to house, have prayer and sing with them. Even as the poet wrote a verse;

I praised the Lord from day to day,
And went from house to house to pray;
And if I met one by the way,
I'd always find something to say,
About this Heavenly Union.

Surely we have felt many wonderful blessings and hope our small efforts were not in vain. Within the last month we had two baptisms, one renewal by baptism and four restored into fellowship. Now there are nine members in Wakpala and six in Eagle Butte. Two more persons asked to be baptized but, as usual, the enemy of our soul tries with all his power to discourage the work of the Lord. As yet, they have not obeyed the Gospel.

On Wednesday evening, prior to our leaving, we had our little church room full of people. It surely was a good sight to behold, to see all the pews filled; I had to get chairs from our living quarters. Let us pray for these, our Indian people, the seed of Joseph. May our good Lord cause them to see this wonderful Gospel in all its Glory.

Here is a dream had by one of our brothers: On May 17, 1963, Brother Henry Three Legs dreamed he was walking on a straight and a very narrow path. His feet barely fit on the path. On either side were beautiful flowers. He travelled on until he came to a circle of trees. Through the trees he could see the head of a person approaching him from the valley. This man was attired in white. He came very close and beckoned Brother Henry to follow him to the valley. This valley was the most beautiful place he had ever seen. A stream ran by in this valley with fish in it. This person told Brother Henry; "You have a star holding you up above the earth. Be very careful and do no wrong, because if you do that star will drop you and you will fall on the earth as before."

This dream was a great encouragement for our brother. He stated that while he stayed away from the services it helped him not to fall into sin and partake of the ways of the world. We are happy Brother Henry is back in fellowship and pray that the Lord will continue to bless him.

Brother Will and Sister Carmela Mazzeo

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TIJUANA, MEXICO

Dear Brother Neill:

We are glad to see that you have taken over the Gospel News and trust the Lord will bless your efforts. Thought you might like to hear some news from

Mexico.

Last April 28th, a new minister was ordained in Mexico. We are very happy about it as he has been a wonderful help to us. This brother came along when we were having open-air meetings. We know the Lord touched his heart. He went home and told his wife that he had found a treasure and that it was The Church of Jesus Christ. Shortly after, she came to visit and four were baptized in that family. Her husband hesitated a little when the Book of Mormon was presented to him but he thought since he had read other books, he would also read this one. After he started to read it, he found there was so much in it that coincided with the history of Mexico that he was thoroughly convinced it was true. Today he is strong in the faith of the Book of Mormon. He is very meek and humble; also, he is well acquainted with the history of Mexico, which is very valuable in the teaching of the Book of Mormon. He is the second minister to be ordained in Mexico.

On June 14, we had six baptisms and on July 3, three more, making a total to date of fifty-eight baptized in Tijuana. We do thank God for his goodness towards us, unworthy as we are.

Last August 2, 1963, Brother Torebio (our new minister) had an experience while he was at work. He was carried away in the spirit, and among other things the Lord showed him that there was a work for him to do in the near future. We are thankful the Lord saw fit to call him.

Some of the brothers and sisters have been meeting at the Church daily at six a.m. to have prayers in behalf of the Church. One morning, as they were kneeling in prayer, one of the brothers saw a personage bend over and kiss him on the cheek. The man was of medium build and had a dusky complexion. Upon telling this at the end of their prayer meeting a sister declared that she had heard footsteps during prayer. The Lord has been manifesting Himself in many ways out here for which we thank Him.

The California Gathering was very nice and we enjoyed meeting brothers and sisters from the East. Quite a few visited Mexico during their stay in California and we enjoyed having them. We did not stay for Sunday as we went back to Mexico for our meeting there.

Trust all is well with you out there. We send our best regards to all of our brothers and sisters.

Brother and Sister Perdue

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — BRANCH #1

Greetings to all readers of The Gospel News everywhere. Praise God from whom all blessings flow for good health, food, clothing, and shelter thus far. Most of all we feel to extol His holy name for this wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ, and for that great plan of salvation which He made possible for us all if we trust in the Lord and serve Him faithfully for the remainder of our days.

It has been quite some time since I wrote an article for The Gospel News but I want you all to know that the Lord certainly has not forgotten us in this part of His vineyard. Tongue cannot express the gratitude within our hearts for His constant kindness unto us,

unworthy as we may be.

A wonderful time was experienced this past weekend here in Detroit by the sisters of the General Ladies' Uplift Circle as they met on Saturday, September 15, 1963 in the Detroit Branch #1 church building. We brothers were not privileged to attend this gathering; but, judging by the countless wonderful remarks made by the sisters who were there, it sounded as though the Lord was actually in their midst and that this was a gathering long to be remembered.

The brothers and sisters of Branch #1 were very pleased to have so many of our visiting sisters and brothers from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey present in our morning service on Sunday. Our service was introduced with the sixty-five voice choir, directed by Brother Frank Conti and accompanied by Brother Eugene Amormino at the piano, singing two beautiful hymns, "God Is So Good" and "His Name Is Wonderful." These songs were requested by a few of our visiting sisters and were indeed enjoyed by everyone present. As these two hymns were being sung it seemed as though such a wonderful blessing was felt in our midst. Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo offered the opening prayer after which the male quartet sang two selections, requested by the Priesthood, namely, "Room At The Cross" and "I Will Pilot Thee."

Brother Pietrangelo gave a very inspiring talk, taking for his topic "The Church." The scripture he used was taken from Acts, ch 4, verse 12: also, Matthew, ch. 18, verse 20, which reads, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." This verse of scripture surely has been proven many times. The presence and blessings of the Lord have been experienced time and again with small groups as well as with large groups, and we fully realize that the real Church consists of all who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples; they are one in love, in character, in hope, and in Christ as the Head of all.

Brother Nick gave a well-seasoned talk which was well worth everyone's full consideration. He spoke along many other lines in connection with "The Church." Following Brother Nick's talk the young girls' trio was requested to sing two numbers, "It's Not An Easy Road" and "Pray For Others." Our service was brought to a close somewhat earlier than usual that all of our visiting sisters would have time to eat before leaving Detroit.

It was indeed a great pleasure to be able to spend a few moments with our sisters while waiting for their bus to arrive. We felt sad to see them leave us, but we rejoice with the poets in knowing that "We Are Longing For The Gathering" and "Where We'll Meet To Part No More."

Brother Frank Conti

OBITUARIES

Brother George Puskas

Brother George Puskas was born in Austria-Hungary and came to the United States forty years ago; he passed away at the age of sixty-one on September 20, 1963.

Brother George became acquainted with the Gospel through the testimony of his daughter, Sister Mar-

garet King. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on April 5, 1959 at Monongahela, Pa. His final testimony was devoted to thanking God for the opportunity he had to put his house in order. He was active in the Church organizations and was ordained a deacon on May 5, 1963. His ever-ready smile, deeds of kindness, and willing, helpful hands will be missed by his family, the Brothers and Sisters of the Church, and all who knew him.

The services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ, Lorain, Ohio on September 23, 1963, by Brother Alfred Dominico, assisted by Brother Joseph Calabrese.

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Frank DiGiovanni

Mr. Frank DiGiovanni, the husband of Sister Mary DiGiovanni, died August 3, 1963 of a heart condition. Mr. DiGiovanni was born in Roccamorice, Italy on August 6, 1897. He was buried from the Lockport branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on August 6, 1963, Brother Paul D'Amico officiating.

Mr. DiGiovanni attended the Lockport branch often before his death. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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Brother Mariano Rotolo

Brother Mariano Rotolo of Detroit, Michigan passed away on August 1, 1963 after a long illness. He was a member of Branch I in Detroit. A deacon since October 11, 1936, Brother Rotolo had been a faithful member of the Church for many years.

The deceased was born on October 8, 1873. He was baptized into the Church in Lorain, Ohio but transferred his membership to Detroit on October 12, 1926. Brother Rotolo was preceded in death by his wife Sister Mary, who died on December 8, 1933. He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Mary Drew, Mrs. Frieda Taormina, and Mrs. Lillian Cizmadia; one son, Anthony; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Branch I Church by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo.

WEDDINGS

BOYCE - BERESH

On August 24, 1963 at 5:30 p.m. Hettie Lou Beresh and Walter D. Boyce were united in marriage in the home of Elder John M. Olexa, Speers Hill, Charleroi, Pa.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. It was well attended by family and friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas G. Beresh and the grand-daughter of Brother Joseph and the late Sister Clara Tucker of the Monongahela Branch.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Boyce, Monongahela, Pa.

May the Lord bless this young couple with the love of God and much happiness in their home.

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ROA - MARTIN

The Roscoe Branch was the setting for the mar-

riage of Beverly Carol Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Martin of Roscoe, to Jerry Rao, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rao of Brownsville, on Saturday, August 10, 1963. Elder Idris Martin officiated at the service, and prayer was offered by Elder George Johnson.

We extend our best wishes to Jerry and Carol. May the Lord bless them with a happy marriage.

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LASALA - MAGGIO

Michael Lasala of Detroit, Michigan and Marietta Maggio of Italy repeated their marriage vows before an overflow audience at Detroit Branch I on August 10, 1963. The ceremony was conducted by Apostle Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio, assisted by Apostle Gorie Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan.

The couple had been officially married in a civil wedding at San Chirico Nuovo, Province Potenza, Italy on May 29, 1963. The newlyweds had returned to Detroit, their permanent place of residence, on July 6.

An early evening reception followed the 2 p.m. church ceremony.

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MARTIN - LOVE

John Love and Georgianna Martin, the daughter of Brother and Sister Martin of Sharon, Pa., were united in marriage at the Youngstown church building on September 21, 1963, at 5 p.m. Brother Travis Perry performed the wedding ceremony, assisted by Brother A. A. Carrado. Sister Madaline Robinson sang for the bride and groom, accompanied by Sister Teresa Pandone. A quiet reception was held at the home of the bride following the wedding.

Georgianna and John will make their home at Dayton, Ohio. We wish them a happy marriage and God's Blessings.

The Book of Mormon

Evidence of its Divinity

(Continued from last issue)

By Thurman S. Furnier

THEORIES CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF THE BOOK OF MORMON; THE SPAULDING STORY:—

The true account of the origin of The Book of Mormon was rejected by the public in general, who thus assumed the responsibility of explaining in some plausible way the source of the record. Many vague theories, based on the incredible assumption that the book was the work of a single author, were put forward. Of these, the most famous and indeed, the only one, that lived long enough in public favor to be discussed is the so-called "Spaulding Story." Solomon Spaulding, a clergyman of Amity, Pa., wrote a romance to which no title other than *Manuscript Story* was prefixed. Twenty years after the author's death, one Hurlbut, an apostate from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, announced a resemblance between the story and The Book of Mormon, and expressed his conviction that the work presented to the world by Joseph Smith was nothing but Spaulding's romance revised and amplified. The manuscript was lost for a time, and, in the absence of proof to the contrary, stories of parallelism between the two works

multiplied. But by a fortunate circumstance in 1884, President James H. Fairchild of Oberlin College, Ohio, and a literary friend, one Mr. Rice, in examining a heterogeneous collection of old papers that had been purchased by Mr. Rice, found the original story. The gentlemen made a careful comparison of the manuscript and The Book of Mormon; and, with the sole desire of subserving the purposes of truth, made public their results. Pres. Fairchild published an article in the *New York Observer*, February, 1885, in which he said:—"The theory of the origin of The Book of Mormon in the traditional manuscript of Solomon Spaulding will probably have to be relinquished.*** Mr. Rice, myself and others compared it (the Spaulding manuscript) with The Book of Mormon and could detect no resemblance between the two.*** Some other explanation of The Book of Mormon must be found if any explanation is required."

The manuscript was deposited in the Library of Oberlin College where it now reposes. Still, the theory of the **Manuscript Found**, as Spaulding's story has come to be known, is occasionally pressed into service in the cause of anti-Mormon zeal, by some whom we will charitably believe to be ignorant of the facts set forth by President Fairchild. A letter of more recent date, written by that honorable gentleman in reply to an inquiring correspondent, was published in the *Millennial Star*, Liverpool, November 3, 1898, and is as follows: "Oberlin College, Ohio, October 17, 1895, J. R. Hindley, Esq., Dear Sir:— We have in our College Library an original manuscript of Solomon Spaulding — unquestionably genuine. I found it in 1884 in the hands of Hon. L. L. Rice of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. He was formerly state printer at Columbus, Ohio, and before that, publisher of a paper in Painesville, whose preceding publisher had visited Mrs. Spaulding and obtained the manuscript from her.

It had lain among his old papers forty years or more, and was brought out by my asking him to look up anti-slavery documents among his papers. The manuscript has upon it the signatures of several men of Conneaut, Ohio, who had heard Spaulding read it and knew it to be his. No one can see it and question its genuineness. The manuscript has been printed twice; at least once by the Mormons of Salt Lake City, and once by the Josephite Mormons of Iowa. The Utah Mormons obtained the copy of Mr. Rice at Honolulu, and the Josephites got it off me after it came into my possession. This manuscript is not the original of The Book of Mormon. Yours very truly, Jas. H. Fairchild." Printed copies of the **Manuscript Found** are obtainable, and any inquirer may examine for himself. **THE THREE WITNESSES TO THE**

BOOK OF MORMON:—

Oliver Cowdery: Born at Wells, Rutland Co., Vermont; October 1805; baptized May 15th. 1829; died at Richmond, Mo., March 3rd. 1850.

David Whitmer:—Born near Harrisburg, Pa., January 7th. 1805; baptized June 1829, died at Richmond, Mo., January 25th. 1888.

Martin Harris:—Born at Easttown, Saratoga Co., New York, May 18th. 1783; baptized 1830, died at Clarkston, Cache Co., Utah, July 10th. 1875.

THE EIGHT WITNESSES TO THE

BOOK OF MORMON:—

Christian Whitmer:—Born January 18th. 1798; baptized April 11th. 1830; died in Clay Co., Mo., November 27th. 1835. He was the eldest son of Peter Whitmer.

Jacob Whitmer:—Second son of Peter Whitmer; born in Penna. January 27th. 1800; baptized April 11th. 1830; died April 21st. 1856.

Peter Whitmer, Jr.:—Born September 27th. 1809; fifth son of Peter Whitmer, baptized June 1829; died at or near Liberty, Clay Co., Mo., September 22nd. 1836.

John Whitmer:—Third son of Peter Whitmer; born August 27th. 1802, baptized June 1829; died at Far West, Mo., July 11th. 1878.

Hiram Page:—Born in Vermont, 1800; baptized April 11th. 1830; died in Ray Co., Mo., August 12th. 1852.

Joseph Smith, Sr.:—The father of Joseph Smith, the translator of The Book of Mormon; born at Topsfield, Essex Co., Mass., July 12th. 1771; baptized April 6th. 1830; ordained Patriarch to the church Dec. 18th. 1833; died at Nauvoo, Ill., September 14th. 1840.

Hyrum Smith:—Second son of Joseph Smith, Sr. born at Tunbridge, Vermont; February 9th. 1800; baptized June 1829; appointed one of the First Presidency of the church November 7th. 1837; Patriarch to the church January 19th. 1841; martyred with his brother, the translator of The Book of Mormon, at Carthage, Ill., June 27th. 1844.

