

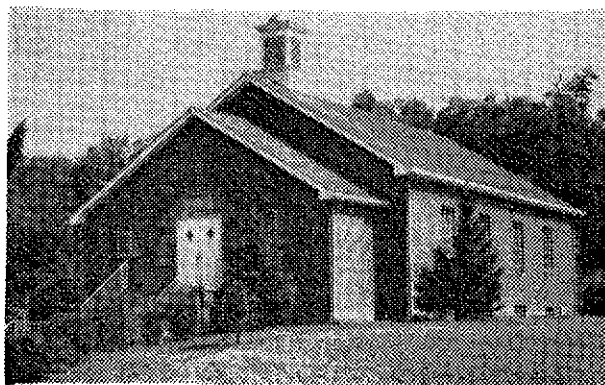
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Aliquippa, Pa.

The Aliquippa Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ had its beginning with the baptism of the late Brother Philip and Sister Rose Mileco on March 14, 1920, at Youngstown, Ohio. Their contact with The Church of Jesus Christ came about through several of their relatives who had recently been baptized into the Church. These relatives were namely: Brother Carl and Sister Minnie Marks of Youngstown, Ohio, and Brother Thomas and Sister Incoronata Marchando of near Brownsville, Pa. Brother and Sister Marks and Brother Marchando have gone to their reward, while Sister Marchando is living and makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Sister Florence and Albert Pezzenti, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother and Sister Mileco alternately attended church services in Youngstown, Ohio and Glassport, Pa. In due course of time, Brother Mileco was called and ordained an elder in the Church. He began to hold services in his home during the week, and as a result new members were

added to the fold. Brother Anthony Jackman states that shortly after he was baptized in November of 1921 they began to hold meetings in the home of Brother and Sister Giannascoli, also newly baptized. Sometime later meetings were held in Brother and Sister Jackman's home, and due to the continued increase in membership the little church group decided to buy a frame dwelling on Erie Avenue near the A & S and P. & L. E. Railroads.

The group was finally organized as a Mission under the jurisdiction of the Glassport, Pa. Branch. A number of members from nearby Coraopolis and McKees Rocks were included in the Mission until they were later organized as the McKees Rocks, Pa. Mission, also under the Glassport, Pa. Branch. Membership continued to increase gradually, and in 1944 we purchased a large, one-story brick building on Main Avenue. The main feature of this building was its spacious auditorium. After a good deal of renovation, this structure served us well until 1957 when we sold it and built our present building in Hopewell Township, not far from the Aliquippa Borough limits.

There have been many blessings and experiences since the conversion of our departed Brother and Sister Mileco in 1920; many wonderful testimonies of healings, of mysterious callings, and, in some cases, powerful callings of new members into the Gospel. At this juncture I wish to refer the reader to the July, 1962 issue of the Gospel News, page 13. Here, in his own words, Brother John Ross recounts his mysterious and powerful calling into the Gospel. We are reminded here of the first line from one of William Cowper's grand hymns, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." May the Lord prosper His church everywhere until His will is done upon earth as it is done in heaven.

Thomas Ross

Branch Historian

All Israel Are The Covenant People Of The Lord

(Continued)

By Thurman S. Furnier

In John 10:16 Jesus said: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Turn now to the Book of Mormon, III Nephi 15:12-17 where Jesus told those upon this land that they were the sheep that He referred to when He spoke this in Palestine. That these sheep were of Israelitish descent may be proven beyond doubt. Now, where can we find these lost sheep? Ezekiel records the fact in the 34th chapter, verse 6, that "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Here then, we may expect to find the sheep of Israel, the descendants of the house of Jacob, upon every hill, or over in some far off lands, and they were to hear His voice. The Book of Mormon declares that some of His sheep came here, and that Jesus visited them.

The Nephites were descendants of Lehi (Manasseh) — see Book of Mormon, Mormon 1:8, "The Nephites, who consisted of the Nephites and the Jacobites and the Josephites and the Zoramites; . . ." The Lamanites were of Ishmael (Ephraim) — see Book of Mormon, Mormon 1:9, "Now the Lamanites and the Lemuelites and the Ishmaelites were called Lamanites; . . ." Ezekiel 37:19 refers to the stick of Joseph (the Book of Mormon) which is in the hand of Ephraim (Ishmael - Lamanites). In Moroni 10:1 we read, "I write unto my brethren, the Lamanites;" (Ishmael - Ephraim). Hymn 13 in The Saints Hymnal reads, "And Ephraim (the Lamanites) be crowned with His blessings in Zion, Hymn 386, "When the Choice Seer comes forth with the records" and "He'll convince both Lamanite and Gentile." Deuteronomy 33:13-17 speaks of the blessing of Joseph's seed; ". . . and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." All this goes to prove that both Manasseh's and Ephraim's seed are to grow together. Genesis 49:24 tells us speaking of Joseph; "From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel." The Gospel has been restored unto the Gentiles; from the Gentiles it must go to the seed of Joseph, and from the seed of Joseph and the Gentiles to all nations, kindreds and tongues, which includes the Jews everywhere, including the Jews upon this land. From II Nephi 30:7 I quote, "That the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightsome people." The Gospel will go to the ten tribes that are in the North country, and to

others that have been led out from Jerusalem from time to time. For the Saviour said, after visiting those on this land, and I quote from III Nephi 16:1-3, "And verily, verily, I say unto you that I have other sheep which are not of this land, neither of the land of Jerusalem, neither in any parts of that land round about whither I have been to minister. For they of whom I speak are they who have not as yet heard my voice; neither have I at any time manifested myself unto them. But I have received a commandment of the Father that I shall go unto them, and that they shall hear my voice, and shall be numbered among my sheep, that there may be one fold and one shepherd; therefore I go to show myself unto them."

In Romans 11:26 we read, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." We must remember also that Mulek, a son of Zedekiah, was brought to this land. Zedekiah was the king of Judah; see Omni 14:18, also Helaman 8:21, "Will ye say that the sons of Zedekiah were not slain, all except it were Mulek? Yea, and do ye not behold that the seed of Zedekiah are with us, and they were driven out of the land of Jerusalem? . . ."

What about Benjamin, Jacob's youngest son, and brother of Joseph? Deuteronomy 33:12 reads; "And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders." Does the beloved of the Lord refer to Joseph, and shall Benjamin dwell between his (Joseph's) shoulders? (Manasseh and Ephraim) May I venture to suggest the possibility that Benjamin may be a descendant of Laban's servant, Zoram?

In conclusion permit me to again call your attention to the words of the Apostle Paul: Romans 11:26, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

I have been convinced by the Spirit of God that God will fulfill His promises that He has made to Jacob's seed (the American Indian) on this land, the land of their inheritance; a land choice above all lands of which God has spoken.

*All Israel will come
To their glorious home;
And the ensign of power will never be broken;
And then shall we be 'neath our vine and fig tree,
While reaping the fruits upon Joseph's blest land.
Oh! long will the banner of King Jesus wave,
O'er the land of the free,
And the home of the brave.*

*Then listen, O Isles, and give ear every nation,
For great things await you in this generation:
The Kingdom of Jesus in Zion shall flourish,
The righteous will gather, the wicked must perish.
O Israel! O Israel! in all your abidings
Prepare for your Lord when you hear these glad tidings.*

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

We should become more zealous and appreciative of the privilege to be co-laborers together with God in the service to which we have all been called.

"Let us fill our bowl to overflowing rather than drain the cup of life to the dregs." The records for 1965 are closed. What we have written we have written. After tabulating the results of your accomplishments, are you satisfied? In glancing back over the past months how much have you contributed to the year? How much did you leave undone? Could you have made a more valuable contribution to 1965? The means to work with were the results of what you placed in your bowl. Faced with a brand new year, let us ask ourselves what we need to place in our bowls that this year may be more fruitful for ourselves and others. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Study the Word of God with an increased desire to learn; become a diligent scholar in the school of Christ, for are we not pupils in the school of Christ? Let us put some study in our bowls.

Our motives must be pure. Do we realize our daily acts are already passed into history, written by the iron pen of the recording angel, and that we shall meet them again at the last day? James says, "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." The better balanced amongst the Lord's people are those who have patience. I believe that hardly one step of progress can be gained today without the grace of patience. Patience is long-suffering, striving to stem the tide of imperfection and weakness.

Pour a little praise into our New Year's bowl. Let's become a little more commending. And let us, above all, tell forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, even if it costs us something, which it does many times. It may cost us trouble or cost us money; it may cost us the loss of earthly friendship; the straining, if not the breaking, of some home ties; the frowns of the world, and even of church-men.

Consider, if you will, a little self-control, for I would suppose the battle with self is the greatest battle of all. The Preacher declares, "He that ruleth his spirit (his own mind or will) is better than he that taketh a city." I believe it is after we have had considerable experience in battling sin and selfishness in ourselves; only after casting the beam out of our own eye and subduing anger, malice, etc. are we prepared to assist others to overcome their besetments and weaknesses.

How about some service (an act of helpful activity)? Whatever department of service the Lord may open to us we should enter promptly, with eagerness and energy. If we are inattentive to opportunities He may remove them from us and give them to another. We should become more zealous and appreciative of the privilege to be co-laborers together with God in the service to which we have all been called. Let us become real joint-heirs with Christ!

What about including in our bowl a bridle that fits the tongue? I am inclined to believe the tongue's influence exceeds that of all other members; and to control it is a most important work for the Lord's people to perform.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

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To take up the use of evil words, methods, or manners is certainly joining forces with the enemy. To answer anger with anger, bitter words with bitter words, slander with slander, persecution, with persecution, blow with blow, is to endeavor to overcome evil with evil. To do so is simply admitting the adversary's methods are better than Christ's. I am now reminded of a hymn I often heard the Saints sing when I was a small boy, and having the urge to record it, I quote the following:

*Angry words! oh, let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip.
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.
Love is much too pure and holy;
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly
Thus to desolate and mar.
Angry words are lightly spoken;
Bitterest thoughts are rashly stirred —
Brightest links of life are broken
By a single angry word.*

There is room in the bowl for more, but not enough space in the paper. I am sure each and every one of us can finish filling our bowls. For a last word, however, there is a saying which I would like to quote: "Fill the bushel with wheat; then defy the devil to fill it with tares."

Evils Of Self Justification

By James Heaps

Isaiah, ch. 1, verse 4 reads: Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward." After Israel had forsaken the Lord and was in a back-slidden condition, the Lord said, "Come, let us reason together." There is not much reason in a carnal, back-sliding people; but you will notice the exhortation of Isaiah when he says, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." If we are washed and made clean through the blood of the Lamb, and retain the Holy Spirit in our lives, we can reason out anything and settle any problem that may arise.

Tolerance is also a wonderful virtue. Luke 9:49 reads, "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us." We see how tolerant the Lord was with someone who was not of their own group. Ill temper takes away all reasoning power, and we cannot tolerate another's views. When a man is filled with the Holy Ghost he is the most reasonable man

on earth and can tolerate another man's opinion, but when he is carnal he has to have his own way. The brother of the prodigal son shows us what ill temper will do. He could not tolerate his brother coming back home, and would have nothing to do with him. He was supposed to be the example. He stayed home and worked on the farm; he did not spend his money on riotous living; he was a good moral boy. But he had no reason and no tolerance, no love for his brother who had done wrong to him. Ill temper leaves sins unnamed.

We have no balance to weigh sins; to enable us to decide which are coarser or finer, but only words of our own. I think I would rather reason with the prodigal than with his brother. Self-righteousness is a terrible sin. It caused the brother to justify himself in his good works instead of loving his brother who had done wrong but had humbled himself to the extreme when he said, "I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him, I have sinned." When is a man greater than when he acknowledges that he has sinned? "And I am no longer worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." A man filled with the Holy Spirit would say, "I love him." He would kill the fatted calf; he would put a ring on his finger; he would dance and be merry.

Let us look at the one who was supposed to be a good example. When he was told that his brother was home he was angry. Perhaps many would judge the sin of the older brother to be a mere trifle — only a bit of ill temper and scarcely worth recording. Now what was this little bit of temper that Christ saw fit to record? The elder brother was hard-working and dutiful; let him have full credit for his virtues which came from his long day's work in the field. Every night for years he had come home like this. But too often a man's sense of responsibility for his character ends with a day's work, and he often meets the temptation which is to expose him when he least expects it. He heard music and the sounds of dancing; a novel sound for a farm. "Thy brother is come," the servants said, "And they have killed the fatted calf." How glad the father was to see him approaching from afar! He ran to meet him but there was no joy on the elder brother's face. His thoughts were probably something like this; "Killed the fatted calf, have they? That's more than they ever did for me. I would tell them what I think of all this merry making for this young scoundrel!" He was angry and would not go in.

How many times have we seen manifested that spirit of jealousy, anger, pride, cruelty, self-righteousness, sulkiness, touchiness, and doggedness. These are the staple ingredients of ill temper, and yet men laugh about it. Only temper, they say! It may be only a moment of ruffling the surface, a mere passing cloud; but the passing cloud is composed of drops. The drops, foul and rancorous, and seething with energy, find their way into the ocean; an ocean made up of

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NEWS FROM BRANCH NO. 4

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

On Sunday, September 26, 1965, we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother James Heaps. We enjoyed a very inspiring discussion in our Sunday school studying St. Luke, chapter 11: 25 thru 42 where a certain lawyer asked Christ what he should do to inherit eternal life. Christ answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." It was a pleasure indeed to listen to Brother Heaps as he expounded the scriptures and related some of his experiences.

Brother Heaps also took charge of the morning service. After singing a number of inspiring hymns, he asked our visiting sisters from Windsor, Sisters Ethel Henderson and Leata Ford to give their testimonies. While they testified we could feel the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. As we began singing again Margaret Cappaticio jumped to her feet and asked for baptism. Margaret is the daughter of Brother Attilio Valzania who recently suffered a stroke and is unable to attend church now. He has been a good and faithful member and it was a blessing to see his daughter make a covenant with the Lord. After the morning service we went to Edison Lake where our new Sister Margaret was baptized by Brother Frank Vitto. We thank God that another name has been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

During the afternoon fellowship service Sister Margaret was confirmed by Brother Gorie Ciarravino. Some of the brothers and sisters testified of having experiences to verify the calling of Sister Margaret Cappaticio. It was a glorious day and our hearts rejoiced in feeling the blessings of the Lord.

Elizabeth Gerace, Branch Editor

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA NEWS

Dear Brother Editor:

On September 19, 1965, saints and friends from West Palm Beach, Miami, Palm Bay, Ft. Pierce, Boynton Beach, and the Tampa-St. Petersburg area held a gathering in the Greenacres City Community Hall near West Palm Beach. The preaching and testimonies were enjoyable. It was such a blessing to be there, and to see our visiting brothers and sisters again. Our next gathering is to be held in approximately three months in Ft. Pierce.

Love from all the saints in this part of the vineyard.

Jan Creech,

West Palm Beach Branch Editor

Every service for the truth becomes an occasion for a prayer of thanks for the privilege of serving the Great King.

PERRY, OHIO MISSION NEWS

Sunday, November 22, 1965, will long be remembered by the saints and all those in attendance at our Mission. Assembled with us were Brother and Sister Rocco Biscotti, Sister Virginia Camadena of Roscoe, Pennsylvania (mother of Kathleen Vinack), along with many relatives of our late Brother Sam Ambrose.

Brother Biscotti introduced our morning service using scripture found in the 19th chapter of Luke pertaining to Zacchaeus. Our brother gave an inspiring exhortation and urged all to come down, as Zacchaeus did, and place themselves before the throne of God. Brother Elmer Santilli followed, speaking of the great love of God towards mankind.

After the morning service, we gathered at the bank of a beautiful stream near our church where Kathleen Vinack was baptized by Brother Eugene Kline. She had requested baptism during the week and had made it a matter of prayer. We were happy that her mother and family were able to be with us and witness her baptism. In the afternoon service many wonderful testimonies were offered by the brothers and sisters. Our service was closed with prayer by Brother Bob Quinn, and all felt that it was a day well spent in the service of our Lord.

Betty Santilli

Editor

LOCKPORT NEWS

Salvatore Azzinaro, Jr., son of Brother Salvatore Azzinaro, left October 23, 1965 for service in the Marine Corps. Prior to his leaving a small get-together was held for him at the home of Brother Agostino Giansante. Salvatore had been in our midst for many years and was very helpful to the saints. We trust that God will continue to bless and protect him while he is away from us. For those who may be interested, his address is as follows:

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1st. Recruit Training Battalion
Recruit Training Regiment
Marine Corp Recruit Depot
Parris Island, South Carolina 29905

The saints of the Lockport Branch would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers that were offered in behalf of our dear sister, Mary Azzinaro. It is through your prayers that we can report that our sister is again at home enjoying life with her family and fellowship with the saints.

R. M. Williams

Lockport Editor

God's people go from strength to strength, but also from difficulty to difficulty. And such are many of the tasks assigned to us today.

YOUNGSTOWN NEWS

Ladies Uplift Circle Anniversary

The Youngstown Ladies' Uplift Circle met recently to observe their twentieth anniversary. We truly enjoyed the meeting and were blessed with testimonies concerning how each of us have been helped by the Circle. Our President, Sister Ann Fortunato, gave an inspiring testimony in which she exhorted us to work and strive to keep our Ladies Circle active. We have three charter members, all of whom were present, namely; Sisters Libby Pandone, Dorothy Damore, and Minnie De Piero.

All the sisters present bore their testimonies to thank the Lord for all His blessings. In all our meetings we can feel our Lord's presence and know that we are blessed with each word that we read from the Scripture. May the Lord bless our Circle and our teacher, Sister Dorothy Damore. We pray that the Lord will be with us each year that passes and that we may increase in numbers.

GMBA CONFERENCE

The General Missionary Benevolent Association held their conference in Youngstown on November 13th with representatives from Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania present. We enjoyed a very large attendance. The evening program was presented by the Youngstown MBA, the subject being "Zion," which was very interesting.

Many of the saints remained for Sunday and we had a glorious time in the Lord. Our blessings this day were completed with the baptism of Marlea Bucci, daughter of Brother and Sister T. D. Bucci. May God bless our new convert that she may "give of her best to the Master." May God instill His love into each and everyone that is striving to serve Him — is our prayer.

Lee Laverie
Branch Editor

A Note Of Thanks

It is the desire of the undersigned to thank all the Brothers and Sisters in Christ, friends, Branches and Missions, and local M.B.A.'s for the kindness shown us during the illness of my wife, Sister Marie Azzinaro. Many thanks for the prayers, cards, and gifts, and I trust this note will reach you as an acknowledgement of our appreciation for what everyone has done.

My wife has improved considerably since the fasting and prayer of September 1st, 1965 and she is now home with me and our children. Continue to remember her in your prayers and we will do the same for you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Salvatore Azzinaro, Sr.

BRONX, NEW YORK NEWS

Sunday, October 17, 1965 was a wonderful day at the Bronx Branch. We were happy to have Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of our Church, whom we haven't seen for almost eleven years. Bro. Gorie gave a wonderful discourse, taking his text from Hebrews 1st chapter, verses 1 through 14, "Angels minister to mortal beings." The Lord commanded the Angel Moroni to visit Joseph Smith; to reveal the hidden plates and bring forth the true and everlasting Gospel unto the world. Bro. Gorie also related many interesting experiences in the Italian language which was enjoyed by our older Brothers and Sisters who were very attentive. We enjoyed Bro. Gorie's preaching and fellowship and can say that his visit was a real blessing for us.

We also had the pleasure of having brothers and sisters from Brooklyn and New Jersey visiting with us. We surely had a wonderful day as the Spirit of the Lord was in our midst. We are thankful to the Lord for all the blessings he bestows upon us. Regards to all the saints from the Bronx Branch.

Betty Catalano
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

In recent weeks we have enjoyed fellowship with saints from Warren and Youngstown, Ohio, and from Pennsylvania. Ishmael Velez, who has been attending our services for some time, asked for his baptism on October 17th. May the Lord bless him and his family that some day they may all rejoice in the service of the King.

The Cleveland West Side mission met with us on October 31st. Many thoughts were shared of the earlier years when the saints of Cleveland and Lorain used to meet together quite often. Testimonies given also recalled memories of our deceased brothers and sisters. It was a day well spent in reminiscing, giving praise to our maker and singing hymns.

The saints of Lorain wish to salute all of you in the various parts of the vineyard and our prayer is that God's blessings may abide with you.

Branch Editor
Betty Alessio

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A Marriage Covenant

By Jeremia Giannascoli

Part I

We read in Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh." Also in Matthew 19:5-6, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put assunder." In Ephesians 5:22-23-24-25, Paul is showing the oneness in husband and wife, which he describes to reveal the oneness of Christ and the Church. We have here the words of the Apostles concerning how husbands and wives should love one another, being obedient in all things. According to the above Scriptures men and women who enter into a marriage covenant become one, the twain shall be one flesh. The love and obedience that is expressed here as given by Paul reveals that unless such conditions exist there cannot be the unity and love one for another. Yes, they have entered into a marriage covenant, but are they one as they should be? Unless they become so, at stated by the Apostle, they are not one as yet; and if that be the case there will arise conditions which will cause much hardship between the two. Such problems will bear down on the two which will bring forth fruits of discontent, and such a marriage is neither a happy nor a prosperous one, but a burden.

The question may arise, are they not one for they have entered into a marriage? True, but again if a marriage were based upon the love one has for the other, even as Paul brought forth, I would say not until they become so shall they truly become one.

Paul says, "Wives, submit yourself unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord . . . Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." This is when the twain become one and not until then. This is the understanding of the oneness of marriage.

Now I would like to draw your attention to the marriage covenant which we have entered into. As it is naturally, so is it spiritually. Paul tells us in Romans 7:4, "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." (which is brought about by our yielding to Christ.) We, the Church, have become the bride and Christ the bridegroom. We understand, as given by the Apostle, the oneness concerning husbands and wives as shown to the Ephesians (5:22-23); so must it be with Christ and His church. Now concerning the twain becoming one, even as Christ was one with the Father, so must we become

one with Christ. How did Christ become one with the Father? We read in Mosiah 15:1-5 how this was so. "And now Abinadi said unto them, 'I would that ye should understand that God Himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem His people. And because He dwelleth in flesh He shall be called the Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son. The Father, because He was conceived by the power of God, and the Son, because of the flesh, thus becoming the Father and Son.'" "And they are one God, yea, the very Eternal Father of heaven and earth. And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit or the Son to the Father being one God, suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth Himself to be mocked, and scourged, and cast out, and disowned by His people.'"

This is how He was one with the Father. We recall the prayer He uttered in St. John 17th chapter, but especially the 20th and 21st verses. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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." Christ and the Father are one; are we one with Christ?

(To be continued)

Watching And Waiting

By: C. W. Holmes

At Fort Benton, Montana, there stands a monument over the grave of a half-breed collie named Shep, erected in tribute to the dog's faithful 6-year vigil, refusing to leave the railroad station, meeting every train that pulled in, watching and waiting for the return of his master whose coffin he had escorted to a baggage car one summer day in 1936.

On January 12, 1942, Old Shep limped down the tracks and met his last train. Like the countless others it did not carry his returning master, but this one bore down upon him swifter than his aged reflexes could react, and expedited him over the brink of this life into that mysterious realm where dwells his master.

We too have a Master who departed from us many years ago, received out of our sight by a cloud. While we looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, His Father sent us a message saying, "Why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven."

Since that time He has been sending us other messages, "teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

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WATCHING AND WAITING

Let it be our prayer that our vigil shall be every bit as loving and faithful as that of Old Shep, watching and waiting, refusing to leave the station; and if it be so ordained that we must cross over the brink of this life before He returns, we know that we too shall enter into that mysterious realm where dwells our Master.

MY GARDEN

*I have a garden, and I know
It is not I that makes it grow
I plant the seeds, I turn the sod;
But in my garden there is God.
And in my garden there is peace;
Frustration, care, and worry cease.
So in my garden, if you please,
I do my weeding on my knees.*

Selected

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say
"I;"*

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say
"my;"*

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and not include
another;*

*You cannot ask for daily bread and not include your
brother;*

*For others are included in each and every plea;
From the very beginning it never once says "me."*

Selected

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

Chinese Proverb

OBITUARY

KATARINA FALOBA

Sister Katarina Faloba passed away November 23, 1965. She was born May 18, 1886 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1925.

She is survived by three sons, Samuel, George, and John; five daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Leek, Mrs. Mary Scarabine, Mrs. Christine Ball, Mrs. Ann Smail, and Mrs. Agnetha Zakel. She also leaves thirty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in The Church at Youngstown with Brother T. D. Bucci officiating, assisted by Brother Ralph Beradino. May the Lord comfort the hearts of those who are bereaved.

TYRON ORLANDOS WALKER

Tyron Orlandos Walker, age 4, son of Mr. and Sister Walker of the Detroit West Side Branch No. 2 died October 1, 1965. His death was attributed to a fall while playing in the basement of his home.

He is survived by his father and mother, two little brothers, and a little sister. Funeral services were conducted at the House of Diggs, with Brother Domenic Moraco officiating. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and relatives.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved.

Readers Write . . .

Dear Brother Neill:

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment you and The Gospel News staff for your fine work and efforts in keeping the paper interesting and informative. We enjoy it so much. May God continue to bless you in His work.

Brother Philil Damore
Scottsdale, Arizona

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Gospel News:

Once again it is time for us to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. We enjoy each issue so very much. Keep up the good work and may God bless you for your efforts.

Sister Olive Elzby
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Dear Brother Neill:

I am enclosing a check for \$4.00 to continue my Gospel News subscription for two years. I enjoy reading The Gospel News always; it is just like reading letters from home. May the Lord bless you in your work as Editor and all the staff for the wonderful job you are doing.

Brother John Azzinaro
Chatsworth, California

Dear Brother:

I am sending \$2.00 to renew my subscription to The Gospel News which I enjoy very much. It helps us to keep in contact with the brothers and sisters by hearing and sharing their wonder-experiences.

Sister Anna Anerino
Niles, Ohio

Dear Brother Editor:

I would like to subscribe to The Gospel News for another year. I want you to know how much we enjoy this wonderful little paper and the blessings we receive in feeling so close to our dear spiritual family. May the Lord continue to bless you and give you needed strength for the effort you put forth in publishing our Gospel News.

Sister Loretta Mazzeo
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Brother Editor:

I am enclosing \$4.00 for a two year subscription to The Gospel News. I really enjoy reading the news and the wonderful experiences of my brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the Church. I keep all of them and many times reread them. They are such a blessing to me.

Sister Anna Kirkpatrick
Whittier, California



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."
II Timothy 2 : 15.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Here it is 1966 and another new year for us to enjoy. Do you realize this is the sixth year for our Children's Corner? I hope the stories have helped you learn more of God's Word, the Bible and the Book of Mormon. I have enjoyed hearing from you and I can see you are searching the scriptures for the answers to our questions.

I am glad our Church paper has a place for children. Jesus had time for the children when He was on earth. His disciples were not pleased when the children were brought to Him. When Jesus saw this, He was much displeased and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." Then Jesus took the children up in His arms and put His hands upon them and blessed them. In our Church we do not baptize children, but bless them just like this example Jesus left for us to follow. You can read this in the Bible in Mark 10 : 13, 16.

We read in the Book of Mormon that when Jesus visited this land of America, He had time for children too. Jesus desired to bless the people here just as He had done to those who lived in Jerusalem. Many of these people were sick, blind and lame. They had great faith. After Jesus healed them they bowed down and worshipped him. They wept for joy so, "that they did bathe His feet with their tears." Jesus wanted to bless their children. He commanded that they be brought to Him. All those who had little ones brought them to Jesus. He stood in their midst and the fathers and mothers knelt on the ground about Him. Jesus kneeled upon the earth and prayed to His Heavenly Father. Everyone heard Him. What He said was so sacred that it could not be written. As He closed His prayer, He arose and told the multitude to arise also. "Blessed are ye because of your faith and now behold my joy is full," He said. He wept for joy. Then He took their little children, one by one and blessed them. He prayed to the Father for them. When He finished, He wept again. It was a blessed time.

"Behold your little ones," said Jesus. As the people looked they saw the heavens opened and angels descending in what appeared to be fire. It was a heavenly fire, a great blessing, and no one was burned. The angels came down and encircled the children. All the parents saw it and praised God for His wonderful blessings. You can

read this story in III Nephi 17.

There was a writer in the Book of Mormon named Mormon, who wrote letters to his son, Moroni. One of these letters was about baptism of little children. There were some people in those days who taught that babies should be baptized. Now Mormon knew this was wrong. When Mormon heard about this, he inquired of the Lord concerning it. The word of the Lord came by the power of the Holy Ghost. These are some of the words: "Teach parents that they must repent and be baptized and humble themselves as their little children and they shall be saved with their little children;" "I love little children with a perfect love;" and "Little children are alive in Christ." If you want to read more, turn to chapter eight of the book of Moroni.

I hope as you read these stories, they will help you to love the Gospel of Jesus Christ and find all that is good and purposeful in life.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What boy was taught the gospel by a faithful mother and grandmother? II Timothy 1 : 2,5.
2. What boy did the Lord call three times? I Samuel 3 : 8.
3. What did these twins like to do, as found in Genesis 25 : 27?
4. What boy when seventeen years old was given dreams from the Lord and his brothers called him a dreamer? Genesis 37 : 2, 19.
5. What boy when fifteen years of age was visited of the Lord and knew of the goodness of Jesus? Mormon 1 : 15

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6 : 5-16.

M.B.A. Highlights

Advancements Evident At GMBA Conference Used As Guides For Future Plans

By Carl Frammolin, GMBA Editor

Advancements noted at the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Youngstown, Ohio, on Saturday, November 13, were used as guides by the GMBA Activities Committee when it met in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on December 4 to more fully incorporate the Association's activities program.

Among the progress evident at Youngstown was the avowed enthusiastic desire to plan future MBA field trips, the well-received report that MBA lesson plans would be available in the near future, and the increased interest in the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund because the site for the proposed Church meeting-place had actually been selected.

The air of anticipation in the Conference that within a short period of time the MBA would be able to offer activities on a large scale could be felt throughout the congregation, as project measures were officially sanctioned and approved. Characteristic of this growing sentiment and the subsequent reaction to put activities into action was the suggestion that chartered air transportation be used for future GMBA gatherings, regardless whether they be for official conferences or for special field trips. Employment of this kind of carrier would mean that access to most parts of the country, as well as overseas locations, would be possible.

San Diego Request

The request from the San Diego, California Local that the next GMBA Conference be held there in May brought out the underlying thought that chartered flights could be used. Although a joint trip to San Diego has not been scheduled as yet, the machinery now exists for honoring the request of the unit in the nation's farthest southwest location.

Other modes of chartered travel which have been used in the past will, of course, still be employed; however, this new dimension has aroused great interest and enthusiasm in transporting great numbers to far away GMBA functions. Chartered busses from the Atlantic and Michigan-Ontario Locals contributed greatly to the overflow crowd which attended the Youngstown Conference and pointed out the preference for this kind of group travel.

The mandate for action given by the November Gathering offered new challenges for the entire MBA. In December, the GMBA Activities Committee accepted this charge by spelling out

ways in which the wishes of the Association to move ahead could be accomplished. Not only field trips, but lesson-plan implementation, fund-raising drives, and publicity projections were organized to make certain that the wheels set in motion at Conference would continue to gain momentum. An extremely important task, that of providing spiritual guidance and inspiration to Locals and Areas, was assigned to a committee to be headed by the GMBA Chaplain. Also, help to Locals on membership drives and other necessary phases of the action program were explored and assigned to sub-committee members.

The practice of dividing the work of the committee into sub-committees was continued so that the monumental over-all task can be accomplished. In this process, delegation of some of the efforts to the MBA Areas where much of the work can be done more readily is being attempted. Whenever this is possible, the committee can still assist the Areas in any ways required, but regions are obviously in a better position to more effectively attend to these matters because of their proximity to the situations. The duties of organizing and visiting Locals are examples of these kinds of endeavors.

Additional Conference Motions

Additional matters acted upon during the one-day GMBA Conference were officers' and delegates' reports, election of general officers for the coming year, and the designation of the next General Conference for May 28, 1966, in New Jersey.

Disbursements by the Conference included donations to the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund and to The General Church Missionary Fund. Incidentally, the GMBA Land Purchasing Fund, as will be noted, has been retitled to the "GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund" by motion of the gathering.

New officers elected at Youngstown were Joseph Perri, Financial Secretary; Anthony Vadasz, Treasurer; August D'Orazio, Relief Committee Member; and Organizers Gabriel Mazzeo, Florida; Norbert Schmitt, New Jersey; and Anthony Santilli and George Jones, Ohio.

Among motions passed were those for the thanking of the Youngstown Local for its wonderful hospitality and the GMBA office staff and The General Church Printing Staff for their diligent efforts in producing, printing, collating, and binding the new GMBA By-Laws, the cost of which was underwritten by the GMBA. Although there was no price placed on the booklets, Locals have been requested to give donations based on the number of copies they obtain for their use.

At the Saturday night service, the Youngstown Local presented a program entitled, "We're Marching to Zion," based on scriptures found in the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Musical selections and recitations were used to support the theme. In addition to the adult choir, the children of the Local sang a medley of inspiring songs. The combined talents appropriately illustrated the road which must be traveled for salvation.

Sunday Morning Service

On Sunday morning in the service held under the jurisdiction of the Youngstown branch, the group heard Joseph Milantoni, Isaac Smith, Dominic Thomas, and George Neill speak about the increased need for rededication to The Church and to the MBA.

The assemblage was told about the accelerated tempo to focus on the objectives of the Association, which ultimately work for the good of The Church. Based on the passage in **Mosiah 2:40-41**, they explained how necessary it is for old and young alike to band together and work for The Faith.

The comments and exhortations were in keeping with the enthusiastic and dedicated attitude which had been prevalent throughout the weekend. They charted the way in which all work for The Church must be done, making it clear that all talents and abilities should be combined and directed towards attaining meaningful Church goals. The indisputable fact that with united dedication any and all worthy objectives can be achieved was resoundingly pointed out. The total effect of these stirring words proved to be an inspiring analysis of just how the mandate given by the Conference should be carried out.

THE MBA HIGHLIGHTS SPECIAL FEATURE

(This is the fourth and last article in a series on Liberia by Richard Bologna. A recent returnee from the United States Peace Corps, he served his two-year tour of duty teaching in that country's schools.)

