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LOOKING TWO WAYS

In ancient times one of the Roman gods was Janus, god of endings and beginnings. The god was symbolized as a two faced being, one face looking backward and one facing forward. A temple was built to his honor and during times of peace, its doors were always open; but in times of war the doors were closed. The Romans felt fresh hope when the temple doors were open. It meant that another war was behind them and the empire could look forward to the beginning of a period of peace.

So in modern times, we begin a new year with the month of January named for the two-headed god, and like him we take a look into the past as we open the doors of a new year to peer into the future. We pause as individuals, as groups, and as a nation to evaluate the closing year and to anticipate the hidden future.

The custom of making resolutions at the beginning of a new year has become a light hearted joke for the frivolous. However to the more serious minded persons, the opening of a new year is a time to take inventory of the past and find new determination for the future.

We, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, might take time to evaluate seriously our deeds of the past year. Surely we should find much good we have done, but there will no doubt be many good deeds forgotten beyond recall. This is as it should be. The good we are prompted to do daily should not be hoarded for remembering, but should be forgotten in the fulfillment of fresh opportunities as each new day arrives. However, sober reflection may bring pangs of regret for the kind word left unspoken, or the good intentions unperformed. This regret should not discourage us, but should serve to spur us on to more complete fulfillment in the days to come.

Our Church looks back upon a year which brought varied experiences and emotions. Great progress has been made in many areas; great blessings have been poured out in every part of the Church. Many converts, both young and old, have been added to our numbers. New fields have been opened up for preaching of the Gospel. But 1963 also brought sorrow to many. Sickness, tragedy, and death are always among us. Many have known suffering, and death has removed many loved ones from us. But even in such times, the blessings of the comfort and love of the family of Christ has made trials easier to bear. In the midst of adversities we can always sing the old hymn:

"We thank Thee for all that is passed
And trust Thee for all that is to come."

Our nation too has lived through an eventful year. We have had prosperity in most areas, and have enjoyed the blessing of peace for another year. Our nation, just as our Church, has known the loss of her beloved leader. But God has surely been mindful of this promised land and has poured out His blessing and bounty upon us, for which we give our unmeasured thanks as we ask for His continued care and protection in the days to come.

So each in his own way looks backward with var-

ied emotions of pleasure and regret. While looking forward to the future, in humility we view our omissions, but with confidence and faith in our ability to live better lives with the help of the Holy Spirit. May we resolve that

"Now my remnant of days would I spend in
His praise,
Who has died my poor soul to redeem;
Whether many or few,
All my years are his due,
May they all be devoted to Him."

Our wish for you for the coming year would be for happiness, prosperity, and good fortune. However we know life has always and will always contain rain mixed with the sunshine, sorrows and trials mingled with joys and successes. So we prefer to pray that when happiness and good fortune are your lot, that you will share those blessings with others and joyfully thank your Maker for His love for you. But when you must face trials of sickness, sorrow, and perhaps death, may you not cower before them but may you have courage, patience, and charity of the Lord enabling you to face with a submissive spirit whatever may come. May you really enjoy the abundant life, and learn like Paul in whatsoever state you are found to be content.

May God bless us all in His own wise ways in the coming year. Happy New Year!

Ruth Mountain

TWO GOLDEN DAYS

There are two golden days in the week about which one should never worry, two care-free days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, has passed beyond recall, save for the beautiful memories we have nothing to do with Yesterday. It is God's.

The other day that we should not worry about is Tomorrow. Tomorrow the sun will rise perhaps in splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Save for the Star of Hope that gleams forever on the brow of Tomorrow, we have no possession of that unborn day of grace.

These are God's days. Leave them to Him. There is left for us then but one day in the week, Today. Therefore, think and do and journey but one day at a time. This is the easy way. Leave Today, so that when it becomes God's Tomorrow, it will meet with His approval.

Build a little fence of trust around Today,
Fill the space with loving deeds, and therein stay,
Look not thru the sheltering bars upon Tomorrow,
God will help thee bear what comes, of Joy or Sorrow.

Mrs. La Verne Williams

BEULAH LAND

By James T. Grazan Assistant Editor

My name is America, a name given me by men
in honor of another man called Amerigo Vespucci. I

am also referred to by another calling, "A Land Of Promise". This honor was bestowed upon me by God Himself, to be set aside for all who suffer oppression by the hand of men for His sake.

My arms of welcome extend quite far; from north to south, half the circumference of the world, and from east to west my widest point is over four thousand miles across. I am divided into two hemispheres, referred to as the northern and the southern. Throughout my extent flow many rivers giving life to my vast areas of land. The climate is ideal in every way, making it possible for all things to be very fruitful. Within myself I have unceasing storehouses of resources such as oil, gas, coal, iron, gold and many others so necessary to mankind; so, as you can see in an overall picture, I truly am blest of God.

I have had many experiences since the time of my creation. The one I cherish most of all is when Jesus Christ, the living Son of God, visited me to administer unto His people who dwelled upon the face of my land at the time, and who proved to be such a receiving and humble people that only God could know of the happiness and fulfillment of their lives. History could never record this.

However, things were not always so pleasant. Many times I have wept, as mankind used my land as a battlefield, and the blood of their brothers flowed across my face. Great nations have risen and fallen by the sword, and through this I have seen the hand of God move many times.

Approximately two thousand, two hundred and thirty-two years before Jesus Christ came to me, God saw fit to permit a race of people to inhabit me as a refuge for righteousness, after mankind had become too corrupt to live together. The people decided to build a tower unto heaven so that they could gain recognition with God, but God confounded their language to stop the foolishness. From this incident stemmed the only righteous people whom God had permitted to be set aside as His own, and He led them to my shores to populate my land with a people who would serve Him. However, where there is good there is also evil, and after many years of righteousness these people, who were called the Jaredites, fell prey to him who is evil and were destroyed to the last man.

Once again God led a righteous few to me six hundred years before the birth of His Son; they were a man called Lehi, and his family. This man, Lehi, gained enough favor in the eyes of the Lord to be permitted to be saved from the downfall and oppression of his home in Jerusalem, and was reserved for the right of being an instrument in the hands of God to once again populate my land with a righteous people who would love and serve Him. And so it was; they did populate my land and they served God to a degree. Like the former people, the Jaredites, however, they scarred my land with many battles, and once again the blood of men covered my face. It was these people who inhabited me at the time of the coming of the Son of God, and at that time they proved to be righteous for a season.

I also remember only too well the effects upon me of an unrighteous people who killed the Son of my God. At the hour of His death, I was shaken to

the very bowels of my center. My beautiful mountains were leveled and deep craters opened throughout my vastness; a darkness fell upon me that could actually be felt. The terrible wrath of God was upon me. He had sent His Son, Jesus, to redeem mankind from their fallen state and they had killed Him. My people remarked, "The God of nature suffers."

The way was then opened unto the Gentiles who, under oppression, after a space of time were permitted to throng to my welcoming shores to serve their Master and mine in the way God would have it. It had to be that way for the Gospel of my Lord was to be restored in a free land where its inhabitants could choose to accept it or refuse it at their own free will. The Gospel, defined as 'the power of God unto mankind', was taken away shortly after the death of Jesus Christ, and through the infinite mercies of God was to be restored once again on my land, which of course was meant to be free as long as its inhabitants loved and served God. Once again a great honor was to be given me by my Lord.

Many men have come to my shores for many reasons. Whatever they may be, my Lord reserves only one to be lasting unto Himself; That is, that I have been chosen to be hallowed and sanctified unto this purpose, that all people and nations who inhabit me shall be free indeed, inasmuch as they love and serve God. All others shall perish.

The restoration of the Gospel by God, through a youth named Joseph Smith, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, proves conclusively that my destiny is something wonderful for man to behold; especially the young people of today, for they will live to see the prophecies of my Lord concerning me fulfilled by leaps and bounds, such as the building of Zion and the new Jerusalem, in the very near future. They will witness nation after nation coming to my shores in search of the truth, brought here by the hand of God. On my land the house of Israel will come home and take their rightful place in the plan of God once again, and I, Beulah Land, will await in earnest the coming again of my Lord, Jesus Christ, to stand and rule on Mount Zion and claim His Bride, who shall be adorned with righteousness and purity; a Bride so perfect and acceptable to Christ that the prophecies of God concerning **His Church** and **my land** shall be fulfilled. I am very proud that God has used me in the past, and will use me in the future within the completion of His perfect plan.

TEAMWORK

By Patsy Marinetti

A properly adjusted and coordinated organization, in which each individual is sincerely interested in all of the group's advancements, and which places recognition on the value of each individual's contribution, is bound to make progress.

The Church today is passing through a stage of transition and growth; it is spreading out beyond the borders of its early conception. The Church is now flexing its muscles, which indicates that it is growing in many directions, and it will normally experience the restless adjustments that are an in-

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Editorial Viewpoint



by George A. Neill

Now turns the year: This phrase brings a question to our minds, "What lies ahead?" as we enter through the portals of a new year, the year 1964. This could easily be one of the most crucial years the world has ever known. The world is burdened with problems that seemingly stagger the minds of the best of statesmen: international problems, political problems, and there are yet some colonial ambitions, clashes between groups, men's hearts filled with selfishness, greed, hate and suspicion; all these make our world fraught with the greatest of dangers. We keep asking the question, "What lies ahead?"; surely no mortal man knows the answer.

Magazines and newspapers have prophesiers who come out in full force at the beginning of each year, and we must admit that quite often their predictions prove to be right. However, in spite of all the inside information they may have that other citizens do not have, I still say no mortal man knows what lies ahead for 1964. We don't know what a day may bring, let alone a year. Will this year bring about an exchange of rockets that could almost make man extinct from the earth? Here's a commentator who says there will be no nuclear war this year. How comforting! But how does he know? Yes, as we read his reasons we must admit they sound quite logical; but then we think, "How can he be sure?", and so the question arises again, "What lies ahead?"

Is destruction inevitable in 1964? What time is it on history's clock? Again no man knows. Regardless of what time it is there is work to be done. There is before us a field that is white and ready for harvest. The Church has a message to give to the world this year, the old Gospel message which can best be summarized by Jesus' own words, quoting from the writings of the prophet, Isaiah, "He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." There never was a time in the history of man when such a message was more needed than at this present moment. We should strongly stress the redeeming grace of God through His Son, Jesus Christ, and that His blood can make the vilest sinner clean; that this should be the year to prepare for eternal life.

This year may be one whereby you and I cease taking our Church for granted. Many of us were born in the Church; others were converted to it, and maybe over the years its philosophy may have reached a common place in our lives. If this should be so with any of us this is the year to relive our conversion experience, and mirror some of that joy that shines out from new members who have just found the Savior. The only New Year worth having is a **New Year in Christ.**

As Christians we live our lives in awareness that history's clock will some day run down and time will be no more. However, we are positive that 1964 will not bring that hour on history's clock. The hour of destruction may be here; in fact the word of God teaches that destruction will come to the Gentiles unless they repent. No matter how great the destruction, when it comes the Church will remain. Let us feel that for the Church this will be a good year. Progress will be made; it is in the plans. Let us all become ready and devoted; let us put these plans to work; let us each hear the call to labor. May none of us sit around singing "Hold The Fort" but crawl out of our trenches and attack the enemy. May the turning of the year 1964 find us all as spiritual architects and builders, picking up our blueprints and tools, and going into action.

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separable part of growth.

The world all around us is erupting with massive seething disturbances and unrest. The world's peoples are on the verge of entering upon the most important phases of prophetic history, while the dawning of a great spiritual awakening shall be its ultimate climax. What part shall our Church play in this great upheaval?

In recent years there has been an influx of a number of young people who have embraced the Restored Gospel. These young, converted people are stimulating our Church with new hope, boundless energies, the confidence of youth, and a zeal for activity and expression which must be directed into avenues of constructive goals. The bursting energies of youth must be tempered by the mellowed and seasoned wisdom of older minds. The experience and discernment that comes only by observation and reflection, tested in the crucibles of time and years, must be supplemented with the budding freshness of youth so that both youth and age, in balanced coordination, can present a strong united front before mankind in a joint effort to give the world leadership which is rooted on the foundation of moral integrity.

There are dangers, however, to which both the young and the old are exposed and might tend to yield. The youthful mind may sometimes be inclined to be hasty, and therefore rash in its judgment of older ideas. Youth with impatience may find itself trying to brush aside age with its wisdom of years. This is a pitfall that youth must avoid. On the other hand, senior minds sometimes tend to become too rigidly set in their thinking and might lose elasticity needed to cope with changing circumstances and ideas. The older folks must be careful of placing unreasonable emphasis on the laurels of past years. The inflexibility of tradition and custom which besets age must be replaced with tolerance and open-mindedness to give youth an opportunity to express and to try out new ideas which may bring improvement. Youth must develop a sincere respect for the wisdom of years which experience brings. The young mind must glean the good that has been tested through past years, and add its own constructive contribution for future use. For age and youth to function and diverge in opposite directions will bring failure.

On the other hand, actions by both groups, arrived at by cooperation, understanding, and confidence in each other's good motives, will blend firmly to develop a team which shall be hard to beat. It is a sign of maturity and stability in both groups when youth respects age, and age is considerate of the new thoughts and ideas of younger minds.

CONCEPTS OF GOD (Continued)

By James Curry

Came the "Great Apostacy" or "Falling Away." The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man ideas as established on earth by Jesus Christ had been turned completely upside down. The divine principle of revelation, which had been designed to reveal the will and nature of God to mankind, now served the evil

purpose of revealing the will and nature of the devil. The effrontery, the audacity, the duplicity of Satan! He must have gloated with bestial satisfaction when he noted that mankind accepted his worthless imitations as the pure light of heaven. The "One God" idea of Abraham was supplanted by the half-pagan, half-Christian worship of the Virgin Mary and a multitude of departed saints. The just, fairplay, "all men are created equal" God of Amos had succumbed to the spirit of dictatorship and the resurrection of the master-slave idea. The loving, forgiving God of Hosea had been thrown to the uncompromizing dogs of hatred and intolerance. The "Fatherhood of God" idea as enunciated by Jesus Christ had been displaced by a supine reliance upon the infallibility of an all-powerful popish father. Man not only ignored Christ's command to "Call no man father", but actually began to refer to the Pope as "The Holy Father." The heavens had never been so supremely insulted. Was this pattern of things a revelation of God's own nature; a copy of the heavenly order? Had this strange network of relationships originated in the Eternal Mind? Could this transcript of the devil's own nature be palmed off on the human family as the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ? It could and it was.

From within the once beautiful temple of God could be heard the sound of mocking laughter. It came from "the man of sin" who "sat in the temple of God (the Church) showing himself (and the whole world believed) that he was God." Mankind's concept of God had again fallen to a frigid zero.

The father image which existed in the mind and heart of man during the dark ages was everywhere reflected in his environment. The aggressive, dictatorial husband, whose word was absolute law; the cowed, over-awed wife, whose lot was hard to be borne; the fearful, reluctant, forced obedience of the children. As head of the home, the husband was everything—the wife nothing. The same Pattern of relationships existed in the Church. The Pope, the Cardinal, the Priest were everything — the membership nothing. Rome's serfs and slaves created a God concept in keeping with their environment — God is everything, man is nothing. Man needs God, but God doesn't need man. God's powers were glorified, man's belittled; as if man's urge and need to create is not a candle lit from the great white fire of God's own creativity!

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CHRIST vs. GOLIATH SPIRIT vs. FLESH

By Brother Rocco Tassone

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or peril, nakedness, or sword? As it is written, 'For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

We, the saints of the latter days, are called upon to fight a good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal

life, and through long-suffering, patience, and endurance reap the reward and crown of righteousness. The fight of faith is an expression very seldom understood, for defeat brings sorrow and faith brings victory. The conversation most carried on by testimony and by other sources often reveals the **sorrow of defeat**, and not the **shout of victory**. Why is this? Let us search the scriptures for our learning and profit on this matter of a warfare in which we are engaged. Paul said, "Therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life: that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

Israel as a nation was God's covenant people under the old covenant and God was her husband. God promised Israel that He would not only go before her, but He would also be her rearward. Israel was the "apple" of God's eye and whatever nation thought to contend with Israel was contending against God. This is council unto all of God's enemies: "Refrain from these men," for ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. Israel knew not the art of warfare like the surrounding Gentile nations whom God said they were to utterly destroy. Do you see where faith must be applied to believe God's commandments? He will not command us to do anything, save He perform a way to do it. Israel had to yield herself to God and the battle was won before they fought. AMEN.

Moses said unto the people, "Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will shew to you today: for the Egyptians (a type of the flesh) whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

This experience Israel had at a crises yet remembered today by a celebration, for they had not really been severed from Egypt until Egypt's power was broken. All human possibilities failed at this point, yet God said unto Moses: "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto Israel that they go forward!" God wants us to move forward unto victory, for God is fighting for us and we shall not suffer loss. God proved Himself by His mighty arm to Israel in the time of need. Now if we have not faith to fight against the enemies of all unrighteousness we shall not prevail. If we try to fight by ourselves, without God's Spirit, we shall suffer defeat. Israel not only learned **victory** from faith obedience, but also learned defeat from faithless disobedience. When Israel was commanded to go up against her seven Gentile nations which were in her promised possession, they rebelled against the commandment of God. Why? They looked at their enemies through their own carnal eyes and not the eye of faith. They said their enemies were giants and their cities were walled up to Heaven. They stretched the imagination of their minds, for they had no faith to go up. Now when God heard this He commanded them to spend forty years more of wilderness experience and they would not reap their reward of possession. "Oh no," said Israel, "we will fight." So they thought; but God said unto Moses, "Go not

up, neither fight, for I am not among you: lest ye be smitten before your enemies." Yes, Israel suffered for not putting up a fight of faith against her enemies. (To be continued)

"A MAN OF PEACE"

I was given the following article recently when I was in Detroit, Michigan. I enjoyed reading it and believe others will enjoy it also.

Without further comments, I quote from "Parade's" Washington correspondent, Jack Anderson, dated December 25, 1960:

Thurman S. Furnier

The delegates' lounge at the United Nations was electric with apprehension. The disarmament debate that morning had been tempestuous. The behavior of the Russian had startled and shocked the assembled statesmen. Even Hitler and Mussolini at their wildest had never brandished their bayonets as this man brandished his rockets. With flailing fists and bellowing voice, he had set a new low in brutal diplomacy. Once more the world heard the familiar cry of the dictator: "Might is right!"

High in the press room clattering typewriters and teleprinters carried his message of force and fear to every country on the globe. In the lofty, spacious delegates' lounge overlooking the East River, the diplomats huddled in groups to discuss the portent of his performance. Out of his bombast and belligerence had come this apparent warning: "Who is not with us is against us." So the nations were choosing sides, some from fear, some from spite, some from ignorance.

It was at this moment that the Stranger entered. For some minutes he went unnoticed except by a watchful guard whose eye was caught by what might have been a trick of light from the great wall windows, now shimmering in the winter sun. The Stranger seemed to have a radiance around him, but the guard had a peculiar feeling that it came from some source other than the glinting sunlight.

The Stranger was tall, erect, lordly, without seeming stiff or haughty. He was dressed simply in an inexpensive but immaculate business suit. But it was his head that was most striking. He had thick chestnut hair, parted in the middle, which fell in waves to his shoulders. This was matched by a short, forked beard. His skin was tanned. His blue eyes had a piercing, commanding, yet curiously gentle look.

The guard was accustomed to seeing people of all descriptions, gathered as they were from all lands. He put the Stranger down as a representative of some peace organization, perhaps a crank but certainly harmless. Discreetly the guard edged toward him to challenge his credentials.

The Stranger had joined a knot of Asians and entered their conversation. His voice was deep, almost melodious, yet somehow penetrating. The guard, to his utter amazement, found he could understand every word that was spoken. It was like the instantaneous translation during UN debates—but without earphones.

"Before there can be peace on earth," the Stranger was saying, "there must be good will toward men. The love burning in a single heart gives off a glow. The glow from many hearts could create a light so

bright it would banish darkness from the world."

From group to group the Stranger moved, spreading his message. The awe-struck guard followed, drawn by the magnetic personality and the miracle of tongues. Others also appeared to notice that the Stranger's words were understood by men of different dialects. But they shook off the idea as if they distrusted their ears. As he pleaded, he encountered some cynicism but never lost patience. Most of the time his face was grave, even a little sad. But when he smiled, it was a sweet smile.

Then the Russian stormed into the lounge, surrounded by his entourage of satellites and sycophants. He was squat, strong, quick, like a wild boar. At once he was the center of attraction. Even those who hated and feared him drifted nearer to hear what he might say. He crossed the lounge cracking jokes, slapping backs, shaking hands. Then he proceeded to hold court. The diplomats bunched around him, all hanging on his words.

Suddenly as if by signal the crowd parted, and the Russian was face to face with the Stranger.

"Good will!" the Russian roared. "This is a phrase to induce sleep. But we shall not sleep. The cannibals wish to disarm us, so they can pop us into their kettles. Only our military might prevents them from destroying and devouring us. We cannot defend the gains of communism with good will."

"You have built great military strength," agreed the Stranger. "So have other nations which now lie in the dust of history. How much more lasting is great spiritual strength. Without it, a military nation is a ferocious beast with no conscience to control its appetites."

"We Russians," growled the Soviet, "have a saying: 'If you live long among wolves, you must have teeth to bite back.' The imperialists prowl around the communist countries like hungry wolves around a sheepfold."

The Stranger smiled. "Who," he asked, "profits from a wolf fight? Which of the bitten wolves is better off for his wounds? So long as nations meet force with force, fear of death, not love of life, rules the world. Hate breeds hate, violence breeds violence, one war sows the seeds for the next. Who is to break this terrible cycle?"

"You talk of peace," retorted the Russian. "We want peace. We are against war. We live on the same planet as the capitalist countries. All we ask is peaceful coexistence. People do not always marry for love, yet they live out their lives together in reasonable harmony."

"Those who leave love out of human relationships will not find peace," the Stranger warned softly. "You have extended your rule without the consent of the ruled. Force and fear may make men obey you. They will not make men love you. Yet the power of love alone can disarm the world."

The Russian snorted like a wild boar. "The capitalists do not love their fellow men," he said, "They have created a paradise for the rich and a hell for the poor. Millions talk about their belief in God, but they go on robbing the people. It is the kingdom of the dollar."

"Man is not perfect," agreed the Stranger. "Many who worship with their lips do not worship with their hearts. Love is a tender plant. Over the centuries it has sprouted and bloomed and faded again. It has many roots—honesty, compassion, humility, gentleness—and they flourish best in freedom. Why are you so alarmed by the simple word, love? A man does not love his neighbor less because he loves his country. He does not love his country less because he loves all mankind. But without freedom, true love cannot survive."

The Russian scowled, then grunted: "Enough of these fables about freedom. The capitalists boast of their free world. Free from whom? The workless are free from work. The poor are free from money. In the Communist countries, we are building true freedom—freedom from unemployment, from hunger, from exploitation. The capitalists say, 'Trust in God, love your fellow men, then you will go to paradise when you die.' We Communists trust in our own labor. We will create a paradise in this life, not in the hereafter."

The Stranger sighed. "Without freedom of the spirit, the word has no meaning. All men desire the good things of this earth. But there is more happiness in a full soul than a full belly. Yours is a strange paradise indeed that causes so many people to flee from it."

"Some people cling to their old shoes," snapped the Russian. "They behave toward communism as they do toward new shoes. They are afraid the new system will pinch. And it will pinch those who oppose it. They will be cast onto the garbage of history."

"I know your fondness for Russian proverbs," answered the Stranger. "One says that garbage can best be recognized by its smell."

"History is on our side!" the Russian shouted. "Might is on our side!"

"Might has been forever on the march, and right forever trodden down," said the Stranger. "But the future always rises out of the dust. For right lives on in the hearts and minds of men after might has been buried in the graves it has created."

Then he looked piercingly into the Russian's eyes until the burly one began to sweat and fidget.

"What is wrong for one man to do to another is equally wrong for one nation to do to another," the Stranger declared. "The deeds of a nation are now upon your shoulders. No longer can you hand your conscience over to Lenin or Stalin. You have taken the responsibility upon yourself. Let me say to you that it is better to suffer wrong than to cause it, to feel pain than to inflict it."

The Stranger smiled that sweet smile. The Russian looked at his watch, scowled and barged off, followed by his clique.

The Stranger watched them go without a word. Then slowly he walked from the lounge to the Meditation Room where all men, no matter what their faith, may pray. His face seemed sadder, his shoulders bowed. In one hand he clutched a small, well-worn Bible.

The guard waited outside in the Meditation Room. Several minutes passed, and the Stranger had still not emerged. Finally, the guard opened the door a crack and peered in. The room was empty. The only ev-

idence that the Stranger had been there was his Bible, left open on a chair at the tenth chapter of St. John. Drawn to it, the guard's eyes fell upon verses 14 to 16:

"I am the good shepherd and know my sheep . . . And I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice."

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

By Elder S. A. Agbor
Lagos, Nigeria

NO VENTURE — NO GAIN

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16.

I appeal to Saints all over The Church Of Jesus Christ to join with me in giving thanks and praises to Elder N.J. Umoh for his tireless efforts and benevolent abilities; seeing for the establishment and, at the same time, the stainless administration of The Church Of Jesus Christ here in the Western Region of the Federation of Nigeria, without minding the forces of the aggressors after him since 1958.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 I may proudly recall the year of our Lord, 1957 when Mr. N. J. Umoh (both of us were soldiers serving in the same unit) first acquainted me with the information about the Church. He further told me about one young man by the name of Akpan Dick of Abak, Eastern Region of Nigeria, who had been invited to America by the said Church and that I should join him to serve the Organization here in Lagos, the Federal Capitol of Nigeria, until his return when he would take over and represent the Mother Church in Nigeria. I accepted the opinion without any hesitation. Mr. Umoh then allowed me the address of the late Brother W. H. Cadman, then President of the Church, to write to him myself for verification. This I did. First and second letter, the God-appointed President replied to all and lastly sent to me via Umoh the inspired Book Of Mormon.

Not very long and Umoh was discharged from the Army and we could not see ourselves for more than three years. The position of things became darkened. I quickly retreated to my old Orthodox Presbyterian. All could agree with me that I was to the New Organization as a little child who is learning how to walk. He needs the frequent guidance of the loving parents and chiefly, there was no spiritual light in me of the Church.

"God moves in mysterious way His wonders to perform." It was late October, 1960 or so that we accidentally have to meet again. He then shaped me with the condition of things about the Church: (1) That he had been able to open a branch at Ikotum, in Ikeja District, Western Region of Nigeria; (2) And that, through his efforts, two brothers have arrived from America Home Mission, John Ross and Alvin Swanson, to rectify condition of things of the Church in Nigeria and they have gone to the Eastern Region of Nigeria. I never doubted his story because personally I have known him to be a "Busy Bee." He then questioned about my stand. At the same time

I was a leader of some polluted Church as a "Potential Pastor." I had to get a second and a final pin. He handed me some of the Church literature for perusal.

The night of November 26, 1960 will ever be commemorated in my life history. I knelt down beside my bed, appealed to Jehovah God in prayers to direct and dictate to me the truth about the Church (See James 1:5). In my sleep, I dreamed I was taken and escorted by an unknown person in white uniform to a large hall filled to capacity. Umoh was in charge, seconded by his righthand man, one (then Mr. but now Elder) A. E. Etim. Umoh saw and hailed me, introduced me to the audience. After that a Bible was given to me and I started immediately expounding the Scripture right from the Acts of Apostles, 3rd chapter. The following day, Sunday, I attended the service in The Church Of Jesus Christ for the first time at Ikotum together with my wife and baby girl of one year and seven months. After the service Umoh introduced me to the congregation and likewise I revealed the dream to them. Without hesitation, I accepted and embraced the doctrinal principles of the Church.

Not very long the futility forces of the enemies sharply focused on me with all fruitless attempts to eradicate my validity from following Umoh. Many time cajole and deceitful promises were made to me merely to revolt my faith and mainly to mar the splendour teaching of Umoh. To me all were just shedding of crocodile's tail. (He probably means tears.)

On November 12, 1961 I was baptized along with twelve others and confirmed same by Elder N. J. Umoh. October 4, 1963 Elder and Sister John Ross arrived from America on routine Mission duties. On October 21, 1962 I was ordained an elder with one other faithful brother, A. E. Etim, into the Ministry of our Saviour by Elder Umoh upon the permission from Elder John Ross. On March 3, 1963 I was appointed the Second Counselor, while T. E. Etim, First Counselor to Umoh as Presiding Elder in the Western Region Branch of the Church. I must be proud to say this, that the doctrine of The Church Of Jesus Christ is the foundation for all truths in comparison to others. Personally, I believe the material gain of this world cannot satisfy the spiritual heart and there is a vast difference between pleasure and happiness. Make haste whilst the sun shines.

The above theme helps to substantiate my personal experience and understanding in the lives of the Christians in other denominations. My happiness has no limit. Glory be to God in Jesus' name. Amen.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

In Africa, the activities and affairs of the Church in Nigeria are well in order as reported by Brother John Ross, a member of the Board, who has remained in constant touch with the Church in Africa. The President, Brother E. U. A. Arthur, and the Priesthood are doing very well in taking care of our Church in Nigeria but all are looking forward to the day when the parent Church in America will send a missionary to live and work with them in God's work.

Permission was granted Elder John Ross to ap-

point two qualified elders in Nigeria to travel to each branch of the Church to spend a week or so, instructing and seeing that the Order, Faith and Doctrine etc. of the Church is carried out.

Plans for the construction of a Mission Home were received by the Board and a motion was carried that we accept these plans; the home will not be built until the deed to the land is cleared and the Mission Board and the general Church so directs.

Copies of our Conference Minutes are to be sent to the President and Secretaries of the Church in Nigeria.

A motion was passed that we continue to solicit donations from our membership for the erection of the Secondary School in Nigeria; also that we authorize Brothers M. R. Griffith, P. Marinetti and D. Moraco to draft a letter for use in soliciting financial assistance from outside sources.

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The work in Italy is in the hands of our elders residing there. Brother A. A. Corrado reports there is a great need in Italy for competent leadership and in some locations the work is not very encouraging. He reports that Brother Bonofiglio has visited Sardinia and other Italian Missions, including one in Rome; also another elder visited the Island of Ponza.

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The work in Mexico is progressing very well as reported by Brother and Sister Perdue. They reported several baptisms and have been visited by many elders. It was stated also that Brother Urias is in Southern Mexico and has baptized a few people.

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Brother Joseph Milantoni, who is in charge of the Muncey Mission work, reported he has moved with his family to within seventeen miles of the Reserve. The Saints there appreciate the Church placing a Minister close to them. Brother Milantoni states, "We should be of whatever service we can for this wonderful Church."

The purchase of a twenty-four passenger bus for use at Muncey was authorized. The Muncey Mission will pay the major cost with the General Church standing approximately \$1,100.00 of it.

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Brother Ciaravino reported the work at Grand River, presently under the Michigan-Canadian district, as going well. A motion was passed to grant them permission to hold meetings at Grand River Mission in the building or location they consider for the best interests of the Mission.

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Missionary work in South Dakota has become very encouraging. Brother Gabriel Mazzeo and his wife have spent the summer at Wapakala and Eagle Butte and have reported much interest there. They were very well liked by our Indian people and enjoyed working among them. A plot of ground at Wapakala, South Dakota has been purchased for burial purposes.

A report was read from Brother Richard Christman, who with his family moved to Eagle Butte, South Dakota; Brother John Ross, Jr. and his family moved to Pine Ridge. Both are teaching in Indian schools there. Brother Christman, who has been plac-

ed in charge of the work in South Dakota, reports much good has been done there by Brother and Sister Mazzeo, and regrets their leaving.

Brother Mazzeo has expressed his desire to return to Wapakala and a motion was passed that the Board request Brother and Sister Mazzeo to take up residence there as soon as they can.

Brother Christman requested authorization for the purchase of a building in Eagle Butte, South Dakota at an approximate cost of \$1,000.00. A motion was passed authorizing Brother Christman to purchase this building.

A motion was passed authorizing Brother and Sister John Ross, along with Brother and Sister Domenick D'Antonio to visit South Dakota for three weeks during Brother Ross' vacation in October, to do what they can for the Church. Brother Ross stated he will not require any financial help from the Church.

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Brother Daniel Picciuto reported everything is going along well at the Mission on San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. He requested the Board grant him authority to construct a one-bedroom addition to the Church home, as he is in need of more sleeping room, at approximate cost of \$300.00. The Mission Board granted this request.

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Brother S. Suriano left a will bequeathing the sum of \$2,000.00 to the General Church Missionary Fund for use exclusively for missionary work in Italy. Further, he gives the sum of \$500.00 for the Church in San Demetrio, Corona, Province of Cosenza, Italy, and \$500.00 for the Church in Cannitello, Province of Reggio Calabria, Italy. He also bequeathed \$200.00 to each of the above-named Missions to be given to a fund for widows of each of the above Missions.

The Board of Missions Secretary has contacted a number of qualified people of the Church advising them of the opportunities open with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and at present two of our brothers, along with their families, have moved to South Dakota and are teaching in the Indian Schools as has been previously mentioned. The secretary also has tentative promises from at least two other brothers who are in the process of making application for this service. Many others are expressing an interest in this effort which is being encouraged by the Church.

The Mission Board wishes to call to the attention of the Church at large the personal sacrifices made by our present missionaries serving in the various General Church Mission fields, especially any who must give up their jobs in order to serve the Church. To keep our present core of workers encouraged, and stimulate desires in others to volunteer, it was unanimously agreed we should exert every effort to create a dependable program of support and security for them and their families.

A motion was passed, therefore, that we authorize Brothers M. R. Griffith and Joseph Bittinger to draw up a plan for consideration which would include Social Security and other benefits which the Church could provide our permanent missionaries.

The Board of Missions



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me."
Psalms 50:15.

Dear Girls and Boys.

We haven't had a Book of Mormon story for a long time. I think you will enjoy this one. You can read about it in Mosiah chapter nine.

Once there was a man named Zeniff. He was a Nephite and had been taught their language. He was sent as a spy among the Lamanites who occupied the land of the Nephites' first inheritance. Zeniff went to spy out their forces so that his army could destroy them. But when he got to their land he found so much good among them that he did not want to destroy these people. He discussed this with his brethren in the wilderness. He wanted his ruler to make a treaty with them but he was a firm, bloodthirsty man. He commanded that Zeniff be killed. It was a terrible time, father fought against father and brother against brother, until most of the army was destroyed. The Lord protected Zeniff. He and the ones who were spared went back to Zarahemla to tell their wives and children about this.

Zeniff was a very zealous man. He still wanted this land of their fathers. He took as many as desired to go, back to the land. They pitched their tents in the wilderness. They were sorely afflicted and were smitten with famine because they were slow to remember God.

Zeniff and four of his men went into the city to the king. He was desirous to know what kind of a man this king was. Zeniff wanted to get the land peaceably. This king's name was Laman. He made a covenant with Zeniff that he could have part of the land and that his people would leave. Zeniff and his people went in and began to build buildings and repair the walls of the cities of Lehi, Nephi and Shilom. They planted all kinds of seeds, corn, wheat, barley, peas and sheum. Also all kinds of fruits. They began to prosper and multiply.

Now King Laman was very cunning. He had given this to Zeniff and his people that he might bring them under bondage. After Zeniff had lived in the land for twelve years, Laman became uneasy. He saw how very strong they were and how they were prospering. The king thought maybe he could not overpower them and bring them under bondage. His people were lazy and wanted to feast upon the flocks of Zeniff's fields. Laman began to stir up the people's minds against Zeniff. There began to be war between them.

Once when Zeniff's people were tending their flocks and working in their lands a great host of Lamanites came upon them. They began to kill them and take their flocks and corn. The men fled to the city of Nephi and called Zeniff to protect them. Zeniff gave them bows, arrows, swords, cimeters, clubs and slings and they went out to battle. The Lord gave them

strength to conquer the enemy. Zeniff cried mightily to the Lord to deliver his people. He remembered how God had delivered their fathers. God heard their prayers. In one day and a night they slew three thousand and forty-three and drove the Lamanites out of the land. Only two hundred and seventy-nine of Zeniff's army were killed. It was a very sad time.

Zeniff and his people took possession of the land and lived in peace. Guards were placed about the land so the Lamanites could not come unawares and destroy them. The Nephites began to till the ground and raise all kinds of grain and fruits. The women learned to spin. They made fine linen and every kind of cloth. Again the people began to prosper and have peace. As long as they served God they were a happy people, which has been true in all ages.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

1. What happened when Laman died? Mosiah 10:6
2. How did the enemy come to battle? Mosiah 10:8
3. Read Mosiah 10:9. What kind of a leader do you think Zeniff was?
4. What kind of people were the Lamanites? Mosiah 10:11, 12
5. After Zeniff's death, who was the leader? Mosiah 11:1 Read several verses and see what kind of a man he was? Was he like Zeniff?

The children of The Junior Church in Monongahela have been studying about the Restoration of the Gospel. At the conclusion of the study, they were asked to write what they had learned. Here is what Michael Gandley wrote;

THE RESTORATION STORY

God sent Jesus to set up a church. After Jesus died the men made laws of their own. God took away the church. Many years later a young boy named Joseph Smith asked God what church to join. God said not to join any, they were all wrong. Then God sent the angel Moroni for five years. The angel said if Joseph was good he would lead him to the plates. Joseph was good and he was given the plates. We call this The Book of Mormon. God wanted to show that he was restoring the Gospel and setting up his church again.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

A CURSE UPON THE LAND!

By Brother C. W. Holmes

Unable to concentrate upon my work after hearing the news of President John F. Kennedy's death by violence on Friday, November 22, 1963, I uttered a brief prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, what is Your word to us in this hour?" and reached into my desk drawer for the Bible; but as my hand went forth its course was altered by a thought: "Not the Bible, the Book of Mormon." Without looking, I opened the Book of Mormon and placed my fingers on a page. When I lifted it I was surprised to read, "**A curse upon the land—Continued strife and bloodshed . . .**" which is the italicized introduction to the 14th chapter of Ether in the Utah edition.

The important question is not whether my finger was divinely guided, but whether secret combinations and the iniquity of the people have brought a

curse upon this land. A fruit is usually more rotten within than it is without, and the Gentile fruit on this land is growing repulsively rotten on its surface. Official recognition of God has become of questionable legality and evil forces appear to be concentrating on removing all leaders who sincerely strive for peace and good will toward men.

But the forces of evil cannot prevail because the seed of a greater force has been sown; that is, the seed of divine love planted in the hearts of chosen men and women, called to be Saints, which is evidenced by their unity in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the martyred Leader that the bonds of death could not hold. Only through the guidance of this indestructible King will the goal of peace on earth and good will toward men be attained.

Jesus has warned us that "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." It is, therefore, of utmost importance that each individual nourish the seed of divine love in his heart and keep it warm so it will grow and be the dominating ingredient in his every thought and deed. If our hearts are bursting with the Love of God, there will be no room for evil seed to lurk, and it will be impossible for us to become instruments of evil during this hour of God's judgment.

NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE VINEYARD BRYSON CITY, N.C.

Dear Brother Editor:

This past weekend (November 9th and 10th) we had a visit from Brother Henry and Sister Jean Border of Cumberland, Maryland. We enjoyed their visit so much. You don't realize how much you take the brothers and sisters for granted until you don't have them around. It is always wonderful to have them come visit with us. Brothers Domenic Giovannone and Frank Giovannone visited with us on their way to Florida this Fall. We certainly enjoyed their visit also.

There is not much news here. We are still striving to do our best. We still have our meetings with the Indian folk and look forward to the day they will come into the Church. We are planning to have them with us again on Thanksgiving. It will be eight years tomorrow since we moved here, and our Thanksgiving dinner with the Indian Folk has been an annual affair.

Sincerely

Brother Jonathan and
Sister Virginia Molinatto

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FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

It is with joy that I write to praise our Heavenly Father, and to share with you the blessings He has bestowed upon us here in this part of His vineyard. The ordinance of washing feet was attended to October 12, 1963, accompanied by a wonderful outpouring of the spirit of God. The gift of tongues was manifested and the interpretation, as given, was; "The Prophets will administer to those who are lowly in heart." A vision was also seen of two prophets holding towels and standing with the elders.

A gathering was held October 27, 1963 with many

attending from different parts of the state of Florida. Again we were blessed with tongues. The interpretation was as follows; "Beware of the world; watch and pray." We thank our Saviour for these and the many other blessings He does bestow upon us from time to time. Our constant prayer is that we will all remain faithful and true to Him who saw fit to call us from darkness and gives us so much for so little. What could we ever do without our Redeemer? Praise His precious name for His name is worthy to be praised.

We are happy to have visiting with us for a season Brother and Sister Oran Thomas and Brother and Sister Louie Theodore from Pennsylvania. We pray that this letter will find the Saints in all branches and missions of the Church well and enjoying the peace and love of God. From all the brothers and sisters here in Florida.

Sister Ruth Morris

Ft. Pierce Mission Editor

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ERIE, PA.

On November 17, 1963 the Erie Mission was privileged to have Brother Anthony Picciuto and his family, from the Perry, Ohio branch, in our presence.

His sermon confronted us with a great challenge, the challenge of our changing society. Do we see, hear and understand these changes, or are we like the text Brother Tony used from Matthew 13:13: "Therefore, speak I to them in parables; because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand"? If we do see, hear, and understand these things, and yet do not follow through with the purpose, we are being hypocritical and neglecting our duty as members of the Church.

Brother Tony didn't speak in parables but pointed out the plain, solid facts. The pressures and changing values of today's society do influence us as individuals and as a Church. Today's world of commercialism, advertising, and competition definitely affects our relationship with God and humanity.

Just how great does this really affect us? Are we drawn into isolation? Do we tend to conform? We must uphold the "pure and unadulterated Gospel" as Jesus Christ set it up.

Let us pray that God will open our eyes that we may see, and open our hearts and illuminate us to meet the pressures of our changing society.

Carol Sue Mancini

Branch Editor

We invite your comments on this subject, **Where is the Church in our changing society?** Send your articles to your District Editor.

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McKEES ROCKS, PA.

Sunday, November 3, 1963, was a joyful day for us. We were blessed much in McKees Rocks in our Sunday School, the morning service and the afternoon meeting. The ten virgins were spoken of in the Sunday School; five wise and five unwise. "Using our talents and not hiding them" was the subject of the morning service. Then the spirit of testimony prevailed throughout the afternoon service.

In the evening some from McKees Rocks went to the Imperial Branch. Other visitors were there and

we experienced a joy that comes only from being united in the true faith of Christ in His Church.

Wednesday evening meeting, November 6, 1963, brought us further joy as Joseph Gennaro and Joseph Manes visited us. These brethren told us that they were not employed at this time but, being employed in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, they felt to come to this part of the vineyard of the Lord. The Lord indeed was there because although only a few brothers, sisters and children were present, the room seemed filled; so it must have been filled with the Spirit from on high. Our Brothers did speak that we should ask God for His Spirit.

Brother George Ondrasik, Sr. is being operated on for a broken hip at this time. Though he is up in years, we hope and trust that God will allow him to stay with us for a while longer.

Love to all the Saints everywhere from McKees Rocks.

Sister Martha Laird
Assistant Editor

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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

On the morning of July 27, 1963 I arose from my bed and knelt down to thank God for His protection and the preservation of my life to that moment. I found it very hard to get a good night's rest due to the affliction that was upon my body and the lack of breath that I had found so hard to cope with. My body was getting tired from lack of rest and I pleaded with the Lord to help me. I said, "Oh Lord, you know what has been present upon my body and I need your divine help. I have read in the Scripture that we should be obedient to your law and this I have tried to do. I have also sought help from the doctors but I know they are helpless unless your guidance is there." When I came to this phrase I felt a load being lifted from my shoulders and I remained very light. My body was relieved and my affliction was taken away.

Blessed be the name of the Lord for His goodness and mercy towards me. I can say that I have not been troubled with this affliction anymore. I felt a blessing in knowing God was there when I called.

Brother Ralph Calabrese

How can we ever sufficiently praise our God for His great love and mercies to us. Brother Ralph is now in his eighty-first year and enjoying the best of health. He is able to attend services and visit as he enjoys doing. May God ever keep him firm until the end. Brother Ralph sends his best to all his brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

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FOOD FOR OUR SOULS

Have you ever wondered what makes a meal good? Sometimes it's the special seasonings; sometimes it's the company, and there are times when one is just plain hungry. As a homemaker, I draw this comparison to our spiritual "meals". Each Sunday we are fed with hymns of praise, testimonies, and good words of Life.

On occasion we have something special like the company mentioned above. Recently, Brother Rocco

Biscotti, and Brother and Sister James Velardi of Cleveland visited our Branch. Brother Biscotti gave us a wonderful sermon. Brother Velardi followed with his testimony of the glory of God. The Youth Choir sang three selections. Thus we had a complete spiritual repast. All, including visitors from the Atlantic Coast District, were filled.

Sister Irene Williams
Hopelawn Branch Editor

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AN EXPERIENCE

We would like to relate an experience we had at our branch of the church. During the latter part of October, Sister Domenica Tamburrino and her husband, Fred, along with their granddaughter, Tamera, came to spend a few weeks here visiting their son, Dan, and daughter-in-law, Mary, and their grandsons. Little Tamera is the daughter of Brother Ken and Sister Mary Brown of Branch #3 in Detroit, Mich. The incident that happened is as follows:

On October 27, our young people were gathered in our church building for choir practice. This was in the evening. Tamera, along with the other little children, was with us and all were enjoying themselves. After the practice, we went to one of our Brother and Sister's home for a social get-together. After having spent a very good evening together, we left for our individual homes. We then learned that Tamera suddenly suffered a severe nose bleed. They tell us that the blood was actually gushing forth from her little nose and mouth. Finding it hard to control they called Elder Anthony Palmeri so he might come at once to anoint her. In the meantime, our Brother and Sister were calling upon God, for they surely had their hands full. With the prayers and anointing, Tamera's bleeding began to cease, finally stopping altogether.

Some days later, Sister Domenica and Fred returned to their home. Tamera's mother then decided to have her examined by a physician. His report was that she suffered a severed artery of the nostrils and the healing scar was there attesting to the fact. We feel to say "thank God" over and over again for what He does for us and our loved ones. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Brother James Gibson
Aliquippa Branch

EVANGELIZING THE JEWS IN LONDON, ENGLAND

It is obvious that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of the Jews, for today there is a greater proportion of Jews who are reading the New Testament Scriptures and are willing to discuss openly the Messiahship of the Lord Jesus. Many of them are dissatisfied with Judaism and are seeking the truth.

Recently, during our street meetings at Stamford Hill, a large group of young people stood listening to me as I preached the message of the Gospel. After the meeting, I asked them if they had ever read the New Testament. One of them replied that they were attending a modern Jewish High School and that their

headmaster had instructed them to read the New Testament for educational purposes. I was very glad to receive this information as I had no idea a Jewish teacher would tell his students to read the New Testament. This is further evidence of the change that is gradually taking place among the Jews. Four of these young people accepted a New Testament and one of them accepted a Hebrew Bible.

Some of the Jews I have contacted in the course of my visitation work are now coming to our mission in order to receive more information concerning the Scriptures. There is one Jew, a very intelligent man, who was an officer in the Air Force during the last war. Since then, he had suffered a nervous breakdown. He comes frequently to discuss the Scriptures with me. He has a good position but feels an emptiness in his life. We discuss the Bible and pray together and he tells me this causes him to feel much better. He is a sincere seeker after the truth. Please pray that he may be truly saved.

There is another young Jew, nineteen years old, whom I have contacted. He stated that he had been very ambitious and anxious to climb the ladder of success in life. He attended several clubs, seeking enjoyment, but since he heard the Gospel and read the New Testament and Dr. Michelson's life story, worldliness and Judaism no longer satisfy him. He only goes to the synagogue on the Day of Atonement to appease his mother who is orthodox and a widow. He hides the New Testament from her and reads it at his work. Only recently he attended one of our Sunday services and stayed until quite late, reading the Bible. He now believes that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah who "was wounded for our transgression and was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa 53:5). He recognizes that he is a sinner and in need of salvation and only hesitates to accept Jesus openly because, as he said, "I do not want to break my mother's heart, for I love her."

The other day he told me that his mother had spoken to him about the Day of Atonement which gave him an opportunity to explain to her that he was dissatisfied with the forms and ceremonies of Judaism. He asked her what she thought about Jesus as the Messiah who had died as our sacrifice, our atonement. She replied that he must be mad and should see a nerve doctor. She presumed that he had been talking to that "traitor", meaning me.

At one of our street meetings we held at the Manor House, there were two Roman Catholic girls who sought to disturb us. They tore up our tracts and brought two large dogs with them which they caused to keep up a continual barking. Several days later these girls came to another of our street meetings. This time they did not disturb us at all but listened quietly. Afterward they accepted a New Testament and a Bible, promising to come to our next meeting when we expect to have a team of some 25 to 30 young people giving their testimonies and singing special hymns and choruses for us.

Please continue to remember our work in prayer that the many Jews who have heard the Gospel message may be led by the Holy Spirit of God to trust the Lord Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour.

From "Jewish Hope"

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

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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.

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BEFORE THE MEMORIAL

The little boy stood by his father

And with perplexity said,

"I know that Lincoln was a great man—
But why did they shoot him dead?"

The father smiled at his little boy,

Who stood there all starry-eyed;

"Yes," he said, "Lincoln was a great man,"
And he told how Lincoln died:

How the North and the South disagreed
on account of slavery,

How the southern states withdrew and formed
their own confederacy,

How the Civil War then developed,

How the Civil War was won,
and all the slaves were liberated,
and new friendship was begun.

But some men who were still embittered

By the things which they had lost

Sought some way to display their anger—
And Lincoln's life was the cost.

"But, Daddy, still I don't understand—
Why did they shoot Lincoln dead?"

Said the boy, recalling some stories

His Sunday school teacher read:

How Lincoln was brave and hard-working,

How Lincoln was kind and good,

How he loved and forgave everybody
the way that a Christian should;

How he prayed and wept for his country
and did his best every day
to stand up for God and for freedom
and do things the honest way.

The child was innocent; he did not know
Avarice, hatred, or pride.

He was too young to understand
The reason why Lincoln died.

The father stood by his little boy

And humbly lowered his head;

A child—wiser than sages—implored,
"Why did they shoot Lincoln dead?"

Written by Brother Richard Radich

WASHINGTON'S STRANGE VISION

In answer to numerous requests, we are reprinting the following article entitled, "Washington's Strange Vision." We feel the timeliness of this article not only, in recognition of his birthday, February 22, but in view of the times in which we live, merits your consideration.

The last time I saw Anthony Sherman was on the Fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old and becoming feeble, but though so old, his dimmed eyes rekindled as he gazed on Independence Hall, which he had come back to look upon once more before he was called home.

"Let us go into the Hall," he said, "I want to tell you an incident of Washington's life, one of which no one alive knows but myself, and if you live, you will before long see verified.

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune. Now good, now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. I have often seen tears coursing down our dear commander's careworn cheeks as he would be conversing with some confidential officers about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true but he used to often pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, and interposition of whose Divine providence brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly wind whistled through leafless trees. Though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed his face seemed a shade paler than usual and that there seemed something on his mind of more than ordinary importance.

"After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter, 'I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this very table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the department seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singular beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes. By this time, I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself became paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though filled with sensations—grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarify; the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think; I did not move. All were alike, impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

"Presently I heard a voice saying: 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance, rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain the countries of the world; Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific.

"'Son of the Republic,' said the mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.' At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being like an angel, standing or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand he sprinkled some on America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some on Europe. Immediately a dark cloud arose from these countries and joined in mid-ocean. For awhile it stayed stationary, and then moved slowly westward until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleaming through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and griefs of the American people. A second time the angel dipped out water of the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after the other until the whole land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.' At this, the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward from Africa. I saw an illuminated specter approach our land. It flittered slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was the word "Union" bearing the American flag which she placed between the divided nations and said, 'Remember, we are brethren.' Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, and united around the standard.

"And I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this, the shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts, and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these countries rose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout the mass there gleamed a dark red light, by which I saw hordes of white men, who moving with the clouds, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw the vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns, and cities that I beheld spring up.

"As my ear listened to the thundering of the cannon and the clashing of the swords, and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look

and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast. Instantly a light, as of a thousand suns, shone from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the cloud that enveloped America. At the same moment the angel, upon whose crown still shone the word "Union," and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from Heaven, attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again closed up the broken ranks and renewed the battle.

"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 the 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."

"The last scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I had first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice as I heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. The most fearful is the third. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land, and Union.'

"With these words the vision vanished and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown to me the birth, progress, and destiny of the United States."

"Such, my friends," continued the narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips."

From Youth Comrade, 1919

THE VOICE OF BROTHER CADMAN

On Sunday, November 3, 1963, Brother Arthur Gehly was reading the Seventeenth Chapter of Third Nephi where Jesus spoke with the multitude telling them they were weak and could not understand the words which God had commanded Him to speak unto them.

"Therefore go ye unto your homes and ponder upon the things I have said; and ask of the Father, in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again. For now I go unto the Father, and also to show Myself unto the lost tribes of Israel, who are not lost unto the Father, for He knows where He hath taken them." And it came to pass when Jesus had thus spoken, He cast His eyes on the multitude and beheld they were in tears, and did look steadfastly upon Him as if to ask Him to tarry a little longer with them. What a joy this must have

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



by George A. Neill

"We owe it to ourselves and others, as well as to the Church, to urgently find our faults, face them and forsake them."

Many times we advise individuals to overlook the faults of one another. No doubt many of us have had the occasion to speak such words to someone, and I believe this is good advice because all of us have faults. We may take comfort in the thought, "Well, that's a fault I have and people will just have to look over it." However, we should never overlook our own faults, but rather, I believe, we should remember them. We have all noticed how easy it is to remember someone else's faults. I think it would do us all good if we would try to forget other peoples' faults and begin to remember our own.

I am impressed with this thought from reading of a fellow 'way back in the old Testament Scriptures. I don't know his name but he was a butler serving time in jail. He made the statement, "I do remember my faults this day." The incident referred to has its background in this history. Joseph is sold into slavery by his envious brothers. The Midianites who bought Joseph for twenty pieces of silver took him into Egypt and sold him to an army officer by the name of Potiphar. The Scriptures say the Lord was with Joseph and made all that he did to prosper in his hand. He found grace in the sight of his master and was made overseer of his house. The Lord blessed this man's house, and even his fields, for Joseph's sake. However, something happened which brought trouble to him. This officer's wife, who was a woman laden with silly sins, made advances to Joseph; such advances a gentleman like Joseph resisted. Eventually, though, she trapped him and he was unjustly sentenced. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy. He found favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison and was soon business manager of the prison.

About this time Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker offended him in some way and they too landed in prison. While there they both dreamed troublesome dreams which Joseph interpreted for them. The baker was to be hanged and the butler was to go free. As the butler left the prison Joseph said, "Think on me when it shall be well with thee and mention me to Pharaoh that I might be taken out of this place, for I have done nothing that they should put me here." The butler, however, forgot Joseph. He forgot a friend; he neglected to carry out a promise, an obligation, until one day Pharaoh dreamed a dream that troubled him. The butler, upon learning of this and that no one could interpret it, went to the king and burst out with these words. "I do remember my faults this day." Even though God intended to use Joseph as an instrument in His hands to help His people, a man had to undo a fault before the grand process could get under way.

Faults are not necessarily sin. A willful transgression of God's law is sin, but faults are destructive and can prevent things from being accomplished. Homes are broken up simply because of faults. It is my honest opinion that someone always suffers from our faults; on the other hand someone is always blessed when we remember them and come to grips with them. The Church suffers because of faults. I'm afraid much of God's will in the Church and for the Church is held up, perhaps even prevented, because we as Saints refuse to come to grips with our own faults.

Let us go back to Joseph in prison. "Even though God intended to use Joseph as an instrument in His hands to help His people, a man had to undo a fault before the grand process could get under way." Thus, as a result of the baker remembering his fault Joseph was freed from prison and became the King's Grand Vizier which placed him in a position whereby he could perform the work God had designed to be accomplished.

We owe it to ourselves and others, as well as the Church, to urgently find our faults, face them and forsake them. There are no unpardonable faults. Again I say, "Someone always suffers from our faults and someone is always blessed when we remember them and do something about them."

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been to Jesus for He said unto them, "Behold, my bowels are filled with compassion towards you. Have ye any that are sick among you?" Note here the great love Jesus must have had for this multitude in postponing His visit to the Father and lost tribes in order that He would heal the sick and afflicted to remove all suffering and pain from them **all**.

"For I see that your **faith** is sufficient that I should heal you."

And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken, all the multitudes with **one accord**, did bring forth their sick and afflicted, their lame, their blind, their dumb, and all that were afflicted in any manner; and He did heal them **everyone** as they were brought unto Him.

What a wonderful experience for this multitude of people to have **all** their sick and afflicted made whole by Jesus before their very eyes.

And they did **all**, both they who had been healed, and they who were whole, bow down at His feet, and did worship Him; and as many as could come for the multitude did kiss His feet, insomuch that they did bathe His feet with their tears.

Brothers and Sisters, what a joy in the hearts of these people and love for Jesus to kiss His feet and bathe them with their tears.

Jesus commanded their little children be brought to Him, and Jesus stood in the midst of them as they sat all around Him, and Jesus commanded the multitude to kneel down upon the ground.

And it came to pass that when they knelt upon the ground, Jesus groaned within Himself, and said: "Father I am troubled because of the wickedness of the people of the House of Israel." After saying these words Jesus also knelt upon the ground; and prayed unto the Father, and the things He prayed cannot be written, and the multitude did bear record who heard Him.

And after this manner do they bear record: The eye hath never seen, neither hath the ear heard, before, so great and marvelous things as we saw and heard Jesus speak unto the Father; and no tongue can speak, neither can there be written by any man, neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvelous things as we both saw and heard spoke; and no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time we heard Jesus pray for us unto the Father.

When Jesus had made an end of praying unto the Father, He arose; but so great was the joy of the multitude that they were overcome.

And Jesus spoke unto them, and bade them arise, and said unto them: "Blessed are ye because of your faith. And now behold, my joy is full."

And when He had said these words, He wept, and the multitude bore record of it, and He took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.

And when He had done this, He wept again: And He spoke unto the multitude, and said unto them: "Behold your little ones." And as they looked to behold, they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw the heavens open, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were in the midst of fire; and they came

down and encircled those little ones about, and they were encircled about with fire, and the angels did minister unto them.

And the multitude did see and hear and bear record: and they know that their record is true for they all of them did see and hear, every man for himself; and they were in number about two thousand and five hundred souls; and they did consist of men, women, and children.

What a joy, Brothers and Sisters, to have been with these people who along with their children looked upon Jesus Christ in the flesh and heard His voice in prayer unto the Father in their behalf, and saw angels minister unto their children. There could be no greater joy except one live righteously all the days of his life and enter into God's eternal kingdom to live with Jesus through all eternity.

Brothers, Sisters and friends, I have written most of this chapter in order that you might better understand how I was so filled with the Spirit of God through His Son, Jesus Christ, that the question came to me, "Why was everyone in this multitude of two thousand five hundred people who were sick and afflicted, lame, blind and dumb, healed by Jesus and took their children one by one and blessed them?"

And the answer was whispered unto me by the voice of our beloved Brother W. H. Cadman which was: "Unity - Unity - Unity! Unity in their faith in God through Jesus Christ brought about all their healings and joy in fellowship with Christ." So Brothers and Sisters we too must be of one faith and united in this faith in order that we might be blessed by God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Brother Martin C. Klein
Fredonia Branch

NOTICE TO THE MINISTRY

We, your General Church officers, wish to impress upon each and every one of you in the Ministry that you make every preparation to attend the General Conference at Monongahela, Pennsylvania in April, 1964, and that you be present for the opening sessions.

Some appear to think the early sessions are unimportant. We believe all the Ministry should be present for every business session as there is much vitally important business to be acted upon which is of greatest concern to the entire Church. Matterless of what office you occupy in the ministry you are important; an integral part of the body, and as such should be concerned with the progress and welfare of the Church and all business pertaining to its proper functioning.

Remember, if you are absent you have no right to complain about any action taken that you may not be in favor of; one vote may change the situation completely.

Your brethren in Christ,

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:32.

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I want to tell you this month is found in the Old Testament, in the days of Abraham. (Genesis 18, 19 chapters) Three strangers had visited Abraham and he recognized them as messengers of God or angels. Abraham was very kind to them. He gave them rest, fed them and washed their feet. In those days people entertained the weary travelers.

As they left Abraham's tent they said they were going to Sodom. Abraham offered to lead them on the way. He learned from the Lord that the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed because of the terrible wickedness of the people. Now Abraham's nephew Lot and his family lived there. Abraham asked if the righteous would be destroyed with the wicked? The answer of the Lord was, "If I find fifty righteous in Sodom I will spare the place for their sakes." Abraham prayed for the good men who might be there. "If there were just forty-five would the city be spared?" Abraham asked. Then he asked God's promise for thirty and then twenty. God promised even if there were not so many as fifty, just ten, he would spare the whole city. Abraham had to be content with this. He hoped, no doubt, that there would be enough good men in Sodom to save the city. He did not know how wicked the people were, not even ten good men could be found in it.

Two of the angels left Abraham and went on to Sodom where Lot lived. They arrived there at evening. Lot was sitting at the gate of the city. He was very polite to them and invited them to his house. He offered them food and water to wash their feet. He did not know they were angels. They did not want to accept his kindness. They said, "We will abide in the street all night". But after some persuasion the men came into the house. Lot made a feast for them and gave them a place to sleep.

Now the people of Sodom were very wicked. Soon, men both young and old and the people from every part of the city came to Lot's house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came this night? Bring them out that we may know them?" Lot went out and tried to keep the crowd from disturbing his guests. He told them he had two daughters who would entertain them but to let his guests rest. But they shouted louder and louder that they wanted the strangers. They tried to attack Lot. The angels protected Lot. They caused all the people surrounding the house to become blind. They could not find the door of Lot's house and soon they went away.

Then the angels let Lot know who they were and why they were there. They told him, "When morning comes we will destroy this city. If you want to save any of your family, call them to you and take them out of the city before morning." Lot told his wife, two daughters and his sons-in-law. But the sons-in-

law would not believe that the entire city and all the people would be destroyed. The angels took Lot, his wife and the two daughters by the hand and had to lead them out of the city. The angels warned Lot and the women, "Escape for your life, look not behind you, do not stay in the plain but escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed." Lot and his daughters obeyed and did not look behind. They did not see the Lord send a rain of fire and brimstone from heaven on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Nothing was left of these cities and no living person remained. Lot's wife was curious. As she was running, she looked back and was turned to salt! The Bible says a pillar of salt.

Lot and his daughters ran until they came to a mountain. Here they lived in a cave. We do not read much about Lot after this. His descendants became two great nations, the Moabites and the Ammonites.

There is a good lesson in this story for us. The words of Jesus fit very nicely, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Our questions this time are about angels. See if you can find them.

1. Why should we not forget to entertain angels? Hebrews 13:2.
2. What was the name of the angel that appeared to Zacharias, to Mary? Luke 1:19, 26, 27.
3. Who was the archangel? Jude 1:9.
4. What angel along with others fought the dragon? Revelation 12:7.
5. Who was the dragon? Rev. 12:9.

PEN PALS

It's rather wonderful, I think,
When friends are made by pen and ink,
A piece of paper, blue or white . . .
Someone decides that he will write
To one whom he has never seen,
Who lives where he has never been.
A pen becomes a magic wand—
Two strangers start to correspond;
Not strangers long but soon good friends—
Just look how that last letter ends!
How pleasant the exchange of views
And comments on the latest news.
Oh, one can talk of this and that
And have the cosiest kind of chat.
Two souls who live quite far apart
Can gladden each the other's heart,
Can nourish each the other's mind
With letters sensible and kind.
It's truly beautiful, I think,
When friends are made by pen and ink.

—Author Unknown

Do you want your name added to our Pen Pal list?
Send it to me.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

In view of current events, it would seem safe to say, that November 22, 1963, will always be remem-

bered as "Black Friday", the day the President of the United States was assassinated.

Hundreds of thousands of words have been written, and many hundreds of thousands more will still be written. Many speeches have been made, and many more are to come . . . each painting that evil day a shade darker, if that is possible. And certainly the agony and shame and terrible shock of that day will live forever in our memories, as dark as the darkest midnight.

Yet out of the horror of those nightmarish hours, we subtly caught a glimpse of a faint silver lining, etching the dark clouds of sorrow. The events of that day led us into remembrance of another time, and another much greater Man, Who also preached brotherly love, and Who was also put to death to assuage the evil thirst for blood.

We are not attempting to draw a paragon between the two men; this to us would be abhorrent blasphemy. Christ was the Son of God in all His perfection, while John Fitzgerald Kennedy was just another good man, filled with vision and hope for equality and justice among men. No, we see no paragon, but we do see a correlation between the two tragedies.

Jesus was loved by many for His good works, and hated by others, for these same good works. Yet the impact of the fulfillment of His life's work did not really touch us until His death. In that agonizing death, foisted upon Him by those who hated Him because His teaching clashed with theirs, and because their powers were puny next to His, He became more beloved, more precious, and never to be forgotten. We received His greatest gifts at His death.

These past few days, we have been witness to the profound effect the death of our late President had upon our nation. He, too, in life was loved by many, and hated by many, but in death the good that he advocated will live on to guide us. His death has shown us that hate IS the mother of violence and the two combined are the bitter foes of mankind.

The loss we have sustained is great, but the good that we can derive out of it can be immeasurable; though this can be accomplished only if we constantly remember that evil words are like drops of rain. They seem harmless enough when they fall lightly and sparsely. They may cause annoyance and discomfort if they fall upon us, but can cause no real danger. But when whipped up by fierce winds, when gathered together, they can become a torrent of destruction, roaring along and sweeping everyone and everything up in its violent path. The suffering left in the wake of the ensuing flood can be terrible.

We seem to come out of this whole thing, sorrowful, but with the fervent hope that this day will in time redeem itself by having a salutary effect upon our people. We hope and pray that we shall remember how our nation was founded under God, and that we must remain under God as a nation if we are to survive as a free people. We cannot forget that God he said if we depart from Him He will surely depart from us.

We have seen, in our own lifetime, that nations without God are nations without hope.

Yes, we have sinned, and we weep to see that

the penalty of our sin had to be so great, even while we know that nothing less would have sufficed to bring us to our senses.

We weep when we remember that seven children have been left fatherless, and that two of them may never lift up their heads in family pride, but be forever ashamed of their name and heritage.

We weep for the mothers of those men, who surely loved their sons equally well, and yet one must forget that she ever bore him.

We weep for the wives, whose pillows must be damp each morning with the tears of longing and loneliness. We weep to think that although two may remember them as heroes, one must try to forget that he ever belonged to her.

We weep for the guilt, which must in some measure rest upon the shoulders of a democracy that can allow the abuse of the freedom of speech to such an extent that seekers of public office, as well as the press and many others, may blithely and carelessly sow the seeds of discontent even when unjustified, and of malice and hate, in order to achieve their own particular ends. They apparently never care that the sprouting tares might eventually overcome and consume the wheat.

And we weep to think of the agony that must be in the heart of our Lord when He surveys us all.

Yes, we weep!

Catherine Vultaggio Poma

CONCEPTS OF GOD

Individualism

By James Curry

The dictionary defines the word **individualism** as meaning: 1. "Tendency to regard oneself as the paramount interest in one's life; egoism." 2. "Social doctrine which emphasizes the rights of individuals rather than those of society and of the state as a whole."

We infer from the foregoing that the first definition—the tendency to regard oneself as the paramount interest in one's life; egoism—is basically a matter of self interest, and that this particular brand or degree of individualism is found in that person or persons who believe that to attain the goals of life one must compete for the prize with every other individual who aspires to the same position of power, status or prestige. Where a great many such individualists comprise a state or a nation their culture is said to be competitive, and contrasts strangely with the American brand of individualism which is both competitive and cooperative. I shall take up the subject of American individualism or "social doctrine which emphasizes the rights of individuals rather than those of society and the state as a whole" in the next of this series of articles.

To trace the development of individualism, we need only observe the developing ego of the new born babe until he reaches the full physical, emotional and intellectual stature of manhood. At the foot of the ladder the new born babe is found to be utterly selfish. He demands a great deal of love, interest and care and gives nothing in return. At the age of two or three years he will have tantrums if another child touches his toys. If at this age there is another child

younger than he, he will compete with him for the affection of his parents; exhibiting insecurity, jealousy, aggressiveness and even cruelty. It might be said that nature has equipped him with the gift of individual survival. You would be wasting your breath if you spoke to him of cooperation and collective survival. He has neither the mind nor the heart for such things. Is it possible that there are whole nations of men and women who have not advanced beyond this infant stage of development? There are indeed, and they are found especially in those lands where the power of the Roman Church is absolute.

The question naturally arises: What caused this arrested development? Who is responsible for it? It is a long story, and if we would see the picture in true perspective we must go back to the time of the great apostasy or falling away.

Life was hard, even cruel during those blighted centuries of the dark and middle ages. The Church had fallen away from those fundamental principles which had undergirded the Church of our Lord. The love of truth which had characterized the Church of Paul's day had been relegated to the scrap heap and was supplanted by, of all things, A LUST FOR BEAUTY.

The Gentiles to whom the apostles took the Gospel were a wonderfully creative people. A people quite capable, by the exercise of creative faith, of building and maintaining the Kingdom of God on earth. But, the devil had other plans. If he could bottle up and render impotent this spiritually creative faith of the Gentiles; or if he could rechannel their creative talents into avenues suited to his purpose—Ha!—the thing would be done.

In formulating his plan of conquest the devil of course foresaw that to destroy the creative talent of the Gentile Church he would have to resurrect the old master—slave idea. He gave them strong leaders who in the language of today are called dictators. These dictators, from the all powerful spiritual father who presided over all, down to the feudal overlord who governed their natural lives, exercised such rigid control over their subjects that they soon came to have no minds of their own. To act for one's self, to express a personal opinion, to advocate free assembly, to engage in free enterprise, to demand one's own God-given individual dignity or the right of individual expression—these were crimes against the strong powers to whose will he had to submit. Any infraction thereof was punishable by death. Like any other enslaved people they were told what to think, what to believe, what to do! Every avenue of creativity was effectively barricaded except those which led to the realms of art and music. The architects were encouraged to believe that God reserved a special award for those who created great cathedrals, which of course must be adorned with rare paintings, statuary and stained glass windows. The musicians were inspired in the composition of classical quasi-sacred songs, which obviously must be sung in a dead language which the laymen could not understand. Satan added to these the love of festivity, of pomp and ceremony, that the eyes of all may be flattered by that which is seen, that they might forget the unseen. Artisans such as Michaelangelo were honored for their creation of beauty. The Church car-

ed nothing for their sins. See William Bickerton's experience of the beautiful flowers. Page 9 of **A History of The Church of Jesus Christ**.

The poor deluded victims of our story seem to have soon forgotten that they had been created in the image of God and that as God's creatures they had certain creative powers of their own. "God is everything and you are nothing," he was told, until the creative urge had been displaced by an abject dependence upon those strong powers to whose will he had to submit. The Israelitish concept of a God who wanted self reliance, not dependence, cooperation, not submission; had become to him an unknown quantity.

Fallen so low and made to feel that in God's sight he was hardly more than a worm; never given to feel that he was wanted or needed by Pope, Cardinal, Bishop, Priest or feudal overlord; how could he conceive of a God, who, as in the Israelitish tradition, "Looks to man to be His creative partner in the developing evolution of a better world?" See Liebman's **Peace of Mind**, page 171.

The desire to be wanted and needed is basic to human happiness. Even the mutual need, love and respect between a man and a dog is sometimes the slender thread that makes life on earth meaningful and worthwhile. Sever that tie and neither man nor dog find any excuse for living.

The dark ages plunged mankind downward to the infant level of individual survival—the survival of the fittest. The law of the jungle persisted in England even in Tennyson's day. Observing the brutal survival tactics of his fellowman, he wrote the now famous descriptive phrase: "Nature, red in tooth and claw."

Just as a small child will compete with baby brother for the love of his parents, the Roman serf, thrown back upon his own meager resources, found it necessary to compete with his brother for the good will of his priest and feudal overlord. Life became a daily heartbreak of competition, which bred the evil bedfellows of aggressiveness, jealousy and insecurity. He had of course forgotten long ago that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had been designed to eliminate competition from the face of the earth; to bind men's hearts together in the great round wheel of collective survival called "The Brotherhood of Man;" to instill the knowledge that "The whole is greater than the part," and that unity in diversity will enable mankind at long last, not only to say with his lips, but to feel in his heart, that "I am my brother's keeper."

The excessive individualism or self-interest found in Rome-ruled lands is notoriously prominent in our Central and South America neighbor nations. The struggle for power and personal prestige leads to revolution after revolution. Dictatorship and competition, not democracy and collective survival, are the watch-words of the Rome-ruled day; nor do Rome's serfs and slaves take pleasure in the word "togetherness." To be a mere cog in a wheel is to him abhorrent. If he cannot be the whole wheel he will pout and sulk just as his misguided ancestors have done for centuries. We do not wonder why the Lord of the vineyard weeps when He observes this sad state of affairs, saying: "Who has done this to my vineyard?"