Samuel Harrison Smith:—Born Tunbridge, Vermont; March 13th. 1808; fourth son of Joseph Smith, Sr., baptized May 15th. 1829; died July 30th. 1844.

The End.

Thurman S. Furnier.

IN MEMORY

of Sister Sadie B. Cadman who passed away

November 18, 1959

"Her Testimony"

My mind has been drawn to this hymn No. 375 (old hymn book) so much; it just speaks the sentiments of my heart: "How lost were our days, till we met with the gospel. The creeds and the systems seemed powerless and vain; We ne'er received precepts, so suited to save us, As those by the priesthood restored again. In the wisdom of men, we had long been entangled, And forms without power encircled us round, But now we rejoice in the hope of redemption, And peace to the faithful doth ever abound."

I can truly say that my days were lost until I met with the Gospel; and I feel it my duty, since I have been brought into the truth, to show others the way of life and salvation, and know that I must testify to the world to clear my garments. For when I was in the world I led many to Christ, as I supposed, but I have often said, "It was the blind leading the blind."

When a mere child, I had a desire to be a Christian and said when I joined church I wanted to hold to it, for I saw so many people who would be converted every winter or when the revival service began. When I was fourteen years old, I joined the United Brethren Church of McKeesport. I was sprinkled or baptized, as they call it, when I was taken

in and was a faithful member and worker in that Church until 1901, the year I heard the gospel preached. I had often heard of the Latter Day Saints or Mormons, as they were called, and knew they held meetings on Highland Avenue, but my time was so taken up with church duties that I never went to hear them. The time came when I was asked to attend a conference of the Saints at Monongahela City and I did so. When I heard them preach, it seemed to be just what I had longed for. It was to me what food is to a person who is hungry. I became interested and wanted to go back again and did so until I realized my soul was being fed with food from the Saints' meetings. Finally, I lost all desire for the Church to which I belonged. I didn't join the Church for almost two years after I had heard the gospel preached first, but prayed earnestly to God to let me see and know for myself if this were the true way and His true Church. I couldn't see that I was a sinner nor why I would need to be baptized. I had been sprinkled and thought that ought to do. But God showed me in a dream and I realized I could go at once to the water and felt then that I was a sinner. I was not persuaded by any person or persons as has been said by some.

God showed me the way. Christ told Nicodemus that he must be born again of the water and the spirit. He, Himself, was baptized, not for sin, but as an example for us. He laid down a plan of salvation whereby we can be saved. So I had never obeyed the plan of Jesus. I was converted when I joined the United Brethren church and afterwards sprinkled. That which was told them on the Day of Pentecost, when they asked, "What shall we do?" and Peter answered them, "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", (see Acts 2:38) was never preached to me.

As we read the rest of the chapter we see what they received. So it was with me. I was baptized on October 26, 1902 and had hands laid on my head by the Elders of the Church for the reception of the Holy Ghost. When I came out of the water, I felt that I had a clean heart. After the brethren laid hands on my head, I was given such a satisfaction that I realized I had been born again as Christ had told Nicodemus. I felt too, that I had crossed over a line out of the world and can truly say we are in the world but not of it. O Happy Day when Jesus washed my sins away. I have been perfectly satisfied with The Church of Jesus Christ ever since and know its teachings are pure and true.

Not long after I came into the church, I was given an experience. I was sitting in church and felt the Spirit of God take hold of me and put my feet on the floor; and I realized they were as iron and could not be moved. These words came to me: "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord". Now, these are not imaginary. Man cannot give us these things, neither can he take them away; but the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord. I have had many grand experiences since I came into the truth and know that it is not from man but God. I know I have been given a hope that reaches beyond this world. I

have no desire for this world nor the things of this world, but for God and His Church. If I prove faithful to the Gospel I have obeyed, I know it will be well with me. Now I never had this positive evidence before I obeyed the law of Christ, and would just say to all who are earnest about their future to ask God and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Another evidence was given me, too, that I was born of God. We have read that the scripture was written by men of God who were moved upon by the Spirit of God. After I had been baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ, the Bible was a new book to me. I had been a teacher in the Sunday School and had taken a course of Bible study; but after I received the Spirit of God, I read and saw the scriptures as I had never seen them before.

But how could I before I had been born again of water and the Spirit? For spiritual things are known and understood only by the Spirit of God. At times, while working around at my household duties, I often feel a hungering and thirsting after the scripture and sit down and rest and receive the promise of the Saviour. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

By Sister Wanda Johnson

Although it is the smallest of all seeds, the Spirit of God is also the strongest. When all other desires have passed and died, it remains. It lies dormant while we step on it, choke it, and ignore it; but it remains resilient and ready to resurrect with nourishment. Once we make a place for it, its rapid growth will leave us breathless, for of all seeds it is the most powerful. It alone endures.

Jesus tells us in John 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him"; but only by diligence can we make this promise ours. Then Zion, the kingdom, shall come and the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

In His famous conversation with Nicodemus Jesus made the matter of commitment unmistakably clear when He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)

The absolute necessity of commitment based on an experience in the mystery of Christ's person is set forth in the discourse at Pentecost when Peter said, "... therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and the rest of the Apostles, "Men and brothers, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "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. For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off; even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:36-39)



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I lay down my life for the sheep," John 10:14.
Dear Girls and Boys,

I would like to tell you about the "other sheep" which John refers to, in his gospel. During Jesus' ministry, he spoke of these "other sheep" whom He must visit and teach. Jesus called himself the good shepherd and he knew his sheep and they knew him. Then he said, "I have other sheep which are not of this fold and they shall hear my voice and them also I must bring". These "sheep" could not have been the Gentiles because Matthew states Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel".

After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared on this land to the Nephites who were Israelites, descendants of Joseph. (I Nephi 5:14) He told them, they were the "other sheep" and the Father had separated them because of sin. He then told the Nephites that he still had other sheep, not of this land, neither of the land of Jerusalem, neither in any parts where he had ministered. They had not yet heard his voice. But the Father had commanded that He should go to them and they would be numbered among His sheep that these may be one fold and one shepherd (III Nephi 16). Someday there will be a great gathering. They will come from the four quarters of the earth. Then will be fulfilled the covenant which the Father made unto all the people of the house of Israel. The Gentiles will be richly blessed because of their belief in this.

When Jesus visited the "other sheep" on this land, He taught them the things he had taught in Palestine. They were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins. Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. He was blessed as a baby by old Simeon in the temple. The Book of Mormon, a record of these "other sheep", is very clear on these things. He told them how to administer sacrament and even name the church. If it was called in His name and built upon His gospel it was His church. If it was called the name of a man, then it was the church of a man. All the wonderful things could not be written about Jesus. Mormon said even a hundredth part of the things which Jesus did could not be written in this book. After we have received these, and our faith has been tried, then greater things will be made manifested. But if we will not believe them, then the greater things will be withheld. In the Bible, John mentions the many things Jesus did and if all were written, the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

Those who believe only the Bible are missing many beautiful scriptures such as this fascinating story of the "other sheep". History proves that Columbus found a people here in America, known to us today as Indians. Boys and girls our Church is interested in these "other sheep". We want to tell them of their forefathers, where they came from and this won-

derful story of the Restoration.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

1. Are the lost tribes of Israel lost unto the Father? III Nephi 17:4
2. In what day shall the truth come to the Gentiles? III Nephi 16:7
3. Do you think III Nephi 16:10 refers to today? Why?
4. What happened when Jesus blessed the children? III Nephi 17:21, 25.

PEN PALS

Can you say the Books of the Old Testament so far? This time take the next 9, which are the major prophets.

PEN PALS

I hope you have found a Pen Pal and are enjoying your correspondence. Here are others;

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In the answers for "Search the Scriptures" for September, it should have read Isaiah chapter 38 instead of 28. It was a misprint. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel.

FIRST CONFERENCE AT LOCKPORT, N. Y.

The Ohio District Conference met in semi-annual session on September 7, 1963 in our church building in Lockport, New York. District President Brother Rocco V. Biscotti and his counsellors, Brother A. A. Corrado and Brother Paul D'Amico, presided with all officers and a good representation of elders present.

The business session began at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning and, due to the rather large agenda of items to be handled, our business was concluded in the evening session. As our business proceeded it was apparent that the problems of Conference were being resolved in peace and harmony and with much satisfaction. A peaceful spirit was present in our conference and remained, causing the blessing of God to be felt among us.

Saturday evening, after business was concluded, the time was spent with singing, speaking, and testimony. Some very good experiences were brought forth. Sister Harriet Grant related her experience when about one and one-half years ago she lay in the hospital with leukemia and the doctors expected her to die. Two brothers of the Ministry visited her in the hospital and anointed her with oil. The next day the doctors found a great improvement in the condition of her blood and in a few days she was sent home. Since that time she has gradually recovered her physical strength. We had not seen Sister Harriet for about six months and we were glad to find her much stronger physically than she was six months ago. She glorified God for sparing her life and thanked Him for the prayers of the brothers and sisters that gave her strength daily.

A wonderful spirit was felt in this meeting and

it was suggested that a special prayer be offered in gratitude for the Gospel and for the blessing of God. While Brother Biscotti offered this prayer, Brother A. A. Corrado spoke in tongues and the interpretation, as given, was — "I, the Lord, change not. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

Brother William Genaro expressed himself as having felt a great blessing in our afternoon session when it was suggested that the Niles and Warren, Ohio branches be joined together again into one branch. Brother Joseph Genaro related an experience that he had in regard to this suggestion. In a dream he saw a river flowing which divided and became two rivers. These two rivers flowed along side by side for a long ways; finally they flowed together again and became one river. There was a very good feeling in the telling of this experience.

Sunday morning the same wonderful spirit was present in our meeting. Brother Frank Calabrese was our first speaker, taking for his text Romans II verses 1 to 5, upon which he spoke very well exhorting the Saints to hold fast to the Gospel in the face of the many obstacles of our day and time. The next speaker was Brother Travis Perry. He pointed out that God had prepared and made all things ready for the work of the Kingdom through Jesus Christ; that He is now preparing the way to Zion through the Restoration of the Gospel, and that there is a greater day coming for His people. Frank Giovonnone spoke next relating many experiences. Brother Alfred Dominico followed, taking for his theme "What is impossible with man is possible with God". Brother Paul D'Amico was our last speaker. He spoke encouragingly saying that God will not forget His people as long as we desire to serve Him. Also, that God will raise up a leader for His people at this present time, just as He will raise up a Moses to lead them in due time.

This was the first conference to be held in Lockport, New York, and the Saints of Lockport certainly prepared well for the nourishment and comfort of all who attended this conference. They provided an abundance of good food for everyone present on Saturday and again on Sunday before we parted to return to our homes. Saturday night, everyone was given comfortable accommodations in our brothers' and sisters' homes. Considering that this is a small branch, they are to be commended for their wonderful hospitality and the love of God that they showed to all.

Our Lord and Savior tells us that we must prepare if we expect to receive the blessing of God. When we consider the wonderful conference that we enjoyed at Lockport, we cannot help but feel that preparing has played a very important part in the blessing that we enjoyed. Brother Biscotti appointed the Saturday before the Conference a day of fasting and prayer in the District of Ohio for the spiritual guidance of the ministry, and that God would bless our conference. The Saints of Lockport also offered many prayers with the same desire. God certainly turned a smiling countenance towards us upon this occasion. We were able to return home feeling encouraged and with our hope renewed.

Many that attended this conference, have expressed themselves that they enjoyed the conference

and the wonderful spirit present on both Saturday and Sunday. Lockport is one of the more distant points in our district, but all seemed glad and spiritually rewarded for having made the trip.

District Editor
Travis Perry

A LETTER FROM LAGOS, NIGERIA

Dear Brother Editor:

It was April 19, 1963, that the sudden death news of Brother William Henry Cadman, age 86, the president of The Church of Jesus Christ, was flashed to us in this vineyard, by Elder John Ross of Aliquippa, Pa., U.S.A.

The late President occupied the high and respected office of the Presidentship of the Church as far back as the year of our Lord, 1922. Up till his last breathing on earth, he had faithfully and obediently discharged the functions of his duties without a reproach among his co-labourers on earth. Now that he has gone, awaiting for his reward, may his tireless efforts while on earth not be blemished and his great soul rest in PEACE till the BRIDEGROOM will come. Amen.

In fact, Brother Cadman's reign was characterized by his deep affection and humiliation for the underprivileged and mostly for the people of Africa in general, and Nigeria in PARTICULAR, I pray, therefore, that the saintly life of this illustrious, beloved brother and a Prisoner of our Saviour, will always be and remain a sand-mark and inspiration to all Brethren and his successors in particular.

It is unfortunate and with profound regret that most of us have not known him in person before he departed. Nevertheless, one day we are meeting where we shall part no more. (In the New Jerusalem.)

Brother W. H. Cadman will long be remembered in the history of the Church as an embodiment of simplicity, a zeal to greater devotion and broad-mindedness in all his dealings with people in and outside the Church circle.

In conclusion, may I say, "Let the Brethren all over The Church of Jesus Christ chain up in sincere prayer to our Lord and friend to elect for us a Brother with the Love at heart, fair-play and human sympathy in human relation, to occupy the NOBLE and HIGH Office". Amen.

I wholeheartedly share and extend my deep condolence to the grieved relatives and good wishes. May his great soul rest in PEACE in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Elder S. A. Agbor

THE HOLY SPIRIT

by James Heaps

Genesis 6:3—"My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh." Let us be reminded that the great change which takes place in a person's life at regeneration is sometimes spoken of as "being called." As Jesus said, "No man can come unto me unless the Father draws them." We are saved by grace through God's gift of faith. Romans 8:28 "to them who are the called according to His purpose." II Timothy 1:9—"... called us with an holy calling." Hebrews 3:1—"... partakers of the heavenly

calling . . ."

If we are not called, it is because we did not seek a calling. If we do not call upon God, then how can He call us? The spirit and the Bride say "Come!" "Come now and reason together with us," they plead. "My child, give me thine heart," is His constant appeal. "All day long I have stretched forth my hand. Those who heed the call of the spirit are led by the spirit, and those who are led by the spirit of God are the children of God."

But not all will heed His call. When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, only two men over eighteen years old went into the land of Canaan. Why? Moses said, "There is a different spirit in these two men." It was their spirit that counted, not their flesh. They all could have gone into the promised land if they had heeded the spirit. As Paul reminded the Hebrews — Hebrews 2:1, 2, 3 — "Therefore we ought to give the more heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation."

The spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man. It is the refusal to heed and accept the pleading of the spirit that brings danger and peril to the soul. The heart hardens and the spirit ceases to strive with man. Then comes the time when men cross the dead-line. The spirit is grieved. There is no use for God to continue to call.

In Genesis 6:5, 6 we read, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him in His heart."

But let us come to a later date. God sent His servants, and the Jews stoned and killed them. Jesus later told the people, "Which one of the prophets have not your fathers stoned and put to death?" "Possibly," God thought, "they will reverence my Son." So Jesus came and pleaded with them, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He also cried, "Oñ, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathered her chicks under her wings, but you would not. Your house is left unto you desolate."

The Jews did not realize how soon these words would come to pass. They were proud as they showed Him the beautiful building of the temple, and He said unto them, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knowest not the time of thy visitation." Oh, what a sad picture! They said, "Let His blood be

on our shoulders." And it was so.