A history of Liberia was offered in the first article, a description of urban communities was given in the second story, and an analysis of tribal life was depicted in the third presentation. In this article, the ways in which Liberians perceive themselves, their communities, and their nation will be examined. —Editor's Note)

Liberian Development

By Richard Bologna

Liberia, a country which is ambitiously attempting to improve its place in the world, is strongly motivated by nationalism. Any endeavor in the nation's interest is strongly supported and seldom are words spoken against the government. Before every activity, the national anthem is sung with great power and feeling. Through their fervent nationalism, Liberians have recently begun to feel very much a part of growing Africa. In the past, African countries had identified themselves with their colonial masters, not as nations or even with each other. Today, colonization is almost gone and young enthusiastic nations have arisen in its stead. Liberia, one of these nations, is regarded as one of the leaders in Africa today.

The feeling of Liberian nationalism extends beyond the borders of Africa. The capital, Mon-

rovia, and some of the larger coastal cities have had contact with the outside world through business endeavors and governmental functions. The dwellers of these cities have begun to feel themselves a part of the world community. They read the newspapers and magazines from other countries, and they hear radio broadcasts from all around the world. As Liberia develops better internal and external communications, this feeling will also spread to the interior tribal people.

Change Slow

Change, although slow, is most noticeable in the tribal parts of Liberia which lie between the forest and the coastal cities. This is where civilization as we know it is within reach but is economically unattainable. The people in these areas have always been kept isolated or semi-isolated by lack of roads and other forms of communication. It is only within the last ten years that the roads have reached some of these villages and opened the way for them to become part of changing Liberia.

Some of the change is good. The country people can send their children to the better elementary schools of the city, as well as to the high schools which are completely unavailable in the interior. The roads also opened the way to the new experiences and ideas of the city. On Sunday, the city offers many churches of different denominations. Missionaries have come into the interior but there is a much greater choice in the urban localities. The people who have farms or little gardens can sell their fresh produce in the city markets where there is a greater demand for fresh vegetables and thus receive more money for them. In addition, country people have access to the medical facilities of the city where a sick person can be treated in a hospital instead of by a country doctor, or "medicine man."

City Different

In the city there is glitter, money, novelty, and a sense of freedom that was not felt in the country towns ruled by the tribal customs and the closeness of families. In some cases, the changes from tribal life to urban living has posed problems for the individuals. An example of these kinds of problems were experienced by a family of the Tuobo tribe. Before the roads came into the interior 30 miles from the coast of Cape Palmas, this was a happy family. They had a little mud and thatch hut in town, and they had a rice farm like all the rest of the young families in their tribe. The wife took care of the house and their one child, and helped the husband on the farm when the need arose. At night he would take the borrowed gun and go hunting for meat to put in the Palm Butter. One evening this routine existence changed suddenly when the farmer returned from cutting rice, found his child sitting on the floor of the hut, all the cut rice from the day before gone, and his wife nowhere to be found. After frantically searching and talking with members of his family and tribe, he was

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able to extract the truth. His wife had run off with the rice, sold it in the market in Cape Palmas, and taken a ship to Monrovia.

Before the roads were built, the women did not know anything about the city. All they knew was that it was their duty to take care of the children and the home. Today it is different. They take the "money bus" and go to the city to sell rice and peppers for money for the family. They see the pretty things in the stores, and they see the fineries of a civilized society. They feel the freedom and excitement of the city, and the life of a country woman is no longer good enough for some of them. In the country, they had not perceived themselves as a part of an urban area, because at best they had only a limited contact with these kind of communities.

Still Poor

Until now, moving to the city has not improved the economic or moral status of the country people. They are still noticeably poor even though in the city. Money is not so important in the country because all the necessities of life can be obtained from the land. In the crowded conditions of the city, however, there is no easy way to get food and other necessities without financial resources.

It is true that a small percentage of country people have taken advantage of the educational opportunities and have raised their status in life. They now live in the city and do not seek to maintain their tribal customs and manners. They have become city people in every sense of the word. In the future, the interior of Liberia will gradually become developed as the process of urbanization is extended. This is the changing scene in Liberia, a fiercely nationalistic nation, whose people identify themselves with their country first, secondly with Africa, and lastly with the entire world.

CHARITY, OIL OF FAITH

*Now and again, my saddened heart, in silent reverie,
Laments the shining brightness of those bygone yesteryears;
Undying Faith, this was the torch that ever guided me
Along the darkened corridors of sorrow and of fears;
Flooding each step I took with light,
Making the pathway safe and bright;
And I moved ever closer unto God.
Now and again the bright lit flame of that eternal torch,
Flickered a bit, and sputtered, when the stormy nightwinds blew;
In silent semi-darkness then, by friends took up the search,
And loaned me of their oil, so that the flame could burn anew;
Then, once again the shining light
Dispersed the shadows of the night . . .
And we moved ever closer unto God.
But now it seems to me, the oil each torch must save to burn,
Is scarce, and quite a few of us have but a weakened flame.
It strains our eyes, which surely must reflect our deep concern,
For all the darkened future years can only bring us shame . . .
While, almost blindly thru the night,
We stumble in our desperate plight. . . .*

EVILS OF SELF-JUSTIFICATION

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the things that destroy the man who harbors them, and become a raging storm. It is not the outward show of temper that is significant, but what is revealed. It is like the intermittent fever which tells of the disease, or the bubble coming to the surface betraying the rottenness underneath. The older brother had the same opportunity as the younger brother, but he stayed home. To the servant he became a pattern of industry; to the neighbors an example.

Temper is the vice of the virtuous. Darwin said a man of ill temper will sometimes invent imaginary offenses for the sake of invigorating himself. However, when temper interferes with the intellect, it affects all matters of judgment. Decisions may be struck off at a white heat, without time to consider circumstances or explanations. It takes a humble person to correct these mistakes once they are made. No doubt the elder brother confessed to himself that he was a fool after he cooled down, but he had taken his stand and would not go in. "I don't have to kill the fatter calf for you," his father said. "All that I have is thine." The weak, who are the victims of this ill temper, have to stand the brunt of the storm. How do you think the prodigal felt when his brother would not come in, spoiling the evening for all who were in the house because of his anger? How often does our sulkiness spoil other people's lives?

The curtain drops on the prodigal, leaving him in, but the elder brother out. He would spoil heaven for all that would be there. To get to heaven we must take it with us.

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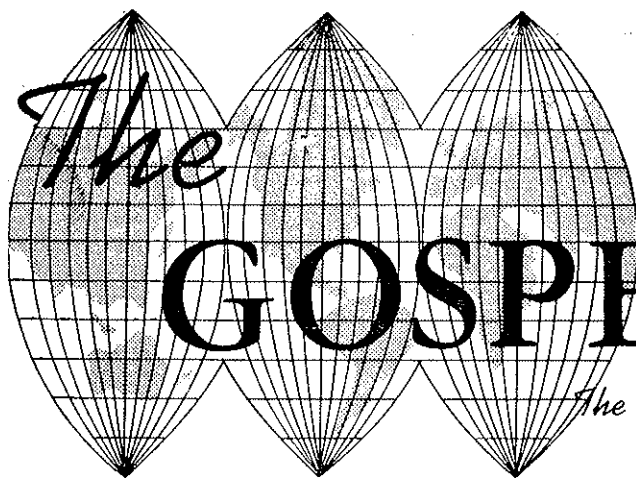
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LITTLE NEW YEAR

*What do you have there, little New Year,
Clutched in your hands so chubby and dear?
Fresh new mornings and work-filled hours,
Warm bright sunshine, gay spring flowers.
Little New Year, you have far to go,
On through the summer into the snow;
But you will travel with eager stride,
Truth in your heart and love by your side.*

—Martin



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Conference Notice

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ will convene on WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. in our General Church building in Monongahela, Penna.

The Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions will be for the **PRIESTHOOD ONLY.**

The Quorum of Twelve will meet on TUESDAY MARCH 29, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. for two sessions in the Church building in Monongahela, Pa.

Sunday meeting will be open to all members and visitors. Time and place will be announced at a later date in the Gospel News.

General Church Secretary
Nicholas Pietrangelo

Dogmatic Opinions

(By: C. W. Holmes)

"The world is square!" declared the man.

"But," argued a student, "when a ship sails beyond the horizon its mast is the last part to disappear. This fact proves that the world is round."

"I don't care what you say, I know it's square."

And so the argument went until the student asked, "Well how do you know its square?"

"Because," came the reply, "the Bible says the Lord sent His angels to the four corners of the earth to hold back the winds." (See Rev. 7:1)

This discussion did not take place in the Dark Ages as you may think, but a mere twenty years ago between an aging Pennsylvania steelworker and a high school student who, realizing the man was serious, gave up in disgust. "Error of opinion," said Thomas Jefferson, "may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it." One might sympathize with the steelworker if it were

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GOD'S HOUSE

Eighteen years after making my promise to God I can say, with the rest of you, "I am happy in the service of the King."

The words of the Psalmist comes to mind many times, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" The house of God that mortals go to is a building erected to worship Him in.

Moses was given instruction in the utmost detail about building the tabernacle, and God said He would commune with the Israelites there. It is written that willing-hearted men and women brought their precious jewels, finest of woven materials, wood, gold, silver and brass until there was more than needed. So this house was built for the ordinances of God to be performed therein.

Several hundred years later, when they were settled in their own land, David desired to erect a permanent place of worship. This his son Solomon did, starting in the fourth year of his reign. At the dedication the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

It was destroyed by the Babylonian army in the days of King Zedekiah. At the end of the captivity how eager they were to rebuild it. It is hard to imagine, but in Haggai it is written that the glory of this house would be greater than the former, and there God would give peace. How long this peace lasted I don't know.

When Christ was on earth He went into the temple and synagogues, read the Scripture and preached. He was very angry at some of the things done there, but many other good people also attended faithfully, such as Zacharias, Simeon and Anna.

So today we still build houses of worship. Not so elaborate, but how thankful we are to have them. The day of dedication is never forgotten. The Spirit of God visits us many times as we faithfully go. His glory and peace are there. I am always glad when it is time to go into the house of the Lord, and we know we are in the service of the King.

Martha Kelly

DOGMATIC OPINIONS

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not for the fact he deliberately closed his mind to reason and thereby rendered his ignorance intolerable.

It is frightening to realize that only a few hundred years ago this man's argument would have been considered rational by pontiffs, potentates, priests and professors. The student rather than the steelworker would have been deemed ignorant. And most of us, if we had been there, would unthinkingly have accepted as conclusive the weighty opinions of these men of stature. If the student persisted in his refusal to agree with us, we might have done him a favor by putting him on a torture rack to purge him of his heresy.

If today we are more enlightened, it is because God emboldened a few of our forebears to question dogmatic opinions based only upon "traditions of the father," and humbled them enough to admit the possibility of error in personal opinions based only upon their own understanding. They then began taking into consideration all relative facts, examining them under the light of sound reasoning, and arranging them in place like pieces of puzzle until, quite simply and clearly, the irrefutable truth dawned forth.

If we would retain the spark which is our heritage from these daring souls, and if we would kindle that spark into a blazing flame, we must beware of the error of taking opinions—whether our own or someone else's—to be conclusive. Moreover, we must beware of considering only selected facts and rejecting those that do not support our pet opinions. Only by keeping our minds open to consider all relative facts—even though they compel us to alter our opinions—will we be able to arrive at accurate conclusions.

CRISIS

By James Curry

Hello, young people. Greetings from an old man who retains a little of youth's idealism.

Several years before he died, Brother Charles Ashton rejoiced in a God-given vision of the future years, wherein he saw you young people lift the Church up to a higher plateau of spirituality. He referred to the arrival of your day as the end of an epoch, and the dawn of a new era of spiritual development. The work of transition won't be easy. You will have opposition, but you may be comforted by the knowledge that "there must needs be," as the Book of Mormon says, "an opposition in all things."

The philosopher, Hegel, wrote a book on the subject of opposition. He saw that the conflict between the opposing forces of good and evil is what begets a higher way of life. Conflict, or the strife of opposites, is an essential ingredient of the creation. The tree growing straight up in the downward pull of gravity is a good example. The tree grows strong in resisting opposition to its growth. The soul likewise grows strong in resisting the downward pull of the gravitation of sin.

As we look round about us we see those forces gathering which will oppose and try to prevent the founding of Zion. Remove those forces and we remove the possibility of there ever being a reign of peace on earth, simply because good cannot of itself produce such a startling change in the external environment. Zion will be forged by the great hammer of conflict on the anvil of good and evil.

Do we have a "strife of opposites" in the Church of today? We do indeed, and it may be taken as a sign that God has set His hand to create a more abundant way of life.

It is apparent to every thinking member that the Church of today is passing through a crisis. The Church is rent by two opposing concepts or rival mysticisms. A great majority of the Saints believe that we should disdain the things of earth, rise to some mystic level, the nature of which they cannot explain, and leave the natural world and all that it contains behind. Just how they plan to regain the dominion of the earth by retreating from it is a great mystery. Like the fallen Church of the Dark Ages, many believe that everything outside the Church door is evil. They visualize a Peaceful Reign devoid of every man-made aid and comfort. Every mechanical, scientific and secular gain must be outlawed and consigned to the scrap heap, to be supplanted by **they know not what!**

What most people want really, is complete dependence on God; to subject their whole being, mind, body and soul to Him. This is an immature striving for security, which leads to total child-like dependence.

The Book of Mormon teaches us that man is given "to act for himself, and not to be acted upon"; yet, despite this Scripture, there are those who would relegate us to the position of robots, incapable of independent thought and action.

This attitude is not a new one. The same thing existed during the Dark and Middle Ages. Serf dependent on master, master dependent on Church, etc. It was a hierarchy for human subjugation, control, and intellectual sterility. "Darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people."

There are those among us today who desire the same totalitarianism, or total subjection, to more powerful, dominating forces. Many Germans under Nazism gave the idea excellent expression when they said that "Hitler had freed them from freedom." They rejoiced in Hitler as an all powerful political and social father, who relieved them of individual responsibility, and of the necessity of working out their own national salvation. Long before Hitler, the medieval writers, Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine, rationalized and gave philosophic support to these childish ideas.

Have we forgotten that it was these very same beliefs, this same kind of negative and dependent thinking which plunged the world into that blackest period of the earth's history — the Dark Ages?

Fortunately, there are many among the youth of the Church who reject the negative approach

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

Just as there are many garments for the outer man, and a garment of pure white for the redeemed, I believe there is also a special garment for the inner man.

Some ten or twelve years ago a visiting brother attended our Sunday morning service at the Monongahela Branch and preached a sermon on the subject, "Clothing for the Soul"; at least I will give it that title. I cannot even recall who this brother was; if I could I might have even considered asking him to write on this subject rather than attempting to do so myself. I surely enjoyed his sermon very much and remember that one of our sisters remarked to me after the service, "Wasn't that a wonderful talk?" Perhaps this brother, if he should read this editorial, may recall the instance I am referring to.

I have long had some convictions on this subject and I offer them for whatever they may be worth. The great day of judgment, toward which time is rolling, will classify all men on the basis of the clothes they are wearing. I believe there is a garment for the righteous which will, in some way, be furnished when the body and spirit are restored one to the other. This garment will be spotless white. The rest of the dead who sleep on will receive their resurrection garments at the end of the 1,000 years when their bodies and spirits are reunited. Both garments will be white, the righteous spotless white. Alma shows (Alma 5:24) that in order to sit down in the Kingdom with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the holy prophets our garments will have to be spotlessly pure and white. The garments of the wicked are stained, as Alma says (Alma 5:22,23), and he asks, "How will any of you feel if ye shall stand before the bar of God, having your garments stained with the blood and all manner of filthiness?" Will these things not testify that they are guilty of wickedness? Thus all men will be furnished garments at the last day. The righteous will be arrayed in white robes; as John says, "fine linen, white and clean." So will the bride appear at the marriage of the Lamb, and blessed are those which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. There is no doubt that the garments of the redeemed are white. John tells us that he that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment. We also read that the angel who rolled back the stone from the door of Christ's sepulchre was clothed in raiment white as snow.

Just as there are many garments for the outer man, and a garment of pure white for the redeemed, I believe there is also a special garment for the inner man. What kind of garment is this which clothes a soul when he goes into the presence of God? We can get clothing for the outer man at stores or mail-order houses, but the clothing for the inner man comes when we have taken upon us Christ. This clothing is purchased without money.

What is the apparel of the soul or the inner man? Peter talks about the "hidden man of the heart" and refers to its ornament as a meek and quiet spirit which, in the sight of God, is priceless. Humility, charity, patience, honesty, temperance, and virtue are not only garments for the soul, but are ornaments of jewels which we consider of great worth in the sight of God. Those who throw away such fine clothing will one day be ushered into the presence of God naked. Mormon says, "For behold, when ye shall be brought

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to see your nakedness before God, and also the glory of God, and the holiness of Jesus Christ, it will kindle a flame of unquenchable fire upon you." We are advised to counsel with Christ that we may be clothed and the shame of nakedness does not appear. We are to be very watchful, keeping our garments, lest we walk naked and be ashamed. Paul reminds us, "If being clothed we shall not be found naked at the last day."

My Experiences

By Elder S. A. Agbor, Lagos, Nigeria

"To the Saints of The Church",

The Semi-Annual Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ which was held at Asong Opobo District from September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1965 all days inclusive, has come and gone.

Personally, I enjoyed the Conference and its outcome to my fullest satisfaction, much as I could observe all the participants in the Conference were all of equal footing. All the businesses transacted were indeed in order, the messages of congratulations and wishing the Conference a success from our good wishers were unanimously received. Throughout our stay none were offended, either dismayed, places of sleeping, refreshments, etc. there was no cause to alarm.

I accompanied Brother E.U.A. Arthur who summoned the Christian brethren for a private audience and advised them on what and what not to live as brethren in Christ. As Christ inspired Paul to write "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits." (Romans 12:16). The talks smoothened the rift that was among them.

God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. There was a young man of thirty-five in the village, his house is about twenty-five yards apart from the Church building with whom Brothers E. U. A. Arthur (President), C. U. Ukwak, myself and a few others were accommodated throughout our stay in the Conference. This young man was a born and bred "juju worshipper". Before the advent of "The Church of Jesus Christ" to Asong, other denominations such as Catholic, Apostolic, etc. were there. Among such he had no companionship with any of their members, nor having a mere love toward them.

September 2nd as when we arrived for the conference, Brothers E. U. A. Arthur, C. U. Ukwak, and I, were taken into this idolater's building of six rooms unknowingly to us. After few minutes, via my personal observation, I considerable thought this young man to be a Christian and also one of the pioneers in The Church of Jesus Christ there at Asong. Later he told us via Brother E. U. A. Arthur, that we could feel freely at home by making use of his house as long as

we could stay for the Conference. My conviction was still basically enough that this young man was our member.

Sooner, it was revealed to us the strangers, that this man was not our member neither a Christian nor will he be. This, in fact, pricked our thoughts for false and never was imaginative. This indeed, quickly reminds me of what Prophet Isaiah said: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. For as heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55: 8-9. The Lord also inspired Solomon to write: — "To everything there is a reason, and a time to every purpose under the heaven, a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, etc." Eccl. 3:1-4.

September 3rd, at 9 p.m. Brothers E. U. A. Arthurs, C. U. Ukwak, J. E. Asugud, and I invited this young man for talks. Brother Arthur, the chief spokesman placed the living Christ before him. I was convinced that until that particular night or so, I felt this man had not been chanced or patience for anyone to preach Christ to him. I supposed, if not "God moves in MYSTERIOUS ways His WONDERS to PERFORM."

This man having been led to the cross, at the end of the three hours conversation, the man's excuses were centered on nothingness and of what Jesus inspired Peter to write — "There is only one Saviour, etc." Acts 4:12. And neither is there SALVATION in ANY OTHER for there is none other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 16:31 and St. John 1:12-13. Conclusively the President cited the case of the Jewish Ruler Nicodemus.

In fact, the speakings chastised this man, he paused for some time and then said, "I have decided to be baptized from now as long as I have seen in you the resurrected Christ whom you are serving. Brother E. U. A. Arthur gladly recommended thus.

Those that both witnessed and heard the man's testimony were amazed. The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us — ward not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. II Kings 3:9.

After the Conference, as a Nigerian Missionary, I had to go round and taught among our people within Abak-District to follow up, September 11, 1965, I crossed over to Calabar to visit the other brethren in company of Brother Joseph Eyp Asuquo, the only Elder there, the following day being Sunday 12th. I was taken to Ikot Edem Odo, Akpabuyo, a new proposed branch. I held Sunday meeting with them. The people are lovely to work among, they also having a very great interest toward the Church. The supposed members, eleven of them, will be ready for Baptism say October, 1965, so they said. In fact I held several meetings with them. They appealed and mostly worrying about to have a permanent teacher to live among them for regular teaching This I reported back to the President, Brother E. U. A. Arthur of which he was moved for such

and promised action.

September 16th I returned to Otovo-Abaic, on my way then back to Mushin Lagos my station.

I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. St. John 9:4. Amen.

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

We would like to extend the Season's Greetings from San Carlos and share with you our Christmas program. We had a wonderful program and the evening was spent in the true spirit of Christmas; one of joy, singing, thanksgiving, and peace. Our meeting was opened by singing Christmas Carols. The service was then turned over to Harold Victor who introduced the children as they sang and recited their parts. They did a beautiful job, and the joy we received was in their smiling faces.

Brother Piccuito asked if there was anyone who would like to bear testimony. Brother Claude Kayson and our two youngest sisters, Sara Ross and Geraldine Victor, expressed their thankfulness for the birth of Christ, their love for Him, and the way He supplies their every need. The Spirit of God was truly felt in their expressions. We had a young school teacher and his wife visiting from Los Angeles who are interested in this work. Our visitor remarked after the service that these testimonies really impressed him and that this Church really means something to these people. This was his first visit to our Church, but he was able to see the sincerity of these people and feel what we feel. Brother Claude Kayson closed our meeting with prayer.

We then served cookies, fruit cake, punch and coffee in the new kitchen that Brother Piccuito had completed just before Thanksgiving. This was the second time it had been used as they had also served Thanksgiving dinner to approximately 94 there. The brothers and sisters from Phoenix, Brother Tom Liberto and family, and Brother Tony Piccuito and family shared Thanksgiving Day with the saints here.

After our social hour everyone returned to the Church where treats of candy and oranges were passed out. The Anaheim saints sent boxes of bath powder for the sisters, and Bell Branch sent gifts of clothing for each child. To those who participated in this endeavor I would like to say your efforts brought abundant joy to those who received the gifts. We thank all of you and hope your Christmas was much richer because you gave where there was truly a need. There were 102 Indians who met with us.

We had a wonderful New Year's Eve Watch service also. There were prayers, testimonies, and preaching; and a large portion of the Spirit of God. It was good to be there. We served hot hamburgers, potato chips, cake, and coffee and dismissed about 2:00 A. M. after an enjoyable evening.

We are thankful to God for our lot and portion here at San Carlos. May God richly bless and keep all of you in His care.

Margaret Henderson

Ladies' Uplift Circle General Meeting

The General Meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 11, 1965. We had a good representation of sisters from New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

The McKees Rocks Circle conducted the opening devotions, reading from St. Luke, Ch. 1, verses 26 to 33, and singing several selections. Sister Bickerton remarked that a good thought for the year is, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me," referring to one of the songs the McKees Rocks sisters had sung. Sister Mabel also related many experiences she had on her recent trip to Mexico.

Reports of our Circles were read. Our locals were requested to make diapers, blankets, and bed blankets for the children in Mexico. Our next meeting will be held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on March 12, 1966.

The remainder of our meeting was spent in testimony, singing, and exhortations from visiting Brothers — Silvers Coppa, Alma Nolfi, and John Ross. It was good for us to be there.

In closing we wish to thank our McKees Rocks sisters for their hospitality.

General Circle Editor

Mary Tamburrino

NEWS FROM McKEES ROCKS

The wonderful Spirit that prevailed during the Ladies' Circle Conference held at our branch on Saturday, December 11, extended into our Sunday Service. We had a representation of brothers and sisters from Detroit, New Jersey, Youngstown, and Aliquippa.

Brother S. Coppa of Detroit was inspired to exhort us on the love of God and the change it makes in our lives. He related personal experiences and referred to various passages of scripture, such as the book of Enos in the BOOK OF MORMON which refers to "the joy of the Saints." He stressed that although disappointments may come in our lives, we should never be discouraged since we have received this joy. Brother Thomas Ross of Aliquippa followed, referring to the 1st Chapter of Mormon, 2nd verse, where Mormon, being only ten years of age, was entrusted with the records.

In our fellowship service our brothers and sisters were very active in testimony, relating many experiences received since obeying the Gospel, particularly our visiting sisters from New Jersey, who departed after this service.

Betty Ann Manes, Branch Editor.

NEWS FROM WINDSOR, CANADA

It has been some time now since we have contributed anything to the Gospel News. Today, however, we have to take the time and opportunity to send you our love and best wishes and to tell you that our desires here are still to carry on with our endeavors to serve the Lord.

On Sunday, December 12, we were honored with the presence of a number of brothers and sisters from three of the branches in Detroit, mostly young people.

Brother Dominic Thomas opened our service and spoke on the Prodigal Son. Many times we have heard this expounded, but each time God inspires our Ministers to bring forth something new on this subject. Our Brother compared his life to that of the Prodigal inasmuch as he also desired to leave home when he was a young boy that he might seek out a life of his own. However, he, like the Prodigal, soon discovered that the things which looked so good on the outside were not so desirable after all. Although, unlike the Prodigal, our Brother did not go back home, he did seek out the Church in which he was brought up, The Church of Jesus Christ. This is what truly makes life worthwhile. He continued to say that, even though we reach the greatest heights and receive the best that this life has to offer, it does not satisfy without the Lord.

Somehow we felt this message was especially spoken for the benefit of the number of young people who were present and the unbaptized. Brother Thomas urged us not to look outside for great things, but to appreciate what is right before us.

Our afternoon meeting was given over to singing and testifying, mostly by our young people. They told of their appreciation of the Gospel. Sometimes it is hard for them to convey their thoughts, but to us their words are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver". We can truly say that it was a day well spent in the House of the Lord.

May the Good Lord continue to bless our Church and inspire our Ministry. May each of us press on to that goal which is an eternal life of happiness.

Olive, Elzby, Branch Editor

Letters To The Saints

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The past three weeks have been very sad ones due to the fact that in this part of the country there have been rainstorms which have caused much destruction especially in Tijuana. There has been more rain in this short space of time than at any time in the past one hundred years. In Tijuana many homes (shacks) were washed away and all the meager belongings of many families were completely soaked. Many had to stay with friends and many stayed at the fire station for a few nights. Many who lived in the

river bed lost everything besides five children losing their lives. In another area a mother and two children lost their lives. Near the church two children lost their lives. Another family had a brick wall fall on them and three persons lost their lives. Those who had a little work could not get out to work so they had to suffer hunger. All in all, it is a pitiful sight. In many places the earth parted and many roads were broken up. Many cars got stuck in the mud which was very deep. Pray for these poor people as surely their woes are multiplied. They haven't been able to dry out their things and their floors are all muddy. They cannot wash any clothes as there is no way to dry them, so until the sun comes out again and they can dry their things they will just have to suffer. The brothers and sisters out a great help to many, but unfortunately we can here sent in blankets and dry clothes which was not reach the great numbers that are needy.

Since last writing to you, three more went to the waters of baptism. Remember us in your prayers and may the Lord bless all of you everywhere.

Edward and Evelyn Perdue

Greetings to all the readers of The Gospel News:

At the end of each year it is quite common to take inventory of our activities of the passing year and make new resolutions for the coming one. To us this has been a very challenging year, one of decision both within the family and within the Church. No matter what the challenge or the decision, the inventory speaks for itself in the fact that we can still say with the poet, "And are we yet alive and see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give for His redeeming grace."

One outstanding happenings of 1965 will be ever remembered by us. One morning while busy attending to peach harvesting I saw my wife coming in our car and her face seemed to be very troubled. Something was wrong and immediately I thought of my father who was staying with us. I had seen my wife's face so troubled only twice before. Once was the time twenty-two years earlier, when our older son fell off our moving car. He was spared by a miracle. That night Jesus appeared to our Samuel and, as he said to us in his childish language, "He smiled at me." Two years later I again saw my wife's troubled face. As I arrived home from work I saw her holding our daughter, Lydia, in her arms; she was bleeding from her mouth. She had drunk full strength ammonia thinking it was soda pop. Lydia too was spared by a miracle. Now my wife broke the tragic news that our son, Joseph, had had a terrible accident; on his way to work his car had collided with a train. Five doctors worked with him for seven and one half hours in surgery to save his life, and they put many broken bones together. They had to put a steel plate in his forehead because his bones were so mangled. The next several days were days of prayer and trust in God. The doctors could only say, "Let us hope."

The following Saturday, Conference was being held in Modesto and our son had requested the elders of the Church to anoint him. Four brothers complied with his request and we saw him begin to improve. Some friends of our son said they had not prayed for fourteen years, but when they heard of the accident they prayed that his life would be spared. We did not know we had so many friends in Modesto. Those of our Church, both near and far, were concerned and prayed for our son. We want to thank every one of you for your cards and prayers. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and from our hearts we say, "Thank you, God."

Our son, at this writing, has returned to work. Our prayer is that the life God gave him will be spent in His service. God bless everyone of you. May God hear our prayers for the peace of the world and brotherhood among men of all nations.

Mark Randy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to use the medium of The Gospel News to thank all of you who sent so many beautiful cards expressing your good and very kind wishes to Jim and me on our Golden Wedding day. We really appreciate the thought behind them. It is very gratifying to know that the ones we worshipped with for so many years have fond memories of our fellowship. Many times we wish we could recapture those days, but time moves on; however, we still have our memories and for this we are thankful.

Our children had a lovely reception for us, and after fifty years we had our first big wedding cake. Our wedding fifty years ago was a very simple ceremony in the home of Brother and Sister Toye near Monongahela, Pennsylvania, and a family dinner with a few friends invited. The reception on our anniversary was much larger and was worth waiting for. At this party we could observe the fruits of our labors. Six wonderful children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and many brothers and sisters were present to share our joy. My brother, Walter, and his wife were down from Concord, California to add to our pleasure. We received lovely gifts from various loved ones and our children presented us with an electric organ for our home. Surely God has been more than gracious to us; for this we give thanks.

I would like to add also that I determined not to send Christmas cards this year as usual. After learning of the need in our mission field to which we contribute regularly, I felt to do a little more. We are limited as to what we can do, so I decided money spent on cards could do much more good if it were spent on food for the hungry. I want all of you who did not receive a card this year to know that we did not forget you; we remembered you by helping those less fortunate than we. I plan to carry through the same way next year, Lord willing. Perhaps others may wish to do the same, for indeed there seems to be no

end to the need in Mexico. There is so much to be done and so few to do it.

Sister Perdue was telling us of the floods down there when homes were washed right out from under those poor people, some of them members of our Mission. These are an oppressed people and they need our help as well as our prayers. Brother Eddie and Sister Evelyn are doing a wonderful work there, and at this time of year it is not much to forego Christmas cards to give hungry children a meal. May I suggest we all remember next year to give our card money for food for the hungry in our missions, knowing in our hearts that we all wish each other the very best of everything, not only at Christmas but every day of the year. Thanks again and God bless you every one.

Sister Margaret Heaps

NOTICE

In the Conference of October 1963, a request was made that members purchase an extra subscription of The Gospel News to be sent to the African Mission. Many desired to do so and more than fifty subscriptions were sold. Since that time this number of papers have been sent monthly to Africa.

All who are interested in renewing these subscriptions for Africa are urged to do so that we may be enabled to continue sending these papers every month.

—Editor

YOU TELL ME I AM GETTING OLD

*You can tell me I am getting old,
I tell you that's not so!
The "house" I live in is worn out,
And that, of course, I know.
It's been in use a long, long while;
It's weathered many a gale;
I'm really not surprised you think
It's getting somewhat frail.
The color's changing on the roof,
The windows getting dim;
The walls are near transparent
And looking rather thin;
The foundation is not steady
As once it used to be;
My "house" is getting shaky,
But my "house" isn't me!
The dweller in my little "house"
Is young and bright and gay,
Just starting on a life to last
Throughout eternal day.
You only see the outside,
Which is all that most folks see.
You tell me I am getting old?
You've mixed my "house" with me!*

—Dora Johnson
(age eighty-eight)

Obituary

LILLIAN LOUISE BEAVER

Sister Lillian Louise Beaver passed away on December 9, 1965 at the age of 78 years. She was born October 30, 1887 on the Six Nations Reservation, Ontario, Canada, and was married to Brother Hugh Beaver who preceded her in death. Sister Beaver was baptized on April 3, 1938 into The Church of Jesus Christ and has been a faithful member, being an ordained Deaconess.

She is survived by one son, Gordon Powless; one step-daughter, Dolly Green; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Brother Anthony R. Lovalvo, assisted by Brother Ralph Leet. Two beautiful hymns were sung by the "Indian Singers," one in English and another in the Mohawk language; also a solo, "Abide With Me," by Sister Birdie Hill.

IN MEMORIAM

*She suffered much, her pleasures few,
But she was patient in all she went through.
She stood the test and stood it well,
And what she suffered no one can tell.
She left us quietly, her thoughts unknown,
But left us a memory we are proud to own.*

VITO AUSILIO

Brother Vito Ausilio passed away early Tuesday morning, November 23, 1965 at the age of 73. He was born on September 19, 1892. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife, Sister Olive; eight children, Sister Lena Pontillo, Sister Frances Capone, Sister Almerinda, Sister Olivia Parravano, Brother John, Anthony, David and Daniel; 12 grandchildren, and many friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Brother Ausilio was baptized into the Church on January 26, 1930 and ordained a Minister on July 21, 1940. Brother Ausilio will always be remembered for his fervent zeal in giving his testimony to whomever he met.

Funeral services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 3, Detroit, Michigan with Brother Peter Capone officiating.

Samuel S. Seibu

Brother Samuel S. Seibu, 26 years of age, passed away October 4, 1965. He was born in 1939 at Igbirra — Northern Nigeria. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ, Ikotun branch, Western Region of Nigeria by Brother N. J. Umoh, the President of The Church in Mushin (near Lagos).