(To be Continued)

THE PROPOSED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST SECONDARY SCHOOL IN NIGERIA

From the interrogations I was faced with during my short casual visits to some of our Church branches, I feel it expedient to write this article in The Gospel News to acquaint our readers and other members within the fold with some of the answers to the questions pertinent to the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ Secondary School in Nigeria.

1. Why do we bother at all to plan to establish a Secondary School in Nigeria? No doubt this has been the principal question, asked by many who seem to see no need for the Church to establish a school in Nigeria when our main concentration is centered on preaching the Gospel. The main point to take into consideration here is that the proposed Secondary School in Nigeria will serve as a means of spreading the faith and doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ among our people in Nigeria. The school will remain the sole property of The Church of Jesus Christ and the faith and doctrine of the Church will form part of the school curriculum. In short the school will remain a parochial one serving the interest of the Church as well as providing education for our youths, the future torch-bearers and vanguards of our faith.

By this setup our youths would be saved from indoctrinations by other church denominations through attending their schools. I feel there is no gainsay in mentioning here that as long as the other church denominations have their parochial schools and our youths will continue to attend such schools, we have no guarantee whatsoever of having them stay with the Church owing to the strings attached to them by the churches running such schools under which they get their education.

Our missionaries who are familiar with the role the church denominations play in education in the country can bear me out that no successful mission remains without having their church school through which they teach the faith and doctrine of their Churches to the youths. Many of these missions have their Home Mission here in the United States (e.g. the Lutheran Church, the Church of Christ, the Baptist and a host of others).

If this is the way these respective denominations use to spread and stabilize their faith in the country, I see nothing wrong if our Church with the true faith should adopt this set pattern as a means of teaching the people Her faith and doctrine. This to me does not mean a diversion from our policy, but a modification of same which I am convinced will enhance the progress of our work as well as serving the needs of our people within the Church. Failure to recognize this pressing need at this time may eventually present us with some problems within our Church in Nigeria, as many children will be compelled to attend other faiths outside that of their parents within our fold.

II. How will the Secondary School be administered? The school will remain the sole property of The Church of Jesus Christ. Here again I want to emphasize the point that we are not trying to act for the government of Nigeria, but solely for the interest of our Church and the people therein. The school will be operated like a corporate or chartered institution. The

Church will have to draw up the constitution specifying how the school will be administered. This will include the aim for starting such school, offices and how they will be filled, terms of offices, duties of respective officers, etc. When the constitution has been ratified by the General Priesthood of the Church and the Board of Missions, it will then be submitted to the Nigerian government for approval. Immediately when this authorization is given by the Nigerian government, the school would start. All appointive and removal powers will remain with the Church and exercised through the appropriate boards or officers specified by the constitution.

The Nigerian Education Department lays down the conditions under which all approved schools in the country must be run, and when our school meets all these conditions, which of course will be no problem to us, the government starts to give grants and aids to the school as is the case with all other parochial and private schools in the country. Here again I wish to mention that the government does not take over the ownership and control of the school from the Church, and does not interfere in its administration as specified by the constitution.

III. How will the school be staffed? The responsibilities of staffing the school will rest on the authorization by the constitution. In most cases the manager and the Board of Regents often handle this job. The staff which will be composed of the principal, vice-principal, teachers, secretary and financial or business manager, will be selected from both the parent Church in the United States and from among our members in Nigeria. In fact, I feel this will afford the greatest opportunity for most of our interested young people from the parent Church in America to go to teach full time in this school and also help in spreading the faith of the Church. An example of this is the case with two of our young men who are serving among the Indians in South Dakota with a similar purpose.

IV. What are our people in The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria doing about this project? It is unfortunate that our people there cannot meet this project themselves owing to their low economic status. In any case, to show their concern for it, they are sacrificing the little they have towards this project. They are levying themselves to pay one pound (\$2.80) per every male and the equivalent of \$1.40 per every female, but how long it will take them to finish the collection is not yet certain.

V. Why all the big rush in starting the project? This seems to be another pressing question coupled with this project. Since the Nigerian government has given a limited number of Secondary Schools to be opened between now and the end of 1964, it seems that waiting too long may put us out of the list; may even mean losing an opportunity which we may not be able to regain without much sacrifice.

Having answered some of these pertinent questions, let me then proceed to express my appreciation to all the individuals, branches, and organizations within our fold who have supported this plan materially and morally by contributing handsomely toward the building of the said Secondary School in Nigeria. I

also solicit the cooperation and support of all our people within the Church and other interested persons who share the information and wish to see the progress of the faith of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ to which we have all committed ourselves, to join forces with us by rallying round this great and noble cause that we may raise the necessary amount towards the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ Secondary School in Nigeria.

I do appeal to all our readers to convey this information to others and encourage them to support this project.

In conclusion, I want to mention my appreciation to the Church authorities for the last approval plan to solicit outside funds for this project too. I am sure this will meet our individual patronage too.

Trusting that the Lord will strengthen us towards this noble cause, I do ask the blessing of God to be with all of us and inspire us towards doing that which is good in order to perpetuate His glory.

Brother Moses E. Akpan

"NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE VINEYARD"

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO BRANCH

We are happy to report two more baptisms. One took place at the GMBA conference held in Monongahela, Pa., on November 9th.—Carla Naro, daughter of Brother Chuck and Sister Vera Naro. The other one took place after our MBA service on Friday, October 18th. George Jones was visiting at the home of Brother Joe Calabrese and made his wishes known. A group of saints gathered at the river shore after midnight to witness his baptism. May the Lord guide and bless our new converts every day of their life on earth.

Branch Editor
Sister Betty Alessio

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AN INSPIRATION TO PRAYER

A joyous day was had by all the brothers and sisters of the Bronx Branch when Sister Josephine Quero, baptized on November 10, 1963, was inspired to utter this prayer for her testimony on the day of her baptism:

Eternal God, in this moment I yield myself to Thee. May the presence of the living Christ fill the emptiness of my life. As I walk with Him this day, may I know the blessedness of fellowship with Thee. May Thy sustaining power be mine, now and forever through Christ. Amen. Brothers and Sisters pray for me and I'll do the same for you.

Sister Belle Rose
Editor, Bronx, N.Y. Branch

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LOCKPORT, N.Y.

The Saints of Lockport met together at the home of Brother and Sister Williams in the suburbs of Niagara Falls. The occasion was a farewell meeting with Sister Mary Ramella who was leaving for Las Vegas, Nevada. Since there is no branch or mission there we felt to petition God to put some spiritual food in our storehouses, especially our Sister Ramella's.

For all those who would like to write to Sister

Ramella, her address is as follows: 1125 Greenway Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

A visit on Sunday, November 24, 1963, by a group of the young people from Lorain, along with Brother Joseph Calabrese, and others, was enjoyed by the Youngstown branch. A quartet made up of young sisters, baptized less than a year ago, was called upon to entertain us. Brother Joseph opened the meeting choosing for his text the 4th Chapter of Luke, verses 16 to 22. He dwelt on the 18th verse, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

In Brother Calabrese's talk, he spoke of the poor that are broken-hearted and in captivity, and that the spirit of the Lord is upon this priesthood to do this work in these latter days. Brother Calabrese related an experience concerning a garden where the fruit was ripening. We might say here that the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Brother T. D. Bucci followed, continuing the theme of Brother Calabrese's discourse and relating two of his own experiences. We were urged to pray for the new President of the United States that he may fulfill the purpose and designs of God.

Brother A. A. Corrado closed the meeting with an inspiring prayer.

Branch Editor,
Brother Sam Costarella

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FREDONIA, PA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As time goes on and we become more steadfast and faithful, being more helpful in all the things that come our way that we are capable of doing, I am sure our belief and pleasure in the church grows. We are happy people and many unexpected blessings are given to us.

My sister, her daughter and I had a two week trip in November; Fort Pierce, Florida was our destination because we have members there. We had never met any of these people but had read of them in The Gospel News and I had corresponded with some of them. They gave us love and hospitality.

Our visit was from Thursday until Monday morning, and in that time we were in seven meetings. This pleased us as we would rather be in church than any other place. They also took us to the Seminole Reservation and we talked with the Lamanites there.

Brother and Sister Theodore and Brother and Sister Oran Thomas arrived that same week to spend the winter there, so we had the unexpected pleasure of being in all the meetings with them on Sunday.

On the way home we spent two nights in the home of Brother Jonathon Molinatto, near Cherokee, N.C. They are all well and still striving to take the Gospel to the descendants of Joseph. It is their custom to have Thanksgiving and New Years dinner with these people. May God bless all the Brothers and Sisters we had fellowship with on this trip.

We had a nice talk with Mrs. Sara Beck in her restaurant at Cherokee. She remembered us from six years ago. Brother W. H. Cadman always called on her, and she spoke of him with respect.

Sunday, November 24th. Brother and Sister Furnier and Brother Alma Cadman were with us at Fredonia and we had a good day. My father was eighty-five years old the twenty-seventh. We had a little reception in his honor after the Wednesday evening service. Several visiting Brothers and Sisters were with us. Our Branch also met the next morning in Thanksgiving to God for all His goodness and mercy to us.

So the Church has always been good to me, and I get all the pleasure I want in it. The vain things of this world aren't pleasant to me.

All our love from Fredonia.

Sister Martha Kelly

SURDOCK - BRUTZ

Sister Diane Brutz and Brother Kenneth Surdock were united in marriage on Saturday, September 28, 1963, at the San Fernando Valley Branch in Sepulveda, California. Brother V. James Lovalvo, Apostle, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister Anthony Brutz of Reseda, California and the groom is the son of Sister Rose (Surdock) Lombardo of San Diego, California, originally of Lorain, Ohio.

May God's richest blessing be with them throughout their years together.

THANKS FROM NIGERIA

Copied from The Nigeria Church Conference minutes of September 7, 1963.

I. Page 1, # 1-2-3

Vote of thanks was expressed to the parent church in America for her effort and a great concern of seeing that a missionary or missionaries will soon come among us. Also for retaining the resolution of building a mission house and the fund raised to build the secondary school which is still carried on, by Brother D. A. V. Enang, seconded by Brother D. Essiet. The house unanimously accepted.

2. Page 3, # 12-13

A motion was unanimously passed thanking the parent Church in America for supplying all the branches of the Church and individuals, Books of Mormon and Hymnals for pulpit use.

3. Page 1184 paragraphs 5-6

A motion was passed thanking the mission board for the program initiated for us and our children, tho' it is money that holds everything back, and we pray that God someday will make it possible to achieve these posts.

4. (6)

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed thanking the parent Church in U.S. for the effort she has made to see that the work in Nigeria grows to take status of the work there.

Note: This has reference to two elders being sent out to see that the faith and doctrine and order etc. of the church is carried out in all branches of the church.

5. Page 3, # 11

A motion was unanimously passed thanking the sisters in The General Ladies' Uplift Circle for the clothing and other things sent to our people.

6. Page 2 # 6

Brothers O. Nkanta and Archibong Umoh moved and seconded respectively to thank The Ladies' Uplift Circle of Aliquippa Branch who raised funds to pay for the reprint copies of "Good Nursing For Babies" in Efik to be used among our people. A resolution was unanimously passed thanking the Sisters in The Uplift Circle of Aliquippa Branch for their love toward our people.

7. Page 2, # 5

Brothers O. Johnson and Sandy Akpan moved and seconded respectively to thank Sister Bickerton for the great effort she has got in translating the musical notes into Solfa notation for fifty hymns to be printed with the Efik translation for use of our people. All accepted the motion. A resolution was passed thanking Sister Bickerton for the great work she has done.

8. Page 2, # 8

Brothers Etim Akpan and D. Ukpong moved respectively to thank the Aliquippa Branch for their love in providing funds to purchase a typewriter for the church work in Nigeria, a motion was passed unanimously thanking the Aliquippa Branch for this.

9. # 6

The President, E. U. A. Authur, gave a closing remark by thanking the parent Church in America for all that she has done for the Church in Nigeria, etc., etc.

LEST WE FORGET

In 1933 shortly after I obeyed the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, I had the privilege of meeting Brother Joseph Corrado in Detroit, Michigan.

He was truly a man of God, but he was blind and had to be led by the hand, but he had a marvelous way in winning souls to Christ.

My father desired to take Brother Corrado to a friend who was interested in hearing about the story of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Corrado was always willing to talk to anyone about the word of God, so my father made an appointment with his friend one night.

I drove the car along with five other brothers and sisters. All was well until we arrived at a certain street where my father did not know which way to go. My father did not drive and since it was dark, it was hard for him to direct me.

We were about to turn back when suddenly Brother Corrado, who was sitting in the back seat, said, "Do not return home, but go two blocks then turn to the right. It is Michigan Avenue. Then your father will lead you the rest of the way."

I was astonished to hear the blind brother direct me since he was a visitor in Detroit and it was a strange town to him; but I was obedient and proceeded driving. It was like he said, and my father led me the rest of the way.

My mind was troubled with many thoughts. Could it be possible that he was blind and yet see?

Then again another thought. Even if he did see,

how would he know the way? Still another thought. Is he an Angel of God in the form of a man?

While I was filled with all these thoughts, Brother Corrado spoke again and said that it was the will of God for us to go on because they were waiting for us.

When we arrived, the woman of the house said to her husband "I told you that if they are God's children they will find the place."

When the woman said that, I remembered what Brother Corrado had said, "It is the will of God that we go on, for they are waiting for us."

That night I watched Brother Corrado speak. His words were as from one having authority.

The next day I asked him, "How did you know the name of the street and where to turn?" He answered, "God has given me discernment in place of my eye sight."

God worked with him mightily. His teachings often were in this wise, "Make yourselves friends of Jesus. Put your trust in Him. He cares for you. Have faith in God." With many like words he instructed us. Joseph Corrado has been dead a long time, but yet he lives with us. My prayer is to be of service to others as he was to many of us.

Brother Mark Randy

CHRIST vs. GOLIATH SPIRIT vs. FLESH

One of the Gentile nations which was a thorn in the flesh was the Philistines. When we do not apply the Word of God as our sword of the Spirit against God's enemies we are always going to have trouble. David was a young man in Israel at the time Saul, the king, was in a "sore battle with the Philistines." Of course there were men of renown in Israel, and David's brothers were men of war, and Saul's army was great, for the scriptures reveal that Saul chose any strong or valiant man unto himself; but let us see who is going to fight the battle:

The Philistines stood on a mountain on the side, and Israel stood on a valley between them. Goliath, a man of war from his youth, stood six cubits and a span high, approximately ten feet. He had armour upon him that none in Israel would be able to stand up in. He carried a spear the length of a weaver's beam with a head on it weighing in at 600 shekels of iron.

The flesh does a lot of boasting as we hear Goliath: "And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, 'Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me! If he be able to fight with me and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I (the flesh) prevail against him and kill him, then shall ye be our servants. I defy the armies of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together!' When Saul and all Israel heard this they were dismayed and greatly afraid."

Here is where once again we see the carnal eye viewing its enemies, and the flesh, our greatest enemy, looms up before us as if he were a giant. The eye of faith says, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

The flesh and the Spirit are always at war with one another, and if we do not pull down and destroy

the flesh, the flesh will pull us down and destroy us.

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the flesh ye shall live." Yes, we must yield ourselves to the Spirit of God or else we shall suffer defeat. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourself servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey: whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto life."

Goliath said if we yield to him we will become his servants; but if not, he will become our servants. Oh no, flesh cannot please God, so God says for us to destroy, crucify, mortify, put to death the lust of the flesh and its affections. We must bring all things under subjection to the Spirit of God. Let us look at David, a man in whom the Spirit of God is:

David said, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" Yes right away here is where immaturity in the brethren rests, and also jealousy. David's brother said, "Why comest thou down here? I know thy pride and the naughtiness of thine heart." If they were so strong in the faith, why did they not set out to meet the challenge? Not only was the Philistine, Goliath, looking for a man, but also God is looking for a man. David or any man of God will take the challenge. Of course before David set out to meet his challenger, Saul tried to aid the man of God with weapons and armour; but "No," said David, "I haven't proved these," and David put them off. Paul said "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Can you see Goliath? — 1. He was a stronghold against Israel. 2. He imagined what he was going to do. 3. He was high. 4. He exalted himself against God.

Let us go down to the valley to meet our enemies and kill and spare not. David said in faith, "Thou comest to me with a sword and a spear and a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day the Lord will deliver thee into mine hand. I will give thy carcass to the fowl of the air, that all the earth may know that there is a God of Israel. And all will know that the Lord saveth not with swords and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into mine hands."

The battle began then by faith and was won before it started. One stone, and down came Goliath! David was more than a conqueror for he conquered his enemy in his battleground.

Jesus said unto Peter, "Put up thy sword! He that liveth with the sword shall perish with the sword." Are we fighting with swords? What are our weapons?

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the air."

Let us fight a good fight of faith, and our Goliaths will come tumbling down. No obstacle is too great, no power is too strong and no weapon is too powerful, for our God is greater than all.

David looked out at Goliath through the eye of faith and saw him not as a giant, but leveled him off as a conquerable enemy. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Let us believe in Jesus Christ and walk in Him and all our Goliaths will be overcome. Paul said, "And in nothing terrified by your adversaries." James said, "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you." Let us arise and go hence. AMEN

Brother Rocco Tassone

THE GENERAL LADIES CIRCLE MEETING

The General Ladies Uplift Circle Meeting met at West Elizabeth on December 14, 1963. We had a good attendance from the Pennsylvania Area and sisters from Lorain and New Jersey. Our meeting was opened with a selection of timely Christmas hymns. We had the Christmas Story read which we all enjoyed.

Sister Mabel Bickerton, our president, opened our service with a few remarks thanking God for her calling and the goodness of God extended toward her. The meeting was then opened for testimonies and very good participation was had.

After disposing of our business, we had the opportunity to hear from our visiting Brothers. They spoke on how we should plan our lives to be of service to the Church. Some of the future events we expect as a church were brought out; we enjoyed their talks very much.

The next General Ladies Circle Meeting will be held in March at McKees Rocks. We trust that many of you will be able to attend.

Sister Eleanor Palmieri

MRS. CLARA VETRANO

Mrs. Clara Vetrano, wife of Brother Bartholomew Vetrano, Uniontown, Pa., died at her home on December 4, 1963. Funeral services were held in the Victor A. DeCarlo Funeral Home, December 6th., with Brother Joseph Bittinger officiating. Burial was in the Sylvan Heights Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to Brother Vetrano and grandchildren.

TESTIMONY OF SISTER MARY AND BROTHER ANTHONY CAPOTS (as told by Sister Mary Capots)

Until the time that I came to know of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I was lame and unable to walk. My body was afflicted and I received no hope of ever being well. I had gone to a doctor who sent me to another, and I was told that my days on earth were numbered. In conversation with a neighbor, whom I came to know as Sister Anne Damore, the wife of Brother Carl, she told me of the Gospel and its blessings. I replied that if I was to die that I would be ready, but if I were to live I wished to be made whole. After this, I had a dream in which I saw an Indian woman who told me that the doctor could not help me. On the following day, I went to the doctor who was an Indian woman. The woman told me that she could not help me without an operation. I was operated on, but I was not any better. I therefore knew that my

dream was of God and that my dream had been fulfilled.

When I told my husband Anthony, that I had made up my mind to be baptized, he opposed me and intended to divorce me. As he ascended the steps of the Courthouse to carry out his plan, a voice spoke to him saying, "Where are you going? These, your best friends, are going to become your enemies". He turned to see who was speaking to him and he saw no one. When he returned home, my husband related what had happened and I told him that he was working against God.

After this experience, my husband asked the Lord to give him further proof that The Church of Jesus Christ was the Lord's church. My husband had this dream. He saw himself in the river. Above the river there was a bridge. He saw himself naked and he said to himself, "The police will arrest me." A voice behind him said to him, "Keep walking, because the police know the way you have to walk." As my husband walked out of the river, he saw three men. One of these men extended his hand to him and said, "I am the way, the life, and the resurrection".

My husband Anthony and I were baptized on February 15, 1920. My health was given to me and I have been able to walk these many years. The words in my husband's dream were new to us. We have not been educated to read or write.

Sister Mary Capots is eighty years old and Brother Anthony Capots is eighty-one years old. They have both served God faithfully for forty-three years in the Youngstown Ohio Branch. They are still active and attend both the Sunday and Wednesday evening services. Of course, at their age someone must pick them up and bring them to Church in their car. May God Bless those that do this for our aged brothers and sisters throughout our church. This is a service that pleases God and will be rewarded in Heaven.

Sam Costarella Branch Editor

JUST KEEP ON KEEPING ON

Just keep on keeping on, and to your Saviour be true;
He'll stay by your side when you're troubled and blue.
When your burdens get heavy and you're troubled
with care,

Just ask the Lord, and your troubles He will share.
Just keep on keeping on, there is much yet to do;
The harvest is great and the laborers are few.
Let's go out in the harvest—let's do all we can;
Our Saviour is calling, and He needs every man.
Just keep on keeping on in your work for the Lord;
Don't let Mr. Satan cheat you of your reward.
He may offer you this world with its silver and gold,
But in return he will take and destroy your soul.
Just keep on keeping on, whatever you do;
Remember the Lord is depending on you.
When at times you're lonely, and at times you're blue,
Just ask the Lord, and He will carry you through.
Just keep on keeping on in your work for the Lord;
You've done a good job—you've earned your reward.
Just keep on keeping on, to your calling be true—
Keep on with your work, for God has need of you.

By: Brother Elmer R. LaRue

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THEY

By Brother Richard Radich

They are such vile people—
Cursed trouble-makers of society
I mean the callous Murderer,
The slinking Thief,
The gaudy Harlot,
And Their kind.
They'll never be
Much more than a burden
To decent taxpayers.
What is worst,
They are forever justifying
The evils that They do.
Blind fools!
Most weak,
Contemptible creatures!

Thus I cursed Them.
Then, perchance, I read of Him
Who in His life displayed
Humility—complete—
which cast off
the name of King,
preferring that of
Servant;

Purity—spotless white—
not born from fear of
law's restraint,
but founded deep within;
before which Pollution
loathed itself,
and fled in shame;

Love—unfeigned, unbounded—
which brought joy to the meek,
comfort to the brokenhearted,
peace to the suffering,
liberty to the captives of sin;
which forgave all things,
hoped all things,
endured all things;
which never failed.

And for this Life
This abundant Life,
Noble men
Presented Him a crown
Of thorns.
A multitude
Cheered eagerly,
"Crucify Him!"
Good (yea, priestly men) not
Smote Him through
With Three Nails—

Of Pride:
*There will be some
who understand.*
Of Lust:

*O Lord, there will be some
who understand.*

Of Hate:

*Surely there will be some
who understand.*

His side was slashed,
And the blood gushed forth
Mingled with water—
Evidence of
His broken heart.

My soul was rent.
In deepest agony
I cried, "Forgive,
O Son of God, forgive,"
For in my heart
I knew

I
was as vile as
They.

"HE IS RISEN"

As we read over the last chapters of the four Gospels we find these three words, which never were spoken or written before or since of any one, "He is Risen". What wonderful words they were: for they still are to us tidings of great joy and comfort. Had He not risen, our hope would be in vain.

With sad hearts the followers of Jesus left the tomb where they had laid Him; but oh what joy as they came to the sepulchre and found the stone rolled away, which had been made secure by the decree of Pilate. Matthew 28-63, 68 inclusive. The chief priests and Pharisees had remembered He had said: "After three days I will rise again." But the closest friends of Jesus in their sorrow had forgotten those words, until after He appeared to them—then they remembered. As the two disciples who went to the village of Emmaus when He appeared to them said, (and I love those words). "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?" But when the women, who came to the sepulchre first, ran and told the disciples that He was risen, they did not believe until they came and saw for themselves. Then Thomas who was not in the upper-room when Jesus made His appearance to all the disciples, still doubted until the dear Lord showed him His hands and His feet and His side, and said: "be not faithless but believing". It seems to me I can hear Thomas say those words: "My Lord and My God!" And the words of Jesus to him, "Thomas because thou hast seen thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." John 20-29.

After many appearances to His followers in Palestine, He also made His appearance on this land of ours—as recorded in the history of the Nephite people—who had looked forward to His appearing which had been prophesied, and revealed to them by right-

eous men who were among them. III Nephi. So with us today, after so many years have passed, we rejoice with the disciples of old—and repeat these words,

Oh Jesus, Lord how can it be
That you would die to set me free?
Upon the Cross, what agony!
You took my place to set me free.
No strength nor power could hold the tomb
Where Jesus laid in that lone hour;
But, oh! what joy came from within;
He broke the band of death and sin.

Triumphant over all His foes,
Our great Redeemer, Christ, arose,
And now upon the throne above
Exalted reigns, where all is Love.
Glory to God with angels sing;
We'll praise His name, our God and King:
"O grave, where is thy victory,"
And say, "O Death, where is thy sting?"

By Sadie B. Cadman

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THE DOOR

By Brother English Webb, Jr.
West Elizabeth Branch

A man is like a very finely constructed house whose rooms and compartments run from earth to glory by way of the Word. The foundation of the house rests firmly on the "promise" of the Word. Each man is then left to his own words as to how he will build his own house. All houses have openings whereby one may enter and leave, and these openings are called "doors" by man, and each room within the house is separated from every other room by means of doors. Each room is named by man according to the purpose for which that room is to be used in serving man. Each door also receives its proper name according to the room that it serves in opening and closing.

The main door of any house is the "front" door, whose construction must be firm, sturdy, strong and durable, as well as beautiful. It must stand from generation to generation against constant use and continuous battering from nature's forces: rain, snow, sleet, hail, wind and temperature changes from hot to cold. It must also stand against the evils of men such as the thief and the robber. Then it must yield itself to the gentle push of a child, or close with a reassuring click of safety to the hand of a woman. Yes, this is the door of man's mind that stands at the "front," receiving all things, whatsoever they might be, by way of the Word.

It is important that the door be set in a proper frame, constructed adequately of substance that resists the tendency to change. The frame must be plumbed, leveled and true so that it receives the door on the hinges, a perfect fit. It, like the foundation, must also rest firmly in the "promises" of the Word, and not yield or give-way to anything or anyone; but it must stand firm and true. It must function as a part of the whole house.

Men have constructed houses as flimsy as the paper that is used in writing their words. Some are constructed of straw, wood, stubble and clay; and

these are those that guard the doors of man's mind. One man will say unto another, "Here, try my door and see how firm it stands." Yet, when you try his door on your house you find that you must tear down your whole house in order to build around his door. Now, what of the straw that the fire shall consume; the wood and the stubble that shall both go up in the flame of eternal truth; or the clay that shall crumble into the dust?

There are yet other men who have their front doors constructed on reversible hinges that swing back and forth with the ease of a spindle on a trash can or a garbage disposal. They have their minds open continuously for the filth and waste of the world. There are still others that have provided their "frontals" with doors of steel and have come behind with acetylene flames and sealed off the door of their minds forever. They can neither enter, nor can they leave, for "fear" is their constant companion.

Let us, therefore, borrow the words of another and say with malice toward none and charity toward all, "Let us come and reason together."

THE HUMAN SPIRIT

How frail and inadequate is this body which
clothes the human spirit
Even now that spirit rebels against the
restrictions placed upon it
And longs for the freedom of the unknown
The spirit is child of the body
They grew together and were mutually
dependent
But one was eternal and quickly outgrew
its need for the other
Soon the spirit will break the bonds
which restrain and control it
And once more be free to continue its
eternal growth
Free at last from the weak creature that
mothered it
See how this immortal thing stirs with
excitement at the thought
See how impatiently it scans the path
ahead for some sign of its liberation
The illusion lasts only a brief moment
For now the body is master of the spirit
Slowly it is dragged back to reality
by some bodily demand
Sadly it turns once again to the task
at hand
But the thought was there!
And in that brief thought was the
joy of all eternity
Shortly that thought will expand to
embrace the universe
Soon the human spirit will emerge from
the shell which moulded it
And all the universe will stand in awe
and reverence
That something so grand, so responsible,
so eternal
Should emerge from the lowly dust of earth.
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

Thus Christians everywhere anticipate the glories of the final resurrection. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

I suppose the arch is the oldest and most common architectural form we know of. It consists of stones made into wedge-shaped parts which form a curved line. The keystone crowns the arch and is the secret of its strength. When this keystone is placed in the center of the curve, increased weight or pressure serves to make the arch more compact and strong.

It would seem to me that Paul, in speaking to the Corinthian Saints, makes the resurrection of Christ the keystone in the arch of Christianity, for he says, "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain"; "If Christ be not risen ye are yet in your sins"; and again, "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished," and "We are found false witnesses of God." He finishes by saying, "Why stand we in jeopardy every hour?" If Christ be not risen, if the resurrection is not a fact, then we may as well close our Churches, throw away our bibles and hymn books and, as we hear quoted sometimes (which is not exactly scripture), "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." We know, however, the resurrection is a fact and that Jesus is alive forevermore. Christians everywhere find great comfort in Paul's words where he says, "But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you."

The birth of Christ, how wonderful it was! It was the very heavens that broke the news to a few shepherds as they watched over their sheep by night. Wise men from the east came with their gifts to pay homage to the Christ Child. When Jesus grew to manhood and began to teach, to heal the suffering, and perform mighty miracles, great multitudes followed Him. He soon came into conflict, however, with the religious leaders of that day. His triumphant entry into Jerusalem brought great hope to His friends, which hope was soon shattered, for within hours Jesus was hanging on a cross.

The cross is one of the oldest symbols to be used by human beings. I have often tried to imagine in my mind what the man who devised that form of human death was like, for certainly it was the most awful kind of death ever contrived by man. In its relation to Jesus the cross is a symbol of suffering and death. All the many things that transpired in the life of Jesus carried great meaning, but without the keystone they would have been void.

The death of Jesus Christ was a necessity in order that the human race be redeemed, yet death could not keep its prey. "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Without the resurrection the victory of human redemption would not have been complete. Had Christ not risen His tomb would have been without value; His cross without merit, and there would have been no redemption for the world. But Christ arose on that Easter morn. The scriptures produce considerable evidence of Christ's resurrection as told by eyewitnesses. The four Gospels supplement one another, and we are all aware of the fact that an eyewitness report carries far more weight than one given by mere hearsay.

The first person to see Jesus alive after His crucifixion was Mary. She was standing near the sepulchre weeping when suddenly she heard someone say,

"Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" and then her name, "Mary." She recognized His voice when He spoke her name, and turning herself to Him said, "Rabboni." She then motioned as if to touch Him, or perhaps embrace Him, when He said, "Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father."

Ten of His disciples saw Jesus the evening of the first day of the week as they were assembled with the door closed for fear of the Jews. Poor, dejected Thomas was not there and when they told him, "We have seen the Lord," he refused to believe them. He declared that except he should see the prints of the nails in Christ's hands, and put his fingers in the prints of the nails or thrust his hand into Christ's side he would not believe. Eight days later Jesus appeared again unto the disciples and Thomas had the privilege of feeling the prints of the nails in His hands and the wound in His side. Thomas was then made to exclaim, "My Lord and My God."

Peter and John discovered the empty tomb and later Christ appeared to them along with Thomas on the sea shore. When they came ashore they saw a fire of coals and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus said unto them, "Come and dine." I would think this was the most wonderful breakfast they had ever eaten as they dined with Jesus on the beach of Tiberias.

He appeared to two of them as they walked the dusty road leading from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Just before leaving town they heard what seemed to them at least a wild story that some of the women had seen the Master, and that His sepulchre was empty. Presently a Stranger overtook them and asked them the nature of their conversation and why they were so sad. Cleopas answered Him by telling Him He must be a stranger in these parts not to know the things that had happened. The Stranger said, "What things?" They said that Jesus of Nazareth, a mighty prophet indeed and in word before God and all men, had been delivered by the chief rulers to be condemned to death and they crucified Him. They told Him of their hopes that it was He who would redeem Israel, and the Stranger pointed out to them how slow they were to believe what the prophets had written. He told them they ought to know that Jesus was to suffer all these things, and then He takes their minds through the promises, the prophecies, through the law and the psalms. It was the first Easter sermon. Shorter miles these men never walked. When they reached their home they invited Him in, saying it is near evening and the day is far spent. As they sat down to eat the Stranger took bread, brake and blessed it. Then their eyes were opened and they knew it was Jesus; He vanished from their sight. They then remarked to each other how their hearts did burn within them as He journeyed with them. He who walks by the side of the Lord finds his heart burning within him, even today.

When Christ died nothing could have seemed more abjectly weak, more pitifully hopeless, more doomed to extinction and despair than the Church which He had founded. It numbered but a handful of weak followers of whom the boldest had denied Him and the most devoted had forsaken Him. How did it happen that this abject weakness became a perfect strength; what happened to change these bewildered, defeated

men into a mighty marching, crusading army? There is one and only one possible answer—the resurrection from the dead. Thus Christians everywhere anticipate the glories of the final resurrection. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

We are not as those who sorrow which have no hope, for when Jesus walked out of Joseph's new tomb He had the keys of death, hell and the grave, thus placing the keystone in the arch across which our souls shall pass into the land of cloudless day.

SISTER ANTONETTA FARCHIONE

Our beloved Sister Antonetta Farchione passed away from this life on January 7, 1964, a faithful and dutiful member in The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born in Italy on June 2, 1885, and was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ on June 8, 1930.

Sister Antonetta is survived by a son and daughter and four grandchildren; a brother and a sister. Her presence will surely be missed in the Detroit Branch # 1. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo.

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

by Sister Amy Martin

Are you troubled, confused? Do you need counsel, someone to talk over your troubles with; to wisely advise you? Do you remember the one called "Wonderful. Counselor, Prince of Peace." When we have need of peace, to whom could we go but this Mighty Counselor? How often when in pain, distress or confusion we cry out "What will I do, what can I do or what should I do?"

Very often we are given the answer and our burdens made lighter by just talking to the Great Attorney that money cannot pay for; one who is willing to represent you at the great High Court where the judge will be the King of Kings. Trusting Him, we sing the beautiful hymn, "Out of all, the Lord has brought us by His Love." With His law written in our hearts and feasting on His word, we can be happy even in a sad world.

I received a blessing in reading a verse in Jeremiah 15, which says "Thy words were found and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy Name, O Lord God of Hosts." I thought this such beautiful scripture. I thought of where we are told to feast upon the word, and I could see that if we eat it, absorb it, digest it and let it become a part of the blood stream, it would take possession of us. For it would be in every heartbeat and we would rejoice that we are called by His Name.

Do not let the words that impress you slip from your memory for they are much more than a one-meal feast. To live forever we must eat of His word continually; thus we become temples wherein He has promised to dwell. He will be a Father unto us, and we shall be His sons and daughters. Let us give thanks that we are called by His Name and for His promises to His people.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I am the resurrection and the life," John 11:25.
Dear Girls and Boys,

After Jesus had been condemned to die, he was hung on a cross between two thieves. One thief railed at him saying, "If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us." But the other said rebukingly, "Dost thou not fear God? We receive the due reward for our sins, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus answered, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

During the last three hours Jesus was on the cross the light of the sun failed and there was darkness over all the land. In this land of America there had been three days of darkness. On the fourth day there arose a great storm such as had never been known. A great tempest and thunder shook the earth. The people had never experienced such sharp lightnings. The highways and level roads were broken up. Many of the great cities were sunken or burned and their buildings fell. Many people were killed in this great storm. The face of the land changed. This terrible destruction lasted about three hours. Then a thick darkness settled over the land. The people who had been spared could feel this vapor of darkness. No light from candles, torches or fire could be kindled. The people mourned and wept because of this destruction. A voice was heard crying, "Woe to this people and to all the people of the whole earth, except they repent." The people were astonished at the voice of Jesus. His voice was heard again telling them to repent and come to Him or their places would become desolate. This destruction had come because of their wickedness. The ones who were spared were the more righteous. At the end of the three days, the darkness disappeared and it was morning. The people praised the Lord, Jesus Christ their Redeemer.

The crucifixion of Jesus took place in Golgotha, the day before the Jewish Sabbath. Their Sabbath began at sundown. At the cross were Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary, the sister of Mary and Mary Magdalene. Before Jesus died he gave the care of his mother to John. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and buried it in a new tomb belonging to Joseph. Joseph was a rich man.

The first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women came to the tomb with spices which they had prepared for the body of Jesus. They were worried about the heavy stone that had been used to seal the door of the sepulchre. How could they roll it away? But an angel had rolled it away and was sitting upon it when they arrived. Seeing their fright the angel said, "Fear not; Jesus is not here; he has risen as he said. He has gone to Galilee, there you will see Him." Then they remembered Jesus' words how he would be crucified, and the third day rise again. The women hurried to tell these things to the brethren.

They believed Jesus had risen from death.

The first person to whom Jesus made himself known, was Mary Magdalene as she stood near the tomb weeping. She thought He was the gardener. But when she heard him say, "Mary", she knew him immediately. Jesus told her to go tell the disciples, "I ascend to my Father and your Father and my God and your God."

That same day two of the disciples were going to the village, Emmaus. On the way, Jesus joined them and walked and talked with them. Like Mary Magdalene they did not recognize him. Jesus asked them what their conversation was about. They told him of the events which had just taken place and were surprised he had not heard of them. It was evening when they reached the village. They invited Jesus to stay with them. As they sat together to eat the evening meal, Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it. Their eyes were no longer holden, they recognized Jesus. Suddenly he vanished out of their sight. Immediately they went to Jerusalem to tell the good news, "The Lord is risen."

Later Jesus appeared to ten of the apostles as they met in a room in which the doors were shut. He said to them, "Peace be unto you." They were terrified and supposed they had seen a spirit. He showed them his wounded hands, feet and side to prove to them he was the one who had been crucified. How happy they were when they were sure it was Jesus. Thomas was not with them on this occasion. When told about it he said he would not believe unless he saw and felt for himself the prints of the nails. About a week later when Thomas was with the disciples, Jesus appeared again, saying, "Peace be unto you." Then Jesus told Thomas to put his finger into his hands and his hand into his side. Thomas now was convinced this was Jesus. He said, "My Lord and my God".

During the forty days following Jesus' crucifixion he taught the disciples many things. They were to be witnesses of all these things. He told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high. The last time they saw Jesus on earth was at Bethany. He had promised to meet them on the mount there. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. As they were looking up He was carried into heaven to sit on the right hand of God.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. How many languages were the title on the cross written in? Luke 23:38—John 19:20.
2. How does Luke differ from John in the wording of the title?
3. What hymn in the Saints Hymnal is taken from Jesus appearance to his disciples at the sea of Tiberias?
4. How many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Lovest thou me?" John 21:15, 17.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

ETERNAL LIFE?

By Brother Jeremia Giannascoli
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We have come to know through the Book of Mormon that all mankind shall be resurrected from the

grave or, as the writers put it: a redemption from the grave or, a redemption from an endless sleep (Mor. 7:7 and 9:12), for the atonement, which is the death of Christ, brought about the resurrection of all mankind; He being the first fruits (2 Nephi 2:9). So we see that all mankind shall have eternal life, never to die again, for there is no corruption; even as Paul puts it: changed from corruption to incorruption.

Let's turn to the 11th. chapter of Alma, beginning with the 41st until the 46th verse. We find Amulek speaking to one by the name of Zeezrom about the restoration of spirit and body, and everything restored to its proper frame, both limb and joint. He is also speaking of the resurrection of these mortal bodies which now have become immortal and spiritual, never to die again, but to live forever, which is eternal life.

Amulek speaks in the 45th verse and says, "Now, behold, I have spoken unto you concerning the death of the mortal body, and also concerning the resurrection of the mortal body. I say unto you that this mortal body is raised to an immortal body; that is, from death, even from the first death unto life, that they can die no more; their spirits uniting with their bodies, never to be divided; thus the whole becoming spiritual and immortal, that they can no more see corruption."

Let us also turn to 2nd Nephi, the 9th chapter, beginning with the 12th verse. Jacob is speaking concerning the death of the body and soul. He calls the death of the body, which death is the grave, the death of the soul, which is the spiritual death, which spiritual death is hell. The restoration and resurrection takes place even as Amulek shows. Jacob continues and says that "hell must deliver up its captive spirits, and the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored one to the other, and it is (brought about) by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel." In the 13th verse he repeats the same thing, only it is the righteous who shall come forth; their bodies from the grave and their spirits from Paradise.

In the 14th verse he shows us that we shall be restored, as stated in the 40th and 41st chapters of Alma, which is carnal for carnal, wickedness for wickedness, righteousness for righteousness, good for good and evil for evil.

In the 15th verse he says, "And it shall come to pass that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto life (which life is eternal), inasmuch as they have become immortal, they must appear before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel . . ."

According to these two references all men shall be raised from death unto life to stand before the judgment seat of Christ because the atonement brought to pass the resurrection of all mankind and bringeth all mankind back into the presence of God.

In the language of the Lord, "they that endure unto the end shall be saved," or, in other words, have eternal life. When Christ walked upon the earth He was questioned concerning eternal life, and Peter said, "Thou hast the words of eternal life." Christ spoke to the woman at Jacob's well and said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting

life." (See John 4:14, 6:27, 63, 68 and Mat. 19:16.) In Acts 5:30 the angel told Peter to speak "the words of this life." What life? **Eternal life.** Does the understanding of eternal life as spoken here mean the same as I have shown based upon Alma 11:45 and 2nd Nephi 9:15?

I have already shown first what eternal life as found in Alma the 11th chapter and 2nd Nephi the 9th chapter really means, which is the proper understanding here as shown. Now, just what kind of life does the Lord mean? And how does one receive such life, and through what source? Christ said in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." For the life which Christ will give to all those who obey His doctrine here, shall pass from death unto life here in this life. But if one goes back into transgression and remains, desiring that which is evil rather than good, that life which is hid in Christ ceases. The life which we receive here on earth through the indwelling Spirit goes with all those who remain faithful, beyond the grave and is eternal.

We recall the words of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians in the 1st chapter, 13th and 14th verses, concerning Christ: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (**Meaning the resurrection of these bodies from the grave, which He purchased or brought by His Blood**), unto the praise of His glory."

So we see that the life Christ spoke of is eternal, and it does not stop here except by our own transgressions. And if such a one would go into transgression and not repent of the sins which one has committed, and dies in such a state, rejecting the word of life and desiring to do that which is evil and wicked all the days of one's life, he thus is captivated by the power of Satan because of his continually yielding to that which is evil. Amulek stated to the Zoramites in the 34th chapter of Alma, 34th verse: "For that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world."

The life which Christ speaks of is given to us by His Spirit. This is the life which is eternal. The Spirit of God dwelling in man is the life which is mentioned from time to time in the New Testament. By having His Spirit we have life, and if we endure until the end of our mortal bodies that Spirit will go with us, as Paul stated to the Ephesians (1:13-14), into that eternal world where there is no corruption. Thus we will always be with God, yet alive spiritually, because we are in His presence. So, as Christ said, "Ye shall have eternal life," is true. The Spirit of God gives the individual spiritual life which will go beyond the grave; thus, it is eternal life.

Before men were made alive in Christ or quickened by His Spirit, according to the scriptures, they were considered dead. They had no life (**spiritual**) which is given by the indwelling Spirit. Paul said in 2nd

Cor. 5:14, "If One (Christ) died for all (meaning all had to be in sin), then were all dead (?)" Yes, spiritually dead; thus not able to keep His commandments and falling in sin. So Christ died, giving men a chance now to repent of their sin and receive His Spirit to enable them now to keep His laws; they now becoming alive because of the indwelling Spirit.

Paul showed us in 2nd Cor. 5:14 that all had to be dead; yes, dead in sin and trespasses. Paul shows us in Romans that it was so. Let's turn to Romans 5:12 and see what Paul says here: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world (True, Adam transgressed in the Garden of Eden, thus bringing sin upon himself or, as Paul said, 'Sin entered into the world.' He goes on:), and death by sin (True, the Lord told him, 'For in that day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.' He did; thus he died a spiritual and temporal death, which fell upon all who were born through Adam and Eve. He goes on:) and so death passed upon all men (True, spiritual and natural death), for that all have sinned."

Christ also makes mention of those who are dead spiritually, not having His Spirit which makes men alive; that life which is eternal if we prove faithful. (Read Mat. 8:22—let the dead bury the dead. Luke 15:25—the repentant sinner—Luke 9:60) So we see that men are considered as dead, spiritually (2nd Cor. 5:15).

Paul tells us in Romans 8:8-11: "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if 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. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

To make alive, passed from death unto life (1st Peter 3:13). Peter brings out how Christ died and was quickened, which means to bring back to life (His body) from the dead (Through God's Spirit). Even so it is with us. We also are brought back from the dead unto life by the Spirit of God.

To be alive in Christ is to have His Spirit here in these mortal bodies, which gives us life. If we endure until the end, that life shall be eternal. If not, we shall be cast out at that last day from the presence of God, which is the second death, which is the spiritual death to things pertaining to righteousness, having no part or portion of the Spirit of God.

MISSIONARY LIFE IN NIGERIA

Answers by Sister Mary Ross to questions about missionary life in Nigeria were read at the General Circle meeting held in New Jersey, and they are here published for the benefit of others who may be thinking of Africa:—

"And now, I shall endeavor to answer your questions concerning living conditions, etc., in Nigeria where we have our Church center.

What was the temperature range in degrees while you were there, how did you cope with it, and when is their rainy season?

Sorry to say we did not have a thermometer (I suggest whoever goes there to bring one with them), but all I can say is that it is very hot. You begin to perspire as soon as you arise in the morning and it increases as the day grows hotter. We were there during the hot dry season. The way to cope with it is by wearing light summer clothes, doing your house chores in the morning hours before it gets too hot, and not exert yourself any more than necessary in the afternoons. Stay indoors as much as possible. If it was necessary to go out, an umbrella was essential. A hand fan is a "must" at intervals, or when the temperature gets unbearable. At night when we would go to bed we were under cover of a mosquito net. In our beds we had a contraption on hinges which we swung back and forth on a string. It simulated a large fan, and it was a blessing for us to have it in our beds because it would cool us off. Another blessing is that during the morning hours it cools off considerably and one can get a good night's rest or sleep. In the rainy season the heat is not so severe due to the many rains, which has a tendency to cool things down; but it is still warm and humid, for it is tropical climate. The rainy season begins approximately in April and ends by September. The hot dry season begins in October and ends in the latter part of March.

How did you wash, iron, and bathe?

I washed clothes by using a home-made washboard. Clothes were ironed with a kerosene iron and an ironing board that was purchased by funds given us by the General Ladies Uplift Circle. I bathed at home by using a large porcelain bowl, which means I could only sponge bath. Dish washing was done in a dish pan; then, after washing them with soap powder, I would scald them with boiling water. This was a "must" with us.

Did you have to boil all your water?

No. The only water we boiled was the water we used for drinking and the water used to scald dishes. The drinking water would be boiled, then put into a water filter to purify it. After it was filtered and cooled, we would put it into bottles and put it in our refrigerator to get cold. The water to scald dishes we did not filter, nor any other water for other purposes, because the water was treated with chlorine.

What type of clothing is best for the climate for both men and women?

We wore light summer clothes, both my husband and I, and we never used clothing in which we exposed ourselves in any way. Missionaries must set a good example to both men and women, and if we expect to teach people how to live Godly lives we must do it first. In fact, we did not conform to their customs or the customs of other white people who live there. We were there to teach them and not to be taught by them or any one else.

Was it safe for you to be alone at any time?

Let me explain that we lived in a rented home with neighbors next door. It was rather safe, but to be sure we had with us a house boy or a young man that we employed. This young man carried water for us and ran our errands. When my husband went out for church work the house boy was always with me;

not only for safety, but even as my interpreter, for we had visitors coming in every day and almost any time of the day. The house boy was not allowed to leave the house when my husband was not at home. At night we had a night watchman. He was a brother in the church, and he came when it was dark and left at daybreak. His wages were L 2 per month, or about \$5.60. Thank God nothing ever occurred to alarm me; in fact I felt safe.

What was the availability of food—for instance for a person on a diet for his health; Could he obtain what he needed?

Dietary food perhaps could be purchased at Port Harcourt, eighty miles away from where we stayed, but where we were one could get such items as canned butter, fresh bread, canned mild and powdered milk, canned string beans, beets, peas, mixed vegetables, soups, dehydrated soups, canned fruits such as pears, apples, fruit cocktail and fruit juices; these are not too important because oranges, lemons, and grapefruits are plentiful, plus pineapples, bananas, paupa, coconuts, and peanuts. You can also purchase corn flakes, tomato paste, macaroni, candies, cookies, canned ham and chipped ham, jams, jelly, honey, etc. Our meat consumption was chicken. Only a few times did we purchase hog meat. We used chicken for soups, sauce, and stew. Then I might add that forty miles away, at a place called Aba, one can purchase more items than mentioned here, plus frozen meats. About every two or three weeks we would go there to replenish our supply of food not available in our village.

What was the source of your water supply?

The town has a water authority. They pump water from a large stream into a large town reservoir. The water is treated with chlorine to kill bacteria. There are water lines underground along the main road, and about every quarter mile there are taps for people to get their water. We had containers or cans in which the house boy used to carry the water, then we would empty the water into four large pails with covers. These pails were kept filled by the house boy at all times. I must report that all drinking water should be boiled and filtered, and all dishes should be scalded with boiling water.

Were you able to help any classes, like Sunday School for instance, or would it be impossible because of the language?

Yes, one can help with classes, either Sunday School or Ladies Circle, but one must speak or teach through an interpreter because the majority of them do not understand the English language. This situation will diminish as education advances.

Did I understand you had the use of a refrigerator?

Yes, we have a small refrigerator which is suitable for a couple. This is also church property. It operates by kerosene. Plenty of kerosene is available. It operates in the same manner as a gas refrigerator. This item is also a "must," and very essential to have for cold water and left-over foods. We also keep our bread therein. I might add that my husband has a list of all our household possessions in Nigeria, and it is available to anyone wanting the list. All our possessions are stored in a rented room in a large building belong-

ing to one of our brothers. Whoever goes there can rent a home and set up house again. We do not have much, but simply the most needed articles essential to have under the circumstances. Of course when we build our own mission house things will be different; then we can buy everything that's needed to make our missionaries as comfortable as possible. I'm referring to household needs plus having a bathroom with tub, lavatory, and toilet with running water, plus a kitchen with sink, etc. Furthermore, when electricity arrives where we are located, conditions will be greatly improved. The power lines are about ten miles away now.

Our stove at present is a three burner kerosene without an oven, though it serves the purpose well as far as cooking meals is concerned. Our lights consist of kerosene lamps . . . All in all it was not bad at all when we considered for what purposes we were there. The Lord blessed me abundantly all my lifetime. He gave me many comforts, and for me to deny myself these comforts for a limited time in order to be a help to my husband was an honor and a privilege for me to do so. Furthermore, God blessed me and my husband with wonderful health while we were there and we thank Him and are indeed grateful to Him for all things. I might add that when I left home I did not know if I could stand the climate, etc., but God was with us and we knew it quite well that He made all things possible.

Were there any baptisms while you were there?

Yes, we had some baptisms. I believe my husband baptized about thirty persons during our stay there. Of course, our Nigerian Elders baptized the majority. In our conference 249 baptisms were reported during the six months from September to March.

"I might also add that where we lived we had screens on our windows and door. My husband also sprayed the house with insecticide at least once or twice a week. I used chemical in my water to mop my floor. All these things are essential to insure cleanliness and to combat pests. In fact I've been told that people living in Florida have the same conditions to cope with. As for hospitals there are good hospitals all around. The nearest good hospital with good doctors and nurses is eleven miles away. Plenty of maternity wards are available nearby. This is not too far when you have a car at your disposal. To combat malaria we used Paladrine pills and we took one pill daily.

"I trust I have answered your questions to your satisfaction. May God bless you and all our sisters is my prayer."

Love to all of you,
Mary Ross

A GREAT MAN IS FALLEN

The untimely death of President John F. Kennedy recalls the assassination of Abner so long ago and reminds us of the cry of King David when he heard the sad news. The King cried, "There is a Prince and a great man fallen this day." Regardless of political opinions, Mr. Kennedy was our elected President and a great man.

Grief and dismay swept the country when the word went out that John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. First there was shock and unbelief; then there was sympathy for the first family in their loss and sorrow for our own. There was resentment and anger toward the man accused of the crime. Some looked on the man that shot him with pity, wondering how any man's mind could be so twisted by Satan to such an extent that he would do this deed. Others were moved with contempt for him. One man reportedly was so enraged that he killed the assassin in revenge.

Are there not some lessons we can learn from these events? The world is full of despair, broken homes, children who do not know who their parents are. In the aftermath of President Kennedy's death, the wounding of Governor Connally, the slaying of a policeman, and finally the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, it is fitting that every American do some sober thinking. Many have questioned how these things could happen in this good land of America. If they were to look around them perhaps they would understand. The sin of this country is reflected in the unrestrained appetites for evil. Encouragements to immorality can be seen on every hand; on news stands, in theaters, on television and in night clubs. Liquor stores, legalized gambling, violence and vileness have spread across the land. America is slipping. God is being shut out of our lives. Now they do not want our children to hear the Bible read in the schools, nor do they want them to pray; not only by court decisions but by private decisions.

Perhaps America is just beginning to reap the harvest of its wickedness. Sin will bring reproach on any nation. It destroyed the Roman Empire! it destroyed Babylon; it brought reproach on America in those days of the violent shooting of four men (November 22nd to 24th, 1963). Some say culture, civilization, education will change society but it never did and it never will. It seems the more we grow in these things the more we go into sin. Look at our High Schools and Colleges. They are severely affected by sin and immorality. Many parents fear to send their sons and daughters because of these things that are coming on the world. That is why the Bible says, "A new heart also will I give thee." It will take nothing less than a new birth, the miracle of regeneration by the spirit of God.

President Kennedy was a wealthy man, a learned man; but his riches or learning could not help him. Death struck suddenly. He was a man with great political power and world prestige, but neither position nor popularity could save him. He had expert medical help from specialists who did all they could to save him but they failed. Even princes and great men fall sooner or later.

We think of another great man that has gone, our Brother W. H. Cadman. He left us undoubtedly feeling the weight of the Church on his shoulders and sorrowed that he had to leave us in these critical times. The immortal words of President Kennedy were, "Don't ask what the country can do for you but what can you do for your country." Brother Cadman kept urging us to do something for the Church, and except the Lord conduct the plan the best concerted schemes are vain

and never can succeed. Nevertheless, God will hear us when we united be!

Brother James Heaps

THE CROSS - LIFE IN DEATH By Brother Rocco Tassone

As we enter upon this subject, it is important that we approach it with reverence, not lightly, but with prayer and spirit seek to enter into the realm of meaning of the cross of Christ. The cross should not be remembered only at certain seasons, for seasons come and go but the cross remains. Paul states, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." We often sing "The Way of the Cross Leads Home". Therefore as we enter upon the threshold of the cross, may we do so with an open mind, spiritually minded, for beneath the cross we stand. We may by faith behold not only Jesus Christ who is hanging there as the crucified One, but we may see ourselves in Christ. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Why the cross? Let us consider Jesus Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God. It is here at the cross where we first meet the Lord and confess truly He is the Son of God. This confession is the beginning of finding life in the crucified One, Jesus Christ. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Yea, for did not Moses bear record that the Son of God should come? As he lifted up the serpent, as many as should look upon that serpent should live. Even so, as many as should look upon the Son of God with faith, having a contrite spirit, might have eternal life. Let us look and live. Look at the cross and see not only death, but life. Jacob said, "Wherefore we would to God that we could persuade all men not to rebel against God to provoke Him to anger, but that all men would believe in Christ and view His death, and suffer His cross, and bear the shame of the world." We find not only death, but also life on the cross; for to be crucified with Him means to be severed from the world and the world from us. They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, purposed the cross on which He hung to become a drawing power to all men. "I came into the world to do the will of My Father because My Father hath sent me. And My Father sent Me that I might be lifted up upon the cross; and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, that I might draw all men unto Me; that as I have been lifted up by men, even so should men be lifted up by the Father to stand before Me to be judged of their works, whether they be good or evil." This drawing power of Christ on the cross is unto life or unto death. "Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish; he that believeth not is condemned already."

When we see Jesus as He hung between heaven and earth, we see God's love revealed in its highest form; for He was flesh and blood, possessed of a body like unto ours.

God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world by "this Man." Has Christ on the cross drawn you by the power of the cross to death and life? If not, ye shall be drawn by its power in the day of judgment because of His death and life. "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The cross becomes more glorious now to us who are saved, for it is the power of God unto our salvation. All who have been bitten by sin and are dying in their sinful state can be healed only by looking upon the crucified One, and they shall find life. Not until we see Him upon the cross can we know Him. "When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." Have ye lifted Him up? It is glorious to behold the Man. Now lift Him up in your life and see what the effects will be and what ye shall reap. "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Thus spake Jesus signifying what death He would die. Look at those pierced hands and feet. Look, and see blood pouring out where the nails were driven in, and where the spear hit its mark into the ribs. See the water and blood pouring out. This was for all the world, even as many as would be saved. If we doubt like Thomas because we do not see the Christ, nor Christ on the cross, let us believe the word of His disciples for Jesus said they are blessed who will believe on their words. You must see the crucified One. If not, you will hear Him say, "Depart from me, for I never knew you."

Let us take another step forward to get a closer look at the crucified One. Why is He there? Who put Him there? If He saved others, why can He not save Himself? If He be the Son of God why does He not come down from the cross? "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him." "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life that I might take it up again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of My Father." Here Jesus answers all skeptics and critics that He came because His Father sent Him; and while He lived and spake, He did nothing of Himself. Even in death, it was His Father's commandment. "And thus the flesh becoming subject to the spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to temptation, but suffereth Himself to be mocked, scourged, cast out, and disowned by His own people. "Yea, even so He shall be led, crucified, and slain; the flesh becoming subject even unto death, the will of the Son being swallowed up in the will of the Father. And thus God breaketh the bands of death, having gained the victory over death; giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men."

If it were not for His death there could be no spiritual life. He is a mighty conqueror over the power of death and now He holds the keys to death and life. Oh why not then let us trust Him whether in life or in death? "I once was dead, but now I live forevermore, and have the keys of hell and death."

Now as we go a little further, let us not stay under the cross but let us make our approach up upon the cross; for if we will not die, we shall not live. Let us be crucified with Christ and we shall find eternal life. It is through our death in Christ that we destroy the power of death that is the devil. "For where a testament is (a covenant), there must also be the death of the testator; otherwise it is of no force." Jesus laid down His life and the power of the Father raised Him up. If we also lay down our lives for the Gospel's sake, we shall find it in the power of the resurrection. "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of His Father, even so also we should walk in the newness of life. "Stay here upon the cross with Jesus and see what the effects will be. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Oh look at our pains! Now are we dead, or are we squirming on this cross? "For he that is dead or crucified is freed from sin." Amen. What power we have in our death with Christ! Not by force, but by commandment we lay down our lives by subjecting ourselves to the will of His spirit, and receive power to take it up again. Not once, not twice, but as many times as we die is as many times as we rise. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God."

This is how we die daily or are crucified with Him. Mortify therefore your member servants which are upon the earth-fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, wrath, anger, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, and lie not to another, seeing ye have put off the old man and his deeds, and have put on the new man (Christ) which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him. Die daily unto these things and your cry someday will be as Jesus Christ, "It is finished." Paul said, "I have finished my course, I have fought a good fight, and have kept the faith; henceforth there is a crown laid up for me." Paul shows us in his identity with Christ on the cross, he wore the crown of thorns and now he is awaiting the crown of glory. Yes, Paul carried his cross, bore the shame, and identified himself with Christ with wounds. "Always bearing about in the body the dying of our Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." "For we which live (for Christ) are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

Another servant of God is Abinadi, who would not recall the words which he spoke against the king, his priests, and his people. The priests lifted up their voices against him and the scriptures say, "And it came

to pass that they took him and bound him and scourged his skin with faggots, yea even unto death." Watch the servant of God, Abinadi, as he is crucified with Christ. Now when the flames began to scorch him, he began to prophesy and when he had finished he fell, having suffered death by fire; yea having been put to death because he would not deny the commandments of God, having sealed the truth of his words by death.

James, right after Pentecost, carried his cross to death. Also consider Stephen. The scripture says, "They cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord." They cast him out of the city and stoned him. Look at Stephen in Christ on the cross he bore. And Stephen, calling upon God, said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Jesus said to His Father, "Father, forgive them; They know not what they do."

Search the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and read how the servants of God carried their crosses. "They were tortured, stoned, sawn assunder, slain with the sword." How are you and I carrying our crosses? Do you remember Simon, a stranger, who came forth and carried Jesus' cross? Where were His disciples? Why did not one of His own carry the Lord's cross? Let us therefore go forth unto Him without the camp bearing His reproach, for it is in Christ we live, move, and have our very being. Amen.

Brother Rocco Tassone

1964: A PROSPEROUS YEAR WITH CHRIST By Sister Meredieth Martin

We look up to God in humble praise and thanksgiving desiring to know and do His blessed will in all things at the beginning of a new and glorious year. We desire to know the ways of God. How blessed are the words of God in giving instruction. While reading and pondering over the Holy Word, many times we are caused to know exactly how God expects His Saints to be . . . For He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." We ask of Him, Oh Lord, how, how can we be perfect even as You are perfect? Again the words of instruction, "If you love me, keep my commandments." Surely we have come to love our Lord, and because we love Him we hearken to His words, keep His commandments and follow His instructions.

"Follow thou Me," are the words of Christ. Can we follow Jesus save we should all be willing to keep the commandments of the Father? "And the Father said: Repent ye, repent ye and be baptized in the name of My beloved Son. He that is baptized in My name, to him will the Father give the Holy Ghost."

Now, my loved ones, we have entered the straight and narrow path. We are ready to be molded by the hands of the Great Potter, Who is the molder and maker of all things good and perfect. We are ready to keep His commandments and to receive instruction by the Holy Ghost that we may become perfect even as our Father which is in heaven is perfect. Instruction from above, how it pierces our hearts with desire to fulfill all the teachings of Christ! We are ready now to put off concerning the former conversation the

old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and "put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness". We are ready to "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of our mouths but that which is good." Yea, Lord, we are ready and have the desire to be "kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." Surely this is instruction from above. If we shall cleave to the word of God we will truly be clay in the potter's hands to be molded and designed in perfection.

Do we desire to know more about prayer this coming year? "Pray without ceasing," are the words of Paul. "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you." The Book of Mormon instructs us to humble ourselves and continue in prayer. Cry unto Him over all your household, against the power of your enemies, over the crops of your fields, over the flock of your fields. Pour out your souls in your closets and your secret places; let your hearts be full, drawn out in prayer unto Him continually. We must pray for one another, being greatly sorrowed with one another's burdens and trials. Yet this is not all. We must work for the glory and honor of God, for The Book of Mormon informs us, "If ye turn away the needy and naked, and visit not the sick and afflicted, and impart of your substance if ye have, to those who stand in need; I say unto you, if ye do not any of these things, behold, your prayer is in vain, and availeth you nothing, and ye are as hypocrites who do deny the faith."

In our prayers this year, oh how we must pour out our hearts to God all the day long in behalf of Our Beloved—The Church of Jesus Christ and the Holy Priesthood of God. May the Church prosper spiritually that we may be adorned in righteousness, prepared for the coming of the Great Bridegroom. Oh, may we remember the seed of Joseph in constant prayer, also assisting with the work in every way possible. May the burden of this people weigh heavily upon our shoulders that our supplications to God will not cease for them. We will experience great blessings and it will be made known to us even as it was made known to Cornelius in a glorious vision, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." May we pray more this year about all things, that God may mold us into praying Saints.

May we desire more of God's Holy Spirit this coming year that we may reap the fruits of the spirit which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. With our souls being nourished by the Spirit of God we will find ourselves singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. May the Spirit of God abide in our meetings everytime we shall gather in His name. May the Spirit abide in our testimonies, our prayers, in reading the word, in the performances of God's Holy Ordinances, but most of all may it abide continuously in the hearts of the Saints.

May we give our testimonies, "speaking the truth in love." May we seek to bring souls unto Christ, working with all our energies for the Kingdom of Heaven. May we portray the beautiful characteristics of Christ in our lives. Surely He was full of love, compassion, meekness, lowliness, always seeking to do

the will of His Heavenly Father. In the hands of The Great Potter these blessed characteristics will come forth and radiate in our lives. May we seek to pray more this year, to possess more of God's Spirit, always willing to testify for God and most of all, through the workings of the Spirit, may we be perfect even as our Father which is in heaven is perfect.

This year, 1964, Oh God, we re-dedicate our whole lives to you that by prayer, faith and works we may have a prosperous spiritual year with Thee. May God grant His blessings upon the Saints everywhere.

HAVE I TOLD YOU?

by Catherine Vultaggio Poma

Have I told You that I thank You,
For the things You've done for me,
For the many times You've saved me
From a wild and stormy sea;
For the courage that You gave me,
When it was at lowest ebb,
For the countless times You've freed me
From an evil spider's web?

For the times You've rained the torrents
Of Your blessings, on my head;
For the times You took my anger,
Gave me a peaceful heart, instead . . .
For the day You showed great mercy,
And You washed my sins away,
And then gave me friends, to love me
And uplift me, day by day?

Have I told You that I thank You,
For the Gospel's Truth, restored,
For the happiness, You promised
Those accepting it, oh, Lord?
For the purity and candor
That its doctrine has unfurled,
For uniqueness in its purpose . . .
. . . The salvation of the world?

If today I've been 'too busy',
If the hours flitted by,
And I haven't thanked You, Jesus,
For Your love, to such as I . . .
May I pause, for just a moment,
Once again, knock at Your door,
And return to Thee the Glory
And my thanks, forevermore.

NOTICE TO THE MINISTRY

We, your General Church officers, wish to impress upon each and every one of you in the Ministry that you make every preparation to attend the General Conference at Monongahela, Pennsylvania in April, 1964, and that you be present for the opening sessions.

Some appear to think the early sessions are unimportant. We believe all the Ministry should be present for every business session as there is much vitally important business to be acted upon which is of greatest concern to the entire Church. Matterless of what office you occupy in the Ministry you are important; an

integral part of the body, and as such should be concerned with the progress and welfare of the Church and all business pertaining to its proper functioning.

Remember, if you are absent you have no right to complain about any action taken that you may not be in favor of; one vote may change the situation completely.

Your brethren in Christ,
Thurman S. Furnier, Acting President
Joseph Bittinger, Second Counselor.

FAITHFUL PIONEER

My Master was a worker, with daily work to do
And he who would be like Him must be a worker too.
Then welcome honest labor, and honest labor's fare,
For where there is a worker, the Master's man is there.

The Lord Himself made it plain that any person who would be His co-worker in saving the world must gladly accept difficult responsibilities, not wait for them to be thrust upon him. Luke, ch. 9, verse 23 reads; "And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." The reality of our faithful profession is shown in many ways; the things we say as well as the things we do not say, the things we do as well as the things we do not do. Let not our gratitude be limited to words but be expressed in every impulse, thought, and deed that serve to draw us nearer to Thee.

We are holding a light, we are to let it shine in this cold world full of hatred and selfishness that our daily living will reflect the presence of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the pioneer who has not sought the high places, but who has been faithful in the little things, and chosen for service because of his willingness to serve. Truth hangs no banner in her hall for him who never works at all. There is a place for you to fill, some work for you to do, that no one can or ever will do, quite as well as you. No matter how small the contribution of each one may seem in building up the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is important and needed. God sendeth more strength when our labors increase, and to afflictions He addeth His mercy, because His love has no limit and His grace no measure.

Not for yourself alone, faithful pioneer, were trails ahead made safe and shining, but to prepare a way that all nations may be led to seek and follow the path your feet have trod. May we earnestly give to Him our time, talents, and our all, His love to tell, His praise to show. Let us so live and serve today that tomorrow will find us rich in memories that bless.

Do not then stand idly waiting for some greater work to do;

Swift the days of time are passing; give the world your service true.

Go and toil in any vineyard; do not fear to do or dare,

If you want a field of labor, you can find it anywhere.

Sister Muriel Miller
Detroit Branch # 1

Rev. William H. Cadman

Dies; World Church Head

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



The Rev. William H. Cadman

of his faith in those areas had to be postponed because failing health precluded the trips.

Mr. Cadman was beloved of 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 would permit 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 will be received at the Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home after 7:00 p.m. Tuesday. The body will lie in state at The Church of Jesus Christ, Lincoln and Sixth Streets, Monongahela, from 12 noon Friday, with services from the church Friday at 2:00 p.m. in charge of the Reverend Thurman Furnier and Reverend Joseph Bittinger, first and second counselors of the general church and George Neill, presiding elder of the Monongahela church.

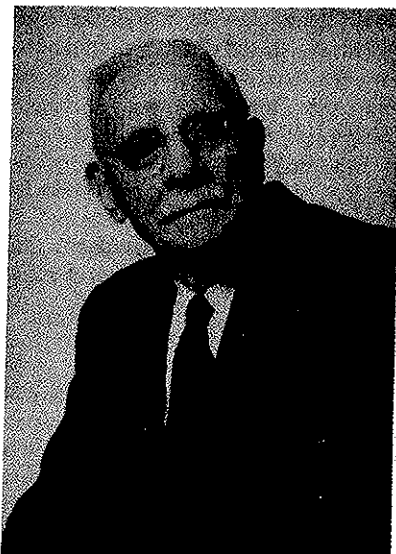
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IN REMEMBRANCE



Brother William H. Cadman
1876 - 1963

I assume that by the time this issue of The Gospel News will have come into the hands of its readers, the General Conference of the Church will have convened the April 1964 session at Monongahela, Pennsylvania, it being one year since we were highly honored by the noble presence of our late Brother William H. Cadman, President of The Church of Jesus Christ. Although ailing and physically weak, his heart and mind were much concerned about the progress of the Conference in his absence. For forty-one years he had been its chairman, fearless and strong in defense of what he believed to be right and just in the sight of his God. His chief interest was the progress and welfare of the Church he represented. But years of time and the burdens he had borne had taken their toll; his strength was abated but this desire remained. The Lord permitted him to be present in two of the business sessions for a short period of time. He took no part in any of the business transactions, but related to us a recent experience in which he found himself singing hymn #86, "O God Give Strength." He drew our attention particularly to the line which reads "And Thou hast promised us Thine aid, when we united be." He exhorted the Priesthood to strive for unity in all Godly things, stating that he firmly believed God will bring about His eternal purposes by using holy men who are united in striving to do the will of God. He concluded by saying, "It behooves us therefore to be in one accord." We all noticed it was difficult for him to express his thoughts clearly on this occasion. In another brief appearance at our evening session he spoke very briefly, endeavoring to impress us with his belief that great things lie ahead for The Church of Jesus Christ.

He was present in our Sunday morning service which was held in the High School Auditorium at

Glassport, Pa., but was carried out before the close of the service to sit in a car where he could rest more comfortably until the service was closed. This proved to be the last service he attended, closing a long, dedicated, and illustrious career in the service of God and to the Church he loved. Our Heavenly Father permitted him only a few more days of mortal life, then called him home, we feel certain to rest in the Paradise of God until the resurrection of the just. One year has swiftly passed on and we have greatly missed our beloved brother's wise counsel and paramount leadership. The vacancy of his office must be filled and I feel certain the Lord will provide someone to succeed him; but the wisdom and knowledge gained through years of experience will be difficult, if not impossible, to find. When a brave and courageous leader falls in line of duty, the battle must be pursued by those who inherit the leadership by remembering the victory can be obtained only through unity and combined effort. These were the last words of admonition by our deceased commander, our much beloved Brother William H. Cadman, to the assembled Priesthood.

Let UNITY be our everlasting memorial to him, in Jesus' Holy Name.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

DEDICATION AT DETROIT BRANCH #2

Dear Gospel Readers:

Greetings from the Detroit West Side Branch No. 2. We are happy to inform you that the dedication services for our new church building were held on Sunday, February 9, 1964. The building was filled to capacity with friends, visitors and a few members from each branch of the Church in Detroit as well as Windsor, Canada. The services for the day were conducted by our Presiding Elder, Brother Reno Bologna.

Brother Bologna made a few opening remarks and then the choir introduced our service by singing a selection titled "Dedication". Prayer was offered by Brother Joseph Milantoni. "The Lord's Prayer" was then sung by Sister Loretta, Bologna accompanied by Sister Rose Ann Wood at the piano. "Bless This House" was sung by the choir. A prayer was offered by Brother Anthony Lovalvo, asking the Lord's blessing upon a new Bible and Book Of Mormon which were donated by Branch No. 4. Brother Bologna gave a brief resume of Branch No. 2, also made acknowledgments to donors who helped us in the structure of the building and others who donated freely to the building fund.

The first speaker for the morning service was Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the Michigan-Canadian District. His theme was "I will build my Church." He also commended all who took part in erecting a lovely church building. Brother Domenic Moracco followed Brother Gorie, extending his congratulations to the Saints of Branch No. 2 for their new church building. He then reminded every one of the beauty of the Heavenly Home not built with hands.