Two days before the Passover, Christ went out with His disciples to the Mount of Olives and sat upon a grassy slope overlooking the city. Once more He gazed upon its walls, towers, and palaces and beheld its dazzling splendor, a diamond of beauty crowning the sacred mount. Surely this was the mount of God, and Jerusalem was His sanctuary.

After the temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, it was rebuilt about 500 B.C. According to some of the aged men, it was not as glorious as the one Solomon had built. No cloud of glory was seen to fill the new temple, and no fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice was present. The Shekinah glory no longer abode between the cherubin in the most holy place. The ark, the mercy seat, and the tables of the testimony were not to be found therein. There was no voice from heaven, no spirit, no light, and no vision. They could have written "Ichabod" on the door, for the glory had departed.

In the days of Herod, Jerusalem had been greatly beautified. The prophet Micah said, "They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity . . . Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us." But Jesus said, "There shall not be left one stone upon another."

The command had gone forth: "Cut it down!" But mercy said, "Spare that tree!" For seven years a men went through the streets of the city crying, "Woe to Jerusalem!" He was put in prison and his voice stilled. But destruction had been prophesied and it had come to pass. While the Roman general retreated, the saints fled from the city and were saved. The Jewish forces pursued Cestius and his army, and it was with great difficulty that the Romans succeeded in their retreat. The Jews thought they had won a great victory, but it only inspired the Roman army to go in and destroy them. Terrible were the calamities that befell Jerusalem. When the siege was resumed by Titus, millions of Jews were slaughtered and the rage of the Roman army was terrifying. The most inhuman tortures were inflicted upon the people. "Oh Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered you together, but ye would not." The city refused the call of God. Titus tried to save the temple, but to no avail. The soldiers thought there were many treasures in the temple. One man threw a torch into the temple and soon the building was a mass of flames.

The Jews had forged their own fetters. They filled for themselves the cup of vengeance by stubborn rejection of Divine love and mercy, and caused the Divine protection of God to leave them. Women ate their own children; the famine was great; not one stone was left upon another. Children could be seen snatching food from their aged parents. The question of the prophet comes to light: "Can a woman forget her suckling child?" She may forget, but God says, "I will not forget." God is going to gather them again. But, for the time being, they have written "Ichabod" on the door of their hearts. The glory and the holy spirit of the Lord God of Israel have departed from their midst.

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JESUS IS BORN

By Sister Virginia Milton

Once again, all over the world, Christmas will be celebrated, the birthday of Jesus, a day of rejoicing. In the land of Palestine an angel appeared unto Joseph saying his wife was to bring forth a son, conceived by the Holy Ghost, and "Thou shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Angels sang at His birth. Shepherds abode in the fields, and an angel spoke 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."

If it were not for the birth of our Saviour, we would not have joy, peace and eternal life. We sing a hymn during the Christmas season, "Joy to the World." Many times I have found myself singing this hymn since I accepted the "Truth" in The Church of Jesus Christ, for it has become the perfect "Way" of "Life," and I feel that joy deep down in my heart at all times. The Christmas Spirit exists every day in the life of those who have been born again. Peace and good will toward all men is truly in the hearts of those who have answered and accepted the call of Jesus.

Jesus is the Truth, the Life and the Way. How fitting then that the heavens should ring and angels sing, for this event was to affect and shape the life and hope of all men. Let every heart prepare Him room, that sin and sorrow will not grow within! Let all, every nation, tongue and people, worship Him, God's gift from Heaven above, at all times; not only on Christmas!

The greatest gift we can give at Christmas is ourselves. Surrender all to Jesus so that peace and good will toward men will be throughout the world! "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."

THE GUIDING STAR

The star that shone on earth that night
Brought many on their way
To see the place where Jesus slept
On that glad Christmas Day.

The angels hail His royal birth
And earth breaks forth with joy,
Good will toward men and peace on earth
We all must now employ.

Oh, does the star shine bright again,
As on that joyful day?
Lo, yes the light that once had been
Now guides us on our way.

To His abode we wind our way,
Our hearts His praises sing;
No more within the manger lays
But now our risen King.

Brother Frank Calabrese

A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

by Sister Madeline Robinson

Following the Ladies Uplift Circle in Monongahela, Pa., on December 15, 1962, Brother W. H. Cadman commented to me on The Gospel News for that month. As we parted, he said, "Remember, Madeline, I want you to write." Almost daily for the next nine days I was given these lines: "Are you gift shopping this Christmas? Are you gift shopping for Jesus?" Each time I experienced this, Brother Cadman's voice followed, reminding me to write. I was always busy at my work when this happened, and each time I thought: "What is this? It sounds like poetry, but I can't write poetry!" This was the way I answered and resisted the Spirit of this prompting until December 25th at 4 a.m. when I began my last task before retiring. I was overpowered by the Spirit and had to lay aside the work of my hands, take pencil and paper, and write these lines which God, through Brother Cadman, had constantly advised me to do when I thought I didn't have time.

It was so sweet to have the Lord talk to me that morning. He gave me line upon line intermingled with lovely hymns encouraging me to continue writing, for after the first four or five verses I regretted that I'd postponed the writing and had been so stubborn. I felt it wasn't developing as it should because of my hard head and slothfulness and God had taken away the Spirit that I had quenched so many times. Then, suddenly, "Am I A Soldier Of The Cross?" came to me and, because it was the theme song of the Bible School studies prepared by Sister Mabel Bickerton for the summer, my heart lifted and the design of all the frivolous part burst forth and I could see the purpose. It was beautiful how all that was uncertain and meaningless in the natural life were to be compared to the perfection of the armour of God.

I started to get the Bible and check to get everything correct as we had taught in Bible School, but I feared I would interrupt the sweet communication of God's Holy Spirit. I continued to write until after 6 a.m. and I was not weary. I thanked God; and Oh, what a wonderful shower of blessing I did enjoy! I rejoiced in praising God for "He Keeps on Loving Us Still." I wanted to scream. I wanted to shout praises unto God and sing LOUD, but I had to keep my mouth shut and only weep for joy because everyone else in the house was asleep.

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ARE YOU GIFT SHOPPING FOR JESUS?

Are you gift giving this Christmas? Has your long search yet begun,
For all the things you can think of to happily please everyone?

Have you the right size and the color to compliment dear Susan's charm?

But, really, she doesn't need this; Her accessories fill-up her arms.

Oh, how mother would love such a picture; t'would

delight father also, I'm sure
 It's so lifelike, and what lovely colors; but, is the
 gold frame really pure?
 And what was it Tom said of all things in this world
 he longed to possess?
 Oh yes, and to me t'was so frivolous; Imagine: a
 red flannel vest!

Aunt Jenny says she's not particular as to color or
 weight of the thread,
 But blue would be perfect with coral, and the afghan
 must cover her bed.
 Has your gift shopping this Christmas been tiresome,
 expensive and long?
 Yet, uncertain, for all of your efforts, that you aren't
 just one of the throng,

Who is buying for those who are needless, whose wish
 you may never fulfill;
 Just buying for those who may give you and expect
 of your very best will.
 Quite soberly now I reflected on the One whose birth
 they proclaim.
 I checked my note of suggestions—I didn't even list
 His name!

How foolish, how utterly thoughtless of me, in my
 rush to and fro,
 To think so late of my Saviour who came upon earth
 here below.
 'Tis written, He came to redeem us from Satan and
 sin backward rolled,
 For all who love and will serve Him, He gives joy and
 riches untold.

'Tis written, He gives peace everlasting, and love never
 ending they say;
 Even life, and that is forever, in exchange for your
 heart today.
 Oh, how can I gift shop for Jesus? All that is His
 I desire.
 I have nothing to give, but the rather, I cast off my
 worldly attire.

The breastplate, O Jesus, it's lovely! No flannel can
 ward off the blows
 Of vile men, and misunderstandings, and Satan's tempta-
 tions of woe.
 What beautiful color, and perfect the fit of the helmet,
 Dear Lord;
 The weight of the cross, not too heavy, Oh! but 'tis
 a golden sword!

My feet, Oh how carefully I now must walk, lest I
 mar this sweet joy;
 With meekness and patience and kindness; let me
 never more hurt or destroy.
 The gifts you have given are priceless; and how can
 I ever repay?
 Except by the grace of thy Spirit, that I should be
 faithful always.

Your gifts are more precious than any the world can
 ever bestow.
 I cannot repay you with money; I'll live for you while
 here below.
 Thanks Jesus, most wonderful Saviour, your gifts are

all that I need;
 Forgive me, compassionate Master; may I ever be
 humble indeed.

And so, in gift shopping for Jesus, we never can hap-
 piness find,
 Except we should give what was given from God . . .
 unto all of mankind.

Sister Madeline Robinson

A CORRECTION

We wish to correct the following errors in print-
 ing found in the article entitled "The Book of Mormon"
 as published in the October issue of The Gospel News.
 Page #9, right hand column. Quotation from Jeremiah
 Chapter 30:7 ends viz: **but he shall be**". This should
 read: **but he shall be saved out of it.**"
 Page #10, left hand column. Reads: The Book of
 Mormon story was told in 1827-1830. In 1943 Mr. Wiley.
 This date should read 1843.

ON MORE THAN JUST ONE DAY

When the air is so full of Christmas joy,
 And all the world around
 Seems so involved in their planning
 And the short happiness they've found.

Did you ever stop to realize
 What would happen if it should last
 For the remaining days of the year
 After Christmas Day is past?

Everybody would be feeling joyous
 And spreading good will all the day,
 Giving without thought of giving
 Nor ever think of repay.

Helping those who need their help,
 Seeking ones who are lost,
 Always showing Christ's example,
 Never thinking of the cost.

Being humble in the Spirit,
 Forgiving wrongs of their brothers,
 Forgetting all about themselves,
 Concentrating only on others.

But the spirit of Christmas soon passes
 From men's hearts so very fast,
 They soon forget the baby born
 In a stable of the past.

If we could only hold onto
 The peace and joy it brings,
 It would surely make the world more happy
 And cause our hearts to sing.

It's a shame the world can't remember
 Our Savior for more than just a day,
 And keep His teachings in their hearts
 And plant them there to stay.

Let's try harder to show to others,
 And always think and pray,
 That Christ will soon be remembered
 On more than just one day.

Sister Erma Campbell Draskovich

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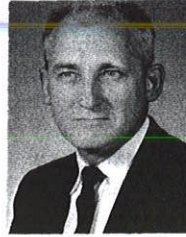
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Editorial Viewpoint



by George A. Neill

I have heard of a book titled "The Fifteen Decisive Battles Of The World." I am sure it would be quite interesting to read of these various battles. They are called decisive because upon their outcome hinged the destiny of a nation and perhaps, in some instances, a whole continent. Even the world in general may have been affected by the outcome of such a battle, for it was the turning point in a war.

I believe that, just as there have been battles that were final and conclusive, there have been, and are, persons who could be described as such. It would seem to me that almost every nation on the face of the earth today has a few leaders who could be placed in this class, the man of the hour so to speak. Each of these individuals was a turning point in the history of his country. We know full well this has been true in America. We shall not name these individuals as the list may be quite long, but will proceed to where this thought leads us.

In this month of the year our minds are mostly drawn to a manger in Bethlehem where a decisive Baby was born. Until He was thirty years of age He was practically unnoticed. Then, suddenly, one day He stepped out and proclaimed to the people, and to the world at large, that He was the Messiah, the Redeemer, the Son of God. He was destined not only to change the course of a nation or a continent, but to change the course of the whole world.

It is not strange that mystery surrounds His birth (conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary) and that the angel, Gabriel, was sent from God as a messenger to inform His mother of His coming, or that the heavenly host broke the news to the shepherds with songs and praise; even the wise men from the east came in search of the world's decisive Baby.

He was final in that no man ever spake as He spake, no man ever did the mighty works which He did. He healed the sick, He raised the dead, He performed many mighty miracles. No man ever made the claims He made . . . "I and my Father are one"; "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." He came to reveal the Father and to do His will. As He said on one occasion. "I came to do Thy will, O God."

In Him men were to see what God is like. No doubt He was considered the wonder-worker of His day. He is decisive because He is either a blessing or a condemnation. Simeon says He was set for the fall and rise of many in Israel. Christ either condemns men or justifies them. In Him men are lost or saved. He is either a stumbling block upon which men fall or a rock upon which they build. This was ever to be the effect of His person as men would encounter Him upon the pathway of life.

How true this was during the life of Christ. Many were offended in Him, many stumbled and fell; others rose. The high fell, the poor and humble were exalted and raised to a higher level of life. Because of Him, Simeon said, many hearts would be revealed. Christ is the touchstone of human hearts. He uncovers and discovers what is in the heart of man. We find also that this was true when Christ was here. In those that were brought before Him the evil or the good was uncovered or revealed. It is surely a solemn and searching thing to be confronted with Christ.

He is decisive because He is pre-eminent in all things. He is pre-eminent in love even though He was hated, despised and rejected of men. Men still recognize this great love and today sing "Such love, such wonderful love, that Christ should die for a sinner such as I." Thousands have discovered Christ to be the turning point in their lives. The whole course of their lives has been changed; because of Him life was made worth living. This has been the effect of His person on many. Therefore, at this season of the year, let us thank God again for "the world's decisive Baby."

CONCEPTS OF GOD

By James Curry

(Continued)

Bruce Barton, in *The Man Nobody Knows*, has said that "Each of the prophets in Israel brought to the world a revolutionary idea, and we cannot understand truly the significance of the work of Jesus unless we remember that He began where they left off, building on the firm foundation they had laid. Let us glance at them a moment, starting with Moses. What a miracle he wrought in the thinking of his race! The world was full of gods in his day—male gods, female gods, wooden and iron gods—it was a poverty stricken tribe which could not boast a hundred at least. The human mind had never been able to leap beyond the idea that natural phenomenon was the expression of a different deity. Along came Moses with one of the transcendent intellects of history. 'There is one God', he cried. What an overwhelming idea and how magnificent its consequences! Taking a disorganized crowd of folks who had been slaves in Egypt for generations—their spirits broken by rule and rod—Moses persuaded them that God, this one all-powerful God, was their special friend and protector, fired them with faith in that conviction and transformed them from slaves to conquerors.

"'There is one God,' Moses had said.

"'God is a God of justice,' added Amos.

"That assertion is such an elementary part of our consciousness that we are almost shocked by the suggestion that it could ever have been new. But remember the gods that were current in Amos' day if you would have a true measure of the importance of his contribution—the gods of the Greeks, for example. Zeus was chief of them, a philandering old reprobate who visited his wrath upon such mortals as were unlucky enough to interfere in his love affairs, and threw his influence to whichever side offered the largest bribes. His wife and sons and daughters were no better; nor was the moral standard of the God of the Israelites very much superior until Amos came. He was a trading God, ready to offer so much victory for so many sacrifices, and insistent upon His prerogatives. It was the high privilege of Amos to proclaim a God who could not be bought, whose ears were deaf to pleadings if the cause was unfair, who would show no discrimination in judgment between the strong and weak, the rich and poor. It was a stupendous conception but Amos persuaded men to accept it, and it has remained a part of our spiritual heritage.