He is survived by a wife, Sister Helen Seibu, and with no child. Funeral services were held at Abule - Egbe near Ikotun with Brother S. A. Agbor officiating, assisted by Brother N. J. Umoh. So many attended. May his soul rest in peace till when we shall meet and depart no more.

VINCENZO J. MERCURIO

Brother Vincenzo J. Mercurio of Hopelawn, New Jersey passed away on November 13, 1965. Brother Mercurio was born on October 22, 1893 in Italy, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on December 7, 1930. He was ordained an elder in the Church on January 20, 1935.

Brother Mercurio is survived by his wife, Antonette; a son, Ralph; three daughters, Rose, Angela, and Mrs. Mary Feher; one grandchild, Joyce. Although Brother Jim is no longer with us, his testimony lives on. He will be missed by his family and all those who knew him. Services were conducted at the Hopelawn Branch with Brothers James Benyola and Rocco Ensana officiating.

A Marriage Covenant

By Jeremiah Giannascoli

Part II

Know ye not that He was obedient in all things, even unto death? Yes, He had a will of His own, but it was swallowed up in the will of His Father. He walked not after His will, but the will of His Father, keeping the commandments of His Father. There was no warfare within Jesus, even though He was clothed with flesh. Even the Apostle Paul understood the calling wherein he was to become one with Christ. He said to the Corinthians, I Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Also in II Corinthians 10:3, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh." We also understand that same calling, that likewise must become one with Christ. James tells us concerning this warfare. James, 4:1, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" Jesus was one with the Father, because He had completely walked in subjection to the Spirit of His Father. Because He surrendered all, there was no warfare within Him; the flesh was submissive to God's Spirit. He did not give vent to the will of the flesh, thus He was one with the Father.

If we still feel a warfare between the flesh and the Spirit, then we have not yet completely yielded unto the Spirit, nor can we be one with Christ if we continue to walk after our own willful ways. As long as there remains this warfare, we have not truly become one with Christ. When we surrender completely as Jesus did, then shall our marriage covenant bring forth the fruit of blessings for which it is intended. The question may arise, how can I become so? Paul said to the Galatians (5:24), "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Meaning this: The works of the flesh must

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I will make you fishers of men". Matthew 4 : 19

Dear Girls and Boys,

"Jesus went about all Galilee teaching in the synagogues preaching the gospel of the kingdom, healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Matthew 4 : 24) Jesus was about his "Father's business." There was work, much work to be done. He needed helpers, so he chose twelve men to help him.

As Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They were fishermen. He called to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." They left their nets and followed Jesus. Then he saw two more brothers in a ship with their father. They were mending their nets. They too, left their work to follow Jesus. These were James and John. They were called the "Sons of Thunder." Next Jesus chose Philip, then Bartholomew whom some call Nathanael. Matthew was a tax collector. As Jesus called him from his work, he immediately followed. The others chosen were James, the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Thomas, Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot. Not much is written about some of the disciples but we know each had a place in the work of the Lord.

These twelve men followed Jesus wherever he went. They saw him heal the sick, cast out devils, raise the dead and perform wonderful miracles. They listened to him as he taught about God's love. Jesus knew the people needed a Saviour. Day by day he taught them, sometimes in the fields, on the mountain and other times by the seaside. He taught them about the old Prophets. He spoke in parables so it would be easy for them to understand his stories. He told about the birds, the flowers and the fish. All the time he was helping his disciples to understand God and his love. Jesus knew he would not always be with them so he must teach them to do God's work upon the earth after he was gone.

One day, Jesus gave his disciples a test. He asked, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They answered, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias and others Jeremias or one of the prophets." But Jesus asked, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered first, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father which is in heaven." He then told the disciples that they were to tell no man that he was the Christ. Many things were not understood by the disciples but they were learning more and more each day from this great teacher.

Jesus tried to explain the many sorrows and hardships that his disciples would endure after he was gone. He also told them of the Comforter that would come and the blessings they would receive in serving their Heavenly Father. His last message was, "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." They went to Mount Olivet, which was a Sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem. Here Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed them. As he ascended toward heaven, a cloud covered him. They stood, looking steadfastly toward heaven. Two angels stood by them dressed in white. They announced that this same Jesus which was taken up into heaven, would come back to earth again in the same manner. We today are waiting for His return. The disciples returned to Jerusalem to wait for the power that Jesus had promised would come.

I think we too can be workers for Jesus. Can you think of some things boys and girls can do?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Which disciple betrayed Jesus? Matthew 10: 4.
2. Who was chosen in his place? Acts 1 : 23, 26.
3. Which disciple never tasted death? John 21 : 21, 23 — III Nephi 28 : 6, 7.
4. Which disciple was called Didymus, which means a twin? John 20: 24.
5. To which disciple did Jesus give the keys of the kingdom? Matt. 16: 18, 19.

Sincerely, Sister Mabel

Jesus Said

By Samuel J. Kirschner

"Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Either make the tree good: or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt for the tree is known by his fruit. O generations of vipers, how can ye being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

M.B.A. Highlights

MBA Lesson Plans and Materials

Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

At its outset many years ago, the Missionary Benevolent Association ascertained that there was some need for teaching the scriptures and historical information about The Faith. As a result, it began to offer study classes, along with the other Church auxiliary units, to help satisfy this necessity.

Today, in continuing to carry out the original valuable intent of the Association's instruction and, at the same time, to expand the coverage being given to the MBA membership, a Lesson-Plan Sub-Committee of the GMBA Activities is now in the process of reviewing and updating the materials and techniques being used. The sub-group has been directed to find improvements and teaching innovations which would be of benefit to all students.

Same Basic Subjects

The lesson-plan unit, in maintaining the **Book of Mormon** and Church history as the basic subjects of the classes, is attempting to classify the materials more systematically by age groups. Although the entire **Book of Mormon** will continue to be taught at all ages, for example, the contents will be so organized as to be more readily understood by the various class groups.

While presentations are being prepared specifically by age categories, methods and techniques for instruction are being adapted for these various groupings. In addition, acceptable and appropriate visual and training aids will be included as part of the effort to improve understanding and to encourage further study. These helps can range from pictorial instruction in the primary grades to the suggesting of additional outside reading in adult classes. Maps, pictures, slides, diagrams, reports, and historical references will be some of the materials utilized.

Realizing that all available resources must be used to give MBA students the maximum amount of information and insights has given the lesson-plan workers the incentive to diligently place all practical methods and techniques at the disposal of the Local MBA Chapters. Plans to suggest how much material could be covered over specific periods, ways to teach the subject matter, and reference sources to offer additional data will eventually be provided. The overall procedure is intended to give more meaning and background for the studies.

The end objective of the program will be to allow a person to progress through all the MBA classes in his Local without missing any beneficial **Book of Mormon** instruction. In fact, all scriptures will be available for learning, so that a knowledgeable and spiritually stimulated person

can emerge after attending all the classes. By using the guides available, Locals will be in a position to offer sequential instruction from the youngest to the most adult groups. Special emphasis can then be placed on removing duplication and intensifying the coverage.

As the **Book of Mormon** studies are presented, events associated with the same historical periods will be offered, identifying the settings for both the temporal and spiritual occurrences. Many historical happenings can thus be traced to scriptural prophecies and their subsequent fulfillment. These noteworthy relationships can obviously make the lesson contents more interesting, conclusive, and meaningful.

Patterns Made

To date, the sub-committee has established patterns of writings for different age groups. Specific assignments were then made to the committee members after these models were designed. Persons who are suited for this kind of activity have been and are being enlisted in an attempt to use the diversity of talents and abilities which is available. Obviously, the more volunteer help which can be acquired, the quicker the program can be completed. Suggestions offered by individuals who are unable to serve at this time will, of course, be seriously considered and included whenever feasible.

Assignments have been made by books of the **Book of Mormon** primarily with persons working on a particular book or books being responsible for writing the complete lesson plans for particular age levels for that segment. As each part is completed according to a predetermined schedule and is approved by the GMBA Activities Committee, it will be released to the General MBA who will turn it over to the Locals for study, use, and evaluation. By following this procedure, it will be possible to obtain constructive and pertinent reactions from the units which will be using the material. In this way, the MBA classes and the sub-committee can stimulate each other to produce a more satisfying end product.

When the best possible instruction is achieved, the Association will be in a better position to supply all available information for students. As new plans, methods, and techniques are discovered and proven in the future, they can be included in the program, allowing the MBA to always remain dynamic and current in the teaching and stimulating of its members.

M. B. A. HIGHLIGHTS

Special Feature

The MBA Young People's Forum

Starting with this issue, a special feature series, entitled "The MBA Young People's Forum," is being initiated. This series will deal with situations confronting young persons today and is being presented as a means of achieving one

of the main purposes of the Missionary Benevolent Association, which is offering spiritual guidance to young people.

In order to provide answers to questions relating to guidance, individuals with various backgrounds and representing different age levels have been asked to serve on the Forum. A cross-section of spiritual experience is present in this group, and each of the participants has been active in The Church and the MBA.

Appropriate topics for discussion by this Forum will include (1) personal problems, (2) problems which result from social demands, and (3) problems which relate to acquiring a set of values. These problems will range from such basic necessities as food, clothing, and shelter to the spiritually important need of communion with God and attainment of Heavenly Eternal Life. Some are tangible requirements, while others are intangible. They may be classified in various categories, such as health, religious, social, educational, or vocational for consideration and discussion. In the total picture, however, they overlap, and problems in one area affect a person's effectiveness in some or all of the others. Consequently, the overall purpose of the panel will be to assist young individuals toward spiritual maturity and, in the process, to encourage them to seek appropriate immediate, intermediate, and ultimate goals in life.

To focus on matters which may be of particular interest and use at this time, readers are asked to submit questions or problem situations which they would like the Forum to consider. These may be directed to either *The Gospel News* or the GMBA Editor, 31329 Frank Drive, Warren, Michigan 48093. From the contributions, the MBA group's discussions will be published in subsequent issues. The question for this month which the Forum has discussed and explored is "What kinds of leisure time activities are appropriate for our youth?"

What Activities Are Appropriate?

Before an analysis of what kinds of leisure time activities are appropriate for Church people, the panel thought it should first consider the position of The Church and the MBA in working for the benefit of individuals. Basically, The Church is responsible for helping people to save their souls in the Kingdom of Heaven. In so doing, there must be careful attention as to how persons can be encouraged, helped, and directed toward gaining this primary goal. To keep within this frame of reference, it was deemed necessary that The Church, as an institution for salvation, should conduct activities in keeping with its religious purpose and the dignity of God.

The Forum expressed the feeling that just because a person is baptized, confirmed, and in fellowship in The Church does not guarantee that he will be immune to temptations. While it was agreed that youths apparently need some leisure time activities, it was pointed out that The

Church does have some responsibility for recommending the kinds of activities which are desirable. Members of the Forum indicated that, because increasingly more free time is being created by modern technology, careful attention should be given to how the spare time is used.

It is the hope of the MBA that members will want to use their free time for Church-related activities. When this is not possible, it was emphasized that it is beneficial to not engage in leisure time activities which will bring reproach on either the members themselves or on The Church. This idea could serve as a guide in choosing places that are frequented, persons with whom associations are maintained, and things that are done.

That a person can usually decide for himself on what is right or wrong was mentioned in the discussion. When this choice is not easily recognized, seeking counsel from God or The Church was pointed out as being the proper course to follow. The importance of personal responsibility in making such decisions was stressed by declaration of the fundamental principle that leisure time activities should not interfere with spiritual development. Much concern was expressed for those individuals who, for example, consider entertainment a necessity and place it above Church service.

Basically, it was felt that both The Church and the MBA are responsible for advising on, if not outwardly providing, appropriate activities for young people. The present overall social environment in which youngsters are raised today is oriented toward making all kinds of entertainment available to them. As a result, amusements and other similar features are conveniently placed at their disposal, making it difficult to resist their usage. To counteract these possible deterrents to Church service, appropriate and suitable projects were specified as being quite necessary.

Remembering that living the correct Christian life should be the goal of all endeavors will permit an objective determination of what activities should be offered. Correspondingly, because religion is primarily a personal matter, the standards depicted should give the participants the latitude to properly apply their particular skills, abilities, and personalities as successfully as possible.

In the final analysis, it was stipulated that individuals should be guided toward fuller spiritual service, regardless of whatever different activities may be made available and utilized. This growth can best be attained with the help of projects which have as their aims the development of spiritual, social, emotional, or mental maturity. In effect, it was summarized that undertakings directed with any of these objectives in mind comprise appropriate leisure time activities for young people.

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to futurity. Instead of their hopes being directed toward a spiritual state beyond and outside this world, they advocate with Pierre de Chardin, the perfection of the tangible universe within itself.

In *The Future of Man*, de Chardin asks the question: "Are we to disdain the world and put it behind us, or live in it in order to master and perfect it? Mankind is rent asunder at this moment by these two concepts or rival mysticisms; and in consequence its vital power of adoration (of true worship) is disastrously weakened."

Many people seem to cling to the idea that the earth is Satan's, and the fulness thereof. I feel at this time to exhort you young people to develop the idea that "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." If God created all, it logically must follow that nothing less than the total utilization of heaven's and earth's resources will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Lastly, I would ask you to examine the nature of the crisis, the outcome of which is more important to the cause of Christ, more fraught with danger to the plan of God, than any economic, political or social struggle through which our great nation may at this moment be passing. As Longfellow said of *The Ship of State*:

*"Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hope of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate."*

What will you do? Disdain your earthly environment, sweep the earth clean of all man-made aids and comforts, exalt the powers of God and belittle the powers of man, despise all knowledge apart from that contained in Holywrit, and, like the spirit of total dependence at work in the early Church, create another Dark Age? I would remind you that your religion is a native product designed to take inspiration from its own good democratic American soil. God created your great government, your way of life, for that very purpose. You must, therefore, reject the outmoded ideologies, concepts and old wives' fables emanating from the spiritually bankrupt European cultures. In their place you must develop the philosophy that you are in partnership with God, come to grips with your environment, master and perfect it, and regain the dominion thereof.

The choice is yours.

If you should make the wrong choice; if any power of earth or hell succeeds in disrupting or turning aside the plan of God, His word is very plain. He has said that "He will come and smite the earth with a curse."

Trials, if very heavy, kill little people, but they make great ones.

A MARRIAGE COVENANT

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be deadened, or, as Jesus said in one place, "If thy hand offend thee, cut it off; or if thy eye offend thee, pluck it out." What are the works of the flesh? Paul says in Galatians 5:19, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of the which I tell you before as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." (Also read II Corinthians 12:20). These are the works of the flesh, and as long as these exist there will always be a warfare. Yes, there are many more acts of unrighteousness which only God can see, but these scriptures are sufficient to show that as long as these conditions remain, there is always a warfare. But when we are one with Him and the Father, there is no warfare, but unity — a oneness. So when the Father speaks unto us we will move at the impulse of His Spirit. Truly, this is a marriage that shall never fail, and the fruits of this marriage will be seen by the works which God will bring forth through His servants.

In conclusion, we now understand why the Lord spoke unto Nephi the way He did, because he was one with God; there was no warfare within him, but unity with the Spirit, doing only that which pleased God. This God knew because they were now one. (Helaman 10:1-11).

BE STILL

*Dear child, God does not say today, "Be strong";
He knows your force is spent, He knows how long
The road has been, how weary you have grown,
For He who walked the earthy road alone,
Each bogging lowland, and each rugged hill,
Can understand, and so He says: "Be still,
And know that I am God." The hour is late
And you must rest awhile, and you must wait
Until life's empty reservoirs fill up,
As slow rain fills an empty, upturned cup.
Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill;
He only asks today that you be still.*

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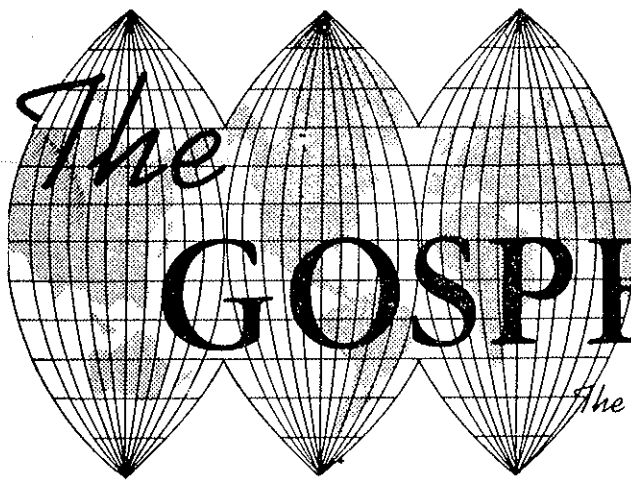
COVENANT

*Out of the storm the rainbow,
Out of the night the dawn,
Out from the prayer the promise
And the strength to keep going on.*

—Enola Chamberlin

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"He that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30



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He Is That He Is

By: C. W. Holmes

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, teaching through the Apostle Paul, indicates that the reason we only know in part and prophesy in part is because we are peering through a glass, darkly. We can't perceive very much, so we don't know very much, and we can't accurately bear witness to very much.

Some of the consequences stemming from our impaired spiritual vision are aptly portrayed in a parable about three blind men who were describing an elephant:

"An elephant is like a tree," said the first as he examined a leg.

"No," cried the second, examining the trunk. "An elephant is like a hose."

"You are both wrong," said the third. Holding aloft the tail he proclaimed, "An elephant is like a rope."

With this scene before us, we, like angels from above, are able to look upon the ridiculous spectacle of individuals, or united groups of mankind, receiving revelations of particulars, and entering into disagreement and disunity because they fallaciously believe that that which they have received embraces the full and only view; not realizing that a more accurate conception of the complex truth being mutually sought would be attainable if each would respectfully receive the testimony of the other party, and examine as a unit their pooled perceptions.

Although it may seem incomprehensible to our finite minds on this side of the veil, the truth of the matter is that the same God of law perceived by one, is the God of grace perceived by another; the God of wrath perceived by one, is also the God of love perceived by another, etc.

Some day our minds will wholly unite with the Infinite, at which time our eyes will be opened and we shall see face to face and know even as we are known. Meanwhile, we must be careful not to make ourselves ridiculous in our witnessing by limiting God and the wonders of His kingdom to only the particulars that we apprehend.

CONFERENCE NOTICE

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ will convene on WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. in our General Church building in Monongahela, Penna.

The Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions will be for the **PRIESTHOOD ONLY.**

The Quorum of Twelve will meet on TUESDAY MARCH 29, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. for two sessions in the Church building in Monongahela, Pa.

Sunday meeting will be open to all members and visitors, and will be held at Clairton High School Auditorium, Fifth Street, Clairton, Pennsylvania.

General Church Secretary
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What Value Education?

"He who learns, and makes no use of his learning, is a beast of burden with a load of books. — Does the ass comprehend whether he carries on his back a library or a bundle of faggots?" — Saadi

The other day, I heard a radio commentator make a rather clever remark: "Why get angry at someone who knows more than you? After all, it's not HIS fault!" These words very forcefully brought to mind the necessity and importance of education.

Progress, from the beginning of time, has been made chiefly through education. The knowledge we acquire from earliest childhood becomes an education to us. For example, learning to get along with each other is as important as going to any institute of learning. Early in life we begin to realize that there really is no end to learning. The wise man has learned that life is rich and full, and he enthusiastically reaches out always for more knowledge. The sluggard is content to

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remain behind. Life holds no challenge for him. He is useless both to himself and to the society around him; yet, he enjoys the fruits of the labor of the wise. He contributes little, seeks little; hence, receives little.

We begin our scholastic education in an elementary school and continue to whatever level we desire. If we study hard and complete our schooling, we are rewarded with success in our fields of study. However, no amount of education is profitable to us unless it is put to practical use. People generally are interested in an education primarily to enable them to make a living, and secondly, to contribute something to society. Many educated people make no real use of their learning, and, as a result, lose out in many ways. For such people, going to school was a waste of good time and energy. Consequently, any kind of education one acquires is no education at all, unless it becomes useful to oneself and to others as well.

Many great personalities in history have made outstanding contributions, some of whom had little formal schooling, but in whom there was an unquenchable flame of innate talent which had to make itself known. These great men educated themselves; they worked, they sacrificed, often suffering persecution, in order to bring to the fore their hardearned knowledge to the ultimate benefit of all mankind. We see, therefore, that "education is only as useful as it is effective."

When we met with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we became members of that great school of spiritual learning, where we learned many wonderful things about people and life, and ourselves, which we had never known before. We also discovered that in this school we could attain to whatever heights we desired. Yes, we could work for various spiritual gifts and know that if we worked and prayed hard enough, we could acquire these gifts; but we learned that before these gifts could be had, we must first apply through prayer and work what knowledge had been given to us.

For the true servant of God, there is no end to learning. He utilizes his spiritual education, continuously putting into effect all the knowledge he has acquired over the years in the church. He becomes a useful person to himself and to the church. The spiritual sluggard dislikes him for his effectiveness, yet he, personally, will make no effort to do better.

The disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ have often been called uneducated men. Excluding the Apostle Paul, these men were not the scholars of the day; however, when they were called, our Lord saw potential in them. He saw that they were conscientious, honest-hearted, hard-working men, who were capable of being educated in those things spiritual. Our Lord became their teacher and they were His constant companions and students throughout His entire mission here on earth. Their closeness to Him revealed their

willingness to learn, and what an education they received! Having received this great spiritual education, these men were able to make records for all posterity which we, also, as the people of God can presently enjoy. Yes, these very wonderful disciples became the pillars of the Church, the ministers of God, the instructors, the counselors, the fathers of The Church of Jesus Christ. BUT — let us observe that they became instruments in the hands of God AFTER having been taught of Christ. God has at no time used an unprepared person to carry out His wishes and commands. Can we say, therefore, that education is not really necessary in the church? It behooves us to learn the things of God and to apply our knowledge in our daily living. Let us awake to the realization that any kind of education which will be helpful to us and to others in the church is a very necessary education. At no time can we say we have no need for improvement. As long as we live on this earth, we can make improvements within ourselves. If we truly desire to improve, then what is preventing us from doing just that? Are we not counseled to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."? An education is available to anyone who desires it, whether that education be in improving one's reading, becoming more patient, being more loving, or even standing straighter.

As a professor observes his scholars and favors those who are outstanding, so it is with God, our Father. His eye is forever upon those who truly serve Him in spirit and truth. Oh, how He cares for them! These are His Saints, His followers, those who have worked hard to acquire a spiritual education and have applied it well. These are the Saints who will become instrumental in His hands, the ones who shall go forth with the banner of truth, who shall restore peace to the earth once again.

To quote H. W. Beecher (well-known U. S. preacher in the 1880's): "Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they were endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every faculty — how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes."

Santina M. Mercuri,

Testimony

By Sister Fanny Prudenti

I would like to tell how God worked His mysterious way with me. My mother, who was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, was widowed early in life and left with four small children. Though her cross was heavy, she bore it all with patience, smiling and singing the praises of God until she passed away. I remem-

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

Let us learn to put first things first, and give of our best to the Master.

When I read Sister Purdue's letter to The Gospel News (published in the February, 1966 issue) about the floods in Mexico; and a few days later I read of similar conditions in northern California and Oregon where scores of people had to be evacuated from their homes because of flooding rivers and streams, I wondered about some of the things those people would take with them. I suppose they would try to take their small valuables and precious belongings.

There was a group of people several hundred years ago who had to make a choice like this. They were the Israelites in the land of Egypt. For a number of years they had lived in slavery there and their captivity was surely hard. They didn't have much, but I would suppose most of them had a few precious belongings that they valued highly. Suddenly, at the end of the ten plagues sent by God to torment Pharaoh and the Egyptians, they were commanded to go — to get out of Egypt. In the middle of the night Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron saying, "Rise up, and get you forth from among my people." So urgent was this haste that they took their dough before it was leavened, and bound up their kneading boards in their clothes. I have no doubt that the Egyptians were glad to see them go — so glad that they gave the Israelites whatever they asked for. So they borrowed considerable jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and raiment — to the extent, the Scriptures says, that they "spoiled the Egyptians." These people seemed to be fond of articles of adornment.

It was not long before the travelers began to complain and murmur against Moses. On the banks of the Red Sea they complained; in the wilderness they murmured; and when Moses was communing with God on Mt. Sinai, being absent from them for forty days, they gathered themselves unto Aaron saying, "We know not what has become of Moses which brought us out of the land of Egypt. Make us a god which shall go before us." Aaron, knowing it would take the best of their few valuables, called for their golden earrings. From these, the Scriptures tell us, he made a molten calf which the people bowed down and worshipped. When Moses descended from the mountain and met this show of unrighteousness and idolatry, he was so angered that he smashed the tablets of stone at the foot of the mount, took the calf which had been made of their gold, melted it in the fire, ground it into powder, and mixed it with their water, forcing the Children of Israel to drink this golden liquid to the last drop. I suppose many felt that this would surely kill them. Never before had Moses acted so sternly. He had always been so patient with these people — with their failings, their weaknesses, and their backslidings. Moses even commanded the sons of Levi to go in and out from gate to gate and slay certain individuals; about three thousand fell that day. No doubt these were the instigators and agitators of the whole affair, those who were guilty of leading the others astray.

It wasn't long until God commanded them to build a Tabernacle. Perhaps their minds then went back to the golden calf on which they had squandered, in wickedness, some of their most precious gold. Therefore many of the furnishings for the temple were made of brass, and one particular item was made of the looking-glasses belonging to the women. I should think it

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would be hard for the women to give up their mirrors of polished brass; and again they may have felt remorse as they thought of what they had withheld from God through their waywardness. They now had to give Him what was left. These people, it would seem, were always guilty of withholding the best. This was typical of them, and of course they always suffered for it.

In English grammar there are three words that are closely linked together in meaning; they are **good**, **better**, and **best**. When we refer to a thing being **good**, only one thing is being evaluated. When we use the word **better**, this signifies one is of more value than another; but the word **best** represents superiority. Today, let us learn to put first things first, and to give of our best to the Master. I believe God is waiting to bless us with a greater endowment of spiritual power, and this power awaits the time when we can receive it. It is unlikely this power will come until we as a Church unitedly give of our best.

The Plainness Of The Way

By James Heaps

Nephi, in speaking of the plainness of the way, says, "And the words which I have written in weakness will be made strong unto them; for it persuadeth them to do good; it speaketh of Jesus, and persuadeth them to believe in Him, and to endure to the end, which is life eternal. And it speaketh harshly against sin, according to the plainness of the truth; wherefore, no man will be angry at the words which I have written save he shall be of the spirit of the devil. I glory in plainness; I glory in truth; I glory in my Jesus, for He hath redeemed my soul from hell." II Nephi, ch. 33:4-6.

Pride has been the downfall of the Church in all ages of the world. Pride is just opposite to plainness. If Jesus had come in pomp and pride, making a big show, the Jews would have accepted Him; but because He was born in a manger, and His mother was a plain woman, they rejected Him. After His baptism and temptation He entered into the temple and began to read the writings of the prophet Isaiah, "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." He said the poor heard Him gladly. He called men from the lowest of occupations, that of fishermen. He taught the rich young ruler to sell all that he had and give it to the poor. He told them who would be the greatest among them to be the servants of all.

The world claimed that Joseph Smith, who was a poor and ignorant boy, was not big enough for them to accept. I have heard it said that we have to have men with education to face the world with the Gospel. This is not true. If a man has been called of God and filled with the Spirit of God he can face anyone in the world. Paul, the educated man of his day, says, "I came not

unto you with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the spirit and power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I am not speaking against education, for our young people need it to get jobs; however, they don't need a higher education to be called of God to preach the Gospel. The greatest preacher this Church ever had was Brother Alexander Cherry, our late president, who worked in a coal mine with just a common school education. Joseph Smith, the poor farm boy, was used of God to bring about a great and marvelous work and a wonder, the restoration of the Gospel.

The prophets had the difficult job of reminding the Jews of their past, many times telling them of the brick kilns and the condition of slavery under which they had lived. They reminded them of where they had come from, and let us notice that some of them came from the poorest of the poor. Let us not think too much of what we are and where we are going, but where we came from. Paul says not many are noble and not many are wise, but God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. A hymn that we sing many times should be brought to mind (and I quote); "In the wisdom of men we had long been entangled; And forms without power had encircled us round; But now we rejoice in the hope of salvation, And peace to the faithful doth ever abound."

What is the wisdom of men causing today? It is only entangling the minds of men! If it creeps into the Church we shall all be entangled. Again I say we need education to earn a livelihood and it is also good for men in the Church, but we must not put our faith in the wisdom of man or we shall fall. We are a common, plain people; a peculiar people; a holy nation. Our dress should be plain; our language should be plain so it can be understood by common people. Our preaching should be plain and easily understood. Even if we have a vocabulary that might be outstanding, it is better to use plainness and simplicity. God's people in all ages of the world have been a common and plain people. I can understand every word that Jesus taught; every word was plain. All the parables are easy to understand; the prodigal son, the wheat and the tares, the woman who lost the pieces of silver, and many others too numerous to mention. Now I listen to preachers but I can't understand some of the words they use.

Paul, speaking of the gift of tongues, says, "If I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you?" and "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" If it is uncertain, what profit is there in it? It is the same with our preaching. If the common people cannot understand it, what profit is it to them? The simplicity of the Gospel is what we should preach. In Jacob 2:11 we read, "Wherefore, I must tell you the truth according to the plainness of the Word of God." In Jacob 2:13 "And because some of you have obtained more abundantly than that of your brethren ye are lifted up in the pride of your hearts, and

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NEWS FROM BELL, CALIFORNIA

Since our last correspondence to The Gospel News, we've had a few changes in the branch and happenings of a not-so-pleasant nature. However, we are thankful to God for His constant mercy toward us and for the strength and help He gives us from day to day to go forward in His service.

We've had several visitors these past few months, namely, Brother Tony Picciuto and his family (who now reside in Simi Valley, Calif.), Brother Furnier and wife; Brother Burgess and wife who are spending the winter here with their daughter, Dorothy Henderson. The Mazzeo family from Phoenix also visited us, and we have had many visitors from nearby branches.

Funeral service was conducted in our branch for Sister Louise Madonia, mother of Sister Pauline Dulisse (now a member of the Valley Branch). Sister Julia Garcia of our branch also lost her mother, Sister Victoria Murillo, during this same period. Her mother was a faithful sister of our church also but, due to her illness, rarely attended church services.

Brother Joe Capone is recuperating nicely from a stroke he suffered a short while back.

Brother Clifford Burgess lost his aged mother (101) recently also. The branch offers its condolences to him and to all those who have suffered loss of their dear ones. To the aged who leave us they can find only relief and joy in passing.

Brother Rudy Meo was spared from a tragic bus accident a few weeks back. His was a most terrifying experience, but we are most grateful to God for having spared him.

Brother and Sister Lloyd Henderson have moved to San Carlos, Arizona, where they have joined Brother Dan Picciuto in missionary work. May God bless their efforts and prosper them in every way.

Santina Mercuri
Branch Editor

Holiday Services At Lorain, Ohio

Brother Dominic Thomas was guest speaker at our Christmas Eve service and directed his talk to the young people. He recalled his father telling him not to miss out on the best part of life. It was in later years that Brother Thomas understood this to mean The Church of Jesus Christ and all its blessings. He mentioned that many who have now passed on had directed their efforts toward the edification of the Church. Brother Dominic is pleased that many of the youth of the Church, who are pursuing careers in the field of education, have expressed their desire to apply their skills in helping others to know about Christ. The Church today is a fertile field for those who want to labor.

On the Sunday following Christmas Brother Gorie Ciaravino opened the morning service by asking the question, "What does Christmas mean to us?" Does it mean the paying of bills we have incurred, great festivities, etc., or does it mean

the birth of our Saviour? He read from John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's gift of His Son does not end there; it includes the promise that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. Those who do follow God and His teachings believe Jesus is the Son of God, our Saviour.

In the three years of Jesus' ministry upon the earth, He accomplished many things; He gave His commandments and established His Church. Christmas means eternal life if we keep His commandments. Many people have kept Jesus on the cross. He broke the bonds of death when He resurrected from the dead and fulfilled His purpose of being born by shedding His precious blood that all who believe on Him and follow Him might find salvation.

Brother Isaac Smith followed, bringing out the thought that the part of the world that God so loved was MAN, for He made the greatest sacrifice for man; also that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has become a great part of our lives and we live with great joy to know that upon proving faithful to Christ our hope of eternal life will be fulfilled. Brother Frank Calabrese closed the service by summarizing all that our brothers had said and exhorting all to search the Scriptures more.

It was good to have many of the young people at our New Year's Eve service. They could have spent this time elsewhere, but they chose to be in God's house. Many testimonies were given and hymns were sung giving God praise, honor, and glory. Those present were able to witness the closing of the old year and the onset of the new one. Some of this world were not so fortunate! After listening to the news reports and reading the headlines on our newspapers, we learned the last holiday death tolls set a new record. Therefore, it was a pleasure to be in the peaceful atmosphere of the saints in God's house, reminiscing over events of the past year. The holiday season is a wonderful time to reverence our Saviour, but let's not forget Him for the rest of the year. May each of you have a blessed and prosperous year.

Betty Alessio
Branch Editor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We want to thank you for your prayers in our behalf for our safety in coming to Germany. The Lord has brought us here safely and has given us much strength. We ask that you will continue to remember us in your prayers and that you would write to us, for we receive much strength from the saints' letters. We will continue to remember you in our prayers.

Brother George and Sister

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FT. PIERCE NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to share a few of our blessings with you. First of all, Brother Neill, we all enjoyed your visit and hope you will come again sometime.

We had an Area Gathering on December 12, 1965 at Fort Pierce, Florida. We were blessed with the presence of many brothers and sisters from different areas of this state, along with quite a few out-of-state visitors. There were brothers and sisters from Warren, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Muncey, Canada. Our church was filled to capacity and after such beautiful fellowship we were disappointed to see the day end.

We have been blessed with the baptisms of two more souls who are thankful to God for finding The Church of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, December 19th, there was a wonderful spirit felt by all who were present during the ordination of a brother to the office of deacon. Tongues were spoken and the interpretation given. We are thankful to God for the many blessings in this part of the vineyard; we hope you are enjoying them too. May God bless each and every one of you.