He also made an appeal to the unbaptized, who had worked on the building, to consider dedicating their lives in helping to build up the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Following Brother Moracco's talk five children were blessed. Brother Reno spoke a few words on the importance of attending church, especially to the younger generation. Closing prayer was offered by Brother Domenic Thomas.

The evening meeting was enjoyed by starting with congregational singing before the service. The meeting was opened by singing "Zion, The City Of God." Prayer by Brother Allan Henderson, from Windsor, Canada. A selection, "Precious Memories", was sung by Brother and Sister Joseph Milantoni, accompanied by their little daughter Karen, nine years old, at the piano. Brother Joseph Milantoni was our guest speaker, followed by Brothers Anthony Pietrangelo and Allan Henderson. They all spoke by way of dedication. While Brother Pietrangelo was addressing the congregation, Brother Anthony Lombardo from Branch No. 1 had a vision in which he saw large clusters of grapes hanging from the chandeliers. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Frank Vitto. The choir honored us throughout the day with various selections. Music was furnished by Sister Rose Ann Wood. A good spirit prevailed throughout the day and we all enjoyed a dedication service which will never be forgotten.

Branch Editor,
Sister Anna Carlini

ELIZABETH CADMAN DAVIDSON HONORED ON 92ND BIRTHDAY

In observance of her ninety-second birthday, Elizabeth Cadman Davidson, oldest living member of the Cadman family, was honored at an openhouse celebration at the home of her niece, Mrs. John Bickerton, Sr. in West Elizabeth, Saturday afternoon and evening, February 15. The date of her birth is actually February 16.

Approximately sixty-five guests from surrounding communities, Sharon, Blairsville, California and West Virginia, attended the affair. Mrs. Davidson was attired in a black dress accented by an orchid corsage, a gift of the William Cadman family.

The honor guest received many gifts and cards. So exciting was the day, that she waited until later to open some of them at her home to have plenty of time for enjoyment.

She is the wife of the late William Davidson of McKeesport. The couple had no children.

Elizabeth is the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Worrall Cadman who came to the United States from England in 1856. She was one of a family of twelve, of which two brothers are living—Alma, 85, of Monongahela, and Joseph, 89, of Blairsville. Both were present at the party. The late W. H. Cadman of Monongahela was another brother.

Much of the time at the reception was spent in talking and reminiscing with old friends and relatives. Lunch was served during the entire time. As the guest book was signed, many sentimental thoughts were written.

Mrs. Davidson is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized when she was about fifteen-years

old. She is the oldest living member of the church and attends every Sunday and visits often at the Monongahela church. She is young for her age—very spry and agile, and attends many events.

Many members of the family are especially appreciative of the nursing and care they received at her hands. She also took care of her mother and father until their death, and during the flu epidemic in 1918, she nursed at an emergency hospital set up in the Elizabeth bank. She was a nurse and companion for many years to Miss Anna Scott, a retired school teacher of Elizabeth Township.

Taken from The Daily Republican
Monongahela, Pa.

Note: Sister Davidson wishes to thank all the brothers and sisters who remembered her on her birthday.

A TRIBUTE TO SISTER AMY MARTIN

There are many, no doubt, throughout the Church, who never knew that Sister Amy Martin, whose obituary appears in this issue of this paper, was connected with the circulation department of The Gospel News, working under her daughter, Sister Hertha Jones, Manager. Sister Martin began working with the paper shortly before Sister Sadie Cadman passed away in 1959 and at her death took over some of the responsibilities which were carried on by Sister Cadman.

For the past five or six years she has done her job well. She always took care of the papers mailed to the Indian subscribers as well as those going to the California and Arizona districts. Working with the paper gave her much satisfaction; she felt she was doing something for the Church in the declining years of her life. Thus she wholeheartedly devoted hours to addressing copies of The Gospel News, which papers (thousands of them) bear her handwriting.

Tuesday, March 3, 1964, she worked all day addressing the March issue of our Church Paper, helped with the preparation of their evening meal, washed the dishes, and passed away at 7:15 p.m. She had not been ill until shortly before the hour of her death and she passed away as she always hoped to, able to be useful till the last. She has left us wonderful words of consolation in several of her beautiful hymns in The Saints Hymnal. We feel the following words are a lovely tribute to our Sister:

WAITING OVER THERE

I've come to the end of my journey at last;
My trials and sorrows are through.
Redeemed I shall stand
In that heavenly land.
I'll be watching and waiting for you

And on that glad morning
Your face I shall see.
I'll trust in the Lord for your care.
Please weep not for me
Though I leave you awhile
I'll be waiting for you over there.

Over there, over there
Happy Day, When we meet over there.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



by George A. Neill

Some men have few, if any, friends; but it seems to me man, as he goes through life, needs friends, or at least a friend that he can count on to the uttermost.

"Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me." These words were written by Paul to Timothy, as some believe, while in prison.

Many men are put in prison because the peace of the town, or even of the world, demands it. Strange as it may seem, however, Paul was placed in prison because he sought to give mankind peace, as the poet says, "A peace that the world cannot give, neither can it take away."

Some men, while in prison, have recollections of the destruction they may have caused; the sorrow, heartaches and suffering for which they were responsible. On the other hand, Paul had recollections of people that had been blessed by his presence and lifted up by his good deeds and messages. Many men in prison have recollections of the blood they had shed or caused to be shed; the only blood that Paul shed was that which flowed from his own wounds and, we might add, for Christ's sake. Some men seem to have very little love; in fact, it appears as though some individuals do not love anyone. Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "I love nobody, not even my own brothers" and at the end of his life he wondered if there were anyone in the world who loved him. This man, as you may know, laid waste many cities and homes, and caused rivers of blood to flow.

This lack of love in a person's heart may be largely responsible for their imprisonment. Not so with Paul; he loved all men. His heart was like the words expressed in a song, "When your heart has room for everybody, then your heart is full of love; and when your heart is filled to overflowing, then your heart is full of love." Paul told the Galatian Saints in a letter that the fruits of the spirit are love, joy and peace.

Some men have few, if any, friends; but it seems to me man, as he goes through life, needs friends, or at least a friend that he can count on to the uttermost. Paul had many such friends. The first of these we need not mention by name, but He would be the friend of every man for He laid down His life for all mankind. It would seem that Luke was one of Paul's close friends for he refers to him as "Luke, the beloved physician" and again, while writing in prison in Rome, "Only Luke is with me." Priscilla and Aquilla must have been true friends of Paul for on one occasion he says, "Greet Priscilla and Aquilla, my helpers in Christ Jesus, who have for my life laid down their own necks"; and he asks the Church on another occasion to salute them.

Sometimes friendship is formed under adverse conditions such as shipwreck or other instances when, stranded or lost with little hope of being rescued, lives are very closely knit. On August 13, 1963, three men were trapped by a rock slide in a coal mine near a little town called Hazelton, Pennsylvania, not far from Pittsburgh. They were entombed three hundred and thirty feet below the earth. After fourteen days, as a result of skill and heroic efforts of many individuals and with the aid of the most modern equipment such as a giant drill that cut through fourteen layers of the earth's surface, two of these men were brought "up from a grave" in a capsule that had been designed to fit the hole cut by the giant drill. These two men were David Fellin and Henry Throne. I am satisfied David and Henry will be the closest of friends for the remainder of their lives because of their experiences together. I believe that when friendship is formed under such conditions as this, the hammer of adversity welds human hearts into an inseparable union.

The scriptures refer to a few incidents where Paul and Silas suffered almost unbearable hardships together, passing through ordeals and suffering of both mind and body. Thus it was with these two; their friendship was hammered out in the midst of adversity.

SISTER AMY MARTIN

Sister Amy Martin, 76, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 3, 1964, at 7:15 p.m. in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hertha Jones, near Monongahela, Pa. A member of Roscoe Branch, Sister Martin was born in Belle Vernon, May 19, 1887, a daughter of Adam and Isabella Leonard Griffith. Her husband, John, an ordained minister of The Church of Jesus Christ passed away in 1958.

Surviving are three sons, Idris of Fellsburg, Pharone of Charleroi, Beverly (Bud) of Roscoe; two daughters, Mrs. Hertha Jones of Fisher Heights, with whom she lived and Mrs. Virginia Davis of Fairhope; ten grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; one brother, Clarence Griffith of Monongahela; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Ward of Roscoe and Mrs. Alice Hammit of Belle Vernon.

Services were held at the Roscoe church building with Brother George Johnson officiating.

May God bless and comfort her loved ones in this hour of sorrow.

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

At our New Year's watch service we had several visitors, namely: Brother Tony Vadasz and family from New Jersey; Brother Dominic Thomas and family from Detroit, Michigan; and Brother Isaac Smith and family from Pennsylvania. It was wonderful to hear the many testimonies that were given. Nearly all of our new converts (those baptized within the year) testified and we felt the spirit of humility in them. After the service we enjoyed a social period with refreshments.

On Sunday, February 16, 1964, we were visited by Brother and Sister Thurman Furnier, Brother Rocco Biscotti, Brother Joseph Bittinger, and Brother and Sister James Velardi. Brother Bittinger opened the morning service using as his subject the stone which the builders rejected; which stone later became the head of the corner. He went on to say that we should build upon a solid foundation. While Brother Bittinger was speaking, Brother Furnier, under the influence of the Spirit, arose and sang the following: "Wait and see what I will do. I will show unto My people I will do what I have promised. I will be unto them their Shepherd. Wait, I say, and see what I will do." Brother Biscotti was the next speaker. He commented on the corner stone also, and advised that we should be careful not to build on sandy soil.

Our afternoon service was opened by Brother Velardi. He gave his testimony as to why he became a witness for Christ. We then partook of the Lord's Supper and the remainder of the service was turned over to Brother Furnier. He used for his subject the vision of George Washington found in the February, 1964 issue of The Gospel News.

We enjoyed listening to the messages our Brothers brought forth. May the Lord bless our Ministry in their travels as well as in the effort they make to spread the restored Gospel.

NEWS FROM ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We of the Anaheim Branch want to let you know what is happening in this part of the vineyard.

This past week, on February 22, 1964, we had a lovely wedding ceremony performed in our little church when Bette Garofolio, daughter of Brother and Sister Peter Garofolio of Rossmore, California, was united in marriage to Brother Anthony Gerace of Detroit, Michigan. Brother James Heaps officiated.

It was a simple ceremony and lovely because the presence of our Lord was felt by all present. I believe this was the beauty and the sanctity of the whole service. I am sure the Lord was pleased with what took place there, and may His blessing and approval follow Tony and Bette all the rest of their lives. May they give Him His place at the head of their home. May He be the silent listener to their conversations, their guest at every meal, and their guide in all they do. The brothers and sisters of Anaheim wish them both the best of everything life can offer and may they, through the grace of God, stay humble; then indeed they shall be blest.

It was a pleasure to have the Gerace family with us in our service Sunday, along with Brother and Sister Burgess of Windsor, Canada. Brother Burgess delivered the sermon in the morning service which was enjoyed by all. In fact we had a very good day. We are not a large group in Anaheim, but we are holding the fort. The restored gospel is being preached every meeting and God is blessing us. I am so thankful that God is not partial to large groups, but He is with the few also as we have proven to ourselves by experience. He is a wonderful Saviour. I am thankful that we are taught always to measure our lives by the examples of our Lord and in doing so we are never satisfied with ourselves, but endeavor to improve our lives daily that we may please Him. It is dangerous to look at this sinful world and just feel thankful that we are better than they. We are taught that Jesus is our example. It is by His example that we will be measured and **not** by the sinfulness that is in the world. May God help us all to know this truth. Pray for us and we will remember you as we always do.

Your Sister in Christ,
Margaret Heaps

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday, February 19, 1964, our branch in Lorain held a surprise service in honor of Brother Sam and Sister Mary Presutto who were married on February 21, 1914.

Brother Alfred Dominico gave a brief account of their lives since he has known them. He then read from the Bible in Leviticus, ch. 25, verses 1 - 2 and 10 - 17 about the fiftieth year jubilee. The Sisters of the Ladies' Uplift Circle sang two hymns, namely; "Surely Goodness And Mercy" and "Each For The Other." Brother Joseph Calabrese read an anniversary tribute written by the poet, Robert Browning.

Brother Alfred Dominico offered a prayer thanking God for the years our Savior has allowed Brother and Sister Presutto to be together, and he asked God to continue to bless them for the remainder of their days. Brother Eugene Presutto sang "How Great Thou Art" in honor of his parents. The honored guests bore a few words of testimony, giving God honor and glory

for the Gospel, and told how their lives had changed since the day of their baptisms, June 27, 1920. The old Italian Brothers and Sisters sang a song and bore testimonies in their behalf.

After the service refreshments were served and the honored ones were presented gifts from their children and the Brothers and Sisters. During this part of the evening the Mayor of Lorain, Ohio, Woodrow Mathna, stopped in to congratulate the Presuttos. He has known their eldest son, Eugene, from childhood. Four young Sisters sang "Others" in their honor. We must say that an enjoyable time was had by all reminiscing over the past. May God bless our Brother and Sister for the remainder of their days here on earth.

Branch Editor
Sister Betty Alessio

NEWS FROM McKEES ROCKS

The eve of January 1, 1964, found many of the brothers and sisters with their children in the home of Brother and Sister Casasanta. We hope the blessing we felt will continue in our hearts and that the ones who were there that have not yet made their covenant with God through baptism may be moved upon to do so in the near future, for what does it profit us if we gain the whole world and lose our soul. We hope all will accept the Gospel Restored, whoever and wherever they may be.

On Wednesday evening, January 8th, the minutes from the last District Conference and the General Conference were read in our Branch of the Church in McKees Rocks. While the District minutes were being read a sister beheld in a vision Brother William Cadman blowing a trumpet. At the same time a brother also felt as though Brother Cadman was in our midst.

Sunday, January 12th, Brother Bailey and his son, from Redstone Branch, came to visit us. Indeed it is wonderful to see the faithfulness of those who obeyed the Gospel of Christ Jesus many years ago. Brother Joe Manes, his wife, daughter and mother were here too. We felt that great love which is manifested among the people of God from time to time in a great degree.

Sunday, January 19th, brothers and sisters and friends from Imperial, Monongahela, Youngstown, Detroit, McKeesport, Lorrain, and Brother Nick Liberti from California were here. Some for the morning service, some for the fellowship service, and some all day.

We praised God for His Son, Jesus Christ, and the great light of the true Gospel restored to earth again in these, the latter days. May God bless all is our prayer in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Sister Martha Laird

COMMENTS FROM FREDONIA

The letter from Erie, in the January issue was interesting; also the request following it. Carol Sue wrote it so well, and she must have listened intently. This is a good example of the children being raised to go to church. One of the most beautiful dreams I ever heard was had by an eight year old boy in

our Branch.

There must be a diversity of thoughts in the minds of those who did not hear the sermon. The words in Romans 12:2 came to me: "And be not conformed to this world." We are supposed to be an example to the world, not the opposite.

Still, Christ ate with sinners. A woman who was a great sinner washed His feet with her tears. He said, "I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Then it is written, "We have all sinned and come short of the Glory of God." We hear of the worst sinners giving up all that is not good, at their conversion. Sometimes those who were never very bad morally feel they have nothing to change. Regardless, we cannot alter the words that apply to all, "keep himself unspotted from the world."

We could write many things. Our Elders, Apostles and President do many menial tasks for us that reminds me of the labor of the Apostle Paul and the lowly fisherman who followed Christ. How different from the world. I hope to be humble enough to appreciate all that is done for me.

Sister Martha Kelly

CALIFORNIA NEWS SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to send warm regards from the San Fernando Valley Branch, and also tell you of a new work that has been started in Yucaipa, California.

About two years ago Brothers Mark Randy and Bob Watson were asked to visit Mrs. Wilsa Gilly in Banning (a neighboring town of Yucaipa) and tell her of The Church Of Jesus Christ. She received them with hospitality, which encouraged Brother Watson to go back to this town. He, along with other elders, further advanced this work by visiting other homes, telling them of the Church and hoping to get enough interested so that meetings could be held in this small town. After much prayer, perseverance, and help from the Brothers and Sisters of the Valley Branch they were able to hold their first meeting in January, 1963. Brothers Bob Cirrochi, John Azzinaro and Bob Watson, along with other members and some young people, were there to hold the first meeting. There was also a wonderful attendance from our friends in Banning that day.

Not long after we began to hold meetings in a women's hall in Banning, the rent was increased. However, God moved upon the heart of Brother and Sister Spada to open their home in Yucaipa.

Due to the shortage of water and its geographical location, it became exceedingly difficult to locate a place to baptize the new converts. After much surveillance a lake was found high in the mountains, at approximately six thousand feet. It was a very wonderful sight to see the candidates baptized with the towering pines in the background.

We now have six members, one of which is Sister Gilly, and are praying that God will bless us with many more. In this work we have had many blessings and experiences; we sincerely solicit your prayers in its behalf.

Branch Editor Sister Judy Watson



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Who can stand against the works of the Lord?"
Mormon 9:26.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story taken from the Book of Mormon. Once there was a king named Kib. He was the second king of the Jaredites. He lived in the land of Moron. There was a war started in his land between he and his son Corihor. Corihor rebelled against his father, the king, and took his family to a land nearby known as Nehor. The people began to come to live in Nehor and Corihor organized them into an army. Corihor was happy to do this as he wanted to be king. He was willing to fight against his own father if necessary to be their ruler.

Soon Corihor had a large army and he trained them well. They marched to the land of Moron. He captured his father and took him prisoner. He seized the throne and became king. Corihor kept his father a prisoner for many years. He was allowed to have his family with him. While in captivity a son was born. They named him Shule.

As Shule grew up he learned how Corihor had taken their father prisoner and reigned as king in the father's place. This made Shule very angry. He was a very wise, strong man. He went to a hill called Ephraim and began to dig metal. From this he made swords of steel. He made plans with his and his father's friends to take the kingdom from Corihor and give it back to Kib. Finally the day came. They took their swords and marched to the land of Nehor. They fought with Corihor and his army. They were victorious. They rescued Kib and placed him back on the throne.

Kib was now a very old man. He chose Shule to be king instead of him. Shule was a good man and ruled righteously. The people began to prosper in the land. When Corihor saw all this, he repented of his wickedness. Shule gave his brother some power in the kingdom.

Corihor had a son named Noah who was evil and he wanted the kingdom for himself. He organized an army and rebelled against Shule. But Corihor was loyal to his brother Shule and fought against his own son. Noah was successful in capturing part of the land. He became King over this. He became stronger and captured Shule and planned to put him to death. But one night Shule's sons came to Noah's house and killed him. They broke down the doors of the prison, rescued their father and placed him on the throne again.

Now Noah had a son named Cohor who would not serve under Shule. He took followers with him and set up another kingdom. This made a division among the people. There were now two kingdoms, the kingdom of Shule and the kingdom of Cohor. Cohor had a son named Nimrod. So when Nimrod became king in his father's place, he surrendered to Shule.

The two kingdoms were united again.

During all these years the people became very wicked. They had begun to worship idols, which was a great sin in the eyes of the Lord. They were continually fighting among themselves. God sent prophets among them calling them to repent. The people mocked and persecuted them. Shule, the good king, punished those who reviled the prophets. He made a law to protect the prophets and permitted them to preach anytime and in anyway they desired. Soon the people began to listen and stop fighting. Peace was restored and there were no more wars as long as king Shule lived. He was a righteous ruler of his people. He remembered the story of his fathers and how they had been brought across the waters to this Promised Land. He remembered the great promise the Lord had made to them.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Who was Kib's father?
2. How many children were there? How many of them were sons?
3. Who had said they would be brought into captivity?
4. Read chapter seven of Ether to find the answers.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JOHN

By Birdie M. Furnier

John was the son of Zebedee, a fisherman who lived in a town called Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. He had an older brother, James. His mother's name was Salome.

According to history there are three degrees in the calling of John. First was his call to discipleship. Then he was called to be one of the immediate friends of Christ. Jesus called him while he was mending nets on a ship with his father, Zebedee. He heard the call and left the ship immediately and followed Him. (Matthew 4:21, 22). His third calling was to the apostleship. His brother, James, was called at the same time. They were surnamed Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder."

He is supposed to have been the youngest of the twelve. He was admitted to intimate relationship with the Lord, and described as the disciple whom Jesus loved. He was an eyewitness to the resurrection of Jairus' daughter to life when Jesus went into the house and suffered no man to go in save it be Peter, James and John, and the father and mother of the maiden. (Luke 8:41, 42; 49-56; Mark 5:37) He was also an eyewitness to the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), and to Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. (Mark 14:32-42) He was also present at the crucifixion. He received Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and took her to his home after that awful event. (John 19:26, 27) He had several interviews with Christ after His resurrection. (John 20:1-22, 26; and 21:7)

After the ascension of Christ, and after the Holy Ghost was given on the day of Pentecost, John became one of the chief apostles of the circumcision, working in the ministry in Jerusalem and its vicinity. (Acts 15:1-31) One writer says, "After the death of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, John went to Asia and

founded and presided over seven churches, but he stayed mostly in Ephesus. From there he was banished to the Isle of Patmos, where he wrote Revelation." It has been said; "On his liberation from exile he wrote his gospel and epistles in the year of 97 A.D."

NEWS FROM MONONGAHELA, PA.

On February 16, 1964, we in this part of the vineyard were privileged to go to the water's edge to witness the baptism of young Kem Metz, son of Sister Doris Jean Metz. May God bless him and all of our recently baptized young people and keep them grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

Sister Ethel N. Crosier

SISTER MAMIE LAVELLA'S TESTIMONY

I have had a strong desire for some time to write in the Gospel News some of the experiences I've received in The Church of Jesus Christ.

All of my life we were very poor. It was so hard for my husband to find work. It was such a struggle because we had a large family and much sickness. I hadn't become acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ as yet, so I didn't know where to turn for help for my family. We needed food and clothing very badly, so I asked a neighbor if she knew where I could go for aid. She told me to go to the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church located in our town. I went to see this man and received food, clothing, and other things I needed. From that day on I started to attend services at the Presbyterian Church. Afterwards, my friends started to tell me that the church I attended was wrong. Each person would tell me his church was the right one. They all belonged to different churches so I became very confused. I made up my mind then to settle all of this confusion and ask God to show me the best religion.

At this time my husband had a friend who belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ. This man had a very bad reputation, and was also a drunkard before he joined the Church. I didn't like my husband keeping company with this man for these reasons. I had no idea he could ever be changed. As I said, I didn't like this man, and one day I arrived home and found him sitting in our home with my husband. I became very angry and ordered him to leave the house. I said to myself, "The more I dislike this man, the more I seem to see of him." Just then a voice spoke out loud; not a voice in my mind but one I could plainly hear. It said, "One day this man will be your friend." I thought to myself, "how strange," but I never forgot that voice even till this day.

Shortly after, my husband was baptized. Brothers Joe Dullissee and Tony DiBattista started to come to our home to talk to me. I finally decided to attend one of their meetings, as I was still praying to God to show me the right religion. At this time they held meetings in each other's homes. I thought this was strange and was more surprised to notice that they worshipped no statues or pictures. I liked the Church and the people immediately, and although I didn't fully understand the Gospel, I asked for my baptism the following Sunday. After I was baptized, a Brother was

preaching one Sunday, and suddenly I became filled with the Spirit of God. I was compelled to rise from my seat and exclaim, "Now I know, now I know."

Oh how wonderful my blessings have been in The Church of Jesus Christ. Shortly after I was baptized, I received a beautiful vision. I had just finished reading the Bible one evening and was lying down to sleep when my room became illuminated with a brilliant light. In the midst of this light, Christ appeared in the doorway of my room. I could see His glorious personage, and was filled with such a wonderful blessing that I truly felt I couldn't contain it. I was overjoyed for so long, knowing I had seen Christ face to face.

My husband had been afflicted with blindness in his eyes for sometime. At this time Brother Joe Corrado was visiting our Branch. He was called upon to anoint my husband's eyes. After my husband was anointed, he received his eyesight immediately. He went around to all the brothers and sisters and read to them from the Scriptures to show how he had been healed. Another time, I became so ill, my children thought I was dying. They called Brother Fred Fair to anoint me as my condition was very bad. After Brother Fair anointed me, I received strength and was well enough that I got up and cooked a huge meal for him and my children.

At one time, I was so much in need that I didn't have shoes to wear, so I told my children I wouldn't be able to go to Church that Sunday. No sooner had I said these words, when a neighbor appeared at my door with a pair of shoes for me in her hand. Yes, God does work mysteriously His wonders to perform.

I could never begin to tell you all the blessings God has bestowed upon me, as space wouldn't permit me to write everything. However, all my life God has provided me with all that I need. This has always been my testimony. When we're sick or in need only God can help. I've never had a doctor in all my life; God has been my doctor always. I intend to continue to trust God for the future. I ask an interest in your prayers that I will continue in this unshaken faith I have in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I'm eighty-four years of age, but my desire is that I will serve God faithfully to the end. He's truly been a wonderful Savior to me.

Sister Lavella
Greensburg Branch

RECAPITULATION OF ACTIVITIES AT WEST ELIZABETH, PA. Special Meetings

Special meetings were held nightly from May 19th to May 24, 1963. Saints and friends from various Branches and Missions attended in good numbers, and we felt greatly enriched as a result. We were especially blessed in witnessing fulfillment of a prophecy made years ago by Brother Robert Anderson while he presided here. He told Brother Wilbur Parlor that the time would come when the little West Elizabeth building would be filled. Both brothers have passed to receive their reward. During the previously mentioned meetings, however, chairs were placed in the aisle to accommodate the congregation.

"Love" was the theme emphasized in most of the messages. What message is more needful unto us and to all the world today? The only manner in which we can be united in lasting unity is by God's love.

Building Annex

We give thanks to God for permitting our house of worship to be improved. The West Elizabeth meeting house is one of the oldest in the Church, and among the most meager. The Lord blessed us through your generous contributions of financial aid and labor to complete this task without any debts. Especially, we wish to thank Brothers Swanson of Greensburg, Anthony DiBattista of Glassport, and Ambrose of Roscoe, as well as all of the brethren of the Branch.

We are now able to worship in greater comfort. The Ladies Uplift Circle held its general meeting here in December, and we were happy to have them. Again, may the Lord bless everyone who helped, and we welcome all who care to worship with us at any time.

Sister Madeline H. Robinson

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FROM THE MUNCEY INDIAN RESERVATION

By Brother Anthony Gerace

The work at the Muncey Mission is progressing very well. Brother Joseph Milantoni, along with his wife and daughter, Karen, are doing a wonderful job in maintaining the Mission and certainly deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts. Elders from Detroit assist them every Sunday. It is certainly gratifying to see how the young Brothers from Detroit willingly volunteer to assist with this work. We now have five Sunday School classes and the work continues to grow.

One of our members at the Muncey Mission, Brother Alfred Burch, has had a marvelous experience and, to say the least, his conversion is a miracle. During the week of November 16, 1963, this Brother spent a few days visiting at my home in Detroit. One evening he related the details of his experience to me which remain as a testimony to his conversion:

"I was born on the Muncey Indian Reservation in 1906 and was brought up in The Anglican Church but had no interest in it. My wife began to attend meetings at The Church of Jesus Christ, having become acquainted with it through Sister Elizabeth Grosbeck. She talked about the Church at home, and claimed that there was greater love shown in this Church than our own Anglican Church; I then started to attend. I thought I would go just to please her but soon found that what she said was true. I became acquainted with the Brothers who belonged to the Mission and they told me more about the Church. Approximately one year after I attended I began to understand and the Brethren advised me to join the Church. They told me I must be baptized but I felt I couldn't very well do that since I had already been baptized in The Anglican Church. I then stopped attending church for a while since I was led away because of drinking, and then my problems began.

"In 1956 I went to the hospital to be treated for lockjaw and remained there for three and a half months. I left the hospital in March of that same year and while at home I met a Minister of The Church of Jesus

Christ, Brother Reno Bologna. He visited me when I was sick in bed and through these visits I became more acquainted with him. I returned to the hospital three times during that summer, and in December, when I finally came home Brother Reno came to see me again. He asked my wife how she was set financially to see us through the Christmas holidays and she told him we had nothing. He gave us ten dollars and from that time I began to realize what The Church of Jesus Christ meant. However, being an alcoholic, I still continued to drink. I returned to the hospital again for an operation after which I returned home and began attending Church again, realizing that I had been disobeying God and He was punishing me by sending me back to the hospital. However, I still continued to drink and was taken back to the hospital for six more operations. Finally I realized I had to serve God. I knew that I was a hard man and that God had to break my heart to give me sufficient understanding that I should look up to Him. After realizing this I had a dream.

"I found myself in the Church on a stretcher as though I were to undergo an operation. There were three men around me all dressed in white who were preparing me for this operation. The scene changed and I saw myself on a river shore where a man stood in water up to his waist. The water was very clear where he was and I saw myself carried into the water on a stretcher. They then took me out of the water and I saw myself wheeled into my room at home. It was a beautiful room, the nicest room I had ever seen. When I awakened I asked my little boy where I had been and he replied, 'Nowhere.' I was here all the time. I then told him my dream.

"As time went by I had another dream. I met a woman all dressed in white and asked her what I must do to know God. She said, 'Pray.' I saw myself down on my knees and a bright light all around me; and then I awakened. I still continued as before, drinking and carrying on.

"One day I left my home and went about half a mile down the road and entered an old empty house for no reason at all. The following week I returned to the same house with the feeling that someone was leading me there. I entered the house, went up the stairs and looked around. As I was returning down the stairs I had a feeling to turn around, and when I did I went over to the corner of the room where there was a pile of trash. I kicked the trash and turned it over. Under all the trash I saw a Bible. I picked it up and returned home. I began to read that night, opening the Bible to where John the Baptist was baptizing Christ and read where John said, 'Behold the Lamb of God!' I studied that chapter several times during the week before I could understand what it meant. I told my wife that I had to be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. I turned the pages of the Bible and was prompted to read about the transfiguration of Christ. It was necessary to read this several times also before understanding it. I read where John said, 'It is good to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elias.' While he spoke a cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said, 'This

is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' Then Christ was left alone and the other two were taken away. I remarked to my wife again, 'It is The Church of Jesus Christ that I must join.' From the day that I found the Bible all my bad habits began to leave me. I stopped smoking and drinking and always had my mind on the Bible.

"In the meantime my mother, who passed away many years previous, would come to me in my dreams. While she was still living but on her sick bed she called me into her room one day and said, 'Sonny, when I am gone I'll be waiting for you.' Many times she appeared in my dreams to disturb me, but as soon as I began to leave my bad habits and look to God she stopped coming.

"I began to attend the Muncey Mission every Sunday. I asked the Ministers, Brothers Joseph Milantoni and Anthony Gerace, to pray for me. I wanted to be baptized but didn't know when. While attending services on Easter Sunday, 1961, it started to rain and thunder and lightning so bad you could hardly see out of the windows. At that moment I felt the power of God and asked for my baptism. It stopped raining, the sun came out and they took me to the river and I was baptized. Two weeks later my wife was baptized.

"I feel good now. I feel as though my body is healed and I haven't had a sick day since I was baptized. Now I pray night and day for my people that they might see the goodness of God as I see it. I'm going to try to serve God to the best of my ability. I hope this testimony will touch the hearts of my people, the American Indians."

In conclusion I would like to add that I have known Brother Burch for seven years. Many times when we visited him before his conversion he was either intoxicated or battered and bruised. Many times he would ask us to pray for him and we did. After this Brother was baptized he became a new man. The transformation was indeed a miracle and our prayers were answered. As one of his own people once told us, "At one time Alfred Burch was the worst one, now he is the best." Brother Alfred Burch and his wife are a testimony to the goodness and mercies of God.

While working with Brother Joseph Milantoni on the Muncey Reservation I can truly say that the hand of God has been upon us. Many are the times that we could sing out, "The Spirit Of God Like a Fire is Burning." These are the promises of God for those who work among the Lamanites; that they shall be blessed and they shall go forth by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost.

CONCEPTS OF GOD INDIVIDUALISM

There is perhaps no better way to portray the growth of the human spirit than to point to the developing ego of the new-born child; to observe his growth from the cradle to the full bloom of emotional and intellectual manhood. As observed in a previous article, the new-born babe is found to be utterly selfish. He demands a great deal of love, interest and care and gives nothing in return. At the age of two or three years he will have tantrums if another child touches his toys. If there is a brother younger than

he, he will compete with him for the affection of his parents; exhibiting insecurity, jealousy, aggression and even cruelty. It might be said that nature has equipped him with the gift of individual survival. You would be wasting your breath if you spoke to him of cooperation and collective survival. He has neither the heart nor the mind for such things. Sad to relate, the Gentiles remained at this infant stage of development throughout the entire length of the dark and middle ages.

Came the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther, observing that man's relationship to God and his fellowman had, under Catholicism, been turned completely upside down, broke with the past, and, perhaps unwittingly, sparked the transition from the medieval to the modern age, with its remarkable improvement in human relations; its amazing achievements in science and invention.

The fires of creativity that had burned in man's bosom since the creation were in the dark ages, reduced to a few glowing embers that smoldered fitfully in the cold, dead ashes of stagnation. The bright light of secular knowledge would have been forever extinguished had it not been for the Arabs, who carefully gathered, annotated and cherished the manuscripts of the Greco-Roman heritage.

With the revival of learning, (The Renaissance) which paved the way for the Protestant Reformation, men came to light their candles from the still glowing embers of the Arabian culture. The new Protestant atmosphere enabled creativity to burst the bonds of its restricted environment. The bottled up energies of men's minds had at last popped the devil's cork of confinement to effervesce all over (especially the northern part) the European continent. The great sleeping giants of science, philosophy and invention arose to assist mankind in his conquest of the earth. Their achievements after several centuries of unparalleled progress still sets the layman agog with wonder. Rockets to the moon! Men in space! What does it mean? Where will it end? Are they products of divine inspiration?

The reformers taught their followers to live for spiritual values, not material forces; for principles, not possessions; which dealt the Roman world a stunning blow, and added many cubits to the reformed people's stature.

The reformers gave the Gentile world a new birth of freedom. Freedom to grow, to develop the almost untapped resources of the mind and the spirit. The words liberty, freedom, justice, humility, faith, hope, love, individual dignity and responsibility, self-discipline, restraint, fairplay and self-consciousness came to occupy a prominent place in their vocabularies. Their ability to govern wisely was in exact ratio to their awareness and appreciation of the rights of others. It has been said that the Britisher's awareness of the rights of others has created in him a genius in governmental matters which is phenomenal in the modern world. That same awareness, the practicing of self-discipline and wholesome restraint, has exacted a penalty of self-consciousness, reserve, and, too often, a cold aloof exterior, which unrestrained and undisciplined peoples do not seem to understand. Alas, that ob-

jectivity and sociability do not walk hand in hand.

The reformed peoples of Europe seem to have been unconscious of the general idea that they were unfolding. Columbus' discovery of a New World seemed to them to have no significance of a religious nature other than a means of escape from tyranny. They did not know that God had restored man's individual and collective creativity in order that God and man, in creative partnership, might create a New World. If they could have looked across the years to this modern age they would have seen a New World stocked with every kindred, tongue and people. They would, indeed have seen two worlds; the Old and the New; each stocked with the same peoples, but with a destiny set before the peoples of the New World of which the inhabitants of the Old were totally unaware. That destiny is, as every member of The Church of Jesus Christ knows, the building of God's Kingdom on earth. The building of that Kingdom is no small task. Its completion will require the creative genius of every people, who will utilize the total of earth's resources.

If we would fully appreciate the unique position which America occupies in the latter day scheme of things, we must interpret the events which have transpired here in terms of God's purpose. As long ago as the 1840's Hermon Melville, American author of *Moby Dick*, wrote:

"There is something in the contemplation of the mode in which America has been settled, that, in the noble breast, should forever extinguish the prejudices of national dislikes.

"Settled by the peoples of all nations, all nations may claim her for their own. You cannot spill a drop of American blood without spilling the blood of the whole world. Be he Englishman, Frenchman, German, Dane, or Scot; the European who scoffs at an American, calls his own brother Raca, and stands in danger of the judgment. We are not a narrow tribe of men, with a bigoted Hebrew nationality—whose blood has been debased in an attempt to enoble it, by maintaining an exclusive succession among ourselves. No: our blood is as the flood of the Amazon, made up of a thousand noble currents all pouring into one. We are not a nation, so much as a world; for unless we may claim all the world for our sire, like Melchisedec, we are without father or mother.

"For who was our father and our mother? Or can we point to any Romulus and Remus for our founders? Our ancestry is lost in the universal paternity; and Caesar and Alfred, St. Paul and Luther, and Homer and Shakespeare are as much ours as Washington, who is as much the world's as our own. We are the heirs of all time, and with all nations we divide our inheritance. On this Western Hemisphere all tribes and people are forming into one federated whole; and there is a future which shall see the estranged children of Adam restored as to the old hearthstone in Eden.

"The other world beyond this, which was longed for by the devout before Columbus' time was found in the new; and the deep-sea-lead, that first struck these soundings, brought up the soil of earth's Paradise. Not a Paradise then, or now; but to be made so, at God's good pleasure, and in the fullness and mellowness of time. The seed is sown, and the harvest must come;

and our children's children, on the world's jubilee morning, shall go with their sickles to the reaping. Then shall the curse of Babel be revoked, a new Pentecost come, and the language they shall speak shall be the language of Britain. Frenchmen, and Danes, and Scots; and the dwellers on the shores of the Mediterranean, and in the regions round about; Italians, and Indians, and Moors; there shall appear unto them cloven tongues as of fire."

(To be continued.)

By James Curry.

NEWS FROM ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The holiday season among the Erie saints has been very festive, both naturally and spiritually. We have partaken of the fruit of fellowship and the fruit of knowledge and understanding.

On November 24, 1963, Brother John Mancini opened our holiday season with his thoughts on thankfulness. His text was taken from Ephesians 5:15-19-20, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Apostle Paul emphasized gratitude to God, who expects it of us. It certainly seems such a small insignificant act to express gratitude to the God who has liberally given so much. And yet, much of the world is still numbered among the nine lepers, rather than the one. We, above all people, should praise God for our mere existence in the "Paradise of Nations." The Bible says, "By this all men shall know that ye are my people," but even among our own people how much and how long do we love God? Brother John's sermon may be summarized with the idea that the late President John F. Kennedy stressed in his inaugural speech, supplementing **God for Country**: "Ask not what God can do for you, but rather ask what you can do for God."

A special service was held on Thanksgiving Eve. The theme was "Thanks Without Gratitude." The essence of the thought was that thanks can become a mere ethical exclamation of gratitude, eliminating the vital sincerity. Sincere thanks may be expressed in many ways. As shown in the Bible, the use of our talents, small or great, was pleasing in God's sight. Our individual talents are widely varied. Yet any one unused proves our ingratitude to God for bestowing it upon us. We must always keep in mind that, "God owes me nothing and while life is mine I'll find it good and greet each hour with gratitude."

Our Christmas program was truly unique. Rather than having various classes present a program, each family was to make a contribution. Although no one knew what the other had planned, the story of Christ's birth, both in Palestine and America, was magnificently presented by young and old alike. The family, being the primary unit of the religious community, was brought to the forefront. After all, everything Christ represents is portrayed as a family institution. Brother John Mancini closed with a few remarks. He reminded us that although the inn's door was closed to Christ, we must not likewise close our hearts to him. There

must always be room in our hearts for Christ.

The Erie saints, as well as everyone else, I suppose, were very busy with preparations for the New Year. Whatever our plans were, Brother John Mancini's talk on December 29, 1963, stopped us in our steps and made us think. Although the New Year has already come, I know it would be well for all of us to consider his words. His text was from Matt. 22:21, "Then He saith unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." During the past year how many people have paid Caesar with that which belongs to God? If we were to survey what we have done with our lives during the past year, how much of our time, efforts, and talents have been rendered to our material activities and how much to God? Is it not possible that we have paid Caesar with the things that are God's? Our lives belong to God. Although God permits time to pay Caesar, he expects to be paid and on time. Our excuses may sound good, but nevertheless the debt remains. And so at this time let each of us evaluate ourselves. How much are we worth spiritually? Let us reconsider our budget for 1964 and make sure we aren't wasting our lives paying Caesar.

The finale of our holiday season was our New Year's eve gathering held at Sister Esther DiBattisti Dyer's home. After an enjoyable evening of fellowship, our old year passed away with our heads bowed in prayer, and Brother John Mancini thanking God for all that has passed and committing the trust of the future to God. Each one of us felt our weaknesses, and yet somehow were strengthened with the hope that in the coming year we will strive for a closer walk with Him.

Carol Sue Mancini, Branch Editor

THE UNSETTLED DAYS IN WHICH WE LIVE

Brother Joseph Bittinger

Many people are asking what is wrong in the world today and what is going to happen the way things are going.

That we are living in the hour of God's Judgment upon the nations of the world, there is no doubt; but the end is not yet. These are perilous times, the beginning of sorrows and the days of His preparation.

In fulfillment of Rev. 12:6-7, God sent His messenger, the Angel Moroni, to Joseph Smith, Jr. restoring the Everlasting Gospel to the earth. This was one of the greatest and most important events of God's dealings with men pertinent to the salvation of men in these latter-days.

It is not my intention to dwell on the Restoration at this time, but to draw attention to the 7th verse. The Angel that carried the everlasting Gospel also gave a warning: "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, . . ." More than one hundred thirty-six years have now passed since the Angel flew; the advent of a new latter-day era. As a whole there has been but little attention given to this sacred event. Only a few have been willing to give it serious thought and consideration, or have been spiritual enough to discern its Divinity. But to as many as believe, it be-

comes the power of God unto salvation. Now there is no valid excuse for not serving God. The warning voice of the Angel appeals to the nations, or the inhabitants of the earth, to turn their hearts to God, to fear Him and give glory to Him; an appeal to obey the Everlasting Gospel restored. The hour of His judgment is come. God has always warned the people, or nations, before He brought them down to destruction; our present day is no exception.

In all ages He has sent His Holy Prophets and Messengers to plead with them endeavoring to set them in the right way, but they hardened their hearts and closed their ears. They persecuted, cast out and killed those Holy Men of God in nearly all instances. This latter-day era has been no different; late history reveals this undisputed fact. The people of Noah's day would not hear him, a preacher of righteousness. The Israelites refused to obey and follow Moses, a man chosen by God as a leader for His people. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the long promised Messiah of Israel was absolutely unacceptable by His own people, the Jews. They said, "Away with Him" and crucified Him. I am certain that nearly every person, if not all, are very well acquainted with the destruction that befell the people in each of these various instances. They just could not refuse to accept and to follow those chosen men of God in their day and get away with it for long, and they did not. The Lord halted them and brought them down by executing His judgments upon them.

We are told in the Scriptures as it was in the days of Noah before the flood, so shall it be in the latter days. The people will be unconcerned about God, or righteousness, engrossing themselves in sin and evil, satisfying their natural and carnal desires, filling the earth with moral corruption and violence. Jesus said they would be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage; giving no thought to the impending Judgment of God hanging over them. A repetition of God's anger will fall upon the world again in the latter days, because of wickedness and the transgression of God's laws preceding the establishment of Zion, or the latter-day Kingdom of Christ upon the earth. God is no respecter of persons. He will not permit this generation to continue to transgress His laws and His will anymore than He did those living before the flood, or Israel before being carried away captive to Babylon. Time is running out for the ungodly nations to turn their hearts and lives to God and get into the Ark of safety. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked! for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." For the Spirit of God shall not always strive with man. When He has closed the door of mercy and opportunity it will be too late.

As we observe nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, race against race, and religion against religion, hatred, envy, jealousy, greed, selfishness, moral corruption, and violence everywhere, we see the history of evil and wickedness repeating itself once more in this world. Then as we see and hear of the many things that are taking place in the nation and world these days, we must conclude that God is endeavoring to turn the nations from their evil course by withholding His protection and permitting death

and destruction to strike. The wars, violent storms caused by nature, famine, earthquakes, floods, fires, thousands of deaths by automobiles and airplanes, crimes of all kinds that our forces of law and order can hardly cope with; then our unemployment, and insecurity—these conditions indicate an evil decadence. The Judgments of God are beginning to fall, the end result of all ungodliness will be destruction by the God of Heaven. A glorious victory for the people of God. His Saints! Praise His Holy Name.

NEWS FROM YOUNGSTOWN BRANCH

Last Sunday, February 2, 1964 we had reason to rejoice when a young man, Robert Smith, came forward at the beginning of the meeting and asked for his baptism. This young man has been attending our meetings regularly for more than six months. He told me an experience he had in the way of a dream about six months ago. He understood in the dream that he was seeking the fruit of the tree of life. Brother Robert lives in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Much labor has been put forth there and this is the fruit of our labors. He also told me that he has been telling those of his family about the Gospel. We are at this time holding meetings every other Friday night in Sharon.

We also enjoyed visits from several Elders. On Sunday, December 28, 1963, Brother Tony Piccuito and some Saints from Perry attended our Branch. Brother Piccuito gave a good, inspiring talk and we enjoyed the day. On January 18, 1964, Brother Bitteringer paid us a visit and all enjoyed him.

On January 25, 1964, Brothers Rocco Biscotti and Harry Robinson were with us; this was our feet-washing Sunday. We enjoyed the words of our Brothers as they bade us to be children of light who watch and pray. There were Saints here from various parts of the vineyard, some from Imperial and West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania and Cleveland, Ohio; we had an enjoyable day. We welcome all to come and visit us at Youngstown.

Branch Editor
Brother Sam Costarella

I OF LITTLE FAITH

This testimony I must give
To those who seek to live
A better life;
To find release from struggle and strife.
Give your heart to God I pray,
And with each tear, "Come to Me", you'll hear
Christ say,
"And I will set you free,
And save a place for you in heaven with Me."
For years I sat and grieved alone,
I truly felt I had no one
To turn to in my time of need.
A voice would say "Tell God. He'll heed!"
I'd turn to God, and then I'd say,
"Please God, Help me today."
And even then He'd hear my call,
When I'd feel pushed against the wall.

I'd look and look for an escape,
Was I doomed to have this fate
Of always being pushed around?
Yes, because I didn't know there was a higher
ground.

For a decade this went on,
No faith, no hope, even love was gone.
I was sick and in despair
Was there no peace for me anywhere?

I went to The Church of Jesus Christ,
The day my sister was baptized.
I cried and cried, I knew not why,
Never knowing that God on high;
Had touched my heart, and said to me,
"Give me your heart. It belongs to Me."
I saw the change in my sister God had made,
And how I prayed and prayed
That He might change my life for me
And bring contentment home to me.

First I prayed that I might know
If this was the church where I should go.
He answered in a dream, you see.
This gave me faith, hope and charity.
Then He showed me, step by step
What I must do, what He'd accept.
So every time I was in doubt
I'd ask God to help me out.

Baptism was His strongest point;
He'd say, "Repent, be baptized. This means you."
I tried to say, "I will obey."
But Satan always stood in my way.
And so one day, God had to say, "Baptized you
must be, today."
I cried "No Lord, no not today,
Sunday would be a better day."

He said "First I, then your family!"
But Satan took a hold of me,
And would not let me be free
To do as God had told me to.
Then I prayed and found release,
And knew that God had given me peace.
But I still regret today
That I couldn't let God have His way.

For whom His son had died on a tree.
And still they try to push me around,
But my feet are on higher ground.
They cannot touch me if they try,
Because my Lord is always nearby;

So in order to touch me
They must seek the Lord, to reach the tree of life,
From which there is no struggle and strife.
They'll be so grateful in their hearts
When God grants them a brand new start,
To live again their lives anew.

I pray for them,
I'll pray for you,
And I ask that you will pray for me too.
—God willing.

Sister Kathern Schade

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MOTHER

"Oh, son, behold thy mother,"
Said Jesus Christ to John,
Ere from His tortured body
The glow of life had gone;
And from that very moment
John took her 'neath his care;
Ah! great his love for Jesus,
His dwelling thus to share!

Oh, child, behold your mother,
That noble woman who
When you were but an infant
Both loved and cared for you;
And, when you started walking,
Each cut and bruise would kiss;
And with her tender manner
Restore your childish bliss.

Oh youth, behold your mother,
Your wisest friend on earth;
When others have forsaken,
Then most she proves her worth;
Be guided by her wisdom,
And seldom you'll go wrong;
Her prayers for you to heaven,
When weak, will make you strong.

Oh, friend, behold your mother;
If Jesus is her stay
Take note of her example;
'Twill help you in the way;
Her good works cannot save you,
But she can be a light
To guide your footsteps daily
In paths of truth and right.

By Harry I. Lorber

MOTHER'S DAY

By John Mancini

Mother's Day. This Day—the second Sunday in May is set apart every year in the United States in honor of Motherhood. The outward manifestation of the event is the wearing of a carnation—white for the dead and a colored one for the living. Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pa., first suggested the day in 1907. In 1914 the President was authorized by Congress to set aside by proclamation the Second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and on this day, the flag is displayed on all Government buildings and on many private homes.

A Mother's life is like an album—the pages are turned but the memory lingers on. As she turns one page it is with regret and possibly a little sadness that she must turn to a new one. As she holds her wee infant to her bosom she does so with such pride, love and devotion that only a mother experiences. But this joy must soon pass as she turns a new leaf in her album. Next she sends her little child to school with a few tears knowing this is the beginning of his starting out on his own. And so on down the

years until she comes to the closing years of her life. Her family is grown, her hair has turned to silver and though she has accomplished the splendid job of raising her family she now faces the task of completing her life's work to gain that Eternal life which is the goal of us all.

One of the most popular quotations made in regard to Mother is that made by Abraham Lincoln when he declared, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother." By this we can readily see that the influence of a Godly mother's care and training developed in Lincoln not only a noble character but gave the world a gift of one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Many other great and noble men and women that have been of great service to mankind have had some influence embedded in their souls through the training and sacrifice of a good mother. I don't believe that it is the desire of any mother to see her child grow up to be a criminal or a menace to society in any way, yet in many cases this happens through no fault of her own.

But when we enjoy the fruits of the accomplishments of our great scientific men in various fields, I wonder how many of us reflect back of the scenes and see a loving, sacrificing mother who made possible the education and training of her offspring. One sad proverb that my father quoted was that one mother can take care of twelve children, but twelve children can't take care of one mother.

And so on this Mother's Day, 1964, let us honor to the fullest extent our earthly mothers, not forgetting the Church, our spiritual mother.

I REMEMBER MOTHER

With the approach of Mother's Day, I was asked to write something in memory of my Mother. Even as I agreed to do so, I wondered how I could write for publication about anything so personal as my memories of my Mother. But past incidents came flooding into my mind and I decided to tell some of the happenings of our childhood days which might give to you, her brothers and sisters, a more complete picture of her whom you knew and loved as a sister in Christ.

Mother had a happy, contented disposition and found her happiness in doing for others. As I look back I realize our childhood days were lean ones but as children we never felt deprived of the fun of sharing activities with our friends. Somehow on their meager income, my parents provided us with all the necessities and many of the extras so important to youngsters. Mother's hands were never idle. She kept our home neat and attractive, cooked and baked, washed and ironed and sewed, yet still found time to laugh and play with us. She would turn our tasks around the house into games and contests to play as we helped her. When Christmas came, we might not get many new toys, but our old dollies had new wardrobes and old toys were cleaned and repainted.

Holidays, especially Christmas, were special days at our house. I remember one time when Mother fashioned a Christmas tree for us by wiring together branches from the fir tree which grew in our yard. We had one of the only two Christmas trees in town that year.

Mother loved music and to her it was important that her girls know and love music too. Many evenings the Maxwells, the Lynches, and other St. John saints visited with us and spent happy times around our piano singing hymns. Mother rented her living room several days a week to a doctor from a neighboring town, and this income was used to give Mabel and me lessons on piano, violin, and cello. No one could have been any prouder than Mama and Papa were when they could attend a recital or concert in which we girls took part.

I remember when Mother wrote "Oh Paradise". I was very young but realized something of Mother's suffering. Many nights she could not rest for pain and sometimes her sobs would waken us from sleep. I cannot remember ever hearing her complain. When she wrote the hymn, she was very ill and did not think she would live long. I can remember the first time I heard her play and sing the hymn. It seemed the most beautiful melody I had ever heard. Mother's days and nights were full of unbelievable pain but she was determined that life for her and her family would be as nearly normal as possible.

I can't remember Mother without paying tribute to our aunts. Mother's sisters, our Aunt Della Logue and Aunt Mabel Mains, were a great source of comfort for her. Then there was Papa's sister, our Aunt Dee (Sister Elizabeth Davidson). When times became too difficult for Mother, we could send word back East and Aunt Dee would always be willing and ready to come. Her help and love must have been precious to Mama and Papa, and as we girls grew older we too realized how wonderful she has always been to us. She has been like a second mother.

We were still in St. John when the influenza epidemic struck in 1917-1918. All of us were very sick. Grace was only a few months old and Sara was a small child. I believe Mother was as ill as the rest of us, but she never went to bed. She went on her crutches from bed to bed, day and night, caring for the five of us. It was impossible to get help — everyone in town was sick—and the only help Mother had was from Uncle Jimmie Skillen who came in twice a day to care for the fires. It was then Mother decided that if the Lord spared our lives we must return to Pennsylvania. Her one fear was that she would be left alone to bury her entire family in a distant place.

We moved East the following spring. From that time on Mother's time and activities were more and more taken up with work for the Church. She encouraged Papa to retire from his work in the mill and devote his time entirely to spiritual work. There was no pension or social security in those days, but Mother seemed to have no worry about being provided with the necessities of life. God must have multiplied their talents, for they were able to buy our home and educate us four girls.

Mother never lost her deep interest in us and our affairs. As time went on and our responsibilities in-

creased, we could always unburden ourselves to our parents. When illness struck us or her grandchildren, no one was more concerned than Mother. When good fortune and happiness was our lot, Mother was happy with us. But if she felt we were wrong, she did not spare our feelings. Perhaps one of her greatest joys was to see her children and several of her grandchildren baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. Mel is in the Church because of her persistence in prayer for him one morning when she felt he needed strength to come through his struggle.

Mother's horizon then widened to include not only her own family, but she became a spiritual mother to many others—any color, any creed, any age. Her neighbors and friends loved her, Indian sisters confided in her, African sisters asked her advice. She became a tower of comfort and strength for all who knew her or needed her. Her value to Papa will never be fully known.

During all these years of activity Mother gradually became weaker and more handicapped, but even when confined to the wheel chair she conserved her strength all week looking ahead to the Sabbath and attending church. She was able to travel much with Papa in company with Brother and Sister Bittinger and others, and thus her influence was felt all over the Church. The Ladies' Uplift Circle, the Young Men's Bible Class, and the Class of Ruth took much of her time and energy, but she still found time to compose beautiful hymns, write Sunday School Lesson Books, and help compile the Church hymnal. When she started to write a Concordance to the Book of Mormon, she many times said she was working against time and hoped she would be spared to complete it.

However this was not to be. Her condition gradually worsened and when she lost her sight, she lost much of her interest in life. But she still put on a cheerful front for her visitors. Only those closest to her knew what a cruel blow her blindness was. The next few weeks are painful to recall. Her last conscious words were "Jesus says, 'Look up, and I'm looking up'."

As I write this, I wonder what Mother would say if she could read it. I can see her dismiss it all with a little laugh and a toss of her head. Then she probably would say, "Oh, you girls. You always make too much fuss over me."

Perhaps this article is not what was expected when I was asked to write, but such memories as these are what makes Mother's Day meaningful to me. Each of you can recall similar incidents which give the day special meaning to you. Let us each then climax these sentiments by following the examples of our wonderful Mothers. Let us, as they, so live that when others remember us, they will remember Jesus.

Ruth Mountain

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I wish to take this means to thank you all for your prayers to God in my behalf and also for the many cards you sent. I am feeling much better now, and trust in God to strengthen me both in body and in spirit. Sister Anna Galante, Brooklyn, New York

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

"Today the world's most urgent need is an army of mothers, ten million strong, who will lift the standard of holy living in the home and in society."

May 10th is "Mother's Day," a day set aside to give tribute to mothers; to your mother, my mother and all good mothers. As for myself, I have been fortunate in my experiences with mothers; my own mother, my wife's mother and the mother of my only child. I can also trace this good quality back to my grandmother. I believe the greatest persons to have blessed our world have been good mothers with their unselfish acts of service, their patience, tolerance, endurance, tenderness, long-suffering and love, the good examples and excellent guidance. The individual who has, or has had, such a good mother can and should do as the Preacher said, "Rise up and call her blessed."

In this day in which we are living, with all its evils, unrest and fear, no group is more equipped to meet this condition than are the good mothers of the world. They have the potentials for helping to bring order out of chaos. I believe good mothers are more sensitive to our basic needs and their hearts are a little closer to those who are affected. I don't think there is any group more interested in the problems of the world which seem to threaten another great war than mothers. Their queenly qualities make their hearts more sensitive to grief, anguish and the sufferings of war. This group of good mothers, I believe, could wield one of the most effective influences for peace throughout the world if they would only step into the limelight. I believe a good mother is much the same, whether she is from Russia, Cuba, China, India, England, France, Germany or wherever she may live. She loves her home and children; she hates everything that threatens the home and her children. I am sure the mothers of America hate war. I am also sure if the mothers of the world could speak they would cry for peace; and if the problems that confront the nations today were placed in their hands they would find a way out, void of suffering, devastation and bloodshed. So we hope the good mothers the world over will exert their influence toward peace. We hope they will express their opinion and make vocal their protests. I believe the heads of all governments could be touched and influenced by the cry of peace from mothers. Mother could make an outstanding contribution to the world today if she were to hold up the torch of peace in her own unique way.

Good mothers of the past have made contributions to the religious life of the world. They have lifted up the Gospel Torch. Today the world's most urgent need is an army of mothers, ten million strong, who will lift the standard of holy living in the home and in society. We hear a great deal about child delinquency. There is no other group who stands as close to this problem as the mothers of the world. May the mothers of America and the mothers of the world come forth and shoulder their responsibilities. The influence of mother is not only strong in childhood and youth but throughout one's entire lifetime. The following words were written by Dr. J. R. Miller: "Once I suddenly opened the door of my mother's room, and saw her kneeling beside her chair and heard her speak my name in prayer. I quickly and quietly withdrew with a feeling of awe and reverence in my heart. Soon I went away from home to school, then to college, then into life's sterner duties. But I never forgot that one glimpse of my mother at prayer, nor the one word—my name—which I heard her utter. Well did I know what I had seen that day was but a glimpse of what was going on every day in that sacred closet of prayer. And the consciousness strengthened me a thousand times—in duty, in danger and in struggle; and when death came at length, and sealed those lips, the sorest sense of loss that I felt was the knowledge that no more would my mother be praying for me."

M O T H E R

by Amanda B. Cove

From the far-flung fields of battle,
 From the sands of a desert's heat;
 In the steaming maze of the jungle isles
 And across the threatening deep.
 Down from the blue, where silver wings
 are trafficking with the clouds,
 From the frozen hush of the boundless north
 And in thunder of fire loud;
 'Neath a canvas tent, on a little cot,
 From the woe on the China plain,
 And echoing down from Alpine hills,
 Comes a word, a sigh, a name!

That word is a name universal,
 That word means love and home,
 That word, it can ne'er be forgotten
 No matter how far we roam.
 That word has meant heart-break and sorrow,
 That word next to God is most dear;
 And to those on the fields of battle
 That word brings comfort and cheer.
 If you listen—your own heart will tell you
 For that word is as old as time.
 That word, that sigh, is for Mother—
 Mother — Oh, Mother of mine!

(Selected)

Sister Lydia Bittinger

Sister Lydia Duckworth Bittinger, 79, wife of Brother Joseph Bittinger of West Leisenring, Pennsylvania, passed away at her home on Saturday, March 7, 1964, following an extended illness. She was born at Bittinger, Maryland, but had been a resident of this vicinity for the past thirty-five years. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, having been baptized in April, 1930. Sister Bittinger was very active in the Church missionary work, having made several trips to various Indian Reservations.

She is survived by her husband, Brother Joseph Bittinger; four sons, Russell Duckworth at home, Thomas Duckworth of Oliver, William Duckwork and Lester Bittinger of West Leisenring; three daughters Mrs. Elsie Crawford of Lonacona, Mrs. Nellie Green of Uniontown, and Mrs. Hulda Stroko of West Leisenring. A son, Lawrence, died in 1959. She also leaves seventeen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and one brother, Jacob Platter of Jennings, Maryland.

Services were held in the Vanderbilt Church with Brothers George Johnson and Thurman S. Furnier officiating.

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS RESERVATION

God has blessed us in abundance here at San Carlos, and we can truly say that this is His work set before us. I am going to relate, with the help of God, a miraculous wonder performed by the hands of the Almighty.

We had been holding fast and prayer services on Tuesday mornings for the needs of the Mission and whatever God directed us to pray for; one Tuesday He performed a miracle which shall never be forgotten.

One of our Indian Sisters brought her three year

old niece to our service. This child could not walk; she had been crippled from birth. Our service was conducted as usual. Everyone offered up his prayer to God and at the end of the meeting this child was carried up to the front to be anointed. This little girl, so innocent and full of love, was asleep all this time. Brother Dan anointed this child, beseeching the Lord to help her. A wonderful spirit was felt by all. We closed the meeting with prayer and went to our respective homes.

That Tuesday evening we held our midweek service and the bus was taken to pick up the Brothers and Sisters. As we came to the stop where this little girl lives we looked with amazement for we saw this crippled child playing and running with her friends. This brought joy into our hearts and we praised God for His goodness and mercies.

We can truly say that this is the power of the Almighty, and we praise Him and acknowledge Him for He's a wonderful and loving Father who answers prayer. God is so wonderful words cannot express it. He has blessed us with four new converts in the past few months. We have also had several visiting us who have expressed their desires to come to the Savior. We pray that they will soon come, bringing forth "fruits meet for repentance."

Pray for us that God will continue to bless us and abide in our hearts that the Gospel may continue to be spread on San Carlos among the seed of Joseph; and that the stone that Daniel saw cut out of the mountain may roll and fill the earth.

Brother Barry Mazzeo

A WONDERFUL BLESSING

I'd like to magnify God's name because He is real and merciful unto His children today as He was yesterday.

I would like to share one of my recent experiences with you.

I was afflicted with a rare blood, "Mediterranean Anemia". This is a type of blood which cannot be built up in any way because of its rareness. My body was so tired all the time and I felt like sleeping for hours in the day. I am thankful God gave me enough strength to do my necessary duties of life.

About a year ago I began to feel worse and was discouraged and somewhat depressed. I was placed in the hospital again for more extensive tests. My iron had dropped low which was not good because that cannot be built up either.

I went home quite discouraged except for the Lord. He was the only One who could help. The day after I got home, the brothers and sisters of our branch fasted and prayed for me. I thank God for my wonderful brothers and sisters in the Gospel who are always ready to share the burdens and sorrows along with our joys. This is the love that Jesus has placed in our hearts for one another.

The following week I received my blood report which was normal. No more rare blood. The specialists took another test to see if it were correct because they could not believe it. This came back normal also.

I asked my doctor what he thought had happened and he just shook his head and said "I don't know. I

don't know. You are a mysterious case." I told him I knew it was a miracle. Color had returned to my face and nails as I had previously been pale.

I feel so grateful to my God for I am confident that He made my blood whole again. I thank Him over and over for His goodness and mercy because we are unworthy creatures and He is so mindful of us.

I want to thank all my brothers and sisters who prayed in my behalf because I know that is what helped to move the hand of God. My prayers alone were not enough.

Shortly after this change took place in my life, I awoke one morning from sleep singing the words "Transformed by grace divine, the glory shall be Thine."

I want to praise God and give Him all the honor and glory. My desire is to continue on in the service of the Lord and to prove faithful until the end. What a great honor it will be to see my Jesus first of all.

Sister Grace Brutz

San Fernando Valley Branch
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CONCEPTS OF GOD.

Individualism

By James Curry

The word "individualism" has many meanings and has had many applications over a period of many centuries. The particular brand of individualism herein to be discussed is a product of the Protestant Reformation, and deals with the relation of the individual to the state, which is the central problem of the American political philosophy and at the same time a moral problem, inasmuch as our government is founded on that basis known as the moral law.

If the United States Government has power to compel its citizens to obey its laws, by what right does it demand the obedience of the individual citizen? The answer of individualism is that any right claimed by the state is wholly derivative, having individuals as its source, and that political authority is based on the agreement or consent of the governed. In the American tradition, the individual, simple, independent, equal, self-regarding and each the judge of his own interests (in Book of Mormon language, "free to act for himself and not to be acted upon") is logically and ethically prior to the state, which has no other function than to promote the welfare of the citizens who compose it.

Our political philosophy was drawn from many sources, notably the Bible. Concerning spiritual liberty and servitude, Martin Luther laid down the following proposition: "A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone." (The ministers of The Church of Jesus Christ have authority to administer the ordinances of the gospel, but have no authority above that of a servant over the lives and actions of those whom they serve.)

Applied to the physical realm, this little capsule sums up the whole of American political philosophy. With one stroke of the pen, so to speak, Luther signed the death warrant of the Roman political philosophy, which had for long centuries denied, suppressed, and almost destroyed man's individual and collective

creativity.

Under the American banner, individualism found an environment wonderfully conducive to individual creativeness. Rugged individualists such as Andrew Carnegie, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin and a host of others each made a mighty contribution to the more abundant life. We cannot say that they were motivated wholly by a spirit of self-interest. Versed in the high art of collective survival, they sought the highest good for the greatest number of their fellowmen, knowing that their own personal achievements contributed to the general security. Though individualistic, Americans have always had the peculiar genius of knowing how to work together for the common good. The genius is evidenced when we are at war. Our mass production methods, plus the spirit of togetherness of the armed forces, has made America well nigh invincible.

The passing of the rugged individualist is a sign of growth which augers well for the America of tomorrow. As the spirit of self-interest subsides, the tendency to work together in groups becomes increasingly more popular, hence the great achievements of modern research teams, etc., etc. Most Americans of today are satisfied to humbly take their place as an essential cog in the great round wheel of collective survival.

I have said that if we are to understand America at all, we must view her creative potential in terms of purpose—God's purpose. Thus it was that the reformers labored for three hundred years to produce a people who could render a high type of free, voluntary, cooperative service required of those who would here build the Kingdom of God.

Some fifty odd years before the restoration of the gospel, God inspired the founding fathers to conceive and dedicate our great government. Founded on that basis called the moral law, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were collectively an excellent interpretation of that law.

The Children of Israel lived under a reign of law until Christ came. There were those individuals who tried, and tried very hard, to live up to its mystical height. None succeeded until Christ, who was Himself the very embodiment of the law. The founding fathers and Americans in general were no different than the Children of Israel. Many of those men who promulgated the concept that "all men are created equal" were themselves slave holders. That slave holders should proclaim the equality of man seems a bit ludicrous to us today, but let us not judge them too harshly. They were not altogether hypocritical. God had inspired them, as He had inspired Moses, to envision the great ideal. A perfect observance of the law and entry into the promised land must await the passage of time. Let us pray that we shall not wander too long in the wilderness of apathy and indecision.

It might be well at this juncture to remind the reader that God never intended that the natural man should keep the law of Christ. How could he? Without Christ he can do nothing in the way of loving his neighbor as himself, of loving his enemies, of turning the other cheek simply because Christ does not live

and work within him to do these things. Should he attempt to keep the law without the assistance of Christ's spirit he would succeed only in making himself miserable.

Those of us who do have the assistance of Christ's spirit know that keeping the law of Christ is remarkably easy, pleasurable, and sometimes positively thrilling. We know from experience that Christ's yoke is easy and His burden is light. This remarkable fact devolves upon us a grave responsibility. You and I who have been born again are required to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(To be continued)

THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Brother James Heaps

Was the Holy Spirit from the beginning? Yes, it was from the beginning. Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." John 1:3 tells us "All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Was Christ with the Father from the beginning? Yes, as the verse denotes: "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him," 1st Corinthians 8:6. In Ephesians 3:9 we read, "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." In Colossians 1:16, "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, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him." "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son whom He hath appointed Heir to all things, by whom also He made the worlds"; I have quoted Hebrews 1:1 and 2 unto you that we may understand that God and Jesus and the Holy Ghost were from the beginning. There are three witnesses in Heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: there are three witnesses on earth: the Spirit, water and the blood. These three agree in one and we cannot get along without any one of them. John says they agree in one so if we remove one there is no agreement. Which one do you want to take out? If you take one out in heaven, there is no agreement or fellowship. There is no agreement or fellowship if you take out one on earth. If there is no fellowship there is no blessing, there is no spirit; and if there is no spirit, there is no light. If there is no light we are in the dark and what fellowship hath light with darkness? "None," says the apostle Paul, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1st. John 1:7. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and

truth." St. John 1:14. Later on Jesus said these immortal words, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." We have enough here to prove that: in the beginning was God, and that Jesus was the glory of God before the world was; also that the Holy Spirit was in the beginning. We have enough evidence that it took the atoning blood; that no other blood could pay the sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus said unless a man is born of the water and the Spirit he can in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, so there are the three in Heaven and there are the three on earth. What more proof do we want? Surely is the mystery of godliness great. Do we want to know more than God Himself? Jesus said that hereafter should the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the Power of God. "I am one that bears witness of myself and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me." John 8:18. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER (Soldier's name unknown)

"Look God, I have never spoken to you,
But now I want to say, 'How do you do';
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,
And like a fool, I believed all this.
Last night from a shell hole, I saw your sky.
I figured then, they had told me a lie;
Had I taken time to see things you made,
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand,
Somehow I feel that you will understand;
Funny, I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your face.
Well I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad, God, that I met you today;
I guess the 'zero hour' will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.
The signal — Well, God, I'll have to go
I like you lots; this I want you to know.
Look now, this will be a horrible fight.
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.
Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door;
Look! I'm crying — me, shedding tears!
I wish I had known you these many years.
Well . . . I have to go now, God . . . Goodbye,
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die!"

"NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE VINEYARD" Monongahela, Pa.

We are happy to report that on March 15, 1964, we gathered again at the water's edge to witness Emma Klamorick make her covenant with God. May the Lord bless and keep her firm in her determination to serve the Lord all the rest of her days.

On March 18, 19 and 20, we again had the privilege of listening to Brother James Heaps from California. God has blessed him with sufficient health and strength to visit in this part of the vineyard again and we were pleased to have him.

Ethel N. Crosier, Branch Editor



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost," Mark 1:8.
Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you about John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. Isaiah the prophet said of him, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" In Mark's writings we find these words, "Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." John's father also prophesied, "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways: to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

John's father lived in Judea in the days of king Herod. His name was Zacharias. He was a priest and his people were priests after the course of Abia. His mother was named Elizabeth. She was one of the daughters of Aaron. She and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were cousins. Zacharias and his wife were both righteous. They kept all the commandments and walked blameless before the Lord. They had no children and were now growing old.

One day Zacharias was performing his duties as a priest in the temple. The people were all outside. A very unusual thing happened. There appeared standing on the right side of the altar of incense, an angel of the Lord. When Zacharias saw him, he was troubled and afraid. The angel, seeing his fear said, "Fear not Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard: and thy wife, Elizabeth, shall bear a son and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost." The angel continued, telling Zacharias, John would turn many of the children of Israel to their God and make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Zacharias asked the angel, "How shall I know this? I am an old man and my wife is old also." He wanted a sign. No doubt this was hard to believe. The angel replied, "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God and am sent to speak to thee, and to show thee these glad tidings." He told Zacharias he would be dumb, and not able to speak until the child was born, because he had not believed his words.

The people outside of the temple were waiting and waiting. They didn't understand why Zacharias was so long this time. When he came out, he could not speak and they thought he must have seen a vision. He beckoned to them but could not speak. He went to his home to be with Elizabeth. Elizabeth was happy to have a baby. All her neighbors and

cousins heard how good the Lord had been to her and they rejoiced with her.

Now when the baby was born, Zacharias was still speechless. On the eighth day it was the custom to name the baby. The relatives wanted to name him Zacharias, but Elizabeth said, "Not so, he shall be called John." None of their relatives was named John so they made signs to his father what he would have him called. Zacharias asked for a writing table and wrote, "His name is John." They all marvelled at this. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed and he praised God. But fear came upon all those who lived throughout the hill country of Judea. They asked each other, "What manner of child shall this be?"

The hand of the Lord was with John. He grew and was strong in the spirit. He lived in the wilderness by himself preparing for the great work he was to do. He dressed like the old prophets with camel's hair and a leather girdle. His food was locust and wild honey. Years passed by. Later, when he came out of the wilderness to Bethany, the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask, "Who art thou?" He replied, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord', as said the prophet Esaias."

One day Jesus came to John. John said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John knew he was to baptize Jesus. He thought he wasn't worthy to stoop down and untie his shoes. He felt Jesus should baptize him. He knew he had baptized with water but Jesus was the true Light, He would baptize with the Holy Ghost. As he baptized Jesus, the Spirit came from heaven like a dove upon Jesus. John bore record that this is the Son of God. He and two of his disciples were made to exclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God." John had been a messenger for Jesus. His message had been in every quarter, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Now his ministry had come to a close.

Later we read of John again when he tells Herod it was wrong for him to take his brother's wife, Herodias. Herod did not like to hear this, so he put John in prison. While here, reports reached him of the miracles Jesus was performing.