"Years passed and Hosea spoke. His had not been a happy life. His wife deserted him; heartbroken and vengeful he was determined to cast her off forever. Yet his love would not let him do it. He went to her, forgave her, and took her back. Then in his hours of lonely brooding a great thought came to him! If he, a mere man could love so unselfishly one who had broken faith with him, must not God be capable of as great, or greater forgiveness, toward erring human beings? The thought fired his imagination; he stood up before the nation and proclaimed it with burning zeal—a God so strong that He could destroy, yet so tender that He would not!

"One God.

"A just God.

"A good God.

"These were the three steps in the development of the greatest of all ideas. Hundreds of generations have died since the days of Moses, of Amos and Hosea. The thought of the world on almost every other subject has changed; but the conception of God which these three achieved has remained in control of men's thinking down to this very hour.

"What was there for Jesus to add? Only one thought, but it was so much more splendid than all which had gone before that it has altered the current of history. He invited frail bewildered humanity to stand upright and look at God face to face! He called upon man to throw away fear, disregard the limitations of their mortality, and claim the Lord of Creation as Father. It is the basis of all revolt, all democracy. For if God is the Father of all men, then all are His children and hence the commonest is equally as precious as the king. No wonder the authorities trembled. They were not fools; they recognized the implication of the teaching. Either Jesus' life or their power must go. No wonder that succeeding generations of authorities have embroidered His idea and corrupted it, so that the simplest faith in the world has become a complex thing of form and ritual, of enforced observances and "thou shalt nots." It was too dangerous a power to be allowed to wander the world, unleashed and uncontrolled.

"The message of Jesus was that God is supremely better than anyone had ever dared to believe. Not a petulant Creator, who had lost control of His creation, and, in wrath, was determined to destroy it all. Not a stern judge dispensing impersonal justice. Not a vain King who must be flattered and bribed into concessions of mercy. Not a rigid accountant, checking up the sins against the penances and striking a cold hard balance. Not any of these—nothing like these—but a great Companion, a wonderful Friend, a kindly, tolerant, joy-loving Father.

"For three years Jesus walked up and down the shores of His lake and through the streets of towns and cities, trying to make them understand. Then came the end, and almost before His fine firm flesh was cold, the distortion began. He who had cared nothing for ceremonies and forms was made the idol of formalism. Men hid themselves in monasteries; they lashed themselves with whips; they tortured their skins with harsh garments and cried out that they were followers of Him—of Him who loved the crowd, who gathered the children about Him wherever He went, who celebrated the calling of a new disciple with a feast in which all the neighborhood joined! 'Hold your heads high', He had exclaimed, 'You are lords of the earth—only a little lower than the angels—children of God.' But the hymn writers knew better. They wrote: 'Oh to be nothing, nothing;' and, 'For such a worm as I.'"

(To be continued).

THE GENERAL LADIES UPLIFT**CIRCLE MEETING — SEPT. 14, 1963**

The General Ladies Uplift Circle Meeting convened in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, September

14, 1963. This was a long awaited meeting, as it was the first time in seven years that the General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle had been held in Detroit.

The building was filled to capacity. There were sisters from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Canada, and of course Detroit.

We had very little business to take care of, therefore the greater part of the day was spent in singing hymns, prayer, testimony, and all those good things.

The sisters of Detroit and Windsor, sang us hymns, "Follow Close To Thee," and, "It Took A Miracle".

Sister Muriel Miller read the 67th Psalm, and the young girls trio sang, "I Believe In Miracles".

The whole meeting was filled with the Spirit of God, and we all left with a renewed determination to serve God. It was like cool rain on a warm day.

Our president Sister Mabel Bickerton has always said, "Try to attend the General Circle Meetings, as this will renew your spirit and give you a renewed hope, to do even more for the Lord", and we can surely say this is true.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Continued)

By Brother James Heaps

"Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." And Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." What a wonderful desire. There is no doubt that he had seen the manifestation of the spirit on Elijah, and the miracles that he had performed. Elijah knew that his time on earth was coming to an end, so he said to Elisha, "If thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so." We, as Elisha, know that without the spirit we can do nothing.

Nothing could separate Elisha from Elijah. "And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel." 11 Kings, Ch. 2, vs. 2. Elijah also told Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho." In verse 6 Elijah said unto him, "Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So he stayed close by him, but "there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." So Elisha took up the mantle that Elijah had let fall and he received the double portion of his spirit. What a wonderful blessing. Suppose he had been indifferent. He would never have received that double portion. He would have missed the blessing and been left helpless, but because of his perseverance he received what he desired.

Elijah cast the mantle on the river Jordan and the water parted; he cast salt in the bitter waters and the waters were healed. He said, "Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that val-

ley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord." II Kings, ch. 3, verses 16, 17, 18. In the morning the water came out of the ground. These things came by the Spirit of God.

Why did Christ's disciples tarry ten days in Jerusalem? Because they had the desire to get what Jesus had promised them. Then Peter, speaking with inspiration, definitely connected this pentecostal experience with the exaltation of Jesus in heaven. He spoke thus: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." Acts, ch. 2, verses 32 and 33. Thus it was, when He had sat down on the right hand of God the Father, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in rich currents, and Christ was indeed glorified with the glory He had with the Father from all eternity. The outpouring of the Holy Ghost was heaven's communication that Christ had all power, both in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over all His people. In announcing His departure to the sorrowing disciples, Jesus explained to them that His mantle must now fall upon them, and that they were to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe."

So it was with Elijah. The signs began to follow him because he believed. When Elijah was exalted he let his mantle fall on Elisha. The disciples were not ready for the mantle to fall on them yet; there had to be some waiting and travelling before it could come on them. This command to tarry in Jerusalem was the commission. The disciples were not yet united in heart. Peter had denied his Lord thrice; James and John wanted the highest positions in the Kingdom; Thomas openly declared his lack of faith; Peter, James, and John had failed to watch one hour during that fateful evening in Gethsemane; and at the cross, they all forsook Him. They were a company of unlearned men of different occupations; and although they had been with the Lord during His ministry, they had not learned the secret of waiting upon the Lord. The destiny of the Church could not be committed into their hands yet. They were still worried about their national government. Thus the question, "Will you at this time restore unto us the Kingdom?" And He said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Isaiah tells in chapter 40, verse 31: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." When Zion travails she shall bring forth spiritual children. I feel we are missing a blessing because we are not waiting and travelling. We are tak-

en up with many things today, instead of the most essential part. Receive ye the Holy Spirit. That is what Christ is interested in, our receiving power.

FALLAVOLLITTI - SMITH WEDDING

On June 29, 1963, Brother Patsy Fallavollitti and Sister Judy Smith were united in Holy Matrimony at the Greensburg Branch by Brother Alvin Swanson. They are now residing at 1526 Broad Street, Greensburg, Pa.

May God be with them in everything they encounter.

In Memory Of BROTHER ALBERT SARVER Who Passed Away December 2, 1954

"Comfort"

In this life of toil and sorrow
We have trials on every hand
But I'm looking forward, 'Brother
To that bright and joyous land.
To that land where trials are ended
Where my Saviour beckons me
He will come someday in glory
To set the righteous free.

No doubt, we all remember
How on Calvary's cross He died,
So each may have the promise
In that land to e'er abide.
You dear friends who stagger blindly
Down the rocky road of woe
Turn to Jesus Christ the Saviour
He will guide you right, you know.

So I hope that you, kind reader,
Who by chance, this poem may see
Turn to Jesus Christ, the Saviour
He will truly set you free,
Loose you from sin, and sorrow
And when this life is past
Take you home to reign forever
Dwell with Him in peace at last.
Composed by Albert Sarver

NEWS ITEMS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE VINEYARD Pennsylvania District Conference

The semi-annual District Conference of Pennsylvania was held at the Aliquippa Branch on Saturday, September 7, 1963. The Sunday meeting convened at 10 a.m. with two hundred fifty people attending. The morning meeting was opened with a very appropriate hymn, "Lord in the Morning". Brother James Moore of the Imperial Branch opened our meeting and read from the first chapter of Mark. He was followed by Brothers Joseph Bittinger, Tony DiBattista and S. J. Kirschner. All of these Brothers spoke well on the need to obey the Gospel and the blessings received in doing so. We find in all this that it is assuredly so that "The Wonderful Story is True". We of the Aliquippa Branch enjoyed playing host to this conference and are always glad to try to be an active part of our grand and glorious gospel.

The Atlantic Coast District

On Friday evening, September 27, the various branches and missions in New Jersey and New York met together in the Hopelawn Church. Visiting from Modesto, California, were Brother Joe Lovalvo and his wife, Sister Virginia.

The service was opened by Brother Joe Lovalvo with prayer, singing, and thanksgiving unto the good Lord. He read for his text scripture from St. Luke 4 chapter, 7-13 verses. His talk was accompanied by the Spirit of God, exhorting the saints to search the scripture and become acquainted with its contents. He related several experiences which were had while he was on missionary work for two years in California. The Spirit of God bore a wonderful witness to these experiences while they were being related.

On Sunday, September 29, Brother Lovalvo was again in our midst. Our church building in Hopelawn was filled to capacity. Brother Joe used for his text the 11th chapter of Isaiah. All eyes were fastened on him as he read and spoke the word of God. The response to Brother Joe's inspiring talk was made evident in our afternoon service; many of the saints called for prayer seeking an increase of faith, and a closer walk with God. This service was filled with the goodness of heaven, confirming the prayers and exhortation which was given.

On October 2, Brother Joe and Sister Virginia were joined by Brother Jim Lovalvo and Sister Mary, his wife. A service was held in the New Brunswick Church with an overflow crowd. A wonderful discourse was given by Brother Jim on the subject of the Peaceful Reign. Certainly everyone returned to their home filled with the blessing of God. We have enjoyed their visit very much and do hope they will return again in the near future. We invite everyone to come and visit the Atlantic Coast District.

Atlantic Coast District Editor

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Ross - D'Antonio South Dakota Visit

Two of our Elders — Brothers John Ross and Domenic D'Antonio, along with their wives, are visiting in South Dakota. Our brothers have taken about three weeks's vacation time from their work and are spending it viewing the church work there. This was a request of the General Church that Brothers might be able to spend their vacations helping out the church work in various locations. In the reports that we have received back home, they tell us there is a lot of work to be done there. They along with the two brothers already there, Dick Christman and John Ross, Jr., have been holding meetings with the Indian people. They have also been holding Book of Mormon study. We pray that a wonderful work may be accomplished there and that God will lead and guide our two families of Saints who are residing in South Dakota. For those who may wish to write Brother John Ross, Jr., his address is: Box 385, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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Lorain, Ohio

We of Lorain are happy to inform the Gospel News readers that we have had three more converts, namely—Inez Caldwell, daughter of Brother John and Sister Marie Caldwell; Trinidad (Joe) Garcia, husband of

Sister Alice Garcia; and Rosa Polacios. These baptisms took place on Sunday, August 25th. after the afternoon service. An evening meeting was called for their confirmation and the rest of the time was spent in testimony and singing.

This was the aftermath of our Saturday evening meeting of the Ohio District M.B.A. gathering held in Lorain. A short program entitled "Witnesses for Christ" was given, after which Brother Rocco Biscotti and Brother William Gennaro each spoke a few minutes. Then all local presidents present were asked to give a testimony. As the closing song was being sung, Jerry Giovannone came forward and asked permission to relate a vision he had. After he told the vision, he asked for his baptism as he felt he would like to be a witness for Christ also. We can say it was an evening well spent, and our Sunday services as well.

We have had several visiting Brothers and Sisters recently from Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio and have enjoyed their testimonies and words of encouragement. May God's richest blessings abide with all the Brothers and Sisters wherever you are in this blessed land of America and the foreign lands. The Saints of Lorain, Ohio send their best regards to all of you.

Branch Editor, Sister Betty Alessio

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Aliquippa — Fredonia M.B.A. Meeting

On September 28th, we were glad to have the Fredonia Branch meet with us in Aliquippa for a joint M.B.A. meeting. Brother Russel Cadman spoke on scripture found in Isaiah and The Book of Mormon concerning the falling away and eventual restoration of the Gospel. We were reminded of the wonderful gifts our church possesses through the restoration. We also experience a friendliness through the Gospel which has melted and blessed our hearts. The Fredonia young people had a very good program. They read the scripture and sang some wonderful hymns. They also told us that this was the first time they ever presented a program outside their own branch. We enjoyed it very much and look forward to another meeting with them.

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Lorain, Ohio

On the eighth of October, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker Brother Joe Lovalvo from Modesto. There were many Brothers and Sisters from the various Ohio branches and missions. Also Brother Frank Vitto of Detroit, Mich. visited with us.

Brother Joe used the Third Chapter of St. John for his text, where it reads "You must be born again." He spoke many wonderful words showing why we must be born again by the authority that The Church of Jesus Christ possesses. He also told of many experiences and miracles performed during his ministry and while out in the missionary field. Toward the end of his discourse Frank Polacios (husband of Rose who was also baptized recently) arose and asked for baptism. This young couple is very humble and we pray that God will continue to bless them. I can say along with all that attended that it was worth our while to be in this service.

We also have another convert Brother Joe Tisler (husband of Sister Helen Tisler). He was baptized

on Sunday at the General Church conference. We can rejoice with the angels above that two more souls have repented and taken upon them the banner of Christ.

Branch Editor, Sister Betty Alessio

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Monongahela, Pennsylvania

On Wednesday, October 9, 1963, the Saints in Monongahela were privileged to go to the river to witness the baptism of John Bickerton and his wife Dorothy. John is the son of Sister Mabel Bickerton, and the sixth grandchild of the late Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman to be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ.

It is so nice to see any young couple such as John and Dorothy go through the waters of regeneration together. Our prayer is that God will bless them and their two children with peace, joy, and the love of God in their home all the days of their lives.

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Anaheim, California

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A few lines from Anaheim to let you know what is happening here in our Branch. We are not very many in number but the Lord is with us and this is the most important thing in our Christian life. We have had two more baptisms in the past six months. Sister Gerardes' husband was baptized and a young lady, Barbara Cole. We are very happy that we do have baptisms for we know that the Gospel is being preached and when it does fall on receptive ears, it brings forth fruit. Of course, we would like to see many more come but we do not always have it our way, and I am sure the Lord knows best. The important thing is that we have the peace and love of God in our hearts and He never leaves us alone.

Sometimes we feel bad when we have a wonderful meeting and God's word is brought forth in power, that there are not more there to share the blessings with us, but it reminds us that the promise of God is true, (where two or three are gathered together in my Name, I will be in the midst of them.) Our young sister Patty Alms (our Granddaughter) was married last week. Her brother Ronnie will be married next week.

Brother Pete Garofalo's daughter, Betty, announced her engagement to Brother Tony Gerace of Detroit a week ago. We were happy to have Brother Tony with us at that time. It was good to hear him tell of his work among the Indian people. Tony and Betty make a lovely couple and we are sure they will be very happy.

Brother Heaps is poorly again and we would appreciate an interest in your prayers in his behalf. Sister Sadie Necotia has been afflicted with arthritis for a long time now, and this hinders her in attending meetings. We would ask you to remember her also when you come before the Lord. In fact, let us remember all the afflicted ones, that God will grant to His children health and strength that they may be able to work for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. We need each other and none of us can get along without the other if we are in the service of God. As we look upon the conditions in this world and even those in the community where we live, we are reminded that this world is not our home and we need not expect

any comfort from these sources. So all we have left is our brothers and sisters in Christ and this wonderful Restored Gospel to derive our strength from. My prayer is that we will labor for the benefit of each other and share each other's burdens and life will be a lot brighter for all of us.