Ruth Morris
Mission Editor

How Great God Is

(By: Benjamin T. Cherry)

One of the smallest words in the Bible is "God," yet we read in God's Word how great He is! One of our hymns says He spake the Word and time began, He wrote and gave His law to man.

God in His infinite mercy gave His only begotten Son as a sacrifice that we as individuals may be redeemed from the fall. After man through his disobedience was cast out of Eden, God looked down upon him with great compassion and He began to form a plan to bring man back into His presence.

This great plan meant sacrifice. Something had to be done in order to prove God was supreme, so God sent His angel, Gabriel, to tell Mary about this plan; how she would conceive by God's Holy Spirit and bring forth a man-child who would pay the supreme sacrifice for all who would believe on His name.

Now this plan is unalterable because this God of all creation changes not, as He says there is none beside Him. This plan is so unique that man in his weakness cannot begin to understand it unless God reveals unto him by His Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "None comes to me except the Father draw Him," so we find it is God's Spirit in the man that enables him to change his way of life, and, as Paul says, "old things are passed away and all things have become new."

So we say with the poet, "How great God is," as he has said in his wonderful words of song and praise.

When I Was Sick Ye Visited Me

On Monday, January 3rd, Brother and Sister James Moore from Imperial, and Brother Teman Cherry of Monongahela visited us. They had come to visit my father, Brother Alma Cadman, who had suffered a throat ailment but was now well on the mend again. Our visitors wished to visit several who were ill at this time; John Olexa, James Crosier, and Hugh Jones, husband of our sister Hertha; also Brother Herbert Hemmings and his son, Randy, both of whom had been hurt in an automobile accident on Christmas Eve. Brother Herbert was home from the Monongahela Hospital recovering from a fractured leg, but little Randy, who was badly injured, was still at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

The Moores took my father and Brother Teman for a short visit with Brother Hemmings. Upon their return we had supper at our home and they took my father and me to the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital to visit the sick there: namely, Brother John Olexa, Hugh Jones, and Brother Bucky Kendall of Roscoe. We experienced joy in each visit and there was much liberty in prayer offered by Brother Moore or my father at each bedside.

At this time (February 12th) they are all home from the Hospitals, even little Randy. However, his visit home is only temporary as he has to go back in a couple of weeks for further rehabilitation. He had a broken hip along with other broken bones (in fact his condition was very critical for a time) and has to learn to walk again. Brother Crosier is coming along fine and is getting out again; Brother Olexa is pretty well again at this time although the bad weather has prohibited his being able to fellowship with us as yet. Our friend, Hugh Jones, is also getting along real well. We would also like to mention Brother Samuel Kirschner's son, J. C., who has been very ill, but is improving; and our Sister Rullo who has been much afflicted at her home.

Besides the sick I would also like to mention two young brothers of our branch: Thomas Ahlborn, who is away at school, and John Griffith, who has left us to teach school in Detroit, Michigan. We also like to remember those who are absent.

Edith Terrill
Branch Editor

HOW GOOD TO KNOW!

*How good to know that I can go
When my heart is filled with care,
And take it all, the great, the small
To Jesus Christ in prayer!
How good to feel that I can kneel
When I'm happy to the brim,
And tell it all, the great, the small,
And share it all with Him!
How wonderful, how beautiful,
When I ask Him to forgive,
And give Him all, the great, the small,
That Christ will help me live!*

—Enola Chamberlin

THE PLAINNESS OF THE WAY

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wear stiff necks and high heads because of the costliness of your apparel, and persecute your brethren because ye suppose that ye are better than they." I believe that God can bless us with everything, and will prosper us, but if our necks get stiff and we wear costly apparel just to be outstanding, I believe it is sin.

One of the seven sins that Solomon mentions is pride. After Jesus set up the Church on this land they had all things common. There were no rich and poor, and all enjoyed the peace of God in abundance. Then the writer says that pride entered into the Church and destroyed it. Again I say, let us look to where we came from. I came from England. My father had to go into the coal mine to make a living for us; we were a poor family. However, we were rich in the Word and the blessings of God. I don't want us to live in the past, or rather to live on the blessings of the past, but let us look on the blessings of today. Our mothers went to Church in sunbonnets and gingham aprons. I have heard it said lately that we carried three or four handkerchiefs to Church with us years ago but now we don't need any.

In I Nephi 13:24 and 25 we read, "And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the book proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew it contained the plainness of the Gospel of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God. Wherefore, these things go forth in purity unto the Gentiles, according to the truth which is in God." Here we have plainness, purity, and truth; they all interlock. In the 28th verse, "Wherefore, thou seest that after the book hath gone forth through the hands of the great and abominable church, that there are many plain and precious things taken away from the book, which is the book of the Lamb of God." Here is evidence again that they have taken away the plain and precious things from the book, or from the Church, or from us as individuals. The world drifted into darkness and that is the reason that period was called the Dark Ages. They kept the truth from the people, teaching them their own wisdom, taking away many covenants, changing the ordinances, and breaking the everlasting covenants. All this they have done that they might pervert the right way of the Lord; that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men.

Let me close now as the time is late and darkness covereth the earth. While this is a natural darkness and we expect to rise in tomorrow's sunlight, let us who know the truth and the plainness of the Gospel look forward to a greater day — the morning of the First Resurrection when everything shall be made plain.

*In the cross of Christ of glory
Towering o'er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.*

Prayer

By Muriel Miller

If you start each day with a little prayer contentment will be yours, for prayer is a tonic that effects amazing cures. A good beginning always makes the road smoother to tread. We must cultivate the medium of regular conversation with God, and an understanding heart, receiving direction and instruction from Him. Prayer offered in the name of Jesus brings answer, for He is our advocate sitting at the right hand of the Father. In Matthew 21:22 we read, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive." Every effective Christian must be on speaking terms with God. Prayer is the key which unlocks Heaven's resources and releases them upon a needy world. When we depend on prayer we learn what God can do. Prayer is the offering up of our desires to God. There must be a feeling of fervent earnestness, a deep sense of need; therefore, God has to teach us to pray by bringing us into places of great need and making us very hungry for Him.

David felt the need of prayer, and Daniel was called a man of desires. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24 Our prayer life should not stop in pouring out our desires to God, but it should be so broad as to thank God for blessings given and should extend to the ends of the earth for the salvation of the world. To have fellowship with the Father and Jesus Christ is one of the sweetest and highest forms of prayer. Let God speak to us through the Holy Spirit for it brings nourishment and strength.

Today as never before prayer is a binding necessity in the lives of men and nations. True prayer is a way of life. Only in fervent prayer do we change both soul and body for the better. It matters not what you must face if prayer be the staff you lean upon. If with faith your feet be shod, you do not walk alone; those who converse with the Lord will seldom drift away, for God rewards the faithful with strength. Prayer is practiced not for the purpose of changing God's mind, but for the purpose of changing us — opening our consciousness so that His Spirit may freely enter our life, strengthening our faith, cultivating our love. Therefore we need to be constant in prayer in order that more of God may enter into our life. Prayer is the wire that connects us with the great power house of God's life and love.

*Prayer changes things, Prayer changes things,
No matter how heavy the burden you bear;
If you cast it on Jesus, He will carry your care;
And nothing can hinder the soul that will dare,
For prayer changes things.*

(Hymn #56, Tabernacle Hymns)

TESTIMONY

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ber her as she lay in a hospital bed, gasping for her breath in an oxygen tent. She lingered until an elder of the Church came forty-five miles to her bedside. He anointed her with oil and prayed. She smiled and in fifteen minutes she had passed on. As she lay there her face shone as though someone played a spotlight upon it and she became as a star light. She looked to me like a bride waiting for the bridegroom to come and sweep her up to glory. There were no tears in my eyes; I could not cry. My children came to comfort me but I found myself telling them, "I am not crying for Grandma; she has gone to God." I was happy, not sad. Who gave me this strength? Was it not God? Of course it was.

Before Mother became ill I brought her to Church every Sunday although I was not a member then. I enjoyed the preaching and was comforted. Because of the tribulations of my married life I found peace of mind and rest only on Sunday morning when in Church. Six months before Mama passed away I was listening to the Word of God in Church when I heard a voice telling me, "You are the chosen one; take three steps back." I wondered what it meant. My mind went back to my childhood, and I realized that first step was that I was a Catholic. How I enjoyed the stories I heard of Christ when I was a little girl. Then Dad died, and Mama received a testimony of a Pentecost Church and took us there. I accepted it because they spoke of the same Jesus whom I loved. Then Mama heard of The Church of Jesus Christ and accepted it. She was truly happy that she had found the truth at last. She told us about this Church, but because I had so many troubles in my own married life, I did not accept it. However, I listened to and enjoyed the Word of God, finding peace of mind only on Sunday when at Church. I now said to myself, "Could this be it? Three steps back? Could it be that I have finally found the right step forward?" I had an experience at this time in which I saw a coffin. In it was a woman who had my name and I said to myself, "It can't be me; I'm alive." I went closer to the coffin and saw that it was me. I then heard the voice telling me, "The past is forgotten; it is dead, and you are to be born again. See! You are dead and yet you live." I knew then what it meant. I arose on my feet, not realizing the meeting was opened for testimony. I cried with joy and asked for my baptism. Praise God for the mysterious ways He works with people! My mother cried tears of joy and said to me, "My place is now taken and soon I will go to rest." I didn't realize then that in six months the Lord would take her to her reward.

During those months I felt, even though my husband had left me and I had lost a beautiful home because of his gambling habits, that I wasn't alone. Mama came to live with me after my daughter and son were married. However, when I was left alone again I began to feel depressed. When I went to Church I found myself envying my sisters whose husbands were with them. I didn't tell anyone about this and I felt

my husband would never come to Church because he worked in a bar and gambled all his pay. The next Sunday, two weeks after Mama passed away, while we were singing a hymn in Church, something caused me to look across the room. I was surprised to see my husband and son. My daughter and her husband had come to Church with me that morning. When testimony opened I heard again the voice telling me, "You must forgive him as I have forgiven you." I arose and thanked God for bringing my husband and my son to Church. Immediately my husband arose and asked everyone to pray for him because he wanted to do right. Thank God that about three months later he asked for baptism. We are now living together and he is working in a cookie factory, no longer in a bar. We go to Church every Sunday.

The Lord has done so much for me. I will praise Him for the rest of my life. Pray for me and my family and I will do the same as God gives me strength.

In The World

Many times, as I spend quiet moments walking over my small estate of five or six acres, the thought that I have sometimes expressed, "sitting under my vine and fig tree," causes me to exclaim, "This is a wonderful and cheerful world." Should I, however, ascend some high mountain and view the wide world, I suppose you all have an idea what I would see: Robbers on the highways, pirates on the seas, accelerated crime that is rampant in this day; armies on the march, battles being fought, houses afire, collisions in the air as well as on land; men murdering bulls to please applauding crowds; mobs that pillage, maim, kill, and destroy; under many roofs jealous hatred, cruelty, and despair; and all manner of perplexities. I would then say this is a bad world, a very bad world indeed.

Then perchance, the scene changes. In the midst of all this I see a people that is quiet and, to a small degree, holy. These people have learned a wonderful secret. They have found joy that seems to surpass the joy of sinful life. These people, to a small degree, are hated, despised, persecuted, and even envied; but for some reason they don't seem to care. They have become masters of their own souls. Who are these people anyways? Why, they are the saints of the most high God! Don't you wish you were one of them?

Editor

Every man should first master himself before he tries to master other men, and that same man should know how to laugh but never forget how to cry.

An old Arabian Proverb: "When you are tempted to retell a story about another, make the story go through these three narrow gates: is it true? is it necessary? is it kind? If the story can pass through all three gates, you may tell it without fear."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?" Job 27 : 9.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Last month I told you an interesting story about Jesus and his disciples. Do you remember their names? Do you remember the one who betrayed Jesus? Yes, he was Judas, Judas Iscariot. He became an evil man. Once Jesus asked, "Have not I chosen you twelve and one of you is a devil?" He spoke of this Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

Along with the other disciples, Judas was given the authority to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cast out devils and all the other work the apostles were called to do. During the three years Jesus was with his disciples Judas must have seen Him performing many wonderful miracles. It was said of Jesus, "No man ever spake like this man," and "His word was with power." But with all this, from the Great Teacher, Satan entered Judas' heart.

It seemed Judas loved money. God's Word tells us, "the love of money is the root of all evil." Judas carried the bag or the purse, for Jesus' followers and the scriptures states, "he was a thief." So he must not have been honest.

Once in the home of Jesus' friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Judas showed he was interested in money. A supper was being served by Martha. Mary took a pound of costly ointment and anointed Jesus' feet. She wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the odor of this ointment. Judas was there and he asked, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" He really didn't care for the poor nor that they would have this money. But Jesus said, "Let her alone. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always."

It seems Judas was willing to do anything for money. When he heard the chief priests and scribes were plotting to kill Jesus, he went to them and asked, "What will ye give me and I will deliver him unto you?" They agreed to give Judas thirty pieces of silver. This was the price the Romans paid for a slave. In our money today, it would be about twenty dollars. Some must have not known Jesus, because Judas promised to lead them to Jesus. They followed Judas to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus had gone to pray. Jesus must have gone there often with his disciples and Judas knew this.

The multitude came with swords, lanterns, torches and staves to the garden. Judas had already given them a sign so they would know which man was Jesus. He said, he would kiss the Saviour and then, they would know which one

to arrest. Judas went up to Jesus and said, "Hail Master," then kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" Then they took Jesus. It was such a frightening time! All the disciples forsook Jesus and fled.

When Judas realized the terrible thing he had done, he took the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests. He said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." But they were not interested. They said, "What is that to us? See thou to that." Judas threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and went out and hung himself. What a tragic end to one who had been chosen by Jesus. He had the opportunity to become as Jesus said, "fishers of men".

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What was the thirty pieces of silver used for? Matthew 27: 6, 7, 8.
2. What does Aceldama mean? Acts I: 19.
3. What woe was written of that man? Matthew 26 : 24.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, A LIVING ORCHID

The Gospel of Christ within us may be likened unto a rare and living orchid plant.

It must be kept moist with the tears of **spiritual sorrow** for the world; it must be shielded from the heat of **anger**; it must receive the filtered rays of pure **love** for one's fellowman; it must be nurtured, time and again, with massive doses of **charity**.

Periodically, it should bloom, producing beautiful and exotic flowers of varied markings, known as **good works** and **deeds**. The attendant must pluck these blooms and present them to the Master Gardener. He need not keep track or count of these blooms; the Master Gardener will do this.

If, for any reason, the plant fails to blossom, the Master Gardener may have to examine the apparently healthy plant to see if there be any hidden disease lurking in its roots.

If any contagious disease is found, it may have to be destroyed because of fear of infecting the other plants, and this is a sad step, indeed. Usually, however, if it has been a good, healthy plant, well tended and vigorous, a good feeding of a balanced mixture of Faith and Hope is sufficient to prompt it to produce, once more.

Above all, the plant must not be set in a pot of sandy loam, nor may its roots be sunk in smothering clay . . . it must be attached to the bark of a Living Tree, or, at the very least, it must be set into the center of the ground bark of a Tree.

This is the only foundation for the plant to grow and prosper.

Catherine Vultaggio Poma

M.B.A. Highlights

MBA Asks For Appraisals

Carl J. Frammolin

GMBA Editor

In the December issue of the **MBA Bulletin**, the Missionary Benevolent Association's internal monthly publication, a campaign requesting answers to the question, "What does the MBA mean to you?", was begun. The drive was started to find out what kind of an image the Association has created in the past.

As might be expected, many insights and impressions are being received from the responses; and more are anticipated while this project, for which no official deadline has been set as yet, is in process. The answers have ranged from complete reviews as to what the MBA has meant in the lives of individuals to capsule comments by members of various Association study classes. In addition, the presentations are uncovering some leads into how the potential of The Church's auxiliary unit can be further realized.

By these appraisals, the MBA is attempting to evaluate how it is attaining its primary objectives of youth guidance, class instruction, missionary assistance, and benevolent efforts. Obviously, a clear and realistic picture can only be received when the people being served react to an inquiry as to how they value the services being provided for them.

Aspects Highlighted

The analyses to date have been primarily centered on the spiritual, social, and instructional aspects of the Association. It is not surprising that members have sought to highlight these areas, because they have been the prominently observable features in the past. Reference to the activity structure, the newest MBA innovation, has also been made, however.

Some of the responses have come in the form of personal testimonies. An example of this kind of approach was found in a contribution of a Sister who stated, "Being active in the MBA is a blessing to me, and I hope I have been a blessing to others in my efforts. In the activities I have been in, I have felt a joy within me to realize that no matter what I am doing — whether I am baking cookies, sending a card, or talking with someone in need — I am helping the MBA, which is helping The Gospel of Jesus Christ to go forth."

Another individual said that the MBA had brought him and his wife closer together and that they eventually were baptized on the same day. He also indicated that the MBA and The Church had offered him a good spiritual start in life.

Other comments generally referred to the enjoyment and usefulness of the Association and its classes. Typical of these have been summations such as the following observation by a

teenager who said, "When I was small, I enjoyed reading the stories in the **Book of Mormon**. As I grew up, these stories and the MBA gave me a path to follow and a goal to reach for. They, along with the other things in The Church, gave me a desire to be an upstanding, righteous person before the eyes of God."

Friendly Organization

Another teenager stipulated that "I have found the MBA to be a very friendly organization." Also, "It has taught me much and inspired me to seek more information about God's Church." Others of the same age group have reiterated these thoughts and have added that the Association has directed their lives beneficially.

Capsule comments from all age groups have included statements like the following. They have stated that the MBA

1. "Helps me to understand current events as they apply to the prophecies in the **Book of Mormon**."
2. "Makes me more knowledgeable through group (class) study than I would be if I stayed at home and read alone."
3. "Offers wonderful fellowship and valuable explanations of the **Book of Mormon**."
4. "Gives knowledge about the written word so I can be more conversant with others on the scriptures."
5. "Teaches me more about God, The Church of Jesus Christ, and the American Indians."
6. "Presents an opportunity to exchange thoughts on the scriptures."
7. "Utilizes talents through the teaching of others."
8. "Creates a desire to help others."
9. "Extends a privilege to discuss religion freely in a relaxed atmosphere."
10. "Makes it possible to bring friends and introduce them to The Church."
11. "Grants a chance to take part in activities."
12. "Invites us to sing wonderful hymns."
13. "Inspires us to learn about the **Bible** characters and how to be nice to everyone."
14. "Allows us to gather together and enjoy each other's company at MBA Conferences."

Although most replies have been favorable and even laudatory in most cases, it will, of course, be beneficial if constructive criticisms or possible improvements are pointed out.

Readers may participate in this campaign to answer "What does the MBA mean to you?" by sending their written analysis or comments to either the **MBA Bulletin** or the Missionary Benevolent Association c/o The Gospel News. Any thoughts would be well-received and appreciated. It is significant and uplifting to know where the MBA has succeeded or even excelled in attaining its objectives. It is equally important, however, for the Association to know how and where it can be of greater service in the future.

"MBA Highlights" Special Feature

The MBA Young People's Forum

("The MBA Young People's Forum" is a special feature series being offered to help satisfy one of the main objectives of the Missionary Benevolent Association, which is the extending of spiritual guidance to young persons. The articles deal with situations involving personal problems, problems which arise from social demands, and problems which relate to acquiring and living consistent with a set of values. The question for this issue that was presented to the Forum for discussion and evaluation is, "How can young people discuss The Church of Jesus Christ with their friends or acquaintances?" Answers advanced by the Forum, composed of a cross-section of knowledgeable MBA and Church individuals, are as follows.)

**"How Can Young People Discuss
The Church of Jesus Christ
With Their Friends or Acquaintances?"**

Basically, before any discussion is held about The Church, it was suggested that the religious standing of the person or persons with whom you are conversing be established if at all possible. Knowing about the religious convictions, the outlooks, and the overall philosophies of the parties involved will make it much easier to organize explanations and to answer specific questions. If it is impossible to find out this standing, then the conversation should be carried out in the best possible way.

Besides discovering the religious position and viewpoint, it should be assured that a definition of terms on the subject must be agreed upon before any real meaning can be attached to what is being said. For example, the word "Sacrament" in The Church of Jesus Christ means observing The Lord's Supper by partaking of bread and wine. In some other faiths, however, "sacrament" may mean something altogether different, such as baptism, confirmation, or any of the other practices which they may observe. Also, in some groups, the word "save" means baptized, while in others it means salvation is assured. It is apparent from these examples that it is important to know what the words, or terms, represent before any really meaningful statements can be made.

The Forum members also stipulated that it is beneficial to find out what the other parties know about The Church, so that further explanations of what is already known can be formulated or so that erroneous impressions can be corrected. A caution was inserted at this juncture to the effect that, in so doing, you should be Christianlike in everything you say. Be tolerant and patient, because the other persons have just as much right to accept or reject what you say, as you have to the same right about what they state. Everyone has the same Christian and constitutional rights, so it is unfair to abuse anyone in any way just because he does not agree with you. Be pleasant and painstaking if your point is not understood or is misunderstood. Only through forbearance and by a diplomatic approach will you be in a better position to be effective in getting your ideas or correction across.

Actions Important

In some instances, actions speak louder than

words. Whereas verbal statements may not be accepted, the panelists pointed out that consistent Christian behavior may be the only way in which your testimony will be successful. This does not mean that just because your actions are totally in keeping with the principles of Christ that an automatic connection will be made with you about your religion. It might be simply assumed it is your nature to act like this, so it may be necessary to casually mention that The Gospel of Christ has been influential in fashioning your life. This should be done discreetly and not with any semblance of pious self-righteousness.

Rely on The Lord and pray in your heart if you have not had any time to pray privately before your discussion. You will be pleasantly surprised to know, if you have not already experienced it, that He will quickly come to your aid and give you the words or the ideas with which to present your thoughts. In essence, do not be timid, because The Lord will be with you and help you if you sincerely try to explain The Faith to others.

No one who is reasonable will think there is something wrong with you if you cannot explain everything about The Church. After all, no one has all the answers to all questions, and basically most religious concepts must be accepted on faith. All beliefs hinge on faith in God and His limitless powers. If the other persons will not accept this fundamentally important proposition, it would be difficult for almost anyone to explain The Church to him or her.

It was advised that you should never over extend yourself into areas about which you are not properly informed. Also, any time you think it is advisable, seek the assistance of more spiritually experienced and knowledgeable persons, especially Church Ministers. They, along with the scriptures and Church literature, form the resources upon which you can depend. With these helps, in addition to guidance and assistance from God, it is quite possible that you will be more effective and successful in portraying The Church of Jesus Christ to close friends and acquaintances. Last, but certainly not least, invite them to Church, so they can learn more about The Faith for themselves.

Wedding

MORENO - THOMAS

Sister Lorraine Marie Thomas, daughter of Brother & Sister Chris Thomas of San Diego, California, and Don Moreno, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Moreno, of Detroit, Michigan, were united in marriage, December 4, 1965 in The Church of Jesus Christ in San Diego with Brother Thomas Liberto officiating and Brother Samuel Ciccatti assisting.

The couple will make their home in San Diego. May God bless and enrich their lives together.

Thunders of oratory do not always call down showers of blessings.

OBITUARY

FRED FERRARO FAIR

Bro. Fred Fair of South Greensburg died on January 21, 1966, following his 79th birthday. Bro. Fred was born in Italy, and after coming to this country was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1924. He had been ordained into the offices of Deacon, Elder, and Evangelist.

He is sadly missed by his wife, Angeline; one daughter, Sister Rose Nalevanko; one son, Charles; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and the brothers and sisters of the Church at South Greensburg, Pa., where he served as Presiding Elder for about thirty years.

The funeral services were held in the Church with Bro. Paul Gehly officiating, assisted by Bros. Dan Todaro and Tony Todaro. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless those who mourn the loss of our brother.

JOSEPH MOCERI

Brother Joseph Mocerri of Detroit, Michigan, Branch #1, passed away on January 22, 1966. He was born on May 19, 1894 and was baptized on May 10, 1936.

Brother Mocerri is survived by his wife, Sister Mary; a sister, a brother, two daughters, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Services were held at Branch #1 on January 25 with Brothers Nicholas Pietrangelo and Anthony Scolaro officiating.

SALVATORE SANTILLI

Brother Salvatore Santilli passed away on January 10, 1966. He was born April 11, 1890, baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on April 7, 1929 where he faithfully fulfilled the office of Deacon.

Brother Santilli is survived by his wife, Sister Gemma; two daughters, Esther and Mrs. Jean Pusateri; five sons, Anthony, Mario, Richard, Elmer, and Nephi; and eleven grandchildren. It was our brother's glorious privilege to see all his children baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. He will be remembered by all who knew him, especially his brothers and sisters in the Church, for his faithfulness in the Gospel.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother A. A. Corrado, assisted by Brother Mario Milano.

JAMES ROSS

James Ross, father of Sister Christina Paleno of Branch #1, Detroit, Michigan, passed away December 13, 1965.

Mr. Ross was born August 23, 1899. He is survived by his wife Johann, two daughters, four grandchildren, and two sisters in Scotland.

Services were held December 16, 1965, at Branch #1. Brothers Nicholas Pietrangelo and Spencer Everett officiated.

May God extend His comfort to those who were dear to him.

CLARA CALDWELL COWAN

Sister Clara Caldwell Cowan passed away January 6, 1966 at the age of 86. She was born on May 25, 1879 in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania. Sister Cowan was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, Pennsylvania in April, 1902. She is survived by two sons, Allen of Lorain, Ohio; James C. of Pennsylvania; a daughter, Sister Johnetta Guba of Glassport, Pennsylvania; a brother and several grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Church in Lorain, Ohio with Brothers Joseph and Frank Calabrese officiating. The following day her body was brought to Monongahela, Pennsylvania for interment. Graveside services were held with Brothers Teman Cherry and George Neill officiating.

NOTICE

The Ladies' Uplift Circle will hold its General meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, March 12, 1966 in the church building at Aliquippa, Pa. All are welcome.

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All readers of The Gospel News who are unfamiliar with the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ are invited to write to this publication for information about these tenets of faith and they will be furnished as quickly as possible.

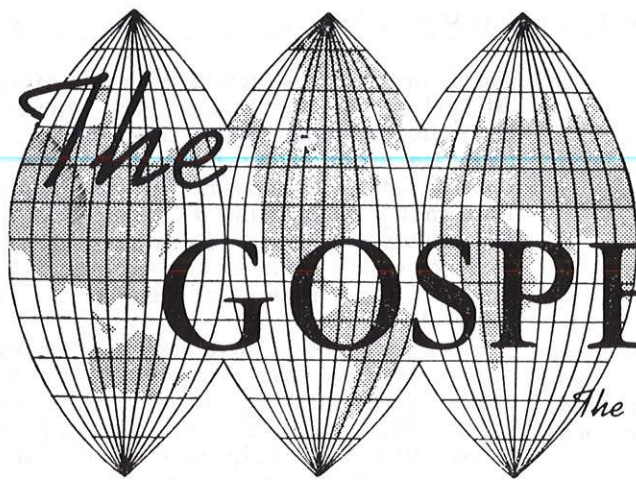
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"Deliver us, oh Lord, from the foolishness of impatience and let us not be in such a hurry as to live without Thee.

Slow us down so that we may take time to think, time to pray, and time to find out Thy will."

Selected



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Easter Thoughts

By Carol Sue Mancini

Another year has rolled around and the Easter season is again upon us. The Christian world observes the tradition of mourning the death of Christ and celebrating His triumph over the grave. Perhaps this tradition has become routine rather than significant; perhaps we enjoy Easter because it pertains merely to another individual who somehow became famous because He was martyred without cause. This being the case proves an individual in spiritual darkness. Unless we realize that Calvary atones for our sins only if we repent and believe, we remain in darkness.

Fear and faith, darkness and light are completely opposite of each other. The two groups represent conflict; fear and darkness — defeat, light and faith — victory. These four play the leading role in the crucifixion of Christ. They are the concern of every individual influenced by Christ's life and death. In St. Matthew 27:51 we read, "And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake and the rocks rent." In St. Luke 23:44, "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." Thus darkness and destruction covered the earth after Christ gave up the ghost. Of course many people fled in fear and terror; they did not understand what had happened. Christ had been martyred, for all His life stood that all mankind might be freed from the "bonds of the law of sin and death." The darkness which covered the earth may also be said to be the darkness covering the minds of the people since the light of Christ's Church was not seen by them.

After three hours light was restored to the earth. However, the day was nearly done and the light was of little avail for the remaining time. We too must be careful that the light doesn't come in the dusk of our lives. That may be too late. Let us all pray therefore that God will grant us the faith and light of the victim of Calvary's tree, and that we may walk in His light evermore.

The Greatest Cross

Many times the cross we have to bear seems so heavy that we bend beneath its load. The road ahead looks hard and long, all up hill. Even though we know this road leads to Heaven's gate, we still pause many times to weep because of the weight of our cross. But when we look, behold, we see millions of crosses on this same road, and they who bear them are gazing upward with a glad and eager eye; even their countenances shine! As we gaze more closely at these many crosses they all appear much heavier than ours, and we say to ourselves, "My, how do they keep on climbing!" Still on up the hill the crosses go. Suddenly we see them all merge into one, and when we look we see Him hanging there, the Holy One.

How quickly we pause and drop our heads in shame because He bore the greatest cross of all for us. It is then we realize that we must not grow faint beneath a cross so small as ours. When we reach this attitude it seems the Lord looks down upon us; our hearts are quickened, and we rise again to climb the hill. As we do, behold, we find our cross is gone!

Editor

RESURRECTION

By Edith B. Dean

*They took Him down with tender hands
And laid Him in the tomb;
Their hearts were sad and lips were mute,
While faith dissolved in gloom.
His words of comfort they forgot—
His friendly presence gone;
They wrapped themselves in sorrow's robe
Too pained to carry on.
But gates of hell could not prevail,
My Saviour held the key;
The portals to His touch swung wide,
The Christ divine was free!
His gracious power now intervenes
To set sin's captives free;
His resurrection life is mine,
His blood avails for me!*

ACTION

By James Heaps

I want to begin my article by quoting a poem written by Edgar A. Guest:

*I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely
show the way;
The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the
ear:
Fine counsel is confusing, but example always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the ones who
live their creeds;
For, to see the good in action is what everybody
needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you let me see it
done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue
too fast may run;
And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and
true;
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what
you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you
give;
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and
how you live.*

Action is what the world is looking for. The last commission of Jesus was, "Go ye out into the world and preach the Gospel." Whenever this has been put into action it has brought results. I believe we have a wrong conception of the difference between the words wait and go. What is the use of going if we do not wait — wait on the Lord in prayer before we go? "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as of eagles; they shall walk and they shall not faint; they shall run and they shall not be weary." Jesus told His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem. Why? That their strength might be renewed. They prayed for ten days and became united in their minds and spirits, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Did they then stay in the upper room? No, they went out to preach the Gospel.

We are building nice churches now; in other words, we are sitting in the "upper room" waiting for the people to come in. This is a sad mistake. Why have we a license to preach if we are just going to sit on the platform and listen to someone else preach a sermon? No, the commission was first given in Jerusalem, then in Samaria, then to the uttermost parts of the earth. When we met in homes there was always someone going out and inviting others in. Now we are sitting in the "upper room" waiting for them to come to us. What a sad mistake! Even Jesus did not sit at home and wait for the people to come to Him. We see Him as He preached the sermon on the Mount; we see Him in the ship, in the Garden, on the roadside; we see Him in the wilderness; we see Him going into the Temples of people of other denominations; we even see Him driving some out of the Temple. He did not stay at home waiting for the people to come to Him; He went

out. Sometimes the crowds gathered around Him. At such a time the woman who was healed of an issue of blood pressed through and touched Him. He spent many hours in prayer, waiting on His Father in Heaven. The disciples grew so tired many times while following Him that they fell asleep and Jesus had to remind them, "Could you not watch with Me for one hour?" This was the only kind of waiting Jesus did, waiting on the Father.

I am so glad I have had the experience of standing on the street corner with Brother Cherry while he preached the Gospel. Our late president, Brother W. H. Cadman, was always advising us to go out; and not only advising us to go, but he went himself. No soldier was ever trained by mere study of the manual, but by practicing his drill. We must not be hearers of the law only, but doers of it as well; we are then justified. We must be going forward. Duty is always the will of God; to see it and not do it is very dangerous. He that breaketh one of the least commandments, and teach men so, is least in the Kingdom of Heaven. "But whosoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven," Matthew 5:19. If we know to do good and doeth it not, to us it is sin. I do not believe in a fate that falls on men, however they act; but I do believe in a fate that falls on them unless they do act — or do noble things, not dream them all day long and so make life and death and the vast forever one grand, sweet song. It is easy to find fault with someone who is doing something, but what have we to offer? Truth reflects upon our senses; gospel light reveals to some if there still should be offenses, but woe to them by whom they come. I once said to another, "In thine eye there is a mote. If thou art a friendly brother, hold still and let me pull it out." But I could not see it clearly for mine eyes were very dim. When I came to search more clearly, in mine own eye there was a beam. Charity (or love) is healing; it will give the clearest sight. When I saw my brother failing I was not exactly right.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, contentment, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never know. It is a wonderful thing to be busy; clock-watchers never get too far. People go to Church, yet watch the clock all during the meeting. What good can one get out of a service when he watches the clock instead of the preacher? Some fall asleep, and the first thing they do when they wake up is to look at the clock.

I read in my Bible about the thousands of miles Paul traveled on his three missionary journeys. Some say he settled down and made tents, but I would like to see the man who could make many tents and still travel as far as Paul traveled. He made tents at Corinth because they were not taking care of him, but he told them that the Macedonian Church provided for all his needs. He said, "I robbed other churches that you may be free." We sing a hymn which fol-

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

The two thieves could have avoided their cross by living differently; righteousness could have saved them. But it was righteousness that put Jesus on the cross and kept Him there.