Herodias did not like John either and planned to get rid of him. It was the king's birthday and a great feast was held. After supper the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests. The king was so pleased that he offered her anything she would ask. Her mother told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist. The king was sorry but he had made his promise. He sent to the prison the command to behead John. The head was brought in on a tray, and given to the damsel and she took it to her mother. His disciples came and took the body and buried it. Then they went to tell Jesus. John's work was done, he had prepared the way for our Saviour, as the prophets foretold.

Search The Scriptures

1. How many years before Jesus' birth did Isaiah prophesy of John? Isaiah 40.
2. What writer in the Book of Mormon saw the prophet which should baptize Jesus? II Nephi 31:1, 4.

3. After Jesus was baptized with water and the Holy Ghost, what did it show to men? II Nephi 31:8, 9.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

OBITUARIES

BROTHER SAM MARTIN, JR.

Brother Sam Martin, Jr. of Sharon, Pennsylvania, son of Brother and Sister Sam Martin, Sr., died in Sharon General Hospital March 8, 1964. He was enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 where he served three years, during which time he was active in the Korean War.

Brother Martin was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in November, 1962, at Youngstown, Ohio. He is survived by his parents, Brother and Sister Sam Martin, Sr. of Sharon, Pennsylvania; one brother, Wilbert L. Martin of George Air Force Base in California; and five sisters, Mrs. Mitchel Edwards and Miss Meredith Martin of Sharon, Mrs. William Miller of Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. John Bordeaux of Waco, Texas, and Mrs. John Love of Dayton, Ohio.

Services were in charge of Brother T. D. Bucci assisted by Brothers Ralph Berardino and Harry Robinson. Brother Robinson is from Clairton, Pennsylvania.

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SISTER MARY CAPOTS

One of the pioneers of the church in Youngstown and a devoted and faithful sister died February 19, 1964.

Sister Mary Capots was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ February 15, 1925. She had an excellent attendance both Sunday and Wednesday services. Her Sunday afternoon testimony, which was quite regular will be missed but never forgotten.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother A. A. Corrado and assisted by Brother William Gennaro.

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SISTER ROSE GALLECHIO

Sister Rose Gallechio, wife of Brother Donato, passed on to her reward February 13, 1964, after a prolonged illness of about four years.

She was born January 17, 1890, in Italy, and came to America June 1, 1908. She met The Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized October 11, 1925. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, six daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held with Brother Frank Mazzeo officiating, assisted by Brother Joseph Difede.

May the Lord comfort our Brother and his family and give them courage to continue on.

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BROTHER FRANK BLOOM

Brother Frank Bloom of Little Redstone Mission passed away February 11, 1964, in his seventy-third year.

He was married to Sister Bessie Worgan Bloom (now deceased) leaving four children and several grandchildren. In later years he was married to Sister Ella Gollick Bloom who survives.

Brother Frank spent his entire life in and around the Church having been baptized by Brother Nephi Federer, Sr., at Roscoe, Pa. in 1913. In his youth he visited the colony out west and worked there on two occasions.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers William Bailey, Charles E. King and Joseph Shazer.

Brother Bloom will be sadly missed by his companion, his brothers and sisters of the Mission, and friends and relatives in the community.

NUPTIALS—

SPEAKMAN - KLAMORICK NUPTIALS

Donna Klamorick and Edgar Speakman were united in marriage on Saturday, March 21, 1964, in The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. Brother James Grazañ officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Sister Emma and Peter Klamorick of New Eagle, Pa., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Speakman of Greentree, Pa.

Our very best wishes to this young couple and may God's richest blessings abide with them throughout their lives together.

Ethel N. Crosier, Branch Editor

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LA BLANC - HOFFMAN

Brother and Sister La Blanc of Eagle Butte, South Dakota, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Theresa, to John Hoffman.

The wedding was solemnized on Thursday, March 12, 1964, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Brother and Sister Christman in Eagle Butte, Brother Richard Christman officiating.

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF INDIAN MISSION WORK

AT MUNCEY, ONTARIO, CANADA

The following article was written in 1941, by Brother Wade Rigen just one hundred and five years from the time the Angel of God visited Joseph Smith and gave him a record to translate.

Exactly twelve hundred and sixty months from 1827 to 1932 have passed away and we find several of our Brothers of the Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ paying a visit to the Indian People at Muncey, Ontario, Canada. They carried the above record, the Book of Mormon, with them. These four brothers were namely: William H. Cadman, President of The Church; Alma B. Cadman, President of the Twelve Apostles; Anthony DiBattista, an Evangelist, and Paul Love. By the mouth of these four witnesses the Gospel was made known and the record of the Indian People was introduced; by the voice of these witnesses the word was established.

They were successful in baptizing several of the Indian People: thus the Restoration of Israel had begun, just twelve hundred and sixty months from the restoration of the Records in 1827. The sign which Jesus Christ gave to the Nephites upon this land was fulfilled. III Nephi, ch. 21:2, 3 and 4. "And behold, this is the thing which I will give unto you for a sign—for verily I say unto you that when these things I declare unto you, and which I shall declare unto you hereafter of myself, and by the power of the Holy Ghost which shall be given unto you of the Father, shall be made known unto the Gentiles that they may know concerning this people who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, and concerning this my people who shall be scattered by them; Verily,

verily I say unto you, when these things shall be made known unto them of the Father, and shall come forth of the Father, from them unto you; For it is wisdom in the Father that they should be established in this land, and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth from them unto a remnant of your seed, that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which He hath covenanted with His people, O House of Israel."

Many may disagree with me and say there have been other Indians in the Church. This is quite true, but they never received the blessings of God like unto these who have obeyed the Gospel since the twelve hundred and sixty months have expired. If you will follow these writings closely you will find substantial proof of my statements.

I became associated with the work in Muncey, Ontario in February, 1933. As I entered into this work I was very thankful God had given me the opportunity for which I had hoped and prayed many years. I obeyed the Gospel at the age of fourteen years and was ordained into the Ministry at the age of seventeen. From that time until 1932 I had prayed for the Indian People and asked God to give me the privilege to preach His Gospel to them. After entering into the work I knew that God must direct the men who would be successful in His great and important work.

We began to hold our meetings in the Council Hall of the Muncey Nation and I sought God earnestly to know what He would have me say and do. Many healings took place among them and they began to soften their hearts and turn their ears to hear the preaching of the Word. One Sunday morning I had gone to Muncey as usual with Brother Matthew Miller who has been closely associated with me in this work; we met in the Council Hall. The Spirit of God fell upon me and I was directed by the voice of the Spirit to read from the Book of Mormon. After reading to them I began to speak to them of how their brother, Nephi, had sorrowed for them because of their downfall, and his great hope and prayers for them in these latter times. The Spirit of God was upon me in a very great measure and I felt the presence of Nephi, of whom I was speaking, stand beside me. It did not seem strange for him to be there anymore than it was for Brother Miller to be there for I turned to him and spoke with a satisfaction in my soul that the Lord had heard his prayers for his people and their hearts were turned toward the Lord again. I never realized the greatness of this experience until I was outside the Council Hall. This encouraged me considerably and the efforts put forth by my brother elders and myself began to bear fruit as a few more began to obey the Gospel. I endeavored to get closer to God that I might accomplish more of His work.

As the Indian People came out to Church we noticed they were very poorly and thinly clad and their persons were not very well kept. Many of them were sick in body and many more were underfed and hungry. Seeing this condition and realizing they had walked through all kind of weather to the Church (coming four, five and six miles), we knew they were surely interested. I continued to petition God for His divine direction, knowing this work could only be ac-

complished by God revealing to us from time to time. The following experience has proven to my satisfaction that the work in Muncey was the appearance of the sign Christ gave to the Nephites: I earnestly sought God and He gave me a dream wherein I found myself on the Indian Reservation at Muncey in a fruit orchard with a number of Gentile Saints. We were walking about picking fruit and enjoying ourselves eating it. As I stooped over to pick up some fruit I heard a voice beside me; the voice said, "Why don't you try to obtain this fruit?" This caused me to rise up suddenly and as I did I saw a large tree in the midst of the other trees. It was as large as a tree of the forest. It was a beautiful tree, and as I stood looking at it and its beautiful green foliage I wondered where the fruit was. The voice spoke again saying, "Why don't you try to obtain this fruit?" As I looked closer at the tree I saw the limbs and green foliage pulled aside just as one would pull a curtain aside to look out a window, although I did not see the hand that did this. I looked inside where the fruit was concealed; it was most beautiful to behold. This fruit was so beautiful I completely lost all desire for the fruit I had been eating and my surroundings had vanished before this most wonderful sight. As I stood marveling at the tree and its fruit I heard the voice again saying, "Why don't you try to obtain this fruit? It is a choice fruit above all other fruit." While I was overwhelmed with a desire for this fruit and wondered how I could obtain it, I suddenly had a vision of a ladder which appeared between me and the tree. My thoughts were turned to Jacob's experience and I awoke.

By this dream I knew we were working in the Orchard of the Lord and this new and large tree was the work which the Lord had planted in Muncey. I also knew that in the records of Divine Truth the Lord has proclaimed the seed of Joseph to be a choice fruit. The ladder which stood between me and the tree reveals, as it did to Jacob, the way He would work with man; and that is by the coming and going of Heavenly Messengers sent to the earth to administer unto the vessels of God in the earth the things of God. I knew I could not administer anything to this choice people except it had first been given to me; I could not just think the Lord was leading me or say, "I feel this way", but must have a direct manifestation from God to do His will. No work will stand among the Indian people unless it is established and followed in this manner.

I could tell you many experiences as to how God led me from one home to another, and how many of the Indian People obeyed the Gospel, but I will not do so here. Miracles of every kind have taken place among them. The blind received their sight, the deaf heard, many were healed of issues of blood, mastoids, strokes and tuberculosis. I saw a blind woman who had been coming to our meetings receive her sight after Brother Matthew Miller had taken her to the waters of baptism.

About this time tuberculosis had spread all over the Reservation. Some began to die of that dread disease and it was so bad that some of the Elders and members of the Church at Detroit suggested separate

glasses for the administering of the Sacramental Wine. My heart was grieved because of this and I prayed to God to remove this disease from among this people. The Lord heard our prayer and many people both in and out of the Church, began to recover. I don't know whether this disease was sent to humble these people or if it was to try our faith as Gentiles. All these things caused a few more to come into the Church from time to time.

Our meetings had now been changed from the Council Hall to the homes of people on the Reservation and they were well attended. The work began to spread more rapidly and the news of the Gospel spread far and wide. It was carried two hundred miles to the surrounding territories and Reservations. The Gospel was also carried into Windsor and Grand River from the Muncey Reservation. One Sunday morning Brothers Matthew Miller, Joseph Reno and myself were on our way to Muncey; we stopped in the city of Windsor, Canada, to pick up two friends who had not as yet heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They were quite attentive to the words which were spoken on the way. The roads were a mass of ice but the Lord was with us and we arrived safely. These two men became interested from that very day and when we returned to Windsor we were invited into their homes. They also asked a number of their friends in and we had quite a number of visits with them.

Brother Matthew Miller and I were alone one evening when we paid a visit to the home of a blind man in Windsor and our new found friends were present there that night. We explained our mission to them as best we could, telling them we were not advertising ourselves as healers, but preaching the Gospel of Christ, and if it pleased God this blind man would receive his sight. This was about nine o'clock at night and as we knelt to pray I had a vision. In this vision it seemed to be early morning and I saw the rising sun. I cannot tell you in words how beautiful this scene was, but I heard the voice of the Spirit saying, "This is the dawn of a new day for the Dominion of Canada." The fulfillment of this experience began immediately. These two men whom we took to Muncey with us are Brothers Frank Ford and Clifford Burgess. Their wives and families also obeyed the Gospel and almost all who attended those gatherings came into the Church. I might mention here also that we were on our way to Muncey when we met the first man to be baptized in Windsor, our Brother Ross Collison. Many other things of interest could be mentioned here but I will not take up further space.

I would now like to relate a little about Grand River, better known as the Six Nations Reserve. We were gathered together in Muncey at the home of the woman who had received her sight; there was an overflowing crowd in her home. After preaching from III Nephi, chapter 27, in the Book of Mormon, and feeling the flow of the Spirit, we gave the meeting to the Saints for testimony. We had no sooner done so when a knock was heard on the kitchen door. When the door was opened two Indian men came into the room and again we gave the invitation for testimony. One of these men arose and began to speak; he said, "We have come a long way to be here today. We have

come from Grand River; we have heard the Spirit of God is in this place and we have come to see." He began to speak on the Book of Mormon from the 3rd Book of Nephi, 27th chapter, just as we had done. This seemed very strange indeed, for he had not been present when I had spoken on the subject. The Indian People knew this and felt the Spirit of God in a large measure. The other man, now our Brother Hugh Beaver, also bore a humble testimony as a seeker of the truth of the Gospel. We had a wonderful meeting and afterwards arranged to have them write to the Detroit Branch for appointments of meetings. They did so and Brother Matthew Miller and I went there for the first meeting; it was well attended and we felt a good spirit. After going there a few times (this was about two hundred miles from Detroit) I began to think very deeply upon the work in Grand River, wondering if I should continue going there or if I should go to Muncey where I knew the work was increasing. I remembered the words of Moroni in the seventh chapter, 31st verse, where he tells us concerning the angels, "And the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance." I went to the Lord in prayer and asked Him to show me if His angels had administered repentance to anyone in Grand River; I did not want to spend my efforts there if no one was willing to obey the Gospel. The Lord heard and answered my prayer for that night I dreamed I was in Grand River where I saw Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beaver standing side by side holding each other's hand like two little children; their daughter was about twenty feet away from them. They looked so innocent and pleased, my heart was full of love for them. I then saw a Heavenly Personage come up behind them and stand between them. He put one hand on the woman and one hand on the man, then pushed them gently toward me saying, "These two are ready." The next morning I arose and went to Grand River and found these two people just as the Lord had shown me, ready to ask admission into the Gospel. I brought them back to Detroit that night and they were baptized in Detroit on the following Sunday.

Much more could be said about Grand River and the Lord has shown us many things which are yet to be accomplished in that place. The Lord will prove the cunning craftiness of the devil and that His might and power is greater than man. I would like now, however, to return to the work in Muncey.

One day as I sat in my home in Detroit reading the Bible and Book of Mormon I was visited by a messenger of the Lord who spoke to me saying, "Get you up to the Children of Jacob." I was very weak while he was in my presence; my own strength had left me. I fell upon my knees and prayed for strength, asking Him to direct me. Shortly after this I went to the Reserve at Muncey and preached the Gospel for two weeks without missing a day or night. Meetings were held every day on some part of the Reserve. I could write a book of the experiences and happenings during that two-week's stay. Our numbers grew until the houses would not hold them any longer. The General Church then erected a building for them and we have felt very grateful to our Brothers and Sisters who made this possible.

Let us look at the accomplishments of The Church of Jesus Christ among the Indians. This is the first time so great a number of Indians have come to the Gospel; this is the first time to my knowledge that the gifts of God and signs of His Gospel have followed them. This is the first Church that we have built for them, the first one that has been attended by the Indian People. This is also the first time to my knowledge that the Book of Mormon has been given them free of charge. The Mission at Muncey is the first that we, The Church of Jesus Christ, have ever established and organized among them. This is the first time, too, that the faithful Brothers and Sisters among them have passed from this world with the pure knowledge of the Redeemer of Israel and a testimony of the Gospel upon their lips. This is the greatest achievement of the Gospel since its Restoration. The Children of Israel have not only obeyed the Gospel but some have gone to their Redeemer; this makes our joy full. Israelites who have wandered on every high mountain and up and down the valleys of this world are now returning home. We cannot write the feelings of our heart at this time; we can only say we are so very thankful. We could tell much more of what has been done but these things would be small compared with what must be done.

Let me remind you again of the sign Christ gave: when these words have come from the Gentiles and are made known unto you, it will be a sure sign that the work of the Father has begun upon all the face of the land. May the glories of the latter days come forth and may that everlasting light shine upon the Saints.

Note: We were in close contact with the work in Muncey, Ontario, Canada, going there Sunday after Sunday. The blind woman who received her sight, referred to in this article, was Sister Muskelunge. It was a well known fact among the Indian People that she had been blind for fifteen years. We have visited in her home many times since her experience of receiving her sight. She cooked and prepared meals for us; she also did much sewing for Sisters in Detroit, Michigan, making quilts etc., threading needles as any other person would do. We have heard her praise God many times for His goodness toward her. We also praise God for the manifestation of His Holy Spirit that we witnessed when working among that people. Brother Wade Rikken and myself with others made arrangements for the building of the Church at Muncey, going there from time to time to see that things were done according to the blueprint.

I thank God that the young brethren (they were children at that time) have grown up and have been called into the Ministry and are keeping up the work at Muncey.

Brother Thurman S. Furnier
and
Sister Birdie M. Furnier

PA. M.B.A. GATHERING

The Pennsylvania District M.B.A. held a gathering on Friday, February 14, 1964, at the Montour Grange Hall in Imperial, Pa. A large number of brothers,

sisters and friends representing the various locals were present.

The Imperial local was the host for the evening and presented a program concerning the talents of many different persons in the Bible and Book of Mormon. The children gave brief outlines of the lives of such people as Moses, David, Mormon, Joseph, Ruth and Esther, and the talents of each and how they put them to use. Brother Kunkle moderated the program, which emphasized making good use of our own talents for the Lord, and not wasting our lives.

After the program a few of the Elders spoke, carrying on the thought of the program. Brother John Ross encouraged us to put our lives into God's hands, and that we should lift up our heads and be proud that we are children of the King. Brother Alma Cadman spoke on the greatness of God, and gave us his testimony of his calling into the Church in February, 1896. Brother Thomas Ross then spoke briefly and urged the young people to be serious minded about the things of God as was Mormon of old. Brother John Manes, the District Chairman, followed with a few closing remarks.

Refreshments were served by the Imperial local afterwards, and we can surely say that everyone enjoyed the program and the exhortations of our Brothers.

Dick Lawson, Dist. Secretary

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Mem'ries of my Mother, linger in my heart
Her ways like no other, courage to impart.
A life like a flower, blooming here below,
Grows in heaven's bower, the Master there to know.

See the sunlight shining on her silver hair,
God's Word she is reading, in the easy chair.
I can hear her singing, on that Narrow Way,
Sacrificing, sharing, our hearts were light and gay.

Shadows now are falling, stars are in the sky,
Jesus' voice is calling from that home on high.
Looking up she answers, "Paradise I see,
Trials and cares are over, my Lord, I come to Thee".

Mem'ries, Precious memories,
Live within my heart.
Mem'ries, Precious memories,
Never to depart.

In memory of my Mother, Sadie B. Cadman.
Mabel Cadman Bickerton

NEWS OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters:

We hope this message finds one and all holding fast to the Gospel and enjoying the blessings of our Heavenly Father.

On Sunday, February 23, we had an area gathering with many Brothers and Sisters from various places, some of whom we hadn't seen in quite a while. Others we had never met before. The Lord blessed us with many wonderful testimonies. Brother William Mazzeo told us about the seed of Joseph living in South Dakota (the Sioux) and what love they possess. Our hearts long to see them come into the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother and Sister Orrin Thomas and Brother and Sister Luigi Teadori will be leaving us next month to return home. We will surely miss them and their wonderful testimonies.

Brother and Sister Swanson and family plan to be in this part of the vineyard for a season. We surely do enjoy these visits. They broaden our horizons!

All the Brothers and Sisters from here send their love to each Branch, Mission and also the General Church.

Just one last thought:

As the world grows darker in iniquity, remember the rod that Lehi saw, and hold fast with all your heart and strength; for each day we can see the Latter Day Work taking place.

The Love of Christ to all;
Sister Ruth Morris
Fort Pierce Mission Editor

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank all the Brothers and Sisters throughout the Church for their prayers and wonderful cards in my behalf during my recent illness. May the blessings of God abide with you all is my constant prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,
Paul D'Amico

My dear Brother Editor:

Please allow me space to send this goodwill message to the Brother whom the Lord has chosen as the President of The Church of Jesus Christ all over the whole world.

Dear Brother President: On that great day in April, 1964, you will be officially known as the fifth president of The Church of Jesus Christ, and as the Spirit moves me to write you, I must obey. Sometime at 3:15 p.m. in April, 1963, our hearts were filled with woe while we were mourning for the loss of our dear Brother W. H. Cadman, 86, who was the fourth President of The Church of Jesus Christ from 1922 to 1963. But in April, 1964 our hearts are filled with joy as you are being appointed from above to take over the office. For this reason, therefore, I, on behalf of my family, Brothers and Sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria, wish you God's guidance. May the Lord God who granted wisdom to our great man, Solomon, also grant you wisdom and power to enable you to shoulder the responsibility which lies ahead of you. You are a lucky man indeed, and God bless you. The month of April, 1964 is a month to be observed every year because it is the month you take over the office of the First President after the 100th Anniversary of The Church of Jesus Christ. As for me, I feel it was Brother Cadman who brought The Church of Jesus Christ to the end of her one hundred years.

I feel too bad in that there will be no representative from Nigeria to witness on that date in April, 1964. In my own personal opinion I feel that there should be a representative from Nigeria and all branches of The Church of Jesus Christ all over the world on that

day or date.

My personal advice for you is to try and follow, or even do more, than what Brother Cadman had done. He was known as the World Church Head, and as a religious leader of thousands, he had much concern for the depressed people of the world. I pray that you should be the Church Head of the world and religious leader of ten thousands of Christians. I want you to note that "it is **not** by power or by privilege that Royalty commands respect, but it is by service that it can only earn the devotion of the people." I want you to try and make good name for yourself as Brother Cadman did in his days and years. We in Nigeria are expecting your safe arrival over in this part of the world. That is to say, you must continue the journey which Brother Cadman wanted to make in January, 1963, and I am sure that my good Brother Bittinger is ready to direct you and to complete his third visit to Nigeria. If he is not strong enough, or able to come and fit for all climate, the appointed or chosen missionary for Nigerian Brothers and Sisters, by name Elder John Ross, 100 Cleveland and Divisions Streets, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, will gladly and speedily direct you, no doubt.

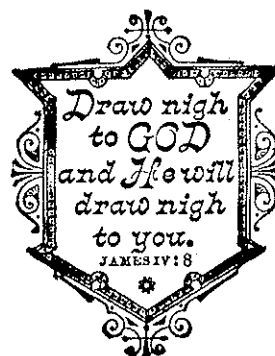
You have much to do in Nigeria and I want to remind you of the last sermon (and more inspiring than any other sermons) which Brother Cadman delivered, and of which you were there. I must confess to you that I have seen good signs in regards to his last inspiring words, and please get ready while we in Nigeria are waiting and praying to the Great God for that day when the Lord will bring you to Nigeria to see your Brothers and Sisters face to face, and for the first time.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; and to make His countenance to shine upon you and give you peace is my prayer in Jesus' name, I pray Thee.

Brotherly yours,
Elder N. J. Umoh

NOTE OF THANKS

We, the children and grandchildren of Sister Amy Martin wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, beautiful floral offerings, and to those who offered the use of their cars during our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved Mother and Grandmother.



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GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD

The April 1964 General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ convened at Monongahela, Pennsylvania, the General Church headquarters, on Wednesday, April 1, 1964, and continued through Sunday, April 5, 1964. All meetings involved with the conference were of a business nature and were limited in attendance to the priesthood members only, with the exception of the Sunday morning worship service.

There was an excellent representation of priesthood members which included many sections of this country and Canada. Approximately one hundred sixty representatives from the following areas were present; Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Florida, Washington, D.C., Kansas, California, South Dakota, and Canada. All business meetings were held at the Church building in Monongahela and the Sunday worship service was held in the auditorium of the Clairton High School, Clairton, Pennsylvania.

The importance of this conference had been considered many months in advance, possibly due to its uniqueness, inasmuch as it was the first conference of this nature held since July 1922. With the passing of the late president, W. H. Cadman, in April 1963, it was necessary for the priesthood to elect a new president. Brother Cadman held the office of an Apostle and President of the Church for forty-two years and worked with great diligence to further the efforts of the Church in this capacity. His love and devotion to the people of God which comprise the Church was so great that many of the saints well remember him, not only for his ability to discuss and help with personal problems, but for his capacity to love all people in all walks of life. This charity enabled him to be a qualified leader, not only of the Church in this nation, but in all missionary locations.

The conference, through the spirit of God elected to the office of President, Brother Thurman S. Furnier, of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania. Brother Gorie Ciarravino was elected as First Counsellor to Brother Furnier, and Brother Joseph Bittinger, re-elected as Second Counsellor. All three of these brethren hold the office of an Apostle in the Church. Brother Furnier had previously served in the capacity of First Counsellor to Brother Cadman for many years and is well qualified in his new office as President. May God's richest blessings be with Brother Furnier and his counsellors in all that they do in leading His Church. We speak for the saints in all parts of God's vineyard in assuring them of our complete support and our continued prayers for success in these troubled times.

The Quorum of the Apostles was filled at this conference with the selection of Brother Domenic Thomas from Detroit, Michigan, and Brother Frank Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio. Both Brothers were recommended for ordination by the Quorum of Apostles and sanctioned by the general priesthood by vote. Brother George Johnson Jr. of Roscoe was also recommended by the Quorum of Evangelists to be ordained as an Evangelist.

This too was sanctioned by the general priesthood.

The Sunday worship service convened at 10 a.m. with group singing and individual selections. Soloists included Nancy Christman of Imperial, Pennsylvania; Patricia Neill Christman of Eagle Butte, South Dakota; Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Ontario, Canada; and V. James Lovalvo of Northridge, California. This meeting was entirely of a spiritual nature and was enjoyed by approximately one thousand two hundred people.

The opening address was presented by Robert Watson of Modesto, California. Brother Watson read from and spoke concerning the writings of the Prophet Jeremiah. He outlined quite indelibly the privileges and the great responsibilities which are in the hands of the Church today and the part it plays in the building of Zion, now and in the future. He was followed by John Dulisse of Los Angeles, California, who spoke concerning his experiences in the Church, how the Lord had blessed him in the success of enjoying His spirit as he works with His people. He thanked God as Nephi did for faithful parents who, through example, presented the Church to him in his youth. It is indeed gratifying to witness the sons and daughters of saints praising and glorifying God as their fathers and mothers did many years ago.

Anthony Corrado also addressed the conference briefly, outlining to each one of us how really great our God is and how good and merciful He has been to us all.

The entire conference was then summarized by President Furnier at which time he thanked God and all the people involved for a truly successful conference.

The highlight of the gathering, we feel, was fulfilling of a request by Brother Furnier to have the Quorum of Apostles lay hands upon him for the strength and blessings required to fulfill the office of President successfully. As the Apostles clasped hands in a circle, Brother Lovalvo laid hands on Brother Furnier's head in the center of the circle and petitioned God to endow His richest blessings upon him and to assist with the great responsibility of leading His Church. The pure spirit of God was felt by all present and it seemed to many of us that the very presence of Brother W. H. Cadman was experienced conveying upon Brother Furnier this leadership. Joseph Lovalvo began to sing Brother Cadman's farewell hymn and was joined by the entire group.

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.

May God endow us all with strength sufficient to carry through with the great things awaiting the Church; the glorious success through unity in the building of

Zion and the witness of His power in restoring Israel through the seed of Joseph.

James T. Grazan, Assistant Editor

WHAT TO DO IN OUR M. B. A. MEETINGS?

Many times this question has arisen among us, and numerous answers have been supplied. Yet in the final analysis, to maintain a healthy spiritual diet, to learn more of the gospel restored, to improve our own characteristics before God, and to receive of His Blessings, is the ultimate goal. So where do we go from that point?

I think the solution can be found in the Book of Mormon; Moroni—6th Chapter 9th Verse and I quote: "And their meetings were conducted by the church after the manner of the working of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them to preach, or to exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done."

You will notice from the above that the Spirit of God is not consistent in any **one** thing but revealing and edifying in many! Those who conduct the M. B. A. meetings (and I use this only as suggestion) should be alert for that stimulating guidance that will many times bring a rewarding evening to all. But **remember**, some of the greatest workings of the Spirit may enter your mind for only a **fleeting** moment, and many times we are prone to let it pass. If it swells your bosom at the thought of it, cultivate it, pray about it, and it will multiply and grow into reality for the edification of all.

We, as individuals, find in our duties toward God that we cannot pray every moment of the day, yet in its place we find a hymn, or a Psalm, or possibly a quotation from the scripture that will literally pick us up in spirit; so it is when we worship collectively.

I know many who conduct our M. B. A. meetings are young in the church, and may be somewhat hesitant in exercising their feelings; yet there is a spiritual measuring rod by which they can gauge themselves; and that measuring rod is **Liberty**. That effervescent feeling of unearthly origin can cause, at times, a river of tears, for after all is said and done, "the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **Liberty**!"

G. M. B. A. Editor
David Campitelle

BROTHER FRANK CALABRESE ORDAINED AN APOSTLE

On Sunday, April 19, 1964, the Branch of Lorain, Ohio had several visiting Brothers and Sisters among whom were Brothers Paul D'Amico, Samuel Kirschner, Thurman Furnier, Russell Cadman and William Genaro.

The morning service was opened by Brother Paul D'Amico reading the 85th Psalm and speaking on the Restoration. He also told of his experience during his recent illness. Brother Russell Cadman followed and commented on the same subject. The condition of the House of Israel was spoken of by Brother Kirschner. While he was speaking, Brother Furnier arose and sang under the influence of the Spirit. A very good feeling prevailed. The words of the song "Where No One Stands Alone" were read by Brother Kirschner. A

spirit of calling was felt and Cheryl Tisler asked for her baptism.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Genaro who told of some of his experiences in the Church. Brother Furnier gave the details and procedure of the ordinations of those who are called into ordained offices. He read the gifts of the Spirit which we should possess, and spoke on the law and order of the Church concerning the calling of Apostles, Evangelists, etc. He told how God's House must be kept in order. Brother Frank Calabrese was then ordained into the office of an Apostle; Brother Kirschner officiated.

A portion of scripture where it speaks of the humility of man was read by Brother Kirschner. Brother Furnier spoke on the future of the Church; how the Elders, Apostles, Evangelists, etc., will perform their various duties and preach this Gospel to the four corners of the earth. Brother Russell Cadman then related an experience of his calling in the quorum of Apostles and how God had revealed his calling to others.

Brother Paul D'Amico spoke next and asked all to remember Brother Frank Calabrese and Brother Dominic Thomas in prayer. He asked that we continue to pray for him also as it is his desire to go out and preach this Gospel.

Brother Frank Calabrese bore a few words of testimony stating that he desires to dedicate his life to the cause of Christ and always put God first in all things. He solicits the prayers of the Saints that God will go before him and strengthen him.

It was a day well spent in the service of the Lord.

ALQUIPPA NEWS

During the early part of this year we have had five baptisms. Welcomed into our fold were Abraham Barrett, Mary Milburn and her son, Francis, Anthony Ross and Violet Humphey. As always, we pray that God will bless these new brothers and sisters and sustain them with His Holy Spirit along life's way.

We were also pleased to have James Heaps from California with us for a week. Our brother held three meetings with us the week of April 5th. As always, we felt good hearing our brother speak, stirring us up toward the things of God.

We would like to mention that The Men's Bible Class honored Ben Foxall on his 85th birthday. We presented him with a cake appropriately decorated for the occasion. May God bless Brother Ben in his old age.

Branch Editor
James Gibson

NOTE FROM HOPELAWN, N. J.

Brother Mark Randy of Modesto, California; visited New Jersey for a few days after our General Church Conference. We enjoyed his talk very much, and it has made an indelible impression on our minds. We admire his zeal for The Church of Jesus Christ and pray that he will be able, with God's help, to bring many souls to the straight and narrow path.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

If Father would take on the responsibility of becoming God's representative in the home to train the children for Him what a bright picture the future would hold.

Father's Day, June 21st, never has gained the momentum in our country that Mother's Day has. I feel, however, fathers are worthy of recognition. Good fathers no doubt feel, at times, that their job is bigger than they could ever realize.

The responsibility for the welfare of his family holds first place in a father's life. There are many things that can be said in regards to his responsibility to the home which would come under the title of husband. Our minds are thinking of him at present as a father. One of the first things he should discover, as a father, is fundamental, and this is that the child is somebody, or in other words, a **person**. The sooner this discovery is made the better it is for all concerned, for it will be proven sooner or later that every child has a mind of his own and his little mind registers opinions of his own. Thus he should be treated as a person regardless of age. One of the first principles in building a pleasant and harmonious home is that a child should be valued as a **person**.

A wise father is one who will share his time with his children. He should let them discuss with him what has happened on the playground, in school or at home. When a father's work-day is done, and he is at home, he belongs to his family. It may not always be easy, after a hectic day at work, for father to listen to childish chatter, but he had better lay aside his newspaper and let his children talk things over with him. A father who takes an interest in the **little person**, who spends time listening to his small talk, is doing much more than he may realize toward insuring his future happiness. There are times when boys and girls want and need Father more than the things that Father can buy. I think one of the greatest joys of parenthood is to have children who will talk freely with their parents.

I believe a wise father is one who lets his children be themselves and never forces them into a mold. He will study each child's intelligence, abilities and interests, and allow for the differences that may exist. One might excel the other in certain activities. Father, as I see it, should never compare one child unfavorably with another. This is very important at report-card time; he should encourage each child to compete with his own record.

Father, and Mother as well, should consider their behavior in the presence of these **little persons**. Children unconsciously form ideas as to what a father is like. Their minds are forming questions that may never be asked, but Father is interpreting the answers to these questions in terms of every day living. This could easily be the nature of some of the questions: What does Father think about religion? Should God have a place in our life? How should we regard the Church? Is the Bible, and holiness literature, worth reading? Is it right to obey the law? How should we treat our neighbors? Is it silly to be kind to the dog and the cat? Father should realize that the answers to these questions in terms of everyday living are often carried by the children in later years into their own married lives. The children will often repeat the pattern set by Father.

I read just recently the following words in speaking of Mother. However, I'm sure they are just as applicable to Father. "Fathers are formers of character, and one former is worth a dozen reformers. Had some fathers given more time to formation and information they might not need so much time for reformation. To teach

a child to love truth and hate a lie, to love virtue and hate vice, is a greater achievement than building an airplane."

If Father would take on the responsibility of becoming God's representative in the home to train the children for Him what a bright picture the future would hold. I don't think God is so much concerned about fathers who are successful in life as He is with those who are faithful in life, faithful to paternity.

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A FATHER'S PRAYER

*Dear God, my little boy of three
Has said his nightly prayer to Thee;
Before his eyes were closed in sleep,
He asked that Thou his soul would keep.
And I, still kneeling at his bed,
My hand upon his tousled head,
Do ask, with deep humility,
That thou, dear Lord, remember me.
Make me, kind Lord, a worthy Dad,
That I may lead this little lad
In pathways ever fair and bright,
That I may keep his steps aright.
O God, his trust must never be
Destroyed or even marred by me.
So, for the simple things he prayed
With childish voice so unafraid,
I trembling, ask the same from Thee.
Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me.*

—Selected

BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT TO APRIL, 1964 CONFERENCE

(The Board of Missions met during our April Conference and wishes to submit the following:)

In Africa the activities and affairs of the Church in Nigeria are very well in order. The president, E. U. A. Arthur, and the entire Priesthood and Teachers are doing well in taking care of our Church there; but they still request the parent Church to send them a missionary to live and work with them in God's work. The Secretary read a letter from President Arthur along with the minutes of their conference. A motion was passed to accept these.

A letter was sent by the Secretary to the Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C. acquainting them with our desire to erect a Secondary School in Nigeria. Their reply expressed pleasure in our efforts; however, the State Department stated that they cannot give us any direct financial assistance. They recommended that we contact various educational foundations that have expressed an interest in educational activities in Africa. These foundations make grants to organizations who qualify for aid.

The Secretary read a letter from Brother Ross which describes the efforts being made to keep our Church in Nigeria well informed and encouraged. The complete building plans and constitution, as well as the necessary papers for the erecting of the Secondary School, have been secured.

A motion was passed appointing the following committee, namely: T. S. Furnier, Joseph Bittinger, John Ross, Dominic Thomas, Moses Akpan, and Meredith Griffith. This committee shall investigate all aspects,

legal and otherwise, relative to the establishment and erection of the Nigeria Secondary School. All members of the Mission Board are encouraged to submit any questions which they may have to this committee regarding this project for study and clarification. Such questions must be submitted within thirty days following the April Conference. Further, it is requested that the General Priesthood empower this committee to proceed with obtaining the necessary permission from the Nigerian Government and to construct this School. It is understood that the committee must be satisfied that all conditions are favorable, and all questions raised by the Board have been answered satisfactorily, before giving their final approval to proceed with this project.

A motion was passed that we concur with the action taken by the Church in Nigeria in electing Brother E. U. A. Arthur as President for one year.

Brother John Ross advised the Board that he has seventeen weeks vacation, starting in October, and he expressed a desire to visit Nigeria during this time. The only expense to be incurred by the Church would be his travel expense. A motion was passed that we authorize this trip and pay these expenses.

A motion was passed that the Church authorize the continuation of the program of sending elders to the various branches of the Church to make certain that the order of the Church, as well as the faith and doctrine, are being observed, and that we increase their monthly allowance from five to seven pounds.

The Priesthood of Nigeria informed us that it is required that a marriage announcement be posted before marriages can be performed. A motion was passed authorizing them to print and post such notices.

The Lagos and Calabar Districts requested financial assistance for erecting a Church building in each place. A motion was passed that they be advised that we are unable to provide any financial assistance at present because of our involvement in the Secondary School program.

The Secretary read a brief report from the Italian Committee covering the work in Italy where the need for missionaries from America is most urgent. A motion was passed to accept this report.

A letter from Evangelist Raymond Cosetti was read advising the Mission Board of his intentions to visit Italy in the near future. He inquired whether the Board would endorse his efforts and outline specific plans to be followed. A motion was passed that we send Brother Cosetti as a missionary to Italy and that we help defray his traveling expenses while there. The Italian Missionary Committee will give him the necessary instruction to carry out while there.

The work in Mexico is in the very capable hands of Brother and Sister Perdue. They reported several persons have been baptized and many others are asking for baptism. They relate, however, that only those showing "meet for repentance" have been baptized. Attendance at meetings is good, the building being usually overcrowded. The California District has provided much assistance, both financially and otherwise, to this mission.

The Secretary read a report from the Michigan-Canadian District Mission Board which is in charge

of the missions at the Six Nations and Muncey Reservations. It was reported that Brothers A. Lovalvo and R. Leet have been making bi-monthly trips to the Six Nations Indian Reservation. The work there is progressing well. The services are currently being held in our Church building in Oshwegan instead of the Christian Aid Hall.

The work at the Muncey Indian Reservation has been under the direction of Brother Joseph Milantoni. Assisting him have been Brothers Anthony Gerace and Anthony Sclaro. Other young brothers have been helping out in this endeavor by driving the Station Wagon and Church Bus. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the Michigan-Canadian District, again expressed the need for the appointment of full-time missionaries supported by the General Church to both of these Missions.

Brother Joseph Milantoni reported that his previous employment required too much of his time, leaving little opportunity for him to adequately service the Muncey Mission. He, therefore, resigned and sought work which would at least give him his evenings and week-ends free; however, he has been unable to find anything as yet. In the meantime he has moved his residence to within three miles of the Mission. Brother Milantoni is still seeking employment and reiterated his reluctance to accept subsidy from the Church. Nevertheless he has a great desire to remain in this Mission field and was requested by the Mission Board to do so. They therefore passed a motion to back him with sufficient financial support to maintain him and his family on a full-time basis.

A complete report of the San Carlos Indian Mission was given by Brother Dan Picuitto who is in charge there. He stated that during the past six months they enjoyed the blessings of God with five baptisms making a total of twenty-seven members. Brother Picuitto and his wife were both commended highly for their continued and devoted efforts to be of service to the seed of Joseph in Arizona.

A complete report from Brother Christman (now in charge of our Indian Mission work in South Dakota) was read. On January 31, 1964, the building which was authorized to be purchased in October, 1963 Conference, had been sold to another party, he reported. Brother Gabriel Mazzeo, along with his wife, will return to South Dakota immediately after April Conference to act as full-time Missionary in Wakpala. The Mission Board expressed its appreciation for the interest and efforts of our brothers in these fields.

We are continuing to contact people of our Church who might be interested in securing positions on the Indian Reservations of our Country, working for The Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Another brother has been accepted and is expecting to be placed at Eagle Butte, South Dakota. This will bring to three the brothers and their families who are in this work in that state. There are many other prospects showing interest.

The Secretary reported for the committee elected to investigate the possibility of providing benefits or security in the present and latter years of life for our full-time missionaries. This study has not as yet been completed, but efforts are continuing to explore these

possibilities.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Bittinger, Chairman Pro-Tem
Meredith R. Griffith, Secretary

OBITUARIES

SISTER GLADYS BARGER

Sister Gladys Barger, 62, of Brownsville, Pa., died April 16, 1964 in the Brownsville General Hospital. She had been sick for the past nineteen years. She was the daughter of John and Ida Inks and became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in 1932.

Survivors include her husband, Brother Robert Barger, Sr., one son, one daughter and three grandchildren. Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ in Roscoe with Brother George Johnson officiating.

May God comfort her loved ones.

SISTER MARY PRESUTTO

Sister Mary Presutto was born in Italy on February 11, 1893 and passed away on April 16, 1964 at the age of 71. She was married to Brother Sam Presutto on February 21, 1914 and they had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on June 27, 1920 in Aaronsburg, Pa., and held the office of Deaconess.

Besides her husband, she leaves four sons and one daughter. She will be sadly missed by the brothers and sisters of the Church also.

Services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ by Brother Alfred Dominico and Brother Joseph Calabrese.

WEDDINGS

Bennage - Parrone

Brother and Sister Patsy Parrone wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to Frank Bennage.

The wedding was solemnized on April 11, 1964 with Brother Patsy Marinetti officiating. May God bless them.

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Jeffrey - Kinser

On April 11, 1964, in The Church of Jesus Christ, Lorain, Ohio, Betty Ann Kinser and Richard Allen Jeffrey were united in marriage with Brother Frank Calabrese officiating. Betty Ann is the niece of Sister Eunice Baldwin.

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Constantine - Barbor

Brother Bill Constantine and Miss Nancy Barbor were united in holy matrimony on April 14, 1964 in The Church of Jesus Christ in Youngstown, Ohio. Officiating was the bridegroom's uncle, Raymond Cosetti. Bill is the son of Jack and Sister Bertha Constantine of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of Youngstown. Miss Barbor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barbor of Youngstown. Bill is a senior at Tampa University and the young couple will reside in Tampa, Florida. We extend our very best wishes to Bill and Nancy for success and happiness all along life's way.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The Lord is my shepherd", Psalm 23:1.

Dear Boys and Girls,

How many have memorized the Twenty-third Psalm? The word Psalm means a song. This one is David's confidence in God's grace. I want to tell you about the person who wrote this beautiful Psalm.

David was a shepherd boy, the son of Jesse. He had seven brothers. They lived near Bethlehem. He was a good looking boy with ruddy complexion and a beautiful countenance. He played beautiful music on the harp. No doubt his songs were about the things he saw while tending the sheep, such as, the valley, the brook, birds, the wind and the little lambs. His music was so soothing that later he was asked to play for the troubled king Saul. He lived in the king's house for awhile and became his armor-bearer. David and Jonathan, the king's son, became very dear friends.

David was very brave. Once while he was tending his father's sheep a lion and a bear took a lamb out of the flock. He killed both the lion and the bear. He caught the lion by the beard and rescued the little lamb.

David had three brothers who were in the king's army. They were at war with the mighty Philistines. The Philistines were camped on one side of the mountains and the Israelites on the other. A valley was between them. Out from the camp of the Philistines came a champion, a big giant named Goliath. He was more than eleven feet tall and dressed in heavy armor. He had a brass helmet on his head, a breastplate, leggings and a heavy coat. He carried a mighty spear like a weaver's beam. He was tall and fierce. He called to the Israelites, "Why bring out your armies? Choose a man to fight me. If he wins, the Philistines will be your slaves. If we win you will be our servants." No wonder the Israelite armies were afraid. For forty days this giant stood between the two armies, but no one in all Israel stepped forth to meet him.

Now David's father, Jesse, said David must take parched corn and ten loaves of bread to his brothers who were in the army. Also ten cheeses for the captain. Jesse was anxious to hear from the brothers. The next morning David rose up early. He left his sheep with a keeper. Then he set out for the camp. Soon he found his brothers and learned about this giant. David decided he would be the one to go out to meet Goliath. Saul, the king, said David was but a youth and could not fight this big giant. But David knew God had helped him kill the lion and the bear and if God had delivered him then, he could do it now. Saul said, "Go and the Lord be with you."

The king wanted to dress David in his armor. David could not wear these heavy things. Instead he took his staff in his hands and chose five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in a shepherd's bag. With his sling he went out to meet the giant. When the giant saw David, he was angry and called, "Am I a

dog, that you come to fight me with staves?" David replied, "You come to me with a sword, spear and shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defiled. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands and all the earth shall know that there is a God in Israel." David put his hand in his bag and took a stone and put it in his sling. Straight went the stone into the giant's forehead! The big giant fell to the earth! David ran and stood up on the giant and took the giant's sword and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw their champion was dead they fled.

As a child, David had been anointed by the prophet Samuel. One by one his brothers had passed before the prophet while he was out in the fields caring for the sheep. A servant had come out to bring him in. When the prophet saw David, he knew he was the one the Lord had chosen. Maybe at the time they didn't understand all these things. The time came in David's life when he became the king of Israel.

No wonder David could sing, "The Lord is my shepherd, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters." All these things he had experienced out in the fields, tending his father's sheep.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What gifts did Jesse give David to take to the king? I Samuel 16:20.
2. What did Jesus say about the good shepherd? John 10:14.
3. When the chief Shepherd appears what will ye receive? I Peter 5:4.
4. How will you know if you are the sheep of the good shepherd? Book of Mormon—Alma 5:37 and 38. In verse 39, it tells about another shepherd. Who is he?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

McKEES ROCK'S NEWS

Dear Gospel News Readers:

Greetings in the Lord to all our brothers and sisters and friends everywhere. March 15, brought us joy because we were allowed the privilege of washing one another's feet.

In Sunday School we learned that to enter into the kingdom of God we must become as little children. In the morning service we learned that those who obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ will resurrect unto joy as Jesus brought Lazarus out of the grave. Those who turn away from the truth will resurrect to eternal punishment. It was also spoken of Mary choosing the good part. Then in the afternoon we partook of the sacred ordinance of feet washing. Several brothers and sisters have come back to the fold; therefore, we know everyone will rejoice in this for God is pleased when His sheep are gathered in His love.

We ask an interest in your prayers. We do pray for all, especially the Lamanites who are of the house of Israel.

On March 22 some of the brothers, sisters, and friends who attended the General Ladies Uplift Circle on Saturday stayed over for the Sunday meeting. We, therefore, rejoiced much.

On Wednesday, March 25, evening service, which

is usually a prayer service was turned over to Apostle Tony Corrado. As he preached, many things were brought to light and made plain. The most important is that God is ever the same—yesterday, today and forever.

May the Lord bless The Church of Jesus Christ and keep it in the first love is our prayer in Jesus Christ. McKees Rocks sends love to the Saints everywhere.

Martha Laird
Branch Editor

"BRING A FRIEND NIGHT"

"BRING A FRIEND NIGHT", sponsored by the Detroit Branch #1 Local of the M. B. A., was held on Thursday night, April 23, 1964. The object, of course, was to see how many strangers we could bring to our services on this evening in order that they might become acquainted with "OUR CHURCH." The results were marvelous. We really hadn't anticipated such a wonderful turn-out. Everyone worked so hard to bring a friend that the Lord blessed us that night with at least twenty-five or more visitors. The auditorium was almost filled to capacity with friends and members.

Most of the time was spent in congregational singing. The Branch Choir sang two selections and our Junior and Senior quartets each offered two beautiful numbers. An Ensemble also sang a beautiful song for us. Our presiding Elder, Nicholas Pietrangelo gave a short talk on the importance of attending church and serving God, which proved to be very interesting. At the termination of our service we gathered in the Church basement for refreshments. This also gave us an opportunity to visit with our visitors. All present seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, and we are looking forward to another gathering of this type.

Frank Conti

GREENSBURG NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We, the saints of Greensburg, are enjoying the love and blessings of God, and I know that the brothers and sisters here are all working for their souls' salvation.

On March 21 we had a farewell reception for our Brother and Sister Alvin Swanson as they left the Greensburg Branch to make their home in Florida. The reception was opened by prayer, and a lunch was served by the sisters. We had a short program. Brother Fallovalletti read the life of Brother Swanson from the time he entered into the Church until the present time. The Branch presented them with a clock radio and an album of pictures of all the brothers and sisters of Greensburg.

We are surely going to miss our brother and sister. We hope our loss will be Florida's gain. Our brother and sister did a lot for Greensburg—always giving good advice to both young and old. We know God will bless them in their new home and, also, the saints of Florida will love them as we did. May God bless them!

We also thank God for sending us a new family: Brother and Sister. Paul Gehly. We welcome them to Greensburg. Brother Paul is now our Presiding

Elder, and he is a help to the older brothers of our Branch, and also to all our brothers and sisters.

Please pray for the Greensburg Branch, and we will do the same for you as God will guide us.

Rose Fair Nalevanko
Branch Editor

"SUPPER HAS ENDED AND THE DAY IS GONE"

Her supper had ended and her day was about gone,
When Mom finished her dishes and had gone to her room.

A few moments alone and then a visitor came.

Yes, it was the Lord who had come to take her home.
She had patiently waited for Him to come, for she knew her day was done.

He promised she would not walk that valley alone,
and truth was here to take her home.

So she turned out the lights in the house that we loved,
And went with Jesus to that mansion above.
The house was still beautiful although the lights were turned out;

So clean, so still, so peaceful as we looked on her face.
But, she was not there. It was an empty place.

The mansion above shall be a perfect abode,
And no more shall she feel a burden or load.
The winds of afflictions that come through this house here,

Will never in that mansion be able to appear.
But all will be joy and peace and never a fear.

We know she rests in the realms of paradise
Far beyond these earthly ties,
Resting well in a long nights sleep.
Morn will soon come when the trump will sound,
And that house will come forth out of the ground—
A likeness of old, but a perfect house we're told.

Then the spirit which awakens in paradise
Shall enter that house which has been made alive,
And the Lord shall come down to those on that morn
And dwell with them forevermore.

We the children of Amy Martin give thanks to
God for His divine mercy unto each of us in giving
us strength and understanding so that the sting of
death was removed, and the terrible grief of many
at times like these was removed, and only a sadness
and loneliness remains. We look to God with faith,
knowing the parting is only for a short time and we
shall see all our loved ones in the morning—Of the
Resurrection.

May God be with us each forever. Amen.

Bud Martin
Roscoe, Pennsylvania

FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

Highlights from a Sermon

By John Mancini, February 2, 1964

A condemned prisoner is brought before a great Judge, He is mercifully offered a pardon; yet he refuses. He is placed in death's row and the final judgment is passed, eternal death.

How foolish the condemned individual was. All he had to do was to accept his pardon. None of us can afford to pass up such a bargain. Or can we? We are prisoners of the flesh and offered pardon of the soul. Yet, how many are placed in death's row because they refuse to be pardoned. It is salvation to all believers and death to the unbelievers. God sent His only begotten Son to die that we may be pardoned. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Jesus Christ hath made me free from the law of sin and death." This is the pardon written out for each one of us if we will only accept it. To be free means many things; right now we have freedom—the freedom to save or to destroy ourselves. But to be free from the law of sin and death is to be pardoned from death's row and rise to everlasting life.

Erie Mission Editor
Carol Sue Mancini

NEWS FROM NILES

by Joseph Gennaro

On Wednesday, April 1, our branch in Niles was honored to have in our service four Elders from California: Brothers Bob Watson, Frank Gennaro, Bob Cirrochi and John Azzinaro. There was a good representation from Warren, Niles and Youngstown.

Bob Watson introduced our service, choosing his text from the books of Acts, Chapter 8:27-37. The subject concerned Phillip and the Eunuch. Brother Watson had wonderful liberty in relating how the Lord leads his people by the Spirit. He was followed by Frank Gennaro who told us how good the Lord had been to him while undergoing an ulcer operation and felt that the prayers of Saints were answered. He expressed his appreciation and thankfulness for the prayers and many wonderful cards received. We felt the evidence of God's spirit in his testimony. Brothers John Azzinaro and Bob Cirrochi also gave their testimonies of the great things God has done for his people. We could say as the Apostle Peter said at the transfiguration of Christ, "It was good for us to be here."

The following Wednesday, we were again privileged to have Frank Gennaro with us and his subject was "It Is Written." We felt good in his discourse. The meeting was then left open for testimony and God's spirit prevailed.

Anna Gallucci has been suffering from neuritis pains on the side of her face for which the physicians could do nothing. Brother Frank, by the inspiration of the Spirit, called her forward to be anointed and the evidence of God's spirit was felt by all. The next morning when some had called our sister to see how she was feeling, she had not suffered any pain. How can we sufficiently praise Him for these wonderful experiences?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU

Jeremia Giannascoli

We recall the story of the woman at Jacob's well, how Christ revealed Himself to her. I would like to draw your attention to the words of Christ which He spoke to her (St. John 4:24): "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit

and in truth." The understanding of this is in the words of Christ unto Nicodemus St. John 3:5, 6): "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." So, in order for me to worship God in spirit and truth, I must be born again. Not of blood, or the will of the flesh, or the will of man, but of God—born from above, even as was Jesus Christ.

We know we must be born into this world. It is likewise with God's kingdom here on earth, which is the Church and all that which is a part of it, as given by Christ and His followers. They have come in through the door of the sheepfold who have truly found the pasture. Christ said when praying to the Father, "I have given them Thy word, and the world hath hated them because they are not of the world." So we have passed from one life into another because we have been born into it.

This is how we can worship God in spirit and truth: When we yield or submit unto His Spirit within us, His Spirit abides with us and enables us to bring about the truth of God in our lives by keeping His words, that the world may see Christ in our very lives.

Also, in St. John 14:16 Jesus says, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." Did He contradict Himself here? I would say not. For this is the only way we can worship God in spirit and bring about the works of righteousness in our lives, because it is through His Spirit we are brought back into God's presence, thus making us sons and daughters of God. He is a Spirit; therefore, His sons and daughters are able to worship Him in spirit, because they are also spiritual.

In Romans 8:9 Paul says, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit. (Meaning now spiritual because of the indwelling 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." So we see that when one is born of the water and Spirit, he is now spiritual and can worship God in spirit and truth. For if God's Spirit is not in him, how can he be spiritual as Paul stated, which means to have His Spirit; or how can one worship Him in spirit and truth? I say it is impossible to worship God in spirit and truth without being born into this kingdom which Christ set up. Thus, all who belong to this spiritual kingdom were born into it, and the only way we can remain is to have His Spirit within us.

Is it our own strength or the power of Christ within us that enables us to abstain when we walk in this world? I say it is Christ. It is His Spirit in us that makes us spiritual men and women and enables us to abstain from the sinful conditions in the world. I know we do not always feel the inspiration of the Spirit, but at other times we do, and then we know that He is still there, leading and guiding us all the day long. I could neither serve Him in spirit and truth in this life every day, nor would I be spiritual, if I had not His Spirit abiding in me.

The gospel that Christ preached causes men and

women to become His sons and daughters when they obey His doctrine. The Apostle said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." For it is the power of the redemption that brings it to pass, which is in Christ.

When we allow Christ to speak for us and lead and direct us for good, the world sees this Light by our lives, which Light is Christ. We, of ourselves, cannot do anything without Him. Paul brought out this truth to the Philippians when he said, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." So, it is not us who originates the good thoughts and desires which we experience, and performs the good deeds we do from day to day, but all of this comes through the same source, which is God working in you. No man can attribute any good thing unto himself. They who are the sons of God are spiritual, even as Christ was spiritual, because of the indwelling Spirit. (See II Cor. 13:3-5, and Eph. 3:20.)

The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 8:9 that the saints are now spiritual, not natural or in the flesh. "But ye are not in the flesh (meaning fallen man yet in sin) but in the spirit (now spiritual), if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. (This is the only way one becomes spiritual, and that is to have His Spirit abide in you. Take that Spirit out of man, and he will walk in his own wilful way — in the flesh.) Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Before one is baptized according to the Bible he is in sin and cannot please God, for they cannot keep themselves from sin, for the Scriptures hath concluded all under sin that we might become justified by faith in Christ.

But through obedience to God's word we have received of His Spirit. Now that Christ is in us, Paul tells us that we are dead to sin, which is because of the indwelling Spirit which enables us to please God and keep His commandments. Paul says in Romans 8:10, "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin (Our sins brought about this condition. When we repented and were baptized and received of God's Spirit, we were baptized into the death of Christ. Now that Christ is in us we are dead to sin and trespasses, but alive in Christ.); but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Christ fulfilled the ends of the law which demanded righteousness, and appeased the demands of justice by His death, that all who receive of His Spirit will be able, through Him, to manifest the works of righteousness and receive life through Him.

Can man be dead to sin if Christ is not dwelling in Him? If the Spirit would leave this temple, would we be dead to sin? I would say not. For it is the Spirit of Christ in man that makes him dead to sin. The power to abstain from sin does not come from flesh, but from the Spirit dwelling within us. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him (The old nature, the sinful man was buried in baptism with Christ and died the death of Christ.) that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Paul continues in Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell

in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Paul said in another place, II Cor. 5:14, "We thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead." Dead spiritually, in sin. This is the condition of man. They must be changed or be made alive by the Spirit to be quickened. To be quickened or to be made alive comes through the indwelling Spirit. It is the Spirit of God dwelling in man which quickens him because he was spiritually dead. Without the Spirit, man is dead. Now, having God's Spirit, he is alive. It is the Spirit of Christ that quickens us to new creatures. By His Spirit we have power to overcome daily and lead a victorious life. If it were possible that His Spirit would only work through us at times, then at His absence, we would be defenseless and not accountable for our transgressions.

We recall the words of Paul to the Ephesians (1:12-14): "That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Which is the earnest of our inheritance (Which we received by obedience to Christ. How long will it remain with us? Christ said "forever." Paul puts it this way: until the redemption of the purchased possession (Which is the glorified body we shall receive.), unto the praise of His glory." In other words, we are sealed by the Spirit which is dwelling within us, which will remain with the believer in Christ until the resurrection, when the body and soul reunite and become a spiritual body and come before God.

The Apostle also says in Galatians 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." How is this possible? In Romans 8:13 we read, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." And again, Galatians 5:25, "If we live in the Spirit (For we now are spiritual, born into this spiritual kingdom by the water and Spirit.), let us also walk in the Spirit." We also read in Galatians 5:17, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit (God's Spirit), and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other (He reveals here that unless God's Spirit is abiding in us we will walk our own wilful way: the desires of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, which is not of the Father, but of the world.): so that ye cannot do the things that ye would (Without a sacrifice)." The Apostle knew that it takes the Spirit of Christ abiding in us to give strength to abstain from all that is evil, and also to make us live righteous lives. For it is only in dying that we find life, even as Paul states: "if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On April 19., the Youngstown branch had the privilege of having with us Dan Picuitto and his wife from the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. We were happy to have with us that day, also, visitors from

several branches of the church, including Tony Picuitto and his family.

Brother Dan spoke to us on the Restoration of the House of Israel. "Have we built within us a true, genuine, Restoration Spirit? If we have accepted what the angel has flown for, we are adopted today into the house of Israel. But we can lose that adoption if we don't put forth the effort." Brother Dan brought forth words of our late Brother Cadman: "The battle we are fighting is not a battle to be lost, but a battle to be won." "If in the one hundred and thirty years since the Gospel has been restored we have not accomplished much, then the fault lies with us. Where is the great Restoration Spirit throughout the Church today? We must FEEL the promises of God in our hearts. We must FEEL remorse and a concern for the seed of Joseph before we can cry out to God that they might have release from their sorrow. How are we applying ourselves to help God take away their tears and sorrow?"

"There are sixteen reservations in Arizona and a population of two hundred thousand Indians. We have twenty-seven baptized on one reservation. We haven't even begun. Are we waiting for God to actually speak to us? Or can we roll up our sleeves and please God? Let us be appreciative of the word of God to lead us through this Restoration. Do you see the distress we are in? Strengthen your hands for this good work. Don't sit back while the Reformation does it. They are doing it with eight to thirteen churches on the other reservations."

"God will raise up these people—the Indian, the seed of Joseph, part of the house of Israel. But we, as the Restoration, must have the Restoration in our hearts; truly have it before we can give it to them."

God has blessed Brother Dan and his family by confirming his dedication and his faith with miracles and experiences. We pray that God will work within the minds and hearts of dedicated brothers and sisters everywhere to follow the example set for us by others who are laboring so diligently to fulfill God's plan for the House of Israel and bring forth this great Restoration for which our Church was founded.

Mary Santilli,
Assistant Branch Editor

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all our friends, relatives, and Brothers and Sisters throughout the Church, for the many cards and letters we received during the extended illness and passing away of my wife. We are especially grateful to all those who donated flowers and for other acts of kindness in this hour of need.

Joseph Bittinger and family

IN MEMORY OF OUR LATE PRESIDENT AND TRULY THE "FATHER OF OUR CHURCH"

Brother W. H. Cadman had invited me, at various times, to write an article for the Gospel News but I had failed to do so while he was yet with us. Not that I didn't appreciate his faith in my ability but I felt others had a greater gift to offer constructive and inspiring words on paper than I. But I broke this

silence on my part by writing these words and dedicating them to the memory of a dearly beloved and wonderful spiritual father of whom this Church can be very proud.

Recently I have been deeply impressed by the words found in Acts chapter ten, verse fifteen. Somehow I feel as though Brother Cadman's spirit is urging me on, to write these words and call them to the attention of the whole Church. I can almost hear his voice saying, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." Especially emphasizing "What God Hath Cleansed". Let us make sure that we see the fruits of the spirit of a truly cleansing by God and then accept wholeheartedly the work that is ours, as a Church, to do. We are living in strange times. It is much easier to say we have no prejudices than to really face it and do as God would want us to do. How can we tell where to draw a line and act in a modern world where races of people who have been so widely separated because of prejudices of long standing, are demanding rights which in many instances are rightfully theirs? We can fully rely on the words of our Lord, who has said, "What God hath cleansed that call not thou common". We must look for the fruits of a true cleansing of a person or a people who are willing to live a good christian life and become a clean upright citizen of their country, their Church and their God. A person's color or background should not determine his rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness but his capabilities.

Our late Brother Cadman had always recognized that right for human dignity in our Nigerian friends, in our American Indian friends and in our Spanish friends in neighboring Mexico. I speak of these three because our Church has a definite purpose of serving them particularly at this time. But it will not stop there. These three above mentioned have been our Church's largest fields of endeavor in promulgating the doctrine and faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May I say as this Father's Day draws near that we pay heed to the energetic missionary spirits of our late Brother W. H. Cadman and his wife, Sister Sadie B. Cadman. Although their voices are stilled by death, they still speak to us through the spirit of God. As it was hard for Peter to understand and accept things he considered common, it may also be hard sometimes for some of us to understand. But as Peter accepted that message given by God, a long time ago, we too must accept that same message in our modern day, "What God hath cleansed that call not thou common".

Josephine Dominico

NEWS FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Gospel News Readers:

Greetings to one and all in the name of our Lord, from all of the members of the Detroit Branch #1. Once again we wish to praise our Maker's name for His constant blessings, for His goodness and kindness unto us till this very moment.

On April 19, 1964 we were honored by having Brother Mark Randy and his son, Sam, from Modesto, California, with us in our morning service. We were thrilled to see them and to hear Brother Mark preach

the wonderful word of God to us once again. It has been quite some time since he visited us and I must say he certainly looks fine.

Following a very enjoyable season of congregational singing directed by Brother Louie Vitto, our service was introduced by singing the beautiful hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee." Prayer was offered by Brother Paul Vitto. The junior quartet then sang two numbers—"He Washed My Eyes With Tears" and "Child of The King." Brother Randy introduced our service. He read the following poem which he composed, and dedicated it to Brother Anthony and Sister Rose Pietrangelo who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 5, 1964, and Brother Gregory and Sister Catherine Vitto who celebrated their anniversary also on April 20.

Fifty years is not a long time,
Fifty years, what a life sublime.
Fifty years ago we both said "I DO"
Fifty years later we still say "I LOVE YOU"
We have not grown old—only gray,
Fifty years and we can still say,
We are beginning to receive the better
things for which we live.

We wish to extend our sincerest congratulations to both couples on this very happy occasion and hope they have many more. I would like to say that both Brother and Sister Pietrangelo and Brother and Sister Vitto have been a blessing indeed to our Church and to all with whom they have been associated; they have been loved by everyone. We sincerely hope and pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them the remainder of their days.

Brother Randy chose as his text the 13th chapter of Hebrews, speaking on the exhortations of the Apostle Paul to the Hebrews,—“Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares”. He read the entire chapter and made many interesting comments. He also related many interesting experiences in connection with his text. His talk was enjoyed by everyone and we are looking forward to his next visit. Our service was dismissed by singing "He Tenderly Looked At Me" and prayer by Brother Anthony Scolaro.

Editor, Frank Conti

CONCEPTS OF GOD IMMATURITY By James Curry

We would like to suggest that the views expressed in this article are those of the writer, and neither The Gospel News' editors nor the Church are in any way committed thereby. The reader will exercise his own judgment as to whether or not the writer is in harmony with the teachings of the scriptures.

There has been a great deal of speculation among various individuals in recent years as to the exact meaning of the word **infant** as used in Isaiah's prophecy: "There shall be no more thence an infant of days." Most members of the Church cling to the idea that it has something to do with the years of our lives being extended until, if one were to die a hundred years old, he would be regarded as a mere child. Did not Isaiah

say that "the child shall die a hundred years old, but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed"? He did indeed, but if we will remember that the context of his 65th chapter deals with the developing Kingdom of Christ in the last days, we may perhaps see his prophecy in an entirely different light.

The word **infant** in common usage is anyone up to the age of seven years. However, in law, or legal terminology, an infant is any minor, or anyone who has not reached his majority, which in most states of the United States is twenty-one years. When viewed in the light of the foregoing, it might be said that our lives are divided into two separate and distinct classifications, or stages of development: (1) The infant, or the years of our minority; that immature period of our lives from birth to the age of twenty-one, during which time we are below the age when full civil and personal rights can be exercised. (2) The adult, or the years of our majority; that mature period above twenty-one years, or the age at which the laws of a country permit a person to manage his own affairs.

Isaiah saw the Kingdom of Christ develop from the infant to the adult, but the prophet Daniel had another name for the adult years. He called them the **Ancient of Days**, "whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool." The white garment, I believe, denotes purity and righteousness. The pure white hair of the head denotes age, mature emotional and intellectual capacity, knowledge, and, above all, wisdom.

The infant and the ancient are the only two groupings of days that we have any account of. It seems to me entirely reasonable and logical to say that the infant of days and the ancient of days should embrace the whole interval of time from the birth of Christ until the first resurrection, and perhaps beyond.

There are many signs of immaturity that we might point to in the contemporary scene to prove that these are the infant of days. Among them is the separation of Church and state. The mature kingdom which the Nephites built upon this land knew no such separation. The civil and religious were one under representative government. They, of course, understood the mature and delicate art of collective survival, which resulted in the practice of having all things common, and a reign of perfect peace which lasted for two hundred years.

To equal or surpass the achievements of the Nephites in these things will require genuine growth and maturity on the part of the Gentiles. However, once we have attained the years of our majority, we shall, in the beauty of mature responsibility, independence and self-reliance, confidently renounce the concepts that we cling to at this early level, shut the door to the past and say "goodbye."

In the book **Peace of Mind**, Liebman says that "Time is an irreversible arrow, and we can never return to the self that we sloughed off in childhood or adolescence." It is in this specific sense that, when we have become well established in Zion, "there shall be no more thence an infant of days." Note the synonymity of the foregoing with Paul's observation: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put

away childish things."

The Pilgrims were a band of rugged individualists who came to America seeking religious liberty. So certain were they that they had a monopoly on all truth that they were utterly intolerant of any religious beliefs or practices which differed from their own. Believing that they had been divinely commissioned to found Zion, they began to practice having all things common. They were forced to abandon the project after a short trial because of jealousies, competition and general indifference. When each family had been apportioned a tract of land as its very own, the dying colony came to life. Even the women hastened to the fields to help their men till the soil. Here was something they understood. Practiced in all the arts of individual survival, they soon made the New England wilderness bloom as the rose. A people who had so lately come up from the wilderness of wrong relationships could not be expected to understand the delicate art of collective survival.

Another sign of immaturity is the strange attitude that many persons have toward doctors and the healing arts. How often have we heard them say: "I don't like the worldly doctors; I want the Lord to heal me."

Millions have died, and other millions are dying today because man does not possess the knowledge to eradicate disease, which I am sure grieves God as much, and perhaps even more, than it does man. I am positive that the great Creator longs for the time to come when man's creative genius will root out and abolish disease from the face of the earth. The emotionally immature person who says that he wants, and perhaps needs, the Lord to heal him is like the babe who runs to his mother demanding that she kiss his little hurts away. Such dependence and faith is admirable in the babe. It is ridiculous and laugh-provoking in the grown man. I know of nothing that would further soften the benign countenance of our Creator than the sight of His children armed with the know-how of conquering the ancient, death-dealing foe, "disease." The eradication of disease is one of the facets of the many-faceted problems of regaining the dominion of the earth. Kissing the babe's hurts away will add nothing to the solution of that problem. Solving that problem will add many cubits to the ever-growing stature of the human spirit. Nor do I mean to belittle or underestimate the value of the gift of healing. That wonderful gift has served and will continue to serve mankind until his knowledge of himself and his environment shall lift him above its need.

One of the most vexing signs of immaturity is observed in that person who advocates that all knowledge apart from that contained in Holy Writ is evil, and must one day be consigned to perdition. Search the Scriptures as we will, we cannot find support for the widespread belief that God will one day destroy secular or so-called "worldly" knowledge. Knowledge, like sex, intelligence, God's word or any other good

thing that we can think of, becomes evil only when wrongly used. In the words of C. S. Lewis, "badness is spoiled goodness." What the Scriptures do teach us is that God will destroy the **wisdom** of men, which is man's wrong application, or wrong utilization, of knowledge. God, Who sees all and knows all, can no more destroy knowledge than He can destroy Himself; and that man who seeks to suppress or destroy knowledge should beware lest he destroy the very foundation upon which the Kingdom of God shall be built in these last days.

Before he died Charles Ashton became convinced that the kingdom which God and man shall build upon this earth shall be so wonderfully complex and exalted as to require not only the services and creative talents of every kindred, tongue, and people, but the integration and utilization of **all knowledge**. Regaining the dominion of the earth is a total thing, which will require the total utilization of earth's resources. To teach otherwise will only serve to cripple the latter-day builders, who, as the standard-bearers of truth, labor under the sure conviction that "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

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1,241 UNITS OF HOUSING FOR INDIANS

The Public Housing Administration announced it has approved plans for construction of 1,241 units of new mutual self-help housing on nineteen Indian reservations in ten western and mid-western states in the two weeks since the program was unveiled by President Johnson.

PHA Commissioner Marie C. McGuire said the program, administered jointly by the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Public Housing Administration, also includes fifty experimental units of mutual self-help housing launched earlier by Apache Indians on the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. Ten of the latter already are under construction.

The mutual self-help program is aimed primarily at providing low-cost homes for Indians, 80 percent of whom, it is said, are unable to afford rents at PHA's conventional, federally aided public housing.

The new program differs substantially from the conventional program in that Indian tenants will help construct and maintain their own homes and thus acquire an equity which can enable them to achieve ownership within a reasonable time.

By law, the PHA can loan up to 90 percent of the actual cost of constructing the Indian dwellings, each of which will have central heat, electricity and running water. Additional Indian equity would reduce the amount of the federal loan.

Mrs. McGuire said Indian families will construct the homes under the direction of skilled construction supervisors on land supplied by the tribes, further reducing the amount of federal loans.

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CHARITY



by Charles Ashton

The following article is reprinted from the August 1945 Gospel News in memory of Brother Charles Ashton who was elected First Counsellor of the Church in July 1922 which position he held until his death, July 23, 1955.

Thoughts Based Upon First Corinthians—13th Chapter

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, sets forth some of the grand virtues of charity or the love of God. The repentant souls, by entering into the service of God, will experience their first taste of divine love. Under this blessing worldly desires fade, our esteem for both God and man reach new heights; in fact, all nature appears clothed with divine coloring. We see God revealed in the waters, in the firmament, in the trees and all vegetation. All this and many more things take place through our first blessings of the love of God. Only those who are penitent, who come to Christ with a broken heart and contrite spirit, are eligible to receive this heavenly change. The blessings of unknown tongues, knowledge, prophesy, etc. are called "spiritual gifts." These serve as a support to our spiritual welfare. But these gifts will eventually fail, while charity abideth forever. God's love is as eternal as God Himself. Through the manifestation of spiritual gifts, we know the Lord in part; but when perfection is reached, these gifts are rendered useless. The voice of the Lord to John concerning one of the seven churches was to take care of their first love. Such a planting may be as small as a grain of mustard seed, but it produces unspeakable joy. Should it happen after a time that our interest in spiritual gifts would exceed our interest in God's love, we may obstruct our spiritual advancement. Since God's love is to abide forever, while the gifts of the spirit will fail, it may be fitting for us to examine some of its accomplishments.