If ever there was a time for the children of God to be sober, (not given to foolish jesting) not wasting valuable time in this manner, time that could be spent in building up the weak ones, but witnessing to others of the TRUTH, **THIS IS THE TIME.**

I wish to thank all for the lovely letters I received while my husband was back East. May God bless you every one. Sister Margaret Heaps

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Tijuana, Mexico

Dear Brother Editor:

Just a few lines to let our brothers and sisters know that we are still striving to work among the seed of Joseph. A brother who was baptized about three months ago passed away on September 28, 1963. He was in a wheelchair and had only one leg. His family was against his joining our Church, but he made up his mind that regardless of anything he was going to be baptized. We rejoice to know that his soul was saved even if he did come in at the last hour. He underwent heart surgery and never came out of it.

Last Saturday, October 12, 1963, five more souls were baptized. We had a wonderful day and are very happy that the Lord is calling them in. Also, the wife of our new minister, Brother Toiebio, was ordained as deaconess a few weeks ago.

At the present time there is something of an epidemic of smallpox in Mexico and everyone is compelled to be vaccinated. Tuberculosis is taking its toll out here daily. There is so much of it out here that the people do not even take any kind of precaution where, in the States, one is immediately sent to a Sanatorium. There is no medical care for the poor so it just keeps on spreading for the lack of care. Both young and old suffer. Perhaps some day God, in His great mercy, will lighten their burdens and ease their suffering. Pray for us. Brother and Sister Purdue

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Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Brother Editor:

I wish to thank all my brothers and sisters in Christ through the medium of The Gospel News for the many cards and encouraging letters I received during my stay in Clearview Hospital. I am thankful to say I am feeling much better. Also I thank those who offered up prayers in my behalf. God has been good. Prayer changes everything as we should all know. I have much to be thankful for.

May God bless each and everyone—The Ladies' Circle, The Womens' Bible Class, and ones who also sent individual cards and letters. I am very grateful.

Sister Jessie Parrott

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Coraopolis, Pa.

On September 29, 1963 my companion and myself, along with our son, Walter, and Sister Mary Clement, visited the branch of The Church Of Jesus Christ in Monongahela.

We always received a blessing when someone visited the McKees Rocks Branch of the Church and have written concerning the joy that was had. Now we endeavor to tell of the great joy we felt, heard and saw in this visit. It was like unto a small conference. Everyone appeared so happy and glad to see one another. Brother John Mancini, who was visiting there also with his family from Erie, Pennsylvania, spoke and chose for his subject a wonderful passage of scripture, which was: "Be still and know that I am God."

Brother and Sister Neill took us to their peaceful abode for lunch, and in the afternoon we met with the Saints in West Elizabeth. It is wonderful to meet with the people of God.

We are not worthy of these blessings, so we praise God through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and thank all the brothers and sisters. Pray for us and we will pray for you as the Lord enables us. W. A. Laird

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Yucaipa, California

Dear Brother Editor:

With a heart full of love and humbleness I feel to write these few words of joy. God has been good to my husband and myself to have led us out on this mission field. I claim no worthiness but to do His holy will. I know for a surety now it is His holy will. At first I fought the idea of giving up my home in Garden Grove, being an active member in the Anaheim Branch where I expected to be permanently. But our thoughts are not God's thoughts; we still follow the instincts of the flesh and God leads us by way of the heart.

Within the humble prayer God leads us in this open field of missionary work where our faithful brothers come a distance of one hundred twenty miles every Sunday to bring the message of hope to many souls. They started out in Banning where a few rendered obedience before we came out here; now the work of the Lord is conducted from our home. God moves in a mysterious way and we are hopeful of "His wonders to perform." For many say "Lord, Lord" but have not known the meaning of His word. This missionary work is conducted under the San Fernando Branch.

To see the brothers come faithfully so great a distance is a blessing in itself. Surely God has many souls waiting and I'm asking all who read this to pour out their hearts to God in prayer for us so that souls could get in tune with the Lord. Most of the population around these parts are in the ebb of life and many are active in their Church; however, many of them go to none and the years are upon them with little understanding. God has been good to them in having the Church out here. Now let us pray that they will open their hearts and receive the true message of salvation.

For three Sundays that we have met here we have had twenty or more attending, eight to ten visitors, along with the Saints who travel a distance to uplift us. The Lord speaks to us in a still, small voice and we are on the path. Without the prayers and strength of each other we become deaf to that still, small voice of the Spirit; one for all and all for one. God be with us is my prayer. Sister Mary Spata



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 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." (Luke 2:8, 11)

Boys and girls, this is the Christmas story, one of the sweetest ever told. The scene is in Bethlehem, a city in Palestine. Many biblical events took place here. Micah, the prophet, tells us it is the birthplace of the Messiah, who came to the Jews and they did not receive him. These humble shepherds, no doubt, were looking for this Messiah. What a wonderful night this was for those humble men.

The shepherds didn't doubt as so many do today. But they said, "Let us go and see this thing which has come to pass." Angels had brought a glorious message that He, who should be King of Kings and Lord of Lords, was a babe in a very humble place, a manger. What a marvelous thing had taken place in this little town.

It was natural for these shepherds to be afraid, but what assurance these words were, "Fear not, I bring you good tidings of great joy." Peace is promised in this story, peace the angels sang about. Peace is a great blessing. After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His twelve disciples and said, "Peace be unto you,—Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." After many people met the Master they never had peace in their souls until they obeyed His commandments. It is still the same today. There is no peace only in the service of God.

It doesn't matter if this is not the season of His birth. History states that the shepherds in Palestine watched over their flocks from spring until autumn. December does not come in these seasons. But the part that counts is the spirit of Christmas. This is a happy time, a time to rejoice over God's gift to the world and the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

I want you to enjoy what Alfred D'Amico Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, one of our Children's Corner readers, wrote about Christmas.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

On Christmas Day the blessing of the Lord is upon me and happiness flows through every heart. On this day I think your attention and thoughts should be on Jesus Christ and not on your gifts. The gifts that are to be given should be in a spiritual manner and the blessings of the Lord shall be yours. On this day we should remember all the gifts and blessings

that the Lord has given.

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

Search the Scriptures

Let us search our Bibles for good verses using, peace.

1. The end of the perfect man is
Psalms 37:37
 2. To be spiritually minded is life and
Romans 8:6
 3. Jesus said to the sea, "..... be still."
Mark 4:39
 4. Kingdom of God is joy and
Romans 14:17
 5. One of the fruits of the Spirit is
Galatians 5:22
- My wish for you is, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

OBITUARIES

Sister Elizabeth Molinatto

Sister Elizabeth Molinatto, sixty years of age, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday morning, September 29, 1963. She was born July 5, 1903 the daughter of Brother and Sister Andrew DiNino of Glassport, Pennsylvania. Sister Elizabeth was baptized into The Church Of Jesus Christ March 23, 1920. After her marriage to Peter Molinatto in December, 1922, together they came to Warren and Niles, Ohio to help establish the Church here.

Sister Elizabeth was a good and faithful sister; she loved to tell of her early days in the Gospel and of the many blessings she received. Although very afflicted she did not complain. Yes, we will miss Sister Elizabeth's smiling face, but we have that hope of a happy reunion in God's Kingdom.

She is survived by her husband, Brother Peter, four daughters and three sons. Services were conducted by Brothers Dominic Giovonnone and Joe Genaro.

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Brother Samuel Suriano

On September 3, 1963 Brother Samuel Suriano, eighty-one years of age, passed away at his home. He was baptized into The Church Of Jesus Christ on January 15, 1928.

Many were the experiences he received since that time. His life, along with that of his companion (deceased), was spent almost entirely for the benefit of the Church. Many services were held in his home prior to the Church being built in Edison.

As a final tribute to the brothers and sisters he loved so very much he willed his entire estate to The Church Of Jesus Christ. He has left a wonderful example that others might recognize and follow.

Funeral services were held at The Church Of Jesus Christ on Knapp Avenue in Edison. Brother Anthony Ensana officiated, assisted by Brother R. J. Ensana.

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Brother Harry C. Lape

Brother Harry C. Lape, 65, died at his home in Charleroi, Pa., on September 15, 1963. Surviving are his wife and several sons and daughters. He was bap-

tized into The Church Of Jesus Christ in October of last year.

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Sister Mary Gavinsky

Sister Mary Gavinsky of the McKees Rocks Branch died on Thursday, October 24, 1963. The funeral services were held on Monday, October 28, with Brother Dan Casasanta officiating.

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Sister Antonetta Visconti

Sister Antonetta Visconti passed away following a prolonged illness. She was born September 24, 1889, in Italy and later came to the land of America. She was baptized into The Church Of Jesus Christ on June 29, 1947 and up to the time of her death was a faithful and dutiful member of the Church.

She will be sadly missed by her immediate family and the many brothers and sisters who have worshipped with her. The funeral services were held in the Detroit Branch No. 1 church building, with Brother Nick Pietrangelo officiating.

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Brother Ortho Leopoldo

Brother Ortho Leopoldo, of Detroit Branch No. 1, passed away on September 28, 1963 following a long illness. He was born December 17, 1886 in Italy. He was baptized into The Church Of Jesus Christ November 21, 1926, and was a faithful member of the Church. He is survived by his son, Brother Anthony Leopoldo, four grandchildren, and the many brothers and sisters who have enjoyed his friendship and fellowship over the years.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother Paul Vitto.

ELEVEN BAPTISMS HIGHLIGHTED GMBA CONFERENCE WEEKEND

The baptisms of eleven new converts highlighted the semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference weekend at the capacity-filled Monongahela Branch on November 9 and 10.

The new Church members, six Sisters and five Brothers, were baptized in the Monongahela River after the Sunday morning service. One had repentantly asked for her baptism during that meeting, while the other ten indicated their desire after the same service.

Man's Insignificance Emphasized

Speakers at this inspirational Sunday session were Elders Frank Vitto, Frank Giovannone, Dominic Moraco, and George Neill, Pastor of the Monongahela Branch.

The topic presented was based on the stirring and descriptive passage from **The Book of Mormon, Helaman 12:1-7**, which portrays the usual tendency of man to worship God in accordance with his needs rather than as a continual observance required by true believers. Correspondingly, man's insignificance, when compared to the Almighty, threaded all the talks.

Committee-Delegate Conference

At the official Saturday GMBA sessions, a by-laws committee-delegate conference was scheduled for McKees Rocks, Pa., on January 18 to discuss the revision to the Association's by-laws, which is now in the process of being finalized. The reactions of the member MBA groups, as well as the committee ex-

planations on the proposed changes, are to be appraised at that time so that a redrafted copy of the by-laws can be presented to each group before the May, 1964 GMBA Conference, which will be held at Detroit, Branch 3.

Final acceptance, after all revisions have been made, is hoped to be gained at the November, 1964 GMBA Conference, which is scheduled for Aliquippa, Pa. If approved, the revised by-laws will be put into effect at that time.

California Request Discussed

In another development, a request from the California MBA locals that they be allowed to meet as a district to take up matters for their area was discussed for some time on the Conference floor. It was unanimously approved that, because of the geographical distance from the main body, they should be allowed to collectively discuss their affairs and then submit them to the parent organization but that they do so under their existing spiritual area organization and prior to the MBA spiritual meetings which are held every six months.

The possibility that this step of area organization could pioneer the "districting" of the entire GMBA after the General Church pattern was emphasized. Appropriately, it was pointed out that the California District had been the first sector to be so structured in the General Church and that it had played a vital role in the perfection of that particular present organizational structure.

Most Officers Reelected

All except two incumbent GMBA officials were reelected for another one-year term. One of the new officers is Brother Paul Palmieri of Aliquippa, Pa. who was elected an Auditor. He replaced Brother John Ross, Jr. who has moved to South Dakota and who was appointed an Organizer in that vicinity, a newly created Organizer post in that area. The other new official is Brother Frank Rogolino who was elected a Florida Area Organizer to replace Brother Gabriel Mazzeo, presently residing in San Jose, California.

The Conference also accepted all officer reports. The monetary balances as of October 31, 1963 were announced as being \$640.68 in the GMBA General Fund and \$1,845.92 in the Land Purchasing Account.

Interesting Projects Reported

In a departure from the usual format, the representatives of the various member groups were asked to report on any significant projects which they had undertaken in an effort to stimulate interest and activity within their organizations.

The group with the most outstanding contribution was Detroit, Branch 3 which presented a check to the parent body for \$473.57. for the African Secondary School and Mission Home. This money was raised through work projects. The Conference extended this particular group a vote of thanks for its efforts.

Monongahela Local Program

The Monongahela host local presented an informative and entertaining program on "The Church Christ Planned" at the Saturday evening session after the conclusion of official Conference matters. A variety of musical selections and scriptural references were offered to depict the establishment and content of

Christ's Church.

The theme of this program appeared to be the proper setting for the next day's meeting when the eleven new converts made their choices to become members of "The Church Christ Planned."

Brother Carl Frammolin, GMBA Editor Pro-Tem for the November, 1963 Conference

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Literature Price List

Outlined below is the complete listing of the various pamphlets published by The Church of Jesus Christ and the price for each.

It has occurred to us that there may exist the possibility of some not realizing just how much literature is published by the Church for the benefit of Missionary work not only in foreign fields but also the ever present Missionary challenge of our everyday lives.

It is our sincere desire to see more of this literature purchased and used for the expressed purpose of furthering the work of God to the many people who are everseeking for truth.

In your examination of the list supplied herein, should you desire any of the selections, may we suggest that you contact your branch librarian who will be happy to serve you. Any non-member may order direct from The Gospel News Office.

Book of Mormon (English)	\$1.50
Book of Mormon (Italian)	3.00
Saints Hymnal (with Music)	2.00
Saints Hymnal (no Music)35
Saints Hymnal (no Music - Italian)40
Church History Vol. #1	2.50
Book of Sermons	2.00
The Seventh Day of Rest (English)10
The Seventh Day of Rest (Italian)10
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THE 'JESUS ONLY' PHILOSOPHY - HINDOOISM
VERSUS FATHER AND SON
A DREAM OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Written by Elder A. B. Cadman

I, Mary, dreamed that as I entered the gates of Heaven, I said to Peter, "I want to see my Son".

"Well, Mary, you are going to be disappointed."

"What do you mean? I am going to be disappointed? Why?"

"Well, it is almost unbelievable, yet it is so. God is all in all, you know, Mary; Jesus came from God."

"Yes, I know all about that, but He came from me too."

"Yes, I guess you are right, Mary, but you know there is a mystery about this. You know the Hindoos say that God is only a Spirit, and there is nothing but God; that we came out of God, and we go back into God."

"I never heard of a doctrine like that before."

"Well, we understand things up here that we could not understand down there."