As our thoughts are drawn to the cross with the approach of the Easter season, and we see with our mind's eye Jesus hanging there, may this profound thought impress us that "It was for me." He was tempted for our sakes; He endured the onslaught of Satan for us; all the struggles of His life (and they were many) were for our sakes. Indeed Christ died for me, and He suffered the most horrible kind of death. He was tormented both in body and mind, and it was for me. Every pain He suffered was for me. Every moment of agony He volunteered in order to make my redemption possible. Whatever He suffered did not grow out of His own transgressions; it grew out of ours. Isaiah says the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross an onlooker made a statement that surely did contain a great truth. He said, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." The truth was that Jesus could not save Himself, and at the same time save others. Why did Jesus stay on the cross? He could have come down, and there were those who thought so for one said, "Come down from the cross and we will believe you." It would seem that Jesus was the only one who really understood what was happening. To those who could not comprehend, the whole thing symbolized nothing but future defeat, frustration, and the explosion of all dreams. Apparently there were only two who saw any reason for it all; the Father and the Son. The Father, looking down from heaven, was pleased for everything was going according to plans. It was for this very purpose that His Son came into the world. No, Jesus could not avoid the cross; truly His was an unavoidable cross. The two thieves could have avoided their cross by living differently; righteousness could have saved them. But it was righteousness that put Jesus on the cross and kept Him there. There were, however, other things that put Him there and kept Him there. The situation created by your sins and mine required His suffering and death, if you and I were to be redeemed from death. Lehi told his sons long before Jesus was ever born that all mankind was in a lost and fallen state, and ever would be, save this Redeemer should come. Another reason that Jesus was put upon the cruel cross and kept there was that His Father so loved the world that He gave His Son "That those who would believe on Him would not perish, but have life"; and Jesus shared this same kind of love with the Father. Someone has said, "Justice fills the measure full, but love shakes it, presses it down, heaps it up, and overflows justice." Yes, Jesus possessed love in its highest sense.

It is a very difficult thing to convince a race of people that you love them. God has been trying to do just this from the creation of the world,

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but now, through the cross, all races of people were given a visible demonstration of His love for them. It was for me.

*It was for me my Savior's life was given;
It was for me my Lord was crucified;
It was for me, to ope' the gates of heaven,
They pierced His blessed hands, and feet, and side.
It was for me; oh, wondrous, wondrous story!
From sin and shame He came to set me free.
My life I'll give for Jesus and His glory;
I'll live for Him who gave Himself for me.*

Selected

THAT EASTER MORN

*On that Easter morn so long ago,
A maiden, at dawn arose to go
To the tomb of her Lord she loved so well,
To mourn His passing, and lament her plight,
Since her Lord was taken from her sight.
But now she beheld heavenly light,
Two angels standing arrayed in white.
"What seek ye here?" they asked the maid,
"He is risen today. Be not afraid,
But go and tell His disciples dear
This good news, their hearts to cheer."
In a little room He found them there;
Their hearts were heavy, filled with despair,
For He, they tho't, would Israel restore;
And now He was gone, forevermore.
When all at once, in their midst was He,
And a light around Him they all did see,
As He raised His hands, and spoke in a tone
That soothed their fears and revived their souls.
"Be not afraid, for lo, it is I,
Your risen Lord who came to die.
Be not faithless, but only believe;
It was needful that I should hang on the tree
To purchase your pardon, and set you free,
Through My blood that I shed on Mt. Calvary.
Come now, my brethren, come, draw near.
Come, see, and feel my wounds today;
And doubt not more, but believe and say,
'My Lord is risen, He lives today.
His peace He leaves with us to stay.'
New life springs up, new joys abound,
Because this risen Lord I've found;
My sins forgiven, the price He paid,
And in His tomb they all are laid,
Covered with His precious blood, so freely shed,
That we may have life, tho' once we were dead
In trespasses and sin; He covered them all.
O, that this world would heed His call!
Come unto me, ye weary ones, come;
Come, and this world of sin now shun.
Take now of me, your risen Lord,
Who only can lasting peace afford;
With rest to your mind and joy to your soul,
Accept Him now; He will make you whole.*

Margaret Heaps

It was bitter experience that put the prod into the Prodigal son.

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lows: "I'll go where He wants me to go," and then when someone else wants to go others find fault with him. Jesus said of the Scribes and Pharisees, "They will not go in themselves and try to stop others from going in."

Let us not be weary in well doing for in one season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we therefore have opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. All that is essential for the devil to be triumphant is that good men do nothing. The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it. The commandment reads, "Thou shall love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as thyself"; in other words, whatever we do, do it well. If you are sleeping, sleep well; if you are playing, play well; if you are working, work well, if you are preaching, preach well; put everything that you have into whatever you do. In the last analysis the real satisfaction of life comes, not from money and material things, but from the realization of a job well done. Therein lies the difference between the journeyman and the real craftsman.

A Testimony

By Bertha Constantine

Through the medium of The Gospel News I would like to tell my miraculous experience with the power of prayer. On December 26th I fell at my home and hurt my left side. At that time we had visitors from Glassport, Pennsylvania, Mr. and Sister Helen DePiero and son, whom we enjoyed so much. Upon being xrayed that day for fractured ribs, the doctors found a tumor on my left lung. As a result I had to go to Tampa (140 miles from our home) to see a lung specialist. While arrangements were being made by the doctors my thoughts were directed to my heavenly Father; I also felt I wanted to write to my former home branch, Youngstown, Ohio, and the brothers and sisters at the Florida East Coast branches to ask them to remember me in prayer. My husband and I were hopeful that one of our elders from the East Coast would be inspired to know our desires. While meditating and praying the next few days, the power of prayer had begun to work; on that Friday evening when my husband answered our door, there stood Brother and Sister Frank Sirangelo from West Palm Beach. I wept for joy and could not express myself for a short period because I knew they could not have received my letter as yet, and the Lord had already moved upon them to come to my home. We were so thankful that they had followed the plans of our Lord. This was such a comfort to us.

The next day I had to leave for the Hospital at Tampa. Brother and Sister Sirangelo were planning to hold services in St. Petersburg that day, which we attended along with seven

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Luke 24:5.

Dear Girls and Boys,

We always enjoy hearing the story of the resurrection of our Lord. We realize God's promises never fail. Prophecies were given hundreds of years before Jesus was born. These were all fulfilled. The promise about His resurrection is a beautiful story. Then later when He ascended up into heaven, the angels announced that in the same way He was taken up, He would come again. We are looking to this being fulfilled.

After Jesus' crucifixion, early in the morning, the first day of the week, an angel came from heaven. He rolled away the stone which had been placed at the door of the tomb. When he did so, there was a great earthquake. The soldiers who were there to guard the sepulchre were so frightened they became as dead men. Jesus had risen from the dead! He had left the tomb!

Soon Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, Mary the mother of James and others, came to the sepulchre. They had brought spices for the body of Jesus. To their surprise they found the stone, at the entrance of the tomb, had been rolled away. All they could see in the tomb were the burial clothes. Two angels appeared in shining garments. The women were afraid. The angels ask, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Remember how He spake to you when He was in Galilee?" Jesus had told them He would be delivered into the hands of wicked men and be crucified but He would rise from the dead on the third day. Now they remembered His words.

The women hurried to tell the eleven apostles the news. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves. They too, found it empty except for burial clothes. The words of the women had seemed like idle tales but now they knew they were true.

Mary Magdalene stayed in the garden. She was weeping. Looking into the sepulchre she saw two angels dressed in white, one at the head and the other at the foot where Jesus' body had lain. They asked, "Woman why weepest thou?" She replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned and saw Jesus standing near by. She did not recognize him. He also asked, "Woman why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" Supposing Him to be the gardener she answered, "Sir, if thou have borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned, knew Him and said, "Master." Jesus told her not to touch Him as He had not ascended

unto His Father, but go to the brethren. She was to tell them, "I ascend unto my Father and your Father and to my God and your God."

The guards who had been guarding the tomb went to the Jews to tell them what had happened. The Jews were troubled. They gave large sums of money to the soldiers to bribe them to tell that Jesus' disciples had come and stolen his body while they slept. They took the money and agreed.

In the evening the disciples met behind closed doors. They were afraid of the Jews. Suddenly Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be unto you." They were frightened and thought they saw a spirit. But Jesus said, "Behold my hands and my feet. Handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." As He showed them His hands, feet, and side, they knew it was Jesus who had been resurrected from the dead. He asked for food and ate before them.

Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was absent that evening. When told about Jesus appearing to them, he would not believe. He told them except he see the print of the nails in His hands and put his hand into His side, he would not believe. Eight days later, Jesus appeared to Thomas. He said, "Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side and be not faithless but believing." Thomas was convinced and said, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." And this includes you and me.

Search The Scriptures

1. What does Rabboni mean? John 21:16.
2. What happened when two men were traveling to Emmaus? Luke 24:13, 32.
3. What food did Jesus eat? Luke 24:42.
4. The prophet Isaiah tells why Jesus was wounded and bruised. Isaiah 53:5.
5. Was a bone of his body broken? John 19:36.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

EASTER WILL ALWAYS BE

*There will always be an Easter
In the springtime of each year,
When the flowers are resurrected,
And renewed life seems so dear.
Spring is such a sweet reminder
Of the sacred day it holds,
When Christ was resurrected
From the grave, for human souls.
He arose one early morning;
He walked the garden road;
He met with friends and strangers;
He helped them bear their load.
So now it's always Easter
Until He comes again
To take His own up heavenward,
Where there will be no pain.*

—Adelaide Blanton

M.B.A. Highlights

(This report on the Pennsylvania MBA Area is the fourth in a series of articles on regions of the Missionary Benevolent Association. A story on the California Area appeared in last July's issue, an account of the Atlantic Coast Region was presented last September, and an analysis of the Michigan-Ontario Area was given in the December issue. An article on the Ohio MBA Region will be featured in the near future. — Editor's Note)

The Pennsylvania MBA Area

By John R. Griffith

Pennsylvania MBA Area Editor

Located within the scenic Pennsylvania hills are nine Locals, which along with the St. John, Kansas Chapter, comprise the Pennsylvania MBA Area. These units are situated in Aliquippa, Glassport, Greensburg, Fredonia, Imperial, McKees Rocks, Monongahela, Roscoe, and Vanderbilt.

Each Local plays a vital part in the affairs of the region, and each group is represented on the Area Activities Committee by a Local Representative. The Representatives, who act on the Committee with Area officers, are responsible for presenting the needs of their units and must also help their Locals to work with the Area on its projects. The Committee has been and is endeavoring to offer its members activities which are interesting and rewarding. At present, the Area is in the process of obtaining a station wagon for The General Church by collecting trading stamps. The number of books which must be raised is 800, and all individuals and Locals are being asked to participate in this project.

The current Area officers are Richard Lawson, President; John Manes, Vice-President; Isaac Smith, Chaplain; Paul Palmieri, Corresponding Secretary; Anthony Ross, Treasurer; Joseph Ross, Auditor; and the author, Editor.

Invite Visiting Choir

As in other Areas, Pennsylvania has attempted over the years to hold as many spiritual gatherings as possible. The last of these extremely edifying meetings was in Aliquippa the evening of February 12, and the Michigan-Ontario Area Choir was invited to sing a full complement of songs. The visiting singers graciously accepted the invitation, traveling mostly by chartered bus, and sang many inspiring hymns.

The General MBA President, Dominic R. Thomas; the GMBA Chaplain, Joseph Milantoni; and the Ohio Area Vice-President, Joseph Calabrese, also spoke at this service. They talked briefly about how the MBA has been attempting to help The General Church in any way possible.

They specified that it should be the desire of all Association members to work for The Gospel and to help in the overall mission of The Church.

At the following day's Sabbath service under the Aliquippa Branch's jurisdiction, Gorie Ciarravino, General Church President, carried on the same thought when he spoke about the "lively stones," as found in I Peter 2:5. He was followed by Dominic Moraco and John Ross who pointed out that, by being active in The Church, an individual will have a more meaningful and satisfying life.

The entire weekend proved highly valuable and inspiring to all who attended. The Pennsylvania Area extends its thanks to everyone who helped to make this event another spiritually uplifting gathering.

Rich MBA Heritage

The Area is extremely pleased to have played an important role in the establishment of the MBA over sixty years ago. It was here that Alexander Cherry was inspired to ask The General Church for permission to start the auxiliary unit to make available more study of the scriptures and to obtain aid for missionary endeavors. To this day, these two purposes are being pursued, along with the more recently included MBA objectives of offering spiritual guidance to young persons and the granting of financial assistance to needy individuals. The first General President of the Association, Elizabeth Cadman Davidson, although 94, is still active in the MBA and attends study classes whenever possible.

In learning more about The Gospel, the Pennsylvania Area Locals have diligently studied the scriptures over the years. Classes to study the **Book of Mormon** and the **Bible** are conducted regularly. By taking active part in these classes, members can receive knowledge and understanding which they can apply in their lives and which they can use to uphold The Church and the doctrines of Christ. Besides seeking out the wisdom of these two books for personal use in regards to past occurrences and prophecies to be fulfilled, MBA members also seek to educate themselves in a way that they can be of encouragement to others who are searching for the truth.

A gratifying thought to us is that three of our young Church families are now involved in working for the Lamanite people in South Dakota. Richard and Patricia Christman, John and Connie Ross, and Richard and Lou Scaglione, along with their families, working in conjunction with the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, are teaching the Seed of Joseph, thus contributing to their welfare. They have followed the examples of others who have labored in various other fields and to whom we are all indebted. Efforts such as these stand as a challenge to young people who may feel inclined to follow in their footsteps.

In conclusion, the Pennsylvania MBA Area is honored to be a part of the Association and hopes it can be of benefit to everyone regardless whether they are located within its geographical boundaries or not. It strives to render this service as it works for the MBA and The Church.

"MBA HIGHLIGHTS" Special Feature

The MBA Young People's Forum

The question presented to "The MBA Young People's Forum" for this month is "What is spiritual guidance for young people?" The discussion and conclusions on this topic have been printed for the benefit of the readers of The Gospel News.

"What Is Spiritual Guidance For Young People?"

Spiritual guidance is a term possessing many applications and having far-reaching effects. Basically, it is the process by which the spiritual growth and development of a person or group is being managed or directed.

To illustrate the concept of spiritual guidance, the Forum members compared it to the guidance role in today's schools. In these learning institutions, a counselor is provided to aid in the selection of subjects and to help in making important decisions in regards to education and life ambitions. This advisor is also available to help with personal problems if they should arise. The assurance is given the student that assistance is there whenever it is needed. This help is an additional benefit, because it is realized that the teaching of basic subjects alone does not always fill the needs of the students. It is recognized that the manner in which the acquired knowledge will be used or applied in later life is of utmost importance.

One of the main objectives of the MBA is to provide spiritual guidance or counseling for our young people, helping them to mature and develop spiritually the same as schooling can help them to develop vocationally. The panelists felt that spiritual guidance training should begin in childhood. This is the most impressionable period of a person's life, because it is at this stage that an individual retains more of what he sees and hears. Also, these are considered the pliable years during which the child begins to fashion his life in keeping with what he learns.

During childhood, the personality, thinking patterns, and moral standards of the person are fundamentally determined. Since childhood has such a profound effect upon an individual's life, early direction was emphasized as being of great importance. Although spiritual guidance must start in the home, it was felt that the MBA training program can play a vital role in the development of each child coming under its influence. For example, the Forum members pointed out that studies now being designed by the MBA Lesson-Plan Sub-Committee will be of tremendous worth, as they are being planned to start teaching essential information and behavior as early in life as possible. In this way, it will be more practical to instill values and other vital information in the children attending MBA classes at early ages

when it is easier for them to retain what they learn and translate this into deeds, rather than waiting until they are older and already set in their ways.

For Later Benefit

If a child has had proper spiritual guidance during these early years, he will view the importance of Church or spiritual guidance in a new and more meaningful light as he passes through the transitional stage of childhood. As a teenager, he will become more exposed to the "outside world," casting him into more difficult situations where value judgments will be required. Many challenges will be placed before him, such as defending his beliefs at various times and under varied conditions. In addition, he must think things out for himself, because answers will no longer be readily supplied. Parental shelter and protection are being eased away, and the individual will emerge as his own caretaker. Because new and even more complicated problems are encountered at this crucial age, the Forum concluded that it is at this time that spiritual values acquired in earlier life will have to be applied; hence, the guidance should have been designed to provide for these eventualities or this direction will have to be given during adolescence.

Spiritual assistance may be extended in many forms. It can be offered through MBA meetings, classes, and gatherings where group instruction and direction are made available. It may be presented through activities where working together for The Church will give the participants a deeper understanding of each other and an appreciation of laboring for The Gospel. In addition, visits among various MBA units can illustrate the spiritual strength which can be gained through the unity of The Holy Spirit. From these possibilities, it becomes clear that all MBA instructors have a challenge before them. They must seek to make each class or Association endeavor a meaningful experience for their students.

Learning and Application

In summarizing the topic of spiritual guidance, the Forum stated that it is important and vital that young people not only receive scriptural instruction, but that they must also be guided on how to apply what they learn in the scriptures. The panelists pointed out that, without practical application and without guidelines for appropriate behavior and service to God, the full worth of what is learned cannot be realized.

The predominant thought was expressed that all guidance and counseling should be directed toward aiding individuals in gaining spiritual maturity, therefore equipping them with correct values, giving them an awareness of the many tasks involved in The Church, and helping them to develop overall appreciation for, and dedication to, The Gospel of Christ. If the MBA can help The Church to achieve these ends, it will have somewhat accomplished its goal of providing spiritual guidance for young people.

A TESTIMONY

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brothers and sisters. The Lord was surely with us; I was anointed, and from then on I had peace and comfort in my heart. I knew my Lord would never leave me alone. Since I was a nurse I realized what the outcome might be; however, I had prepared myself, and felt that the Lord's will would be done. Whatever it was to be I prayed He would be at my side and He never once left me. I could actually feel His presence; it was so near at times I had to look, and then would realize my Lord was watching over me. The doctors removed part of my left lung and told us how fortunate I was that it was not malignant. There were only twelve rare cases like mine and my case had come up at a great medical convention for discussion while I was still convalescing at the hospital.

I would like to thank all of my dear brothers and sisters throughout the Church for their prayers in my behalf; for the many messages and notes of cheer that brought tears of joy to my heart that I could hardly contain myself. We who know the Gospel and the power of prayer are aware that nothing is impossible with Him. How thankful we are that we serve a true and living God; and for the love of our brothers and sisters who cry unto the Lord in our behalf. We can find no greater love than this anywhere and it is priceless.

At this time (January 23, 1966) I am convalescing at the home of a former sister from Youngstown, Sister Helen Marks (Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ficoccel) in St. Petersburg, Florida. May the Lord bless them for their graciousness and kindness as the doctors would not allow me to travel back home upon leaving the hospital. They are so wonderful to me; taking such good care of me and helping me to regain my strength.

One sister who sent me a card stated several times that "There is power in the blood." How strongly those words seared my heart! I could feel the penetrating power right then. I can never praise my God enough, and pray that I may work for His Kingdom and His Gospel; that our home in Cape Coral may be a mecca for our brothers and sisters, and that some day our Church shall shine as a beacon light in this community.

We are truly grateful for this Gospel; grateful not only that my life has been spared, but that He has promised us an eternal home if we prove faithful. Our determination is that we may accomplish this in life. Remember us in your prayers as we always need the power of prayer. God bless you all.

God Answers Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to tell you of a wonderful blessing we have experienced here in Warren, Ohio. We feel that this is a miracle we want to share with all of you with whom we are bound to-

gether in the love of God.

On Christmas night we were relaxing at our kitchen table with our son, Brother Bob Ciarrochi, and his wife when our kitchen door just seemed to fly open. When we got to the door we came face to face with Barbara Genaro, daughter of Brother Armand and Sister Jean Genaro. She was crying and saying, "My brother got shot!" Her brother, Daniel, was playing with his twin brother, Jimmy, with a supposedly unloaded rifle when it went off, penetrating Danny's chest. We all ran to the Genaro home and found Brother Armand and Sister Jean torn apart with grief; their son, Danny, was laying on the basement floor. Brother Ciarrochi anointed the boy while we waited for an ambulance to take him to the hospital. Danny was in critical condition and Sister Jean asked me to call the brothers and sisters, requesting them to pray for him, which I did. There were many prayers offered from various places throughout the Church when the brothers and sisters heard what had happened.

Daniel had to be operated on immediately. Our brother elders stayed at the hospital until the operation was over. They asked permission from the hospital for a room where they could be alone, which was granted. They wanted to commune with God in a place where they would not be disturbed for the Doctor had said that Danny was very critical, and it would be a miracle if he lived until morning. Our branch was also called in fasting and prayer, our hearts going out to God in behalf of Daniel, his brother Jimmy, and their parents who were heart-broken with grief and anxiety. The Doctor said that the bullet had penetrated the most important organs of his body and passed just one inch below his heart. Danny was in a critical condition for a week but he then started to improve a little each day. At one of our prayer meetings we petitioned God that he would not have to pass through a crisis, and God surely heard our prayers because there was no crisis; just a steady improvement each day. It was expected that Danny would have to stay in the hospital for at least three weeks, but his recovery was such that he was released after eleven days. The Doctor knew that our ministers had stayed at the hospital and prayed and he must have felt the effectiveness of their prayers for he said this surgery was the best he had ever performed, and we could thank God that Danny was alive. Today He is a healthy young man, just as well as he was before the accident.

We cannot help but think of the wonderful hymn, "How Great Thou Art." We will never tire of thanking God for hearing our prayers. The pleas we made for Daniel to live and get well were filled with greater power than we are able to express on paper. Again we say, "O God, how great Thou art." Brother and Sister Armand wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who prayed for their son; this will never be forgotten. May God bless all the brothers and sisters everywhere. We will remember you in our prayers for we know we serve a living God who does hear our prayers and answer them.

Jenny Ciarrochi
Warren, Ohio Branch

JESUS SAID

by Samuel J. Kirschner

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

NEWS FROM SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

We here in San Fernando Valley Branch are enjoying the blessings of God and wish to extend greetings to all our brothers and sisters in other parts of the country. We are especially grateful for the most recent converts in our branch. The new brothers, John Azzinarro Jr. and Joe Krasnas-ky, were baptized at our young people's conference in San Diego. They answered the call to be soldiers for Christ. Our new brother, Dwayne Jordan, asked for his baptism in the middle of the night when he had a wonderful experience that gave him to understand that he must be baptized in order to receive a blessing from God. Dwayne was baptized the following Sunday in Modesto. Everyone who was there can testify to the glory of God on that day. Our prayers here in the valley go out to these young people who have newly dedicated their lives for the cause of Christ.

The valley branch is also privileged to be a part of bringing the gospel each week to the mission of Yucaipa. This mission was started three years ago by Brother Bob Watson Jr., in the adjacent town of Banning. Since that time it has grown in size and the blessings of God are in their midst. Our little mission has been joyful over the baptisms of Brother and Sister Claude Plummer, Jewel Sadler, Sally Sadler, George Sadler and Lydia Rivas. We are grateful to God for these lovely ones. I pray continuously that these people may be the center of a great work in this area. The field is ripe but the laborers are few. We rejoice greatly when one comes into our church. How wonderful it will be when many shall come to the knowledge of the restoration and the love of Christ.

We had a wonderful taste of God's love a few weeks ago in our branch. When we were praying for little Lisa Carneval on Sunday afternoon, there was such a closeness felt by all the members present. We were ready to close our meeting when Brother Tony Piccuito asked all the young people to come up and sing because they were grateful to their parents who raised them

in the church. After the song, one member after another began to testify because they were so filled with the glory of God. Even the young people and children (still standing) began to testify of their gratitude for their parents and the church that they had grown up in. There was such a feeling of unity and love that can hardly be expressed on paper. Each one of us took away a stronger desire to serve God more completely.

May God's richest blessings remain with us every day of our lives and may we all cling together in the great work of our Lord.

Elaine Jordan

A VISIT TO FLORIDA

On February 12th my wife and I, along with Brother and Sister Tiodore, left our home for Cape Corral, Florida to visit Sister Constantine (formerly of Youngstown, Ohio) who, about a month previous, had a serious operation. We had a wonderful visit with them, meeting their son and his wife who were from out of state; also Brother and Sister Bartucci from Cleveland, Ohio.

We remained there Saturday night and held a little service in Brother and Sister Constantine's home on Sunday morning, administering sacrament. There were nine members and one visitor present. All the members bore testimony and the Spirit of God was witnessed.

The following Sunday, February 20th, we visited West Palm Beach branch where I enjoyed speaking to our people. Attending were Brother and Sister Constantine, Brother and Sister Bartucci, and a couple from New York. We missed Brother Ernest Schultz, Presiding Elder of that branch, who wasn't able to attend because of illness. We enjoyed ourselves there and had a safe trip home. We ask that you all pray for us as we are far away from our home branch. May the Lord be with you always is our prayer.

Domonic Giovanone

Monongahela Circle News

Monongahela Circle #3 met with the Rock Run and West Elizabeth Circles on February 14, 1966 for the evening in honor of Sister Elizabeth Davidson, who was to celebrate her 94th birthday on February 16th. Sister Davidson has the distinction of being in The Church for seventy-nine years, longer than any other member. The daughter of Brother William and Sister Elizabeth Worrall Cadman, she was born in Jefferson Township, Pennsylvania. She was baptized at the age of fifteen, and for many years served as Vice President of the General Circle.

Sister Davidson's life is a beautiful example of enthusiasm and endurance that any saint can follow. This is perhaps the highest tribute that we can bestow upon her. We wish her many more happy, healthful years.

Dorothy Bickerton

News From Modesto

The saints of Modesto send greetings to all readers of The Gospel News. By the grace of God we are enjoying His blessings.

Sunday, February 13, was a memorable one. We were pleasantly surprised with visits by Elaine and Dwayne Jordan, and Del and Priscilla Carneval, all of San Fernando Valley; and Vera Lovalvo and son Barry from Fresno.

The meeting was opened by a duet sung by Rose Lovalvo and Sharon Parravano. Speaking followed, Brother Mark Randy using as his subject scripture found in I Nephi 17:17 which reads, "And when my brethren saw that I was about to build a ship, they began to murmur against me saying, 'Our brother is a fool for he thinks he can build a ship.'" The theme of his talk was that anything can be done, no matter how impossible it may seem to the unbeliever. Nephi and a host of others proved that any task can be accomplished in the Lord. We can never underestimate men of faith whose trust is in God.

Brother Joseph Lovalvo also spoke stating that faith is the means by which men throughout history have been able to accomplish great things which stagger human imagination. He exhorted us to trust in God and have faith that He is ever present. While he was speaking, Sister Frances Randazzo saw in a vision an angel standing beside Brother Lovalvo, the whole rostrum being illuminated. Truly, our faith must be in God, that we can through Him accomplish the otherwise impossible.

We must strive to bring brotherhood of men on earth. Men have tried by many means to accomplish this, but have failed. If Nephi and others were able to achieve the seemingly impossible, then we too can by the same faith receive the grace of God in our day.

May God bestow His blessings on you.

Mark Randy

NEWS FROM ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to share some of our blessings with you again. God has truly been blessing us with His Spirit. Sunday, January 30th, was another day of rejoicing. Two sisters were added to our number, namely Adabelle Hardesty and her daughter, Sharon. As we gathered at the water's edge it was a very gloomy day here in California, but as Adabelle was being baptized the sun came out real bright and stayed that way until the baptisms were over. I am sure God looked down upon us and was pleased with all that transpired that day.

That evening as our new sisters reached home God set a double rainbow in the sky and our sisters felt that in this way God was letting them know that He was pleased.

Anna Kirkpatrick
Branch Editor

Weddings

PARRAVANO - LOVALVO

Brother and Sister Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sharon, to Brother Joseph Parravano, son of Brother and Sister Louis Parravano (also of Modesto).

The ceremony was held in the North Modesto Church of God. It was a lovely wedding with both fathers officiating. Over 300 guests were present from various places to honor this young couple. After a trip to Hawaii, Brother Joe and Sister Sharon will reside in Modesto where they are both active in our branch. May God bless them.

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FRENTZOS - BUCCI

Brother and Sister T. D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Marlea, to George Frentzos. The candlelight ceremony was held in The Church of Jesus Christ in Youngstown at 7:00 P. M. Thursday, February 10, 1966. Brother Ralph Berardino officiated at the double ring ceremony. A reception was held following the wedding, after which the young couple left to make their home in New Orleans.

We extend our best wishes to Marlea and George, for happiness in their new life and pray God's blessings will be with them.

Obituaries

ANTONIO DONATO ROSATI

Brother Antonio Donato Rosati passed away on September 26, 1965. Brother Rosati was born June 20, 1889 in Italy, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ October 28, 1962.

Funeral services were held in the Lockport Church with Brother Ansel D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y. officiating, assisted by Brother Henry Beradi.

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AGATHA DITOMASO (THOMAS)

Sister DiTomaso passed away on February 2nd, 1966. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ, having been baptized May 22, 1921. Sister Thomas, as everyone called her, was one of the first members of the Cleveland, Ohio branch and took part in its organization. She held the ordained office of deaconess for forty-five years. Sister Thomas came from Bugnara, Italy in 1913. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Cleveland, Ohio East Side branch.

May the Lord comfort her family; also the brothers and sisters who loved her as a mother.

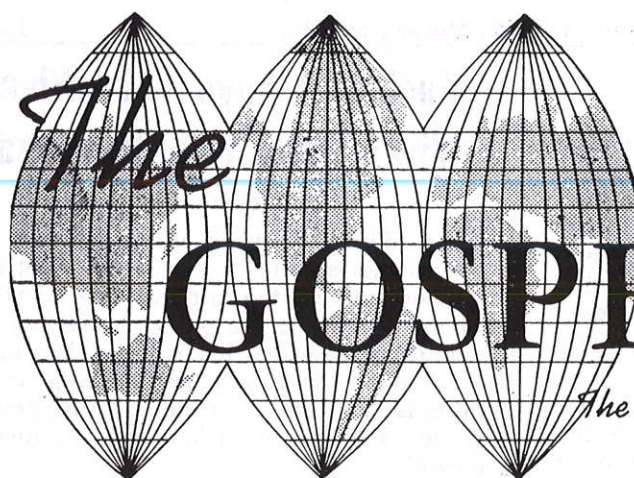
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JOSEPH LOMBARDO

Brother Joseph Lombardo passed away on February 1, 1966 after a brief illness. He was born on July 7, 1894 in Italy. Brother Lombardo was baptized on June 20, 1937 and was a faithful and dedicated member. He loved the Restored Gospel, and held on to the rod of iron to the very end. A moment before he passed away he opened his eyes and said, "God bless my family forever and forever." He must have felt that touch of eternity and wanted to share a little of that glory with his family.

Brother Lombardo is survived by his wife, Sarah; two sons, Joseph and Daniel; four daughters, Frances, Katherine, Lydia, and Priscilla; also twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Detroit Branch #4 with Brother Dominic Moraco officiating, assisted by Brother Anthony Gerace. Brother Frank Vitto sang the beautiful hymn, "Someone Will Go."



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Mother's Prayer Room

By Margaret Bogart

*My mother had a prayer room
Where she often used to go,
When the cares of life were heavy
And her heart was burdened so.
She was the only Christian in
Our household; so, you see,
She daily had a talk with God
And pled incessantly.*

*We children often found her there,
Alone, down on her knees.
And, oh, that dear old prayer room
Knew a lot of victories!
She saw her family brought to God;
She heard them all pray, too.
But it took a yielded, holy heart
Determined to go through!*

*I'm glad Mother had a prayer room
Where she used to often go
Alone with God and close the door,
For now how well I know
The One who answered mother's prayers
Is just the same today!
Every home should have an altar,
Have a place where they can pray!*

GMBA Conference In Metuchen, New Jersey

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference will convene in the Metuchen, New Jersey High School on Grove Avenue at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 28.

There will be three meetings during the one-day Gathering, which is being hosted by the Atlantic Coast MBA Area. Officers' reports, activity projects, and other Association matters will be discussed at the first two sessions. In the evening, the Atlantic Area will present a program.

The next day's service will be held at the Franklin School, Route 27 and Center Avenue, starting at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday meeting will be under the direction of the Metuchen Branch.

The Greater Knowledge

By Ishmael Humphrey

I remember some years ago being much interested in the greater knowledge that was to be given to the Church. I found myself one night on my knees praying for the greater knowledge to be given to the Saints. I do not know how many words I spoke, but I do know the words came without much effort. Suddenly, before I knew what happened, I wasn't speaking! My words ceased. In the same instant I heard the voice of the Lord speaking to me. He said, "When this people begin to exercise faith in me as the brother of Jared, then they shall be shown the greater things."

I was so amazed that I remained on my knees marveling at how a prayer could reverse itself so quickly. The Lord did not speak these words, but I felt His attitude, or His feelings, and if He had spoken three more words they would have been: **And not until.**

If you will read the fourth chapter of Ether, the seventh verse, He quoted it almost word for word. In further reading the seventh verse the Lord said, "That they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are."

Today The Church of Jesus Christ is looking for and expecting the day of the greater power and knowledge to be given to the Church. I, myself, am waiting for this day. Whether I will be living, I know not; but one thing I do know, according to the Scripture the Lord quoted and drew my attention to, is the purpose of Malachi written in the Book of Mormon. This was quoted by the Lord to me in these words: "The Lord, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, but who shall stand the day of His coming?" He did not quote the whole chapter as it is written, but the thought conveyed is somewhat the same.

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THE GREATER KNOWLEDGE

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I wish to draw your attention to the wording of Sarah Randazzo's experience that is in the Church History Book, which has been published in an article on divorce by James Loyalvo. In her experience the people who were doing the evil in the Church would be found in this day without a house, but to you who are trying to serve God, be faithful and humble, for in that day you will be found with a house.

If, Brothers and Sisters, we are looking for the greater power of the Lord to come to the Church, we had better take heed to Bro. Furnier's experience and wait in righteousness. Shall we stand the day of the Lord's coming if we are found without a house? God forbid! But we will not be able to receive the greater Spirit except we are found with a house at that day.

When we join The Church of Jesus Christ the Lord fashions a house for each of us, then we become the body of Christ, the Church. But if we do not remain obedient to the Restored Gospel and the order of this Church, we will lose our spiritual house, and then we cannot be one of God's people or expect to stand when the greater power comes to the Church. We must wash feet, take the Sacrament, and bear our testimonies, and the Lord will bless us. We must believe in the order of this Church and love one another, for every stem that splits from this Church shall come to naught.