(1) — Charity suffers long and is kind.—Patient waiting, joined with a Godly affection will distinguish those who possess this Heavenly blessing from those who are void of it.

(2) - a. It envies not, vaunteth not itself, is not

puffed up.—Persons who are envious are very unhappy. When we allow ourselves to be disturbed at another's advancement, we possess the wrong spirit. On the other hand, if we allow ourselves to be benefited by the spiritual uplifting of another, we possess the right spirit.

b. Vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.—When charity predominates, boasting is excluded. Exaltation gives way to humility and we prefer others rather than ourselves.

c. Doth not behave itself unseemingly.—Charity will automatically produce good manners because a discernment will accompany the love of God in meeting people, whether in their homes or abroad, or assembled together.

d. Seeketh not her own.—When the love of God possesses persons to such a degree that they are interested in others' welfare above their own, surely they are securely walking on the narrow path that leads to life everlasting.

e. Is not easily provoked.—Bad temper vanishes because of the sweetness of God's love pouring into the soul. In the 6th and 7th verses, it shows where our rejoicing lies. Everything of a sinful nature is unappealing. Truth and truth alone will satisfy. It will bear all things, believe, hope, and endure all things. It will think no evil. One of the ancients declared that "as the heart of man thinketh so is he". When the great love of God has reached such high proportions in one's soul, there is no room for an evil thought to enter. Regeneration takes place by the blessing of God's love. To be morally good is an improvement in our natural life. To be spiritually good is to possess the love of God. That love was manifested by Christ and He set an example for all. Paul prayed for the Ephesians that they might know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. It will be good for us all to know it more than we do. It will eliminate many things which do us no good.

Faith and hope are associated with love. When we have faith in something, we wait upon its accomplishment hopefully. When our hopes are realized, these two virtues have served their purpose perfectly. There is a "believing faith" accompanied by an "inferior hope," which is not directly associated with the love of God. Such possessions are good, being essential to a superior faith, and hope. Paul connects these last two with charity or the love of God. Persons who live worthy lives will find the love of God developing their souls, illuminating their minds, and enlarging their hearts. As plant-life is supported by the sun and rain, so are the Saints of God encouraged by the gifts of the spirit. After the fruits of earth have ripened, the sun and rain can do them no more good. They have reached their perfection. So with God's people. The gifts of the spirit will finally serve their purpose. Perfection will come to those who have not been estranged from the love of God to a foreign love. We strongly endorse the words of Paul when he says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling

of the law." Without the love of God our realization of spiritual beauty is dim. More than forty years ago, the spirit revealed to Brother Lewis the following:

Jesus' love will never leave
Because in Him I do believe;
He saved my life among His fold,
And that's the blessing I do hold.

There is nothing on earth, however costly, that can compare with the love of God in the soul; and inasmuch as the Lord is no respecter of persons "whosoever will, may come and partake of the waters of life freely".

NOTICE

The Editorship is planning a department for articles titled "I had an experience"; anyone having had an experience that has not appeared in The Gospel News within the last three years is requested to submit same and we will consider it for publication.

ORGANIZATION OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK BRANCH

On Wednesday, March 18, 1964, Brooklyn Established Mission on Willoughby Avenue and Brooklyn Mission on Bath Avenue met together to organize as a Branch in accordance with the resolution by the Atlantic Coast District Conference. The organization meeting was held at 404-A Willoughby Avenue and was attended by Brothers Joseph Benyola, President of the District, and Rocco Ensana and Dominick Rose, first and second counselors of the District. Brother Vincent Lupo, Presiding Elder of the Bronx Branch, was also present.

Brother Dominick Rose had been appointed Presiding Elder of the Brooklyn Branch by the District; he, in turn, selected Brothers John Galante as his first counselor and James Link as his second counselor. Brother Frank Zaher is also an elder of the Branch. All officers were elected according to the law and order of The Church of Jesus Christ and God's blessings prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

Brother Rocco Ensano spoke a few words of encouragement to all present and stressed the importance of unity in the Gospel and the Church. Brother Vincent Lupo also spoke words of encouragement and thanked the elders and members of the Brooklyn Mission, which was under the Bronx Branch, for the wonderful cooperation he received during the past eleven years while working with them for the cause of Jesus Christ and the Church. He expressed his great joy in being present for this organization meeting, more so since he had been present at the organizing of the Established Mission.

Brother John Galante, appointed by the branch as Presiding Officer of the Bath Avenue Mission, also expressed in English and Italian his joy in being part of the Brooklyn Branch and encouraged all to work together in unity and the love of God. Brother Dominick Rose spoke a few words concerning the wonderful Spirit of God and asked all to pray for this work in Brooklyn where a great work can be accomplished with the Lord's help and blessings. The meeting was very peaceful and moving in the love of God under the guidance of Brother Benyola.

Our prayer in the Branch is for God's eternal

guidance and love in all our future endeavors. May all work together in unity with each other and the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

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NEWS FROM McKEES ROCKS BRANCH

Praise God for the April showers of blessings, and may they bring forth the golden grain of harvest. The first Sunday evening of April, Brother and Sister Burgess from Windsor were in McKees Rocks. We rejoiced much. The following Tuesday, M.B.A. meeting, they were again with us and we rejoiced even more. A few questions were asked by members and answered by Brother Burgess. The first question in particular was asked by a sister: Does God need us for Him to be happy? Wednesday evening, the 8th, we rejoiced three times as much. "I am Satisfied With Jesus but Is He Satisfied With Me" was the closing hymn sung by our beloved brother in Christ. We were reminded of our duties in many ways and told how dangerous it can be to fight against the Lord's anointed. They left for their home in Windsor Thursday morning.

April 12th, Brother James Heaps from California spent the whole day in McKees Rocks. God's love and blessings were felt throughout the day. It was a dinner served to us in courses. The Sunday School, then the morning service, lunch, then the fellowship service with the breaking of bread and serving of wine, then a short but glorious meeting in the evening. The 9th chapter of Nephi, verses 10-27, in the Book of Mormon was explained. We, therefore, praise the Lord for His goodness to the children of men.

April 19, the brothers and sisters again sat under the voice of our Elder while John 3 was explained. I myself never understood how one was to be born again until the Gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to us. After rendering obedience we felt we were a new creature. What a wonderful change! Praise God!

April 26, we rejoiced to see our brothers and sisters from Greensburg. May the Lord have mercy unto us all, and bless not only His Church, but as many as are endeavoring to do what is right.

Martha Laird, Branch Editor

A NOTE OF THANKS

Brother Clarence Robinson of the West Elizabeth Branch wishes to express his gratitude unto all the brothers and sisters who have been so kind and thoughtful to him during his illness. He is thankful that God has never left him alone; for your letters, cards, visits, gifts, calls and prayers have proven it. Certainly the Lord heard and answered your prayers; for since Conference, when many from New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan and California took time out to visit he has regained sufficient strength to leave his room and go out into God's creation. Continue to pray and hope with him that he may be able to go into the House of the Lord, for it will indeed make him glad. Sincere thanks. May God bless all of you.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

It's probably because of the salty folks in America today that we, as a nation, are still enjoying some of the blessings of God. Nevertheless, let the salty folks beware lest the world rob them of the very substance that is to flavor and save the world.

The story is told that back in the first century of time a rich merchant of Sidon stored up a great quantity of salt in a house or houses. The salt, next to the earth which was the floor of these houses, lost its saltiness or its savor. It was then used to make a road bed. This reminds us of Jesus' words, "Good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men," I'm wondering if Jesus knew of this incident of the merchant of Sidon when He told them, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Salt is a precious and necessary element of the earth. When Jesus used this phrase salt was no doubt used far more extensively than it is today. I remember when I was a small boy it was rubbed into meat to preserve it; in fact, it is still used as a preservative today although not as it was in Christ's day since we have refrigeration as a means of preservation. When Jesus told His disciples that what he would give unto them, what He would teach them, above all it must be preserved, He was simply asking the disciples to be God's preservatives. Salt becomes a preservative only by its application to the thing to be preserved. Who but the Saints have preserved the standard that Jesus gave, and by which the world will be judged? Unless we project our lives into the affairs of this life, neither you nor I can be a vital force in helping to build a better civilization.

If salt was a sign of friendship and hospitality in ancient times, as some declare, then Jesus was pointing out to the disciples how they were to treat other people. He was describing the mood and spirit that they were to possess. Salt was also a symbol of purity in ancient days; thus Jesus was saying, "Be ye clean every wit, both inside and out." The disciples knew as well as you and I that salt adds zest to food. Jesus was, in a few words, telling them to add zest to life; have joy, demonstrate hope, show courage, be trustworthy, and help to flavor the world. We may feel that we are so small and the world so large; what can we do? But have you ever noticed how a pinch of salt can flavor a large lump?

Salt has its antiseptic factor also. A Missionary tells of African natives who were broken out with ulcers because their bodies were lacking the purifying and health-giving salt. We are all aware that men who work the furnaces in the mills are furnished with salt tablets by the Company for whom they work. Various mineral salts are vital to the body, and the common use of table salt supplies man's need for this material. As long as salt retains its vital ingredients it will prevent corruption. Jesus was just as much as saying, "Go ye out into the world and become an antiseptic force." It's probably because of the salty folks in America today that we, as a nation, are still enjoying some of the blessings of God. Nevertheless, let the salty folks beware lest the world rob them of the very substance that is to flavor and save the world. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ let us lick our lips a bit to see just how salty we are as saints.

There is a legend to the effect that a king asked his three daughters how much they loved him. The one declared she loved him better than silver. The second was certain she loved him more than gold. The youngest daughter said, "O Father,

I love you more than salt, because nothing is good without you." Thus it is, in a spiritual sense, with those of us who have come to know Christ and have experienced His meeting us at every turn of the road. When in sorrow He is there to comfort; if we rejoice He rejoices with us. If we stumble and fall He is there with a willing and helpful hand. Even though we sin, if we repent He is present to forgive; and so we have come to realize **nothing is good without Him.**

WEDDING CONRAD - DAVIS

Cheryl Louise Davis and Larry Conrad were united in marriage, Saturday, May 9, 1964, in The Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe, Pa. Brother B. J. Martin officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davis of Fairhope and the granddaughter of the late Brother and Sister Gus Martin. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Conrad of Wierton, W. Va.

Our best wishes and many blessings to the young couple.

OBITUARIES SISTER THERESA CALABRESE

Sister Theresa Calabrese, mother of Sister Alice Romano of Detroit, Michigan, and Brothers Joseph and Frank Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio, passed away on May 19, 1964. She would have been 80 years old this coming October. Before her companion, Brother Tony, passed away in 1954, the Lord showed him that Sister Theresa would live 10 years longer which would be her 80th year and then the Lord would call her home. This experience has now been fulfilled.

Sister Theresa was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ forty-two years ago and was a faithful member all these years. In our Wednesday evening service the week before her passing, she bore testimony, thanking God for all He had done for her these many years, and, saying she felt she was ready to meet her Maker.

Her family consisted of six sons, three daughters and three stepsons. All her loved ones will miss her as will the Brothers and Sisters of the Church. May the Lord comfort them.

The services were conducted on May 22, by Brothers T. S. Furnier, Joseph Bittinger and Rocco Biscotti.

BROTHER ISAAC USEFUL HEART

On May 27, 1964, Brother Isaac Useful Heart passed away at the Hospital in Pierre, South Dakota. Brother Isaac was born in 1891 and recently celebrated his 73rd birthday. He is survived by two brothers, Albert and Peter, his wife having preceded him in death.

It is the custom of the Indian people to hold wake services throughout the night; any group or faith that wishes to hold a service may do so as a means of comfort to the bereaved. The body of our Brother was taken to Brother and Sister Le Blanc's home on Saturday afternoon. In the evening we held a service which lasted almost two hours.

On Sunday Brother Isaac's body was taken to the Congregational Church in Green Grass, South Dakota.

Services were held there by our Church and other denominations. On Monday, June 1, at 11 a.m., the pastor of the Congregational Church and two men from the Tribal Council expressed themselves. The service was conducted by Brother Mazzeo; Brother Earl DeMarrias also spoke at the Church.

Brother Isaac was regarded highly by all those with whom he worked and associated. A friend, a brother and an elder in The Church of Jesus Christ, his presence will be missed by many here.

G.M.B.A. NEWS

The General Assembly of the Missionary Benevolent Association convened Saturday, May 16, 1964, at East Detroit High School, with Detroit Branch #3 the host for this gathering.

One of the "extra special" features of the G.M.B.A. is visiting with the brothers and sisters from other parts of the country. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Canada, and Michigan were well represented. As always, it was a blessing to behold their faces.

Business Highlights

Final Draft of the Revisions of the MBA By-Laws will be ready soon. It will go to the locals for approval in November, then to the General Church for review and possible approval in April.

The Land Purchasing Fund now totals \$2418.57.

Spiritual Highlights

G.M.B.A. President, Brother Dominic Thomas, gave a personal greeting to all present, then proceeded with the message that the May meeting is an interval for reports on the progress of the M.B.A. Locals. He set the spiritual tone for the entire day when he mentioned the benefits derived from M.B.A. attendance.

"A greater Spiritual Life, only achieved through Spiritual Desire". It brought to mind the immortal words of Joshua to the House of Israel, "Choose you this day, whom ye will serve".

Joseph Milantoni, G.M.B.A. Chaplain, continued this tone in the afternoon session, when he spoke on the responsibilities of the old being an inspiration to the young in their zeal towards God, in faith, honesty, and sincerity.

Those recently baptized were called to the front, and sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

Six young men gave personal testimony of the grace and goodness of God since coming into the Church, and it is not surprising to know that the problems confronting them before their baptism were once the problems of all of us! It is a fitting tribute to this "Jesus the Christ", not nailed to the Cross, but to "Him who Has Risen".

G.M.B.A. Vice-President, Brother Isaac Smith, spoke of the joy of serving the Lord in humility, and the joy of the work of the Lamanites, which caused us to remember those who had forsaken much, to work among our Lamanite Brothers.

The sick from different parts of the country, were mentioned and prayer was offered up in their behalf.

In the evening, Branch #3 presented a program, "From the Cradle to the Cross" which brought to a close a beautiful day! We who had the privilege to attend this conference—are truly richer for it."

G.M.B.A. Editor, David Campitelle



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I will pour out the fulness of my wrath," saith the Lord. Ether 9:20.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Once there was a good king named Emer. He was king over the Jaredite people. Their descendants had come to America from the Tower of Babel, in the Old World. Emer was a faithful man, so faithful that the Son of Righteousness appeared to him. This was the Saviour. Emer was a man who loved peace. While he was king, the people were greatly blessed. They became very rich. They had all kinds of fruit, grain, silks, fine linen, gold and silver, also cattle, oxen, cows, sheep, swine, goats, horses, elephants, cureloms, and cumons. Many of these were very useful, especially the elephants. The Lord poured out His blessings upon this land which was the choice land above all others. He told them, the people who possessed the land should possess it unto the Lord or they should be destroyed.

When a good king ruled the people, he persuaded them to be good but when a wicked king ruled, he taught them evil. When Emer died, Coriantum, then Com, were the rulers. Com had a son named Heth, who was a wicked man. He had killed his father, the former king, so he could have the throne. He taught the people wickedness. This angered the Lord. When people became wicked and would not serve God, He sent prophets among them to warn them. He said if they would not repent, they would be destroyed. The prophets said God would send a curse upon the land and there would be a famine.

The people would not believe the prophets. King Heth was angry with the prophets and commanded the people to destroy them. Some of them were put in pits and left to die. Because the prophets were rejected, the Lord sent a curse upon the land. No rain fell, their crops dried up and the people had nothing to eat, still they would not repent. Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents upon the land. Many people were bitten by these snakes, so were their cattle. They became so frightened they began to run towards the land southward. The Nephites called this place Zarahemla. When the people tried to follow them, they found the way closed. The Lord had caused the serpents to gather in large numbers so the people could not pass. It was like a hedge. If they tried to pass, they were bitten by the snakes and died. The cattle died and the people were so hungry they ate their cattle.

Now when the people saw they would die, they remembered what the prophets had told them. They began to repent. They cried unto the Lord for relief. They humbled themselves and prayed for rain. After they had humbled themselves sufficiently the Lord sent rain. Their crops began to grow once more and the people had food. In all the countries round about there was food. The Lord showed His power in pre-

serving them from famine.

Many, many people had died during this terrible time. Among them were the wicked king Heth and all his family, except one son, named Shez. Shez began to build up a broken people. He had learned the lesson the Lord had taught them. He taught his people to walk in the ways of the Lord.

Did you enjoy this story? You can read it in your Book of Mormon, Ether chapters nine and ten. There is a good lesson in it for us too. When we please God, He will provide and care for us, but when we don't, He may be angry with us like He was with these people in the days of King Heth.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What kind of a king was Coriantum?—Ether 9:23.
2. How old was he when he died? Ether 9:24.
3. How long did Com reign? Ether 9:25.
4. How did Heth get the throne? Ether 9:26, 27.
5. Who was king when the poisonous serpents were destroyed? Ether 10:19.

Next month I will tell you another story about serpents. This one is from the Bible.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

THE JAREDITES' VOYAGE

The Book of Mormon records a very interesting account of a people called the Jaredites, who came to this hemisphere from the middle east, about two thousand years B.C. This chapter, called the book of Ether, is an abridgement of their recorded history, and contains only a hundreth part of that which is recorded. See Ether 15:33.

The record we have of their voyage, and the description of their vessels, is very brief and has often been explained in a fantastic way, causing some to disbelieve the Book of Mormon.

Listed herein are some of the verses which have caused the most misunderstanding.

The vessels were closed to keep out the waves and the rain they would encounter, and were not only watertight but airtight as well. So the Lord instructed the builder,—Ether 2:20, "to make a hole in the top thereof and also in the bottom thereof". This was an ingenious ventilating device designed by God and cannot be explained from this brief description, although some have tried and succeeded only in discrediting the whole account of the voyage.

Another verse which has caused much misunderstanding is Ether, 2:24,—"for ye shall be as a whale in the midst of the sea; for the mountain waves shall dash upon you; nevertheless I will bring you up again out of the depths of the sea."

Now this is the plight of every heavily-laden small ship in a storm, and they had many storms during the long voyage. Ether 5:6, "they were many times buried in the depths of the sea". Two other verses which cause confusion, when quoted together, are Ether 6:5 and 6:8, "and God caused that there should be a furious wind blow upon the water toward the promised land." Verses 6 and 7 then describe their plight during this "furious wind" or storm. Verse 8 then states, "and the wind did never cease to blow toward the promised land while they were upon the waters". These verses

have been used by some to show that the vessels were under water most of the time, and that the passengers were forced to stay below decks during the entire voyage.

This interpretation is ridiculous for many reasons. Verses, 2:24, 5:6 and 6:5, surely pertained to the storms they would encounter, and verse 6:8 to the constant trade winds which blow even to this day from the east to the west. If the voyage started from the coast of Europe, as is supposed, the distance traveled was about 5500 miles, and the time was 344 days.

This would indicate an average speed of only six tenths of a mile per hour, or sixteen miles per twenty four hour day.

This average speed shows that only a small part of the voyage could have been made by the aid of the "furious wind" or storm winds. If the "furious wind" or winds of gale proportions, forty to one hundred miles per hour, had been constant, they would have made the voyage in about the same time as the more modern sailing ships, two or three months.

The description of the vessels, their size and cargo, also has been hard for some to understand. The second chapter of Ether, verses 16 to 20, tell how the brother of Jared was instructed to build.—"Go to work and build, after the manner of barges which ye have hitherto built." They were described as "small"—"and they were light upon the water, even unto the lightness of a fowl," "the top thereof was tight like unto a dish," ver. 6:7,—"their vessels being tight like unto a dish, and they also were tight like unto the ark of Noah." The term "tight like unto a dish", being used to stress the important fact that the vessel would not leak. The Encyclopedia Britannica states that ancient ships leaked badly and entailed a labor which was constant and severe to keep them baled out. Ancient ships were like very large and wide flat bottom canoes, 3000-1000 B.C. In this instance they were covered by a water tight deck to protect the passengers and cargo from the waves and rain. In determining the size of these vessels we have several facts to be guided by.—2:17 "and the length thereof was the length of a tree." Because the term "length of a tree" was used, it indicates a felled tree, or the ones they were using for lumber. Lumber trees the world over are from eighty to three hundred feet, but because verse 2:16 says that the vessels were small, we must consider eighty to one hundred feet as the length, which would be small compared to Noah's ark.

Noah's ark is described in Genesis, 6:15 as being about four hundred fifty feet in length. But the vessels had to be large enough to carry a year's supply of food for eight to ten persons and all their livestock.—Ether, 6:4 "all manner of food that they might thereby subsist upon the water and also food for their flocks and herds and whatsoever beasts or animals they should carry with them." Also in the cargo were, "the seed of the earth of every kind." verse, 1:41.

The door can be reasonably described as being large enough to admit the cattle, and there also would be a ramp leading down into the hold. The inside lighting was miraculous and best understood by reading the account thereof in the Book of Mormon.—Ether, 3:1-15.

There are many other things which are not mentioned in the brief account, but must be accepted as facts, such as the disposal of manure and garbage, etc. But if we confine ourselves to known facts when explaining the Book of Mormon, we will not put stumbling blocks in the way of our friends who are trying to understand the record.

Idris A. Martin

NEWS FROM IMPERIAL, PA.

Greetings from the Imperial Branch to all of our wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. There are so many things we can write about, that about the time we are ready to write, something new comes up. That is what makes the Gospel of Jesus Christ so wonderful. Jesus called it "abundant life." There is never a dull moment, never any spare time. What time we don't use earning our daily bread, we use for the Kingdom of God. Although we are a small number in Imperial, we often get large blessings. And it is God's blessings we strive for.

There were six of our Branch who travelled to the G.M.B.A. meeting at Detroit on May 16. As the day progressed and our people gathered, we witnessed a great spirit of fellowship, and I thought of that hymn, "Such Love." The Scripture says, "By the love ye have one for another the world will know you are my disciples."

In the Sunday morning service we felt the love of God move upon eight young people to bring them to repentance, then to baptism. One of them was of our own Branch, a young girl whom God has spared from death. She is Nancy Christman, sister of Richard Christman, who is at present in Eagle Butte, S. Dak., laboring among the Indians. Nancy came to realize she could not go one step further without the help of God.

As we looked upon these young people going down into the water one by one, we cried out to God, "Bless them Lord!" If all of our young people in the Church could fully realize they have chosen the best when they choose to serve the Lord, because He promised them the Comforter, or Holy Ghost, which would lead them and guide them into all truth. The Church is a place of safety—stay close and attend all meetings possible. Visit the aged, they are your spiritual fathers and mothers. I was baptized almost 23 years ago, and I truly say God has been good to me, and I want to love Him and serve Him all the days of my life.

Eva Moore, Branch Editor

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

On May 3rd., 1964, we had a group of young people visiting us from Detroit Branches # 1 and # 2. Brother Dominic Thomas was the speaker Sunday morning and spoke on how and why we should serve the Lord. He stated we should have a desire to learn about Jesus and what He has done for us. He exhorted us to apply the sermons we hear to our everyday living and live a life that would please the Lord, contributing to the Church by living a good life and taking time to encourage those around us to come. In conclusion, he stated that each of us has a talent which should be put to use for the honor and glory of the Lord.

Brother Alfred Dominico opened the afternoon

service and told how he met the Saints in his youth and the events which led to his baptism. Brothers Lou Pietrangelo, Frank Lombardi, Nick Mangiapane and Carl Frammolin gave their individual testimonies on what the Lord has done for them. Many other enjoyable testimonies were given by our visitors. We also enjoyed the singing of the girls' trio and boys' quartet.

Our Branch is happy to have two more converts. Betty Zolnai went to the waters of baptism on May 10th. She requests prayers in behalf of her parents that they may also see the Light of the Gospel and join her in serving God.

After the May G.M.B.A. conference there were eight baptisms among whom was Dennis Calabrese, Brother Joseph and Sister Vickie's son. It is a pleasure to see the children of the Saints follow in the footsteps of their parents. We pray that God may place this desire in the hearts of all the young people.

On May 24th we had visiting with us Brother John and Sister Alice Romano, Brother Dominic and Sister Dolores Thomas from Detroit, and Brother Lou and Sister Libby Pandone from Youngstown and Sisters Rose Palermo and Jeanette Velardi from Cleveland, Branch # 2.

Brother John gave an enjoyable sermon on the topic of the Vine and the Branches. The testimonies of the Brothers and Sisters in the afternoon service were very uplifting and encouraging. During this service Carrie Palermo asked for her baptism and was taken to the lake shore where this ordinance was performed. We had an evening service for the confirmation of Sister Carrie and partaking of the Sacrament.

May the Lord bless all our visitors; those in the Church and those who have not yet made a covenant with God.

Branch Editor, Betty Alessio

PERPLEXITY OF THE NATIONS

By Joseph Bittinger

This is a condition in which all nations find themselves today; matterless whether they are large and mighty or small and weak, they are faced with the haunting fear of insecurity, of unrest and turmoil; wondering what the future holds for them. Will it be peace and success, or destruction and doom? Many national leaders are earnestly and sincerely endeavoring to bring peace and prosperity successfully to their nations, only to find conditions becoming more confused, difficult and perplexing. It is very obvious to believers in the Scriptures, that that which is taking place with the nations is in direct fulfillment of the words of Jesus spoken in St. Luke 21:25, "And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity."

Men are striving with all the power, wisdom and ability they possess. But they fail to recognize God as the Supreme Ruling Power of heaven and earth. Cursed is the man that maketh flesh his arm or trusts in his own wisdom. God holds the destiny of all nations in His hand. They have "praised the gods of silver, and gold; of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in Whose hand thy breath is, and Whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified." Daniel's interpretation of the

handwriting on the wall to Belshazzar, the King of Babylon: "God has numbered thy Kingdom, and finished it." God had put him on the scale of justice, and judgment; and his nation, along with him, was found wanting. "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Are the nations of today about to be weighed in the balances by the God of heaven? It is very evident that all the signs of the Scriptures point to this time of reckoning as being very near at hand. The handwriting is beginning to appear on the wall, signaling the fall of latterday Babylon. "And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, 'Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all'."

Today our highway signs are a very important medium in traveling. We depend upon them for our direction; we read them and continue to follow their information; Seldom do we question the information written across their face. Let us consider then a few of the signs of the times, and if we read them correctly they will keep us headed in the right direction, and give us wisdom and understanding concerning the drama of events that is unfolding before us and the nations:

Jesus said, "Learn the parable of the fig tree; when her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

Daniel 12:10, "But the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand: but the wise shall understand." The righteous, the servants of God will not be caught unaware; but it is obvious the wicked will have no understanding as Daniel said.

Nahum 2:3-4, ". . . The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, . . . The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightning." The prophet most certainly saw our dispensation of time, the days in which we are living. There can be no doubt he saw our mass transportation systems of today and extending perhaps a few years yet into the future. A system our whole way of life has become more or less dependent upon, a necessary requirement, which also takes a terrible toll in life and suffering in many incidents a blessing turned into a curse.

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UNDERSTANDING THROUGH WISDOM

By James Heaps

In our never-ending search for holiness we find that wisdom is the principle thing. Therefore, get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding. Lay a good foundation. On one occasion Jesus Christ said, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." In Paul's writing to Timothy he quotes, "And from a child thou hast known the holy scripture which is able to make thee wise." The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated;

full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Th Prophet Isaiah makes reference to the following in the thirty-fifth chapter, eighth verse, "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called **the way of holiness.**" Holiness comes from being filled by the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ, who emanated from the seed of David according to the flesh, was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness. He was holy in thought and holy in action.

The Apostle Paul tells us to let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. The light of the body is the eye. If the eye be single or holy, our whole body is full of light. But if our eye is evil, our whole body is full of darkness; and if the light that is in us be darkness, how great is that darkness? The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. The world passes away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

The Scriptures teach us that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry. David once said, "I have been young and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread." Only those who are righteous will enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Jesus once said that only those who have oil in their lamps will enter in. And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the sinner and ungodly appear? If God spared not the angels that sinned and cast them down to hell, what chance have we unless we are righteous?

The Scripture speaks of the many gifts He gives unto His own. I would say that only a righteous man can have such gifts. While there are diversities of gifts, diversities of operation and difference in administration, one great gift is that of wisdom. Knowledge puffeth up, but wisdom edifieth. If there is no edification or interpretation in the word of God, or if there is no wisdom, let us keep silent. The Apostle Paul says, "Yet in the Church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." Then he goes on to say, "Brethren, be not children in understanding." Therefore let all things be done for edification of the church. Holiness, righteousness, love, peace, joy, and fear of the Lord is wisdom. To depart from evil is understanding.

Fruits grow, and as we progress in the Gospel the fruits of the spirit will grow in us. But gifts are something that are given to us from God. Talent is a gift. First wisdom, knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. Paul said, "When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." And again, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

May God bless us with all these gifts that I have

mentioned. Then shall we be fruitful and be as a tree planted by the river of water that brings forth its fruit in its season. His leaf shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. No lion shall be there or ravenous beast shall go on this Way of Holiness, but the Redeemed of the Lord shall walk thereon.

CONCEPTS OF GOD IMMATURITY

By James Curry

My belief that the period of time in which we live is properly called the infant of days was further substantiated by an experience of a most peculiar nature. I seemed at the time to have been in the position of a secretary taking dictation from a superior when the Spirit spoke these words: "Prepare the way for the kings of the East to come to look upon the infant Jesus; to bring with them gifts; not gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh—" The dictation ended with the word myrrh, but enough had been said to convey the thought that the kings of the East, who would in this case be several of the tribes of Israel, will find the infant Jesus in the membership of The Church of Jesus Christ of today, just as the kings of the East found the babe Jesus in a manger some two thousand years ago. Israel will in this case bring gifts of a spiritual, not of a material nature, to the image of Jesus developing in you and me.

Does this mean that we who comprise the Church of today are babes? I think not. Babyhood, as we apply the term in the field of human relations, is today found in those egoistic, dictatorial, self-assertive, self-seeking, competitive, undisciplined and unrestrained cultures such as the Central and South American variety. Protestant America long ago sloughed off those childish intimations, along with the father-complex which nurtured them.

Paul wrote that "When I became a man, I put away childish things." Paul here bridged the gap between childhood and mature manhood. He said nothing about the difficult adolescent, or teenage years, which he no doubt would do if he were among us today.

America is neither man nor boy, but a delightful, vexing, enigmatic adolescent; docile, yet headstrong; tempestuous, but noted for calm judgment; cooperatively competitive; wonderfully aware of the rights of others, but too often exclusively devoted to his own; fiercely independent, but of necessity submissive and a problem to his Heavenly Father. When he sings the songs of Zion he is for all the world like the teen-age youth who longs to exchange the uncertainties and disorders of adolescence for the peace and quiet order of maturity. The eternal yearning to grow up is revealed in this poignant lamentation:

"O Zion, when I think on thee,
I long for pinions like the dove,
And mourn to think that I should be
So distant from the land I love."

Yet a little while, and we shall keep our rendezvous with maturity. Christ, the Dove, will strengthen the fledgling wings, and we shall soar aloft on pinions of well integrated personalities.

Many of the nationality groups comprising the American culture have a strong competitive background.

It may seem very strange that these competitive peoples should proclaim that great cooperative society commonly called the "Peaceful Reign", but we say once again that it is all a part of the process of growing up; the youthful dream of maturity. It is the teenage miss joyfully contemplating her mother's evening dress and high heeled slippers; the callow youth luxuriating in a dream of car keys and driver's license. Even the most competitive of peoples sense that cooperation and unity in diversity is a challenging Mount Everest that must and shall be conquered. In the words of the philosopher Hegel:

"Our present social system secretes a self-corroding contradictions: the stimulating individualism required in a period of economic adolescence and unexploited resources, arouses, in a later age, the aspiration for a cooperative commonwealth; and the future will see neither the present reality nor the visioned ideal, but a synthesis of which something of both will come together to beget a higher life. And that higher stage too will divide into a productive contradiction, and rise to still loftier levels of organization, complexity, and unity."

One of the tell-tale signs of immaturity is our infant concept of the adult Peaceful Reign. The back-to-nature boys and the farmer who likes to take off his shoes and wiggle his toes in the good soil of Mother Earth will tell you that all modern inventions — automobiles, refrigerators, etc., together with the factories which produced them, will be done away. When questioned about transportation, one individual said, "We shall fly through the air like Philip." Adolescents truly have strange ideas about adult life. When the farmer tells me that the Peaceful Reign will be exclusively agricultural I see his concept only as a revelation of his own nature. It tells me nothing about the Peaceful Reign.

Some years ago, as I sat in my living room reading Drummond's *Natural Law in the Spiritual World*, I saw a vision of two hands. Each of the hands held a trowel of that kind used by cement finishers. The trowels were both well worn and shining from use, and still wet from contact with the cement. Though both were well worn, one was worn much more than the other. The hands laid the trowels down, and, as they did so, the Spirit spoke to me, saying: "The Gentiles must soon lay down the well worn tools." A great pang of sorrow welled up in my heart when I learned that the creative labors of the Gentiles were just about finished, but I was comforted by the knowledge that God will raise up the House of Israel, who will utilize all that the Gentiles have created in the building of God's kingdom. I understood that the trowel which was worn most represented our material achievements on the one hand, and the trowel which was worn least our spiritual achievements, on the other, which indicates that we Gentiles have wrought magnificently in the world of material things, but less, much less magnificently in the realm of the Spirit. However, God accepts all that we have created and commends the Gentiles as He relieves them of their stewardship with the complimentary "well worn tools".

The Gentiles have labored long and well. The House of Israel will inherit our abundance of material

and spiritual things and will arise to show the world how a spiritually mature people will utilize earth's resources to the honor and glory of God.

(To be continued)

To the President of
The Church of Jesus Christ.
My dear brother Thurman:

Grace, long life with sound health and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Although I have written to you indirectly through the Editor for some time in March, 1964, I am writing this time to express my joy after reading from Elder John Ross, 100 Cleveland and Division Streets, Aliquippa, Pa., U.S.A. of the good news in regard to your appointment as the fifth President of The Church of Jesus Christ. In view of the above fact, I therefore as one of the presiding Elders in The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria, wish you, on behalf of my family, the Priesthood and my beloved brethren, the best of luck. I pray that God who gave king Solomon wisdom when he (Solomon) was placed in a responsible post similar to the post you have taken up as from April, 1964, should also give you more wisdom in this time of the end to enable you to shoulder the great responsibility now lying ahead of you.

Although others may take you as the fifth President, but I personally take you as the **first** and with my reasons herein I take in this way that, our dear brother W. H. Cadman brought The Church of Jesus Christ to the end of the 100th. Anniversary on July 7, 1962. Therefore if all could agree with my view, I feel that the date of your appointment should read as from July 8, 1962. It should be understood that you have been appointed or elected the President from above, but it was **not** yet revealed to us here on earth. A letter or circular of appeal was issued for prayer by every member in The Church of Jesus Christ since the latter part of last year 1963, asking God to choose and direct us so that we may know who will be the right man to be elected the President during April General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ in 1964. Now the Lord God Almighty has answered our united prayers and has chosen brother Thurman, on knowing that he will be able to shoulder faithfully the responsibility. I am sure that we all know that God has no **respect** of anybody. I am also sure that your appointment was **not** by **vote**, but by a united prayer from both our brothers and sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ, all over the whole world. I will be happy indeed brother Thurman if it will be possible to back date the date of your appointment as from July 8, 1962. Our late brother William Bickerton served as President of The Church from the time of its organization, and others followed until brother W. H. Cadman 86, took over and ended the **first** 100th. Anniversary on July 7, 1962. Now you have taken up for the next 100 years and most probability maybe until the coming of the Son of **Man**, our Lord Jesus Christ whose date and time of His coming is unknown.

Now brother Thurman, I have every confidence in you that you will serve faithfully to the end as the President of The Church of Jesus Christ, during this time of the end. I am certain also that you must have

realized the many trips brother W. H. Cadman made during his time. He traveled extensively in all parts of the world. He helped so many poor people of whom I am ONE of them. Brother Cadman was a leader of thousands of Christians but I am positively sure **you** brother Thurman will be a leader of millions of Christians in The Church of Jesus Christ, all over the world.

Finally, I say to you stand fast therefore in your faith as a good leader of millions. Fear **not** for the Lord your God is with you and will guide you always. Please understand from me that your beloved brothers and sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria are waiting to read and hear the President of their Church will visit them and it is needless of me to mention to you of how much will be their happiness during brother Thurman's stay with his people in Nigeria. Only God knows. I wish you and family God's blessings.

Brotherly yours,
Elder N. J. Umoh, Presiding
Lagos, Nigeria

ORDINATION OF BROTHER DOMENIC THOMAS

Our meeting of April 19, 1964 began with congregational singing preceding the service. We were honored by several visiting brothers, namely: J. Milantoni, A. Domenico, A. Corrado, R. Biscotti, G. Ciaravino, N. Pietrangelo, A. Lovalvo, D. Moraco and M. Randy. There were also many others from various branches of the Church.

Brother Joseph Milantoni, being filled with the power of God, opened the meeting with prayer. Our first speaker was Brother Mark Randy from Modesto, California. His theme was "Abide in the Vine." He encouraged us to put our trust in the Lord and made a plea to all of us that we might uphold Brother Domenic Thomas' arms, as Moses' brother Aaron, did for him. Brother Rocco Biscotti followed with an inspiring talk, referring to the above subject; also to the exalted and glorious office of an Apostle. Brother Reno Bologna, filled with the Spirit, extended an open invitation to accept the Gospel, and to those who have fallen away to be reinstated. Sister Eleanor Buffa arose with the true Spirit and asked to be renewed. We all felt the presence of the Lord.

The four Apostles who were present then administered sacrament. Our bosoms began to swell and the oil of gladness flowed from vessel to vessel. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

A basin and towel were then brought forth for the washing of Brother Thomas' feet. As our Brother sat on the rostrum awaiting this sacred ordinance, Brother Anthony Corrado, filled with the Spirit of God, took the towel and began to pray with a voice that could be heard by all present. While Brother Thomas' feet were being washed his countenance was changed unto the likeness of an angel. Brother Corrado then spoke in the gift of tongues and Brother Mark Randy gave the interpretation, saying "This is My will." Brother Biscotti then laid hands on Brother Thomas and anointed him with oil. While offering a fervent prayer, he spoke in tongues which were interpreted thus; "In the name of our God we do this." A Sister, Ruth Brandel from

Branch No. 1, had a vision in which she saw his feet just above the ankles; they were covered with brass, standing on the solid rock. Another Sister, Clara Gentile from Branch No. 2, saw two hands present him a bouquet of beautiful white flowers with roots ready to be planted.

Brother Thomas, who has obtained the highest degree in the field of education—that of Doctor of Education—today was raised to greater heights by his calling to the quorum of the twelve Apostles. Symbolic to the Apostle Paul, he now stands on the solid rock. Surely we can say that we have a Paul and a Peter, and all the spiritual gifts that adorn a most glorious church, The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Domenic Moraco, filled with the Spirit, came forth on the rostrum and kissed all the brothers in the Priesthood. Two young people, Brother Dennis Moraco and Sister Donna Taormino, asked to have hands laid on them for strength, help, and guidance during their course of life. May God bless their tender hearts.

Brother Thomas made a few remarks expressing his gratitude to all the saints that were present, especially to the visiting brothers from California, Youngstown, and other parts of Ohio, including Brother Joseph Milantoni and family from the Canadian District.

All the brothers in the Priesthood formed a circle. While Brother Moraco offered prayer, Brother Fred Straccia sang melodiously in the gift of tongues. A good spirit prevailed throughout the day. "Till We Meet Again" was sung and we had all enjoyed a glorious meeting that will never be forgotten. Salutations with the love of God to all throughout the Church from the Detroit West Side Branch No. 2.

Anna Carlini
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

I would like to take the opportunity to salute all my Brothers and Sisters throughout the church, and ask God's blessing upon everyone according to their needs. My family and I are now residing in Endicott, New York, a city close to Binghamton in the southern part of New York State. Our thoughts in coming here were to take care of some of our people along with the hope of spreading the Gospel in this part of our vast country. We've been living here approximately six months and are holding meetings every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. At present we are meeting in our home and are in the process of building a room in our basement to hold meetings there. God has blessed us in the days of our youth in calling us into His glorious Gospel. A hymn I love to refer to is: "Is Your all on the Altar." The words that are impressing to me are "You can only be blessed and have peace and sweet rest, as you yield Him your body and soul."

In speaking to people about The Church of Jesus Christ, they seem to be surprised that there is such a church. Some are very dissatisfied with their various faiths, but for fear of hurting their families and breaking traditions, they are satisfied to stay with what they have. Our prayer is that some day we all may be one in the service of the Almighty God.

We were happy to have had a good number of saints

gathered in our home for our Sunday service, April 12, 1964, twelve adults and eleven children. We were surely blessed with the presence of Brother Mark Randy and his son, Sam, from California. They spent two and a half days with us. Brother Mark has a wonderful spirit of humbleness and displayed it in speaking to some people in this area who are not acquainted with our Church. Brother Mark and his son, Sam, helped in doing some work in our future meeting place. Also visiting with us were Brother Eugene Perri, Jr., and family, Brother Carmen Sgro and family from New Jersey, Sister Darlene Large and husband Bruce, from Walton, New York, and Brothers Tony and Charles Micale and children.

Brother Eugene Perri, Jr., introduced our meeting in reading from Mathew. chapter 11 making reference to the words of Jesus: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Brother Mark Randy followed and spoke of many experiences he has received in the Church. He repeated the words of our late President Kennedy when he said "Don't ask what your country can do for you, but rather what can you do for your country." Brother Mark likened it to what our attitude should be in the church. We shouldn't ask what the Church can do for us, but what can we do for the Church. Brother Carmen Sgro spoke next of an experience he had in his younger days in the church. After the doctors had given up hope for his life, he called upon God in prayer to send an elder to anoint him. The Lord did send an elder to pray for him and within ten days he was discharged from the hospital. All present bore testimony to the glory of God. Brother Tony Micale, Jr., has a wonderful testimony of being cured of Tuberculosis. At some future date I will send it to The Gospel News.

Sister Darlene Large, who is the granddaughter of our late Sister Dintino of Glassport, Pa., was in our meeting for the first time. I had the privilege of asking God's blessing upon her infant daughter, Letti Lynn. Her husband Bruce expressed hopes of obeying the Gospel some day.

We partook of the Lord's Supper and then dismissed our meeting singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Our day was very enjoyable in meeting with God's people.

We invite our brothers and sisters to remember us in prayer. Anyone visiting in this part of the country is welcomed to come to our home. If anyone would like to write to us, the address is:

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Joseph Perri

BROTHER ELMER SANTILLI ORDAINED

Sunday April 12, 1964 started out as most Sundays, but would change as the day progressed.

We had the various brothers and sisters visiting, namely, Brother and Sister Russell Cadman from Fredonia, and Brother and Sister Rocco Biscotti. Also in attendance for Sunday School were Brother and Sister

King from Lorain, O; Brother and Sister Dan Picciutto from San Carlos Reservation, Arizona; Brother and Sister DeFranco from San Diego, California; Brother Fred Mussolino of Youngstown, as well as others from various places.

Brother Dan related his experiences and blessings received on the reservation. He told of a little boy who lost sight in one eye and eventually would lose sight in the other. His mother trusted in God and had him anointed and thru faith and the love of God he was healed completely.

In the afternoon, having quite a few visitors and feeling the blessings of God, it was decided to ordain Brother Elmer Santilli into the priesthood instead of the following week as planned. Brother Thomas of Cleveland washed his feet, and Brother Cadman ordained him. Brother Santilli bore his testimony telling how the Lord saw fit to call him into the gospel at an early age. Sometime later, he was ordained in the office of teacher. He was very thankful that the Lord had blessed him since his calling. Having married Sister Betty Milano, they now reside in Cleveland. He expressed thanks that the Lord has called him into the Royal Priesthood. May the Lord bless him.

Brother Mussolino in his testimony told how God had inspired him to witness the ordination. When on his arrival he learned it was to be the following Sunday, he felt somewhat downhearted, but God works in a mysterious way and he did witness the ordination.

Our blessing continued for we had called a special M.B.A. meeting. Our guest speakers were Brother DeFranco, who spoke on the Apostasy, and Brother Biscotti, whose subject was the Restoration. Each local was asked to sing a hymn. May the Lord bless all the saints as He has blessed us this day.

J. M. Cadiou, Branch Editor

ROCHESTER — LOCKPORT GATHERING

On May 24, 1964 the Rochester-Lockport branches held their gathering in Rochester, New York. Brother Ansel D'Amico, presiding elder of the Rochester branch, welcomed the brothers and sisters.

Honoring us with their presence were Brother Anthony Corrado, president of the Ohio district; Brother Rocco Biscotti, first counselor of the district; and two apostles, Brother Frank Calabrese and Brother Paul D'Amico.

The meeting was turned over to Brother Corrado and opened by singing hymn #269, "The Last Mile of the Way." Prayer was offered by Brother A. Corrado, and we continued with singing hymn #102, "Have You Told Anyone About Jesus?" The text chosen by Brother Corrado was the first Psalm. "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." A great deal of emphasis was put upon the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "An Angel Came Down," hymn #11, was then sung.

The next speaker, Brother Biscotti, continued to stress the wonderful joy and happiness we feel when we fully dedicate our lives to God. He also read a few verses from the 60th chapter of Isaiah, "Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Hymn #373 "Welcome Best of

All Good Meetings" was then sung.

Brother Calabrese continued to speak on the same subject as the former brothers. He related that when his mother passed away, a sister had an experience in which she saw a crystal ball. She could see his mother and all those who had passed away, in a beautiful place. Brother Calabrese and his brother Joseph wanted to go to this place, but a man told them that it wasn't time for them as yet. The death of the saints is sweet in the sight of God.

Speaking in Italian, Brother D'Amico related how God healed and encouraged him while he was in the hospital during his recent illness. A good spirit prevailed during the meeting and God's spirit and blessing was felt by all.

Testimonies were then given by our visiting Sisters Corrado, Biscotti, and Calabrese. Brother Simone also gave his testimony.

The concluding remarks by Brother Ansel D'Amico further emphasized the preachings of the brothers, that we should put on the armor of righteousness and keep the faith, that at the end we may receive the crown of eternal life.

The meeting then came to a close by singing #291, "God Be With You." Closing prayer was offered by Brother Henry Berardi.

A light lunch was then served by the sisters.

On Sunday prior to our gathering, we had the pleasure of going to the lake to perform a baptism.

I can truly say we find much joy and pleasure in the service of the Lord.

Carmella D'Amico

STEERING OUR COURSE

By C. W. Holmes

"Keep yourselves in the love of God . . ." (Jude 21)

M. F. Moury wrote: "There is a river in the ocean. In the severest droughts it never fails and in the mightiest floods it never overflows. Its banks and its bottoms are of cold water, while its current is warm. The Gulf of Mexico is its fountain, and its mouth is the Arctic Seas. It is the Gulf Stream. There is in the world no other such majestic flow of waters. Its current is more rapid than the Mississippi or the Amazon, and its volume more than a thousand times greater."

The love of God is like the Gulf Stream, and we are like seamen who in the midst of Life's turbulent ocean have found smooth sailing in the calm, warm waters of God's Love. The inspired words of Jude ring out to us loud and clear, "Keep yourselves in the love of God!" If we will man our rudder and steer our vessel in these calm waters, resisting all temptation to go astray on shortcuts through choppy waters, we will arrive unscathed at that harbor in the midst of the Promised Land.

THE CHEROKEE TIMES

Recently we received some papers from our son-in-law, Jonathan Molinatto of North Carolina, who is working among the Cherokee Indians. He receives their paper and then sends them on to us. We find

the papers very interesting. They are written in Cherokee and in English.

The Cherokee, as far as we know, is the only tribe that has an alphabet. I believe it was Chief Sequoyah who founded the alphabet. I have a copy of the letters in Cherokee which reads "The Cherokee Times".

The following quotations are a few taken from this paper which are appropriate:

"Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed"—Pope. "Those who bring happiness into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves"—Barrie. "Seek the favor of those to whom you wish happiness, not advantage"—Cane. One small school boy to another. "It might be unconstitutional, but I always pray before a test".

There are other good quotations, but I felt to write these few hoping that others might enjoy them. May God Bless you all.

Margaret Iorio
Warren Branch

The Gospel News:

The following clipping was taken from the Muskogee Daily Phoenix newspaper in Muskogee, Oklahoma, the Indian capital of U.S. It was also inserted in papers in Okmulgee and Pawhuska Okla. Indian towns. There are approximately forty thousand Indians in this area. The agency for the five civilized tribes (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole) is located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. I am confident that this message has reached thousands of Indians. I recently returned from mission work in Oklahoma and believe that this will be interesting for the Gospel News.

T. D. Bucci
Ohio District Editor

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INDIAN MOSES

Evangelist T. D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio is spending a little time here in Oklahoma Indian territory on missionary work. He's the author of a booklet "Jew And The American Indian." Evangelist Bucci and the church he is associated with believes that the American Indian are from the house of Israel and that an Indian Moses will come out of the Indian nation in the near future.

This Indian Moses will be great and mighty, an instrument in the hands of God as Moses was to the children of Israel. He will be called a "Choice Seer" and a "Deliverer". He shall be esteemed highly among his people, the American Indian. He will bring unity, peace and salvation to the American Indian.

The prophecies in the Bible concerning the restoration of the house of Israel to the land of their inheritance "Palestine" includes the American Indian to the land of their inheritance "America".

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A REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH AUDITORIUM COMMITTEE

Dear Brother Neill,

At our recent conference in April, 1964 the General Church elected Brothers Joseph Calabrese, Alvin Swanson, John Ross, James Campbell, and myself to a General Church Auditorium Committee. The committee was given power to investigate related problems, such as the soliciting of free land in eastern Ohio or western Pennsylvania, financing the cost of the such a project, and possible designs for the building.

It occurred to the committee that it would be a good idea to have a note in the Gospel News soliciting free acreage for an auditorium site.

The Church sorely needs a conference center which will meet our present and future needs. It has become increasingly difficult to rent school facilities in some sections of the country. Those facilities that are available come at a very high cost and can be used for only one or two days.

The General Church Auditorium Committee urgently requests anyone desiring to donate large acreage to The Church of Jesus Christ please contact Joseph Calabrese, 1227 W. 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio, for further information.

Sincerely,
Dominic Thomas, Secretary

"AND HE FOUND HIMSELF"

This phrase represents the ultimate goal of an individual who desires to be physically and spiritually balanced. The balance can not be destroyed by crisis or conflict. The surface implication may be of little value since in itself it appears foolish that we were ever lost in ourselves. Upon careful analysis however, we find the key to human happiness for which the world desperately seeks.

Christ in His infinite wisdom portrayed this theory in the parable of the prodigal son. Heeding no warning, the tenacious young man, because of his gaudiness, was soon desolate and down trodden. Why? Undoubtedly he had enjoyed all the luxuries of life and with his friends experienced the satisfaction of egocentric desires. Yet in time of an inauspicious turn of fate, the balance of stability was deflected by insecurity beyond material values. Soon, in his remorse, that which had once glittered so brightly, haunted him. Deep within his soul he was searching for the rod of life that he might stretch out his hand and grasp it. Then came the glorious moment when "he found himself." In essence he placed his faith in the things beyond his accountability, in God, while he continued to exist in the natural world as before. Therefore he found that he himself was unable to cope with all of life's various situations. In God he found the anchor to hold him fast.

Each one of us is a prodigal child, wasting part of the greatest inheritance, our life. Unlike the prodigal son, if we entirely exhaust our fortune, it is too

late to return home. The decision must be made now. Should we prove too proud to admit we've done wrong, we are lost. However, when our footsteps turn homeward our path leads through the "valley of peace" and on to the "haven of rest."

(based on Brother John Mancini's sermon June 7, 1964).

NOTE: Within the last month two individuals found themselves and were baptized in the Church. These two new sisters—Carole Sue Mancini and Chetta Lain Sechez would verify the above statements. Their desires are to serve their God and His Church. Although the Erie Mission rejoices with these two new members, there are so many who are still wasting their inheritances. Pray for these wanderers that they may find themselves and return to the Father.

Sincerely,
Carole Sue Mancini

MODERN PROVERBS by Catherine Poma

My child, do not fear to be old-fashioned and decent enough to be called a square; it may keep you from becoming a triangle.

Woman is like the morning dew: when it rests upon a rose petal, it resembles a shimmering pearl; but when it falls into the street, it becomes mud.

It takes little strength to say no to a stranger's child, but much fortitude to refuse your own.

It is better that you refuse your child when he demands the privileges that 'other kids get'; he cannot blame you if he sneaks them anyway, and then gets into trouble.

All the joy and laughter derived from mingling with the world cannot compare with the peace of mind that comes from NOT participating therein.

When I was a child, I revolted against my father's teaching while being forced to obey . . . now, I pass those teachings on to my own children . . . and bless him for them.

Sometimes I wonder if I am what I THINK I am, or what PEOPLE THINK I am. Better to ponder on what CHRIST considers me. Still, as long as I take time off now and then to think about it, I may be safe!

It is better to cry over spilt milk, than to be callous and not even care.

It is better to be the author of one good, solid thought, than to mimic a thousand, not your own.

The prudent man will ponder over all the evil that may befall him before he takes a step, while the foolish man trustingly falls into it. Then he cries, "But I trusted, I trusted . . ." Alas Whom did he trust? Does he not know that ALL things are bound by God's laws, and that TRUST cannot mend a broken law?

Wise words are spoken for the learning of the

wise . . . the foolish mock them.

He who knows it all has reached the end of his learning.

The worldly fashion may decree it, the Lord will never accept **His Bride** in an off-white wedding gown.

PERPLEXITY OF THE NATIONS.

(Continued)

Daniel 2:4, ". . . Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." All kind of technological and scientific knowledge has increased by leaps and bounds in this century, and the cry of all nations is for more education, more learning, more knowledge. It is sad and tragic that while men have become very educated and wise, thus gaining great knowledge of a material nature, it appears to have weakened their faith and belief in God as the Divine Creator of man, and the Supreme Sovereign of the universe. The trend is materialistic to the extreme, with men and nations believing they can do, or accomplish, whatsoever they desire in their own wisdom and power.

While a portion of this wisdom and knowledge, and scientific discovery, and skills are being used for good and peaceful purposes the major efforts are those of armament and space. The nations of today are using their scientific knowledge and spending vast sums of money to explore and conquer outer-space by putting many satellites into orbit around the earth, sending probes to Venus and Mars etc.; feverishly working to put a man on the moon by 1970, or sooner if possible, and unless God interferes there is no doubt they will succeed sooner or later, and then venture on to other planets.

Let us notice another attempt to reach outer-space; to build a "city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." Gen. 11:5, 6, "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, 'Behold, the people is one . . . and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.'" Observe, the great similarity of purpose; of then and today, they wanted to make a name for themselves.

The nations are in a contest of great endeavor, each desiring to be first to put a man on the moon. Their main purpose is to make a name for themselves, to gain prestige and power, to impress the rest of the world with their great accomplishments and potential military power. "Fearing lest we be scattered abroad." But what does the Lord think of these projects of our wise men of today? And will He come down and look them over as He did back there when they were making good progress on the Tower of Babel? Is He any more pleased with the nations and these things which they have set their hearts upon, such as missiles, satellites, and outer-space, than when He halted that first project abruptly?

Jesus said, St. Luke, 21:25, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." Is man's meddling in outer-space, with the planets, and the moon etc.- the beginning of the fulfilling of the signs of which Jesus

spoke? In view of the many things that are written in the Scriptures as warning to the people of God, there has never been a time like the present, when we could see so many of the prophecies being so unmistakably fulfilled. Again we should remember the parable of the fig tree, and all the trees, "When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is near at hand." Joseph Bitteringer

A TRIP TO OAKLAND, PA.

We recently took a trip to Oakland, Pennsylvania. This place was known as Harmony in Joseph Smith's time. It was at this place that most of the Book of Mormon was translated. We visited the place by the shore of the Susquehanna River, where Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were baptized and where they received the Priesthood by the visitation of an angel. The foundation of Joseph Smith's home is still there.

We also visited the home of a man named Ralph B. Norton who has a miniature home of Joseph Smith, built to scale model, just as he remembered it. He told us he was in the home many times, that is after Joseph Smith sold it and moved away. We also spoke to a woman named Margaret Lily, age 70, who lived in Joseph Smith's home as a young girl. She said that she played in the room that Joseph Smith used to translate the records.

Though many of the landmarks of that day are missing, there were still enough to make our trip there worthwhile. We felt a blessing while standing there by the river near the place where Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were baptized and received the Holy Priesthood.

Joseph Benyola
Eugene Perri, Jr.

MY LAST DAY

It was seven o'clock a.m. I had just arisen from my bed knowing that this would be my last day.

After kneeling at the end of my bed for prayer, I ate my breakfast. At eight o'clock I was to be at my lawyer's office.

There I made my will, releasing all my belongings to The Church of Jesus Christ.

From his office I went straight to Church where I took out my Bible, Book of Mormon and hymn book:

Reading, singing, praying constantly and always praising our Lord for all the wonderful things He has done for me and all of my friends. Also asking Him for forgiveness for all my sins.

I left Church about six p.m., heading to the homes of the brothers and sisters praising our Lord.

About eleven thirty p.m. I took a long walk through a field which was being scooped by God's lights.

As I walked along,

I became quite tired,

So then I lay down on the grass,

Falling asleep.

The above was written by Pamfilo DiCenzo, 14, McKees Rocks Branch, in answer to his Sunday School teacher's question: "What would you do if you knew it was your last day?"

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

Man is out of harmony with God and can be restored only by the touch of the Master's hand. The beauty of it all is that when man's heart has been touched by God, he is then in a position to touch the heart of God.

We sing a hymn titled "The Touch of His Hand on Mine." I remember hearing the saints sing this hymn when I was a small boy, and they seemed to sing it with so much feeling it almost appeared to be a reality. Even now, as I look back with my mind's eye, I seem to hear them sing these words, "There is grace divine in this trying hour, By the touch of His hand on mine." As I ponder over this hymn I am impressed with the many ways we are affected by the touch of Christ's hand.

During Christ's ministry here upon earth He touched many things as well as people. By the touch of His hand individuals received various blessings. Jesus took Peter, James and John up into the mountain and was transfigured before them. Moses and Elias appeared and talked with them. While Peter gave vent to his feelings and expressed himself, "Lord, it is good for us to be here," a cloud overshadowed them and a voice out of the cloud spoke, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." The disciples, hearing this voice, became frightened and fell on their faces. Jesus went to each of them and touched them, and said, "Arise and be not afraid"; thus the reassuring touch.

The two blind men who were sitting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David." Jesus touched their eyes and immediately they received their sight; thus the illuminating touch.

On one occasion they brought a young man to Jesus who was deaf and dumb (we would call him a deaf mute today). Jesus put His fingers into his ears; He spit and touched his tongue, and looking up into Heaven He said, "Ephphatha," which means "Be opened." The man's ears were opened and his tongue was loosed; thus the liberating touch.

A leper came to Jesus beseeching Him and knelt down, saying, "If Thou wilt Thou canst make me clean." Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched him and said, "I will; be thou clean"; thus the cleansing touch.

When the soldiers, along with Judas Iscariot, came into the Garden of Gethsemane to take Jesus, Peter, realizing why they had come, thought first to defend Jesus. He drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of the servants of the High Priest by the name of Malchus. Jesus told Peter to put his sword back into its sheath, saying that He would drink of the cup His Father had given Him. Then Jesus touched Malchus' ear and healed him; thus the healing touch.

We could even say that the touch of Jesus, on one occasion, turned common water into superior wine.

When Jesus climaxed the plan of salvation with the cry, "It is finished," and then rose triumphant from the tomb, He conquered the last and greatest enemy. We can say Jesus touched death and it became life everlasting.

The imprint of the touch of God can be seen everywhere; in the beautiful flowers, the meadows, the running brooks, forests, silvery moon, the golden sunset, and even in the break of day. Everywhere we see the touch of God, portraying a picture of beauty. However, the most beautiful picture of all is to be seen in the

lives of men and women whose hearts have been touched by God. The great men and women of history who have been used by God for His Church were a band of people whose hearts God had touched; today They stand as monuments to the result of the touch of the Master's hand. It seems to me that all the operations of the human life are centered in the heart.

The prophet, Jeremiah, claims the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Christ says, "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries." The heart needs the touch of God, and once it experiences that divine touch it is changed. A brother years ago used to testify, "I was changed from a lion to a lamb; from a raven to a dove." The touch of the Master's hand causes the heart of stone to disappear and become instead a heart of flesh. The Scripture says that Saul was "turned into another man" and in another place, "God gave him another heart."

Man is out of harmony with God and can be restored only by the touch of the Master's hand. The beauty of it all is that when man's heart has been touched by God he is then in a position to touch the heart of God. It is impossible for us to realize the number of individuals who have touched the heart of God. If you search the Scriptures, and then inquire of those who have lived in our day, you will find that every person whose heart God has touched can in turn touch the heart of God.

*Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine
enfold;*

*I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea;
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold
As Thou, dear Lord, on me.*

Selected

CONCEPTS OF GOD

By James Curry
Immaturity

One of the most beautiful love stories ever told is found in the Book of Solomon's Song. The story is an allegory which portrays the longing and the centuries-long search of the House of Israel for their Messiah.

The heroine of the story, a lovesick young woman, asks the same poignant question of everyone she meets: "Have you seen Him whom my soul loveth?" After running down many false leads, and narrowly missing Him on one occasion in the city of Jerusalem, she was reduced to a sad state of frustration and near despair, when, happily, she saw Him coming up from the wilderness. Her joy in finding her beloved was short-lived, however, because there was a strange woman hanging possessively on His arm.

The Apostle Paul wrote that the Gentiles would one day provoke Israel to jealousy. And so it was. Her soul was smitten with jealousy; it burned in her heart as coals of fire which have a most vehement flame. "Jealousy," she opined, "is as cruel as the grave." Armed with Jealousy's conviction that "All is fair in love and war," she proceeded forthwith to supplant her rival in her beloved's affections. She unashamedly begged Him to "Set me as a seal upon thine arm, as a seal upon thine heart."

Regaining her composure, she was quick to observe, as any lovesick maid will do, that her rival was no real impediment to the consummation of marriage with her beloved. Why, she's nothing more than an immature little girl! Not a rival for my beloved's affections, but a little sister, for whom I shall do great things, if she is willing. Philosophically, then, she observed: "We have a little sister, (**the Gentile Church of today**) and she hath no breasts (**immature, undeveloped**): what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, (**if she is, indeed, as she says, an Israelitish foundation created by the spirit of adoption**) we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, (**if she is indeed that door which opens to the kingdom of God**) we will inclose her with boards of cedar."

The reader is perhaps aware that the Church of today, as the entrance-way to the Kingdom of God, repels, rather than attracts, a sinful world. The Israelitish genius will adorn, beautify, and make that doorway so altogether attractive and desirable that the world will be drawn to it irresistibly. Who does not anticipate hearing the multitudes of earth say at that day: "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob?"

Conscious of her mature desirability as a marriage partner, and confident of her ability to assume the adult responsibilities of her latter-day marriage state with Christ, the young woman of our story continued: "I am a wall, (**I, too, am Israel**) and my breasts like towers: then was I in His eyes as one that found favor."

The contrast between the little immature Gentile sister who has no breasts and the mature Israelitish maid whose breasts are like towers does not dismay us Gentiles. Every people has its talent. The Gentile talent, as we said in a previous article, is chiefly in the realm of material things. We need only look about us to prove the assertion. Our achievements in agriculture, transportation and communication speak for themselves. Israel's talent is, conversely, chiefly in the realm of human and divine relationships. I have never heard of an American Indian inventing a better mouse trap. His achievements in the realm of science and invention are very prosaic, to say the least; yet in the field of relationships this seemingly primitive and insignificant fellow has the latent talent to arise and assume a role of fatherhood to the whole world.

Yes, we Gentiles have admittedly accomplished great things. Here in America we have laid down great ribbons of steel and concrete from coast to coast. Our luxury liners and great ships of commerce ply the sea lanes of every ocean on earth. We travel swiftly from place to place on wheels and wings, and talk a great deal today about interplanetary space travel.

Our media of communication is a far cry from the lowly picture writing and tom-tom of the American aborigine. How very strange that the American talent to communicate by way of telephone, radio and telstar television has taught him nothing about communication with God.

Our agricultural techniques are the marvel and envy of the world. Khrushchev, it is said, is wildly envious of our ability to produce foodstuffs. And why

should he not be envious? We lay up huge food surpluses while the specter of Famine stalks the length and breadth of many lands.

The average American eats well. His body fattens while his soul starves. His physical frame thrives on meat, potatoes and green vegetables. These are good foods, but they are foods which cannot nourish the soul. Mr. Overfed American has yet to learn that his genius in producing foodstuffs has not added one cubit to his spiritual stature. "The thirst that from the soul doth rise, doth ask a drink divine."

Our limited talent in the field of relationships prevents our creating an irresistible halo around that doorway which opens to the Kingdom of God. However, before we lay down the well worn tools, before we yield our stewardship to the House of Israel, we must come to grips with a task which will strain the talent of the Gentile Church to the uttermost.

We gather from Book of Mormon sources that the Gospel must have the same degree of purity when it goes from the Gentile Church to Israel as it had when Israel gave it to the Gentiles. The Gospel that we preach today obviously does not have that degree of purity, and, until it does, there can be no effectual fusion of the Gentile Church with Israel. A square peg will not fit in a round hole, even though the round hole may be open to receive it.

This, then, is the one great task remaining for us to do, and, because the Gospel was pure when it came to us from Israel, God holds us responsible for its purification; that the clarion call of the pure and unadulterated Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ might awaken the dead in the valley of dry bones.

What a challenge! Only the bravest of the brave will dare embark upon that venture.

(To be continued)

OBITUARIES

BROTHER ALBERT SGRO

Brother Albert Sgro was a native of Italy, but he had lived in Modesto, California for the past sixteen years. After a prolonged illness he died at his home on February 25, 1964, at the age of 69.

Brother Sgro leaves a wonderful wife, who shared his faithfulness to God, six children and fourteen grandchildren. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ along with his wife on May 8, 1960. He was also an ordained deacon and served faithfully. Brother Joseph Lovalvo conducted the funeral services.

I would like to relate to you Brother Sgro's experience in joining our Church.

Several years ago Brother Sgro had been given up by the doctors. His family heard of our Church and came to look for Brother Mark Randy. Unable to find Brother Randy, they found Brother Joseph Lovalvo. He, and later Brother Randy, prayed for Brother Sgro and his life was extended.

Several years later he and his wife, Sister Sarah, were looking for a Church to attend. Their minds were turned to the ministers who prayed for them. They decided to come and visit. From the first visit they were impressed. They attended faithfully and several months later they were baptized.

Brother Sgro was an inspiration to the Modesto

Branch and was admired by all. Even in his last days, through sickness and affliction, his testimony was always full of praise to God for giving him an extension on life to become acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ.

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BROTHER CHARLES A. WESLEY

Our beloved Brother Charles Augustus Wesley passed from this life on June 18, 1964 following a prolonged illness. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Wesley, he was born on September 23, 1884 in Brantford, Ontario. He spent most of his childhood in Stratford, Ontario. In 1916 he moved to Detroit, Michigan with his wife, Beatrice, where he shortly became acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized on February 13, 1927. He was a faithful and devoted member of the Church. Two of his favorite hymns were "He'll Understand And Say Well Done" and "Bless Be The Tie That Binds".

Brother Wesley is survived by his wife Beatrice, two sisters, four daughters, two sons, ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit Branch No. 1 by Brothers Nicholas Pietrangelo and Paul Vitto.

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BROTHER ROBERT PATTERSON

Brother Patterson was born December 6, 1867 at Coalman's Hill, Pa. and passed away June 22, 1964 in his 97th year. He was predeceased by his wife, Mollie Patterson.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Vanderbilt, Pa. having been baptized in 1910.

Surviving are one half-sister, Mrs. Mary McGuire, and one half-brother, Ben Adams; also a number of nieces and nephews.

NEWS FROM McKEES ROCKS

Dear Readers of the Gospel News:

We enjoy the paper very much. To hear from different branches and missions of the Church encourages us here in McKees Rocks very much.

There were two more souls added to the fold here on Wednesday evening, June 17: Brother and Sister Yoho.

God is so wonderful to have sent Jesus, His son, to redeem us from the fall and bring us to His Church. We praise Him and thank Him.

Several brothers—some with their families and other brothers and sisters from various branches of the Church—have come to speak to us in special meetings. The messages they left for us still remain and are food for our souls.

It is good to see the faces of God's people and to be in their midst. May the Lord bless each one and be merciful unto us all, is our prayer in His Holy Name.

Love to all. Pray for us and we do remember you as God enables us.

Martha Laird, Branch Editor

BLESSING AT DETROIT BRANCH #2

Dear Gospel News Readers:

We thank God for this wonderful little paper called The Gospel News. It unfolds the mysteries of God,

revealing unto us the beauty of the Lord Jesus whose name is salvation and whose nature is love.

Many times it causes us to meditate on the wonders of God—how great He is. He created man and gave him power to decide and to choose. In the hour of decision let us be wise and choose the most treasured gift, the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation.

We thank God for our elder brothers who are inspired in conducting our meetings through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and when the books are opened, they begin to reveal the mysteries of God, which causes the arm of the great Jehovah to move in various ways.

Sunday, May 31, was a glorious day. Brother Ralph Leet from Detroit Branch #4 was our guest speaker. His theme was "Come to the Supper". While he was addressing the congregation, a good spirit prevailed. He was followed by Brother Joseph Milantoni. Brother Milantoni, filled with the Spirit of the Restored Gospel, encouraged us all to take pride in all that we do for this glorious Church, and to be in business for our King, that the table of the Lamb may be more appealing causing others to come.

In the past month we have had three infants blessed whose parents are Joseph and Sister Virginia Carlini, Donald and Sister Rose Anne Wood, and Brother and Sister Paul Francione. A newly baptized member is Sister Margaret Walker. May God bless her and keep her strong and faithful throughout the course of her life.

We salute you all throughout the Church with the love of God.

Anna Carlini, Editor
Detroit Branch #2

THE GENERAL LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

The General Meeting, of The Ladies Uplift Circle was held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 20, 1964. This was the first General Meeting to be held in New Brunswick. A bus load of sisters came from the Pennsylvania area as well as others from Ohio, New York, Kansas and New Jersey.

During our devotional period, scripture was read from the 12th chapter of St. John about Mary anointing the feet of Jesus. Sister Mabel Bickerton, our President, bore her testimony as to the goodness of God, and stressed the devotion of Mary to our Saviour as read in the scripture quoting the words of Jesus when he said, "For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always." Sister Erma Rossi, of Aliquippa, Pa. led us in special prayer in behalf of Brother Joseph Benyola of New Jersey, who was very ill at the time. The meeting was then opened for other testimonies.

We conducted our business and elected officers all of whom were retained with the exception of the editor.

Two experiences were given which are as follows: "While studying I Nephi 19 of The Book of Mormon in our Ladies Uplift Circle, I saw in a vision that our Lord Jesus Christ was in our midst. A crown was against the wall; an angel stood near the crown and the

Lord Jesus Christ spoke to me saying, 'You people are my crown.' The faces of my sisters in The Ladies Uplift Circle were all transformed. I along with all the sisters in the Circle received a wonderful blessing." This vision was seen by Sister Pascqualina Tatti of Detroit Branch #1, on May 25, 1964. Despite her age and deafness and being unable to take part in the meetings, she is very faithful in her attendance and the Lord has blessed her much in visions.

The second experience was had by Sister Eva Moore, of Imperial, Pa. "Thinking that we were too busy, too scattered, and too few, we put off organizing a Circle. We attended several General meetings and received many blessings. The Spirit of God revealed to me that The Ladies Uplift Circle is the Mary of the Bible, meaning that Mary chose the good part in allowing the spiritual things to come first. Another sister had an experience that it was time to organize." The Imperial sisters organized a Circle May 22, 1964.

Brother Alma Cadman spoke to us saying that good comes from God and commended our Circle for the work they are performing in helping the General Church. A few of the sisters from all Circles sang, "How Great Thou Art." We enjoyed congregational singing and a few solos. Sister Bickerton, in her closing remarks, stated we would like to set a goal of raising \$1000 in the next six months in behalf of the African school. She observed that every time we have set out to raise money we have succeeded and even exceeded our goal. We have to put forth an effort in anything we do—attending our local Circles and General Circles, getting our reports in on time for the General meeting, and etc.

We can truly say we were blessed and uplifted in our General Circle meeting. We thank our sisters from New Jersey for their love shown towards us.