"Are you telling me that my Son, Jesus, who grew in my womb, is not here? The angel told me He was conceived by the power of the Highest, the great and Eternal God, and I know he knew because when he came down from Heaven into my home, he talked with me face to face, revealing a mystery I then could not understand. I said to the angel, 'How can this be? I know not a man.' But oh, Peter, when the glory or power of the Highest overshadowed me, then I understood what the angel had told me that I should conceive in my womb and bring forth a Son, and call His name Jesus. And he said, 'He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father, David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever.' Now, are you going to tell me that my Son is not sitting on the right hand of God, on His throne? Didn't Stephen see Him standing on the right hand of God? When He was baptized by John in the river Jordan, did they not hear God speak from Heaven saying, 'This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'? I knew He was His Son; but remember, Peter, He was my Son too. He suckled at my breasts; I dangled Him on my knees; I took Him down into Egypt to save Him from Herod's wrath. I brought Him back to Nazareth after Herod was dead. I, with Joseph, reared Him to manhood. I was there when He performed His first miracle. Yes, Peter, He is my Son.

"I saw Him crucified by the wicked Jews. I thought my heart would break, but John consoled me. I was to be his mother and he was to be my son. If

it had not been for John, the beloved, I believe I would have died. Simeon had said, 'A sword would pass through my soul also.'

"No one knows what I suffered for three days; but O, on that first day of the week I could not go to the tomb with those faithful sisters who went to anoint His body. He wasn't there. No, He wasn't there; the tomb was empty. A little later they saw Him. They held Him by His feet and worshipped Him. Then they began to shout, 'He is risen!' Their voices rang down the streets of Jerusalem and over the Judean hills. The echo came bounding back; my ears quickened and strength came to my weakened body. My tears of sorrow were gone. I said, 'What is this I hear? He is risen?' Then I heard the voice of the other Mary saying, 'Jesus is risen!' O, what joy filled my soul! I ran to meet them. They shouted to me to rejoice, 'Thou that art highly favored of God, your Son is not dead. He is alive forevermore.'

"Yes, Peter, you saw Him and I saw Him. More than that five hundred saw Him at one time. Now you say He is not, that He is gone back into Him from whence He came, and I have no Son. I cannot believe it, Peter. Did He not call you brethren? Were not all that believed in Him to be joint heirs with Him to all of His Father's vast estate? Was He not the true vine and His Father the husbandman?"

"Well, Mary, you don't understand. Do you see that tree over there in the midst of Paradise?"

"Yes. It is beautiful."

"Well, that is God, the God of abstraction, a visionary aspect. You are a separate and distinct person, as are all others, but remember you came from God as did your Son, Jesus. When you partake of that tree of life, which is not real but spirit, you dematerialize as a personage and your spirit is merged into that from whence it came. God is here, there and everywhere."

"I never heard of anything like that before. Did not John see ten thousand times ten thousand (one hundred million), and thousands of thousands saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb (my Son) that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing'? My Son always said from the time He was a little boy that He was to be about His Father's business. I cannot believe what you say, Peter. You do not talk like the Peter of Galilee who was Jesus' apostle, who delivered that wonderful sermon on the day of Pentecost. I was there with that one hundred and twenty. Are you the fisherman of Galilee?"

"O, no, I am Petrus of the Hindoos."

"Well, I bid a good bye to you forever. I am the daughter of Abraham, who was chosen by the true and living God of Israel, and I am the mother of Jesus who gave Himself a sacrifice to redeem all that would believe on Him. Yes, He is God's great High Priest who entered the 'Holy of Holies', not made with hands, to implead God's mercy. He became our intercessor and our advocate; therefore His blood would not be shed in vain. God said, 'Today have I

begotten thee!; and again when He brought His only begotten Son into the world, He saith, 'Let all the angels of God worship Him'. This is my Son; yes, my Son. All generations will call me blessed." As I awoke I said, "Lord, save thy Church from Paganism."

HOW I FOUND THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Detroit, Mich.

A young brother in the Gospel came to our home one day,

We talked about the Bible and the Church of today. I thought this matter over and with that tender touch, I thought about the things he said and liked it very much.

He said something that touched my heart,

Then I thought "Lord I'll do my part."

So I entered a room and I knelt to pray,

Oh Lord please show me the true Church of today.

Then one night I visited The Church of Jesus Christ, The Church was just perfect and the people so nice. When I entered the Church my heart began to knock, I thought Lord what's in this Church that ours hasn't got?

The next time I went my heart knocked even more, Then I realized that it was God, knocking at my door.

I prayed and I prayed, Oh Lord hear my plea.

He gave me salvation which was precious indeed.

One night while sleeping God gave me a dream,

I was in the prettiest place I have ever seen.

Everything was perfect there in that land,

Then I knew that it wasn't made by hand.

It was on a Sunday, I prayed and I prayed,

Until God came in and took my burdens away.

As I went to the water to be baptized,

While the brothers there were cutting the ice.

I looked to the heavens and thanked God above, For calling me into the true Church of love.

I promised God that day I'd serve Him till I die,

So every time I call on Him, He hears my humble cry.

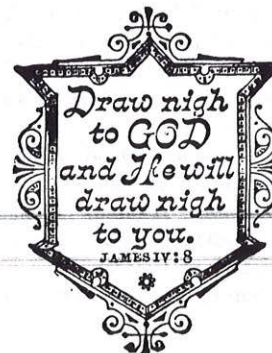
I thank you God for answering my prayer,

I ask you to keep us safe in your care.

Now God watch over your children today,

Oh help us Lord never to go astray.

Flossie Chambers



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In Memoriam



Brother William H. Cadman
President of The Church of Jesus Christ
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"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 medi-

tate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper". Psalms I; 1, 3.

**REV. WILLIAM H. CADMAN
DIES; WORLD CHURCH HEAD**

(Taken from the Monongahela, Daily Republican.)

A long life based on deep faith has ended for a Monongahelan, the religious leader of thousands of Christians of his faith throughout the world.

William H. Cadman, president of The Church of Jesus Christ, whose international headquarters are in Monongahela, died in the Monongahela Memorial Hospital at 3:15 p.m. Monday after a short illness. He was 86.

The Reverend Mr. Cadman was ordained into the ministry of his faith as an elder July, 1902. Later he became a counselor to the president and was elected to his present position as head of the church in 1922.

Active until illness struck a few months ago, he was instrumental in publishing the church newspaper as its editor, and in preaching in various parts of the United States. He wrote the history of the church in 1945 and had an active part in the publication of the church Hymnal.

President Cadman had a deep concern for the depressed people of the world. He tried his best to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ among those he could reach through the missionary field.

He also carried the gospel to the North American Indians, preaching at Tuscarrora, Muncy, San Carlos, Grand River (Six Nations), Cherokee, Wakpala (Cheyenne-Sioux) and Mexican Indian reservations.

President Cadman taught many years in Canada and personally helped in baptizing more than 2,000 natives in the jungles of West Africa in 1954.

His plans to carry the missionary work to other parts of Africa, Italy, Mexico and Canada this year and to organize the church of his faith in those areas had to be postponed because failing health precluded the trips.

Mr. Cadman was beloved by all, especially the American Indians. Members of the Indian Council with headquarters in the nation's capital, have visited numerous times at his home on Finley Street, Monongahela, to consult on various problems confronting their peoples. During the dedication of the Peace Bridge between Canada and Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. Cadman was the only white man the Indians of the Six Nation reservation asked to take part in the program with them. He later addressed the council of the Six Nation reservation, headed by Chief Rickard.

Through his efforts, people from various parts of the world have learned of his church. Inquiries recently have been received from India.

At the Church's general conference, held in Monongahela during Palm Sunday week-end, leaders from all branches of the church were addressed by President Cadman after he had been carried to the rostrum.

Members stated his sermon was more inspiring than any he had preached in his long religious career. It was the last time he spoke to his followers. Felled by a stroke, he was taken to the hospital only two days after his inspiring words. He died one week later.

The host of friends made in the Monongahela community, where he resided most of his life, came to know him as an example of Christian living.

President Cadman was preceded in death by his

wife Mrs. Sadie Mains Cadman, who passed away November 18, 1959.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mabel Bickerton of West Elizabeth; Mrs. Ruth Mountain of Fourth Street Extension, Monongahela; Mrs. Sara Vancik of Monongahela; and Mrs. Grace Landrey of Carroll Township; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

President Cadman, during his long ministry, performed marriage ceremonies for his four daughters and five grandchildren.

Also surviving are two brothers and one sister, Joseph Cadman of Richeyville, Alma Cadman of Monongahela and Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, of West Elizabeth.

Friends were received at the Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home.

IN APPRECIATION

We of the Monongahela Branch, where Brother Cadman worshipped for the past 44 years, will gradually come to the realization that a man of great worth has suddenly disappeared from our midst. Jesus once applied a proverb to Nazareth, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house". If any part of such a proverb can be applied to Brother Cadman and the branch where he worshipped, it would be to a far lesser degree than that of Nazareth, I am sure.

However, we may have been a little lax in our appreciation of him. The fact that Brother Cadman was constantly in our midst may have caused us to grow a little used to him, but in all of my experience with Brother Cadman and the branch, I have seen time and time again the respect, honor and appreciation shown him. His outstanding counsel and advice were appreciated many times; his wisdom was sought on many occasions and, as we look back, we will see where he has helped us over a number of pitfalls.

There are but a few in the Monongahela Branch that Brother Cadman has not, at some time, administered to in one way or another. At our request he came to our bedside, day or night, rain or shine, and as he stood beside our bed he anointed our heads with oil; we felt the weight of his hands on our heads as he petitioned God in our behalf. Somehow it seemed he brought God a little closer to us in our time of suffering and trouble. He united many of our young people in marriage; he blessed many of our little ones and lived to see them grow to man and womanhood and enter the Church. There are individuals in our branch whom Brother Cadman blessed in infancy, united in marriage and later baptized into the Church. I am reminded also how quickly he would come to us at the time of a death in the family. He spoke the final words about many of our loved ones as they were laid to rest.

While his face and voice will no longer be seen and heard in our midst, however, memories such as these, and many others too numerous, will linger on. Scarcely a meeting will pass but we will think or speak of him, and then suddenly realize that he has gone to join the other faithful saints of our branch who gave their many contributions and performed their many noble deeds.

I feel that the light that shone in the lives of these

faithful ones will never go out. I remember when I was a little boy hearing some of the saints say in their testimonies that they wanted a light to remain lit in their tombs. I am sure that this will be true in the sense in which they meant it. Let us always remember them in this manner:

There are voices of the past,
Links of a broken chain;
And God forbid that we should lose
The echoes that remain.

(Selected)

George A. Neill

LAST TRIBUTE PAID TO BROTHER CADMAN

The Church not only lost Her President when Brother William H. Cadman passed away April 15, but also lost Her most dedicated and untiring worker as well. This was the underlying sentiment expressed about him at his funeral service conducted at the Monongahela Branch on April 20.

An overflow crowd, which gathered to pay its last respect, heard Brothers Thurman S. Furnier and Joseph Bittinger, Brother Cadman's First and Second Counselors, respectively, describe the charitable deeds which had filled the life of our President.

Wide Representation

A wide representation of The Priesthood, members of the laity, and friends, in addition to the many relatives, were in the large congregation. Many had come from great distances throughout the United States and Canada and had begun to assemble long before the start of the service.

The atmosphere was one of extreme sadness as the Saints meditated on the severe loss of their President and beloved Brother in Christ.

Pallbearers Close Associates

The pallbearers, some of the Elders who had worked closely with Brother Cadman, were Nicholas Pietrangelo, General Secretary; Meredith Griffith, Treasurer; John Ross, Missionary to Africa; Joseph Benyola, President of The Atlantic Coast District; and Idris Martin and Anthony DiBattista, Evangelists.

Members of The Quorum of Twelve Apostles, acting as honorary pallbearers, preceded the casket from The Church building. Their faces, lined with grief, gave evidence that they were losing a great leader.

Sincere Concern For Others

Our departed Brother's sincere concern for others, his constant desire to help the down-trodden, and his unyielding determination to fulfill the Will of God motivated his entire life. His willingness to travel anywhere in the world to spread The Gospel made him an outstanding example of a good worker to every member of The Priesthood, it was stated.

To help anyone, regardless of that person's station in life, brought Brother Cadman his greatest satisfaction. The accomplishments of this beloved 86-year-old leader, although too long to enumerate, were the basis of the appeal by the speakers that his wonderfully inspiring Christian example be followed by others.

Last Message Stirring

Brother Furnier reminded the congregation of the last message delivered by the deceased to the body

of Elders assembled at the recent April Conference. It was in this stirring plea that "Brother Will," as he was so affectionately known to many, asked every Elder to continue to strive for unity.

Quoting from the hymn, "O God Give Strength," Brother Cadman reminded The General Priesthood that God had promised His Aid when all were united. He exhorted the Elders, therefore, to strive for unity of The Faith in the working for The Gospel.

Brother Cadman's last reassuring words were: "I feel that there is a better day coming for The Church of Jesus Christ." Two days after delivering these unforgettable words, he was stricken by a stroke which proved fatal one week later.

"We do not know whether Brother Cadman knew he was going to die shortly after giving his last talk. It does seem, however, that he wanted to prepare us and impress us indelibly with the fact we must carry on united and dedicated in The Service of God," Brother Furnier stated.

Accentuates Courage

Having been on many trips with our President, Brother Bittinger recalled the one they took to Africa together when Brother Cadman was 77 years old. Although facing a strange climate and other physical hazards which would have been difficult for most men many years younger, Brother Will was nevertheless determined to travel there to start Church missions which have since taken hold and prospered.

On this trip, Brother Cadman confided that, even if it were God's will that he die in Africa, he would have no regrets because he wanted to "die in The Service of The Lord." Brother Bittinger continued, "The life which has been lived by our President was an example to everyone. He had courage to stand up for what was right. We have been fortunate to have had his leadership and counsel these many years. We may say of him, in the words of Paul, he has '... fought a good fight, ...' and has '... kept the faith.' Surely, he must be classified with the Saints.

In summation, the Second Counselor expressed the feelings of everyone associated with the departed by saying, "Let us praise God for Brother Cadman's testimony. He has run the race with patience and diligence. He worked for The Gospel so long as God gave him life."

Appropriate Musical Selections

Besides the fitting selections played by Sister Sarah Neill of the Monongahela Branch, there were four hymns inspirationally sung at the farewell service. Brother V. James Lovalvo, California District President, sang his arrangement of the Twenty-Third Psalm. The other three hymns, "Sweet By and By," "My Jesus, I Love Thee", and "O Paradise," were sung by a quartet from Detroit, Michigan, at the request of the immediate family.

"O Paradise" was especially fitting because it had been written by Brother Cadman's wife, Sister Sadie, who preceded him in death on November 18, 1959. It seemed to have been composed just for this particular occasion. Its uplifting words and beautiful melody appeared to be depicting the love the Cadman couple, married for 58 years, had for each other, as well as for others. The reassuring and poetic descriptions of

Paradise seemed to be welcoming Brother Cadman, as well as everyone else who remains faithful to the end, to this most treasured of all places.

Community Pauses

The funeral procession, wending its way to the rolling hillside of Monongahela Cemetery under bright sunshine, was one which will not be soon forgotten in the community where Brother Cadman had lived for close to half a century. Citizens in all walks of life paused to view the seemingly endless flow of traffic, which numbered close to one hundred cars. They watched in awe from porches along the streets, from stores, and at various points along the way.

The townspeople were deeply impressed as they observed the license plates of the automobiles from the various states and Canada. Their solemn attention to the passing of Brother Cadman confirmed the tribute paid to him by the local newspaper, "The host of friends made in the Monongahela community, where he resided most of his life, came to know him as an example of Christian living."