May God bless the brothers and sisters and keep us in the faith. When I finished writing this piece I began to whistle this song: "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow."

Ladies' Uplift Circle General Meeting

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, March 12, 1966. Sisters were present from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, and Washington, D. C.

Opening devotions were in charge of the Aliquippa sisters; they sang several hymns and read from St. Matthew, chapter 28. Sister Mabel Bickerton, our president, expressed herself as being thankful for the sisters who are interested in this work. She likened the Circle to Mary, in the Bible, who had chosen the better part.

Reports of local Circles were read. It was noted that some of our home Circles helped their Branches meet the quota so that our missionary work can continue. The General Circle History for the year 1965 was read. Sister Rose Corrado of Niles, Ohio was selected as Circle Editor for our new column to appear in The Gospel News, titled "Our Women Today."

Our next meeting will be held in Monongahela, Pennsylvania June 11, 1966. A vote of thanks was given to the Aliquippa sisters for their hospitality. The remainder of our meeting was spent in testimonies, all proclaiming the Spirit of God in our midst.

Mary Tamburrino
General Circle Reporter

Husbands Love Your Wives Wives Obey Your Husbands

By: James Curry

The affinity between the male and female in the marriage state is one of the most remarkable elements of the natural life. Particularly puzzling, at least to the male, is the mental and emotional make-up of his weaker, but none the less complex, other half. So baffling, so unpredictable is she, that even the great Solomon was made to exclaim, "Who knoweth the heart of a woman?"

The writer, with true masculine ineptitude, never knew anything more than the average male knows about women. The story that follows was opened to him through obedience to the loving heart of our great Husband and Benefactor who sits on the right hand of God dispensing all things essential to our sustenance and growth.

Let us notice first of all that the woman was made for the man, and that the commandment to her is: "Obey thy husband!" The word "obey" as used in this connection is very offensive to modern feminine ears. There probably isn't one woman in a million who has any appreciation of its significance in the framework of the natural life. I'd like to impress upon the readers' minds that it is a great fixed law which, if violated, is as merciless to those who violate it as is the law of gravitation.

The hospitals are full of people who have broken Nature's laws. Whether they did so ignorantly or not makes no difference. Nature exacts her fearful toll of the innocent and the guilty alike.

The word "obey" is so distasteful to modern femininity, indeed, that many ministers omit the word from the marriage ceremony, thus revealing a most profound ignorance regarding one of life's most wonderful affinities. Nor is the fault always on the minister's part. The aggressive bridegroom, whose ears are quick to detect the intoning of the fateful word, forthwith fashions it into a club which he wields with true masculine dexterity over the head of her to whom the word "obey" can be the breath of life or death.

Benjamin Franklin observed that "There is no more unnatural sight in the world than a rooster that cackles or a hen that crows." What do we conclude from this observation? Simply that God so fashioned the female in the beginning that she was to forever remain a creature who finds happiness in obedience to the dictates of the loving heart of her husband.

Have we ever found happiness in the strong-willed female who henpecks her husband? If she is able by the sheer force of her more powerful will to dominate him, she will at the same time despise him for his weakness. Some of us have known strong-willed women who lived lonely, loveless, and embittered lives because they never met the man who was able to dominate them.

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Editorial Viewpoint

Mother's love is found not only in the realms of defense in times of danger, but also in teaching by example the things the child must learn in order to live right.



George A. Neill

Mother comes first. The child is mostly with the mother, and the things she says and does leave lasting impressions. Some child psychologists conclude it is alright for a mother to rock and sing her child to sleep rather than to shut it in a room and let it cry itself to sleep. They claim the child gets its first sense of security in Mother's arms, and certainly this is its first lesson in love,

Why is it that every time I begin to write about mothers, I always write about love? The only answer I have is that mother lives above the first law of nature, which is self-preservation; she lives by the law of love. God has trusted this love to keep alive the young and helpless. It is certainly possible that if this love had failed, you and I would not be here. We were born out of her travail; we live because of her love. We have excelled because of the standard she built into our lives before we were old enough to choose for ourselves. It has been said we all are in debt to Mother. There are many ways such a debt may be paid. I believe one highly-desired way would be to remain faithful to the vision implanted in us by her. I think any other way would hardly have meaning without this.

What will a mother do for her child? Space won't permit us to note all the things a mother would do for her child. It would take far less space to list those things she wouldn't do. Suffice it to say, however, that she will scrimp and save; she will take on heavier burdens in order to lighten ours; she will work and sacrifice; she will work even into the late hours of the night that our tomorrows may be filled with the pleasures we desire; she will spend and be spent; if needs be, she will even die for us. I recently read in my local newspaper where a mother's kidney has been successfully transplanted to her teen-age son. The middle-aged mother is very weak after the operation, but she is happy because the doctors say they believe the operation saved the life of her son.

There is a story in the New Testament concerning what a mother will do for her child. This mother was a Canaanite who came to Jesus crying, saying that her daughter was grievously vexed with a devil. Jesus answered her saying, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." She would not take "no" for an answer. Moreover, she came and worshipped Him pleading again, "Lord, help me." Jesus said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." The woman answered, "Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fell from their master's table." What this mother was really saying to Christ is, "I'm a dog, I know, but I deserve a few crumbs of your help." This mother gladly humiliated herself, and it was this humiliation and faith that brought help to her daughter. Therefore Jesus was compelled to say, "O woman, be it unto thee, even as thou wilt"; and her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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These poor souls wander restlessly from door to door trying to project into the lives of others what they have failed to generate in their own; often to the embarrassment, if not outright dismay, of those who make a more excellent application of love on the part of the husband and obedience on the part of the wife.

Modern husbands are no less guilty than the wives in their failure to understand, or, if they do understand, fail to apply the law of love. As in the spiritual world, love in the marriage state is the fulfilling of the law. If we have this one thing called love, we do all of the things that are required of us unconsciously.

Henry Drummond asks, "If a man loves God, would he take His name in vain? Would he steal from someone he loves?" By the same token, would a man impose any hardship upon her whose only source of happiness is obedience. The iron-fisted husband who is determined to boss his wife and family at all costs, and who looks upon his mate as a creature of convenience, is in the gall of bitterness, and needs to be awakened to the law of cause and effect.

The disobedient wife also, having lost her first love, and finding obedience a task, pours her story of woe into the ears of a lawyer who sets the well-oiled machinery of legal action in motion to secure for her the coveted decree.

Do these two not realize that they are one? If a man brutalizes his wife, he dethrones himself, because the female is the glory of the male. If she obeys the loving dictates of this creature's heart whose judgement in all of the affairs of life is, or ought to be, superior to her own, she begins to grow in his image; and because she is a creature delicately sensitive to every pulsation of his heart, she carries her husband's image into every phase of life into which she may enter. Do we find her in a beer garden? Is she on her knees before God? It could very well be that her husband put her there, because she is no more nor less than an obedient manifestation of whatever kind of person the husband may be in his heart.

It is possible to tell a great deal about a man by talking to his wife. A skilled student of human nature can, by observing an obedient wife, gain a pretty accurate estimate of her husband, even though he had never met the man. It is quite possible that we could lift up our voices in praise of him whom we have never seen, because we have just looked upon a vibrant, glowing, physical counterpart of him in the personage of his wife, whose whole being reflects his character and personality. The sum total of everything that is in the male heart is communicated to the female organism, which thrills to the feelings of peace and happiness generated in her by the simple process of obedience.

The diviner precepts of Protestantism generated a better understanding of God's laws than had been in existence among men since the time of the falling away of those divine precepts which governed the early Church of Our Lord.

The foreigner from Rome-ruled lands arriving upon these American shores is amazed, delighted, and at the same time scornful of our finer concept of freedom. He accepts the more abundant life that he finds here, while at the same time scorning those institutions which generated that abundance. Especially does he sneer at America's treatment of her women—folk. It goes without saying that the Romish treatment of the gentler sex is a yardstick with which we are able to measure the worth of his religion.

If he understood the natural application of the law that governs the institution of marriage, he could not fail to understand the spiritual counterpart, because they both operate on the same principle:

"One God, one law, one element
And one far off divine event
To which the whole creation moves."

(In Memoriam)

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A Miracle

By Maria Campbell

What is a miracle? A heart (or several, as the case may be) lifted in sincere prayer to God. How do I know? I just witnessed one within my own body, and I want to tell you all that you were involved in it through prayer for me. For the last year and a half I have suffered from a strep infection, the after-effects of pneumonia and flu. I have visited my doctor every two weeks and had taken all the medicine I was allowed for my case, but nothing that medical science could do would help me for any length of time. At best I would feel better for two or three days, and then the fainting spells and other symptoms of my illness would return. I have three children to care for and found it very difficult to be a good mother when most of the time I would be so tired that after walking across the room I would have to lie down and rest. I did not complain, however, because I realized that in this world there were those who were much worse off than I; neither did I ask for prayer because the Lord has been good to my children and me; and I felt that if this was my cross I wanted to bear it uncomplainingly.

Two weeks ago on a Saturday I had a rather severe spell. The next day there were to be some visiting brothers and sisters in our branch and my family had invited me to attend the meeting. Although I had been attending meetings for several months they wanted me to be at this particular meeting as I had so enjoyed the talks of these particular ones the last time they had visited us. I was unable to drive my car so one of the members who lived near us drove me and my children to the meeting. I was unable to climb the steps alone;; Brother Stacho asked me to request prayer and I refused, saying it would upset my parents to see me unable to walk. A few seconds before my arrival a voice spoke to my

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." — St. Luke 15:10.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Jesus told parables or stories to the people. A lesson was always found in the parables. Jesus was a wonderful storyteller, and by these stories the people were able to understand the principles of the Gospel. He was also the greatest teacher who ever lived. He taught with authority and power. It was said of Him, "Never man spake like this man."

One of the favorite parables is about the Prodigal Son. Once there was a man who had two sons. The younger son wanted to take his share of the family wealth and leave home. He said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." So the father divided his living with his two sons. Not many days after the younger son gathered all together and left home. He went to a far country and wasted his substance in riotous living. When he had spent all there came a mighty famine in the land. He began to be in want! He became a citizen of that country and went into the fields to work. His work was feeding swine or pigs. No man gave him food to eat, and being hungry he would have eaten the husks that the swine did eat. He thought of home and his father. He said, "How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare and I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father. I will say unto him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.'"

He arose and came to his father. When he was still a great way off, his father saw him. He ran, fell on his neck, and kissed him. The father was very happy. The son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight and am no more worthy to be called thy son." But the father called the servants to bring the best robe for his son, shoes for his feet and a ring for his hand. Then he said to bring a fatted calf, kill it and prepare a feast. "Let us eat and be merry, for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found," said the father. They did as the father commanded.

Now the elder son was in the field. As he came near the house he heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. The answer was "Thy bro-

ther is come; and thy father has killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound." The older brother was angry and would not go in. The father came out and intreated him. He told his father that for many years he had served him, and never at any time disobeyed. He never had been given a kid that he could make merry with his friends. But now as soon as his brother returned, after wasting all his portion, their father killed a fatted calf and made merry. The father replied, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry and be glad, for this thy brother was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found."

Do you understand the lesson Jesus was teaching? When a person turns from their sins there is great reason to rejoice. Read what St. Luke states about the joy in heaven when one sinner returns. (Luke, ch. 15, verse 7). The Lord welcomes all who will repent and He will help them live a new life.

Search The Scriptures

Read the first chapter of James in your Bible to find the answers.

1. What does James say pure religion is?
2. What man's religion is vain?
3. What is a man like, who is a hearer and not a doer?
4. Where does every good and perfect gift come from?
5. If anyone lacks wisdom, whom should he ask?

What boy proved this verse?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

JESUS SAID

By Brother Samuel Kirschner

"Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

"Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The word that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works."

M.B.A. Highlights

The GMBA Delegate

By Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

As is commonly known, a delegate to the General Missionary Benevolent Conference, such as the one on May 28 in New Jersey, is expected to represent his particular Local at the Gathering, and he is expected to report to his unit after his return. As a practical matter, however, a delegate has an additionally important function to perform; and that is to transmit the spirit and tempo with which the proceedings took place so that those who have not attended can more fully appreciate what has transpired.

According to the GMBA By-Laws, "The delegate shall represent his Local at the Conference, present his Local's report to the Conference, and give an account of the GMBA proceedings to his Local upon his return." (Article XVI, Section 7) How this is done, of course, is the basis for assessing the valuable contribution which a delegate can make. If the delegate is enthused, his report will be enthusiastic. If the delegate is unimpressed, however, his account of the happenings will probably be uninspiring.

In cases where even many people may be attending from a particular Local, it is the delegate who should officially speak for his unit. Because of the congenial atmosphere and attention to maximum participation, the GMBA has always sought the comments and assistance of other individuals besides delegates. The philosophy that only by serving the wishes of the majority of all members can the GMBA be successful is consistently followed. Understandably, however, only one person can give the Local report and can officially give an account of what his entire Local desires; and, of course, this is fundamentally a proper and orderly approach to discharging the necessary Association matters.

What Delegate Observes

When the delegate leaves for the Conference, he can be certain that some of the agenda has already been preestablished by the By-Laws, but he also knows that there is enough variation to allow for any changes which might be desirable for the best possible fellowship and spiritual results. The GMBA leadership has always attempted to dispose of the business matters as quickly and efficiently as practical, still allowing all parties to be heard and all issues to be properly resolved. It is customary, however, to strive for the right balance for the entire day, so that spiritual edification will not be impeded in any way.

The delegate can expect to hear reports from the GMBA Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Auditors Editor, Organizers, Relief Committee, the General Activities Committee and its various subcommittees, and the MBA Areas. He knows that

the Conference must act on these presentations, as well as to determine donations which are usually made to existing General Church and GMBA funds. In addition, he must be prepared to give his Local's report to the Gathering, because it has been customary in the past for each delegate to present his unit's significant information orally besides having it submitted in writing. Time has been allocated for these important accounts, as it is acknowledged that the Locals are the heart of the MBA and thus their desires and needs should be uppermost in the overall thinking of the Association.

Important Ideas

Many constructive ideas for the MBA have come through Local reports to Conference. Because it is difficult for a body as far-reaching as the MBA to foresee all requirements of the member units involved, it is readily apparent that whatever suggestions, impressions, and questions which may come from the Locals must be and are treated with great interest and study. This policy is in keeping with the predominant theme of the Association to be of the greatest service possible to its membership and friends.

In the November Gatherings, the delegate is part of the group which elects General Officers for the constitutional one-year terms. He must realize, of course, that in this matter he will be voting on his own because his Local will not be in a position to know beforehand who will be nominated and could not possibly know the qualifications of all the individuals who will be placed before the Conference for nomination.

Even though the delegate must keep notes on what he sees and hears so that he can give an accurate account of the issues, he will still be aware that the leaders in the meetings always attempt to maintain an atmosphere of informality so far as conditions will allow, with the expectancy that, if The Spirit moves in a specific way, they must react accordingly. This approach has been rewarded many times in the past by blessings when the business at hand was postponed as much as possible so that proper respect and liberty to the spiritual influence at hand could be satisfied.

Another factor to be considered is the hospitality which the Conference hosts exhibit. Being made comfortable in homes with these dedicated individuals has always made the Gatherings more invigorating and rich in nature. The hospitality is even more remarkable when it is remembered that, besides providing food and accommodations, the sponsoring groups also present a program at the conclusion of the day's activities.

When the delegate takes all things into consideration, he will usually find that he has taken part in an important and vital Conference. The predetermined requirements are usually met without too much difficulty; and if the objectives of seeking collective edifying spiritual experiences and gaining fellowship advancement by renewing old acquaintances and by making new

friends have been attained, the delegate can certainly report upon his return that the Gathering has been rewarding in every respect.

The MBA Young People's Forum

(The question discussed by "The MBA Young People's Forum" for this issue was, "What is the role of The Church in the lives of young people?" Previous Forum topics have been centered on various aspects of personal problems and on social demands which are made on young persons. The present question specifically focuses attention on the basic concern of The Church and its roles in the lives of people. The discussion and conclusions for this last article in the current series follow.)

"WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE?"

During introductory exchanges, it was heartening to hear one teenager say that The Church plays an all-inclusive role in her life. She felt that becoming a member of The Church at a young age gave her a great advantage because it has taught her to rely upon God for guidance during the crucial growing-up period. She also stated that she knew it would provide stability during the coming years of adulthood when greater problems and decisions must be faced.

Another felt that The Church gives a means of obtaining guidance through older and wiser members, as well as through prayer and searching the scriptures. Of course, all of the panelists agreed that the primary and most important duty of The Church is to teach men and women the way of salvation through the preaching of The Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was pointed out that The Church plays a vital part in the lives of young persons because it emphasizes the spiritual values of life instead of the materialistic ones; and it was specified that it is important to learn these at an early age for application throughout life.

An important aspect of this discussion cited by the group was that of acceptable social behavior. The fact that The Church exposes young people to the teaching of Christ helps prepare them for the problems they will encounter during their lifetime. Specifically, it was mentioned that the society of man differs from group to group. When young people leave the sheltered environment of The Church, they must deal with many people who think and act differently than we do. Most other individuals, of course, are basically good, and their behavior is generally acceptable. Others, however, behave in an un-Christian way. Some by nature are easy-going, while others possess complex personalities, tempered by sinful behavior and environment. The teachings of The Church aids the young, therefore, in dealings with people in general. They teach them to recognize that they live in a total society where good and evil are present. Overall the Forum members stipulated that The Church has taught them to somewhat understand other people without sacrificing

their Church beliefs.

Some panelist said that, in their associations with young persons not acquainted with The Church, they find a lack of insight into what God truly expects of people, as outlined in the scriptures. They felt, thus, that not only has The Church of Jesus Christ made them keenly aware of the commandments of Christ and provided the means for implementing them in their lives, but it also has allowed them to share their spiritual knowledge with others.

The young discussants revealed that another important phase of The Church is that of extending them the opportunity to learn more about the needs of their fellowman. For example, it was noted that the Muncey Field Trip arranged by the MBA exposed them to the poor conditions existing on this Indian Reservation. They feel they want to help now, not because someone told them of the plight of the underprivileged, but because they were able to see it for themselves.

The dedication of The Church in doing missionary work, especially among the Indian people, deeply interests the young people. They seem to possess a responsible desire to help through fund-raising drives, as well as in other appropriate ways. Among other observations, specified that the opportunity of attending GMBA Conferences is of special significance to them because it provides them with the chance to be with people of their own age group and religious upbringing and, thus, help them to continue their spiritual development.

The young of today desire to possess a great spiritual purpose and be mobilized to achieve that purpose. At present, they feel the mood of The Church seems to be quite conservative, but they know that there is a great deal of work ahead before the ultimate Church goals will be realized. It is often said that the young of today represent The Church of tomorrow. For this reason, it is important for them to think of what the role of The Church should be in their lives and in the lives of others.

It was most gratifying to learn from the young that The Church means much to them and that they are prepared to make personal sacrifices to advance its cause. It should be the hope and prayer of the MBA that God will truly bless and guide our youth, for they will someday have to assume responsibilities of The Church, as their predecessors pass on to their eternal reward.

Wedding

LUPO — ROSE

Brother and Sister Dominick Rose of Brooklyn, New York wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sister Lorraine Patricia, to Salvatore Lupo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lupo of Queens, New York, on January 15, 1966. The beautiful ceremony was held in The Church of Jesus Christ, Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, with Brother Dominick Rose officiating, assisted by Brother Salvatore Valenti.

The couple will make their home in Bayside, Queens. May our dear Lord bless and enrich their lives together.

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mother, saying, "Your daughter, Maria, will be healed today." Mom thought that I would be baptized and receive healing for my soul. When she saw me try to walk up the aisle to reach the chair to be anointed it became clear to her that I would be healed of my illness. When Brothers Ciccatti and Liberto started to pray, I heard footsteps from the pulpit coming my way and I thought that one of the other elders decided to take part in this also. This personage came down and, although I did not see him, I somehow knew that he had placed a square iron bar upon my head. I did not question why, nor did I think it strange. He joined the brothers in prayer and said, "Father, give her the amount of healing she desires." It was as though if I didn't want all the healing there was for me I could do something with the remaining part — a beautiful thought, I felt. He seemed to be asking God to give me healing as though he knew that I would receive it, and at this instant I knew this to be true. I said, "Lord, my infection is the only thing that keeps me from doing all that I desire to do as a mother and a Christian. Give me enough to allow me to tend my children and enough to permit me to help in any work for the needy that the Church is trying to help, and all that is left give to each member of every branch of the Church to help them that they may increase their faith and all that will help them to spread your Gospel to everyone."

My laboratory report came back this week. I am cured! I want to say too that my lab report has been checked twice because I asked my doctor to make sure since I had been anointed, and it does not lie; it is a proven fact. To you who have witnessed similar experiences in your lives I would like to say, "Now that I know that my half of this blessing has come to pass, look for your half and you will find it in your midst." If I received it (and I did), then I know that The Church of Jesus Christ is on the way to being recognized by this world, even as I now know that it is the only Church. My children and I will always be grateful to you for what you have done. We will continue to pray for you each and every day, and if you find it in your hearts to do so, please pray for me that I may one day be one of you; that I may be a helping hand to those souls in need, even as you all have been to me. May God bless you always.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my appreciation to the saints who remembered me in prayer while undergoing eye surgery. I also want to thank those of you who sent me all the beautiful cards.

Brother George Garratt

My Testimony

By Virginia Milton
Monongahela, Pa.

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

I have desired to write my testimony as to how I came to The Church of Jesus Christ; of the great change and new life I received through accepting Jesus as my personal Savior.

I was married very young and am the mother of seven children, six boys and one girl. After my fourth child was born, I began to take asthma attacks which I have had for twelve years. I went to the Baptist Church for about ten years during my childhood, but I had been married sixteen years before I even thought about going to Church again. During my illness I began to wonder if there was a God for I suffered much and could not even lie down in bed. I had a niece, seven years old, who died with cancer; and before she died she sang "Jesus Loves Me." I thought of her constantly, and one night I dreamed she came to my bedside and beckoned me to come with her. This caused me to think of heaven and God again; I knew she was in heaven because little children are promised the Kingdom of Heaven. The teaching I received in the Baptist Church made me realize I had to live a different life in order to be able to go with her.

From that time on I thought about going back to church and getting my children in Sunday School. I wouldn't go to the Catholic Church where my husband was baptized (although he didn't attend). I couldn't bring myself to have babies baptized because I knew they were innocent, and that church was far from Christ's teachings. I continually worried, wondering what I would do if my husband or children died, as I really didn't belong anywhere. I didn't have a faith nor church and wouldn't have anyone to take care of the service. These thoughts were in my mind for some time and each Sunday I intended to go to church somewhere, but I never went.

One day I talked to my neighbor, Mary Gavaghan. She did not belong to the Church at this time and had not attended for a number of years. She told me that she was reared in The Church of Jesus Christ and that her father was an elder (she was a daughter of the late Brother James Cowan). She began to relate to me how her family had become acquainted with this Church and asked me if I would go to Church with her. I told her whenever she would take me I would go. The following Sunday we attended The Church of Jesus Christ.

I felt all this time that God was preparing me for something but I didn't know what it was. I went to Church three Sundays, and the following Tuesday my son, who was fifteen years old, was accidentally killed. He was buried from The Church of Jesus Christ. I know this great shock

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and sorrow was lessened for me with the help of the brothers and sisters of the Church. This was in November, 1953. I didn't know which way to go; my husband couldn't help me and I was unable to help him for sorrow and loneliness. I needed help from above. I didn't know this was the true Church at the time, but I wanted to go to my son and niece and realized I had to learn more about God. I wanted to be nearer to Him so I began to read my Bible along with everything I could get from different religions; I also listened to programs on the radio. I considered going to a little church near my home so I wouldn't have to depend on Mary to take me to Church.

The Jehovah Witness people came to my door and I thought this might be easier, for my whole family could study together. I thought, "What's the difference? There is only one God, one Bible. What's the difference who teaches you as long as you want to learn more about God's ways?" As I studied with them I found their teachings on healing and the state of the soul after death differed from what I had been taught as a child. I still attended Sunday School with Mary and also had the privilege of witnessing several baptisms. Once I had a desire for baptism while standing on the river shore, but I wanted to be sure about the state of the soul after death. I felt I didn't know enough about the Church and the Book of Mormon.

In December I began to attend the monthly meetings of the FHC Class (Sister Mabel Bickerton was our teacher). This was all new to me and I listened carefully. I was still troubled about the state of the soul after death and mentioned this at one of the meetings. We studied and discussed this as found in the Book of Mormon. This began to be very plain to me as I believed there was a space between heaven and hell which is called Paradise. I took home with me a large envelope of literature on the Faith and Doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ and read much. My housework meant nothing to me. My husband wanted to know if I were losing my mind, or if religion was going to my head, but this was good reading to me. I wanted to start a new life so I asked God constantly to help me. I could hear Him calling me and I wanted to be ready to answer. From reading the literature I found this Church did everything the Bible told them to do; nothing was left out. On Sunday, May 23, 1964 I asked for my baptism along with Mary Gavanhan and Shirley Hemmings. When I told my husband he wanted to know why I thought I was so sinful all at once, but he went with me to the river. I was afraid of the water but I felt I was in God's hands when I was led into the waters. I wanted to do His will and live for Him from then on. When I came up out of the water a voice spoke to me three times. "Oh, it is wonderful." I felt a peace of mind that everything would be alright. When I was confirmed Brother Martin asked God to place the Holy Spirit in my

heart. This was six months after I had met the Church. That night in prayer I asked God to take away any doubts that I had about the Book of Mormon. During the night in my sleep I heard the most beautiful music and it lingered with me the next day. It was the hymn "Blessed Assurance."

Two weeks later I received the gift of the Holy Ghost while standing beside my stove. My son had been dead six months and I still cried and grieved for him; the tears fell in my cooking. Bowing my head I asked God to help me and a warm feeling came over me like I received new blood. I began to count my blessings, and to appreciate my husband and family. The Comforter came to me, the hope of seeing my son again; I had everything to live for. My sickness left me slowly and I felt God was healing me as my faith increased. I was anointed many times.

I have been blessed many times with the words of hymns. I am sure this is the true Gospel, and my assurance comes through the Holy Ghost, not man's teachings. I thank Him for giving me the desire to obey. I want to love and trust Him as long as my life shall endure. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Highlights Of Recent General Church Conference

By Dominic Moraco

Election of all General Church Officers, a review of The Church's Missionary efforts, and acceptance of essential plans for the new auditorium to be erected near Imperial, Pennsylvania were among the major accomplishments of the General Conference held in the Monongahela Church Building March 29-April 3.

District reports, recommendations of The Quorum of Twelve Apostles, and a discussion on spiritual experiences were also important items which highlighted the official agenda sessions which started on Wednesday afternoon and ended on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday evening and Sunday morning services were devoted to preaching by the General Priesthood.

Reelected Officers

The reelected officers for the next year are as follows: Gorie Ciaravino, President; Thurman S. Furnier, First Counselor; Joseph Bittinger, Second Counselor; Nicholas Pietrangelo, Recording Secretary; Michael Piacentino, Dominic Moraco and Matthew T. Miller, assistant Recording Secretaries; Meredith R. Griffith, Treasurer; Anthony Scolaro, Assistant Treasurer; Clifford A. Burgess, Financial Secretary; Donald J. Curry, Historian; Idris Martin, Assistant Historian; James Campbell, Librarian; Fred Olexa, Assistant Librarian; George Neill and John Olexa, Auditors; George Neill, Gospel News Editor and James Grazan, Assistant Editor. In addition to these officers Joseph Bittinger was reelected as Chairman of the

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Board of Missions and the Finance Committee; Joseph Calabrese, Chairman of the Building Committee; and James Grazan was reelected Chairman of the Mutual Protection Building Fund Committee.

The Quorum of Twelve Apostles elected Alma B. Cadman, President; Rocco V. Biscotti, Vice President; and Dominic Thomas, Secretary. The Quorum of Seventy Evangelists elected Clifford A. Burgess, President; Joseph Calabrese, Vice President; and John Ross, Secretary.

The District Presidents elected for the coming year as follows: California, James Heaps; Atlantic Coast, Rocco Ensano; Pennsylvania, John Ross, Ohio, Rocco V. Biscotti; and Michigan-Ontario, Dominic Thomas.

General Church Auditorium

In regards to The General Church Auditorium, the Conference approved the purchase of additional land surrounding the present site at Imperial. It also authorized the Committee Chairman, Joseph Calabrese, to begin soliciting funds from the membership and other sources for the much needed auditorium. Everyone's cooperation has been requested by the Priesthood so this project can be achieved. The Board of Missions presented to Conference a report of their activities and recommendations for the coming year. Their report included details from Missions located in Nigeria, Italy, Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Reports reaching the Mission Board are encouraging. Although the work is progressing slowly, many blessings are reported by the missionaries working in these places.

All Branches of The Church are being notified of the newly established yearly budget, the majority of which will be used for missionary efforts. Contributions, in line with the requirements, are being solicited so that the allotted amounts may be raised and thus allow the missionary efforts to continue without interruption.

Guest Speaker

Dan Piccuito, missionary from the San Carlos Indian Reservation, was the Saturday evening guest speaker. He told many experiences about how God has blessed the efforts he and his family have put forth on this mission. Five years ago when he arrived in Arizona, he knew no one at the reservation. Today, there is a Church Building, a mission house, and a growing mission. Recently, Lloyd and Margaret Henderson, of California, moved to the reservation to assist Brother Dan and Sister Dolores in operating this mission.

The Sunday service was held in the Clairton High School Auditorium with Brother Joseph Loyalvo of Modesto, California, the principal speaker. His sermon, highlighting the great need for preaching the Gospel to all the world and to the Seed of Joseph in particular, proved inspirational to all. He was followed by Brother T. S. Furnier and Gorie Ciaravino.

The next conference scheduled for October, will be held on the Atlantic Coast.

Be Not Troubled

By C. W. Holmes

The wave lifted the ship high into the air, paused for a moment, then rolled quickly away, letting the battered hull fall to the sea, only to be lifted again on the crest of the next monstrous wave. The storm had been raging for some time. The passengers cringed with fear—all but one little boy who stood calmly at the rail.

"Come little fellow," shouted a passenger. "Come below deck with me."

"No thank you, I'm not afraid."

"Why are you not afraid?" inquired the surprised passenger.

"Because," replied the child, "my father is at the wheel."

How utterly simple! If the other passengers had only believed, as did the child, that control of their ship was in the competent hands of One who could conquer storms, then they too could have relaxed and made their lives more enjoyable.

Jesus had this kind of "childlike" confidence in His Father. Once when He was at sea with His disciples, a great storm arose. While the disciples were quaking with fear that they were going to perish, Jesus was in the back taking a nap. When they awakened Him, He wanted to know, "Why are ye so fearful?" and "How is it that you have no faith?" He knew that His Father was at the wheel.

How are you facing the storm that is rocking our ship today? Are you cringing with fear, or are you relaxing in childlike confidence that all things are working together for our good because control of our destiny is in the infallible hands of our Father whom we love?

Jesus said on another occasion, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein." In view of this unequivocal declaration, it seems quite foolish that anyone should resist the natural tendency to have childlike faith, thereby inviting not only fear in this life, but hell in the life to come. Fear not little children, our Father is at the wheel.

Spread The Word

By Peter A. Scolaro

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ carry a great responsibility. It is our duty to spread the Lord's word to as many as can be reached, but how many of us really strive to reach others, or, worse, how many of us fail to take advantage of our opportunities to bear our testimonies or even to set an example by our daily living?

It has been my observation that we young people, as a group, are rather backward regarding the furthering of the gospel to our associates. Yet, we are probably afforded the greatest op-

portunities to reach others. I have met many young people who are more open-minded about religion and the need for God than are older people. We must take advantage of this open-mindedness while we are young and have young friends because it may escape with youth.

We can find many opportunities to mention or explain the Lord's Gospel in daily conversation, if we do not avoid discussing religion with people outside of the Church when the subject happens to arise. Actually anyone who truly understands the Gospel of Christ has no reason to be afraid to talk about it. We should have enough confidence in our beliefs to be ready to defend them when others take a different view. In fact, when I discover that the Faith and Doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ clash with the beliefs of someone else, I consider it one of the best opportunities to explain the truth of the Church. By showing that our doctrines follow the teachings of Jesus Christ implicitly, I feel that I can do more to draw a person towards Christ than if I point out what I believe to be flaws in his beliefs and flatly declare him to be wrong.

By this means I can also remain on friendly terms with a person and leave a channel open for further discussion at another time. It is possible that through further discussion I might even help him find Christ. Of course, if I am not willing to present the Gospel to others, I will never help anyone.

We should not be ashamed of the fact that we belong to such a small minority in the religious world. We must realize, though, that if no one ever hears of the The Church of Jesus Christ it will not grow. Any of us who keep The Church a secret because of its small membership are actually fighting themselves. Although we all would like to see multitudes coming into The Church to hear the Lord's word and become members of His gospel, we must realize that in comparison to the rest of the world, the followers of Christ will always be a small group. Jesus himself stated this in His Sermon on the Mount:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Matt. 7: 13-14

Let us strive to remain among those, though they be few, who have found the narrow way and have entered in at the straight gate, and let us try to help those who are on the broad way.

Many of us have grown up in The Church and do not fully realize how fortunate we are to have had Christ's Gospel presented to us on a silver platter. It has probably never occurred to some of us that there are people who are sincerely interested in their souls but do not know where to turn for salvation. Many of them would completely change their ways of life if we were to

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HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES WIVES OBEY YOUR HUSBANDS

Some four thousand years ago a woman named Sarah rendered perfect obedience to one Abraham, calling him lord. Abraham also, understanding both the natural and spiritual applications of the law, rendered that same perfect obedience to God.

It was through the medium of obedience in the natural, and skillful application of God's laws in the spiritual, that the Church under the reign of law was able to conceive and bring forth her greatest Son, who is our great Redeemer, Husband, and King; the Son of man and the Son of God.

Modern man may, by making skillful application of love on the part of the husband and obedience on the part of the wife, lead a faithful family into a life of greater and yet greater abundance; but since God has pronounced the sentence of death upon the natural, we turn away from that way of life which seems right to the natural man, to that way of life which leads to the eternal throne of God.