May God bless our officers and members of the Circle. We invite our sisters throughout the Church to take part in this work, which is a blessing individually and collectively.

Mary Tamburrino,
General Circle Editor

ALONG THE ROAD

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.
I walked a mile with Sorrow
And ne'er a word said she;
But oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!

Robert Browning Hamilton

THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Within this ample volume lies
The mystery of mysteries.
Happiest they of human race
To whom their God has given grace
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,
To lift the latch, to force the way;
But better had they ne'er been born
That read to doubt or read to scorn.

Sir Walter Scott



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Do you remember the story taken from the Book of Mormon, about the poisonous serpents? This time I want to tell you about the serpents in the Bible. This was in the days of Moses and his brother Aaron. You remember how God chose Moses to lead the people of Israel and how he said he was slow of speech. The Lord told him, "I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say." But still Moses felt he was not a good speaker, so God said Aaron would be his spokesman. It was at this time that God gave Moses a rod. With this, Moses did many wonderful things. Once he went before Pharaoh, the great ruler of the Egyptians. Pharaoh said, "Show me a miracle." Moses threw down his rod before Pharaoh and his servants and it became a serpent. Pharaoh called his wise men, the magicians of Egypt, and they did the same with their rods. But the rod Moses had, swallowed up their rods. With this rod Moses smote the water of the river and it was turned to blood. This was done before Pharaoh and his servants. Pharaoh had a hard heart. Moses smote the dust of the ground with the rod and it became lice. Once he stretched forth his rod toward heaven and the Lord sent thunder and hail and the fire ran along the ground. There was never anything like this before. All these were done during the plagues before the children of Israel left Egypt.

Moses took this rod with him as the children of Israel left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea over into the wilderness. They were in the wilderness forty years. During this time the people were always complaining against Moses and Aaron. They wanted bread, so the Lord sent manna. They wanted meat, so the Lord sent quails. When they could not find water they complained bitterly against Moses and God. They said, "Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither water." They said they would rather have died in Egypt than in this evil place. Then the Lord appeared unto Moses and told him to call the people together by a rock. Moses was to speak to the rock and it would bring forth water. Moses took the rod and said, "Hear now, ye rebels, must we fetch you water out of this rock?" He smote the rock twice and the water came out. There was plenty for all, even enough for their cattle. The Lord was displeased with what Moses and Aaron had said to the people. They had spoken in anger and had not sanctified the Lord in the eyes of the people. For punishment Moses and Aaron did not enter the land of Canaan. Later a new leader was chosen.

As the people complained, God became angry with them. He sent fiery serpents or poisonous snakes, among them. They bit the people and many died. The people came to Moses for help. They said they had sinned and spoken against Moses and God. They wanted Moses

to pray to the Lord that he would take away these serpents. Moses prayed for them. The Lord told Moses to make a serpent of brass and set it up on a pole. If whoever was bitten would look up at that serpent he would be made well and live. Now the serpent didn't do this. It was the Lord who used this as a sign.

Years later there was a good king named Hezekiah who did right in the sight of the Lord. There was none like him among all the kings of Judah. He destroyed all the images. He broke in pieces this brass serpent that Moses had made. The children of Israel called it Nehushtan. They burned incense to it.

In the New Testament, John writes these words, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Why did God send his Son into the world? John 3:17
2. How many rods were laid in the tabernacle? Numbers 17:6.
3. Why was this done? Numbers 17:5.
4. What happened to the rod that the Lord chose? Numbers 17:8.
5. Whose rod was it?

PEN-PALS

These girls would like someone to write to them. They are ten years old. Karen is the daughter of our missionaries at the Indian Reservation and Sheila attends church at the Mission.

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Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

"I AM GOING AWAY"

by James Heaps

"For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always." Now when the even was come He sat down with the twelve, and as they did eat He said, "Verily I say unto you that one of you shall betray me." And they were exceedingly sorrowful and began everyone of them to say, "Is it I?" It was on a communion night that these words were spoken. They fell upon the disciples like a thunderbolt startling the summer sky. Thirty and three years He had lived among them. They had learned to love Him; day after day they had shared with Him the sunshine and the storm. Their hearts were made to burn like fire in His presence; they listened as He said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the poor in spirit (or humble in spirit). Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are the merciful." "No man ever spake like this Man," said His enemies. Now the hour of His departure had come and it was a crushing blow to the little band. They had staked their all upon Him. Now He said, "I am going to leave you." Just when everything was at its height, when their fellowship was at its best, He told them it was expedient that He go away.

The first thing to strike one is the way Jesus went about breaking the news to them. It was characteristic

that His sayings and doings always came about in the most natural way. The supper was over, but the disciples had much to say to one another that night. They lingered long around the table. They did not know it was the last supper; they never dreamed of it. However, there had been an unusual sweetness in their discourse and they talked on and on. The hour grew late, but John still leaned on his Master's breast. Suddenly a shadow fell on this scene; a sinister figure rose, took the bag, and made for the door. Jesus called him and handed him the sop. The spell was broken. A terrible feeling came over him as if he were stabbed in the heart. He could not go on with the disciples now. Satan had entered into him; the thought of filthy lucre came into his mind, "thirty pieces of silver."

Jesus said, "Little Children." What an expression! No wonder He said before this, "Suffer the children to come unto Me," and "Unless a man becomes as a little child he can in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." "Oh, Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings, and ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate." "Little children," He said very solemnly, His voice choking, "Yet a little while I am with you"; and "Whither I go ye cannot come." But Peter asked boldly, "Lord, whither goest Thou?" — into the garden? It had not dawned upon one of them yet that He was going to sit on the right hand of His Father. "Whither I go," He replied the second time, "Ye cannot follow Me now; but ye shall follow Me afterward." Afterward! The blow slowly fell. In a dim, bewildering way it began to fall upon them. It meant separation! We can judge the effect from these words, "Let not your heart be troubled." He saw their panic and consternation. Questions and misgivings began. Explanations were insisted upon. Then He said to that little band, so disturbed at these sayings, "It is expedient that I go away; for your sake." But why was it expedient? That the Comforter might come. It was a means to an end, suited to the circumstances or to their advantage; that the Holy Ghost might come to lead them into all truth and show them things to come. They had rested in His love, they had lain their heads on His bosom. They had fallen fast asleep while He was praying. They had left everything to Him. But now it meant that the burden had fallen on the disciples.

It was a great risk for Jesus to put the responsibility on these fishermen and tax collectors, but it was expedient for Him to go. It was after Jesus had gone that they began to work hard. It was necessary that He go away so that He might be near. He could only reach those who were around Him while He was here, but after His departure He would be able to reach millions all over the world. Christ is now the most gigantic figure in the history of the world; it was not so while He was here with them. The Scripture tells us that a prophet has no honor in his own country. Now He is revered all over the world. It was a great blessing to the world that He went away. He said unto His disciples, "Greater works shall ye do because I go to the Father."

Three thousand souls were baptized the first day

that the Comforter came. For our sakes it was expedient that He go away. Access to Him is universally complete from every corner of every home in every part of all the world. The poor can have Him always with them; the soul-sick can reach their Physician; the blind can see His beauty; the deaf can hear His voice; and the dumb can pray and be heard even though they cannot speak.

Now we must walk by faith and not by sight. They walked by sight when He was with them; now we must walk by faith. By faith we behold Him. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. He is like the invisible wind blowing all over the world, wheresoever it listeth, as Jesus told Nicodemus. You cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going; so is every one that is born of the water and the spirit.

The doctrine of the Holy Ghost is very simple. Men stumble over it because they imagine it to be something mysterious. The Holy Spirit is just what Jesus would have been had He been here to minister, comfort, to convict men of sin, to bring deliverance to them that are bound, to set the captive free, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

John writes, "Behold I come quickly; even so come the Lord Jesus." A Church without the guidance of the Holy Ghost will go astray; We are not led by dreams only but by all the gifts of the Spirit.

GOD WAS A PERSONAL WORKER

By Elder S. A. Agbor
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To my brothers and sisters heartily beloved in Jesus Christ, both at home and abroad. I cannot individually speak to you personally, but I shall endeavor to reach you via the medium of this Gospel News. God bless you all. Amen.

The Lord Jesus Christ commanded His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Amen. Matthew 28:19, 20.

(1) Let us turn to the third chapter of Genesis, verse 9. As we read on you will come to agree with me that God continued to deal with Adam and Eve until He made a plan whereby He could save their lives; not their souls, but their lives from living in the garden forever in sin, sickness, disease and an eternal death. In other words, it is pointed out very definitely here that the LOVING GOD Himself took a personal interest in Adam and Eve.

(2) More so, concerning the ruler of this troublous world, Satan (read also the third chapter of Genesis verses 1, 2, 3, 4 respectively); it is pictured well how he beguiled Adam and Eve with subtilty via his personal work.

(3) Jesus Christ, of whom we are His earthly representatives and ambassadors, came on this earth primarily to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19; 10. He (Christ) came for one express purpose, to BLEED and DIE — to go to the Cross to face death for every man. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay

down his life for his friend." John 15; 13.

It is an over-all opinion that we in this vineyard (Nigeria) are badly in need of a white brother to come and work with us here. The Church of Jesus Christ is not a self-founded Church. It is the Church of God and it should be universally owned. "There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Jesus commanded. John 4:35.

This reminds us back to the last teaching of our Saviour to His disciples of His second ADVENT. That, of that day and hour KNOWETH NO MAN, even the Angels of heaven, except His Father (God) above. Matthew 24:36. Frankly speaking, if you have a careful survey of the whole scriptures in comparison to day-by-day events and happenings in the world, one will vehemently come to agreement that this world is at the tail of its existence.

My beloved readers and Saints all over The Church of Jesus Christ in the world; a question comes, what shall we do now in order that this Church and the restored Gospel of our Lord be spread to all creatures before the great and glorious event comes. Revelation 14:6, 7. Truly stating the Babylon is fallen and falling. V. 8.

There are precious souls here in Nigeria, particularly this part of the Region (Western Region of Nigeria) and other places in the world, that do not have the true Gospel of our Saviour. Is it wise or proud to be stagnant with our arms folded or dormant, on our comfortable beds leaving the supposed saving souls to perish without receiving or hearing the true words of God? God forbid. Read what beloved brother Paul declared-Eph. 3:7, 8.

Yes, it is true that here in Nigeria we have brothers who can and are doing the work in the field. Yet, this was written by one writer that "an organist must play the white and black tone to produce harmony" and again our Lord Jesus spoke that a Prophet is without honour in his home town. I am writing this as an African and a Nigerian in particular, that BLACK-man does not believe BLACK-man. Our beloved Brother, Elder John Ross, of Aliquippa, Pa. U.S.A. will confirm my story of his twice visit to Nigeria. There is an old song that says, "The fields are all white, the reapers are few. We children are willing but what can we do to work for our Lord in His harvest".

The Church of Jesus Christ is still a babe in Nigeria. We are in the competitive camp or field of Evangelism with other churches in the land already.

As an Elder and Missionary of The Church of Jesus Christ, I speak out of personal experience and touch of feelings that I will leave NO stone untouched, wherever I go or visit in my capacity as an Evangelist. The question often asked is, "Where is the white man among you?"; We are fed up with the fake preachings of Africans who cannot give us bread to eat. Jesus, the first preacher, helped the hungry multitudes. This helps so well to revolt the en-masse Unitarians to accept us, as far as the Western Nigeria is concerned where I am a Minister and labourer for our Lord. The presence of a white brother Missionary with us here will help so many to desert or hand over their Church-

es to us. Truly speaking, the people in this part of the Region in comparison to the Eastern Nigeria are doubting Thomases.

So therefore, let the Mother Church in America have for us a love-at-heart brother to come and help us give this correct Restored Gospel to the hungry souls in this side of vineyard (Nigeria) as a whole. This part of the Region is no different from the Gentiles jungle. We may read inspiring accounts of the early Ministry of yester-Apostles, mostly in the Book of Acts is our model.

The Book of Acts reads to us the dream of the New Creation in action. (1) Peter was in the old traditional Jerusalem, (2) Philip in the immoral Samaria, and (3) Paul on the Pagan Island of Melita all with the Gospel. Come over to Macadonia and help us. Acts 16:9-12. And now send men to Joppa and call for one Simon, by surname, Peter—Acts 10:1-8 and Philip to the Ethiopian Eunuch. Acts 8:26-40 Brother Paul positively declared. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:12 - 14, 16.

Brothers and sisters, let us work while it is still day for the night is coming that no man will work. Hallelujah! God bless you all is my prayer. Amen.

LANANITE PATIENCE

by C. W. Holmes

While the Senate on June 10 was tied up for the 75th day wrangling over what, if any, civil rights legislation should be enacted to help obviate our unseemly caste system, 127 Seneca Indian families were refusing to move before next year from their present homes in the path of the 29-mile long Kinzua dam although the gates are scheduled to be closed on Oct. 1 and flood their land, because, according to George Heron, president of the Seneca Nation, the money cannot be appropriated by the Indians to begin construction of housing at new locations until the House and Senate get together on how much the Indians will be paid.

In view of the Kinzua dam controversy it is quite interesting to review the words spoken in 1805 by another leader of the Indian people, Red Jacket, at a council of chiefs of the Six Nations after a missionary had addressed them:

"Friend and brother, it was the will of the Great Spirit that we should meet together this day. He orders all things and has given us a fine day for our council. He has taken His garment from before the sun and caused it to shine with brightness upon us. Our eyes are opened that we see clearly; our ears are unstopped that we have been able to hear distinctly the words you have spoken. For all these favors we thank the Great Spirit, and Him only.

"Brother, this council fire was kindled by you. It was at your request that we came together at this time. We have listened with attention to what you have said. You requested us to speak our minds freely. This gives us great joy; for we now consider that we stand upright before you and can speak what we think. All have heard your voice and all speak to you now as one man. Our minds are agreed.

"Brother, you say you want an answer to your talk before you leave this place. It is right you should have one, as you are a great distance from home and we do not wish to detain you. But first we will look back a little and tell you what our fathers have told us and what we have heard from the white people.

"Brother, listen to what we say. There was a time when our forefathers owned this great island. Their seats extended from the rising to the setting sun. The Great Spirit had made it for the use of Indians. He had created the buffalo, the deer, and other animals for food. He had made the bear and the beaver. Their skins served us for clothing. He had scattered them over the country and taught us how to take them. He had caused the earth to produce corn for bread. All this He had done for His red children because He loved them. If we had some disputes about our hunting-ground they were generally settled without the shedding of much blood.

"But an evil day came upon us. Your forefathers crossed the great water and landed on this island. Their numbers were small. They found friends and not enemies. They told us they had fled from their own country for fear of wicked men and had come here to enjoy their religion. They asked for a small seat. We took pity on them, granted their request, and they sat down among us. We gave them corn and meat; they gave us poison in return.

"The white people, brother, had now found our country. Tidings were carried back and more came among us. Yet we did not fear them. We took them to be friends. They called us brothers. We believed them and gave them a larger seat. At length their numbers had greatly increased. They wanted more land; they wanted our country. Our eyes were opened and our minds became uneasy. Wars took place. Indians were hired to fight against Indians, and many of our people were destroyed. They also brought strong liquor among us. It was strong and powerful, and has slain thousands.

"Brother, our seats were once large and yours were small. You have now become a great people, and we have scarcely a place left to spread our blankets. You have got our country, but are not satisfied; you want to force your religion upon us.

"Brother, continue to listen. You say that you are sent to instruct us how to worship the Great Spirit agreeably to His mind; and, if we do not take hold of the religion which you white people teach we shall be unhappy hereafter. You say that you are right and we are lost. How do we know this to be true? We understand that your religion is written in a Book. If it was intended for us, as well as you, why has not the Great Spirit given to us, and not only to us, but why did He not give to our forefathers the knowledge of that Book, with the means of understanding it rightly? We only know what you tell us about it. How shall we know when to believe, being so often deceived by the white people?

"Brother, you say there is but one way to worship and serve the Great Spirit. If there is but one religion, why do you white people differ so much about it? Why not all agreed, as you can all read the Book?

"Brother, we do not understand these things. We

are told that your religion was given to your forefathers and has been handed down from father to son. We also have a religion which was given to our forefathers and has been handed down to us, their children. We worship in that way. It teaches us to be thankful for all the favors we receive, to love each other, and to be united. We never quarrel about religion.

"Brother, the Great Spirit has made us all, but He has made a great difference between His white and His red children. He has given us different complexions and different customs. To you He has given the arts. To these He has not opened our eyes. We know these things to be true. Since He has made so great a difference between us in other things, why may we not conclude that He has given us a different religion according to our understanding? The Great Spirit does right. He knows what is best for His children; we are satisfied.

"Brother, we do not wish to destroy your religion or take it from you. We only want to enjoy our own.

"Brother, you say you have not come to get our land or our money, but to enlighten our minds. I will now tell you that I have been at your meetings and saw you collect money from the meeting. I cannot tell what this money was intended for, but suppose that it was for your minister; and, if we should conform to your way of thinking, perhaps you may want some from us.

"Brother, we are told that you have been preaching to the white people in this place. These people are our neighbors. We are acquainted with them. We will wait a little while and see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest, and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again of what you have said.

"Brother, you have now heard our answer to your talk, and this is all we have to say at present. As we are going to part, we will come and take you by the hand, and hope the Great Spirit will protect you on your journey and return you safe to your friends."

A century and a half has passed since Red Jacket delivered this forceful address, and his people, as they are now being forced off their reservation, are still patiently waiting for the well-meaning missionary's preaching to bear positive fruit in his own people before they will "consider again" what he had to say.

THE THREE DISCIPLES THAT WERE NEVER TO TASTE OF DEATH

By: Thurman S. Furnier

Jesus Christ made His appearance to the people of Nephi at the land of Bountiful after His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension into heaven. He called and commissioned twelve disciples. Thus The Church of Christ had a beginning in the Western Hemisphere about 34 A.D. (See 3rd Nephi, Ch 11 & 12.) Jesus instructed the twelve disciples in these words:

"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 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: The 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." (3rd Nephi 15:12-17)

One of the disciples was Nephi, who was the son of Nephi, who was the son of Helaman, who was the son of Helaman, and apparently the foremost of the disciples. "And it came to pass that Nephi went down into the water and was baptized. And he came up out of the water and began to baptize. And he baptized all those whom Jesus had chosen. And it came to pass when they were all baptized and had come up out of the water, the Holy Ghost did fall upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and with fire. And behold, they were encircled about as if it were by fire; and it came down from heaven, and the multitude did witness it, and did bear record; and angels did come down out of heaven and did minister unto them. And it came to pass that while the angels were ministering unto the disciples, behold, Jesus came and stood in the midst and ministered unto them." (3rd Nephi 19:11-15)

Before He ascended again to the Father, He granted to the twelve disciples their heart's desire. "... He spake unto His disciples, one by one, saying unto them: 'What is it that ye desire of me, after that I am gone to the Father?' And they all spake, save it were three, saying: 'We desire that after we have lived unto the age of man, that our ministry, wherein Thou hast called us, may have an end, that we may speedily come unto Thee in Thy kingdom.' And He said unto them: 'Blessed are ye because ye desired this thing of me; therefore, after that ye are seventy and two years old ye shall come unto me in my kingdom; and with me ye shall find rest.' And when He had spoken unto them, He turned Himself unto the three, and said unto them: 'What will ye that I should do unto you when I am gone unto the Father?' And they sorrowed in their hearts, for they durst not speak unto Him the thing which they desired. And He said unto them: 'Behold, I know your thoughts, and ye have desired the thing which John, my beloved, who was with me in my ministry, before that I was lifted up by the Jews, desired of me. Therefore, more blessed are ye, for ye shall never taste of death; but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men, even until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father, when I shall come in my glory with the powers of heaven. And ye shall never endure the pains of death; but when I shall come in my glory ye shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortality to immortality; and then shall ye be blessed in the kingdom of My Father.'" (3rd Nephi 28:1-8)

"And whether they were in the body or out of the body, they could not tell; for it did seem unto them like a transfiguration of them, that they were changed from this body of flesh into an immortal state, that they could behold the things of God. But it came to pass that they did again minister upon the face of the earth; nevertheless they did not minister of the things which they had heard and seen, because of the commandment which was given them in heaven. And

now, whether they were mortal or immortal, from the day of their transfiguration, I know not; but this I know, according to the record which hath been given they did go forth upon the face of the land, and did minister unto all the people, uniting as many to the church as would believe in their preaching; baptizing them, and as many as were baptized did receive the Holy Ghost. And they were cast into prison by them who did not belong to the church. And the prisons could not hold them, for they were rent in twain. And they were cast down into the earth; but they did smite the earth with the Word of God, insomuch that by His power they were delivered out of the depths of the earth; and therefore they could not dig pits sufficient to hold them. And thrice they were cast into a furnace and received no harm. And thrice were they cast into a den of wild beasts; and behold they did play with the beasts as a child with a suckling lamb, and received no harm. And it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the people of Nephi, and did preach the Gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face of the land; and they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the Church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the Word of Jesus. And now I, Mormon, make an end of speaking concerning these things for a time. Behold, I was about to write the names of those who were never to taste of death, but the Lord forbade; therefore I write them not, for they are hid from the world. But behold, I have seen them, and they have ministered unto me. And behold they will be among the Gentiles, and the Gentiles shall know them not. They will also be among the Jews, and the Jews shall know them not. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord seeth fit in His wisdom that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel, and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls, that their desire may be fulfilled, and also because of the convincing power of God which is in them. And they are as the angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good. Therefore, great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them, before the great and coming day when all people must surely stand before the judgment seat of Christ; yea, even among the Gentiles shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them, before that judgment day." (3rd Nephi 28:15-32)

"But behold, since I wrote, I have inquired of the Lord, and He hath made it manifest unto me that there must needs be a change wrought upon their bodies, or else it needs be that they must taste of death; therefore, that they might not taste of death there was a change wrought upon their bodies, that they might not suffer pain nor sorrow save it were for the sins of the world. Now this change was not equal to that which shall take place at the last day; but there was a change wrought upon them, insomuch that Satan could have no power over them, that he could not tempt them; and they were sanctified in the flesh, that they were holy, and that the powers of the earth could not hold them. And in that state they were to remain until the judgment day of Christ; and at that day they

were to receive a greater change and to be received into the kingdom of the Father to go no more out, but to dwell with God eternally in the heavens." (3rd Nephi: 28:37-40)

The Church of Christ was formed by the twelve disciples about the year 34 A.D. After a period of peace the people began to dwindle in unbelief, and Ammaron, who kept the records, being constrained by the Holy Ghost did hide up all the sacred records, even until three hundred and twenty years from the coming of Christ. (See 4th Nephi) From the time the sign was given of the birth of Christ, 1 A.D., to the year 320 A.D., would be three hundred and twenty years. (See 3rd Nephi 1:1, 13 & 2:7) From the time the church was formed by the twelve disciples about the year 34 A.D., to the year 320 A.D., would be two hundred and eighty-six years.

Mormon writing about 322 A.D. says: "But wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land, inasmuch that the Lord did take away His beloved disciples, and the work of miracles and of healing did cease because of the iniquity of the people. And there were no gifts from the Lord, and the Holy Ghost did not come upon any, because of their wickedness and unbelief." (Mormon 1:13, 14)

Moroni writing about 401 A.D. says: "And there are none that do know the true God save it be the disciples of Jesus, who did tarry in the land until the wickedness of the people was so great that the Lord would not suffer them to remain with the people; and whether they be upon the face of the land no man knoweth. But behold, my father and I have seen them, and they have ministered unto us. And whoso receiveth this record, and shall not condemn it because of the imperfections which are in it, the same shall know of greater things than these. Behold, I am Moroni; and were it possible, I would make all things known unto you. Behold, I make an end of speaking concerning this people. I am the son of Mormon, and my father was a descendent of Nephi." (Mormon 8:10-13)

Moroni presenting Mormon's teaching says: "... Have miracles ceased? Behold I say unto you, Nay; neither have angels ceased to minister unto the children of men. For behold, they are subject unto Him to minister according to the Word of His command, showing themselves unto them of strong faith and a firm mind in every form of godliness. And the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance, and to fulfill and to do the work of the covenants of the Father, which He hath made unto the children of men, to prepare the way among the children of men, by declaring the Word of Christ unto the chosen vessels of the Lord, that they may bear testimony of Him. And by so doing, the Lord God prepareth the way that the residue of men may have faith in Christ, that the Holy Ghost may have place in their hearts, according to the power thereof; and after this manner bringing to pass the Father, the covenants which He hath made unto the children of men. And Christ hath said: 'If ye will have faith in me ye shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me.' And He hath said: 'Repent all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me,

and be baptized in my name, and have faith in me, that ye may be saved.' And now, my beloved brethren, if this be the case that these things are true which I have spoken unto you, and God will show unto you, with power and great glory at the last day, that they are true, and if they are true has the day of miracles ceased? Or have angels ceased to appear unto the children of men? Or has He withheld the power of the Holy Ghost from them? Or will He, so long as time shall last, or the earth shall stand, or there shall be one man upon the face thereof to be saved? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for it is by faith that miracles are wrought; and it is by faith that angels appear and minister unto men; wherefore, if these things have ceased, woe be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, and all is vain. For no man can be saved, according to the words of Christ, save they shall have faith in His name; wherefore, if these things have ceased, then has faith ceased also; and awful is the state of man, for they are as though there had been no redemption made." (Moroni 7:28-38)

Permit me to again call your attention to the fact that the three disciples of Christ "... are as the angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good." (3rd Nephi 28:30)

May I also again call your attention to the fact: "... Showing themselves unto them of strong faith and a firm mind in every form of godliness." (Moroni 7:30)

I have heard a number of experiences (several of which will follow) where some have had the visitation of a stranger, which we suppose (from what has been written) was one of the three Nephites and a disciple of Christ.

(to be continued)

DID YOU SPEAK OF SACRIFICE

by Sara Vancik

Several weeks ago I heard a Lady Missionary speak on the radio. She had come back to the States for the birth of her child, and the day after the broadcast, she, her husband and child were leaving for South America. As she explained, they were Missionaries and loved their work among the Indians, knowing they were doing good in bringing those people to a knowledge of Christ.

She said they had to be very careful in their manner of approach as the Indians in this territory were savage. They had already killed five of their Missionaries. When asked if she were not afraid to go back, she answered, "Oh no, that is our work."

First they had to gain the confidence of the natives in order to be able to get them to help build some homes. Then her work began. She studied the language of the natives and translated the Gospels of the Testament into the Indian language. Then she says, "In no time at all, we have the Indians sitting around listening to the story of Christ." It is a wonderful work, and in appreciation of their labors, her interviewer presented her with a "movie camera" to take with her. Their field of labor is in Bolivia,

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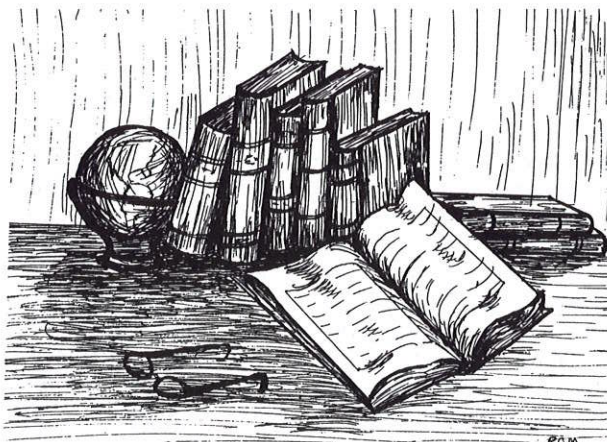
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Back to School

By Ruth Mountain



Soon school bells will be ringing out all over the land and American students of all ages will be going back to their studies. Tiny tots face the new adventure with mingled feelings of fear and anticipation, while older pupils wearing masks of indifference or disdain try to hide their happiness in returning to school routines, renewing old friendships and associations.

Why do we insist that our children make this excursion each fall to enter the institutions of learning? Millions of dollars are spent daily, and millions more are needed, to provide suitable buildings, qualified teachers, modern textbooks, and other tools of learning, that Americans may be educated. Young people are bombarded from all sides with voices urging them to avail themselves of every opportunity to gain an education.

What is education? Is it just learning "readin', writin', 'rithmetic," or just cramming our minds with facts to be remembered only while needed and then forgotten? No, if this were true surely it would not be worth all the money and effort spent. Education

is a preparation for life, it is living itself, it is a doorway to a more abundant life.

Schooling and education are not synonymous. It is possible to complete twelve or more years of schooling but lack an education. On the other hand, some who have attended school only four or five years have become truly educated. A truly educated person never ceases to study and learn. He has acquired an open, broad-minded attitude which reaches out to grasp new ideas, then follows Paul's admonition to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." Each accomplished area of learning only opens up new vistas to be explored. The more he learns, the more he realizes how little he knows and how much more he needs to learn. It is a lifetime process, and even that period is so short to explore all the interesting learning adventures available to the human mind.

Nowhere in the Scripture are we instructed to avoid or despise learning. We are warned about becoming wise in our own conceit, and being wise in our own eyes. This kind of blind, self-righteous wisdom can only destroy and confine us in narrow alleys

of mental and spiritual darkness. All through the Scriptures we read of the value of wisdom and understanding. Solomon, who prized wisdom above all else, wrote extensively of the desirability of wisdom and the danger of despising this gift of God and the rewards to those who treasure it. Read the second chapter of Proverbs.

How shall we attain this learning or wisdom? Some say we should think only of the dangers of becoming deceived by things we don't understand and acquire learning only about spiritual things. This may be safe, but it is almost impossible to follow consistently. The wonders of our world are so interwoven with Bible truths, it is almost impossible to separate them. Shall we then try to find this wisdom and understanding by pursuing only secular learning and agnostically ignore the great truths of the ages as recorded in the word of God?

The logical answer seems to be a unity of all learning into one great harmony of truth. The great scriptural truths and the great discoveries of man can and sometimes will fit together as a jigsaw puzzle, each segment in its proper place, completing the picture of the awe-inspiring majesty of the mind of God. This is what Solomon meant when he said, "Get wisdom, get understanding." This kind of education, learning, or wisdom will bring us closer to God and to a better understanding of His ways.

We study History, not just to learn of isolated events, dates, and great people, but to see in a long-range view how man has emerged from a fallen creature and has tried through the ages to regain his rightful relationship with God. When he has tried by his own efforts, he has floundered and suffered; when he listened for God's voice, he came a step closer to his ultimate goal of happiness on earth. We must play our part in this struggle, not by our own wisdom but by showing our understanding of man's dependence on God. How much greater our understanding can be if we have a more complete knowledge of the history of civilization. If we know where we have been, we can better see where we are going.

Biology and Botany become thrilling subjects if we relate what man has discovered to what God has caused to be written. How can we realize the wonder of the human body and its functions if we never study its structure, its ability to grow and repair itself? How wonderful to realize this super machine began as a microscopic cell in which was that mysterious something called life! We marvel at the mystery of growth by cell division, the relentless aging process, and finally the return of this flesh to the dust from which it was first formed.

Study the structure of plants and stand amazed at the perfection of each, from the tiniest wildflower to the great Sequoias. Complex root systems drink in food elements from the soil; a complicated transportation system carries the precious fluid to the leaves where sunlight causes a chemical reaction and manufactures the food for the plant, storing it until needed. In reverent humility we exclaim with the poet, "How Great Thou Art!"

In Chemistry we learn that all matter is composed of little more than a hundred known elements com-

bined in countless ways and proportions to form all things—human, vegetable, mineral. Who but a Master Mind could conceive such wonders? In Physics we discovered that God has put certain forces on earth to help man with the work he must do. By studying these forces and applying these laws of the universe, we realize more fully the blessings of God who provided all things for His children.

Man is now reaching out into space. New knowledge is rapidly being added to the learning accumulated during the ages. Is this wrong? Not if with this learning we also get understanding. Astronaut John Glenn stated that while in space, he felt such a wonder and awe at this pristine view of God's earth that he was almost overcome with reverence for His supremacy. We, as the people of God, should receive these discoveries in the same attitude and thus come closer to realizing the glory of God and His universe.

We could continue examining each segment of learning and in each find something of the great love of God for man. He created man in His image and gave him intelligence to have dominion over all things of the earth. Is it not our duty, then, to use this intelligence to learn all possible of the wonders of His creation? If we refuse to study or despise the idea of learning, how can we justify the waste of talents God has given to all? We of The Church of Jesus Christ should be serious students, ever learning and ever coming closer to a complete knowledge of eternal truth. Truth will never pass away, whether it is truth revealed in Scriptures or whether truth discovered by man. Man has really never invented anything. He has only discovered more of God's bounty and used his God-given genius to put it to use.

Before our students re-enter school, they should read thoughtfully from the Book of Proverbs, then strive to face each day's lessons with the attitude that all learning must be gained with the aim of coming closer to the complete and eternal truths of God. Teachers among us know we cannot teach doctrine, but we can teach conduct controlled by the Golden Rule; we can teach Christian relationships; we can try to inspire our pupils with a reverence and respect for learning as a part of the never-ending struggle of man to find his place with God.

NOTICE

The Editorship is planning a department for articles titled "I Had An Experience"; anyone having had an experience that has not appeared in The Gospel News within the last three years is requested to submit same and we will consider it for publication.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

I believe singing is an avenue through which we may pour our hearts to our Maker, whether it be hearts filled with joy or sorrow. Through this avenue we can release our pent-up feelings and emotions, and satisfy some of our deepest longings.

I have read recently of religious groups (they are few in number, of course) who have no singing or music of any kind in their services. This strikes me as being rather strange, simply because it is something I have never experienced. Should you or I attend such an unusual service as this we would probably leave with a feeling of loss. However, people are within their rights to worship in any manner that pleases them. I do not know their reason for the objection to music.

It seems that from the early days of religious worship, singing had a very important part in the worship program. Songs were composed and sung to commemorate important occasions such as the deliverance of the Children of Israel. At the Red Sea the hymn they sang was as follows; "I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him. Who is like unto Thee? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Moses and the Children of Israel sang at the well Beer. The title of the song was "Spring up, O Well." Moses sang a song of praise and mercy. Deborah and Barak sang regarding the victory over Sisera. Moses once wrote a song and taught it to the Children of Israel, saying it would testify against them as a witness of their conduct in the land of Canaan.

David was a composer of songs in his day. Hannah sang a song when she dedicated her son, Samuel, to the Lord. Mary lifted her voice in song in the home of Elizabeth, her song of thanksgiving known as the magnificat. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, and old Simeon sang songs of thanksgiving to God for blessings they received from Him. The night Christ was born the angelic choir sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Christ and the disciples sang a hymn at the first communion service and that great host of all the redeemed, ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands, shall lift their voices like the sound of many waters in happy praise to the Lamb that was slain, "who loved us and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood."

It is evident that the early Christian Church sang hymns. Paul directs the Colossian saints to "teach and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." It seems (as best I can gather without any research) that there was a decline in singing among the laity and the singing was performed by the Clergy. This finally resolved in a chant which became known as the Gregorian chant. Some of these chants are still to be heard within the Catholic Church. At the dawn of reformation sacred songs were revived and Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," is still one of the great battle hymns of the Church.

*And tho' this world, with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.*

*The Prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure.
One little word shall tell him.*

The Wesleyan revival produced more sacred songs. Many were written by Charles Wesley, (and what a treat it must have been to sing, for instance, "Thou Shepherd of Israel and Mine") with Isaac Watts adding his beautiful thoughts in hymn music as found in "I'll Praise My Maker." Then a few years later, Fanny Crosby gave to the Reformation religion a score of heart-touching hymns that still hold number one place in congregational singing in many churches; hymns such as "Saved by Grace" and "I Am Thine, O Lord."

I find it a little hard to define just what music is and why we are so fond of it. Why do we sing? This is a good question and perhaps Mrs. C. D. Martin answers it best of all by saying, "I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; for His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me." Mr. J. E. Rankin has penned these words in a well known hymn, "Are you weary, are you heavy-hearted; are you grieving over joys departed? Tell it to Jesus"; and so we sing when we are happy and sometimes sing when we are heavy-hearted. I believe singing is an avenue through which we may pour our hearts to our Maker, whether it be hearts filled with joy or sorrow. Through this avenue we can release our pent-up feelings and emotions, and satisfy some of our deepest longings. Singing hymns often helps to bridge the great chasm between our cares of today, our thoughts of tomorrow, and our memories of yesterday. I believe it acts as a span over which we plant our feet on higher ground as Mr. Johnson Oatman, Jr., says in his hymn, "Higher Ground"; it helps us to "scale the utmost heights and catch a gleam of glory bright."

As Editor I would like to offer an invitation to anyone, or as many as feel to do so, to write their thoughts in regards to Latter Day Saint hymns. What is your feeling about this distinct type of music? What has been your experience with it? Perhaps someone would like to express his thoughts on this subject, "The Place and Power of Music in the Church."

A LIVING OR A LIFE?

By James Crosier

In this day and age man's thoughts seem to be concentrated on the task of making a living, while his thoughts of making a LIFE for himself are secondary. Many times we are too busy making a living to go to church or read the Word of God. The living we make here on earth is left behind when we pass on, but the life we make goes with us into Eternity. We must remember that the life we make here is the treasure we lay up in Heaven.

If our bank account becomes a little low and

a check is returned marked "Non sufficient Funds," we are given the opportunity to make up the deficit. But if our check for eternal life in Heaven is marked "N.S.F." it is too late to make up the shortage.

Each time we make a deposit for our living, we should make sure it does not outweigh our deposit for eternal life. Ask yourself, "What am I making, A LIVING OR A LIFE?"

"THE THREE DISCIPLES THAT WERE NEVER TO TASTE OF DEATH"

By Thurman S. Furnier

The apostle Paul said: "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Heb. 13:1, 2)

I will relate two experiences. Sometime about the year 1944 my wife and I became acquainted with a Hazel Bennett, of Phoenix, Arizona. She was well fixed financially, did not profess any church affiliation, but lived a Christian life, was well thought of in Arizona, and donated heavily to the unfortunate and poor. She knew nothing of the Book of Mormon, but incidentally related an experience she had. I explained to her the account given in the Book of Mormon of the three disciples of Christ, and requested that she write it for me. Later she was ill and went to stay with her sister in Richmond, Indiana. October 21, 1964, on her sick bed, she wrote the experience for me, which is as follows:

"I want to tell you of an incident that happened many years ago to me in a small town in New Mexico. The town was called Bernallillo, New Mexico, just eighteen miles from Albuquerque.

"I was going to the grocery store and post office, and my Mexican maid, a young girl eighteen years old, was in the car with me. Suddenly she grabbed my arm and said, 'Oh, there is Jesus Christ.' I stopped the car suddenly and there stood a small crowd of people, mostly young girls and boys and a few dogs. But there was a man, all naked but for a pair of tan knoe britches, with beautiful golden colored hair hanging in curls, and he had a crooked stick. He had the most innocent looking eyes I had ever seen, outside of a child three or four years old. His face looked as though it never had a beard, or razor used on it. The girl said, 'Ask him please if he is Jesus Christ!' Finally I said, 'She wants to know if you are the Lord, Jesus Christ.' He looked at me as though he pitied me, and said: 'No, there is only one Jesus Christ, and I am one of His disciples. I am here in the work of the Lord.'

"They claimed he cured an old lady that was ill and a blind man in the town that day. But the girl became very excited and told other people that we had seen the Lord or His disciple, John, that had gone into the wilderness. As far as I know the man was on his way toward Albuquerque. But I have thought of him several times since. I shall never forget the innocent look on the face of the man. The Mexican girl felt sure that we had a special blessing by getting to come face to face with one coming directly from the Lord."

Hazel closed her letter by saying, "Many people are

praying for me and I pray a lot myself. God bless you and yours, and may we all meet in the Sweet Bye and Bye on the Beautiful Shore. With love." She died shortly after, a very poor person, having little or nothing.

An experience of Sister Delvia Lowther:

"I, Delvia Lowther, having met up with The Church of Jesus Christ about the month of June, 1914. I was baptized into the church on September 2, 1914, by Elder Martin King, in the reservoir then owned by the H. C. Frick Coke Co. near Smock, Pa. I became a firm believer in the Book of Mormon, and desired very much that some day the Lord would cause one of the three Nephites to appear among us, for we had read that they will be among the Gentiles and shall minister unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people. (See III Nephi 28:29-30) I know of a truth that God granted me the desire of my heart. This is how it happened:

"In the year of 1940 I was living in a country home along Highway No. 711 near Vanderbilt, Pa. My mother, Sister Rosalie Riggen, and Brother Jacob Miller (he was a blind man) made their home with me. One day, in the afternoon, the weather being warm, my mother and our neighbor's boy, George Lloyd, were sitting on the front porch. There was a man made his appearance, and came up to the porch and asked for something to eat. I was working in the kitchen, and mother called and said: 'Delvia, here is a man who wants something to eat.' I came to the door and, much to my surprise, I saw a man, not too tall and not too heavy, but he had hair white as snow; it was shoulder length. He looked like a man in his 70's, and he wore a gray plaid breakfast shawl around his shoulders; no coat.

"As I looked into his eyes they were like pools of clear water. His eyes were blue, and he had the expression of an innocent child. He said, 'Daughter, could you spare me a bit of bread and water?' I said, 'Yes sir,' for I never turn any away from my door. I went in to prepare his tray, and I could hear him talking to Mother, but could not hear Mother saying anything; which seemed strange, for she was a great Bible reader, and the first thing she did when meeting anyone was to bring up the subject of religion.

"I took his tray out where he sat on the steps, and I soon learned why Mother had not done any talking, for it was as if we were spellbound, the wonderful things we heard him say of how the Angel had come back and brought the everlasting Gospel, and great promises he had made to his people. He also told us of much suffering and hardships that God's people would go through. He told us of the second world war, which was to come to pass, and the suffering of the Jews.

"We could not speak, for he seemed to have such power when he spoke. I went into Brother Miller's bedroom and took him by the hand and said, 'Come Brother Miller, come and hear a man that has told us all things!' I led him to the porch, and he sat down and listened. Every once in a while Brother Miller cried out loud, for he felt such a blessing in what he heard. Tears were running down the cheeks of all of us, even our neighbor's boy, George Lloyd. No one spoke but the stranger.

"When he finished his lunch he arose and came

toward me, handing me his tray. I noticed as he arose it was done in quick action like a child, not like an elderly person. He then asked God to bless us all, and took me by the hand and said: 'Daughter, hold fast to what you have!' He then turned and went down the steps, across the lawn, jumped like a small boy down over a stone wall about two feet high, walked swiftly to the highway, and we saw him no more. We looked in both directions, but he was nowhere to be seen.

"We then talked among ourselves about what had happened, and we all knew he had surely been sent by the Lord. When Brother Richard Lowther, my husband, came from work I told him what had happened, and he remarked: 'He must have been one of the three Nephites. I wish he would come back some time when I am at home.'

"We praise and thank our Maker for what we have seen and heard, for we have no doubt in us concerning God's dealings with His people. These are the witnesses to the above experience: Sister Delvia Lowther, Rosalie Riggen, Brother Jacob Miller and our neighbor, George Lloyd."

THE GREAT TEACHER

By James Heaps

"Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to thee in order, most excellent Theophilus." Luke 1:1, 3. "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." Acts 1:1.

A man is known by the words he uses. We are told that Luke was a physician and that he wrote the Book of Luke; also the Acts of the Apostles, which could be called the Acts of the Holy Ghost, or the Acts of Jesus Christ. Let me emphasize again, all that Jesus began to do and teach. He never argued or debated; He never gave expression to doubt. It was said of Him that He spake with authority, not as the scribes. He did not attempt logic, He seldom used the word **therefore**. He never used profound language or high-sounding words, complicated sentences, or uttered mystifying expressions. He simply stated the truth from the heart with great feeling. His principles are adapted to all people in all the world, throughout all time. His teaching had to do with everyday life; the sheep, the shepherds, the wheat and the tares, the Prodigal Son, and the woman who lost the piece of silver. Luke goes into detail on the most simple matters that the other writers do not touch upon such as the barren fig tree, the draw net, the friend at midnight, the Good Samaritan, the great supper, the rich man and Lazarus, the two debtors, the unjust steward, and the wedding feast.

How different was Jesus from all other men. Men who have thought profoundly have been careful to preserve their ideas in books, and had it been possible they would have written them with an iron pen upon the rocks forever. The world has been filled with books of men and yet the sayings of the great men have

almost passed away and are nearly forgotten. Here is a Man, however, who never wrote a book or put His words on paper. The only writing mentioned was in the sand which the wind erased. We don't even know what He wrote, and yet He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall never pass away." His words burned into the hearts of those that heard them so that they could never be forgotten. He gave germ thought that began to germinate after He had gone; and John says if the books were written that could have been written, the world itself could not contain all the books that should be written. He gave directions, laid down principles; He uttered commandments which would lead man to eternal glory. He then said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." He also said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

His words were as fire. Brother Robert Anderson used to say, "It is burning in my heart like fire." I am glad I can say that He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. There have been great men of the day in which they lived who have burst forth as great lights in the world, conquered empires, accomplished great undertakings wrought in the fields of history and art, established great principles and laws, swayed vast throngs with their eloquence and personal power; but they were like meteors which blaze out in the atmosphere for a short time and soon become lost in the great beyond, leaving only a memory. How different it was with Christ. He came into the world a fixed star, the Bright and Morning Star; a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of His people, Israel, who became the sun, the center of all things. He then clothed the woman with the sun, until man robbed her of her glory and she had to go into the wilderness for twelve hundred and sixty years until her glory was given back to her again in 1830.

Christ did not claim to be a theologian, a philosopher, or even a poet; He was a great teacher. Nicodemus said to Him, "I know that Thou art a great teacher sent from God for no man can do the things that Thou doest unless God is with him." His only claim was, "I delight to do Thy will, O God." He could not be silenced or destroyed for He had life in Himself; life to give and take away; and the life became the light of men; and the light shined in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. In Jesus we have a new creation; He is the seed of the woman who shall bruise the serpent's head. He is the seed of the woman to whom the promise was made through Abraham. He is the theme of history, the song of the poets and the vision of the prophets; He is the fulfillment of types and shadows and the resurrection of the dead. The angels sang, the shepherds followed the star, the prophet declared, "Who shall declare His generation for His life was taken from the earth?" But He shall have a new generation, a new-born race who, through the travail of His soul, shall become a new creation, a holy people, a kingly nation. We have no tombstone to mark the resting place because He is not there; He is still teaching. Though He was dead He is yet alive. We hear Him say, "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" How He wanted to break the bonds of human limitations and

burst forth unto men through the power of the Holy Ghost. He never exalted Himself; He never said, "Behold, I am the great I Am." Pilate said, "Art Thou the Christ?" Jesus said, "Thou sayest." God acts and then allows the heavens to declare His glory.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Youngstown, Ohio)

The week of June 8th was Bible School Week in Youngstown with the theme this year entitled, "God's Beautiful World." Forty children were in attendance, bringing their lunches and working until two in the afternoon on lessons and projects.

Sister Dorothy Damore and Sister Amy Cook directed the activities. Sister Amy along with Patty Nerone worked with the children in learning songs to go with their theme.

The project and crafts of the Nursery Class were based on the creation with Sister Irene Perry and Sister Connie Mason as their leaders.

The Primary Class led by Sister Ann Costarella and Penny Scarsella worked on scenes of Ruth and Naomi, along with other things.

The Junior Class led by Sister Ann Fortunato and her daughter, Carol Ann Fortunato, made a beautiful mural of God's creation.

The Senior Class in charge of Sister Alma Finnicks and Sister Mary Cosetti illustrated God's Beautiful World on a mural.

The Sunday morning program was based on what the children had learned and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks go to all those who worked or participated in another successful Bible School in Youngstown.

Mary Santilli, Assistant Editor



Youngstown, O., Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Monongahela, Pa.)

Seventh Year

By Ethel Crosier

The Monongahela Vacation Bible School is pleased to report that we have completed our seventh year of Bible Schools. Our sessions were brought to a close in June after having completed lessons and handwork in relation to our theme, "Faith and Victory".

Our days' lessons were as follows:

1. Men of Faith — Bible

2. Men of Faith — Book of Mormon
3. The Mustard Seed
4. Women of Faith and Service
5. Faithful Servants
6. A Faithful Grandmother
7. Prayer and Faith
8. Missionary Day — Go Tell!
"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19)
9. A Faithful Leader
10. Faith, Hope and Charity.
When Jesus said that faith would enable a person to lift up mountains and cast them into the sea, He meant it. This sounds like a fairy tale but it is not; it is the Gospel, one of Faith. So let us look up, and believe. "All things are possible to them that believe."

Sister Mabel Bickerton was the director of our Bible School. She wrote the lessons and composed the music as she has done in previous years. Next year's theme has already been started. Each year the theme for the Bible School is given to Sister Mabel by the inspiration of God. Again, we wish to thank her for the time and work it must have taken to prepare this Bible course.

The handwork for each group was again taken care of by the teachers—this being correlated with their lesson. Our highest attendance was ninety-eight with twenty teachers and helpers. The children learned the books of the Book of Mormon, the Beatitudes, and a memory verse for each day. We had twenty children who have had perfect attendance for seven years. "Faith, Faith, Faith" was the theme song we sang each day as we went to and from our classes.

On Missionary Day, which was the eighth day, we took up a special collection and it was decided to send our donation this year to Wakpala, S. Dak. We were pleased to have Sister Pat and Brother Dick Christman with us this year and appreciated their help with the Bible School. We hope that our donation will be of some benefit to them in helping to further the missionary work in South Dakota.

This year we heard of a little girl who had been burned quite badly. She had a birthday during our Bible School and the children sent her cards. Each year it seems that something happens giving our children an opportunity to show their love and concern for others less fortunate than they.

We had our program on Thursday evening at the close of our sessions. We were again pleased to see the parents and friends of the children there to hear our program and view the handwork.

Once again, we feel to thank God for our Vacation Bible School and all those who helped in any way.

OBITUARIES

MARIA MICHELA NOLFI

Sister Maria Michela Nolfi, mother of Sister Bernadine Thomas of San Diego, California, passed away on June 12, 1964 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nina Ippolitti, in San Jose, California. She would have been 100 years old on August 4, 1964. She was baptized in San Diego on July 5, 1953 at the age of 89.

To mourn her passing, she leaves three daughters, two sons, eighteen grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren. May God comfort her loved ones.

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NATALE SAMARO

Brother Natale Samaro, 75, of the New Brunswick, N.J. branch, passed away July 8, 1964 after a short illness. He was born in Italy, on June 24, 1889 and became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ June 6, 1926.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ with Brothers Joseph Difede and Rocco Ensana officiating.

Brother Samaro had also done missionary work in Italy.

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MARY ELLEN McMANUS

Sister Mary Ellen McManus, 93 years old, died July 10, 1964. She was baptized in the year 1917.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Clarence (Olive) Clark, of Masontown, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Rachel Riggen, of Detroit, Michigan; Clark, of McClellantown and Howard, of Masontown, Pennsylvania; a foster daughter, Elizabeth Beal Baling, of Kingwood, West Virginia; thirty-five grandchildren, seventy-five great-grandchildren, and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

Brother Thurman S. Furnier conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Joseph Shazer and Reverend Paul M. Roth.

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MARIE OBER

Sister Marie Ober died in the Uniontown Hospital on July 1, 1964 at the age of 64 years.

She was a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, having been baptized August 7, 1949. Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Nora Lee Grow of Arnold, Pennsylvania, and one son, Glen, Jr., at home.

Services were conducted by Brother Joseph M. Shazer.

GET ON YOUR FEET!

By C. W. Holmes

An Army football coach taught his team not to lie resting on the field when blocked out of a play, but each man should quickly regain his feet and go into action until he hears the whistle blow. The results were astonishing. It was as if, instead of the normal eleven men, the team was using several extra players.

The Apostle Paul gave similar advice to the Philippians when he coached them to forget those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The enemy of our souls is happy indeed when he blocks us out of a play and we lie there reflecting on our past mistakes. Get on your feet! The whistle hasn't blown yet. But when it does, only those found in action can be considered valid contenders for the prize.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"And all the people shouted, "God save the king."
I Samuel 10:24.

I Samuel 10:24.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you how the first king of Israel was chosen. His name was Saul. He was the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin. Samuel was the judge in the days of Kish. When Samuel became old he made his two sons judges over Israel. They did not walk in the ways of their father. They did not rule justly but took bribes from the people. The people went to Samuel and told him that his sons were doing wrong and they asked him to choose a king for them. They wanted to be like the other nations around them. This displeased Samuel. The Lord told Samuel to tell the people what it would be like to have a king. He said if they had a king their sons would be drivers of his chariots, run before the chariots, work in the fields, and be servants. Their daughters would be cooks, bakers, and confectionaries. The king would take their best lands and vineyards, also the best cattle and sheep. Samuel said they would cry out against the king and the Lord would not hear them. But the people would not listen. They said, "We want to have a king like all the other nations." When the Lord heard all this, he said to Samuel, "Hearken unto their voices and make them a king." Samuel told the men of Israel to go to their own cities.

Now one day the asses of Saul's father, Kish, strayed away. Kish told Saul to take one of the servants and go look for the asses. Saul did. They went a long way but could not find them. By this time Saul and the servant had come near a city. Saul had been told a prophet lived here who could tell him where the asses were. As they went up the hill to the city they met young maidens going to draw water. They asked if the prophet were there. The maidens said there was a feast in the city and the prophet had come for it. They would find him in the high place about this time. They met Samuel going up to the high place. Now the Lord had revealed to Samuel, that day, he would know who had been chosen to be king over Israel. When Samuel saw Saul the Lord said to him, "This is the man."

Saul did not know Samuel. He went up to him and asked where the prophet's house was. Samuel answered, "I am the seer". He told Saul to bring his servant and come to the feast and stay with him. Samuel told him not to think about the asses because his father had found them. Samuel took Saul and his servant into his parlor and had them sit in the best place among those who were at the feast.

The next morning very early, Samuel took Saul to the top of the house where they could be alone. Samuel told Saul to let the servant pass by so they could talk together. When the servant had gone on, Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on Saul's head

and kissed him. Thus Saul was anointed to be king over Israel. The Lord had commanded this and the people were not to know of it at this time.

Later Samuel told the people to come to the city Mizpeh. He said, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of all kingdoms and of them that oppressed you: and ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations and ye have said unto him, 'Nay but set a king over us'. Therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your thousands." Now Saul was a choice young man. There was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he. The people saw that from his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of them. Samuel said to all the people, "See ye him whom the Lord has chosen, and there is none like him among the people." And all the people shouted, "God save the king".

Next month I will tell you a very strange story about this great king and you can see if he pleased the Lord.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Why did the Lord repent that he had made Saul king? I Samuel 15:10, 11.
2. Who became Saul's armor-bearer? I Samuel 16:21.
3. What saying is recorded many times about Saul and David? I Samuel 29:5 — I Samuel 21:11 — I Samuel 18:7.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

GOD'S LOVE TO MAN

By Mark Randy

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God's love to man and everything He did portrayed love. The very angelic message to man was peace on earth and good will toward him. In every miracle that Christ performed and in all of His teachings He showed love, not only for the Jews but for all mankind. When some of the men of Judea felt superior to the people of surrounding nations Jesus reminded them that in the days of Elisha, though there were many lepers in Israel, none was cleansed except Naaman, the Syrian. This He said to show them that God was a lover of all mankind, and that He helped any who had faith in Him.

In the story of the Canaanite woman Jesus teaches a lesson of mercy which stands above tradition. Here the disciples, being taught from their childhood that the Gentiles were dogs in the eyes of the Israelites, could not see why any mercy should be shown to the woman of Canaan. Jesus suffered their tradition for a while and gave no heed to the woman who cried after them saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord." He then stopped and told the woman in the manner of the Jewish tradition, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." She said, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Jesus said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

The disciples did not understand that God has love and mercy toward all men until the divine experience of Peter in the house of Cornelius when the spirit of God fell on all his household. Seeing this manifestation to the Gentiles he was compelled to say, "Now I perceive that God is not a respecter of persons." It was hard for the Jews to realize this and to accept the Gentiles as their equals. It is still hard for the so-called civilized world, the intellectuals and the fair races to accept the truth that God is no respecter of persons; and that of one blood God has created all men.

Love is not shown by words alone, but by the deeds we do. The love of God through Jesus Christ admonishes us to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Also Jesus said, "Love ye one another and by this love the world will know that ye are My disciples if you have love one for another." Jesus prayed saying, "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. The glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them as thou hast loved me."

According to the words of Jesus, we cannot be perfect until we have first become one in Him as He is one with our heavenly Father. His desire toward us is that none be lost. We ought, therefore, to strive to convince mankind to obey the Lord. We can help by deeds of love and not by words alone. What has mankind gained by strife, greed, hate and discrimination toward his fellow men? We only deprive ourselves of the love of each other when we feel ourselves better than others. The desire of God toward us is for us to have life, and life more abundant.

The Church of Jesus Christ, which Christ Himself set up, will gather all His children into His Kingdom that we may be a happy people. His teachings are steps to happiness. Have you ever seen the face of a repentant soul when he has fully surrendered himself to Christ? Let us love one another even as God loves us, that we may be made perfect in one.

*Love is beautiful, knows no creed;
Makes me grow younger, and bears no need.
Love does not stand by itself alone;
Deeds make her sit upon a throne.*

*Love is wonderful, true, pure, dear;
Love's a perfect gift, knows no fear.
Love, faith and hope are one in self,
Love raises the dead to eternal life.*

If we feel that we are better than others, let us show it by the good that we do and not by words that we speak. Love prevails over hate; to love is life. God is love, and whomsoever believeth in Him shall never die.

BRONX, N. Y.

Dear Gospel News Readers:

Greetings to one and all in the name of our Lord from all the members of the Bronx Branch. July 5th brought us much joy, love and the blessings of God. We were honored by having an apostle of our Church, Brother Rocco Biscotti and his wife from Cleveland, Ohio in our midst. Brother Biscotti stated that he felt a very strong desire to visit this part of the vineyard, and we certainly were very happy to see him. He related many wonderful experiences and in his discourse he admonished us to love one another as Jesus loves us. His talk was enjoyed by everyone, and we are looking forward to his next visit. I would like to say that Brother and Sister Biscotti have been a great blessing indeed to our Church and to all with whom they have associated; they are loved by everyone. We sincerely hope and pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them the remainder of their days.

We also had the pleasure of having brothers and sisters from Brooklyn and New Jersey visiting with us. We surely had a wonderful time as the Spirit of the Lord was in our midst. We are very thankful to the Lord for all the blessings He bestows upon us. Regards to all from the saints in the Bronx.

Bronx Branch Editor
Betty Catalano

GLASSPORT BRANCH NEWS

On May 24 a wonderful day was shared by everyone at the Glassport Branch when Alfred Nolfi asked for his baptism and we gathered at the river's edge to witness this wonderful blessing. Our hearts were filled with joy to see one of our older brothers, Peter DiPiero, take the new convert into the water.

Our afternoon meeting was also blessed with the confirmation of Brother Nolfi by Brother Alma Nolfi, and the testimonies of our brothers' and sisters.

We are few in number at the Glassport Branch, and it is truly a blessing to realize that God knows our need and is always there to lift us up. May He bless Brother Nolfi in all his endeavors is our prayer.

Rosemarie Ali, Branch Editor

NEWS FROM McKEES ROCKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

It gives us pleasure to write again for The Gospel News. May the Lord add His blessing. We give thanks to God for the truth restored. We praise Him and thank Him for His grace, mercy, and boundless love.

Wednesday, July 1, another soul was brought unto the Lord, Sister Carmack. May the Lord bless her and keep her among the faithful is our prayer in Christ Jesus. Apostle Alma B. Cadman with others from Aliquippa were present for the evening service. The things which were spoken are too great and wonderful for me to write, but are written in the Bible and Book of Mormon. The Saints are to keep their first love, and the world is to repent and believe the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord have mercy and bless all, sending more laborers into the vineyard.

Brother George Ondrasick, Sr., has been home from the hospital for some time. Thanks be unto the Lord

for sparing his life, and the lives of others. We beg an interest in your prayers here in McKees Rocks, and we do remember you.

Love from all to all,

Martha Laird, Branch Editor

MY EXPERIENCE

By Filomina Rullo

Although my husband and I were born in Italy and reared in the Catholic faith, we had the desire to serve God as best as we knew how. We came to America in 1912 and went to church as often as possible. I began to lose my health, and by 1916 I was bedfast. This condition lasted for most of seven long years. As a last resort, a specialist was called in. He told my husband that I had only a few more hours to live.

Three weeks before this, unknown to me, Brother Sam Verducci of the Dunlevy branch (near Roscoe, Pa.) had an experience. A heavenly messenger visited him in a dream, telling him that someone in Monongahela was in great need of God and that he should go there. Brother Sam did not heed the words of the messenger. This experience was repeated two more times during the next three weeks, and the messenger told Brother Sam that God would lead him to the family that needed His help.

We were startled when, at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 1923, a stranger knocked at our door. He introduced himself and began relating the experience he had had. From the bedroom, I heard this stranger's voice and I called to my husband. We were amazed because this was the first time I had been able to speak for several days. At my insisting, my husband dressed me and carried me into the kitchen, and for six hours I heard the Scriptures expounded as I had never heard before. Brother Sam related the way of salvation according to the true Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was deeply touched when he told of God's healing power, and I believed every word he spoke. I even promised to attend his church on Sunday, if it would be the will of God.

Immediately after Brother Sam left our house, I felt a divine peace spreading over my entire body, and my sickness began leaving me. Within the hour I was able to walk outside in the sunshine. When my husband told me how close I had been to dying, I realized that something supernatural had taken place.

The following day, I was able to get my children off to school, bake bread, and cook supper. I washed clothes the next day, and was feeling better and better.

When Sunday came, Brother Verducci was there to take me to his Church. For the first time in my life, I witnessed the Spirit of God being made manifest in the hymns, testimonies, and all that was done or said. Later that afternoon I witnessed four baptisms and was amazed at the wonderful sight. Sister Falsetta told me to pray earnestly and fervently to God, and that He would call me into His fold if it be His will.

As soon as I returned home, I related all the happenings of the day to my husband who did not attend the meeting with me. I told him that I felt this was the true church of Jesus Christ, and the pure love of God was there with these humble people.

Before I went to bed that night, I prayed to the

Lord, asking Him if I should join this church. The answer came by way of a dream. A man dressed in a white robe appeared unto me. He was surrounded by a bright light, and I knew this was Jesus Christ. He called me by name and asked if I would promise to go to The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday and be baptized. I answered affirmatively. Then three times He asked if I truly believed in Him and repented of my sins. Three times I answered, "Yes." I was then told to raise my right hand, and as I did, the spirit of repentance came down upon me so forcibly that I began to cry in my sleep. When my husband awakened me, I related my dream to him, and he said he had heard me talking in my sleep. He then told of a dream he had had, in which he walked into a cave lined with shining gold. In the cave was a baby lying in a manger, surrounded by sheep. Everything was pure gold and exceedingly beautiful to behold. Then and there we both decided to be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, April 29th., 1923 my husband and I were baptized in the Monongahela River and witnessed the new birth that comes following the burial in the liquid grave.

A year after my baptism, I met the doctor who had given up hope for me. He was shocked to see me alive and quite healthy. He wanted to know how I had survived my grave ordeal, and I told him of the Great Physician in Heaven who has the power to heal all who believe in Him.

My husband passed on to his eternal reward on February 14, 1961, being faithful to the very end. Although my health is failing me, I know that God has blessed me all the days of my life. I can never repay Him for all He has done for me. On numerous occasions I have been healed when anointed for my afflictions, spared from death itself, and given strength and new courage to press onward to my celestial goal. I will give Him all the honor, glory, and praise as long as He lends me breath. For when I come to the end of my journey, weary of life and the battle is won; carrying the staff and the cross of redemption. He'll understand and say, "Well done."

In closing, the first verse of my favorite hymn sums up my hopes and expectations: "There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar; for the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there. In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore."

CONCEPTS OF GOD

By James Curry

It seems to be the nature of men to see Futurity through the eyes of their own desires. Thus it is that the farmer is apt to see an exclusive agricultural; the scientist an exclusive technological, Peaceful Reign. Those of us who desire long life in these fleshly temples (as we all do) are apt to construe Isaiah's prophecy "For as the days of a tree are the days of my people" to mean that men's lives will be extended until they live to the ripe old age of a tree.

The members of The Church of Jesus Christ are permitted, from time to time, to look across the years into Futurity, and, by laying aside our own wills, and

with the assistance of God's own eyesight, see, with startling clarity, things as they shall be, which are often very different from those things seen through the eyes of desire.

I have, with the assistance of God's own eyesight, had a few momentary glimpses into the Peaceful Reign, which taught me, among other things, that Isaiah's prophecy heretofore referred to has nothing whatever to do with the idea of God extending the years of man's life. To say that Isaiah's prophecy has something to do with long life is to admit that Isaiah deals in personalities. It has long been my conviction that Isaiah was not interested in individual personalities, unless indeed that individual should be a great central figure such as Christ or the Choice Seer, and a small sprinkling of lesser great ones, and that when he prophesied "For as the days of a tree are the days of my people" he was speaking, not of personalities, but of the developing Kingdom of Christ, and of the conditions which would prevail in that day when the Kingdom of Christ, which grew from a seed that was likened to a grain of mustard seed, had grown until it had become a tree. Let us consider the whole verse from which the foregoing excerpt is taken:

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for **(because)** as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their **(own)** hands."

The first sentence of this verse introduces the subject of building and inhabiting; of planting and eating. The second sentence tells us why they shall not build, and another inhabit. The third sentence sings of the grand reward of creative labors in a better **(tree)** dispensation.

Isaiah, like many another among the children of Israel, steadfastly looked forward to, and rejoiced in, the coming of Christ and a better dispensation. There were many reasons for this. Among other things there was under the reign of law no grace or forgiveness of sins such as we know and enjoy in the Church of today. I sometimes wonder how we members of the Church of this latter-day dispensation would feel about it if we were required to build, that others might inhabit; to plant, that others might eat. The children of Israel were obliged to do that very thing. There was no such thing in those days as laying up for oneself **treasure in heaven**. Their abundant labors, their many martyrdoms, their joys and rivers of tears succeeded only in laying up for themselves, and for the whole world, in fact, **Treasures in Christ**.

Consider the sad lot of the Jew, who, having created an immense treasure in Christ, rejected the works of his own hands, and has since existed in a state of spiritual destitution. Christ warned the Jew of the folly of rejection in these words:

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls **(treasures in Christ)** before swine, **(the Jews referred to the Gentiles as dogs and swine)** lest they trample them under their feet, **(corrupt the Gospel of Christ)** and turn again and rend you."

Fallen, corrupted, adulterated Christianity has for fifteen hundred years hounded, persecuted and murdered the Jew.

When the Jew rejected his portion in Christ, (I

feel safe in saying that each of the twelve tribes had a portion) Christ was free to give it to whomsoever He would. The story of how the Gospel was given to the Gentiles is well known to all. We need not elaborate. Suffice it to say that the Gentile moved into the Jew's house, warmed himself at the Jew's hearth-stone, and is to this day eating the Jew's bread. This while the Jew wanders forlorn; homeless and hungry, sadly wondering why God has given him tears for bread.

Paul, in the 11th. chapter of Romans, explains this peculiar state of affairs in these words: "I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy."

The melancholy Job, whose sufferings and restoration to God's favor typified the fall and restoration of Israel, said it in these words: "If my step hath turned out of the way, and my heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to my hands; **then let me sow, and let another eat;** yea, let my offspring be rooted out." Every Bible student knows that when the Jew rejected Christ the Gentiles began to eat what he had sown, and that the Jews were rooted out from Palestine and dispersed to all parts of the known world.

*"How long we have wandered, as strangers in sin,
And cried in the desert for Thee!
Our foes have rejoiced when our sorrows they've
seen,
But Israel will shortly be free."*

Because we Gentiles have never been required to build, that others might inhabit, or to plant, that others might eat, the prophecy under discussion does not for us have the soul-enlightening, heart-warming connotation that it has for the Jew. How wonderfully comforting for the Jews to discover that they shall never again be required to build, that others might inhabit; to plant, that others might eat. He shall repurchase his portion of the Israelitish treasure, and, for all time and eternity, enjoy the work of his own hands.

"They shall not **labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble;** for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord **(seed of Christ)**, and their offspring with them." Isaiah 65:23.

He shall lay up for **himself** treasures in Heaven, "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal." Such is the blessed assurance of God, not only to the Jew, but to every kindred, tongue and people who abide in Christ in the days of the tree.

I might say in conclusion that the Kingdom of Christ on earth is known by many names or sub-titles. Among these is the Restoration of the Ancient of Days. If men lived to be many hundreds of years old during the course of the Ancient of Days, it must follow that in the restoration of those days, or the restoration of the conditions which prevailed in those days, the inhabitants of the peaceful reign may confidently anticipate having their lives extended until their ages equal those of the ancients.

(I shall in the next article of this series elaborate upon the story of the tree.)

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank all throughout the Church for their prayers in my behalf, and the wonderful cards I received during my recent illness; also all those who came to visit me during my stay in the Uniontown Hospital.

May the blessing of God be with you all. It is because of your prayers that I am able to write to you today. My constant prayer is that, as we wait upon the Lord, He will renew our strength in Him.

E. R. LaRue
Grindstone, Pennsylvania

THE FLOWER GARDEN OF THE LORD

By Lee Robinson

W. Elizabeth, Pa. Branch

*When I was in the paths of life,
And we were all thus-minded;
Envy, anger, jealousy and strife,
Were our very friends and kindred.*

*As I walked along this path as said;
It was all I could afford,
I happened upon a sign which read:
"The Flower Garden of the Lord."*

*And as I stood in awe, transfixed,
Gazing upon a beautiful scene;
Wondering how such as this exists,
And what this sign could mean.*

*So I continued standing there,
Drawn by some unseen power;
Having not a world of care,
Not at this acceptable hour.*

*Being drawn from pride, lust, and hate;
Because a small still voice I heard,
I turned my feet toward the gate
Of the Garden of the Lord.*

*And there appeared the man I heard;
He perceived I was much concerned
About the Garden wherein I was lured;
He began to converse that I may learn.*

*In the beginning he began to speak;
Thorns, briars, and thistles he did burn,
Because, forbidden, one did willfully eat,
And caused the world to turn.*

*And two flowers that were created,
He made again to mate in one;
That this garden would be restored,
Before again the end would come.*

*He said, as he continued to say,
That he himself was sent
To labor in the garden that day,
For Him that did condescend.*

*And many things that he did say,
Concerning Him that condescended,*

*To pave and prove the narrow way;
But all could not be comprehended.*

*Then he said, "Soon I'll be leaving,
For you're to labor in my stead;
Because of your concern in believing
On these words which I have said."*

*And he pointed toward the flowers,
Which in beauty did multiply:
"Someday soon they will be ours;
Keep them and watch that they do not die!"*

*"When your labors seem much in vain,
And these times will surely come,
He who sent me, call on His name;
Courage, strength, and comfort. He'll send some.*

*"And someone else may happen by,
Blind, halt or lame, one day;
Then tell them how you found and tried
The straight and narrow way.*

*"How far astray the world led you,
And of all the things you've heard;
And how that you have come to be
In the Garden of the Lord.*

*"And of this great joy you'll receive,
When all your labor is ended;
How perfectly you will perceive
That all things in one were mended."*

I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN

*Through this toilsome world, Alas!
Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.*

Anonymous

TRUTH, CRUSHED TO EARTH

*Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again—
The eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers.*

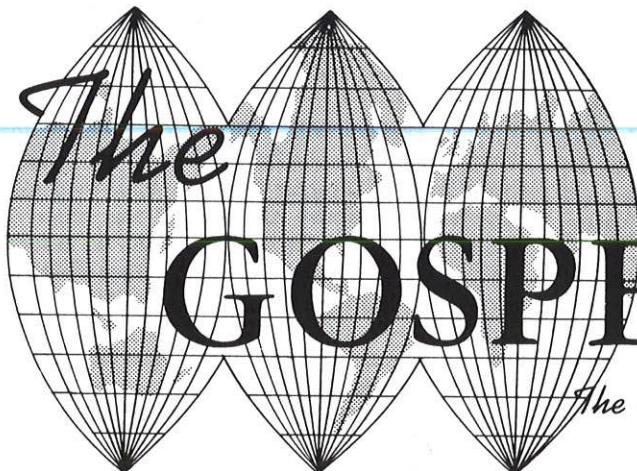
William Cullen Bryant

OUR LIPS AND EARS

*If you your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how and when and where.*

*If you your ears would save from jeers,
These things keep meekly hid:
Myself and I, and mine and my,
And how I do and did.*

Anonymous



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I PRAYED TO GOD, ONE NIGHT by Catherine Vultaggio Poma

*I prayed to God one night when I was troubled;
A mighty prayer from my lips did soar;
My heart was quaking with the fear that gripped it,
And shook my being to the very core;
I knew that what I asked of Jesus, Saviour,
Could only be accomplished by His hand,
For I know well that only He
Can calm the waters of the sea,
Or save me from the grip of sinking sand.*

*Then suddenly I cried, "I thank Thee, Jesus,
I ask no more; but thanks I give to Thee,
For Thou hast said, 'ask and it shall be given,'
And, thus I know that Thou hast given me."
And, as I spoke, the terror and the trembling
Forsook my soul, and in the darkness fled . . .
And, as I stared into the sky,
I knew that He had heard my cry,
And, oh, what peace came over me instead!*

*Oh, what relief is found within a prayer,
What miracle of miracles it brings!
The cares of life are taken from our shoulders
And flown to Jesus, quickly, on it's wings;
The burdens lift, and once again we're able
To forge across both smooth or rocky lands,
For He has told us, at some length,
"Thy trials shall not exceed thy strength,"
And all my strength is found in Jesus' hands!*

THE RAINBOW

It was so hot, I took off my jacket. That wasn't very smart. It started raining and raining. The rain came down in buckets. There were puddles, knee deep! When the rain stopped I saw a beautiful rainbow. It was of all beautiful, gorgeous, exciting colors. It made me think of the Sunday School lesson we had in church about when God said, "I will never destroy the earth again with water. A rainbow in the sky will remind me to keep my promise." I was left in thought-

fulness. I forgot how wet I was. I just stood there looking at the rainbow.

by Gelsa Zinzi (11 years old)
Bronx, New York

G. M. B. A. BULLETIN

The General Assembly of the Missionary Benevolent Association will convene Saturday, November 14, 1964, in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. All locals will be notified as to the place of gathering; also the time of the initial session. Mark the date in your memory ledger of "things not to miss."