Final Farewell

At the final resting-place, Brother George Neill, Presiding Elder of Monongahela, offered a soul-searching and meaningful prayer. He thanked God for having given The Church Brother Cadman and asked God's Divine Guidance for successors to guide The Church in the future.

Uppermost in the minds of all was the fact that the 41-year reign of the President had ended. It was the end of an era. A wonderful Brother—Brother Will—had quietly and peacefully passed away, leaving behind a cherished memory in the hearts of the Saints which will always live. As his parting reminder, they could always recall his final plea:

O God, give strength to all Thy saints,
And courage give them, too;
And, O lend us Thy mighty aid
To conquer ev'ry foe
Thy saints are weak, but Thou art strong,
There's all, there's all we want in Thee,
And Thou hast promised us Thine aid,
When we united be.

By Brothers Dominic Moraco
and Carl Frammolin.

Elder N. J. Umoh,
Lagos, Nigeria.
7th May, 1963

The Editor,
Gospel News,
519, Finley Street,
Monongahela, Pa;
U. S. A.

Dear Bro. Editor,

The Death of the President of The Church of Jesus Christ, Brother William H. Cadman has been reported to us in Nigeria. Indeed, it is one of the greatest losses which the Church has suffered.

Brother Cadman was elected the President of The Church of Jesus Christ in 1922 and has left us after 41 years faithful service. He has made a good Name for himself by opening a way for us to be able to read

from one another through the Gospel News.

Brother William H. Cadman died with his LOVE for the Nigerian Brothers and Sisters in his heart.

Please convey the sympathy of myself and family, Brothers and Sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria to the Late President's family. The Brothers, and Sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ in other parts of the world and to the people in Monongahela, Pa.

May the Lord raise up another President who will be as good as Brother Cadman, is my prayer.

Brotherly yours,
Elder N. J. Umoh.

A LETTER

Taken from the letter of Brother Moses Akpan, from Africa, studying here in U.S.A. "I was happy I was able to set aside my academic work and attend the funeral service, to pay that last honor to him for his dedicated service as the late president of the Church. He has left the scene but will never be forgotten. The establishment of our churches in Nigeria has been one of his greatest credits, and when the history of our Church in Nigeria will be written, his name will feature in many pages. Brother Cadman was a devoted Christian. I learned much from the funeral oration made at his funeral service.

Our people in Nigeria do really miss Brother Cadman. As many of them have not known such a great man, who had the interest of them and their salvation always at heart. "May his soul rest in peace."

It is my prayer that God will inspire whoever will fill the office he had reluctantly left, to have such good insight and deep concern for the spread of this faith beyond the boundaries of America, as was always the concern of our late Brother President. The work in Nigeria is now beginning to be on its feet as the Church is thus fully recognized by the government of Nigeria. This is the era for progress and fruition of our work, and calls for our patronage. This is why I must repeatedly say, that we do miss our late president. My heart even grieves the more when I remember that even now, we have no volunteers to replace Brother and Sister Ross, who just came back. It is not my pleasure to see the work being left without a missionary. At this time our people are much in need of their direction.

I wish you courage and ability to face the work which your father had started among our people in Nigeria. Extend my sympathy to every member of the bereaved family. God be with you all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Moses Akpan.

IN MEMORY

To the family of Brother Cadman;

We were very sorry that we were not there at his funeral. But you have our sympathy in time of his passing. Jesus Christ knows all things, it is only a place of rest when our life work is ended. So we are trying hard to meet our dear Brother W. H. Cadman. Thank our dear brother for bringing us back to the Life of Jesus Christ. It shall long be remember-

ed. So may you all have our prayers daily and you pray for us that we may grow stronger in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that we may hold to the rod of iron.

Your Sisters, Bessie E. Burke
and Maude E. Driver.
Freehold, New Jersey

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To Brother Cadman's family;

Just a few lines to say that we shall miss your dear father so much but I feel as if I have had a great favor bestowed upon me by having met him along life's way. I know you shall miss him, but, "What must it be to be there?" I did not know your father as long as many knew him, or as close as I would have liked to, but there are things I shall ever remember about him. His great love for the seed of Joseph and all mankind. Brother James Loyalvo gave us a report on your father's funeral service and told of how many were there from other churches and the world, how they respected him.

My daughter Joy attended the dedication of the little church at San Carlos Reservation, Arizona, and said, "Oh mother, how humble he was. How the Indians loved him." He will be surely missed by all but he has entered into the joy of God's paradise. I so admire your family and hope that I can leave behind me such a good name. For a good name is more precious than rubies or gold. May the Lord bless you. There are no words that I could write that would tell of the love that I feel for you at this moment. But perhaps the Lord will let you know by His Holy Spirit. May God bless you.

Sister June Jones,
California

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IN MEMORY

Brother Cadman was a humble man, who had no pride in him. He was very kind and well-preserved, and lived up to his standard. He loved and lived for the Church, which he represented indeed. He lived for what he preached and helped those who stood in need. Was clean and upright in all he did; no vile words he ever spoke. With loving kindness he bid all to come to this heavenly fold. The cross he bore was not an easy one. He bore every burden on him. His heart was always in prayer for each and every one of us.

I wish I could find words great enough to express the great person that he was. He was full of the Holy Spirit that led him day in and day out. We truly say he fought the fight. He kept himself in the faith and gave us light to walk wisely before God that we may walk in the road straight. He was a saint not only in words but in deed. He showed us how to live with God the Father on earth and then enter Paradise with him.

Sadly missed by all, I am sure. But thank God that gives us the hope that we shall meet again.

Sister Anna Nastasi, Niles, Ohio.

DETROIT BRANCH 4

On April 21 our Sunday Service was dedicated in memory of Brother William Cadman. We had a

long session of singing many of Brother Cadman's best loved hymns. The spirit of singing was evident in the enthusiastic response by the congregation.

Brother Moraco introduced our service with prayer asking the Lord for support in our continued service to Him. After singing Hymn #86, "O God Give Strength" Brother Moraco used as his text the promise God made to Joshua: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous."

Our Brother gave us a report relative to the Funeral Service and called upon us all to remember Brother Cadman by rededicating our lives to the cause of Christ even as Brother Cadman was dedicated in complete measure toward God and His Church.

The growth of the Church is evident throughout our brother's leadership. The Lord is to be praised and honored with loud Hosannas raised to His name for affording the Church a person possessing such a magnificent character. Brother Moraco asked us all to pray that God would raise-up among us a Joshua of The Latter Days to lead The Church. He reminded us that this is not the time to be weak, but we must, with God's help, be strong and of good courage, ever remembering the eternal promises of God.

Brother Gorie, a long time close associate to Brother Cadman, followed by reading one of Brother Cadman's much used text: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Brother Gorie spoke of perfection in various fields of achievement, but said that Jesus spoke of the perfection that only the Father in Heaven possesses. We should try to obtain this perfection of spiritual living through a life of continued dedication such as was seen in the life of Brother Cadman. He has left such an imprint on this earth and while sorrow is felt in his passing, a welcoming joy is surely experienced in the Paradise of God. Brother Gorie continued that it was difficult for him to put into words the feeling in Heaven when Brother Cadman was again reunited with many of the old saints who had preceded him in death. We have an assurance, he continued, that Brother Cadman has obtained a life of eternal happiness and of perfection in the Glory of the Lord. He concluded by reading a verse by the poet Longfellow as a tribute to Brother Cadman:

Lives of great men all remind, us we can make
our life sublime
And departing leave behind us footprints in the
sands of time.

In the closing prayer, Brother Anthony Loyalvo praised God that Brother Cadman has left behind such a good name. He recalled the proverb — a good name is better than riches.

Brother Leonard Loyalvo
Detroit Branch #4



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope,"
Thessalonians 4:13.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Since this is a special issue honoring my father, William H. Cadman, the late president of our Church, I would like to tell you of the HOPE of the saints.

In the Psalms David wrote, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints". (Psalms 116:15) Death, then is like a bridge. It is God's way of taking us from this life to a better place. There is no other way to get there. We think of that better place as heaven. The Book of Mormon calls it Paradise. Alma told his son Corianton all this is a mystery. An angel had explained it to him. It is a beautiful story and one that helps us understand God's plan. When the spirit or life leaves the body, whether good or bad, it is taken home to the God who gave life. Those who are righteous are received in a state of happiness, which is called Paradise. It is a state of peace where they shall rest from all their troubles, all care and sorrow. The ones who are evil are not promised these wonderful things.

The righteous ones remain in this state in Paradise, until the time of the resurrection. This is a glorious time for all those who have served God. The soul will be restored to the body. The body will be perfect, not even a hair of the head shall be lost. All will stand before God to be judged according to their works. We have a great hope of meeting all our loved ones who cross this bridge ahead of us. Won't this be a happy meeting?

Jesus asked his disciples this question, "For what is man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul"? Our body is like a house or a shell that holds the soul. Our soul is very precious. The part that makes us sing, laugh, cry, hear, see and know, leaves the body, or our earthly house, when we leave this earth. Life here below is like a journey. When we go away we always want our plans to be just right. How much better our plans should be for this journey to a better land. We can't take any of our possessions with us, no silver or gold is needed. One time Jesus told a man, "Except a man be born of the water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

When Jesus knew he was to leave this earth, he tried to prepare his disciples. He said, "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." Then he told them of the Comforter which would abide with them. He continued, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also." Once before he had said, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Jesus had comforted his friend Martha, with

these words, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die".

There is an interesting story in the Old Testament about David. He had a son who was very sick. David fasted and prayed for his child. The servants saw how sad he was. When the child died they were afraid to tell him. David heard them whispering and he thought the boy was dead. He asked the servants, "Is the child dead?" And they answered, "He is dead". To their surprise David washed and anointed himself, changed his clothes and went to worship in the house of the Lord. Then he went to his own home and ate. His servants couldn't understand this. They asked, "What is this that you do? You did fast and weep for the child while he was alive and now he is dead and you arise and eat?" David told them, "While the child was alive I fasted and wept but now that he is dead I cannot bring him back again. I shall go to him but he shall not return to me". This is the HOPE of the saints. We cannot bring our loved ones back, but we can live good lives so we can meet them.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

A TRIBUTE TO BROTHER W. H. CADMAN PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH (Taken from the "Il Riflettore" -- the Italian paper of the Church)

In Memoriam of Brother William H. Cadman —
President of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Friend, beloved Pastor and leader of men for the Lord Jesus Christ.—Ever willing and tireless worker of the Kingdom of God. — Called home to be with his Lord. — Called to his new assignment on April 15th, 1963. — We are assured of the Lord's promise that we shall meet again. — "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Our Brother was born in West Elizabeth, Penna., on December 19, 1876. He was baptized December 16, 1896; was ordained an Elder in July 1902; was made an Apostle in July 1904, and three years later was elected First Counsellor of the Church. He became president of the Church in July 1922 General Church Conference, succeeding the late President Alexander Cherry. He was elected annually in the office of president of the Church for 41 consecutive years. He was re-elected president at our recent April Conference 1963, after which our beloved Brother took a turn for the worse and finally was called to his new assignment on April 15th., 1963, and to his eternal rest. He died at the age of 86.

It is impossible to describe in detail the hard labor and the difficulties that this servant of the Lord encountered in the course of many years, but through his faith and determination, under his leadership, the work continued to grow numerically and spiritually. He spent a life time in assisting the American Indian people in the United States and Canada to whom he was a spiritual father and a benefactor.

Due to his untiring efforts in promulgating the Restored Gospel consistently for 66 years, through dis-

tribution of articles, booklets and pamphlets, a rich heritage for our Church, many have come to the knowledge of the Restored Gospel.

He was the Editor of The Gospel News which has been the official voice of The Church of Jesus Christ for many years. It was through this paper that a "great door and effectual was opened unto him" which paved the way for him to go to Nigeria, Africa where he started a great work with alacrity, with a cultured mind, rich soul and noble heart, and from the tasks assigned he did not depart.

Our beloved Brother Cadman has left a wonderful testimony and a sage counsel to the Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ when he spake to the April General Conference 1963, when he related an experience he had had. He said, "The people of God must become as one. Let us not get away from the spirit of oneness. Bear in mind that we must keep ourselves in accord with one another, and in unity". Then he quoted from St. John 17:21, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me". Shall we not then be united? He concluded: "We're still looking forward to seeing the things of God being fulfilled".

His last words were the words of a true spiritual leader which will be treasured for all times to come. The impression I had as he spake these precious words to the Ministry was that he was telling us — having he himself done it all his life — you have a glorious mission to fulfill which God has entrusted in your hands thru' Jesus Christ Our Lord: You have a witness to bear — You have a Gospel to preach — You have a command to obey.

You want to proclaim to the world: you have not been disobedient unto the Heavenly vision.

From his words it could be sensed that he was concerned about the future of the Church and having been an untiring worker in the Gospel, he felt that the work of the Kingdom must go on because if it becomes self-centered, it dies. It lives only by constant expansion and self giving.

The funeral service was held at his church (The General Church Headquarters) and was conducted by Brothers T. S. Furnier, First Counsellor; Joseph Bittinger, Second Counsellor; and George Neill, presiding Elder of the Monongahela Branch.

A quartet of young brothers from Detroit, Michigan, sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye". Brother Bittinger offered the prayer. Brother V. James Lovalvo sang the 23rd Psalm which he dedicated to the memory of Brother Cadman. The music was arranged by Brother Lovalvo himself, it is a credit to our Church.

Brother T. S. Furnier read the First Psalm and other passages of the Scripture from the Book of Mormon and Bible and a poem which a sister had written many years ago the theme of which was that our dwelling place is not on this earth but in heaven.

Brother Furnier said that our Brother will not be with us any more to counsel us. Now we must pray to God for strength to go on with the important work assigned to us.

Brother Joseph Bittinger followed with an eulogy

in which he portrayed the rare qualities of our departed Brother. He said that our Brother was a firm believer in that which is recorded both in the Bible and the Book of Mormon. He said that Brother Cadman, whom he had accompanied on many missionary trips amongst the American Indians in the States and in Canada, was a man of charity and compassion who had lived for others. He also related that he had accompanied our Brother to Nigeria, Africa, when our Brother was of the age 77 and there he lived unashamed and unafraid amongst the poor people of that country. He was so dedicated in helping them in their spiritual and temporal plight that he was willing to offer his own life if necessary. He said that our Brother was a kind and a meek man . . . a man of deep humility.

The church was filled to capacity by brothers and sisters practically from all the branches and missions of the Districts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Atlantic Coast and Michigan - Canada.

Present were also the following Apostles:

V. James Lovalvo of Northridge, California
Rocco V. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio
Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York
Anthony A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio
Gorie Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan
Alma B. Cadman of Monongahela, Penna.
S. J. Kirschner of Washington, Penna.
William Gennaro of Warren, Ohio
Russell Cadman of Fredonia, Penna.

Brother Domenic Thomas, President of the M.B.A., of Detroit, Michigan, and Sister Julia D'Amico of Rochester, New York, were also present.

The immense crowd which paid their last respects to our beloved Brother Cadman was truly a vivid demonstration of the love that they had for their departed friend, brother and Leader.

Brother Cadman has joined the host of Saints: Brothers Ishmael D'Amico, Joseph Corrado, Charles Ashton, Joseph Dulisse, Patsy DiBattista, Vernon Chester and John K. Penn; also Sister Sadie Mains Cadman, beloved wife of Brother Cadman, and Sister Maria Ruzzi and many others—all great "pillars" of the Restored Gospel who are also in the Paradise of God.