*So now we are the bride adorning,
And preparing for the Great I Am;
That we may all receive a blessing,
At the marriage supper of the Lamb.*

We read in the story of the first creation that the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, whereupon He opened his side and took out a rib from which He fashioned Eve, the bride of Adam.

In the second creation, as the Saviour slept the deep sleep of death upon the cross, His side was pierced by the thrust of a spear in the hands of a Roman soldier. The blood and water that flowed from the wound was essential to the creation of the living woman, the Church, the Bride of Christ. As in the first creation, the woman, the Church, is a creature whose only chance for happiness lies in obedience to the loving dictates of her Husband's heart.

*Trust and obey,
For there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.*

Unlike the imperfect natural man, Our Lord Jesus Christ is the ideal, the perfect husband. Unfailing in His supply of love, it remains only for the bride to yield herself obedient to His will, whereupon the whole female organism will begin to vibrate in one grand symphony of praise to her husband's name.

How do we praise Him by doing His will? Simply by having within ourselves, and reflecting to others, His character and personality. As in the natural creation, the sincere seeker after truth, in observing the bride, is able to lift up his voice in praise of Him whom he has never seen, because he has just looked upon a vibrant, glowing, spiritual counterpart of the husband in the personage of the weaker vessel, who thrills to the feelings of peace and happiness generated in her by the simple process of obedience.

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acquaint them with The Church of Jesus Christ. At one time or another we all have expressed our desires to thank God for the privilege He has given us to serve Him and to have everlasting life. What better way is there to thank Him than to strive to bring more souls to Him?

OBITUARIES

LOUISE MADONIA

Sister Louise Madonia (member of Bell Branch, California) passed away on Christmas Day, 1965. She was born October 6, 1878 and was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ on March 4, 1928. Sister Louise did considerable work in her early days in the Church by bearing her testimony; many of our members were baptized as a result of her work. She remained firm and faithful to the end. However, in her later years she suffered an affliction which incapacitated her; thus she was unable to attend meetings.

She is survived by five daughters; Pauline, Providence, Annie, Josephine, and Vita (who resides in Italy); 33 grandchildren and 57 great-grandchildren. May God bless and comfort her loved ones in their loss.

VICTORIA MURILLO

Our Mexican Sister, Victoria Murillo, passed away on January 10, 1966 after having suffered an affliction of long duration. She was born July 28, 1887 and baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on February 14, 1957. Because of Sister Murillo's illness she was able to attend meetings only occasionally, and at the latter part of her illness was bedridden. Through it all, however, our sister remained always prayerful and humble; and in her condition was even able to comfort others.

She is survived by three daughters; Petra, Elisa, and Sister Julia; one brother, Richard; 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. We pray that God will comfort her loved ones.

LISA MARIE CARNEVAL

Our San Fernando Valley Branch wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the members of the family to Lisa Marie Carneval. We all feel the terrible loss of this delightful child from our midst. She was born in 1964 in the city of Santa Susana, California and she died of leukemia January 23, 1966. The funeral services were taken care of by Brothers Tony Piccuito and Frank Genero. Lisa leaves behind her parents, Brother and Sister Del Carneval, her maternal grandparents, Brother and Sister V. James Lovalvo, and her paternal grandparents, Brother and Sister James Carneval. She also leaves behind uncles, aunts and cousins who loved her dearly. We cannot fully understand the great loss of this family at this time, but we can pray that God will bless them and fill the empty void in their lives.

News From San Diego, California

We had an inspirational day, one that motivated and stirred up our minds for Christ. We were visited by Brother Tony Piccuito from Simi Valley, California, and Jeanette Velardi and Rose Palermo from Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother Piccuito opened the meeting using for his text I Samuel, 17th chapter, where David volunteered to fight the giant, Goliath. He stated that we should stand up against the world even as David did against Goliath. He asked of us the question, "Are we willing to volunteer as David did? If there ever was a day when determination was needed, it is today. We must take a stand for Christ. We must seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, and all things will be added unto us. Brother Piccuito went on to say that our environment and surroundings are our Goliaths. Will we be able to face our Goliaths in this year of 1966? I pray that each of us will put on that spiritual armor, spoken of in the Bible, and be ready to fight off the evil darts of Satan in the coming year. I pray we will be as David, putting our trust in God, and not in the arm of flesh. Truly the fight is on, Brothers and Sisters. We have to fight harder now than ever before.

Hymn No. 67, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," was sung and the spirit of God seemed to envelop the room. Brother Louis Ciccati spoke next, continuing with the subject of putting on the armor of God. He told how David put his trust in God, and didn't want the natural armor which Saul wanted him to put on. So it is in this army in which we have all volunteered; we must put on the full armor of God. How wonderful to know that when the battle is over, if we prove faithful we shall exchange our cross for a crown.

In our afternoon meeting Brothers Daniel Ciccati and Joseph Smith, Jr. were ordained into the office of deacon. We pray that God will bless these two young brothers with a desire to work for Christ, no matter how small or how great the job may be; they are all important.

Marlene Ciccati
Branch Editor

Lorain, Ohio News

Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Clifford Burgess were with us Sunday morning, March 20th. Brother Burgess sang "It's Not An Easy Road," then opened the service with prayer. He read portions of the 18th chapter of St. Luke. He stated that some well-educated theologians fail to accept the Bible as it is written and gave several examples of this fact from his dealings and talks with them. Brother Clifford stated that Jesus chose lowly fishermen as His disciples and told them He would make them fishers of men. He spoke of many men in the Bible — Noah, Lot, Jonah and others — and told of some happening or event in their lives.

We find in the Bible that God repented He had made man in His own image as man deceived Him. If Jesus would return to earth today, how much faith would He find? Let's believe the word of God in its entirety, with faith unwavering, being always prayerful and watchful. Where would we go if we were to leave The Church today? At the time the Books are opened wide and we are judged by our works here below, may they be good works. Brother Burgess ended his discourse by relating an experience he had which led him to write the words and music to the hymn titled "While Time Remains". He sang this beautiful hymn, and also "Is He Satisfied."

Brother Ciaravino summarized the text of Brother Burgess by stating that the time is drawing nigh, and feels that God will manifest His glory through us. We should pray fervently and constantly that we may accomplish His works in this day and time; so we read in the first verse of the 18th chapter of St. Luke, "men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

We all enjoyed the words the brothers brought forth and the songs that were sung.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST BELL, CALIFORNIA

The Bell Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ had its beginning in the year 1943, at which time our Brother and Sister, Mike and Angelina Abruzzese, arrived in Los Angeles. A letter to them from Brother Rocco Biscotti notified them of Brother John Gambicchia's presence in the area. Brother Charles D'Amico and Sister Victoria Caputo were here also, and it was these five members who began to hold meetings on January 10, 1944. In this year also, a few brothers and sisters moved here from various sections of the country, including Brother Rocco Meo and his family, the Stroud family from Ohio, and others. Regular church meetings, Wednesday and Sunday, and later on Friday nights, began in November of 1944. It was Brother Rocco Meo who established these meetings here. There was no church building and they were held in the home of Brother and Sister Abruzzese for a few months. Brother James Heaps and family arrived in the summer of 1946, after which we held meetings at the Southgate Women's Club on Sunday only.

During the week we met in the different homes. During this period several families arrived, some of whom were the Capone family, Scalise, Mercuri, Lamberto, and many others. Brother Heaps became presiding elder following Brother Rocco Meo, and in October, 1947 we purchased a good-sized lot with an existing small building. A kitchen was constructed and made part of the building, and this became our church hall until construction of our new building began on Thanksgiving Day, 1953. Our church was dedicated in June, 1954.

In 1949, Brother Rocco Meo began missionary work in San Fernando Valley, and through his very conscientious efforts a mission was set up which today is known as our Valley Branch. When this mission was established many members from Bell Branch transferred to that area; likewise when the Anaheim Branch was formed.

Brother Rudy Meo is presently our presiding elder, with the following assisting him: Brothers Louis Biscotti, Joseph Capone, Jim Scalise, Bob Watson, Sr. and Otto Henderson. There is a membership of approximately 70 at present.

Santina M. Mercuri
Branch Editor

As They Were And As They Are

By James Heaps

The teachings of Christ were often in parables, and sometimes very plain to the understanding of the common people. He was very keen to observe the conditions of the world as well as the passing events. Some of those who heard Him required a sign; some said, "We know that Thou art a teacher sent from God for no man can do the things that Thou doest except God be with him." He observed people as they were; He spoke about them as they were; He put them out of the temple as they were. He said concerning the Scribes and the Pharisees that they wanted to sit in Moses' seat. "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do

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not. They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers, but all their works they do for to be seen of men. They love the uppermost rooms at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues." Also, "But you, when you pray, enter into your closets that you may not be seen of men." Man's ambition is to become elevated, but it is God's business to bring us down. I say the way up is down. He that would be greatest, let him be servant of all.

Nationality, race or creed do not matter; He is the Creator of all. He is the **uniter** of all things for He hath made all men of one blood. He is the **advocator** of all things for He causeth all nations of men to dwell on the earth, and hath determined the bounds of their habitations. He is the **attraction** of all men for they are made to "feel after Him." He is the **omnipotent one** to all men for He is not far from every one of them. He is the **environment** of all men, for in Him they live, move, and have their being. He is the **Father and Creator** of all men, for men are said to be His offspring. He is the **God** of all men; He now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. He is the **judge** of all men for He hath appointed a day in which He shall judge the world in righteousness. He is the **Saviour** of all men, and He has given assurance of this for He hath raised up Christ from the dead. He is the **ruler** of all men for when He says He will judge the world, this means He will administer for all men in a rule which will be a rule of righteousness. Here is a seven-fold reference to Him: I am the Light — to illuminate; I am the Door — to give entrance; I am the Way — to lead to a destination; I am the Good Shepherd — to bestow; I am the Bread of Life — to satisfy; I am the Resurrection — to raise; I am Life to everyone, for He giveth to all life and breath.

What are we then? Our breath is only in our nostrils. Who are we to think we are better than someone else, when He has made all nations of one blood? I believe if we would consider and observe some of the sayings we hear about discrimination it would do us well. We know this condition is in the world, but we are not of the world so how can we have any hatred in our hearts against any human beings? Perhaps when we are crossed we feel that it is because of our race. Perhaps if we were to quietly look at ourselves we may find it is our personalities that we do not like instead of our nationalities; it might be my personality that you do not like instead of my nationality. So let us forget our race when it comes to the Church and look at our personalities. I am sure there is good and bad in the old and the young. Let us, therefore, have the spirit of unity instead of separation. The world separates; it steals, lies, commits adultery, hates; it commits all manner of sin; but we are not of this world. How can a man be free if he has not learned to be just? Justice is to give

every man his own. We cannot rebuke in children what they see practiced in us; in other words, we can preach a better sermon by our lives than with our lips. Preaching is of much avail, but practice is far more effective.

Should you ask me what is the first thing in religion, I would reply: the first, second, and third things therein are humility, love, and faith. Humility is a characteristic required of the people of God. Love covers a multitude of sins, for it tends to be blind to other men's faults. Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren. Characters do not change. Opinions alter, but characters are only developed. I have traveled by land and sea, mingling with many people, but never yet could I find a spot dismayed by human kindness. This is our Church; it is our duty to keep her from slipping on the rocks. The devil is going around as a roaring lion to see whom he can devour, and he will deceive the very elect if possible. The deliverer will be here soon and he will turn ungodliness from Jacob so all Israel shall be saved; but they are not all Israel that are called Israel. Nevertheless the elect shall be saved.

An Experience

By Clarence R. Griffith

The following article is reprinted by request from the March, 1948 issue of The Gospel News, with the exception of a few additional comments and slight variations.

In the year of 1937 on Thanksgiving Day, the Monongahela Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ appointed a meeting at 7:30 A.M. for the purpose of offering prayer and testimony for the many blessings of that year. While in this meeting I was impressed with the need that I should be doing more in a material way than just being thankful. I offered the suggestion that if all would pay a tenth of their incomes it would enable the Church to send Missionaries to all kindred, tongue and people. Our late Brother Cowan said this would enable the Church to take care of the old members who were then in the County Home. The meeting ended with the mutual agreement that all who wanted to would give one percent of their incomes toward missionary work. I was appointed to collect the same, but the next spring in May, 1938, I moved to Cresson, Pennsylvania. In the year 1940 two brothers visited me there, and the great need of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ by missionary work came into our conversation. This was the beginning of paying a tenth to the Church by my wife and me, and we found truly it is more blessed to give than to receive.

In the year 1941 we moved nearer to the Church on an 85 acre farm and we began paying a tenth to the Church from everything sold

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Editorial Viewpoint

Peace



George A. Neill

I am told there is a painting titled "Peace." This work of art came about in this way. An artist, searching the ruins of an old fort, came upon an old cannon which was worn and rusty. After some careful examination he discovered a pair of birds had made their nest in the cannon's mouth and were busy feeding their young. The artist immediately made a rough sketch, and at a later date completed the painting. This beautiful picture has since circled the world, leaving this profound thought; "If gentle birds can create a home out of a savage instrument of war and death, why can't man?"

We are living in an age when the crude cannon of olden times is feeble and primitive. Today we have such frightening weapons as jets that fly faster than sound, guided missiles which can cover the earth in a few moments, hydrogen and atomic bombs with devastating power. In just a few hours all humanity could be destroyed. I believe these destructive instruments could and should be used for more noble purposes, but this will be accomplished only if man becomes more like the birds in the painting and transforms his evil weapons of war into implements of peace. The teachings of Jesus caution us against war; history has proven its frightful cost. It is said, "He that will not believe history must relive it," and so it appears we are doomed to relive it. Jesus urged man to fill his heart with a great love for all mankind. Let us pray as did Francis of Assisi in his Prayer For Peace:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in doing that we are born to eternal life."

Meekness

On the Mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." The world doesn't seem to understand how the meek can be blessed or that there is any advantage in being meek. Man concludes that the meek may go to heaven when they depart this life, but seems to think that in order to get ahead in this life one must be aggressive, self-assertive, a hard-type person. Yet Jesus taught there is triumph in meekness. He said, "I am meek and lowly of heart." Paul seemed to keep himself close to meekness. He said, "There is no law against it," and admonished Timothy to follow after it. Peter declared that meekness of spirit is, in the sight of God, of great price. God, I am sure, reckons meekness as something of great value, but man seems to estimate it differently.

It is said Moses was the meekest man in all the earth; yet he was a lawgiver and builder of a nation. What is meekness? I find it a little hard to define. Someone has said meekness is "strength grown tender, might with a caress in its strong hand" and "a lion turned to a lamb with all its strength still remaining." Therefore let us seek more and more to copy Christ's meek and quiet spirit. Whosoever would be an instructor of others or a mouthpiece of the Lord should cultivate meekness; by so doing we shall build up ourselves as well as those to whom we minister. Meekness, wherever found, is a jewel, and is especially desirable as an adjunct to the truth. Possessing it, I say, lets the truth be shot forth with all the forces it can carry. "Meekness is a character which keeps one 'put' while the other fellow is 'popping off.'"

AN EXPERIENCE

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off the farm and from my wages as an employee or the Gas Company as well. God prospered us. Our farm was badly in need of repair and we had a checking account in the bank to pay our bills. One day I received a bank statement of our account with a balance of \$500.00 too much. We knew our great need of farm repairs never allowed this accumulation of \$500.00. I returned the statement and explained this could not be ours, but it must belong to some other account. After three days I went back to the bank and they said the \$500.00 in our account could not belong to anyone else. With thanksgiving we used this money that we had never put into the bank. We wondered if this could be a part of the promise of God as recorded in Malachi, ch. 3. The year of 1943 came. One night I dreamed that I, along with other church members, met an Indian man and woman. Both were large of stature. I knew in my dream that the man was sick and had been anointed by our Church, but had not been healed. The Indian woman handed me a large loaf of bread and said, "Break it, and put a piece out there on the ground." Then she said, "Pray like this." She prayed, and I prayed the same words until all the bread was broken and lay on the ground. As I broke the bread, I saw it was of the texture of cake. The solemnity impressed me. The next morning in my dream I was following a path which led uphill to a small cabin and I went through the open door. This same Indian couple were there, but the man sat on a chair with bowed shoulders and he was much sicker than the day before. The woman went over and picked up a small Indian boy from a high, old-fashioned bureau. Then I knew this boy was sick too and had been anointed, but never healed. As she looked at this boy, she gave a cry of anguish such as I never heard before, as if all hope was gone. I stepped outside the door and heard Indians coming because of her cry, calling from both sides of the canyon as they came. I felt fear because I knew our people were in great danger. I told this dream to others and I could not rest. I prayed night and day that God would reveal the meaning of this dream to someone.

After three months I dreamed God was revealing the meaning of this dream. The old man and woman were the older Indians who were spiritually sick and the Church had promised to give the healing gospel to these people, the Lamanites, but they were still without it. The breaking of the bread and placing it around with prayer was the giving of a tenth of all incomes to God by all, not by just a few. It should come in from all directions that spiritual meat might flow from God's House to fill the needs of these people who are still lacking the spiritual healing of the gospel as shown by the hopeless cry of the woman. The Indian boy represented the younger generations who were still without a healing of the Gospel as promised by the Church. The threatening cries of the Indians show we are in

danger because we have taken the Gospel to the Lamanites in only a small way since the year of 1862, when God allowed this Church to begin. It seems the paying of tithes was God's own way of getting meat in His house as He had Malachi tell the Levites. Without doing so they were robbing Him.

I asked this question in our Sunday School Class. Was there ever a day in the past when money or meat was more needed in God's house or Church than it is today? We have holy men who have been ordained by God in the Church today, but they are unable to do missionary work because they must earn a living for themselves and their families. This leaves only Sunday for God's work! God beckons them come where the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few, but they must return on Monday for another week's work for the employer.

A steady, substantial income to the Church is needed and God's solution is tithing. I prayed, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground," and I feel there is still a higher plane than I have found. But I believe I moved nearer to God when I began paying a tenth 25 years ago, because of my increased blessings, both in spiritual and material ways. The time is far spent and there is little remaining to publish the glad tidings of redemption. Sometimes I think giving a tenth or paying tithes is not enough and I feel I do not do enough. Even if I leave nothing undone, how can I ever measure up to Calvary?

St. Luke, 20:25 reads, "I must render to God all that belongs to God. The reward is great for those who give all." In Mark 10:17 we are told that Jesus looked upon the rich man who was seeking eternal life. He had kept the commandments and loved God, but Jesus said to him, "You lack one thing. Go sell whatsoever thou hast and give to the poor; then come and follow me." The man went away grieved because he had great possessions. I wonder, should I forget paying only a tenth and give all my possessions to the Lord that I too may be a sincere follower of Christ? In Mark 10:28 Peter said to Jesus, "Lo, we have left all and followed Thee." Jesus answered, "There is no man that has left house, brethren, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, or lands for my sake and the Gospel, but he shall receive a hundred fold now in this time . . . and in the world to come, eternal life." I ask, can I be fair myself if I hold back the paying of a tenth or tithe when the promise of eternal life is so great to those who fully and completely follow the Lord?

Out of the past, memory brings back to me this chorus:

*Come, Brethren, come and praise ye the Lord!
Come, Sisters, come and join in sweet accord!
Come then; oh come, and do the Master's will;
Then you and I shall surely stand with Him on
Zion's Hill.*

I have pledged to God the tenth of all my income to the end of my days, and my wife will continue tithing that it may help God's Church to send out the hunters and fishers for men.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The Lord loveth judgment and forsaketh not His saints." Psalms 37:28.

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I am going to tell you today is found in the Book of Mormon, the first chapter of Alma. Alma was the first judge after the reign of the kings. He was a good man and served God. During the first year of his reign, a man named Nehor came among the people. He was teaching false doctrine. He said his teachings were the word of God, but they were not. He taught that they would be saved in God's kingdom even if they sinned. He told the priests and teachers in the church, they ought to become popular. They should not work to support themselves but the people should support them. We know none of these things should be among God's people.

Nehor's teachings pleased some of the people, because they loved sin. They followed Nehor and felt that no matter what they did, they would be saved. They gave him money for preaching, and this pleased him. He became proud and began to wear expensive clothes. He organized a church of his own.

One day, as Nehor was going about preaching, he met an old man. This man was faithful to the true church. His name was Gideon. The Lord had used Gideon one time, to lead the people of Limhi out of bondage. Nehor began to preach his doctrine to Gideon, but Gideon knew the scriptures well. He was able to prove Nehor was wrong. Of course this made Nehor very angry. He drew his sword and killed Gideon. When the people saw what had happened to Gideon, they seized Nehor and took him to Alma, their judge. Very boldly, Nehor began to preach his false doctrine to Alma. He tried to justify himself in what he had done. Alma listened, then said he was guilty of murder. Alma also told him it was wrong to accept money for preaching. Alma called this priestcraft. He said Nehor must die according to the law which was given to them by their last king, Mosiah.

Nehor was taken to the top of the hill, Manti; here he acknowledged his sin. He said he had taught the people contrary to the Word of God. On this hill he died, but his death did not end his teachings. Priestcraft had spread throughout the land, for there were many people who loved the vain things of the world. Their leaders continued to preach for money. They dared not lie because liars were punished, so they pretended to preach according to their belief. They dared not steal for fear of the law; they dared not murder for a murderer was punished by death. All

this caused a division among the people of Zarahemla. The ones in the true church were persecuted by the followers of Nehor. The people in the true church continued to preach the gospel and work for their living. In spite of all their trials and persecutions, they served God and were blessed. The Lord never forsakes nor leaves His people alone.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Is the preacher better than the hearer or the teacher better than the learner? Alma 1:26.
2. Because the people had been faithful to God, what did He bless them with? Alma 1:29.
3. Who were the wealthy ones, those in the church or out? Alma 1:31.
4. What did the people do, who did not belong to the church? Was this pleasing to God? Alma 1:32.
5. Are those in the ministry of your church paid to preach the word of God? In our church, The Church of Jesus Christ, they are not.

Maybe you would like to read this verse to your Sunday School Class, or to a friend, Alma 37:37. It is one of my favorite verses. Do you have a favorite?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Dear Brother Neill:

This note is to inform you that the San Diego Branch is undertaking plans to expand and establish a new mission in our area with the help of God.

We are writing this letter to ask you to put this request in The Gospel News; that if any of the brothers and sisters have relatives or friends within fifty miles of San Diego to please send us their names and addresses.

Our intention is to use this means as one of several methods to visit and tell others of the Gospel of Christ. Please mail the names to the following address:

Mr. Louis Ciccati
9681 Wayfarer Drive
La Mesa, California

Indians Find Cleanup Has Extra Benefits

WASHINGTON — Indian tribes have found that projects to enhance natural beauty get more results than meet the eye, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs says.

Cleanup campaigns have prevented accidents and fires.

Efforts to stop unsightly erosion and to start landscaping programs have resulted in better soil conservation.

But, best of all, face lifting of reservations has helped the tribes' tourist business and lifted the morale of tribal members.

"Acre by acre, BIA personnel and tribal officials are attacking eyesores on the reservations and we're making progress," Commissioner Phil- leo Nash says. "We believe visitors are noticing a constant improvement in appearance of the 50 million acres of Indian land in this country."

M.B.A. Highlights

(Donald J. Curry, an Elder of The Church and an educator, has written the following article in response to a request from the Missionary Benevolent Association.—Editor's Note)

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . ."

A Message To June Graduates

By Donald J. Curry

This month of June is a very special month for many of you young people throughout the country. This is the month you will be graduated from school, and what could be more special! After long years of work and study, you, the members of the class of '66, are ready to step out as adults into a world that awaits your service.

There is something extra special about this year's graduating class. You are special because you are the best trained, most knowledgeable group of young people the world has ever produced. You have been so trained and educated because your knowledge and skills are essential to serve the increasing needs of a growing world.

Today more than ever before the keynote of service is preparation. There is virtually no place in industry, business, and the professions for the young person who has not prepared himself with some special knowledge.

This is doubly true for young graduates affiliated with the Church and the MBA, for not only are you committed to serve in the world of work, but you are also dedicated to improve the lot of your fellowmen through spiritual and humanitarian services.

The foremost question in your minds should not be "How can I serve?" but, rather, "How can I prepare myself to serve?"

Do not make the mistake of thinking that graduation means that you are totally prepared to serve. It is only the beginning of your preparation. If you want to give something to others, you must have something to give — and acquiring something to give usually requires more sacrifice of time and energy than most people are willing to offer.

History has proven that those who have contributed most to the betterment of humanity have been those who have best prepared themselves.

Solomon, confronted with the tremendous task of ruling the people of Israel, knew that he could only succeed if he was well prepared. He wanted to serve his people and pleaded with God to "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . ."

You are not faced with the responsibility of ruling a nation, but in whatever capacity you serve the same prayer is timely — "Give there-

fore thy servant an understanding heart . . ."

George Washington Carver is a fine example of one who prepared himself to serve. In his lifetime he became famed as a botanist, agronomist, pioneer conservationist, teacher, and humanitarian. It was said of him that he had "the mind of a scientist and the heart of a saint." He gave his whole life serving people, but he also spent his whole life preparing himself for that service.

Born a slave he had little opportunity to gain an education, but even as a young boy he was determined to educate himself. In his quest for education he suffered hardships and humiliation that would have discouraged and defeated the strongest of men, but he succeeded because he knew that this was the only path to service.

Carver was a student throughout his life, and the desire to continue learning that he might continuously give more to others never dimmed in him. His philosophy to the end was, "Look about you. Take hold of the things that are here."

It would be difficult to find a man to whom the world is more indebted than we are to Louis Pasteur. Just about everyone knows that it was the tireless work of Pasteur that gave men the knowledge that diseases are caused by microscopic organisms. His amazing discoveries opened the door to modern medicine and a better way of life for countless millions.

On one occasion when his students were honoring him at the university, Pasteur gave his young friends some advice that went something like this: If you would serve, spend your youth in the libraries. If you prepare yourself well enough, you may be able to serve your country. If you do both of these well, you may then have the good fortune to be able to serve humanity.

There is hardly an end to examples that could show how preparation and hard work are prerequisites to outstanding service and great accomplishments. Jefferson, Lincoln, Edison — each in his own way sought after knowledge, truth, and understanding and then gave what he gained to the world as eternal memorials to his dedication to service.

Just as important as the physical service these men rendered is the inspiration they have passed on to you and me. They themselves were inspired because they believed that men could help each other to improve. Many of them had deep religious convictions which they allied with their work. Carver, who was deeply religious and saw the hand of God in everything around him, said, "I like to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in."

Certainly the first preparation that you as young people of The Church can make is to look to The Church and your inner religious convictions for understanding, inspiration, and strength in serving others. Your faith in God and Christ can initiate your desire to help others, sustain you during times of trouble and duress, and help to carry your efforts to fulfillment.

Graduates of 1966 and graduates of all other years, past and future, the door to service stands open before you. There is no task too difficult, no

goal too distant, no ideal too lofty to undertake if you open your hearts and minds and fill them first with what you wish to give.

May God bless you.

It Is Written

By Martha Kelly

Christ, as well as others, has said many times, "It is written." By studying the Church History in MBA meetings we also find many things written: that, after the death of Joseph Smith, William Bickerton by revelation preached the Gospel, and The Church of Jesus Christ went on. The word of the Lord came to him, saying, "I accept of you this day as my church," etc. Signs and gifts of the spirit followed them. The Church was to perform a great work, and every group that split from it was to come to nothing. This has been literally fulfilled. An account of the organization is given, and it is written; "By the authority of heaven;" also, that the "Spirit and power of God came down."

We now testify that the Holy Spirit of God called us into this organization, and we were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. Thus, under succeeding presidents, it has gone on, growing in spirit and in number, only ridding itself of those things unbecoming the perfect Bride of Christ. How sad that at times many of God's people go astray. It was so in the days of Abraham; also when kings ruled Israel. Only a few of the Jews accepted Christ, and we know what happened when Joseph Smith died. Finally William Bickerton was left alone.

Whether my days are many or few I want only to be faithful to what I accepted when drawn by the Spirit of God. This is what my forefathers worked for. May God bless everyone.

The Blessing Of The Lord It Maketh Rich...

By Catherine Vultaggio Poma

San Diego, California

I finally visited our people in Mexico. I don't mean our mission — this I had done once before, and God had blessed me although I hardly understood their language. I am speaking of what we generally mean when we say that we spent a day in Mexico. Sisters June Jones and Sylvia Curry of the San Fernando Valley branch were visiting the Perdues and, hearing that they intended to visit our people in Tijuana, I decided this would be an excellent opportunity for me to visit there also.

As one crosses the Mexican border it seems unbelievable that we are still in the Western Hemisphere. Immediately the buildings are inferior to ours, the main roads are not as smooth and many of the side roads are unpaved. The Mountain, as it is affectionately called by our

Brother and Sister Perdue, upon which our Church is situated has a tortuous, winding road. On that day it was hard clay, but it becomes slippery and muddy when the rains come. Then it is downright dangerous to travel, and sometimes impassable. Along the road, and dotting the Mountain in profusion, are tiny shacks. Some are no bigger than a child's playhouse, but these ramshackle huts are called "home" by those poor unfortunates. The roofs of these houses are often covered with tar paper, and this is not always nailed down. Quite often rocks are set upon the paper to keep it from blowing away. Cardboard is used, when available, to cover the many cracks in these so-called homes. This is all the protection they have against the elements, and their body heat is all that warms them. How very grateful I should constantly be; truly, but for the grace of God, that would be my lot.

After a bumpy ride that I feared would break the Perdue's bus apart, we arrived at our neat little church building. There we met a brother who quickly departed to round up some of the brethren so that we could hold an impromptu "get together." Meantime we rode around some, and it seems that the Perdues know almost everyone. They try to meet as many people as possible and then expound the Scriptures to them. We were very graciously received by our Mexican sisters and their families; they are lovely people in face as well as disposition. Two of the sisters and their children rode back to the church with us, and we shared our lunch with them. Several people stopped to chat with us, and we gave a sandwich here and there which was very gratefully accepted. How very polite and courteous they were. Truly, good manners need not be limited to the wealthy. . . .

We continued along the road stopping to visit with this person or that. Some mentioned that their children were ill and, in a manner which to me was reminiscent of Apostolic days, our brother got out of the bus, anointed their heads with oil, laid hands upon each sick child, and uttered a short, sincere prayer. Thus consoled and spiritually revived, they continued on their way. Arriving at the church building again, we were met by many of our brethren. It is apparent from the way our Sister Perdue embraces and loves these people, and they her, that she is regarded as akin to Dorcas of old. What a wonderful feeling of satisfaction one must have to be in so blessed a work!

We were spiritually entertained by listening to several excellent voices singing hymns in their native tongue, which is Spanish. These people are, more often than not, full-blooded Indians, but ever since the Spaniards settled in the country they have adopted that language. Many of them still speak in their original Indian tongue at home. Our Mexican Indian brethren love God and the Restored Gospel. They also love music which was apparent in their joyous, hearty renditions of song, ending each "to the glory of God," as they said. Their voices are untrained

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Vows Exchanged

WILLFORTH-GIOVANNONE

Brother Frank Giovannone and his wife, Ina, of Newton Falls, Ohio, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Joseph P. Willforth. The ceremony was held at the Warren Second Christian Church. It was a lovely wedding with the father of the bride officiating, and Brother Gorie Ciaravino assisting in the double ring ceremony.

Over 200 guests from various places attended the dinner and reception to honor this young couple. After a honeymoon in Florida the young couple will reside in Warren, Ohio.

We extend our best wishes to Evelyn and Joe for happiness in their new life, and pray God's blessings will be with them.

STOPINSKI - TAORMINA

On February 19, 1966, at seven o'clock in the evening, Diana Josephine Taormina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taormina, and Mr. Richard Stopinski, both of East Detroit, Michigan, were united in marriage at The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Branch #3. Brother Peter H. Capone officiated. A reception followed.

The couple will reside in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. May God bless them both.

KACZMAREK - AUSILIO

On March 26, 1966, at twelve o'clock, Sister Almerinda Mary Ausilio, daughter of Sister Oliva Ausilio of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Joseph L. Kaczmarek, also of Detroit, were united in marriage at The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Branch #3. Brother Dominic R. Thomas officiated at the ceremony.

A family dinner followed the wedding. The couple will reside in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. May God bless them both.

Jesus Said

By Samuel J. Kirschner

"What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. . . . If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. . . . He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. . . . Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord: neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled. He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me."

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart
And love that soul through me;
And may I nobly do my part
To win that soul to Thee.*

—Ellis

Walking In Love

By Muriel Miller

May love for Thee and for our fellowmen always fill our hearts and shine out of our lives so that all men may see that we have been walking with God. Love is success; love is happiness; love is life. Where love is, God is. God is love. John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." May the love of Jesus Christ which has touched our lives touch others through us today. Love has no limits. Love shared is love multiplied. As we have received love so may we give love, without distinction, without calculation, without procrastination. We need the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost that we may exemplify the spirit of our Lord, which is the spirit of unselfish service. Every person can do something to restore the warmth of loving service to a world that soon grows cold without it.

John 13:34:35: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." May the Gospel note of love ring out more clearly this day than ever before, and may the sunshine of truth enter all hearts where sin holds sway. Give us an increasing appreciation of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, a gospel that uplifts, redeems, and beautifies the lives of men. I never knew an hour so dreary that love could not fill it full of cheer. Love finds the element of good and builds on it. It does not magnify defects. Love is a flame that warms but never burns. Love knows how to disagree without becoming disagreeable. Try to view the world today through love-filled eyes. Let only thoughts that bless dwell in our minds that all we meet may feel His presence near. The cheering smile, the kindly word, the thoughtful deed and courtesy so gently shown with each act of friendliness inspire and comfort you and me. Love alone can vanquish every foe, and lay all barriers low. May our hearts be filled with love until they overflow with helpfulness and growth in gracious living, thus making our thoughts, words and deeds pure because He rules them. Let us so love that each life will be a contribution of loving service. That happy memories will be our most valued treasures.

TRUST IN JESUS

*When stormy winds assail you,
And you don't know what to do,
Just put your trust in Jesus,
And He will see you through.
He's standing close beside you,
His love in you to bide;
Just put your trust in Jesus,
And great peace will abide.*

—Rosie Krain



OUR WOMEN TODAY

By Rose Corrado, LUC Editor

It was suggested by our General Church President, Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, that The Ladies' Uplift Circle have a column in The Gospel News devoted to their particular and varied work. "Our Women Today" has been very fittingly chosen as the title for this channel of communication.