In the river of life sails a Spiritual Vessel, and those who board her eternal decks will find comfort in the protection she offers for her bulkheads are indestructible. Her keel is made of the finest that God can give to withstand the rapids; her sails are magnificent in the strength of love; and no tempest, storm or gale of life can alter her course, for her Captain is a seasoned veteran — sure, true, steady, and reliable. Climb aboard her for she may not come around again.

G. M. B. A. Editor
David Campitelle

NOTICE

The Editorship is planning a department for articles titled "I Had An Experience"; anyone having had an experience that has not appeared in The Gospel News within the last three years is requested to submit same and we will consider it for publication.

(Please be as brief as possible.)

INDIAN GUESTS AT OHIO DISTRICT M.B.A.

On August 1, 1964, the Ohio District of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Youngstown,

Ohio. Through Brother Domenic Bucci the Youngstown local was able to procure as their guest speaker William Rickard from the Tuscarora Indian Reserve at Sanborn, New York. He is the national president of the League of North American Indians, and a past president of the Niagara District of the Indian Defense League of America; a position which he has held for ten years. With him was his wife, Beulah, and his father, Chief Clinton Rickard, (Loud Voice), who is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Chief Rickard has spent about four years in the United States Army, and has traveled all over the world. All his life he has been very active, working for the benefit of his people and traveling to Washington, D.C., many times in their behalf. He was well acquainted with our late President, W. H. Cadman, and has known Brother Bucci for some time.

William Rickard said that there is a wide misconception of the Indian through television and stories. He reviewed some of their present-day customs and beliefs. Referring to the land as their "mother," he asked if we would sell our own mother? In a question and answer session we learned that the Indian people as a whole do believe in only one God and are taught their beliefs by a religious leader of their tribe. However, all the Indian tribes are not united as yet. They believe in the coming of a deliverer. It was brought out also that the most accurate accounts of the Hopi Indian teach that when the flood was upon the earth, the "Great White Spirit" opened the land and kept the Indian; then He opened up the land and a dove went out to seek dry ground. William Rickard has read the Book of Mormon and says it is accurate to his knowledge.

Chief Clinton Rickard then rose to speak and said, "I see an empty space; the Great White Spirit has called Brother Cadman."

Chief Rickard's efforts, strength, and time are continuous in behalf of his people to get for them what is theirs. As we looked upon their faces, we could not help remembering the words of the song, "O stop and tell me, Redman; Who are you? Why you roam? And how you get your living? Have you no God — no home?" We thank God that we know the answers to these questions through the true restored Gospel. The Book of Mormon holds for us their history.

Several elders spoke briefly concerning the seed of Joseph. Chief Rickard's wife played a selection, "In The Garden," and our local quartet sang the beautiful hymn, "An Answered Prayer." We had with us many visitors from other parts of the vineyard as well as those from our district, and a very interesting and enlightening evening was spent.

Our Indian friends stayed with Brother Bucci and his family on Saturday night and spent Sunday morning service with us, leaving for home in the afternoon.

Anthony Santilli, Branch Editor

NEWS FROM ROCHESTER, N.Y.

On July 31, 1964, Brother Joe Milantoni arrived in Rochester with a bus load of fifteen Indian brothers and sisters from Muncey, Canada. The following day they traveled on to Palmyra, N.Y., to attend the Mormon pageant at The Hill Cumorah. Brother Joe Perri and

family from Endicott, N.Y. also attended along with Sister Margaret Benyola. On Sunday they had fellowship with us.

The service was opened by Brother Joe Perri. Hymn #99, "Twenty-Third Psalm," was sung. Prayer was offered by Brother Joe Milantoni, then hymn #98, "One There is Above All Others," was sung. The 18th chapter of Luke, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" was the text chosen by Brother Perri. He emphasized that the riches of this world are a big hindrance in serving God. "It is easier for a camel to enter into the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Karen Milantoni and Judy Albert sang a duet, "Oh Paradise," in memory of our beloved Brother Joe Benyola, who recently passed away. The congregation joined in singing the last verse and a good spirit prevailed.

Our next speaker, Brother Milantoni, continued to emphasize love and humbleness. "Unless we become like little children, we shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." "Be Loyal to Jesus," was then sung and the meeting was opened for testimony. Sister Nicholas sang a solo in the Indian language. The name of Jesus sounds sweet in every tongue.

Before sacrament was administered, hymn #133, "Willing to Take the Cross" was sung. A number of brothers and sisters were anointed for their afflictions.

The concluding remarks were spoken by Brother Ansel D'Amico who further emphasized the preaching of the brothers; that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. He wished all Godspeed and invited them to fellowship with us again. "Praise God," was then sung and a prayer offered by Brother D'Amico brought the service to an end.

A light lunch was then served by the Sisters. In conclusion it was a day well spent in the service of the Lord.

Carmella D'Amico

LIFE

Life
was an unpaved road
and we
were laden travellers
prodded on
by the vicious
Sword of Time
toward
the awaiting arms
of Infernal Death.

Christ
lifted up our load
now we
are buoyant wayfarers
nodded on
by His graces
divine
toward
the alluring charms
of eternal breath.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



George A. Neill

To the young Christian continue is the keyword. While it took aggressive action on your part to gain the experience, it also takes a sustained attitude and endeavor on your part to preserve the experience.

The other day I opened my Bible and the first words my eyes rested upon were in red letters; they read, "If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples." The word **continue** seems to project itself above all other words contained in the above sentence, even to the word **disciple**; this truly is a significant word. The dictionary defines it as follows: To go forward or onward in any course of action; to keep on, to go on after suspension or interruption.

Jesus came and established a plan of salvation; this we often speak about. But He also established a plan of preservation. One is as important as the other and you cannot have one without the other. It is to the latter plan just mentioned that the word **continue** is associated. The most important word for all of us today is **continue** even if there have been suspensions or interruptions. To the young Christian **continue** is the key word. While it took aggressive action on your part to gain the experience, it also takes a sustained attitude and endeavor on your part to preserve the experience (in other words now that you have taken initial steps to become a Christian you must follow through). To follow on or keep on keeping on is advice, I believe, as old as the Church. Paul admonished the saints to **continue** in the grace of God. No doubt this is your and my desire and intent.

Upon what points are we to do this continuing? Jesus advises us to continue in His word. This is really a requirement and He promises by so doing we will be classed as His disciples. We will know the truth and this truth will make us free. He also said, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in My love." Let this sober thought sink deep. One does not survive very long as a Christian if he refuses to obey God's commandments. I believe salvation and obedience were linked together back in the days of Adam and Eve, and have continued to remain linked to this day. Any Christian who will not keep the commandments of God is on the outs with Him, and the most detrimental thing a Christian can do is argue with God. When in the state of being a candidate for baptism or a convert for Christ most people would willingly do anything God commands, and then some. After becoming a full-fledged Christian we will sometimes argue and say, "But, God ———." Because of this it has been said some people walk straighter to their baptism than they do from it, which simply means they were more subject to God's will when seeking salvation than they were after receiving it. We must continue to walk in the light and be constantly obedient to all the will of God if we wish to retain the victory. It is one thing to make our promises to God at the water's edge and another matter to live to the term of the contract we made. Someone once said, religion might be summed up in two words; revelation (by God) and response (by the individual).

Just how well do we respond to the will of God? Spiritual survival demands that we continue in the faith and doctrine; Paul says in so doing "thou shall both save thyself and them that hear thee." To the new-born babe in Christ, remember the enemy of our soul employs every technique possible. He may even try to persuade

some that they are not saved because they are still tempted by evil. It is true temptation can lead to sin if entertained, but temptation in itself is not sin. Remember Jesus was also tempted. Paul says that Christ was "tempted like as we are yet without sin." If the young convert should fall let him get up and try again. I am reminded of a story of a mother and her little four-year old who were walking to Church. The little boy fell in a mud puddle dressed, of course, in his Sunday clothes. The mother angrily said, "Now, what are you going to do?" The little fellow answered, "Get up and walk."

"Continue in the doctrine," Timothy was told by Paul. It is really a sad thing when young converts get tangled up in false doctrine just because they failed to learn the truth. Let us acquaint ourselves with the doctrine of our Church and why we believe in this doctrine. The secret to the strength of the early Church following Pentecost was that they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship.

We all know that Martin Luther had a "thesis"; how many I don't recall. We as a Church have a "thesis" or a "set of beliefs" and the easiest way for our Church to lose her identity would be for her members to fail to learn and abide by this thesis. We must continue in prayer as we are admonished by Paul. Jesus also advised us to watch and pray. The more constant and fervent our prayers, the more assurance we have that we will be able to stand up to the pressure to which we are subjected. If the prayer life in our Church breaks down everything else will soon fall apart. I repeat, the keyword today for all of us is **continue**; "Continue in My word,, continue in My love," are the words of the great Teacher.

OBITUARIES

MARTHA HEATH

Our Sister in Christ, Martha Heath, passed away on July 15, 1964 after a long illness. Sister Heath was born on December 31, 1890, was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on May 1, 1911, and died a faithful member of the Church. Sister Heath lived most of her life in Pennsylvania and moved to Detroit in 1951.

The funeral service was held at Detroit Branch #1, with Brothers Paul Vitto and Anthony Lovalvo officiating.

Left to mourn her departure are her husband, six children, sixteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren as well as many brothers and sisters who had fellowshiped with her through the years.

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FRANK PICCOLO

Brother Frank Piccolo was born in Naples, Italy, on January 6, 1885, and died in Detroit, Michigan July 2, 1964. He was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ on October 23, 1938. He was for a number of years the presiding deacon of Branch #4 Detroit, Michigan.

Services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #4, by Brother Gorie Ciaravino, assisted by Brother Dominic Moraco. Besides his wife, Brother Piccolo leaves three children and five grandchildren.

Brother Piccolo carried his cross with patience.

He seemed to have anticipated the last mile of the way and he lived faithful to the end. On the night before Thanksgiving he had a dream which he related as follows: "I dreamed that I found myself in a city of such beauty as my eyes had never beheld. I saw no one in the city, but I did see a large store. It was so long that I could not see the end of it and it was all made of glass. A brilliant light came from it. As I was wondering where this light came from, I was filled with a desire to enter the store to see if it was a natural light. On entering this store I saw tables stacked with white clothing and at each table there was one person who was serving. As I came near the first table there was a person whom I thought I recognized, but her back was towards me. I still desired to see this glorious light. One of the women said to me, "May I help you?" I replied, "I did not come to buy anything, only to see the beauty of the place." When I came toward the center of the store, I stopped at one of the tables. While I was looking up I saw a woman who had her back to me, and she turned to ask "May I help you?" I looked at her with surprise because I recognized her as Sister Rosa Ciaravino, who had already passed away. At that moment I remembered the young lady whom I had seen at the first table. It was her daughter Sister Jessie Lombardo, who also had passed away. This was the end of the dream."

Brother Piccolo felt this dream indicated that his days were numbered and he would soon go to meet those who have gone before.

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OSCAR W. FISHER

Brother Oscar W. Fisher passed away on June 6, 1964. He was born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania and moved to Kent, Ohio in 1950, where he made his permanent residence along with his wife, Ethel. In 1957 he received the testimony of the Gospel restored, and one year later was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. He was ordained a teacher and was of the first fruits in the Kent Mission under the ministry of Brother Anthony Picciuto.

During Brother Fisher's illness he had great confidence in God and knew that the Lord would call him to the higher realm of the eternal home. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall rest from all their labors. We shall miss him, but one day we shall meet again. On behalf of the brothers and sisters of Kent Mission we extend our sincere and heartfelt expression of sympathy to his wife, Ethel; her daughter, Jean Bennet; and to the entire family.

The funeral services were conducted by Brothers Mario Milano and Anthony Picciuto.

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ANGELA ROSE LOVERRO

Our beloved sister, Angela Rose Loverro, from the Bronx Branch, has gone to her reward July 22, 1964, a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born in Bitteto-Bari, Italy on January 18, 1889, came to the United States in 1916, met the Church and was baptized January 9, 1949.

She is survived by one son, three daughters, one brother and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our hearts are grieved at the vacancy she leaves but we know that she is in a better place. The

Gospel has given us the hope that we will meet some day never again to part.

Funeral services were in charge of Brothers Vincent Lupo and Dominick Rose from Brooklyn. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. May our dear heavenly Father comfort you all.

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MARJORIE MALONE

Sister Marjorie Malone of Washington, D.C., passed away on August 5, 1964, after an unconfined illness. She was the daughter of Harry and Gertrude Little of Coal Valley, Pa. Sister Marjorie was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on December 15, 1948, and remained a faithful sister until her death, at the age of 47. She is survived by her husband and son. Services were held at the Birch Funeral Home in Washington. May God comfort her loved ones.

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JOSEPH PIACENTINO

On Monday, August 17, 1964, Brother Joseph Piacentino, age 74, passed away after a prolonged illness.

Brother Piacentino was baptized in the Church on June 30, 1929. He was ordained a Deacon and a Teacher. He will be remembered by many brothers and sisters for his good counsel and the fine example he set for us in serving the Lord.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Sister Catherine Amormino of Detroit, Sister Lena Bologna of California; one son, Brother Michael Piacentino; thirteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit Branch No. 3. Brother Peter Capone officiated with Brother Tony Pietrangelo assisting.

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JOSEPH BENYOLA

On July 16, 1964, Brother Joseph Benyola of Hopelawn, N.J. passed away after a short illness. He was fifty-three years of age and had lived almost all of his life in Hopelawn where he was well known and respected by the members of the community.

Brother Benyola was baptized on April 17, 1932, in Perth Amboy, N.J. He was ordained an Elder of the Church in April 1933, and the following July he was ordained an Evangelist.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Margaret Scala Benyola; one son, Brother Paul; four daughters, Sister Mary Perri, Sister Florence Perri, Sharon, and Judy.

The funeral service was conducted by Brothers Thurman S. Furnier, Joseph Bittinger, and Rocco Ensana.

The above are statistics to be recorded, however we feel that the legacy Brother Joseph Benyola left behind is greater by far than statistics. Having been presiding elder of the Hopelawn Branch, president of the M.B.A., choir director, and president of our East Coast District, he reached many individuals. We can each remember some counsel he gave us, whether individual or collectively. He was a wonderful teacher and his philosophy of life was an inspiration to all. He believed in smiling and singing hymns of praise. Even through his last week with his family, he managed miraculously to sing the hymns he loved so much and to give counsel to those whom he felt were in need. This cannot be forgotten, and to us he left this desire to praise God in song and deed.

ALQUIPPA NEWS

We conducted our first Vacation Bible School this year from July 20 to 31, and we are happy to report that it was a great success. The school was held for children in the four to fourteen-year-old group, and was divided into four classes. Visitors from various states were in attendance; namely, South Dakota, New York and Michigan.

Sister Irene Yonkee directed the school and was assisted by the following sisters: Sabina D'Antonio, Mary Ross, Patty Giannetti, Mary Tamburrino, Joan Gibson, Josephine Ross, Carol Buceenell, Connie Ross, and Victoria D'Antonio. We feel to mention their names because of the great work they accomplished. They told us it was a great experience and, above all, a blessing to take these young minds and stir up their talents and thoughts toward God. We want to also mention and extend our thanks to Sister Mabel Bickerton who was so kind to assist in getting this project off to a good start.

The theme was "God's Beautiful World." The children completed various projects and read of the wonders of God's creation. The projects and work that the children did were put on display in the basement for all to see.

Each Wednesday the children took up a collection and made a donation to the Nigerian Secondary School. They presented a program on the evening of the final day. At the close of the program a card of thanks from the children and teachers was given to Sister Mabel for starting their Bible School for them, and another card was given to Sister Irene for all the work she did. Refreshments were served after the program.

James Gibson, Branch Editor

LOOK NOT ON THINGS THAT ARE SEEN

by James Heaps

How can we look not at things which are seen? Jesus said, "The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" If our minds are pure our eyes are pure. Then said the apostle, "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18). How can we look at things that are not seen; seeing that which is not seen? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. How can we hope for something which we cannot see? "Believe thou the things that thy father saw?" said the Spirit to Nephi. "Yea, Lord, I believe all the words of my father." And it came to pass that the Spirit said, "Look"; and he looked and beheld all the things that his father had seen. It was a dream that Nephi's father had, but it was through the Spirit that Nephi saw the things that his father saw.

Anything that God made is worth looking at; the world and its beauty, its parts all stamped with skill; and the great things which God has made with loving care and exquisite workmanship. God made me that I might look at them. He who made the light made

the eye. It is a gift of the great Creator for the purpose that we may see. Anyone that has traveled from the east to the west for the first time seems to have four eyes. They want to see everything; the mountains, the deserts. Their eyes seem to want to see what is on the other side of that mountain, only to see another mountain until they pass the desert. They want to gaze at the great Pacific Ocean. So it is with our spiritual eyes. We want to see as much of the spiritual as we possibly can. No wonder the apostle said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit."

The Spirit searches all things, knows all things, reveals all things; it opens the mind to all things. The brother of Jared could not be kept without the veil by the things which are not seen; one only sees through the Spirit by faith. If a man knew nothing about fire, and you told him you were going to burn him, he would not understand. But if you touched him with the fire it would remove all doubts from his mind and he would never again say he did not understand. So it is with the fire of the Spirit; if you have never been touched by it you will never understand. Then will you say like Nicodemus, "How can these things be?" The Scotchman said it is better felt than to be told. This law is true, that we can see today what we could not see yesterday; then all the questions of doubt are removed by a development of facts. To illustrate, when we see objects in the distance by twilight, we may not tell just what they are—a cow, a horse, a man, or a stump; but as the rising sun dispels the darkness the objects stand out clearly before us and we know whether it is a cow, a horse, or a stump. This is the reason many cannot see the things of the Spirit; they are still in the twilight.

Jesus touched a man's eyes and said unto him, "What do you see?" He said, "I see men as trees." Then Christ touched him again and asked, "What do you see now?" He replied that he saw all things clearly. So it is that sometimes it takes a second touch, and a third, and so on before we can see clearly. You cannot expect that new-born babe to see as you see, but as we put away childish things and walk like men we shall see clearly. The objects were there but space hindered us from seeing clearly, and that space was neither dark nor light; but when the light removed the darkness so that the obstruction was gone, the clear outlines appeared. There is then no more strained vision of sight, but one sees clearly.

So it is with questions of a spiritual nature. The carnal mind cannot see things that are spiritual but that soul that seeks for light shall find it. "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Then the objects of life are opened up unto him; death, sin, the atonement, and eternal life beyond this mortal life. He who seeks God in tangible form misses the very thing he is seeking, for God is a Spirit.

NUPTIALS LOVALVO - BOLOGNA

Sister Loretta Bologna, daughter of Brother and Sister Reno Bologna, became the bride of Brother

Leonard Anthony Lovalvo, son of Brother and Sister Anthony Lovalvo, in The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit Branch #2, on August 8, 1964.

Brother Anthony Lovalvo officiated at the double ring ceremony, assisted by Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio.

Following the ceremony, a lovely buffet supper was enjoyed. The newlyweds will reside in Mankin Township, Michigan. May the Lord bless them with a happy married life.

Anna Carlini, Branch Editor

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MAYFIELD - CARR

Sister Wilma Carr, daughter of Brother Jesse and Sister Ruth Carr, was united in marriage on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. to George H. Mayfield, son of Mrs. Rinehart of Uniontown, Pa. The double ring ceremony was performed by Elder James Grazan, assisted by Elder Paul Gehly, in The Church of Jesus Christ, S. Greensburg, Pa.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the S. Greensburg Fire Hall for friends and relatives.

Pfc. Mayfield, the bridegroom, has been in the Army for the past two years and is stationed in Irwin where the newlyweds will make their home. May God bestow His richest blessings upon them.

Rose Nalevanko, Branch Editor

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BUCCELLATO - NELSON

Linda Nelson and Kenneth Buccellato were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at San Diego, California on Saturday, July 25, 1964. Brother Ben Ciccati officiated in the ceremony.

Both Kenneth, who was blessed and raised in the Church and Linda were baptized on the same day a year ago. May God bless and care for them throughout their lives.

HUMILITY

What is humility? According to Webster's Dictionary, humility means modesty, mildness, and freedom from pride. As Saints of the Gospel of Christ, what should this word mean to us?

It should mean a great deal. It should be a stepping stone to the throne of God. Should we be proud, or should we accept with the help of God the daily burdens of life?

It is said in James, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

What does the scripture say of those who do not humble themselves? "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Exalted how? In the Kingdom of God. Do we in The Church of Jesus Christ have this humility? Let us search ourselves.

The Lord said, "Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child, the same is great in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Mary Ann Van Bree
Metuchen, N.J.

"INSPIRATION"

Throughout the course of time, there have been many things to inspire man to do great things. Abel

was inspired by God to offer the best he had as a sacrifice unto Him. Noah was inspired by God to build an ark so those who were righteous could be saved. David was inspired by God as to how to slay Goliath and gain fame, eventually becoming one of the greatest Kings of Israel. Moroni, a commander of the armies of the Nephites, rent his garment and was inspired to take part of it and make a banner upon which he wrote the following: "In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace and our wives and our children." He fastened this banner to a pole and inspired his people to reunite and take upon them the name of Christ. Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British in 1814 was inspired to write "The Star Spangled Banner" which today is our National Anthem and one of the hymns in our Hymn Book. So we see that inspiration plays an important part in man's life.

You may ask the question, why am I writing this way? My answer would be that a few brothers and I had a wonderful experience which would have inspired anyone to draw closer to God and to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As you all know by now our beloved Brother Joseph Benyola was taken ill and eventually passed from this life to enter that place of Paradise, as spoken of by Alma (Alma 40:12) as a state of happiness, a state of rest, a state of peace, where there is rest from all troubles and from all care and sorrow.

On Monday, July 13, 1964, Brother Walter Cihomsky and I went on Church duty, and after we finished our work we had a great desire to see how our Brother Benyola was. We stopped at his home, and Brother Walter went into the house to see Brother Joe Perri and ask how our brother was. Ever since our brother became afflicted I had a great desire in my heart to see him but only the family and the Elders were permitted to visit him. I had this desire because of the love I had for my brother. It was Brother Benyola who welcomed me into the Church at the first meeting I attended at Edison, N. J. an M.B.A. meeting.

While I was waiting for Brother Walter to come out, Brothers Frank Mazzeo and Carmen Sgro came to Brother Joe's home. As they were walking up the driveway, Brother Walter came out and called me, saying it would be all right for me to go in to see our brother.

We can all testify that we went into our brother's room with sorrowful hearts, but when we left it was with uplifted hearts. We saw our brother who was very ill, but his only desire was to pray and sing hymns of praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He asked us the questions, "Are we doing all we can for the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Are we doing our best to help the Church?" He asked us to examine ourselves and to see if we could do better. Our brother then requested prayer and we all knelt while Brother Frank Mazzeo anointed him. We can truthfully say that we all felt a wonderful spirit there.

After the prayer, as we all were waiting and looking at our brother, he said, "Don't look at me Brothers, for I know that I look like the last leaf of autumn ready to fall at any moment; but just sing hymns of praise unto our Lord, for this is the only thing that revives

and lifts me up." We sang a few hymns, especially two requested by our brother. When we sang Hymn #384 "Where He Leads Me", our brother related an experience he had quite a long time ago. He had gone with some other brothers to preach the Gospel in a church in Orange, N.J. No one had anything to open the meeting with, and our brother called this hymn. After it was sung, the Lord inspired him to preach a good sermon which was enjoyed by all. He was given good liberty by the Lord to speak. Then we sang another hymn "How Great Thou Art" which was one of his favorites. As we were singing, our brother sang forth with such spirit that he was heard even in the basement by his companion. To us it sounded like our Brother Joe before his illness.

We can all say that we were inspired by our brother's great faith. Throughout all his affliction, his only thought was of his Lord and Saviour and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We felt that it was an inspiration to us to be there that we too may have this same faith that our brother had and continue to serve God. When our time of trials or tribulation shall come, may we still cling to God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and be able to say as our brother could "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course and I have kept the faith."

May the Lord bless everyone who reads this article, and may they through the actions of our brother be inspired to draw closer to God and continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ

Anthony J. Vadasz

of Metuchen Branch, N.J.

THE CHALLENGE

All week the saints in Lockport were reminded to pray for the gathering of the Lockport-Rochester saints, which was to take place on August 23, 1964. God heard our prayers for He was present at our gathering, speaking through our brethren and bringing us a challenge.

Our morning meeting was opened by Brother Anthony Corrado from Youngstown, Ohio who spoke on the subject taken from III Nephi 27:8, "If a church be called in Moses' name then it be Moses' church; or if it be called in the name of a man then it be the church of a man; but if it be called in my name then it is my church, if it so be that they are built upon my gospel."

After singing the hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," Brother John Mancini from Erie, Pennsylvania spoke taking his text from John 14:9 which reads, "Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? . . ." He elaborated on Brother Corrado's talk and then presented us the same challenge that God presented to Philip. Brother John pointed out how the world of religion with its varied doctrines has shown that it knows Him not. He mentioned that even in the restoration movement there are factions whose doctrines are far removed from the principles of the doctrines of Jesus Christ. He told us of a discussion he had with some members of one of the factions of Latter Day Saints in which he asked them, "If you people are the true people of God, why

do you take the Negro people and set them aside, knowing that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for all nations, kindreds, tongues and people?" He paraphrased I John 4:20 by saying, "Any man who stands behind the sacred desk, and does not have love and respect for his fellowman, is a liar." Brother Mancini said we will know the people of God by the way they love one another. He reminded us that our Church makes a big boast or claim when we say we are the people of God, and he said we had better be living up to it for it's not what we say that counts, but what we do; how we live from day to day, and how we treat our fellowman. He reminded us how God had dropped Israel, the chosen people of God, because they would not obey Him or keep His commandments. He told us if we do not want to be dropped we should profit by Israel's mistakes.

Brother John warned us that we should take inventory and discard anything that we may have taken upon us individually or as a Church that does not fit into God's plan, for we should not be groping around in darkness or in confusion after God has been with us and restored the Gospel; we should not be asking Him to show us the Father or to show us the way. Again he challenged us as Jesus challenged Philip saying, "Have we been so long time with Him and are we still asking Him to show us the Father?" He said we should know Him and do His will for God's will must be done on earth as it is in heaven. He will accept nothing less. Our morning meeting was closed with the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Brother Rose, from Brooklyn, New York, opened our afternoon meeting. He also spoke on the subject introduced by the two brethren who spoke in the morning. He said no matter how you may look at the Gospel or turn it you will always come to Love, which is the center or the most important part of the Gospel. Brother Harry Robinson from West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, followed speaking on the subject of the challenge also. He exhorted us to ask ourselves the question, "Have we been in The Church of Jesus Christ so long and still do not know Him?" In other words we should turn the searchlight inward. "To Know Him," said our brother, "is eternal life." "Or ask yourself," he said, "how much progress have you made since you obeyed the Gospel?" Brother Harry mentioned that under the Old Testament God instructed Moses to build the tabernacle exactly like the pattern He gave him. Under the New Testament He told us to build His Church exactly by the plan He left us—do not add anything and do not take anything away. Our brother said that the standard is raised and God is looking for a prototype; and God is able to present us faultless so we should no longer grope in sin but press for the mark of eternal perfection. "For sin," he reminded us, "is the reproach of any person, any church, or any nation."

Brother Ansel D'Amico from Rochester spoke next, giving us his testimony and exhorting us to press for the mark of perfection. Brother Corrado then spoke in Italian and a few testimonies were given. Brother Paul D'Amico of the Lockport branch gave the closing remarks. We enjoyed the fellowship of brothers and sisters from Brooklyn, New York; Youngstown, Ohio;

West Elizabeth and Erie, Pennsylvania; and from Rochester, New York.

Lockport Branch Editor
Rosa M. Williams

A LETTER FROM WAKPALA, S. D.

Dear Brother George:

I had intended to write an item for The Gospel News earlier, but time slips by so swiftly we hardly notice. It is mid August.

Thank God we are doing fairly well. There is much to do here and we are kept busy. While we attend services in Wakpala, we travel to a little place called Green Grass, some eighty-five miles from Wakpala. Brother and Sister Henry Janis live there. They are the last converts and are doing their best to live the life that the Lord wants us to live. We hold outdoor services there. Their daughter also attends. During the week of August 24 we are going to hold a series of meetings in a school house, as we expect others to come. We beg an interest in your prayers. May the Lord call many more to his fold that they may not take part in the sinful things of this world. When we look around us and see the existing conditions it makes us feel very sad and we want to do all in our power to try to convince the people to come to God and surrender all at His feet. We have seen when someone gives himself to our Lord there is a complete change, even his countenance appears pleasant and relaxed.

Here is an experience had by the newly baptized members. Brother Janis became quite ill and since he was not getting any better, they were very discouraged; especially their eleven year old daughter. She began to cry as though her heart was broken and she told her mother she wanted to offer a prayer for her Dad. Her mother later told us of the beautiful prayer their little girl uttered. Within minutes Brother Janis was completely healed. They were made to rejoice in the great way the Lord works, His wonders to perform. We praise His holy name for all this.

Brother Ellsworth Brown also is one of our new members. His wife, Sister Lillie, has resumed fellowship and they are doing well. We hope the Lord will bless them that they may be able to uphold the banner of Christ and tell others of this great Gospel. May God Bless one and all.

Gabriel Mazzeo

NOTE OF THANKS

To the brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ: My family and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the many prayers that were offered to God in behalf of my companion, Brother Joseph Benyola, during his affliction. We appreciated the many cards you sent expressing sympathy to us in our hour of bereavement. We felt God's presence in sickness and sorrow.

Our hope of salvation is greater today than ever before. If we prove faithful the crown of everlasting life will be ours. Shortly, we also shall know and feel what it is to be there. Continue to pray for us, as we also remember you.

Margaret Benyola



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." Exodus 22:18.
Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you another story about king Saul and a witch. Saul was Israel's king. In the land of Israel there were people who had evil spirits. They could talk with the spirits and ask them questions about the future. These were called "familiar spirits". They were wicked and it was a great sin to have such a spirit. King Saul put those out of the land who were wizards and had familiar spirits.

The time came in King Saul's life when he was in great trouble. The Philistines were making ready to fight with Israel. When Saul saw how large their armies were, he was afraid. He asked the Lord what he should do, but the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or the prophets. He said to his servants, "Seek me a woman who hath a familiar spirit that I may go to her and enquire of her." The servants knew of such a woman at Endor. Saul disguised himself so no one would know him. He took two men with him and they went to this witch. Now the woman did not recognize the king. He asked her to bring up, by the familiar spirit, the man he would name. The woman asked him if he didn't know that Saul the king had sent those having familiar spirits and wizards out of the land. She thought he was setting a trap to cause trouble for her. But Saul assured her with these words, "As the Lord liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing." Then said the woman, "Whom shall I bring up unto thee?" Saul said, "Bring up Samuel." Now Samuel had been a prophet and had been dead for many years. When the witch saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice. She said to Saul, "You have deceived me, you are Saul!" This was very wicked of Saul to do this. He said, "Be not afraid." She said she saw an old man covered with a mantle or cape. Saul stooped with his face to the earth and bowed himself to the ground. Samuel asked Saul, "Why have you disturbed me?" Saul told him he was in great trouble for the Philistines were preparing war against him and God had left him and would not answer him. That was why he was asking Samuel to tell him what to do. Samuel said, "Why do you ask me, seeing the Lord has become your enemy? He has done to you what I told you would happen. The Philistines will be victorious. The kingdom will be given to David. Tomorrow you and your sons will die." Saul was afraid and fell to the earth. There was no strength in him because he had eaten nothing all that day or all the night before. The woman saw how troubled he was and offered him food. At first Saul refused, but his servants and the woman begged him to eat. He and the servants ate and then went on their way.

The next day, the Philistines gathered all their armies together for battle. They came against Saul and the men of Israel. Many Israelites were killed and many fled. The Philistines followed Saul. They kill-

ed Saul's three sons. The archers wounded Saul. Then Saul said to his armour bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust it through me." He was afraid the Philistines would take him and abuse him. But his armour bearer was afraid too, and would not do as Saul asked. Then Saul took his own sword and fell upon it. When the armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died. The Philistines gained the victory just as Samuel had told Saul they would.

The next day, when the Philistines went to take possession of all who were killed in battle, they found the bodies of Saul and his three sons. They took Saul's head and armour into the land of the Philistines so all their people would know Saul was dead. When David heard of Saul's and the sons' deaths he was very sad. Saul's son, Jonathan, had been David's dearest friend. Later David became king over Israel. The prophet's words were all fulfilled. God's word never fails.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What father and son were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in death were not divided?
II Samuel 1:23
2. Whose soul was knit with the soul of David?
I Samuel 18:1
3. When the evil spirit was upon Saul what did David do to refresh him? I Samuel 16:23.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

NEWS FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

During the past month we have been richly blessed with visitors, guest speakers, and friends. It has been a busy, happy month of fellowship and feeding upon the Word of God.

On July 19th we had as our guest speaker Brother Dominic Thomas of Detroit, Michigan. Brother Thomas exhorted us to examine ourselves and our spiritual needs; to ask just what it means to serve the Lord; and if we really relate ourselves to God. He said the essence of our spiritual life is serving God with all our heart, mind, and strength; we should place God first, others second, and ourselves last. In the evening we had a special evangelistic service with Apostles A. A. Corrado, Russell Cadman, and William Gennaro present as well as Brother Thomas, who was again the main speaker. He brought forth the question, "What position are we in to get ready for the Lord?" He exhorted us that we be bound by the Spirit of God, because there is a wonderful spirit in serving God. Visitors and friends were present from many parts of the vineyard.

On Wednesday, July 22nd, Brother Paul D'Amico was with us, along with Brother Rocco Biscotti and three other apostles. Brother Paul spoke concerning the children of Israel in the land of Egypt receiving corn from Joseph — likening this to the Choice Seer giving the "corn" to the House of Israel in these last days. He also said that through our many afflictions and trials in serving God, we test our faith and purify our souls.

On Wednesday, July 29th, Brother Philip Damore from Phoenix, Arizona was with us, along with Brother Steve Saffron, and we received a great blessing in hearing of their work with the seed of Joseph. Brother Philip told us the most important thing we as in-

dividuals can do to help further the work in God's Kingdom is to pray. The real blessing of the Gospel is experienced through the Indian work, and by our testimony to others we are all working toward this testimony to others as we are working towards this end.

At the time of this writing Brother Raymond Co-setti and his wife, Sister Mary, are on their way to Italy for three months. Let us all pray for the work there that they might do much good.

Anthony Santilli, Branch Editor

SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA INDIAN MISSION

I would like to relate a wonderful experience of God's divine work upon a nine-year-old Indian boy.

One day this boy and his mother traveled sixty miles to come to our home for prayer. He had lost the sight of one eye and was losing the sight of the other. He wore a patch over his eye. Brother Dan anointed this child, feeling a strong evidence of God's Holy Spirit.

After a short time had passed, we inquired as to the condition of this boy. We were told that in the evening when they returned from our place the mother started to give the boy his pill. Her twelve-year-old son turned to her and said, "Mother, you took him so far to be prayed for; if you believe Jesus is going to heal him, why do you give him the pill?" She put the pills away, believing that Jesus would heal her boy. A few days later she took him to the doctor. The doctor said, "A miracle has happened. The boy's eyesight has been restored, and it wasn't because of the pills I gave you. They were only for pain. There was no hope for him; I could do nothing, as your son had cancer of the eyes."

This causes us to rejoice to see God's hand upon the children of Israel. We thank God also that this past Sunday another soul rendered obedience to Him and was baptized. We all felt a wonderful blessing as we witnessed her baptism. There have been several visitors attending our meetings. Please remember them in your prayers that someday soon they also might accept this wonderful Saviour.

We ask for your prayers in our behalf that we might continue to do the work the Lord has sent us to do. May God bless and keep you all in His care is our sincere prayer.

Dolores Picciuto

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Dear Gospel News Readers,

We in Lorain, Ohio, have been privileged to have many brothers and sisters visit us during the months of June and July.

Brother William and Sister Theresa Gennaro, of Warren, Ohio, recently made a trip to Texas to visit their daughter and family. While there they also visited with the families of Brother Polacios and Brother Garcia. Brother Gennaro gave an account of his visits.

On Tuesday evening July 21st, Brothers Paul D'Amico, Perry Simone, and Dom Gagliardi of Lockport, New York, were with us. They are spending a week or so visiting among the Saints. Brother Paul addressed us using the 13th chapter of Ether in the

Book of Mormon for his topic. He spoke on the New Jerusalem as seen by the Prophet Ether. Brother Paul is an interesting and inspiring speaker. Brother Simone gave his testimony relating many experiences of his life in the Church and how the Lord has blessed him.

Sunday, July 26th, we had Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, Brother Ike Smith and family of Pennsylvania, and Brother Louis Ciccatti and family of San Diego, Calif. Brother Corrado used John 6:27 for his text which reads: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." He also spoke some on the first and second resurrections, stating that if we live a righteous life we shall have no fear for the second resurrection. Brother Smith spoke briefly and exhorted us to do more for the Lord who has done so much for us. For the past two months Brother Ciccatti and family have spent time visiting among Saints in the Eastern part of the States. He gives God honor and glory for preserving his life and giving him an opportunity to serve Him. Brother Ciccatti also asks that we remember God's chosen people, the Lamanites and the House of Israel. He gave an invitation to all to visit among the Indian and Mexican missions.

This past January Brother Dominic and Sister Marietta Giovannone moved to Ft. Pierce, Fla., to spend the winter months. In May they returned home to Warren, Ohio, and made a visit to our branch in Lorain. Brother Giovannone related experiences and told of the work being done in Florida in spreading the Gospel, also the progress on the church building at Ft. Pierce.

We are grateful and thankful to God that he gives a desire to our brothers and sisters to visit with us from time to time. May God bless all of you and may He keep us faithful that when our days are done here on earth, we may reap our reward in heaven where we'll meet with the righteous never more to part. In closing this article, Brother Joe Calabrese asked me to use Hymn #11 "An Angel Came Down" translated in Spanish by Sister Lucy Gonzales.

"Un Angel Bajo"

Un Angel bajo de mansiones de gloria
Y dijo que un record habia en Cumorrah
Teniendo completo el evangelio de Cristo
Y tambien el convenio de reunir a sus hi jos.
"CORO"—OH, Isra-el, OH, Israel, En todas
tus pruebas,
Prepara el camino Para oir las gratas nuevas

Un libro de merito, un tesore divino
habla desde el polvo con poder del espiritu
Confien, OH, Santos en esta voz del Senor
Y velen el dia, que traiga a Sion

Escuchen, OH, islas Y den oido naciones
Pues Grandes cosas esperan, a estas generaciones,
El reino de Cristo en Sion florecera
Los justos se reuniran, los malvados pereceran.

Branch Editor, Betty Alessio

PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

Oblivious to the surrounding world flows the reassuring peace and security of a new perspective to God in those who have accepted His Gospel. The world, now in an era of maximum stress and strife, experiences no tranquility. Therefore, only through an understanding in God will man be able to receive peace in his own soul, and learn to accept the various cultures with a broad-minded view.

It is a simple fact that people usually reason, feel and act as they do because they were brought up in a culture in which certain ways were not only accepted as right, but were superior to the rest of the world. Unfortunately, this misconception proves nothing except immature thinking since it should be noted that the most profitable way to look at a culture is to see it as an adaptive mechanism; that is to see what it does. Our culture distinguishes us from other peoples but in no way establishes status. Therefore, if we are to overcome the obstacles of prejudice, we must strive to fully understand the different cultures existing today.

"Religious beliefs and practices are among the most important and least understood aspects of the cultures of other peoples. All peoples do have some organized way of dealing with those aspects of life that are beyond rational control. The content of all religious systems is similar to the extent that the beliefs relate to the nature of the universe and man's place in it, the nature of the supernatural and how man relates himself to it, the role of the supernatural in the life of the individual and in society, and the nature of good and evil."

Thus the universality of religion suggests that it is not possible for a society to exist without some form of symbolic solutions to problems which confront human beings. Thus if we intend to convince we must first understand what ideals we are dealing with. The five major religions of the world—Christianity, Judaism, Islamism, Hinduism, and Buddhism—represent concepts for which many people have both lived and died. Each group, assured of the truth of their beliefs, is trying in turn to convince the world of the same.

At the New York World's Fair various religious groups have edified pavilions to expound their beliefs to the world. Three spirals, towering toward the heavens and topped by a heavenly messenger, welcomed visitors to the Mormon Tabernacle. Their theme was "Man's Search for Happiness."

—*"Men are that they might have joy," said the ancient prophet of God. The purpose of all human life is to live and learn and work and pray for a fullness of the useful, the beautiful, and the good.* Upon leaving this massive building I heard someone comment, "That was surely a waste!" Why? Was there lack of understanding?

Following the masses led to a lengthy line of anxious people pushing and shoving to enter the Vatican. In a dark room an escalator, moving slowly across the building, carried the crowd past the Pieta on a stage below, surrounded by an array of dim lights. Gasps and sighs were the only sounds which broke the dead silence. Could my faith be made whole from

a stone-cold statue?

The Holy Land was represented in two different displays from the states of Jordan and Israel. The country of Jordan boasts its significance to both Islamism and Christianity. Exhibited here were fragments of the Dead Sea scrolls which were discovered two decades ago. These seven scrolls, which were discovered in Quamran Cave, placed a new light on Christianity, clearing many misconceptions. In the Israeli exhibit a guide led one down a reconstructed street of old Jerusalem. Around the bend was the temple of David in the background, sinking slowly into the twilight. Shepherds were solemnly repeating the ten commandments in Hebrew. Never had I felt so close to Christ as when I walked those streets much as He had.

Men profess, "Lo, Christ is here or Christ is there," but in seeing these things we can acknowledge that God has rejected every last one. Regardless of the many religions existing today man has not found peace in his soul. Man's mind is as void and empty as a wilderness, spiritually speaking. The underbrush and snags must be cleared. So today the Restored Gospel is as "a voice crying in the wilderness" of misunderstanding. Thus the purpose of God in our era is to "prepare ye the way of the Lord" for eventual peace through the understanding of all God's concepts.

Carol Sue Mancini

THESE WHICH ARE ARRAYED IN WHITE ROBES

"What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Having the great privilege of visiting various branches of the Church, we have been made aware of many of the great trials and afflictions of our people. Our brothers and sisters are greatly burdened, and yet our blessed Saviour has bestowed much mercy unto the Saints. Surely we realize, we'll not be among those arrayed in white if we expect to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease. We must face our foes, bear the toils, endure the pain, and take up our cross whatever it may be, be humble and faithful to the very end.

We, the saints of the most high God need never fear, for we have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll. Why do we complain? Why do we murmur? Why do we weaken? Why are we discouraged? Are our crosses too heavy? Oh wretched men that we are! Could we bear the cross He bore for us? Can we blame the flesh for our weakness? Nay, for the Scripture reminds us, "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit." Can we blame the flesh for our weakness? Again the Scriptures tell us, "We as Saints of God are not in the flesh but in the spirit, if it so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth within us." So we must mortify the deeds of the flesh through the Spirit of God within us.

The flesh presents much sorrow and grief. This sorrow and grief contributes much to our daily struggles for a pure heart and a righteous life before God. Do we desire that God should relieve us from the trials

that are constantly before us, and which do so easily beset us? Nay, we desire strength and courage to go on, recognizing the need for our lives to be molded to perfection. Do we glory in tribulation? The Apostle Paul stated that tribulation worketh patience: and patience, experience: and experience, hope. Our hope in the word of God and the glory that shall be manifested in us if we prove faithful, is sufficient to sustain us through all our trials. If hope is unable to keep us, then surely the word of God can strengthen our hope. Are ye not the flock of the Lord? Hear His reassuring words, "Fear not little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Remember, the Kingdom of the Lord will be rewarded only to those who have come out of great tribulations.

However great your trials, your affliction, your cross, remember—God is looking for a peculiar people, a people who by faith and trust in Him can endure all things. Yes, some must go through the water, some through the fire, some through great sorrow but all through the cleansing and sustaining blood of the Lamb. So when burdens oppress, reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

These are they which came out of great tribulations. These are they who have suffered pain and affliction in patience. These are they who have suffered great sorrow and have looked to God for comfort. These are they who were tired and weary from the temptations of sin, yet were fixed in their purpose and true to their calling. These are they who were troubled on every side yet not distressed, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down yet they knew and they longed for that perfect day that God had promised to those who came out of great tribulations.

These are they who prayed with patience and served God day and night. These are they who are pure in Spirit, who have sacrificed for the sake of Christ. These are they who have sought first the Kingdom of God in all of its righteousness. These are they who have offered their alms before Him in mighty fasting and prayer. These are they who have showed mercy unto all mankind; who have been submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, and willing to submit to all things which the Lord inflicted upon them.

Brothers and sisters, in your moments of discouragement and pain, or moments when you struggle with the enemy of your soul until you feel all your strength is gone, find comfort and renewed strength in the words of Peter. "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." When the chief Shepherd appears, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

We shall—with exceeding faith, patience, and the love of God, overcome sin and the tempter. In that day we shall be arrayed in white robes and we will

be led by the Lamb of God unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe all tears from our eyes. Until that day we look ahead with great hope and anticipation. This hope will keep us firm in the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ as the Lord Himself molds our lives even to perfection. In this process of perfection, we will begin to glory in tribulation and we will be able to bear all things to the honor and glory of God.

We ponder in our hearts the song, "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus. Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ. One look at His dear face all sorrow will erase, when we have won the race and we see Christ." Yes, we shall overcome the struggles of the inner-man, and we shall be numbered among those who are arrayed in white robes, for our garments will have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. He loves us, He has saved us, and He is able to keep us even unto that day when we shall stand before Him in perfection, even as He is perfect.

Meredith Martin
Youngstown, Ohio, Branch

WHO?

Who do we go to when we are in need?
Whose love and teachings do we heed?
Who do we go to when we are in doubt?
Whose work should we be about?
Who strengthens us when we are weak?
Who is always humble and meek?
Who gave His life for you and me?
Who loves us through all eternity?
Who gave the blind man his sight?
Who should we love with all our might?
Who? No one but You, dear Lord,
No one but You.

Margaret Abbott

Important!

If you have a change of address please send a card giving both your old and new address. Each old or incorrect address costs us 10c of the Lord's money.

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Thanksgiving

by Lavina Cadman



This article is a reprint from The Gospel News of November 1947 in memory of Sister Lavina Cadman who passed away January 24, 1959.

Our President will soon issue a proclamation setting aside a day of Thanksgiving for the people of this nation. This is one of the first holidays made national by our Government. It takes us back over three hundred years ago, when one hundred English people came to settle in Massachusetts. They had left England because they could not worship God as they wanted to and had gone to Holland.

In Holland the English children began to talk the Dutch language and to do other things that their parents did not want them to, so they started on a voyage, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the Mayflower.

They landed here December 22, 1620, after a very stormy voyage. Arriving here they did not find comfortable homes, nice stores, paved streets, or fine churches to go to. No, they found a snow covered frozen land with nothing to see but timber; snow fell fast and often, and food was scarce; so first one was taken sick, and then another, and many died.

The people worked very hard chopping down trees, sawing them up to build log houses; living on the ship in the meantime. In the spring they planted plenty of corn. Summer brought the sunshine to ripen it,

and when autumn came they had a fine harvest. They had given thanks every day for their blessings, but they wanted a special day held in their new log church. They invited their Indian friends who were living here, to join with them in prayer and feasting. Plenty of game was found in the woods; wild turkey, chicken, quail, deer, and bear.

So the first Thanksgiving was held in the fall of 1621. How much different our Thanksgiving is today. Man has been blest with everything the heart desires; We have comfortable homes and wonderful schools. This is the land of many churches; we travel in comfort; from the soil we produce fruits and vegetables in abundance; also minerals of all kinds, coal and gas to heat our homes. In fact there is no end to these things used for our needs.

Why not stop to thank God for everything? Is He not worthy of the praise that should come from our lips? Are not the blessings of life all tokens of God's love for you? Do you appreciate them as you should, or do you look on them as the common things of life? Let me ask you this: what do you have that does not come from the hands of God? Thanksgiving should become a daily duty for us, for Christ set the example in "giving thanks" when He broke bread.

In Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Count all my blessings? I can't do it
Though I've tried it o'er and o'er;
Delving in the halls of memory
Always I am finding more
Often tho' I think I've ransacked
Every nook and corner there;
I can never pause a moment
Till they're crowding everywhere,
So I just keep saying "Howdy"
As they show their smiling face;
And conclude I ne'er can fathom
Half the wonders of God's grace.

No more fatal error can be cherished than that any character can be complete without the religious element.

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How many people are waiting until they become good to become Christian? They will wait in vain, because we cannot become good by ourselves. A man's only goodness is that which Christ brings into his heart. You cannot draw from the life of the vine until you become a branch of the vine.

GENERAL LADIES' UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 19, 1964, with sisters from New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, as well as Pennsylvania. We also had with us Sister Martha Akpan of Nigeria, Africa, who is attending school here.

At the beginning of our meeting we had special prayer for Brother Clarence Robinson of Clairton, Pennsylvania, led by Sister Irene Griffith of Roscoe, Pennsylvania. The sisters from Monongahela sang a selection of hymns and read the scripture found in I Corinthians, chapter 13, which is about charity. All gifts, however excellent, are nothing without charity. Sister Mabel Bickerton, our President, welcomed all the sisters. She reminded us of a revelation that was given to the Church, which follows: "This is My Church, ye are My people." We should each give God our time, give Him our praise, be anxious and willing to do all we can, be a good sister and a good wife. This was the exhortation of our President. Sister Mabel also advised that we have not organized any new circles the last quarter but all the circles are growing. We also heard a few testimonies.

In our business session, reports were read with a number of delegates present — all thanking God for the Circle. Sister Mabel reported that in the last ten years we have donated \$13,000.00 to the Indian Mission Fund, \$583.00 to the Memorial Fund, \$1,194.70 to the Home Mission Fund, and in the past three months we have collected \$884.53 for the African Secondary School. At this time Sister Hendler of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, led us in a special prayer in behalf of Sister Jennie Micale of Edison, New Jersey. The circles are sending clothes to Africa and we also have a request from Sister Perdue of Mexico for children's clothes.

Sister Martha Akpan and her husband, Brother Moses, from Nigeria spoke to us. They stated how the Gospel has helped their people and urged us to continue. Sara Vancik told us of her visit to Mexico and about her impressions of the children — how eager they were to learn, how they loved to sing, and of their desire to do the right thing. Sister Rose Milantoni told us some of the activities of the sisters in Muncey, Canada. They held a rummage sale at which they made \$90.00; they used this money to redecorate their church building. This was the first time they had done anything like this. Sister Mabel reminded us to use our talents.

Brother Harry Robinson also spoke to us, prais-

ing the Circle — telling us to labor and we will be rewarded with blessings. God has done so much for us; we ought to do something for Him. We enjoyed singing and heard a few solos.

We wish to thank our sisters from Monongahela for their kind hospitality. We had a good day — the time was well spent. Sister Mabel would like, if possible, to have delegates sent from all circles.

Mary Tamburrino
General Circle Editor

OBITUARIES SALVATORE DORE

Brother Salvatore Dore, 77, father of Sister Marie Caldwell, passed away on September 13, 1964 at the home of his daughter. He was born in Sardinia, Italy on February 13, 1887 and came to the United States in 1919. On August 24, 1930 he was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ, remaining a faithful member until his death.

His wife, Michalena DiBenedetta, preceded him in death. He leaves one daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. May the Lord comfort those that remain.

THOMAS AMORMINO

Brother Thomas Amormino passed away suddenly on September 8, 1964 at the age of 60. Brother Amormino was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on December 28, 1930. He leaves behind his wife, four sons, two daughters, and ten grandchildren.

Services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit Branch #3 by Brother Peter Capone.

NUPTIALS KATSARAS - RITZ

Brother and Sister Nicklos Ritz of Youngstown, Ohio wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Eileen, to George Katsaras of Youngstown. The double ring ceremony was performed by Brother T. D. Bucci, assisted by Brother William Gennaro of Warren, Ohio, in the Chapel of Friendly Bells on August 29, 1964.

Following the ceremony a lovely reception was enjoyed by all present. May God bless Eileen and George throughout their married life, and may they ever be mindful of Him.

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HILDENBRAND - SWANGER

Sister Patricia Swanger, daughter of Brother and Sister Merle Swanger of the Greensburg Branch, was united in marriage on August 22 to Gerald Hildenbrand, son of Florence Hildenbrand of Jeannette, Pa. Brother Alvin Swanson officiated at the ceremony.

A reception, attended by brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, was held at the Alvin Hall. May the Lord bless them with a happy married life.

Rose F. Nalevanko,
Branch Editor

CHARITY

There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill behoves any of us
To find fault with the rest of us.

Anonymous

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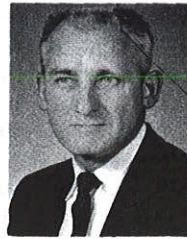
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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

This brings to our mind some of the words of the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, where he says, "To see our Father's hand once more reverse for us the plenteous horn of autumn, filled and running o'er with fruit and flowers, and golden corn!" How can we reflect upon the words of this poet and then spend Thanksgiving Day without feeling the art of appreciation in our hearts?

Ingratitude is one of man's most common failures or faults and the lack of appreciation is as old as man himself. The disease of ingratitude has plagued man from the days of our first parents. It cropped out in the children of Adam and Eve and was also prevalent in Noah's day. A whole world was stalked by the plague of ingratitude.

Paul warned the Hebrews to guard against lack of appreciation for sacred things. According to the words of John the Baptist, "The axe is laid unto the root of the tree." The axe fell on this generation of people partly because of ingratitude. It would seem that Jesus was disappointed and surprised as He met it in His day. When our Lord was approached by the ten men who were lepers and heard their cry from afar off saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us," Jesus told them, "Go shew yourself unto the priests," and as they went they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back and glorified God, falling on his face at Jesus' feet and giving thanks. Christ's amazed response was, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" Here were ten men with equal need and each received an identical blessing in response to his plea. Christ gave them what no other person on earth could give them—health. After showing themselves to the priest they were granted permission to return to their homes and families; yet only one showed appreciation and thanks for being healed from the dread disease that had separated them from society and loved ones.

If Christ were on earth today I'm afraid He might well ask, "But where are the nine?" I don't know if the ratio is nine to one in our generation or not, but I'm convinced there are far too many neglecting and forgetting to give Him thanks and gratitude for our manifold blessings. Let none of us take our blessings for granted. It's Thanksgiving Day again and where should it be more sincerely celebrated than in the hearts of Christians or in Christ's Church? It is so easy to overlook the importance of Thanksgiving Day. We think of it more or less, I'm afraid, as just a flay off from work. We may take a little walk out in the crisp November air as the sun is shining brightly, or in some parts of the country the snow may be whirling about us; in other parts of our land it may be hot and humid, but as we walk we anticipate the turkey dinner we will soon share with our loved ones. If we were to take this walk at night we might see a harvest moon which would bring to our minds some of the words of the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, where he says, "To see our Father's hand once more reverse for us the plenteous horn of autumn, filled and running o'er with fruit and flowers, and golden corn!" How can we reflect upon the words of this poet and then spend Thanksgiving Day without feeling the art of appreciation in our hearts?

In western Pennsylvania, where I live, the word "abundance" describes the harvest. We are like the rich farmer in the Bible who said, "What shall I do? I have no room to bestow my fruits." We too shall build our barns bigger, and some may also take on the attitude of this farmer of the Bible, "Soul, thou hast much goods

laid up for many years; take thine ease; eat, drink, and be merry." We need not build other barns for "Thou hast barns; the mouths of the poor which can hold much; barns which can never be pulled down or destroyed. It is true he who feeds the poor feeds God." Thanksgiving is thanksgiving and giving. The very word "America" stands for abundance; our rich farms, fertile valleys, fruit trees dotting the hillsides, and cattle on a thousand hills. Every harvest time we hear repeated the words **surplus, surplus**, and our government builds more storage bins. Are Americans truly thankful for all this abundance or are we like the ungrateful Esau? Let the ingrates beware lest the day come when our "feast" be turned to dry bread and water which will be eaten in the presence of an angry God.

"In everything give thanks," is Paul's admonition in the Scriptures. We should recognize God as the giver of every good and perfect gift, and if we were to count our blessings I am sure we could always find something we are taking for granted for which we should show our appreciation to God. What shall our Thanksgiving Day be like? Has Christ been able to teach us the art of appreciation? We do not answer these questions by the movement of our lips but by our attitude and act of sharing. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

A TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

We recently made a trip to Puerto Rico, hoping to spread the Gospel to the people of that island. Brother Joseph Calabrese had written saying he, his wife, and daughter, Cheryl, would be in Florida to attend a convention of the Prudential Insurance Company for whom he works. When I answered his letter I proposed that, if he could find time, our two families would take a trip to Nassau or Jamaica. However, when the Spanish Saints in his branch at Lorain, Ohio heard about it they suggested we should go to their relatives and friends in Puerto Rico to tell them about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the benefits they had received since joining the Church. Thus, on June 19, 1964 Brother Joseph and I boarded a plane at Miami.

The plane, a jet known as the Golden Falcon, was indeed a remarkable feat of engineering. It immediately rose to a height of 31,000 feet and flew at the speed of 600 miles an hour. On the plane we were privileged to sit next to a soldier by the name of Angel Devalie. This young man was on his way home to Puerto Rico on leave from Fort Benning, Georgia. Angel was happy to discuss with us all that his country had to offer, which helped us considerably when we arrived there. We also explained to him that we were ministers of the Church. We pray that God will be his company and that some day we might meet again.

It was a very nice trip, more than a thousand miles southeast over the blue Atlantic. There is a string of islands on the way including Nassau, Great Exuma, San Salvador (where Columbus landed on his first trip to the new world only 400 air miles from Miami), Achlins, Mayaguana, and then Haiti and the Dominican Republic. One has to marvel at all the water on our earth and so little land. One writer, meditating on this, visualized the one piece of land among all others in

this vast expanse of water and wrote "Columbia, The Gem of The Ocean." It was America.

Puerto Rico is beautiful from the air. It is about 100 miles long and 35 miles wide with superb beaches and pointed mountains. Here are some facts about this island you may enjoy: It was discovered on November 19, 1493 by Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the new world. In 1508 a group of Spanish conquistadors under Ponce De Leon started the colonization and he became the first Governor. Coveted by kings and pirates, this strategic island was attacked by Sir Francis Drake and his 3,000 man fleet. In 1595 Drake was defeated. In 1598 the Earl of Cumberland renewed the English attack by land and captured the island. In three months disease had ravished his troops and he abandoned his quest.

In 1625 the island withstood an attack by the Dutch. In 1797 a prime British army of 7,000 stormed the city of old San Juan and was repulsed. In 1898 the island fell to the United States. The Jones Act of 1917 made the people of Puerto Rico citizens of the United States. On July 25, 1952 it became a commonwealth, voluntarily associated with United States by the vote of its people. In 1953 the United Nations recognized it as a self-governing country, freely associated with the United States.

The airport is modern and the people were very friendly and courteous. At the airport we heard ourselves being paged by one of the persons we were supposed to contact, but somehow we couldn't find him. Brother Joseph had some addresses of relatives of our Lorain brothers and sisters, so we went to see them. They treated us very warmly and gave us our supper. Later more relatives arrived and we spent the whole evening with them. Brother Joseph told them about their relatives in Ohio, how they had found our Church, and about the many blessings and miracles God had worked among them. While he was speaking to Sister Lucy and Brother Juan Gonzales' relatives, he told how God had healed Sister Lucy of cancer, and how God took them and provided, not only spiritually but naturally too. Brother Juan had been out of work for two years, but when they came into the Church God provided him with work and he has been blessed ever since. When God, through Sister Lucy, sent Sister Helen Tisler to Sister Alice Garcia's house, Sister Alice's experience was that her life was worthless. Though only a young woman with a family, she was driven many times to despair and at times felt that there was nothing to live for. When the Gospel came her way, and she began to investigate it, she began to be lifted up in spirit. Sister Alice prayed fervently for repentance and soon she received an experience that was necessary to convince her of the Church; she was then baptized. Brother Joseph told them of many other experiences too.

They seemed impressed and were not a bit hostile toward our testimonies. That night we stayed at a hotel, and early the next morning we began to search for other people we were supposed to meet. We found one family and again were treated very warmly. They were told about our Church and their relatives, and at each place Brother Joseph left the Church literature printed in Spanish. We couldn't locate some of the

others referred to us, so we spent another night in the San Cristobal Hotel overlooking a great Fort (the historic San Cristobal) and the Ocean. It was near the place where Teddy Roosevelt rode up old San Juan Hill with his Rough Riders in 1898 and changed the history of the island. After the treaty of Paris, Puerto Rico came under the sovereignty of the United States.

We wrote letters home, and that night discussed the possibility of shipping a car to the Yucatan Peninsula and driving up through Mexico to the States. Yucatan is very rich in the ruins of the Mayan Indians. This trip, God willing, will be taken in the near future.

The next morning we boarded a plane at 7:00 a.m. and at about 9:15 were in Miami airport where both our families were waiting for us. We were just in time to drive to West Hollywood for Church where we enjoyed a nice meeting.

In conclusion we might say that spreading the Gospel may be likened to planting a garden in one's backyard. All we can do is sow our seed, and if it falls on good soil the seed will take root and grow; but only God can yield the increase. May all glory be given to Him in whatsoever we do.

Alvin Swanson

A DAY OF BLESSING CLEVELAND, OHIO

Apostle A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio visited our branch here in Cleveland (the east side branch), and the Lord's Spirit was surely in our midst. In the afternoon Brother Rocco Biscotti also met with us. Two souls found their way unto repentance and were baptized, namely, Brother Tony Calvarese and his wife, Laura. August 16th was a day to be remembered.

On Sunday evening our two new converts joined the M.B.A. along with Bob and Suzie Halas (Suzie is the daughter of Brother and Sister Abbott). A few days later I received a letter from Sister Margaret Abbott saying that she knew that the spirit of God had touched their hearts. The following Sunday they both stood up and asked for their baptism. We all rejoiced in the Lord.

The following Sunday Brother and Sister Calvarese had seven of their children blessed in the Church and Brother and Sister Halas also had their three children blessed.

The entire month of August was certainly a month for the glory of God — four baptisms, ten children blessed, and four M.B.A. members. May God continue to put forth His spirit and call the good in heart into His gospel. May God bless you all.

James Cadiou,
East Side Branch Editor

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

The Lorain, Ohio, M.B.A. held a social gathering September 25, and invited Cleveland to meet with us. Brother August Perlioni spoke on how much the song "Everybody Ought to Know Jesus" impressed him. Brother Jim Velardi commented on how important it is for the Saints' children to attend all the church services as we are looking for them to be the Church of tomorrow. Brother Ross Bartucci bore his testimony thanking the Lord for having touched his heart and

calling him into the Gospel restored.

The girls' quartet sang "I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say." Brother Frank Calabrese, being impressed with the comments made concerning the children, called all the little ones forward and asked Brother Velardi to offer a special prayer in their behalf. A great blessing was felt and the words of the Lord "for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16), were referred to.

We then retired to the church basement for a bit of refreshment. Another soul has been added to the Gospel restored as Kay Dore was baptized on Sunday, September 27. Sister Kay is the daughter-in-law of Brother Sam Dore. May the Lord bless and guide her footsteps all the days of her life here below.

Betty Alessio, Branch Editor

NEWS FROM WINDSOR, CANADA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We here in Windsor wish to send our love to everyone of you. We wish also to express our thankfulness unto God for granting us the opportunity to be in his family and fold. The Gospel has truly enriched our lives. We are only a few here but we are striving to do our part and we hope that God will bless us in the future with many more souls. Each day brings its blessings and each its disappointments, but we try to let our disappointments and mistakes be stepping stones unto greater blessings.

We had the fortune to have seen two of our young people baptized at our last M.B.A. Conference. What encouragement and hope it gives us to see the young, who have been raised in the Gospel, obey the Lord. We hope that we will soon see the day when thousands of people will cry out, "What shall we do to be saved?" and come and obey the true Gospel. I pray that God will bless each and every one of us with a desire to do more for Him.

Olive Elzby, Branch Editor

NEWS FROM MARYLAND

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We, of the Homewood Chapel Mission, are happy to receive two new converts into the fold, namely; Sisters Marilyn Shilling and Dolores Imes. They were baptized in Wills Creek, near Locust Grove, on Sunday, September 27, 1964. Our progress here is slow but we receive encouragement at times when we are able to win someone for the Lord.

Brother and Sister Idris Martin drive over ninety miles each way almost every Sunday to help with the work in this part of the vineyard. We appreciate them very much. We also enjoy having any of our brothers and sisters come and visit with us.

Sincerely,
Henry and Jean Border

IMPORTANT!

If you have a change of address please send a card giving both your old and new address. Each old or incorrect address costs us 10c of the Lord's money.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the Holy Ghost." I Nephi 10:19.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I have a story for you taken from the Book of Mormon, in the writings of Nephi. Nephi was a young man. He was the son of Lehi and Sariah. Nephi had a great desire to know the mysteries of God. Nephi's father had been called a visionary man by his mother. Lehi's reply was, "I know that I am a visionary man, for if I had not seen the things of God in a vision, I should not have known the goodness of God." One of Lehi's visions was so wonderful that Nephi desired to have the same. He knew the Lord was able to make these things known unto him.

Once as Nephi sat thinking about these wonderful things, he was carried away by the Spirit to a very high mountain. The Spirit asked, "Behold, what desirest thou?" Nephi replied, "I desire to behold the things which my father saw." He then was shown in a great vision the land of Palestine as it would be when the Saviour would be born. He saw the beautiful virgin, Mary, the mother of Jesus. Later he saw Mary, with the child Jesus in her arms. Then he saw John the Baptist, the man who prepared the way for our Saviour. He saw John baptize Jesus and the Holy Ghost come down from heaven in the form of a dove. He saw Jesus going among the people preaching, healing the sick and performing great miracles. He also was shown the twelve disciples. Then he saw Jesus hanging on the cross, slain for the sins of the world. After Jesus was crucified, Nephi saw the people of the world gathered together to fight against the twelve apostles of the Lord.

As the vision continued, Nephi saw the land of Promise. He saw the people at war. They became very wicked and because of this, they were cursed with a dark skin. They were divided into two nations known as Lamanites and Nephites. These two nations would become one happy, peaceful people but this time of peace would not last long. After two hundred years they became wicked again. Nephi saw the Saviour appear on this land after His resurrection in Palestine.

Next the vision showed many waters. They divided Nephi's people from the Gentiles. Across the waters were the nations of Europe. A man was there upon whom the Spirit of God descended. He was inspired to go over the waters to the Land of Promise or America. This man was Columbus. The people he discovered here were called Indians. After Columbus came, many people came to America. They came here to find religious freedom. They were the Puritans and the colonists. The Gentiles made war against their mother country, England. The Lord was with them and they gained their freedom. As people came to America from Europe the Indians were forced to flee. They were scattered throughout the land.

The Gentiles began to prosper. Nephi saw them

with a book. The angel asked him if he knew what it was. He replied, "I know not." The angel explained the book was the record of the Jews or our Bible. Nephi was shown many more things in this marvelous vision but the Lord did not allow him to write all of them. He was told that another of the Lord's servants, one of the apostles, would write about the end of the world. This man was John who wrote Revelation in the Bible.

After the vision was over Nephi returned to the tent of his father. He told his brothers about it and urged them to serve God. It was hard for them to understand. Nephi knew this and told them, "A man must inquire of God." This had been his desire and he knew the Lord had heard his prayers. The words of Jesus are, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." This promise is for us too.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. How did Nephi speak to the Spirit? I Nephi 11:11.
2. What was the first thing he saw in the vision? What was it like? I Nephi 11:8.
3. What was the rod of iron? I Nephi 11:25.
4. What war do you think these verses refer to? I Nephi 13:17, 18.
5. Do you think we have all of the Bible? Why? I Nephi 13:26, 27, 28, 29.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

NOTICE

Aside from The Gospel News the church publishes the "Il Riflettore". This paper is printed in the Italian language for the benefit of our older Italian members and for distribution in Italy. The number of subscribers to this paper are few, the results are insufficient finance. Anyone wishing to help financially, send your contributions to:

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PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT M. B. A. GATHERING

The Pennsylvania District M. B. A. gathering was held in Greensburg at the Alwine Community Hall on August 7.

A program entitled "Then I Met the Master" was presented by the Greensburg local who was our host for the evening. By various readings, Scripture and hymns of praise, they portrayed life from childhood through teen years and on to adulthood. Some of the points brought out were: teaching children the things of God, seeking the Lord in our lives so that He may help us, praying, and patterning our lives after Christ.

They also told about the lives of Brothers Ishmael D'Amico and A. A. Corrado, and how they obeyed the Gospel. Brother Joseph Draskovich then gave his testimony and told how the Lord has blessed him in his life, which concluded the program portion of the meeting.

God's blessing was then asked on young Amy Lee Brown by Brother Paul Gehly. Brother Manes, the District Chairman, then asked those baptized within the

last year to sing a hymn. After the hymn he asked them to give their testimony. Brother William Colangelo of McKees Rocks told how the Lord worked in his life although he had wasted his youth.

We can truly say that a good feeling prevailed throughout the meeting and we were given much food for thought. Refreshments were served after the meeting, and during the social hour everyone had a chance to become better acquainted.

Dick Lawson, Dist. Sec.

McKEES ROCKS NEWS

On Sunday, August 30th, we held our usual evening meeting at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Brother Dan Cassasanta opened the meeting using Jesus Christ as his theme. Beginning with the birth of Christ, Brother Dan told how He grew to manhood and of His baptism at the hands of John the Baptist where the Holy Ghost descended upon Him. It was here He began His ministry. Brother Dan also spoke of Jesus visiting this land of America, and how He knelt down with His people. On one occasion while Jesus was here on this land He called for the small children to come forth that He might bless them. He said to the parents, "Behold your little ones." As they looked to behold, their children were encircled with fire and He pronounced a great blessing on the people there. Brother Dan spoke of this fire which encircled the children as being a fire which was not consuming. He went on to say the example Jesus showed was humility, even by kneeling before His Father in heaven.

Jesus also showed throughout His life the fruits of the Spirit which the Apostle Paul speaks of in Galatians, ch. 5:22, 23, "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Brother Dan pointed out that we should be positive and fixed in our purpose as we sing in the third verse of the hymn, "The Time is Far Spent," which goes like this; "Be fixed in your purpose for Satan will try you, the weight of your calling he perfectly knows." Brother Dan reminded us that even Jesus was tempted by Satan. In Matthew, ch. 4 (beginning with verse 3) we read, "And when the tempter came to Him he said, 'If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.' But He answered and said, 'It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, 'If thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash thy foot against a stone.' Jesus said unto him, 'It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.' Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, 'All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.' Then saith Jesus unto him, 'Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve.' Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him."

Again Brother Dan emphasized the fact that we should be fixed in our purpose.

Let me add a few verses from II Corinthians, 4:8, 9; "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." Near the conclusion of Brother Dan's talk he assured us that we would see great things in the future; that we would not always be a small number. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. The Lord blessed Brother Dan with much liberty and wisdom. In conclusion we wish to remind our brothers and sisters of the following words from hymn No. 376: "Courage! go on! Courage! go on! After the night, bright is the dawn; Courage! go on! Courage! go on! After the night, cometh the dawn."

Chester Nolphi

CONCEPTS OF GOD

By James Curry

A tree grows in America

Many, many years ago, when the world was much younger than it is today, at a time when God's plan to write His law in the inward parts of mankind was yet in its infancy, God selected a certain people, called the Children of Israel, and gave to them His great moral law.

With the law in their possession God led the Children of Israel to the land of Canaan, where He set the stage for the enactment of the most brilliant drama since Eden.