"Now that our Leader has been called to his eternal reward in heaven, we feel as though a greater responsibility rests upon our shoulders".

To our Sisters Mabel Bickerton, Ruth Mountain, Sara Vancik, Grace Landrey, their children and grandchildren and to all their relatives and friends, we express our sincere condolence and heartfelt Christian sympathy.

Brother Mario Milano—Editor

IN REMEMBRANCE

of

**Our beloved brother in Christ, William H. Cadman
President of The Church of Jesus Christ**

World Headquarters, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

We, the church, have lost a very noble and faithful brother. One who was consecrated and dedicated in the service of the Lord. He was a tireless worker in the church, and in the Branch at Monongahela of which he was a member for many years. As a leader

of the General Church he was paramount. Like David and Solomon, he led the church for 40 years through stormy seasons, as well as seasons of calm and peace, to see it spread over the U.S.A. to Canada, Mexico, Italy and Nigeria, Africa. One of his greatest ambitions was to spread the gospel among the American Indians, an effort to which he devoted considerable of his time, especially, in his late years, to be crowned with a measure of success. He became very well known and respected by many of them in the U.S.A. and Canada, as being a friend to them.

I first became acquainted with him nearly 35 years ago, and it grew into a very close and honored association, laboring together for the advancement of the church, by exploring every opportunity, endeavoring to promulgate the Restored Gospel of Christ everywhere. In company with him and his beloved wife (also deceased) Sister Sadie, and my wife, we literally spent days and weeks together traveling and visiting Branches of the church in many states and Canada; also the Indian people on many of their Reservations, talking with them about the church and the things of God, distributing church literature to them.

Brother Cadman was a man of dignity, yet, he could condescend to meet and speak with the poorest of mankind, outcasts or down-trodden. He could be very content in the humblest of homes of all nationalities, or races.

I am certain most all of our church people know of his wonderful attributes. His life and activities have been an outstanding example of Christian living, standing out as monuments to us and our children, and to thousands in other lands. His presence will be greatly missed by all of us, but his influence will live on, and will be felt in the church for generations to come. He was very firm and unyielding in his convictions, never allowing mercy or sympathy to rob justice, but always one of the first to show mercy and love where and when it was due.

1954 In Retrospect.

In answer to a rather mysterious request for the church to send missionaries to Eastern Nigeria, West Africa, to preach the gospel and establish the church there among the Annang People, the church chose Brother William H. Cadman as their emissary although he was past 77 years of age. I was selected to accompany him on this adventure. He was very desirous to make this trip, fully realizing the uncertainty it involved, the various potential dangers existing, the long trip by airplane, one of the most hostile climates in Africa (for non-Africans), etc.

The answering of this Macedonian call would have challenged a much younger man, but Brother Cadman proved to be a dedicated and humble servant of God willing to give his life, if necessary, in carrying out what he considered his duty, that men may have the opportunity of hearing the Restored Gospel preached to them.

July 28, 1954, we arrived in London, England. We had a day to spend before our departure for Lagos. Brother Cadman suggested we spend the day sight-seeing historic places of interest. This we did, revisiting a number of places he had visited 50 years before

as a young man. He really enjoyed himself and pointed out to me many things of interest in this great City. Finally we arrived in Lagos, Capitol of Nigeria. This was a very strange but a very fascinating city to us, a contrast indeed to our American Cities. Poverty was very evident, living conditions pitiful for thousands of people, masses of people were unemployed just idling their time away on the streets, hoping to make a few pennies some way. Beggars were many and most of them were crippled or deformed terribly, a heart-rending sight for us. But the people were very polite and courteous in general, asking us many questions on a multitude of subjects.

We still had 600 miles to go before reaching our destination. In a few days we took a plane to the City of Calabar, Eastern Region. Here we were met by two men who escorted us by Taxi, to a large Ferry Boat. After traveling eighteen miles up the Cross River, to Oron, a Truck took us another perhaps forty miles to our destination near Abak.

Here we were shown a mud house that was to be our home and Headquarters during our stay. It had a thatched roof and a sand or mud floor, small window holes with shutters on them but no glass in them. The shutters had to be closed at night, as protection against thieves, or perhaps large snakes would crawl in, or other predatory creatures. We gave these things very little thought or consideration in the least, as we had given ourselves into complete trust in God, the fulfilling of our mission occupied our minds both day and night, and this proved to be a test of stamina. As there were fifty-two missions scattered over a large area waiting for us to visit them and preach the gospel to them, and we did not have any means of transportation of our own, we had to rely on taxis to get us around. These vehicles could be anything from the smallest compact car to an old Army Weapons carrier, their mechanical condition was very untrustworthy, with their drivers no more dependable. In some areas roads were practically non-existent. Sometimes we were obliged to walk several miles in order to get to certain missions, quite often it was pouring down rain. It was not uncommon for the taxi to run out of gas ten miles or more from the nearest station day or night time.

After preaching to the people for several days many of them desired baptism. I baptized fifteen men, mostly prospects for the ministry. Brother Cadman did not desire to baptize any of the candidates. But he was in the height of his glory, in preaching the gospel to the multitudes, in offering prayers for their sick and afflicted. There were days when we were tired out, and weary because of the great numbers requiring prayers and the laying on of our hands. There were times when we met people walking along the road and they would desire us to pray for them, their reasons for prayer were various. They would kneel down beside the road and we would invoke God's blessing on them, perhaps as many as 10 to 15 persons kneeling and waiting on their turn for prayer.

I became sick and was taken to the hospital after midnight leaving Brother Cadman alone, in this strange land. He said it was very lonesome there by himself.

But early in the morning before daylight he heard singing down in the church building. The people had gathered and were praying for brother Bittinger, that he would get well and return to help Brother Cadman establish the church for them. This gave Brother Cadman great courage at a time when he needed it most. He went ahead and ordained a few Elders and Teachers to help with the work. After two days I returned from the hospital, and we continued with our work. Our experiences were many and it is very difficult to express them in writing.

Getting proper food was difficult. Brother Cadman got so tired of bananas that he could not eat them anymore, so I ate his as well as my own. I saw him eat dry bread that he would not have eaten under normal circumstances. We were thirsty when no water was to be had after spending hours in the terrific heat. I mention these things now that he is gone to be with the Lord. While we were there he said to me, "Brother Joe, if it is God's will that I die in Africa, then I want to die with my boots on". No man ever spoke with more sincerity than he. Now that ten years have past since we were there, time and events have proved to me that God was truly with us, far beyond what we realized at that time.

After what we considered very successful accomplishments in the area of Abak, we moved to the City of Calabar, where we were also preaching and having success in bringing people into the church. We were preparing for our return home in a few days when thieves entered Brother Cadman's room while he was sleeping and carried away practically everything he had with him, even the clothing he had been wearing, all his money, and other valuables. This shameful depredation was a severe blow to him, causing him to shed considerable tears. I believe the thing that hurt him most was the loss of a pin or broach he had bought in the airport at Rome, for his wife, Sister Sadie. He greatly admired this little anticipated gift. I lost most of my clothing too, and they took all the best of mine leaving only what I had thought I would give away before leaving there, but we had to use them to get home. But it was consoling as many of the people came to express their sympathy to us, and especially to comfort Brother Cadman for being compelled to bear such a shameful, and humiliating reproach. A number of these people offered up very nice prayers to God in his behalf.

We met many very fine people here at Calabar, who were educated mostly in mission schools. We returned home feeling we had accomplished our mission and convinced that the church would continue to grow in Nigeria, but it would require others to go as missionaries to carry on the work we had started. Brother Cadman and myself were very thankful to all those who have gone since and continued this work. It has prospered greatly.

We had experienced great joy and satisfaction, but not without some sorrow and disappointment. It has since proven that this was and is a great work of God, and the evil one would not permit it to develop without a trial of our faith, even a trial of faith for the whole church here in America. I believe individ-

ually and collectively with the help of God we shall prove equal to the task before us in Nigeria, and all other mission fields, that Brother Cadman was so much interested in, and concerned about. The work in the mission fields was dear to his heart.

So long as I shall be permitted to retain any position of responsibility in the Church, I shall strive with all my strength, to do my part, to carry on in the future as in the past. The departure of our brother has indeed increased the responsibility of us all in the ministry, that the Church might attain to the greater blessings that are in the future, of which Brother Cadman spoke about and longed for, laboring to advance the Church toward this goal, to the very end of his life.

I have lost a very dear friend and brother in Christ, I loved, honored and respected him as my own father. I shall never betray the trust and respect he had for me, with God's help I expect to meet him in that eternal morning, with that innumerable host of the Saints, when I have finished my mission here on this earth. I praise God for the life and testimony of our deceased brother, that has been such a wonderful inspiration to me. May God richly bless all his daughters and their families that have lost one so near, and so dear, to them all.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

MICHIGAN - CANADIAN DISTRICT

The members of the Michigan - Canadian District wish to acknowledge with profound regret the passing of our beloved brother and President, W. H. Cadman.

We shall always remember his many visits to the church here. Always he brought with him a wealth of personal warmth and made himself at home with everyone. At the same time, he commanded a tremendous amount of respect.

His many sermons were both instructive and inspirational. The one being that God had richly invested the Church with His Power and Authority. The other, embodied in the words of Paul, "What manner of men ought we to be".

His untiring efforts in missionary work were reflected in his many trips to our Indian Missions at Muncey, Canada, the Six Nations Reservation and Sarnia. By so doing, he uplifted many of our Indian Saints and inspired many of our elders to work for the conversion of the Lamanites to bring them to the knowledge of the Restored Gospel.

As we reflect on his passing we shall seek to be better followers of Christ and hope that God will continue to pour out His spirit and power on the Church.

In his memory we therefore pledge ourselves to rededicate our lives with greater vigor to the work of the Church in this our day.

The Brothers and Sisters of the
Michigan - Canadian District.

CONDOLENCES FROM AFRICAN CIRCLES

It was a great shock to me to hear of the death of our late General Church President, W. H. Cadman. It was very rude of death to snatch him away from us. Please convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

Our prayer is that God should comfort them.

Immediately I had the news of the death of Brother Cadman. I summoned members of the Ladies Uplift Circle and informed them of the sad news of our life. They were all grieved to hear of it and asked me to convey their condolences to you and the family. It is a pity, but we are happy in that we shall see him face to face on the resurrection morning. May his soul rest in peace.

When we learned sometime ago, before his death that he was coming to Africa, Nigeria, to see us, we were very happy. But not long after the announcement, news came that he was not coming anymore. We would have loved to see the man, who worked all his life, to see that we became Christians. Death has not spared him to see the fruits of his works. History has recorded his works and forever his name shall be remembered by the Africans whom he served. He was a faithful servant of God.

Much love from the sisters of The Ladies Uplift Circles to the family of our brother in the Gospel. Accept our condolences.

Your Sister Rachel Arthur,
President of the Circles in Africa.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BROTHER

He's gone away and left us
That Brother that we loved
He's gone to meet his Saviour
In the heaven up above.

A man whose heart was filled
With love for enemy and friend
Who helped his brothers and sisters
Up to the very end.

We'll never forget our Brother
We'll remember him always
And pray we'll be just like him,
Until our Judgement Day.

Sister Kate Sgro,
Edison, N. J. Branch

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YOUR FATHER

We know your father is placed at rest
Up there upon the hill;
The voice whom many have been blest
Is still a memory, though still.

I think of that Friday afternoon
When he was carried in on a chair;
Little did we know, it would be so soon
But he had something with us to share.

He asked for a hymnal, turned to eighty-six,
And cautioned all the Brothers;
To call on God to give us strength
Because he knew no other.

Although he lived to a good old age
Four score and six I'm told;
His name goes down on memory's page,
As one who has entered God's fold.

Brother Clifford Burgess, Canada

ETERNAL REST

Your father has gone to his Eternal Rest,
His working days are o'er;
And many times we have been blest
When he came to our open door.

But this one thing we all do know
Your father did his best;
To lead the Church on earth below
Before he entered his rest.

The knowledge of Scripture that he knew,
Some obtained when just a lad;
Were not given to a paltry few
But to all whether happy or sad.

Although he's gone from all our sight,
And we know you girls feel sad;
But let us continue in the fight
Till again we see your Dad.

Brother Clifford Burgess, Canada.

Dear Sister Mable:

I am enclosing a poem that I wrote when I learned of your father's passing, and am very happy to pass it on to you.

I will leave the greater task of trying to do him justice by writing of his achievements, and of his good and wonderful conduct in this life, to someone more qualified than I. I merely write of my own feelings, and out of the wistfulness of my own heart.

God knows all things, and His will be ever done, but, our poor flesh always feels the pain of someone's departing, and almost guiltily wish that it had not been so.

How wonderful to know that some day there shall be no more separation

Your sister in Christ,
Catherine Poma

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER WILLIAM H. CADMAN

We know that he is resting in
The Paradise of God,
Inheriting his mansion in the sky,
Because he daily walked the path
The Saints of God, have trod,
An inspiration to such fools, as I.
Ah, yes! We know he's found the place
Where he will always smile
And yet, we wish he'd lingered, here a while . . .

We know it's just a matter of
A few days, maybe years
And we will be together, for always;
But, meantime, can we help it if
We shed these lonely tears,
And, wish that he was still with us, these days?
You see, we miss the gruffness of
His voice . . . his fleeting smile . . .
We wish . . . We wish he'd stayed with us a while . . .
(From the many who loved him. by Catherine Poma)

REST IN PEACE**Moroni 7, 3.****Harry Lorber**

'Tis true, man is born unto trouble,
His stay on this planet is brief;
His days are beset with affliction,
Companions are anguish and grief;
And yet, in the gloom of the valley,
The faithful are cheered and restored;
While others like vessels are driven,
They savor the rest of the Lord.

Our skies may be somber and stormy,
With dark clouds of worry and care,
The burdens of life may be heavy,
But most of the load He will bear;
No wealth of this earth can procure us
The blessings His hand can afford;
What words that these frail tongues have fashioned
Can tell of the rest of the Lord?

"Fear not," is the blessed assurance
That runs through His word like a theme;
Whatever He sends, do not murmur,
Though cruel the lashes may seem;
The man who is faithful in trial,
Can never be robbed of reward;
If true to the end, our Redeemer
Has promised the rest of the Lord.

When loved ones are called from our circle,
We bid them a tearful adieu;
Though now, for a time, we are parted,
Some day, we shall see them anew;
So, let us prepare for His coming,
As conquering King with a sword;
Forever, His own at the trumpet
Shall enter the rest of the Lord.

Otoro, Nigeria, Africa
April 29, 1963.

Dear Brother John Ross,

It was a shock indeed to read from your cablegram of the death of W. H. Cadman, our General Church president. I and my family have joined to extend our condolence to the family of our Brother. Do convey our sympathy to them.

No sooner had I received your cablegram that I communicated same to the members of the priesthood. They have asked me, to ask you, to communicate their condolences to the family of our late Brother Cadman.

We are only missing him temporarily. We shall meet him on the resurrection morning there, and then death will have no power over us. Do let us know everything about the burial, especially how he was buried.

Kindly accept our sympathy,
Your brother, Elder E. U. A. Arthur.