The land of Canaan is about the size of the State of Massachusetts. Related to the rest of the world, it is about the size of a window box as compared to the vast reaches of a thousand acre field; yet, while it was so small, it was nevertheless sufficient for God's purpose. Rich in varied resources, with a hedge set about it to keep out its enemies, the Children of Israel toiled here for long centuries to complete a certain part of God's plan to write His law in the inward parts of man.

If we could turn back the hand of time, if we could somehow stroll leisurely throughout the length and breadth of this tiny land, we should be struck by the half strange, yet half familiar activities of a people who seemed to be more interested in the things of the mind and the spirit than they were in the things of the earth. Like any other people, they wrested their living from the soil, but unlike the heathen nations which surrounded them, they paused frequently in their labors to feast their eyes upon the stars. We should not be long in discovering why God selected the Children of Israel for the work at hand. Of the peoples of the earth, they alone had sufficient character, foresight and idealism to clothe the revealed word of God with a body of their own flesh.

When Jesus was preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, He taught that "The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field:

"Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree- so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

When Jesus taught His parable He intended that we should understand that the Children of Israel and the reign of law had at last succeeded in producing the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus Himself was that seed, and Jesus was that man who sowed the seed by laying down His life in the tomb. Like any other seed, the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven must die to live, and, like any other seed, it had within itself the power of resurrection. The seed of the Kingdom of Heaven was a rare seed. We do not wonder that the Jews, who produced it, failed to recognize it for what it was. Its kind had never before been seen on earth. That it was a product of the reign of law is clearly stated in the Book of Mormon:

"Behold, my soul delighteth in proving to my people the truth of the coming of Christ; for, for this end hath the law of Moses been given; and all things which have been given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man, are the typifying of Him." 2nd. Nephi 11:4.

That seed was given to the world of men according to the promise of God to Abraham: "In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed."

The land of Canaan was large enough and fruitful enough not only to produce the seed of the Kingdom, but to support the tender herb, or The Church of Jesus Christ, with Himself as its living head, which came up from that seed. As men sometimes sow seeds in a window box to give them their start in life, so did God cause the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven to get its start in the little window box land of Canaan. The tender herb, which should one day become a great tree, could not remain for long in such a tiny land. That was an environment much too restricted for the development of such a mighty tree as this should be. If the tree were to develop out into those proportions which the reign of law had created in the seed, it would require transplanting in a much larger field.

As we mark the growth of the tree throughout the first few centuries of the Christian era, we observe, almost with dismay, that the European soil to which the tree had been transplanted could no longer support it. The tree died; only its roots remained alive. During the course of the Reformation God pruned, nourished, and, in 1829-30, transplanted the completely revitalized tree in our own beloved America. The tree had at last been planted in a land which could develop all that the Children of Israel had created in the seed. Our capacity to develop the seed's potential is clearly seen in God's blessing upon America, which the Book of Mormon designates as the land of Joseph's inheritance.

"And of Joseph he said, blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath.

"And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, (the light of Christ) and for the precious things put forth by the moon, (the reign of law).

"And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, (the restoration of the Ancient of Days) and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

"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.

"His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." Deut. 33:13-17.

Not many Americans know that the land of Canaan was a miniature model of America, and that we owe all of the worthwhile things that we have in the America of today to the fact that the Children of Israel developed their rudiments in the land of Canaan. When Christ, who embodied all that was created under the reign of law, arose in the resurrection, those rudiments, like the water at the wedding feast, became wine — the new wine, the gospel of Christ. Few indeed are those Americans who realize or appreciate the source of their blessings.

Though America is exalted above the nations, we must not, we cannot believe that our government is God's Kingdom on earth. The tree which grew from Israel's seed is a Theocracy, a government which recognizes the immediate sovereignty of God. American democracy is nothing more nor less than a fertile soil, a healthy environment, in which the tree of our story grows.

God's government has no Capitol City as yet, but the tree must, in due process of time, produce the Capitol City, New Jerusalem. The old Jerusalem of the seed becomes, in the resurrection, the New Jerusalem of the tree. As the Kingdom formed in the seed, so also must it develop in the tree. The life must develop according to the type. It is even as the Apostle has said: "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2nd. Cor. 5:17. Jesus intimated that one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all that was created in the seed shall develop in the tree. See Matt. 5:17, 18.

We don't care what happens to a window box after the young plants have been transplanted to the garden. Neither did God care about the little window box land of Canaan when it had fulfilled its purpose in producing and perfecting the seed of the Kingdom. Its hedge was broken down; its many enemies overran it; its bewildered people were scattered among the nations, where, except for those few who have migrated to Israel, they remain until this day.

We must not believe that God has cast off the Jew forever. The Scriptures are replete with evidence that God will restore the fertility of Canaan's soil, and glorify the ancient city Jerusalem. Christ will appear to them in person and convince them that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed their Messiah.

But what does this story have to do with God writing His law in our inward parts?

My friends, if you will go into the tomb with Christ; if you will share in His dying and His resurrection, behold, the miracle is wrought; you become joint with Christ to all which the Children of Israel created in the seed of the Kingdom. The Church under the reign of law put the whole framework of the moral law of God into that seed. Every jot, every tittle of that law is inherent in the seed of Christ planted in us when we are born again.

It took four thousand years to produce the first seed. Fifty-five generations of toil, sacrifice, obedience and tears went into the production of that law which is eternally engraved upon your heart.

(to be continued.)

A LETTER FROM MEXICO

Dear Brother Editor:

It has been a long time since I have written to The Gospel News so we thought it best to write so that our brothers and sisters might know we are still laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. On August 1, 1964 five more went to the waters of baptism. Above all things in this life we rejoice when souls come to the Lord. The Lord has been very good to us. He has blessed those of the seed of Joseph immensely for which we are grateful. Last Sunday twenty-nine children were blessed.

We have a brother and sister in our mission who had been married for several years. The doctor told them they could not have any children. She was very sad over this so they adopted a child. About a year after they joined the church, they were blessed with a baby. She was forty-two years of age and this was truly a miracle for which they are very grateful.

Another brother testifies that before he met the church he gambled away everything he could get his hands on. His wife would go out and work all day for one dollar and he would take it from her so that he could gamble. Now he thanks God that the Lord changed his heart and there is peace in his home. The desire to gamble left him and he is desirous of learning all he can about the Bible and Book of Mormon.

Many wonderful dreams and experiences have been given to these people.

Remember us in your prayers, and our best regards to all of our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Your sister in Christ,
Evelyn Perdue

LIFE IN MEXICO

In answer to a request I shall try, to the best of my ability, to tell you about our endeavors in Mexico. To begin with, in May of 1960 we moved into a little one room house (10 by 16 foot) which a couple of brothers built for us in Mexico. Prior to that time we went there just on weekends. This little one room house was really "in the rough" but we didn't mind it at all even though we did leave a lovely home. We just had rough boards and when it rained the water would drip down the walls. We were so interested in what we were doing that nothing mattered. In this one room we had a table, two chairs, two cots, and a camp cook stove which used white gas. We used kerosene lamps and had to purchase drinking water in five gallon bottles at a cost of 15 cents (it is now 18 cents). We would purchase contaminated water to be used for washing dishes, bathing, etc. We would have to either take a sponge bath or use the old fashioned tin tubs. At first we had no way to heat the room, but later on we added another room (8 by 10 foot) and got a butane stove which certainly was a great improvement. We were fortunate to have an out-house; many families do not have one.

At the time we moved up on this mountain top there were only five or six houses for miles around. It was very dark at night and the rats were quite huge. Occasionally we would come across a snake; there were also scorpions and another deadly bug called "baby of the earth." The bite of this small insect is very deadly. The thing that was most troublesome when we first went to Mexico was the narrowness of the roads (if you can call them roads) and the deep ravines. This frightened me as I was not used to the mountains. I knew if the Lord didn't help me to overcome this I just wouldn't know what to do. However, the Lord did help me and today we travel many dangerous roads without fear.

We started out by canvassing each home and setting chairs out in the open to have a service. We would hold a morning service, and then in the afternoon we would go to another area where we had a group. Prior to working in these places we started out in the worst slums of Tijuana. How we did it I'll never understand except that the Lord was in the matter. When I look back I marvel at how green we were, but as in everything else we surely had a lot to learn. From one place we went on to another (to go into detail would take much time). While we were having these open air meetings two men came along. They stopped to listen. The one man was in charge of distributing lots to the very poor who belonged to different syndicates (we call them unions). He asked us if we had a place to meet, to which we replied, "No." He told us he had a choice lot upon this mountain which he would give to the Church; later he gave us another lot. The one man is a minister now in Mexico and the one who gave us the lot is a brother.

There is much disease here in Mexico, especially tuberculosis. The people are very careless about it and lack medical aid. Also, women bear children without the aid of a doctor. We have been called upon in the middle of the night for help. On many occasions a child is born and perhaps no help arrives for a couple of hours or more. These people cannot afford medical help so they just suffer it out the best way they can. There is what is called a General Hospital there, but most of the people prefer taking their chances at home because of the bad conditions and lack of attendants. In this place two women who go there to have babies are placed in a single bed. There are no sheets and the mattresses are badly soiled. They do not furnish towels, medicines or other necessities, and the service is bad. We have a sister in the Church whose husband is a doctor and many times they have helped without pay.

There are many tribes of Indians in Mexico. The Oaxacan tribe are surely the outcasts of Israel, as the Bible puts it. They are disliked by all the others. They earn their living by begging; they go barefoot, wear long dresses and carry their babies on their backs using a rebozo (shawl). They cling to the old ways of their people where the other tribes are more modern, dressing more like the American people since they live on the United States border. Further into Mexico the people cling to the old ways and the poverty is unbelievable, worse than in Tijuana. These Oaxacans live in cardboard shacks, sleep on the ground, and have

but one pot in which to cook their beans.

Everywhere you look there is dire poverty. Many come to us with their problems and we try to help them to the best of our ability. These people are lucky if they can eat two times a day — that is beans and tortillas. Some eat once a day and some every other day. There is very little employment here. If a man can get a job for \$2.00 a day he is lucky, but very few families are this fortunate. Women will work in places where they make tortillas all day, from sun-up to sundown, for \$1.00, and then walk miles to save their traveling fare.

We have tried to teach our people to love one another and to be of service to all. When anyone is sick our sisters will go in and help with the children. They will cook, clean, wash and iron the clothes of the woman who is ill, and see her through her illness. In the past I have done my part but now the sisters help out, in fact they take over. Our brothers and sisters are also ambitious about taking care of the Church. The sisters make the curtains, clean the windows, scrub the floor, dust and keep the doilies and curtains sparkling clean. The brothers take it on themselves to water the plants and keep everything repaired around the place. The teenagers also help in any way they can; they are very willing. We have two buildings, one is the Church and the other a Sunday School building for the children, which is a nice size.

We have several services during the week; we have a fasting and prayer service on Wednesday morning and a regular service on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Also lately we have been sandwiching in another service for a group of Oaxacan Indians who do not understand the Spanish language very well. My husband preaches in Spanish through an interpreter who speaks to them in their own dialect. There is a service on Friday afternoons also and a young people's group on Saturday afternoons with Brother Toribio in charge. We have a regular Sunday meeting. In addition to these meetings a few get together to pray at 6:00 a.m. during the week. We have several choirs; the small children of ages ten to fourteen, the teenagers and the older group. They really love to sing. The children are taught to be quiet during meetings and the mothers are instructed to take their children out if they are noisy. We try to maintain good order. Some of our people have to take two buses to get to Church; others walk three and four miles and they manage to get there. We have tried to teach them to come on their own.

At the present time there are hundreds of houses on this mountain top. Not only are there many houses but there is a bus terminal just two blocks away. A new school is also being built by the race track owner which we never had any hopes of. Many other Churches have moved out here also but we know that those who belong to the Lord will be brought into our Church. The Lord has blessed us abundantly; many of our people have had great experiences and marvelous healings. Many have been healed of illnesses that have seemed incurable. Many, many times we have marvelled at the great mercies of our wonderful Savior. This is a Catholic country and many are steeped in foolish superstitions, but little by little they are getting rid

of them as well as their idols for which we are thankful.

My husband and I go everywhere together. It is quite essential for a man to have a woman along because husbands here are suspicious of one or two men trying to enter a home. We do have to try to see things as they do and understand them. Before we went to Mexico we worked in Los Nietos (near Los Angeles) for about six years among the Mexican people. This was a wonderful training period for us. We never expected to be in Mexico; in fact, we always said we would never go to Mexico but the Lord had other plans. Having met many people who could not speak English very well, I felt the need to go to school to learn the Spanish language for which I am very thankful. Otherwise I would have been terribly handicapped here in Mexico. My husband speaks fluent Spanish.

We have tried to teach these people to share with one another, which they do. Also, we have tried to teach them hygiene as much as is possible. The lack of water is a serious problem as well as the lack of bathroom facilities. We also try to teach them good morals. There is much hospitality among our brothers and sisters, and in their poor way they do the best they can with what they have, which isn't much. However, they are willing to share even to their last. On one occasion, when my husband became ill, the brothers and sisters gathered at our house. They prayed much and tried to assist in any way they could. They refused to go home until I made them leave at 1:00 in the morning. However, at 6:00 in the morning they began to return offering to do what they could.

When clothes are sent to Mexico we try to distribute to each family according to their needs, although we never have had sufficient children's or babies' clothes. But we are grateful for what we receive and try to do the best we can with them. Many times babies are born who have nothing to put on except a few rags to wrap around them.

Getting back to their living conditions, the homes of these people are so poor and without heat; when it rains the ground becomes muddy (many are without any kind of floor except the ground). Oftentimes several families live in one little room. Many cook outside with wood; others have a kerosene stove but many times cannot afford to buy kerosene. The more fortunate ones have butane but they usually cook outside also to save the gas.

Time does not allow writing all things; there is much one can write. This is more or less a resume of things in general. To date we have had sixty-five baptisms (to the date of writing which was sometime after February, 1964). Our building is quite full on Sundays and we do not have sufficient room for all of the children, so they stay in their own little building. Two ministers have been ordained as well as one deacon and two deaconesses to date.

Below are questions asked by sisters of the Ladies' Circle:

1. Do the children speak English? (Ans.) No. Spanish is the national language.

2. How are their schools? (Ans.) They have government schools in some of the large cities (High Schools and Elementary Schools). In the small towns there aren't sufficient schools to take care of the needs of

the people. Tijuana has a population of 200,000. Each area tries to build a couple of large rooms for school purposes. These schools go up to the sixth grade.

3. Are they taught the Spanish language in their schools? (Ans.) Yes.

4. If they do not go to school, why? (Ans.) Lack of clothes, lack of traveling fare, not enough schools, ill health, etc., as well as lack of money to pay for schooling.

5. Are they taught hygiene? (Ans.) I believe they are, and more so in the better schools.

6. Are there Catholic Schools? (Ans.) Yes, there are many for those of means; not for the poor.

7. Are they taught religion in their schools? (Ans.) Only in the Catholic schools. The others are not permitted to mix religion with schooling.

8. Do the parents pay for the child's education? (Ans.) Yes.

9. Do they have government grants toward education? (Ans.) No.

10. If they are able to pay, how much is the tuition? (Ans.) This varies according to the schools, grade, etc. The very poorest pay around \$1.00 per week per child; their teachers are not paid by the government. There are private schools where one can learn various professions which are quite costly. We know of two young girls who are going to Beauty School at a cost of \$20.00 per month plus \$100.00 for a diploma when the course is completed. There are also other incidentals that have to be purchased. This course is for one year. Education is very costly out here.

Evelyn Perdue

THE PLACE AND POWER OF MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Dear Brother Neill:

We can truly say that without this wonderful church paper we certainly would be lost. It keeps us abreast with the Church throughout the Nation and the wonderful works being accomplished. Upon receiving The Gospel News I cannot put it down until it is read and re-read. This paper is our strength and inspiration, more so since we made our move from Youngstown, Ohio to Cape Coral, Florida in June, 1963.

We have attended West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce services and gatherings, but not as much as we would like because of the distance and our daily work. We have been blessed much when meeting with our brothers and sisters. Brother and Sister Sirangelo have visited our home along with Brother and Sister Bill Mazzeo. Brother and Sister Mazzeo spent two nights with us revealing experiences and blessings in the Church. It did our hungry souls much good to hear the hymns of praise sung by our Indian brothers and sisters on their tape recorder. Through the announcement in The Gospel News of the marriage of my son, Bill, in April, Brother and Sister Ross Bartuccio contacted us and since have visited us along with Brother and Sister Velardi of Cleveland, Ohio. Thus from time to time the dear Lord makes it possible for us to be blessed with the visits of our brothers and sisters.

Dear Brother Neill, your article on singing hymns in the September issue was very inspiring. I can say the Lord has blessed me many times through hymns

in joy and sorrow. I would like to relate one little experience I had lately while attending my assignment on duty as a nurse. A patient, who was considered very hard to handle due to mental and physical anguish as his body was tormented constantly, brought grief to my heart. While meditating and petitioning the Lord to bring some relief to this suffering soul, I found myself singing aloud softly, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior." My patient suddenly became coherent and said, "God bless you; we sing those hymns in our Church too." He became much easier to handle and every day I would hum hymns of our faith while attending him. My supervisor would call on me to help with special treatments for him as he would be calm and knew I was the one who would sing hymns for him. This patient was also blind, but through the power of music could make contact, and probably memories of his years in his christian life made his last days more bearable.

We praise God for all we have, especially for the hymns which help, as you say, Brother Neill, "to bridge the great chasms between our cares of today, our thoughts of tomorrow, and our memories of yesterday." These words are the true essence of hymns.

If you would like to print parts or all of this letter, feel free to do so. We invite letters from any of our brothers and sisters, and would appreciate them very much. We ask you all to remember us in your prayers. Pray also for the Lord to hasten the day when His Church shall be established in this community. Our prayers and thoughts shall be with all the brothers and sisters. There was nice work done in the Bible School classes too; it was good to see the group from our home town of Youngstown. God bless you all.

Brother and Sister Joseph Constantine
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Dear Editor:

Hymns, to me, have been very uplifting all through the twenty-five years since I have been born again. When I was yet young in The Church of Jesus Christ (just a few years, let us say) I had a wonderful dream. It was so vivid and full of real colors (beautiful colors, red and gold) and music followed the dream. This dream was about the Indians; they were dressed in outfits of red and gold, and their children were singing the hymn which goes as follows: "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; sweetest name I know." If we take away music we take away the meaning of the Word of God, our Lord and Savior. This is my impression.

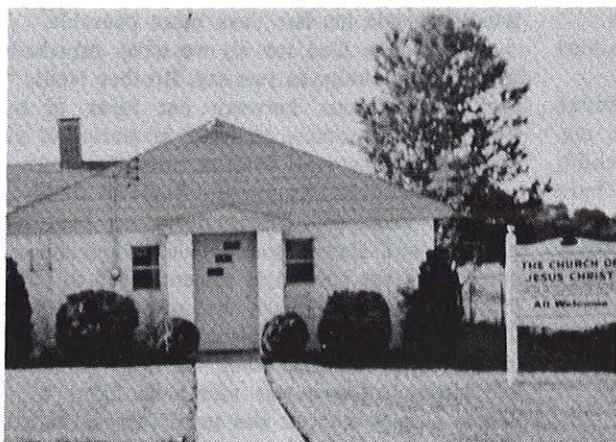
I would also like to add that it was through singing hymns with my beloved brothers and sisters at our Wednesday night meetings that I learned the Italian language.

Anna Pinto
Bronx, New York

OUR CHURCH by Carolyn Gehly

Our little church is very small,
But if you want to find friendly people, come and call.
People of the world hardly know we're there,
But you won't find truer words spoken anywhere;
We have services on Sunday and one day through

the week;
 We cordially invite one and all if the loving Lord
 they seek.
 We study the Bible and Book of Mormon, too.
 If you will only read them, you'll find they apply to you.
 They are both the words God has spoken throughout the
 ages,
 And you'll be sure to find a blessing if you will only
 search the pages.
 In our Church we believe that all of God's words are
 true,
 And we also know that believers are to be a chosen few.



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Fredonia, Pennsylvania

HISTORY OF THE FREDONIA, PA. BRANCH

Prior to 1946, Russell Cadman became concerned about his spiritual welfare. While repenting of his sins and seeking guidance from God he had several experiences, one in which he saw his baptism, as follows.

"Several weeks before my wife and I were baptized I dreamed I was with our Church people in a large forest. When they became hungry, they just reached up and picked fruit from the trees to eat. I saw a large rock and a beautiful stream of water came out of the rock. I went into the water to be baptized but said, 'I must go home and get my wife and I will return.'"

Sometime later, while in the Monongahela Church, he felt the drawing power of God and the truth of Brother William Cadman's words. But he waited and at the following April Conference his wife, Ethel, was also drawn by the Spirit of God. She exclaimed, "We must have a part in this Church."

At Monongahela, Pa. May 6, 1946 they were baptized by Brother Samuel Kirschner. Then they could say that the same change came over them as with all true believers in all ages of time.

Shortly thereafter, Thursday evening meetings were held in their home by Brothers and Sisters who faithfully came from Youngstown, Ohio. At that time there were two Elders, Brother William and Paul Love. Also their wives, their mother, and sister were all

members here. A year later three others were baptized and soon Sunday meetings were being held. At the first meeting thirteen adults and ten children were present.

In April 1951 we were made a Mission with Brother William Love as presiding Elder and Brother Russell Cadman, teacher. By the summer of 1956 the thought of erecting a church building began to take form. Before starting the building Brother Russell Cadman had the following experience. "Some people were visiting in our home. I was showing them through the various rooms and opened a door that in reality was not in our home. This opened into a large and beautiful Church room. Uncle William Cadman was speaking from the pulpit and my sister Martha Kelly was acting as secretary of the Church. So when the day came to build our place of worship I had no fear, and felt that some day we would become a large and beautiful branch of our wonderful Church."

We can all say with his encouragement and the generous help of three young Brothers from Painesville, Ohio, as well as the financial donations of the Branches and Missions throughout the church and our own members, this great task was made easy. Sunday, July 7, 1957 we were proud to dedicate this small church to the honor and glory of God. Brother Russell Cadman was then presiding Elder. He was ordained one of the Twelve Apostles April 29, 1956.

Since the seed was planted our Branch has progressed spiritually. Seventeen more have made their covenant to serve God. Young brothers have been ordained into the Ministry, many babies have been blessed, and several weddings performed. We have also been blessed with good meetings, healings, dreams, and visions. Many visitors have come to worship with us. We were sorry to lose three members by transfer and two dear Sisters by death. They were, Sisters Emma Perry and Mary E. Love. They were so devoted and faithful to the Church they loved.

Another great day in the memory of our branch was one Father's Day when Brother Alma Cadman visited with us, all nine of his sons and daughters attending that Sunday morning meeting.

These have been good years. We were happy when it was necessary to add Sunday School rooms. and to make other improvements.

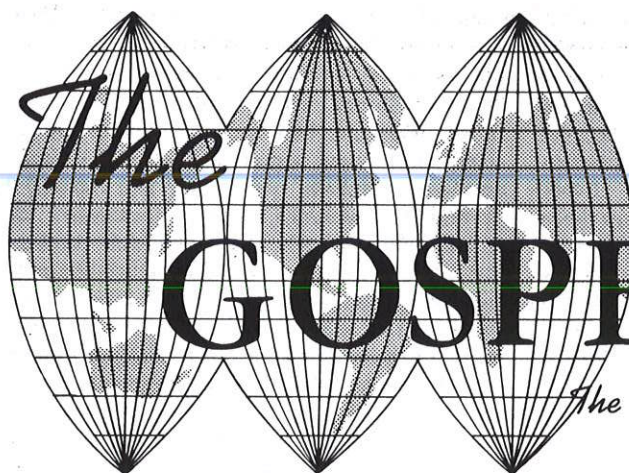
Our young Brother Arthur Gehly is now Presiding Elder. We thank God for blessing and helping us and giving us good faithful brothers and sisters.

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking.
 This fact I merely mention.
 And he can't kick while pulling,
 Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse
 And lead a life that's fitting;
 Just pull an honest load, and then
 There'll be no time for kicking.

Anonymous



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THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS GUEST by Helen Stiener Rice

*It happened one day at the year's white end,
Two neighbors called on an old-time friend.
And they found his shop so meager and mean,
Made gay with a thousand boughs of green.
And Conrad was sitting with face a-shine,
When he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine,
And said "Old friends, at dawn today,
When the cock was crowing the night away,
The Lord appeared in a dream to me,
And said, 'I am coming your guest to be.'
So I've been busy with feet astir,
Strewing my shop with branches of fir.
The table is spread and the kettle is shined,
And over the rafters the holly is twined.
And now I will wait for my Lord to appear,
And listen closely so I will hear
His steps as He nears my humble place,
And I open the door and look in His face."
So his friends went home and left Conrad alone,
For this was the happiest day he had known.
For, long since, his family had passed away,
And Conrad had spent a sad Christmas Day.
But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas Guest,
This Christmas would be the dearest and best.
And he listened with only joy in his heart,
And with every sound he would rise with a start
And look for the Lord to be standing there,
In answer to his earnest prayer.
So he ran to the window after hearing a sound,
But all that he saw on the snow-covered ground
Was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn,
And all of his clothes were ragged and worn.
So Conrad was touched and went to the door,
And he said, "Your feet must be frozen and sore,
And I have some shoes in my shop for you,
And a coat that will keep you warmer, too."
So with grateful heart the man went away,
But as Conrad noticed the time of day
He wondered what made the dear Lord so late,
And how much longer he'd have to wait
When he heard a knock and ran to the door,
But it was only a stranger once more.
A bent, old crone with a shawl of black,*

*A bundle of faggots piled on her back.
She asked for only a place to rest,
But that was reserved for Conrad's Great Guest.
But her voice seemed to plead, "Don't send me away,
Let me rest for a while on Christmas Day."
So Conrad brewed her a steaming cup,
And told her to sit at the table and sup.
But after she left he was filled with dismay,
For he saw that the hours were passing away,
And the Lord had not come as He said He would;
And Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood.
When out of the stillness he heard a cry,
"Please help me and tell me where am I?"
So again he opened his friendly door,
And stood disappointed as twice before.
It was only a child who had wandered away,
And was lost from her family on Christmas Day.
Again Conrad's heart was heavy and sad,
But he knew he should make this little girl glad.
So he called her in and wiped her tears,
And quieted all her childish fears.
Then he led her back to her home once more.
But as he entered his own darkened door,
He knew that the Lord was not coming today,
For the hours of Christmas had passed away.
So he went to his room and knelt down to pray,
And he said, "Dear Lord, why did you delay?
What kept you from coming to call on me?
For I wanted so much your face to see".
When soft in the silence a voice he heard,
"Lift up your head, for I kept my word.
Three times my shadow crossed your floor,
Three time I came to your lonely door.
For I was the beggar with bruised cold feet,
I was the woman you gave to eat.
And I was the child on the homeless street."*

OUR CHURCH

By James Heaps

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28. What does the Church mean to us; is it just a place where we go to meet on Sunday? I am sorry to say that

in these days it means just Sunday morning for many. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," means all day. We call the Church "our Church" because we are a part of her; in fact we are sons and daughters of that great family we call the Church. Every family has to have a head; therefore, all things were put under the feet of Christ and it was given Him to be the Head over all things. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church. He is the Savior of the body and He is the Head of the body (the Church); He is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence.

What a wonderful sight to see her (the Church) all dressed up; clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and twelve stars upon her head. The glory of the sun! What would we do without it? In Psalms 19:4, 5 we read, "The sun which . . . rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race." People began very early in the history of the world to pay close attention to the sun, and no wonder; we owe so much to her heat and light. The question that puzzled our ancestors was how far away the sun really was. One man ventured to say a thousand miles. Now, however, we have come up with ninety-one million miles. To think that we can be warmed from the rays of the sun which is so far, far away. So if the Church is clothed with the sun, distance does not make any difference. What power and what glory she has! What light she possesses!

What attraction she has! Just as the sun holds the whole solar system in place by attraction, so the Church, being clothed with the sun, holds all the family of God together. Three thousand souls were baptized after the first sermon on the day of Pentecost, a fulfillment of the words of Jesus, "When I am lifted up I will draw all men unto me." Jesus also told them, "No man can come unto Me unless the Father draw him." My dear brothers and sisters, if there is no sun in our lives our whole family will break up.

In the seventeenth century a man named Fabricius watched the sun for many years and he would see spots. Since that time we have had many men looking for spots on the sun. So in this day we have many looking for spots naturally speaking. There may be some spots too, but if you look at the glory and the light, the power and the blessings, the spots will disappear. The Church is pictured to us as a bride without spot or blemish. Without the sun life could not exist; plants, herbage, trees and all growing things would wither. The waters of rivers, lakes and oceans would turn to masses of ice. Animals and men would die and our earth would soon be one vast, cold, forsaken tomb of darkness and desolation. Thus came the time when we had too many spot-seekers. They robbed the Church of her glory. Greivous wolves entered into the Church; men of corrupt minds, reprobates having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. She fled into the wilderness (a condition of desolation). This flight of the Church most naturally signifies that it would be so intermixed with the world, lost among the vanities and vices of it, that it would be difficult to find it by the true characteristics of the woman clothed with the sun. No literal woman was ever clothed with

the sun. Let us make a contrast of the woman when she was clothed with the sun and when she was disrobed. First she had upon her head a crown of twelve stars, built upon a rock of continuous revelation with apostles, prophets, priesthood and power, helps and government; healings, gifts, and callings; discernment and direction; angels and inspiration; baptism and laying on of hands; revelation and righteousness. Then the change as taught us by the Bible; forsaking the faith, evil teachings and practices, fornication, envyings, wraths and strifes, backbiting, whisperings, swellings, tumults, lasciviousness, busybodies, oppositions of science, adulterers, many were unruly, vain talkers, deceivers; for the mystery of iniquity doth already work. How unlike the olden days and how little of the old Jerusalem Gospel do they preach. The prophets spoke of her as a woman, forsaken; no more sunlight. Too many have just seen spots. We waited for light, but behold—obscurity; for brightness, but we walked in darkness. We looked for judgment but there was no salvation. Truth failed and there was no intercessor. "Therefore night shall be unto you, . . . that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down," Micah, 3:6; in the meantime violence and persecution was the thought of the day. It is a dark picture but I am sure we do not want to rest here. We are looking for better things.

She had the moon under her feet. Surely the old ceremonial law was done away in the sun of righteousness. The moon is only a reflected light; it has no light of its own. There were 625 precepts under the law but Jesus condensed them to two. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and mind, and the stranger and thy neighbor as thyself." Upon these two hang all the law and the prophets. Yes, they fed her there but very little spiritual food. She was lonely because of the loss of her child; existing on a desert retreat; prostrated and utterly helpless. Surely she was a woman forsaken, grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth when thou wast refused; fearing the dragon which had already devoured her child. They fed her there for one thousand two hundred and sixty years. But thank God — Halleluia! — the Gospel is restored. The pattern and plan are once more upon the earth. In 1830 the woman was again clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars upon her head. Praise God, Brothers and Sisters, He has not left us forsaken. The Gospel has been restored! Hold fast to that which thou hast and let no man take your crown. Let's not look for sun spots; rather let us look at the sun. She surely stands out in all her glory, the head of the family. We don't want any lesser light but we want to enjoy the warmth and the light of the woman clothed with the sun. May God bless you, "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garments spotted in the flesh." Jude, ch. 23.

And now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, to present us spotless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

Christmas is a good time to look outside our family, and even our circle of friends. However, love for our neighbor is not always expressed by a gift; it can best be shown, I think, by acts of kindness and perhaps a visit.

The Christmas season is again upon us and soon Christmas, as a holiday, will be here. This means different things to people in various walks of life. To many merchants Christmas means a business boom; in fact, many manufacturers would go broke if Christmas were suddenly dropped from our calendar. Businessmen cannot wait for Thanksgiving to come and go; many begin to put up their Christmas decorations and do their Christmas advertising in November. One big question that bothers some is whether or not they will sell all they have ordered for Christmas buying or will a portion of this merchandise have to be sold later at a loss; perhaps it will even have to be stored away until the next year. To many shoppers Christmas means a wild spending spree; others feel this is the time to enjoy themselves and many people who live respectful lives all year are of the opinion that a person is entitled to a good time once a year. We hear many stories of those who attend Christmas parties; they become intoxicated and make downright fools of themselves. One tragic result of this is that many get themselves killed; what is even more tragic, and brings even greater sorrow, the sober ones traveling our highways are often victims also. However, it is good to know that to thoughtful people Christmas means more than a business boom, a wild spending spree or boisterous parties, for if these things were the only reason for Christmas we would surely be better off without it.

To the children Christmas means gift-giving time. Many children will save their pennies zealously to buy Mom and Dad a gift; they seem to sense the spirit of giving that is wrapped up in this holiday. Personally I find no fault with this idea of gift-giving; in fact I enjoy this custom along with everyone else. However, it is possible we may carry it too far and are somewhat responsible for commercializing this most wonderful holiday. My thoughts have always been that Christ was actually born in an atmosphere of giving. In fact, I think our Heavenly Father set the example when He "gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In this gift of His Son He exemplified the real reason for giving; **He so loved the world.**

Since no one living at the time of Jesus' birth knew anything about "immaculate conception" it could be said that Joseph gave of his reputation to have Mary as his wife. When the angel told Mary, "Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son," and she asked him, "How shall this be seeing I know not a man?" she humbly submitted when she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." Mary freely gave herself to God that God may give His Son to the world. The wise men gave their rare gifts to the newborn Child, and while the shepherds may not have given gifts as did the wise men, it appears to me that they gave something far more precious than costly presents: they gave themselves, for according to Luke's narrative the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard. That kind of gift came out of love and devotion.

As we grow older in years we learn what love is and how to express it to others by giving. Christmas is a good time to look outside our family, and even

our circle of friends. However, love for our neighbor is not always expressed by a gift; it can best be shown, I think, by acts of kindness or perhaps a visit. While the shepherds brought no gifts Mary and Joseph likely appreciated their friendly visit. With all our giving of gifts let us not forget whose birthday we are celebrating; I feel Christ should be first on the list. Of course we cannot hand Him a gift wrapped in Christmas paper and tied with a bow, or a piece of money to purchase a gift. I believe Jesus is represented by The Church of Jesus Christ of which many of us are members, and a gift given to His Church would be recognized by God as a gift to His Son. The greatest gift we can give, however, is the gift of our lives; righteous lives and lives of service. The greatest gift Christ gave to man is the gift of eternal life in the presence of God. Being a recipient of this gift requires of us the **giving** of our lives to Him.

CONCEPTS OF GOD

By James Curry
Partnership with God

Almost forty years ago, when a young man in my twenties, I was stricken with pneumonia. There were in those days no wonder drugs, and the pneumonia patient had to go through a crisis. (The turning point or critical moment when the patient either died or began to recover.) Just how long I lingered in the crisis has been forgotten long ago, but I do remember the relatives who attended me saying that I once or twice stopped breathing. Just as they were about to cover my face I would miraculously catch my breath again.

When the fever had spent its force and the delirium had departed from my tortured brain, I opened my eyes and saw my mother sitting at the bedside. I was not a member of the Church at that time and knew nothing about the gifts of the Spirit, but I nevertheless had a powerful discernment, a perfect knowledge devoid of any trace of doubt, that I was alive only because she had prayed for me. Addressing her, I said: "You must have prayed for me," to which she replied: "I did, I always pray for you." Needless to say that my experience gave me a healthy respect for the gift of healing.

About ten years ago I developed an acute infection of the bronchial tubes. Acting upon my former experience, I asked my elder brethren to anoint me. I received under their hands a great blessing. Commenting on the presence of the Spirit, Brother Charles Ashton said: "That was wonderful!" It was indeed wonderful; but, strangely enough, my affliction remained exactly as it was before the anointing. I had received a great blessing, but no healing. I did not know at the time that this was to be a blessing not of **healing**, but of **understanding**; that the Comforter, which leads God's people into all truth and shows them things to come, was about to teach me a lesson on the subject of man's creativity, and of its importance in the developing evolution of Christ's Kingdom.

Not yet understanding the nature of my blessing, torn with doubts and fears, I remained in a quandary for several days, wondering what I should do. I at length began to remember the experiences of such

brethren as Vincent Clement, of the McKees Rocks branch, who testified as to how God had utilized man's knowledge of medicine and anatomy to **restore his health and extend his life**.

Convinced at last that I should see a doctor, I went to Dr. Rascati, of Clairton, Pa., who, after diagnosing and prescribing, settled himself in a swivel chair to preach what was to me an amazing sermon on the subject of **How God Works Through Doctors**. He cited example after example of how he, with the help of God's Spirit, was able to discern the needs of various patients without having examined them. The essence of his sermon was to the effect that the doctor can of himself do nothing; that God inspires the doctor in the use of man's knowledge to the benefit of his fellowman. His sermon lasted about forty minutes, and was to me all the more remarkable because it had not been solicited. I had not said one word to him about God and the healing arts. I left his office under the profound conviction that I had been led into a new and better understanding of man's relationship to God; that here, indeed, was a new concept of God; a concept which, for sheer brilliance and beauty, transcends all to which mankind had previously attained.

The idea of God and man working together in partnership is not really new. It has been hidden away in Holy Writ for many, many centuries, unknown to the Gentiles because of their immature attitude toward God. The whole idea of partnership with God belongs to that people who will "put away childish things," which the Church of the immediate future will be required to do if she will create that great cooperative commonwealth commonly called The Peaceful Reign.

When I testified of my experience there were those who believed, while others said that I was trying to destroy the faith of the saints. Just what the faith of the saints is in this respect will be considered in a later article.

Before I pursue the subject of partnership with God any further, I feel obliged to clarify a statement which I made in a previous article. It was as follows: "The emotionally immature person who says that he wants, and perhaps needs, the Lord (not a doctor) to heal him is like the babe who runs to his mother demanding that she kiss his little hurts away. Such dependence and faith is admirable in the babe. It is ridiculous and laugh provoking in the grown man." There are many concrete examples of the foregoing in the natural life, of which the following is typical:

I had an uncle who, some thirty-five years ago, came to live for a few months with my mother and me. He was at that time in his early sixties; a big, strong man physically, but he was somewhat retarded in his emotional development. Although he was quite capable of learning to tie his own necktie, and of shaving himself, he had never learned to do these things because of a too dependent attitude toward others. Because I was the only other male member of the household, it naturally devolved upon me to do these things for him. Imagine my thoughts, my feelings, as I did for him those things which he should have long ago learned to do for himself! A frequent visitor to our home referred to him as "Old Stick-in-the-mud." The name was hardly a compliment, but it

did seem to describe one who was too dependent, and who lacked initiative and self-reliance. Is it not true that such faith and dependence as that of my uncle's is admirable in the babe, but is ridiculous and laugh provoking in the grown man?

The key factor of our story is that thing called dependence, and dependence, as everyone knows, is one of the requisites of childhood. Those of us who have raised a family of our own have seen our children become more and more independent and self-reliant until, in the full bloom of maturity, they leave father and mother to found a home of their own. The same process applies to the spiritual. If the repentant sinner would enter the Kingdom of God he must become as a little child, utterly dependent upon Christ and the Church for his every need. However, the possibility of his becoming a man; of putting away childish things in a strictly spiritual sense, is today unattainable because our mother, the Church, is herself so very immature. Can an Englishman, a German or an Italian rise above the culture in which he was born and reared? No more can the individual member of the Church rise above the level of the collective membership, unless, indeed, God should raise him up.

There are many impediments to growth in the Church which will be removed in Peaceful Reign days. The prophet Isaiah has said that the saints' bones shall "flourish like the herb." (The mustard seed produces a quick-growing herb which in one season becomes a tree.) The prophet has said, also, that there shall not be "an old man that hath not filled his days." The prophet here refers to man's opportunity to develop and fulfill his whole potential as a child of God. There have been a few rare individuals such as Enoch, the brother of Jared, the three Nephites and the Apostle John who developed and fulfilled their whole potential. I know of no nation or church body (with the possible exception of Enoch and his band) that ever achieved the distinction. Even the ancient and honorable House of Israel grew old and died before it could fulfill its whole potential.

Since the creation, how many potentially great musicians, artists, poets and saints have lived and died without having had an opportunity to express their genius? Someone has said that they began to sing the song of life, but death snatched the song from their lips before they had completed the first stanza. We sadly observe that it is just that way in the Church of today. We live our lives, clinging until our last breath to the blessings of childhood; the joys, the blessings of spiritual adulthood, unsavored, unknown.

It has been said, also, that we Gentiles are satisfied with an immature religion because we ourselves are immature. It is like saying that if everyone in the world were a child we would all prefer to remain a child, simply because we would know of nothing higher than the things that belong to childhood. The accusation is only partly true. Many saints today pine and sigh as they look across the years to that great day when we shall put away childish things and joyously sing the whole song of life.

If we would sing the whole song of life we must first believe that "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof"; that every resource of the mind and

spirit, every energy at man's command, every word of every department of knowledge must be blended into one great symphony of praise to its Creator. Man can do no more than this. He would be foolish to do anything less.

To learn the many stanzas of the song of life we must begin by accepting the idea that God and man are inextricably bound together in partnership; that man's urge and need to create, as we observed in a previous article, is a candle lit from the great white fire of God's own creativity. That person who says that he doesn't like the worldly doctors, that he wants the Lord to heal him, is inadvertently denying man's creativity and the whole idea of partnership with God. How he can make that denial after reading Brother Clement's testimony is to me a mystery. (See page 319 of our Church history book.)

Brother Clement's testimony was not for himself alone, but for every thinking member of the Church. Does God not say to us in that testimony that He recognizes each of us as a dignified, responsible, creative co-worker? I believe that He does. I believe, also, that should the present generation of saints continue to exalt the powers of God and belittle the powers of man, we shall become fixated at our present level of development and become as dependent upon God as my uncle was upon my mother and me. It is conceivable that the oncoming generation may refer to us as "Old-Stick-in-the-mud."

(To be continued.)

NEWS FROM MEXICO

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Yesterday we had great joy in our hearts as a brother was being ordained a teacher, and a sister a deaconess. Two visions were experienced regarding this. One sister, upon hearing the announcement the week before, saw a woman all dressed in white with a light around her head. Yesterday another sister, who had never had an experience, asked the congregation if they saw what she had seen. She said she saw a light enter through the window; it crossed the room where the elders were sitting and then moved back to the center of the room where it rested over the sacrament table. We had some visiting brothers and sisters, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our prayer is that someday there will be more ministers, teachers, deacons, and deaconesses in Mexico and that the Lord will extend His work. Pray for us, and may God bless all the brothers and sisters everywhere. We are grateful to all who have made it possible for us to do what we can for the seed of Joseph.

Edward and Evelyn Perdue

NOTICE

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A complete Index from 1945 through 1962 will be available in the near future; the price of this is not known at present.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"For unto us a child is born," Isaiah 9:6.

Dear Girls and Boys,

As another year is ending we think again of that beautiful story about the birth of Jesus. It never grows old. It has been told over and over, down through the ages. Lehi of old, told it to his family. This was six hundred years before Jesus was born. The prophets told of it, altho many people would not believe.

There was a Lamanite prophet named Samuel, in our Book of Mormon story, who told the people in Zarahemla about Jesus' birth. This was five years before he was born. At this time the Lamanites were more righteous than the Nephites. When Samuel started to tell the prophecy, they were angry. They drove him out of their city. He was discouraged and started to go to his home, but the Lord told him to return to Zarahemla. As he returned the people would not let him in the city gate. So he climbed up on the city wall and preached from there. He told them to repent. Also that in five years Jesus would be born. He gave them a sign so they would know when he was to be born in Bethlehem. Then he told them of the signs that they would see at the time of the crucifixion of the Saviour. If they would not repent, he said, their great city of Zarahemla and other wicked cities would be destroyed. The people did not like to hear these things. There were some who believed. Others were angry and threw stones and shot arrows at Samuel as he stood on the high wall. The Lord protected him and no one could hit him.

Soon the time came for the prophecy to be fulfilled. The five years had almost passed. The wicked people began to say that the five years had already passed and the prophecy had not been fulfilled. They began to persecute the members of the church. Nephi, the son of Helaman, a good man among them was very sad. He went out alone to pray to God in behalf of his people. He prayed all day and then the voice of the Lord came to him, "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."

That night as the sun went down, no darkness came. Many who had not believed the prophets were afraid and fell to the earth. All night the light remained just as bright as at midday. The next morning the sun came up as usual and the people knew this was the day on which the Saviour was to be born in Bethlehem. Then a new star appeared in the heavens, just as Samuel had told them. It shone brightly. Samuel had said it would be one such as they had never beheld. All this proved the truth of the prophecies and that Jesus was born. No doubt this story had been told over and over for many years. Lehi and Nephi had seen in the great vision the virgin, Mary, and the

child. This was six hundred years before Jesus' birth. All this goes to prove the Saviour's words, (Matthew 5:18) "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." The words of God's prophets will all come to pass no matter how many years it will take.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Who came among the people and hardened their hearts? III Nephi 1:22
2. What did the good people do? III Nephi 1:23
3. What part of verse 24 is like Matthew 5:18?
4. How many prophets in the Bible told of the birth of Jesus?

Merry Christmas,
Sister Mabel

I HAD AN EXPERIENCE! EXPERIENCE AND TESTIMONY of Birdie M. Furnier

I was reared by Bible reading, believing parents who taught me when anything troubled me, to go to the Lord in prayer. I realized that God answered my prayers. I was twenty-six years old when I had a direct experience from the Lord. I was married and had two children. We lived in a little country home with about four or five acres of land not far from Uniontown, Pennsylvania. One day I was all alone in my little country home. My husband was at work. My two children were at my Mother's home. I always had good health and loved to work. I am not a good singer, but I would sing all day while working. I loved to sing hymns and good songs. With all the good desire I had, I never had my name on a church book in any church. I respected all churches and never found fault with any. I thought they were all right, and to this day, I believe there are good people in every church. Now I want to give my testimony as to how I came to belong to The Church of Jesus Christ. Being alone in my humble little farm home, I was very busy and singing the hymn "Is Thy Heart Right With God, Washed in His Crimson Blood". A voice spoke to me aloud. It was right beside me, very distinct, filled with love and kindness beyond explanation. The voice said, "Is thy heart right with God?" I knew it was something from heaven, something I had never witnessed before; I knew it was the voice of the Lord. I fell on my knees, and I talked to God. I said, "Lord, I know this is You. What will You have me do? As I prayed there alone, a blanket of love completely covered me. I left myself in His care.

As I recovered from this blessed experience, I went back to my work. When my husband, Thurman, came home, I told him of the wonderful experience I had and we rejoiced together. A portion of this wonderful experience stayed with me for weeks and months. I knew I was in the hands of the Lord, and that He had spoken to me just as I would speak to anyone and ask them a question. But He had questioned me with compassion, like no man has ever done. I loved my Mother and always talked everything over with her when I was confronted with any problem. As I carried a blessing from this experience, I also car-

ried a problem I could not solve myself. So I talked it over and over with my Mother. She was a very devoted Bible reader and would console me. She told me of a woman she had talked to who was a Bible reader. This woman did not mention the name of a church or invite her to come to church, but she left the impression with my Mother that I might want to talk to her. So when Mother told me of her conversation with this woman, I said, "Where does this woman live?" She told me and I went straight to her house. One of the daughters came to the door when I knocked. Finding that her Mother was not home, I asked, "Is your Father home?" She said, "Yes, he is upstairs sleeping." I knew I must talk to him. I had never met him and had never heard a word about him, but I felt a great desire to talk to him. So I asked the girl if I might talk to him a little while, and she said, "He will be glad to talk to you." She went upstairs and told him I wanted to talk to him. He got up right away, and came downstairs. I introduced myself, and told him I wanted to talk to him about the Bible. Being a Bible reader myself, I asked him many questions about his beliefs not knowing if he belonged to any church or professed any religion. I continued to ask questions. I asked, "Do you think people should take sacrament? Do you think it is right to wash feet? Do you think it is right for women to preach?" I asked question after question and he told me what he believed. He allowed me to talk about the Bible quite a while, then he asked, "Would you like to have a prayer meeting in your home?" Oh, those were the sweetest words to me. I said, "I surely would." He then told me that he was an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ.

That was the first time I had ever heard of The Church of Jesus Christ. His name was Martin King. He was an elder and later became an Apostle. He came to my house with his family and I called in a few of my farm neighbors. We had a nice cottage prayer meeting. Brother King held many meetings with us from that time on, not only prayer meetings, but Sunday meetings. The rest of my family, including my husband, became very much interested. Brother King had asked some of the other brothers to come from Monongahela, Roscoe, Little Redstone, and Coal Valley, Pa., and as the word of the new interest spread, many brothers and sisters met with us. On Sunday, August 23, 1914, the meeting was held in the home of my sister, Alverdia Gibson. A wonderful blessing was being poured out upon us. While Brother William Bailey was bearing his testimony, I was filled with a portion of my early experience, when God's voice had asked me if my heart was right with Him. The spirit of repentance fell upon me. I felt as if I was right in front of Jesus at his feet. I asked for my baptism, and seven of my family followed. We were buried in baptism in the water in the reservoir beside my home on Route 51. It was a most beautiful evening, just before sundown. My husband, Thurman; my sister, Alverdia; her husband, Henry Gibson; my sister, Gladys; her husband, Ray Hillen; and my youngest brother, Winfield Rikken, made our promise to God to serve Him. We were confirmed in my home. I thank God for that day. I am now past seventy-five years old, and I wouldn't

trade the last fifty years of my life for all the gold in the world. Being baptized in August, I was privileged to go to conference in October at a small place called Hawk Eye, near Scottdale, Pa. It was the most glorious conference I was ever in.

As I have said I was always well and healthy, never sick in my life that I can remember. I was baptized only two weeks when I took sick. I went to conference sick and upon returning home I fell into my bed and was unable to get up for several months. My illness all started with typhoid fever, which left me a complete cripple unable to raise my hands. They fed me soup which was strained through a cloth. I was completely helpless and weighed less than seventy-five pounds.

When the next January conference came, I wanted to go. My Mother and Father disagreed about taking me out in the snow and ice in January. My Mother said I would not recover anyway, so she arranged with a farm neighbor to take me to the railroad station at McKeesport, Pa. to conference. I was rolled in blankets and carried like a baby to a horse and buggy, and carried into the depot. When the train came the conductor helped the farmer put me on the train. When I got off the train, Brother Nephi Federer's son was there with a horse and buggy and they carried me from the train just as they had carried me when I got on the train. I was taken to conference, which was held on the second floor of a lodge hall. I was carried up eighteen steps and set on a chair, with my feet on another chair. I sat all day Saturday. On Saturday night they got me a room close to the hall and on Sunday I was carried back upstairs for Sunday meetings. There were about three hundred people there, visitors as well as Saints. I had been anointed by just about all the Twelve Apostles, and by our President, Brother Alexander Cherry, during those months of sickness, but had not been healed or even benefited. I still lay sick, not able to even move myself. When they took me to Sunday meeting they set me on a chair in the back of the hall. I enjoyed the morning service. When the afternoon meeting opened for testimony and sacrament, a voice spoke to me. I recognized it as the same voice that had spoken to me when I was alone in my little farm home. It said, "Now is the time." I spoke right out and said "Brothers, if you will anoint me, — now is the time." Two elders came back to me and carried me to the front of the hall. They anointed me with oil, and made a very simple plain prayer, with their hands on my head. I was completely healed right there, and restored back to perfect health. I got up from the chair I was sitting on, walked back to my seat, and went home with the crowd in perfect health. The next day was Monday. I went back home on the train, walked two miles to my home in the country, and have been blessed with good health ever since.

I praise God for this wonderful experience. I feel that God has spoken to me twice, in a very special way, in the fifty years I have tried to serve Him. The first time He spoke to me asking the question, "Is your heart right with God?" was in preparation for the saving of my soul. The second time was for the healing of my body. I very seldom speak of the healing of

my body, but I will never forget the experience of God visiting me and calling me to serve Him. The healing of my soul means so much more than the healing of my body. I thank God with all my heart for His loving care. My desire is to serve Him as long as I live. I know for sure that the testimony I have given to you will either stand for me or against me. I ask an interest in all your prayers that with God's help, it may stand for me. I am not seeking any honor or glory; only to praise Him that He ever thought me worth speaking to, and that I have been privileged to become one of His servants with the rest who are trying to serve Him. May God bless the Church in these trying times is my prayer in His Holy name.

DETROIT BRANCH #4 NEWS

Brother and Sister Domenic Moraco were blessed with a beautiful baby girl on July 22, 1964; they named her Sharon Ann. She was blessed August 23, 1964 by Brother Gorie Ciaravino of Branch #4, Detroit, Michigan.

On Sunday, August 23rd, we enjoyed a refreshing day in Branch #4. Brother Peter Capone, presiding elder of Branch #3 at the time, visited our branch and gave us an inspiring sermon. He told us that before leaving his home he had prayed, and while in the act of prayer he saw our meeting in which Sister Connie Moraco requested the blessing for her baby. All in all the saints enjoyed a very inspiring and encouraging day feeling the blessing of God.

Elizabeth Gerace, Branch Editor

MICHIGAN-CANADIAN DISTRICT LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held at Branch #4 for the election of new officers. Sister Angela Scolaro, chairman, led the meeting with the help of the co-chairman, Sister Alice Romano. The minutes were read by the secretary, Sister Santina LaCivita. The treasurer's report was read by Sister Josephine D'Amico.

The new officers elected are as follows: Sister Alice Romano as chairman, Sister Josephine D'Amico as co-chairman, Sister Mary Dichiera as secretary. May God bless, guide and direct them to perform their duties to the utmost of their ability.

Sister Mary Dichiera gave a very inspiring talk about what happened at the Ladies Circle meeting held in September, 1964, at Monongahela, Pa.

The evening came to a close with a half hour program prepared by the sisters of Branch #4 as follows: The program was introduced by Sister Catherine Benedetto. Then the group sang the song "Book of Mormon". Sister Ann Ciaravino then read her article on "Archaeology and The Book of Mormon," followed by Sister Elizabeth Gerace who read Moroni 10:1-5. Sister Ciaravino continued with her article, which was very interesting after which a solo was sung by Sister Loretta Lovalvo, "O Stop and Tell me Red Man" which was sung beautifully. Sister Gerace read Alma 63:5-8 and introduced the next topic which was read by Sister Santina LaCivita, "Archaeology and The Book of Mormon #2". This was also very interesting. The program was concluded by the group singing "The Whole

Wide World".

Closing prayer was offered by Sister Angelo Scolaro. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

NUPTIALS SMITH-MASON

On Saturday, September 12, 1964, Brother Robert Smith and Sister Connie Mason, members of the Youngstown Branch, were married at the Fredonia Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Russell Cadman officiated in the ceremony, assisted by Brother Harry Robinson of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

The wedding was beautifully simple throughout and the presence and blessings of God were felt. A reception was held at the home of Sister Connie's parents with many of the saints present along with relatives and friends. The time was spent in singing hymns and speaking of the Gospel.

The newlyweds are residing in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and we pray that the Lord will richly bless them all the days of their lives.

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HELM-LEET

Brother and Sister Ralph Leet of Detroit, Michigan wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Rosemary Anna, to Paul Edward Helm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helm of the state of Indiana.

The ceremony was performed in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #4, Detroit, Michigan, with Brother Domenic Moraco officiating, assisted by Brother Gorie Ciaravino. It was a beautiful wedding.

The young couple will make their home in Indiana. We extend our very best wishes to Rosemary and Paul for success and happiness along life's way and may God bless them.

BELL, CALIFORNIA

From the Bell Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, a salute to all of our brothers and sisters!

A spirit of revival has taken hold of our little branch. The number of brothers and sisters taking part in our fasting and prayer meetings has greatly increased, and the fruits of these prayer meetings have already been made manifest in diverse ways. A greater effort has been made by our members to attend all services and this has served as an encouragement to both priesthood and laity. As a result of all this, a greater spirit of love and unity prevails.

Recently, our Elder Brother, Rudy Meo, exhorted us with the Spirit of God on the importance and need of unity among us. It was greatly stressed that we of the Church must work as a team. It is through team work that we will be able to make progress and each member was encouraged to play his part in this great team, which is the team of God against that of the devil's.

Mention was made of one of the last songs sung by our late, dearly beloved Brother, William Cadman, 'O God Give Strength,' — the last line of which reads: "And Thou hast promised us Thine aid **when we united be . . .**" Thus, it is only when there is **real unity** that we can hope to move the arm of God. The judgments of God are at hand; let us strive harder, therefore, to become more, **much more united**, else we shall

perish with the rest of the world.

Our new Presiding Elder, Brother Otto Henderson, has been encouraging both priesthood and laity to work together and to avoid controversy, which only leads to division and the dispersion of the flock. It is only by loving each other and being together that we will receive the gifts and blessings of God. Our branch stands behind Brother Otto and his ministerial co-workers with its full support through prayer and deed.

Many years ago, our Brother Ishmael D'Amico received a most wonderful experience in which he was told: "AS YE INCREASE IN LOVE, SO SHALL YE INCREASE IN NUMBER." To those of us who truly love and serve God, we know this to be very true indeed.

As Thomas Carlyle (a writer of the 17th century) once so ably put it, "Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against evil only!"

Satina M. Mercuri
Branch Editor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN LORAIN

"God's Beautiful World" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held in Lorain, Ohio from August 17 to 28, 1964. On the last evening a program was given by the children and we all viewed their arts and crafts on display in the Church basement. Brother and Sister Alvin Swanson and son from Miami, Florida, who were visiting here at the time, attended the program. Brother Swanson spoke a few words of encouragement and commented on how he enjoys the company of children.

There was a total of sixty children who attended the four classes. Sister Marie Caldwell was in charge assisted by the following sisters: Lucy Gonzales, Jenny Herstek, Mary Jones, Carla Naro, Vicky Calabrese, Inez Caldwell, and Helen Tisler. Mary Ann Jones was the pianist and assisted with the nursery group as well. Transportation was provided by some brothers and sisters with Brother Jones playing a big part in this. He was on vacation at the time and on several occasions brought as many as nineteen children in his station wagon.

Sister Mabel Bickerton has been blessed with inspiration, working up each year's Vacation Bible School activities. May God continue to bless her in this wonderful work.

Betty Alessio, Branch Editor

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — BRANCH #1

Dear Gospel News Readers:

Greetings to one and all from the saints of Detroit Branch #1. Praise God for another privilege to spend a few moments with you by means of our wonderful little paper. I am very happy indeed to say that the Lord's blessings continue to shower upon us from time to time here in this part of His vineyard and we just can't seem to thank Him sufficiently for making us recipients of His wondrous love. For this glorious Gospel means more than all the world to us and offers each and everyone of us life everlasting if we love and serve Him with all of our hearts.

On Thursday evening, October 8, we were over-

joyed to have with us Brother Dan Cassasanta from McKees Rocks, Pa., and Brother James Heaps from Anaheim, California. It had been quite some time since we had seen our brothers and it thrilled our hearts to see them walk into our church building once again. With them was Brother William Colangelo of McKees Rocks and we were happy to see him as well. We just couldn't wait to hear the wonderful words of life that our brothers would be delivering unto us. Since Brother Domenic Thomas, an apostle of the Church, was also present, our Presiding Elder Brother Paul Vitto gave him charge of the service. Prior to the commencement of our service we were treated with a beautiful duet by Sister Dolores Thomas and Brother Heaps; their selection was "I've Discovered The Way of Gladness". The Junior Quartet sang "Amazing Grace" and the Girls' Trio sang "Wounded For Me".

Brother Cassasanta chose as his text II Chronicles, 19th Chapter, 7th verse — "Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it; for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts." Our Brother brought forth many wonderful thoughts — wonderful words which were worthy of our serious consideration. God is no respecter of persons. God is kind, God is love, God is good; He forgives and He blesses. He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3-16) Brother Cassasanta stated that we are aware of the fact that many dangers lie around us, but the Lord tells us to keep our eyes on the straight and narrow path that leads to the Paradise of God. We should not feel independent, but rather we should feel that we need each other and we need each others prayers that the Lord's spirit might dwell with us each day of our life.

The Senior Quartet sang "Dear Jesus, Abide With Me." Brother James Heaps followed Brother Dan saying that we have something that the world does not have and something that the world cannot give us. The Love of God that we have found in The Church of Jesus Christ cannot be found elsewhere. He spoke of the fear of the Lord saying, "Let the fear of the Lord be upon you. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, which is one of the greatest gifts God gave to man. We can possess all the knowledge in the world but if we don't possess wisdom, the knowledge will avail us nothing." He went on to say that we should not be afraid of God, but rather be afraid to do evil. Job feared God and hated iniquity; therefore, he became a perfect man.

The Senior Quartet sang a beautiful song at this time called "Without Him" which seemed to be very appropriate and in accordance with the discourses of our brethren. The moments seemed to fly so rapidly, but at the close of our service we were all able to say that it was good for us to have been present. We feel to thank God for brothers such as Brother Cassasanta and Brother Heaps who are devoting so much of their time to preaching the Word of God. We are praying with all our hearts that the Lord may continue to bless them in their endeavors and grant them good health that they may be able to carry on His work.

We were privileged to have our Brothers with us

once again on Sunday afternoon October 11. Brother Domenic Thomas bore his testimony telling of when he came to The Church of Jesus Christ. The love of God he found in our Brothers and Sisters surpassed any love that he had ever known. This love played an important part in his joining the Church. Brother Cassasanta and Brother Heaps gave short talks and we also were blessed to hear the testimony of Brother Colangelo—how the Lord called him into the Church. His heart and mind were so far from God; he did so many things displeasing unto the Lord, but still God had mercy upon him and gave him the privilege to become a member of His church. A wonderful feeling was experienced during his testimony. May the Lord continue to bless him and keep him firm and faithful until the end. The Senior Quartet sang another beautiful song entitled "Lovest Thou Me".

We have also had Brother Vito Buffa and his wife, Sister Josephine of Modesto, California visiting with us for a few weeks. They are planning to spend a couple of months here in Detroit and we are extremely happy to have them worship with us. It brings back pleasant memories of the time when they were members of our branch a few years back. They certainly have been a blessing to our Church. We are praying that the Lord will bless them during the remainder of their stay in Detroit.

Frank Conti, District Editor

COMPONENTS OF FREEDOM

by Donald Curry

Importance of Understanding Freedom

Every American citizen appreciates and knows to some degree the value of freedom afforded by our American way of life. Do we all appreciate and understand freedom as much as we should? We probably do not. The importance of understanding freedom cannot be over emphasized, for the better we understand freedom, the more we will be able to appreciate, preserve, and develop it.

Knowledge of History Helps Us Understand Freedom

To understand freedom and liberty we must study history—all of history. Have people always been free? How did men become free? When we study the lives of great men and the events that helped to give us freedom, we are amazed and fascinated by what men and women had to endure to bring about even the slightest changes and improvements, and we are able to develop insight into our own problems of maintaining freedom. The present is never separated from the past, but is only a continuation of it. The struggle for freedom for all men has by no means been won — it has only begun — and to achieve greater freedom we must learn to apply today the lessons of yesterday.

What Is Freedom?

The question we want to answer is: What is freedom? Answering this question will help us to answer some other important questions, such as: Do we enjoy complete freedom? Could we easily lose our freedom? How can we safeguard our freedom? Can our children become freer than we?

Freedom Is Freedom

It may sound silly to say that freedom is freedom,

but that is just what American freedom is. The free man is not owned; he is not a slave. He has the right to think and act for himself. No one tells him that he must work on a certain job, live in a certain house, or worship in a certain church. He is at liberty within the framework of his society and environment to plan out his life on a daily, yearly, and lifetime basis.

Freedom Is Based on Equality

In a free and open society every individual has the same opportunity to work for the best he can achieve in life. Of course people are not equal in intelligence, appearance, or opportunity at birth; but equality in a free society means equality under the law and the right for each person to shape his life according to his abilities and desires. Class distinction finds no place in our legal system, since our laws are designed not to discriminate against any group. People of all economic levels, religious faiths, nationalities, and races are learning to accept each other on an equal basis. Tolerance is the keynote of equality; prejudice is its death knell.

Freedom Is Founded in Law

In the Middle Ages the European peasant was virtually a slave to his feudal lord or noble. He was not permitted to move from the little plot of ground on which he lived and toiled. If the land were sold, he was part of the sale. His only excuse for living under the law of the day was to provide food, goods, and services for his master. There were no laws to protect him against any abuses his lord might inflict upon him, even torture and murder. Power was concentrated in the hands of the few — the king and the great landholders — who were not too interested in using this power for the benefit of others. Eventually other groups were able to strip the kings and nobles of some of their power and distribute it among themselves and others. Through the centuries men came to realize that they must protect themselves and insure their rights through law. Probably the highest expression of this realization is our American Constitution with its First Ten Amendments. These provide the framework for our legal system which spells out and guarantees the rights of each American citizen.

Freedom Is Based on Justice

Our legal system is based on the concept that every individual, no matter what his station in life or what charges are brought against him, is guaranteed the right to defend himself with all possible evidence. A prominent figure in the Russian Revolution of 1918 stated this idea: I would see ten innocent men hanged if necessary to insure that one guilty man does not go free. Our philosophy in America is just the opposite. There can be no freedom unless the innocent are protected against injustice, and to accomplish this we deem a man to be innocent until he is proven guilty through due process of just law.

To Have Freedom We Must Give Freedom

Freedom is a two-way proposition. We cannot expect to have a free society unless everyone is willing to give freedom. In a free society everyone must be free. Any other kind of freedom is not freedom, but an abuse of power. A despot or dictator is free, but his subjects are not. We can learn a lesson from the Puritans who settled in early America because they

didn't like the power exercised over them in England which prevented them from living the kind of life they preferred. In the New World they claimed that they were founding Zion, but when people of other religious faiths came into their colonies, they sometimes put them to death. Eventually their intolerance, their lack of giving freedom, destroyed the very system they thought was so right.

Freedom Is Democratic

In a free society the governing power is in the hands of the people. Its citizens have the right to assemble together to discuss their views and to express them orally or in writing. They have the right to petition for redress of grievances. Above all it is their right to disagree with the opinions and policies of others, even with those of the government. Without the right to dissent there can be no freedom; neither can there be any progress, for growth depends on new ideas. In a democracy the minority — those who differ from the majority — are guaranteed the right to be different.

Freedom Is Christian

Above everything else freedom is founded upon Christian principles. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Jesus was speaking here of complete freedom, both natural and spiritual. He taught against the abuse of power by teaching that the strongest should be servants to their fellowmen. He practiced complete equality by giving what He had to all from the greatest to the least. He fought hate and prejudice by teaching men the value of love. He upheld the innocent and showed mercy to the condemned. Finally He died to uphold the principles He lived and taught.

Today as Americans and Christians it behooves us to understand and practice the principles of freedom.

OBITUARY ANTHONY CAPOTS

Brother Anthony Capots died of a heart attack October 29, 1964 in Detroit, Michigan at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Joy of Detroit, where he has lived for the past eight months following the death of his wife in February, 1964. Born in Italy May 24, 1882, he was a resident of Youngstown, Ohio most of his life. He was one of the pioneers of The Church of Jesus Christ there. He was baptized on February 15, 1920 and was a very faithful member.

He is survived by two sons, Louis and John; one daughter, Angeline Joy of Detroit, Michigan; thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Michigan with Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo officiating. The body was then moved to Youngstown where services were held in the Chapel of Forest Lawn Cemetery with Brother T. D. Bucci officiating, assisted by Brother Ralph Berardino. May the Lord comfort the bereaved.

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining;
I believe in love, even when I feel it not;
I believe in God, even when He is silent.
(Words found written on the wall of a cellar in Cologne,
Germany, after World War II)



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HISTORY OF THE ROCHESTER, N. Y. BRANCH

In 1931, Brother Frank Rosati, having been baptized in Detroit, Michigan, returned to Rochester, N.Y. primarily to give the testimony of the Gospel to his sister and brother-in-law. He had left Rochester in 1927 with a determination never to return. However, after going to Detroit he became acquainted with the Gospel through the testimony of Brothers Anthony Pietrangelo and Mario Francione.

One night, as he knelt to pray, he remembered his sister and other relatives in Rochester. His desire was to go back to them and give them his testimony of The Church of Jesus Christ. This desire increased within his heart, and finally in 1931 it was fulfilled. Brother Frank Rosati arrived in Rochester and within a very short time he was successful in interesting several people in the Gospel. Then he called for Brother Ishmael D'Amico, inviting him to come to Rochester, for there was spiritual work to be performed. Brother D'Amico and his family resided in the city of Detroit at that time.

On the night of November 6, 1931, Brother Ishmael D'Amico left Detroit, Michigan to go to Rochester, N.Y., a city where the Gospel had not yet been established. He left behind his wife and six children placing full confidence in the Lord. Later, in February of 1934, the entire D'Amico family with the exception of the late Brother Alfred D'Amico, went to Rochester to establish residence there.

After a few services held in Rochester amongst a group of people, four souls were baptized in the Church on November 15, 1931.

They were Perry Simone, Concetta Simone, Salvatore Castranovo, and Angeline Castranovo. As the months and years rolled by, more souls were added to the fold. In the fall of 1935 Brother Ansel D'Amico was called into the ministry, while Brother Frank Rosati had been ordained several years previously. In 1935 Rochester was organized a branch of the Church with Brother Ishmael D'Amico as Presiding Elder, Brother

Frank Rosati as First Counsellor, and Brother Ansel D'Amico as Second Counsellor. In 1938, Brothers Patsy Marinetti, and Paul Pietrangelo were ordained into the Priesthood. Missionary work was done by the Rochester brethren in Auburn, Waterloo, Syracuse, and Palatine Bridge, N.Y. While some interest was shown and a few were baptized, the work in these places has more or less dwindled. Later, missionary efforts were made on the Tuscarora, N.Y. Indian Reserve and also in Lockport where Brother Perry Simone and his family had moved in 1937.

In July of 1946 Brothers Paul D'Amico and Christopher Trovato were ordained into the Priesthood, and shortly thereafter Brother Ishmael D'Amico, his wife, Sister Julia, and their son, Paul, moved to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Since 1946, many brothers and sisters have passed away and others have been suspended, while others have been transferred. There are now two in the Priesthood; Brothers Ansel D'Amico and Patsy Marinetti. A few years ago we erected a new church building and it is our sincere hope and prayer that God will open the way for many lost souls to find their way into the true Church of Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,
Ansel D'Amico, Presiding Elder.

THE PLACE AND POWER OF MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Dear Brother Neill:

In answer to the editorial about music in the September issue of The Gospel News, I for one praise God for the restoration of the Gospel and the spirit of singing that has come because of the angel of God bringing back to earth the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Having been brought up in the Protestant faith we enjoyed the hymns that we sang, but when attending a meeting in Little Redstone Branch of the Church upon an invitation by our friends who had obeyed the Gospel, we heard the following hymn for the first time:

*"Jesus Lord, we look to Thee, Let us in Thy
name agree;
Show Thyself the Prince of Peace, Bid our jars
forever cease,
By Thy reconciling love Every stumbling block
remove;
Each to each unite, endear; Come and spread
Thy banner here.
Make us of one heart and mind, Courteous,
pitiful and kind,
Lowly, meek, in thought and word, Altogether
like our Lord.
Let us for each other care, Each the other's bur-
den bear,
To Thy Church the pattern give, Show how true
believers live.
Free from anger and from pride, Let us then in
God abide;
All the depths of love express, All the heights of
holiness."*

It was that same Sunday that the Lord moved upon my heart and I asked if I might be baptized. From that day on, the hymns we sing have brought an added joy and blessing in God's service. May the Lord bless one and all is our prayer in Christ Jesus.

Martha Laird

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Dear Editor:

I think there are some wonderful hymns in our Saints' Hymnal, especially when they are sung with the spirit and guidance of God. I have been blessed in singing and meditating upon the beautiful words, which may times express my very thoughts.

About a year ago I had a short dream, which follows: I dreamed that the General Church published a new hymn book. When I opened the book the words of the hymns were all written in gold. I awoke and felt such a wonderful joy and love in my heart because those beautiful hymns expressed God's excellent greatness.

During the week our attendance is small and we have no pianist. When we sing we feel God's spirit in our midst, so much so that we even feel the place is filled. God does not look at the number, but rather at the honest and sincere hearts.

I love all the hymns because they are all God's wonderful words. I would like to mention a few selections from the Old Fashioned Revival Hour: "Cleanse Me" by Edwin Orr; "The Love of God" by F. M. Lehman; and "My Father Watches Over Me" by Charles H. Gabriel. It would be wonderful if these hymns could be included in our new hymn books.

I would also like to see our hymns arranged differently in our hymnals. I think it would be nice if all baptismal hymns were together, all funeral hymns, sacramental and dismissal hymns, all in order. In our present hymnal they are all scattered.

With love,
Carmella D'Amico

One hand ought to wash the other.

Latin Proverb

A thought for the day:

Roman philosopher Seneca once said: "It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor."

I sought my Soul, my Soul I could not see
I sought my God, my God eluded me
I sought my Brother, and I found all three.

IMPORTANT!

If you have a change of address please send a card giving both your old and new address. Each old or incorrect address costs us 10c of the Lord's money.