Inasmuch as this column makes its debut in the month of our 46th General Circle Anniversary, I would like to dedicate this first appearance to the memory of the Founder and First President of the Ladies' Uplift Circle — Sadie B. Cadman.

She Hath Done What She Could

By Mable Bickerton

Sister Sadie Cadman was inspired of God to organize the women of the Church into a group to help spread the Gospel. This resulted in the organization of The Ladies' Uplift Circle of The Church of Jesus Christ in June 1920. She saw the folly of spending most of her time with the cares of housework and things which soon would pass away. In the scripture Jesus told Martha she was cumbered about with many things, but Mary had chosen "the better part" which would not be taken from her. This too, was the thought of Sister Cadman. Through obedience to the truth of the Restored Gospel, she desired to rally the sisters to raise their lives to a higher standard, search the scriptures, and help the Church with missionary work — to be more like Mary and less like Martha.

The sisters met in their first General Circle in July 1920, at Monongahela, Pa. They felt their work was prompted by God. Several of them stated they realized the need of an organization for the women of the church. Today, after all these years have passed, we know the work is of God because of the good it has done. Many have been brought to know the truth, as missionary work has been financed by the Circles.

As Founder and first President of the Circle, Sister Sadie Cadman held this office faithfully from 1920 to 1957. Through her service to the church, she fulfilled the ambition of her girlhood days to become a missionary, but in a different way from her earlier concept of a missionary. She was loved by all her brother and sisters, both old and young, in the Church of Jesus Christ. The words of Solomon, in Proverbs, are very fitting to her life, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. A woman that feareth God, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in her gates."

At a General Circle meeting held in Glass-

port, Pa. in 1935, following was given to a sister through the gift of tongues, and interpreted as "God wants to be served from the heart, not from the lips; and those who serve from the heart receive knowledge as she (pointing to Sister Cadman) had." Sister Cadman's life fulfilled this scripture, "She hath done what she could."

"She hath done what she could" was written of the founder of the Circles, and mysteriously enough each member of the organization since its founding must have inherited this quality with her membership — as you will find all the circles, in their way, "Doing what they can" to help promote the work of the Lord.

From Detroit Michigan,

On March 28, 1966 The Ladies Uplift Circles of branches #1 & #3 met together at the home of Sister Mary Campitelle to celebrate her mother's (Sister Rose Randazzo) 69th birthday.

Sister Rose Randazzo, formerly of Glassport, Pa., has been a faithful member of the Circle for many years. She is a member of Branch #3. Although she is partially blind, her heart and soul is in the circle work and she endeavors to meet with the Circle sisters every Monday night.

The meeting held in her honor was devoted to songs and testimonies. A special collection was taken up and Sister Rose requested that the money be spent in purchasing bed clothing for the Six Nations Reserve.

The meeting and birthday celebration was a complete surprise to our sister. She was overjoyed and stated that this day would always be a memorial to her.

After the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

By Mary Dichiera

Truly the Lord is pleased when His saints rejoice in Him.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Heb. 6-10.

TO KEEP THE VICTORY

*If the great Pacific Ocean with
Its surge of wave and tide
Can't sink the smallest sailboat till
Its water gets inside,
If the world of wealth and power with
Its glories bright and dim
Will never harm the Christian till
It gets inside of him,
Then the lesson that we are to learn
Is simple as a pin:
Just keep the things that harm without;
God's Spirit keep within.*

—Mildred Allen Jeffery

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

On Friday evening, March 25th, at our MBA service, Brother Richard Bologna showed slides he had taken during his stay in Africa. Brother and Sister Furnier along with Brother and Sister Bittinger visited with us and stayed over for our Sunday services. On Sunday morning Brother Bittinger opened the service, reading from I Nephi in the Book of Mormon. He stressed the fact that we face much opposition in this life, but we have a responsibility and are given the liberty of making a choice. Our brother also stated, "In unity there is strength and in division we fall." In his closing remarks he said, "God will not fail to answer prayers if we ask in faith, humbleness, and meekness."

Brother Frank Calabrese closed the service by stating we must make a choice, for when we stand before God we have no excuse. We must be able to stand up for the truth. Then Brother Furnier sang in the spirit.

Following our General Church Conference in April Brothers James Heaps, Dan Piccuito, and Barry Mazzeo visited with us here in Lorain on April 11th and 12th. Brother Dan showed slides of the group in San Carlos and also some of the Mexican people. The next evening Brother Piccuito opened the service, referring to the House of Israel and quoting the following words from our hymn: "Turn them again, Lord, and cause Thy face to shine. Give them no more sad tears for bread, but give them joy divine." After some good exhortation our brother told us somewhat of the enthusiasm of the Indians in his mission, how their tribal superstitions have given way to the ways of the Lord. He also told of other Gentile people on the reservation such as doctors, nurses, social workers, and others who have dedicated their lives to help the Lamanites for very little wages. He told of many wonderful experiences and miracles performed among the Indian people and how thankful they are to God. Brother Frank Calabrese gave a few closing remarks and requested us to continually pray for these Lamanite people that they may be released from their spiritual bondage.

After this service we retired to the basement for refreshments and a social hour.

Betty Alessio

NEWS FROM YUCAIPA MISSION

On April 3rd services were conducted at Jenk's Lake (this place has an elevation of 6,000 feet) by Brother Bob Watson, Jr., who started this work in Yucaipa three years ago and is now presiding officer. He was assisted by Brother John Azzinaro and Brother Bob Ciarrochi. There were more than eighty people present including brothers and sisters from Bell, Anaheim, San Diego, and the Valley branches, as well as several visitors. It was a wonderful gathering. It was a lovely day; the balmy sky and the nearness of the mountains made us feel that much closer to God. Mrs. Flo Brown and Mrs. Mattie Arrington were baptized this day making a total of fourteen in the Yucaipa Mission. Like many other branches in The Church of Jesus Christ our number is still small, but in time it will grow to a larger number. Our Lord cherishes each one in His flock as His love is supreme — He notices even a small sparrow upon this land of His. All can feel the spirit and there are many great things in store for this mission in Yucaipa.

When our new sisters walked from the water's edge, their faces showed the love in their hearts; this "first love" which they shall carry with them from this day forward. We had our supper there in the wonderful mountain air and then returned to the building where the Yucaipa Mission holds their Sunday services. This wonderful day came to an end, but the blessings, memories renewed and newly acquired, went with each one as they departed.

Sally Sadler

Many put zero into the collection and then complain that the church is cold.

McKEES ROCKS NEWS

On Sunday, April 17, the Saints of McKees Rocks were privileged to witness the spiritual birth of Nancy Ciotti into the family of Christ. While Bro. Chester Nolfi raised his right hand in baptizing her, a sister noticed that his hand was brightly illuminated. Another sister also had a vision in which she saw white gloves on the hands of the convert. We are grateful for the Divine Authority restored in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Betty Ann Manes
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM LOCKPORT, NEW YORK

We thank God that He inspires the hearts of our brothers and sisters to assemble together with members in other parts of the vineyard from time to time.

On Sunday, April 24th, Brother Anthony Pietrangello from Detroit, Michigan, visited with us; he remained in Lockport after attending the funeral of his cousin, Brother Rosati. Brother Pietrangello spoke from the 3rd chapter of Acts. He also related many experiences of his forty-three years in the Gospel. Visiting with us from the Youngstown, Ohio branch were Brother Sam Martin, Sister Martin and Sister Connie Mason Smith. We appreciate these visits from those near and far; those who come to share with us the goodness of God. As the Lord blesses you, come to Lockport and share it with us.

Rosa M. Williams

NEWS FROM METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY

"There shall be showers of blessing;" we sing these words from one of our hymns, and we of the Metuchen Branch can say that the Lord did shower His blessings upon us all day Sunday, April 24th. We had visitors from the Bronx and New Brunswick branches, and our Presiding Elder, Joseph Perry, desired to spend a part of the meeting in singing as it seemed a spirit of singing was present. Our Brother Elders also gave us wonderful words of life.

In our testimony meeting Brother Perri had a strong feeling that the Lord was knocking at the door of someone's heart. He prayed that he may open his heart and let the love of God enter, and ask for his baptism. He advised that now is the time to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour as the opportunity may not come again. This prayer was answered as two of our young people expressed their desire to be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. The joy in the hearts of our brothers and sisters was wonderful to behold for they knew that the blessing of God was in our midst. The two young converts Carol Ann Vadasz and Carlo Vinci, will be baptized Sunday May 1st; our prayer is that they may hold fast to the rod of iron, reach that wonderful tree that Lehi and Nephi saw, and partake of its fruit. May God's richest blessings be with them always.

Anthony J. Vadasz

NEWS FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Sunday, April 3rd, was an enjoyable day at the Youngstown branch. The visit of Brothers Paul and Ansel D'Amico brought us many blessings. May the Lord bless these brothers in all they do. The following Wednesday, April 6th, Brothers James Heaps and Dan Piccuito were our guest speakers. Brother Piccuito, who is now doing missionary work among the American Indians at San Carlos, Arizona, exhorted the priesthood of our church to be active in mission work now while they have health and strength instead of waiting until retirement age when one often becomes weak and afflicted. We were blessed by every word he said. Brother James Heaps then spoke about the fruits of the vineyard. We wish to thank our brothers for the blessings we received in listening to them.

On Saturday, April 16th, we enjoyed having Brother Joseph Calabrese show us slides of his travels to Mexico and the New York area, which were very interesting and inspiring. We had many visitors from

different parts of our vineyard. The Detroit quartet sang several beautiful hymns; we also enjoyed having the Lorain trio sing for us. We also saw slides of the wonderful work Brother and Sister Perdue are doing in Mexico. There were pictures of many beautiful places and some lowly ones as well. May the Lord bless these brothers for the hard work and long hours they put in endeavoring to add more sheep to our small flock. Brother Spencer then showed slides pertaining to the Book of Mormon. They revealed the truthfulness of the record of the seed of Joseph somewhat. It is truly a divine book.

On Sunday, April 17th, our church was full; many visiting brothers and sisters from Detroit, Cleveland, Lorain, Warren, and Niles were in our midst. Brother Joe Calabrese opened our meeting. In his talk he stressed the importance of teaching our gospel to our children when they are young. He stated that the Sunday School and MBA training will have a strong impression on our children, and we (the parents) have a great responsibility in raising them in The Church of Jesus Christ. The Detroit quartet and Lorain trio were still with us and we had the pleasure of hearing them sing again. The Youngstown choir also sang several numbers. Brother Spencer then spoke, expressing his desire to lead more men to Christ as Andrew did. We all enjoyed his sermon and everyone went home well satisfied. We also enjoyed having Brother Biscotti with us again in our afternoon service. We felt the Lord's presence this wonderful day. May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

Lee Laverie
Branch Editor

HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY NEWS

We are very happy to report the baptism of Raymond Benyola, son of Brother and Sister Louis Benyola of the Hopelawn Branch. Brother James Benyola officiated in the baptism. Although our brother is now serving in the armed forces and is being trained in that area, he has testified of his need for Jesus. We think of the words of Paul, the apostle, where he admonished us to put on the full armor of Christ in order to be fully prepared to fight the battle with the enemy of our souls. Brother Raymond has made his first step in the service of Jesus Christ, and our prayer is that the Lord might watch over him in these perilous times. If anyone wishes to write to Raymond, his address is:

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West Palm Beach News

We would like to share our good news with everyone. We were truly showered with blessings here in this part of the vineyard when our Brother Mike Radd and Sister Beverly Schuette asked for their baptism on January 9, 1966. They were baptized on that same day at Lake Osborne in Lake Worth, Florida by Brother Ernest Schultz. Brother Schultz was assisted by Brother Rocco Ensano in the confirmations; Brother Ensano was visiting here at the time.

Love to all the saints.

Jan Creech
Editor

"He that labors is tempted by one devil, he that is idle, by a thousand."
* * * *

Life demands decisions yea. But destiny demands the decider.

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

On Sunday, April 24, 1966, we enjoyed worshipping together with our Indian brothers and sisters. Brother Dan Piccuito opened the morning service, reading from St. Matthew, ch. 10, verses 6 through 8, which state; "But go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as ye go preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Brother Dan expressed himself saying this was his purpose in being here at San Carlos, and the Lord willing, he would preach, lay hands on the sick, and they would recover. He brought forth a wonderful simile in telling a story of Michelangelo. As he looked at a block of marble, a man asked him what was in there. He replied, "There is an angel in there and I am going to release him." The next time the man came around Michelangelo had released the angel, having carved it from the block of marble. Brother Dan compared this to the way Christ looks at a sinner in a mass of sin, and seeing a saint in there says, "I am going to release that saint." He also brought out that this is the way God looks at Israel at this present time. In all their poverty and sin God sees His covenant people, and with the help of His servants He is going to bring them out of this condition and make of them a delightful people. At the close of his sermon Brother Claude Kayson was ordained a deacon. He is the first of the seed of Joseph to be ordained to this office in this part of the vineyard, and it is something we have long awaited. We are thankful for Brother Claude because he has proved himself in many ways to be worthy of his calling. When Brother Dan laid hands on him for this ordination he spoke in tongues. Truly God showed His pleasure in this act.

Kenneth Bread, a child of eight, came forward to be anointed. Before Brother Dan administered to him he told how this boy had been healed of cancer. We had six visitors in our midst who were very much impressed with the experiences told of the healings that had taken place here. When Kenneth was about to enter the hospital to be operated on for cancer, he went to the doctor and told him that he didn't have to put him in the hospital because they were fasting and praying for him. The doctor thought it was just the talk of a child and continued to write up his admission. The doctor began to shake, however, and could not finish writing; he told the mother to take the boy home. Within two days the lump on Kenneth's neck had disappeared and he was healed. Another child was healed of cancer in the eye. Still another child who had not walked for three years was brought to a fast and prayer meeting, and as they prayed for her she slept. They took her home, and when she awoke her legs straightened and she walked for the first time in three years.

We have seen many wonderful manifestations of the Spirit of God. It is not uncommon to hear our Indian members shout praises to God when His Spirit is felt; they remember to thank God for every blessing in their lives, and the joy of the Lord that is in their heart shines in their faces. The joy of salvation was so greatly manifested in a brother one Sunday that while praying he was caused to clap his hands. The Spirit of God covered us all like a blanket and many cried out praises to God. Tongues have been spoken, the sick have been healed, faith has been revealed, children have thanked God in testimony that their lives have been preserved through His power; they have prayed for God to help them in times of trouble and He has come to their rescue. What more can we say than this? We know God lives, not only in our hearts, but all around us in this beautiful valley of peace. Remember us in our work here in San Carlos that God will give us spiritual prosperity and many souls will receive the Gospel in their hearts.

Margaret Henderson

*Every precept thou has spoken
All Thy mandates love betoken,
To oppose them is but strife.
Is essential to our life;*

THE BLESSING OF THE LORD

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and they have no piano; still their harmony is lovely and their voices are rich and strong. Later they testified while the Perdues interpreted. They asked God to bless us, thanking us for the trouble we took to visit them when we could have gone to a lovelier place, perhaps San Francisco, as they said.

Oh, my Brethren, if we had gone to San Francisco we would not have received the blessing we received there with you. We, the Americans, are grateful to have had the privilege to be loved by you, the Seed of Joseph, and to be accepted by you who are the natural vine. Yes, my Brethren, pray for us, for God is so close to you. You, who are the rich in spirit, humility, and in love . . . pray for us Gentiles; pray for me because you have so much more than I have . . . Indeed, the "Blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich . . .," sayeth Solomon in Proverbs 10:22.

Obituaries

SADIE BERRY

Sister Sadie Berry of the McKees Rocks branch, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania passed away on April 11, 1966. She was born April 16, 1879, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on August 28, 1955. Sister Berry is survived by eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Dan Casasanta.

VINCENT ROSATI

Brother Vincent Rosati died on Monday, April 18, 1966 at the age of 72. He was born in Italy September 13, 1893 and came to America in 1911. He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ on March 24, 1946. In 1947 Brother Vincent was ordained a deacon in The Church and served in that capacity until his death.

Though we members of The Church will miss our dear brother, along with his loving family, we live in hopes of seeing him in the life to come. May the Lord bless and comfort those that are in bereavement.

SAMUEL BALDWIN

Samuel Baldwin, 4 year old son of Brother Cleveland and Sister Margaret Baldwin, passed away March 9, 1966. He was blessed in The Church of Jesus Christ, and was a great inspiration to all who knew him, praying always for the welfare of all the saints everywhere. Funeral services were held at the New Brunswick branch with Brothers Frank Mazzeo and Harry Robinson officiating. May the Lord comfort the family always with a sweet peace and joy in their hearts.

ANGELINA NAGY

Angelina Nagy, the daughter of Brother Daniel Gallichio, passed away March 14, 1966. Funeral services were held in the New Brunswick branch with Brother Frank Mazzeo officiating, assisted by Brother Joe Difede.

We pray that the comforting spirit of God will rest with the family.

Readers Write

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is \$2.00 for the renewal of The Gospel News. We enjoy reading it and look forward to it each month.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me (even me) for He called me into the blessed Church of Jesus Christ a year ago last month and I am so thankful for this. I enjoy the love He has placed in my heart and pray that He will soon call my husband into the fold. Continue to pray for us and may God bless all of you.

Sister Carlene Barnes
Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Editor:

We enjoy this little paper as it is about the only way that we can hear about the activities of our people. We were very pleased this summer to have had a nice meeting at Sister McKay's at Meaford and to meet some who hadn't been here before.

Mrs. Reg Greer
Mansfield, Ontario, Canada

I am sending you \$3.00 to renew The Gospel News for another year (the extra \$1.00 is to help with postage). I hope by God's grace to enjoy it as I have in the past. God bless you for your efforts and labor in working for The Gospel News.

May our dear Lord be with you always and keep you in His care. My love in Christ to all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Sister Josephine Palermo
Monterey Park, California

I appreciate The Gospel News very much and look forward to receiving it each month. May God bless your work in publishing it.

Sister Lavon Beeker
Paradise, California

We have enjoyed reading The Gospel News and it has been very inspirational to us. It has also been the means of keeping in touch with all the brothers and sisters, whom we love though we be many miles apart. May God richly bless you all.

Brother Louis Ciccati
La Mesa, California

I am very thankful to be able to read The Gospel News for, without fail, each issue has brought a blessing to me. The contents have edified, encouraged, inspired, and chastened me. Reading the words of my brothers and sisters is a real joy and I am thankful for having that privilege. I hope that God will continue to bless you in your work.

Brother Dean P. Longrie

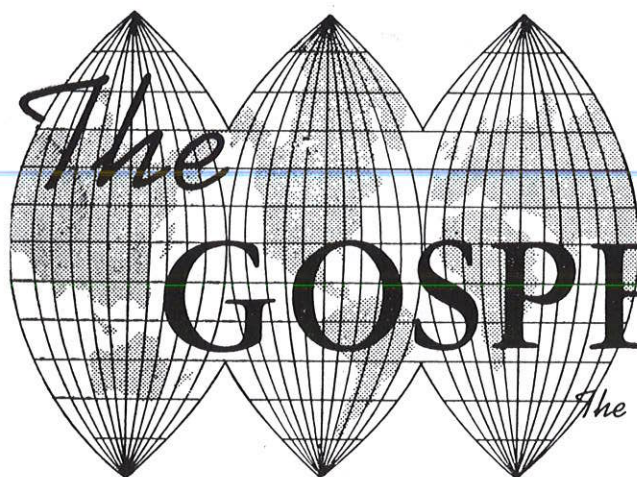
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Sister May Killiat
St. Clair Shores, Michigan

PLEASE NOTE

A news item from the San Fernando Valley Branch, which appeared in the April 1966 issue, failed to mention the baptisms of Brother and Sister Ralph Doe along with others. This was an oversight on the part of the Branch Editor, who offers her apology.

Editor



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The 23rd Psalm

1. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*
2. *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.*
3. *He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*
4. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*
5. *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*
6. *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

"Poetically Speaking"

FAITH

*Can I have as much faith as Nephi?
Or as much faith as his father, Lehi?
God was pleased and caused them to see,
All the things that were going to be.*

*He showed them the way to go,
The place to live, things to know.
The ways of God, the only way to live,
Their faith and love to God they did give.*

*Can I have as much faith as they?
Could I endure the trials of their day?
God's way is still the same,
As to His people on earth Jesus came.*

*He taught them all, young and old.
The same story today is being told.
Can I have as much faith as they?
Dear Lord, for strength and faith, I pray.*

*The wonderful gifts, God gave to them,
Because of their faith they relied on Him.
Oh, to have the faith such as they,
Dear Lord, in the name of your Son, I pray.*

—Margaret Abbott

THE VOICE WITHIN

By Glenn Collins

*If I could speak with words complete,
The thanks contained in each heart beat,
My voice would be heard for countless days;
For in my heart is ceaseless praise.*

*How He brought me out of sin and shame,
Privileged me to take on His name,
Allowing me while in my youth
To hear the restored gospel truth.*

*Blessings on me does He bestow,
And how He shares my every woe,
His promise if His way I live,
Eternal life is His to give.*

*I would be strong, but I am weak;
I cannot say what my heart doth speak.*

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER

*Multitudes pressed 'round Him,
The blind, the deaf, the lame.
The outlook seemed depressing;
But, still, with faith she came.
Grievously tormented,
With fear and trembling, still
She haltingly approached Him,
Wishing only His will.
Instantly He healed her!
He gave her full release.
Full trust, complete surrender,
Can give your heart real peace.*

—Betty Powell

JUST A LITTLE LONGER

By Catherine Vultaggio Poma

*Just a little longer; just another while,
Peace will come again and you will surely smile.
While you're in the valley, just lift your head up high,
See the golden hilltop, nestled in the sky.
You are not forsaken, oh, how many care!
Sorrow is a magnet drawing souls in prayer . . .
Every tear drop you are shedding,
In some tender heart is stored,
And the Lord collects them all, like jewels, rare.*

*Just a little longer; pain is bound to cease.
Even Jesus' anguish had to end in peace.
Never heard of storms that didn't have an end . . .
Nor a crooked road, without a straightening bend.
Just a little longer . . . life will fall in place;
Count it all a trial in salvation's race.
Don't you know that Christ would gladly
Hang again, upon that Tree,
Just to see a little smile upon your face.*

*Just a little longer, clouds will roll away.
Dark and bitter mem'ries will not always stay.
Jesus, Balm of Gilead, with healing in His breast,
Granted men the Gift of Time, to bring him rest.
Just a little longer; please, do not despair.
Don't forget that God has numbered every hair,
Even tho' your pain is greater
Than it ever was before . . .
You are more than just a sparrow in His care!*

LET GOD LEAD YOU

*Oh how much faith we must have today,
What an open heart we need when we pray.
We must depend on the Lord to lead us through,
When the path is dark and enemies pursue.
At times we cannot even see ahead,
But God stretches forth His hand and we are led.
Our eyes are opened once more that we might see,
And we can plainly hear Him say, "Don't be afraid!
Follow Me!"*

*As the light shines forth we wonder why—
That once we couldn't have enough faith in the God
of earth and sky.*

*He guides the birds, all nature, too,
So why shouldn't we let Him guide me and you?
How much easier is the path we trod
When we humbly submit to the will of God.*

—Carolyn Gehly

VACATION HOURS

*What lovely gifts vacation hours hold
In summertime with days of blue and gold!
Seashore or country, mountains or a lake,
There are so many beckoning trips to take.*

*And God is with us through vacation hours,
His is the hand that opens fragrant flowers.
Alone with Him, we silently renew
Our inspiration for each task to do.*

—Louise Darcy

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Editorial Viewpoint

It would seem to me our religion will not have served us well, and certainly we will not have served it well either, if we wait until the time of the resurrection for all good changes.



George A. Neill

A short time ago, while at a shopping center, I glanced at my watch to see the time only to discover that it had stopped. I became concerned as I was to be at a particular place at a certain time that day. I approached a man sitting on a bench and asked, "What time is it, please, Sir?" Very politely he told me the time. I believe there is hardly a person reading this editorial who, at one time or another, has not inquired about the time. I will venture to say there are very few people living who have not asked, "What time is it?"

Knowing there is a proper time for everything, the author of the book of Ecclesiastes wrote, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones; a time to keep silence, a time to speak, and a time to love."

In our day it seems to me time is more important than it ever was. Industries spend hours in research to find time-saving devices and methods. Our markets are flooded with time and labor-saving tools. However, in speaking of the time to do certain things, I am sure all of us know there are right and wrong times to do the ordinary things of life. Shakespeare seemed to be very much aware of this when he said: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at flood, leads on to fortunes; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries." No truer words were ever spoken; individuals by the thousands have experienced this as well as nations. There is always a right time to do important and great things in life, and quite often it is not done at that time; then it is too late. I believe certain men from the creation down have been instructed by God to give the time:

What time is it, Noah? "It's time to build an ark." Perhaps many held their ribs, so convulsed were they with laughter when Noah began this task. Finally he told them it was time to enter the ark and no one believed him except his family. That is, not until the fountains of the deep were broken up and the windows of heaven were opened did the inhabitants realize that the right time had passed.

What time is it, Isaiah? "It's time to quench your thirst; 'Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.'" Again what time is it, Isaiah? "It's time to become filled with the Spirit of God, time to rejoice and labor for Him."

What time is it, Jeremiah? It's time to get saved for "the harvest is past and summer is ended."

What time is it, John? It's time to listen to Christ for "He must increase and I must decrease."

What time is it, Jesus? "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

What time is it, Paul? "It is high time to awake out of sleep for the night is spent and the day is at hand."

And still men give the time. Luther W. Youngdahl, Judge of United States District Court of the District of Columbia, told the American Bible Society a few years ago in a meeting. "It's time for Americans to become Bible-reading and Bible-living people. If we are to win the cold war we must get back to God, and to get back to God we must get back to the Bible; for it is from the inspired Word of God in the Good Book that the Holy Spirit will direct us in the way we should go."

I think it is time for us to start working earnestly on the things that trouble

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us — on our faults and deficiencies, our omissions and offenses. It is true we should give attention to penny-naughtiness or peccadilloes (slight sins or faults), but what about pound-guilt that sometimes overshadows a life? Surely as we wrestle with these we become aware of a great need for a change. Paul says, "We shall all be changed." We all certainly hope to be changed in many marvelous ways in the resurrection, but let us be reminded that God will have charge of those changes, not us. The thing for us to do is to get ourselves ready for them. It would seem to me our religion will not have served us well, and certainly we will not have served it well either, if we wait until the time of the resurrection for all good changes. I believe the whole purpose is that we be persuaded to make voluntary changes for **now is the time**. Let no man think he can delay his reforms until the time of the resurrection. Just how much can God love a person who behaves only when and because he must? As in all ages of time NOW is the time to be saved. "Today is the wise man's day. Tomorrow is the fool's day." This is the time of decision.

The following is quoted from "Moments of Meditation" by Paul S. McElroy:

TODAY is the time to begin to tackle a few of the challenges and the opportunities around us. Today is the time to speak only kind words about others. Today is the time to give something of ourselves, our time and our resources, where they are urgently needed. Today is the time to do at least one worthy thing which we have long postponed. Today is the time in which to express our noblest qualities of mind and heart. Today is the time to make a beginning. Never put off until tomorrow what can be done today.

Ambitious Youth

By James Heaps

If a man has no ambition we say he is lazy. If he has ambition we quite often say he is running too fast. I would to God we all had more ambition than we have. We should father the ambitious youth and encourage him to use the strength of his youth in the right direction. Saul of Tarsus in his youth was ambitious in persecuting the Church, but when his ambition was directed in the right path he used it all for the Church. We now call him the apostle and a chosen vessel unto the Gentiles. If he had been a young man without ambition God could never have used him. The student who has no ambition to study will become a failure; it is hard work to study. Any dead fish can go down the stream but it takes a good, healthy salmon to swim upstream against the current. We, as saints of God, must have enough strength and ambition to go against the current; the stream of life is pressing hard against us. God gives us strength, and with our strength gives us ambition to swim

against the streams of this world.

*An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and steep
With waters rolling cold and deep.*

*The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him.
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You're wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way.*

*You've crossed the channel deep and wide!
Why build you a bridge at eventide?"
The builder lifted his old, gray head;
"Good friend, in the path that I have come," he said,
There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet may pass this way.*

*The chasm that was as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitful be.
He too must cross in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."*

There is in youth, untarnished by the world's experience, that which invites the whisperings of diviner things. Paul, writing to Timothy, calls him son; he exhorts him to be instant in season and out of season; to study to show himself approved unto God. He goes on to tell him that a workman need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth; also to stir up the gift that is within him. We could stand on the side lines and say that he is running too fast. Nobody runs too fast in the spirit. They might run too fast in the flesh, and some do. The Spirit of God will not let you run too fast because He is the searcher of all hearts. If we have that mind in us that was in Christ Jesus, we will act like Him and do the things of the spirit. He, Christ, is our example.

*When ambitious youth, secure and proud,
Ascends the ladder, leaning on a cloud.
O then, my young man, be careful and beware;
It is better to ascend and have a fall
Than to sit down and never climb at all.
If you fall you will climb still higher,
But wait until the cloud is drier.*

He who is low has no need to fear lest he fall. We need the experience of the aged; we need the ambition of the youth. In fact, we all need one another. As the sun is best seen at its rising and setting, so men's dispositions are clearest seen when they are children. When death comes a man's character shows what he really is. His reputation is the opinion of others. Character is in him; reputation is from other people. They said of Jesus that he ate and drank with Publicans. But Pilate said, "I find no fault in this just man." How shall a young man cleanse his way? "By taking heed thereto to thy word." "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers; in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble." Psalms 91: 15.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I don't remember telling you the Bible story of Samson, the strong man. It is a very interesting one. Samson's father was named Manoah. An angel appeared to Manoah and his wife to tell them they would have a son. The angel told the wife that no razor must come on the child's head, that he would not drink strong drink and he would deliver Israel out of the hands of their enemies, the Philistines. Manoah asked the angel his name so when these things came to pass, he could honor him. The angel said his name was a secret. They never saw the angel again. Soon the baby was born. As he grew, the Lord blessed him.

It was wrong in the eyes of God for the Israelites to marry the Philistines because they were idol worshippers. Many disobeyed God and Samson was one of them. He loved a Philistine girl named Delilah. The Philistines visited her and thought she could help them capture Samson. He was a man of great strength. Once he found a jaw bone of an ass and killed a thousand men with it. Another time, he killed a young lion with his hands. The Philistine lords came to Delilah and asked her to find out what made Samson so strong. Delilah agreed and they promised her seven hundred pieces of silver.

One day Samson visited Delilah. Just before this visit he had taken the doors and posts of the city gate, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of a hill. Delilah asked him what made him so strong. Samson told her that if he were bound with seven green withs, or twigs, which had not been dried, he would lose his strength; then he would be just like other men. She told this to the Philistines and they brought her green withs to bind Samson. Then she wakened him with this, "Samson, the Philistines are upon thee." He jumped up and broke the twigs as if they were thread. So his strength was not known. Delilah said, "You have mocked me and told me lies. What is there that you cannot break?" Samson said to bind him with new rope. Delilah did so while he slept. The Philistines were hiding in the house. She called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon thee." Again he jumped to his feet and the strong ropes were broken. Delilah asked, "Why have you mocked me? Tell me with what you can be bound?"

Once more Delilah tried to find out the secret of Samson's strength. This time he told her that if seven locks of his long hair were tied together and pinned close to his head, he would lose his strength. As he slept she pinned his hair

close to his head and cried out again as though the Philistines were coming. Up jumped Samson as strong as ever! She said, "I love thee and you have mocked me three times; tell me wherein thy great strength lieth." Delilah coaxed him to tell her. This time he told her the truth. If his hair were cut he would lose his strength and be as other men.

Delilah sent for the Philistine leaders and told them what she had learned. When Samson came to visit her again she asked him to lie down with his head in her lap. As he slept she called for a man to shave Samson's head. She wakened him as before but this time his strength was gone. The Lord had departed from him. The Philistines, who were hiding, put him in prison and put out his eyes. They made him grind at a mill in the prison house.

Time went on and the Philistines planned a big celebration to honor their god, Dagon. They thought this god had delivered Samson into their hands. This celebration was held in a large house. It was filled with their lords, men and women. There were about three thousand people on the roof. They called for Samson to make sport of him. As he was brought out of prison, they laughed at him. While in prison his hair had grown. Samson asked a boy who stood by to lead him to the pillars which held the house. Samson called to the Lord for strength just once so that he could be avenged for his two eyes. He took hold of the pillars. His strength came back. He prayed, "Let me die with the Philistines." He bowed himself with all his might. Down went the pillars! Down went the house upon the leaders of the Philistines and all who were there! By doing this Samson killed more Philistines at his death than he slew in all his life. Samson's brothers took his body and buried it in Manoah's burying place.

Search The Scriptures

Read Samson's riddle. Judges 14: 8.

What did Samson do with 300 foxes? Judges 15: 4, 5.

How many years did Samson judge Israel?

Judges 16: 31.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

AMBITIOUS YOUTH

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purity." Young men, likewise, should be sober-minded in all things showing themselves a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. All these things draw our attention to what manner of men we ought to be.

I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because you have known the Father. What a wonderful combination - children, young men. How wonderful too to have fathers and mothers in Israel to guide young children in the path which they should tread. In conclusion, "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hast given thee."

M.B.A. Highlights

GMBA Conference Chooses Six Nations Reservation As Site For This Year's Annual Field Trip

By Carl J. Frammolin

Keeping the emphasis on The Church's missionary work, the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference, held in the Metuchen, New Jersey High School on Saturday, May 28, selected the Six Nations Reservation (Grand River) as the site of the second annual MBA-Wide Field Trip. The visit, scheduled for the weekend of July 23-24, marks the second consecutive year that the event will be observed at an Indian mission, as the first such gathering took place at the Muncey Indian Reservation last August 28-29.

The decision on the trip was among many matters resolved by the one-day Conference. Other measures adopted featured the establishment of a six-month, \$3,000 fund-raising drive quota for the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund, the acceptance of progress reports by sub-committees on Association Lesson Plans and Publicity, and the merging of the Spiritual Encouragement and Membership sub-groups.

The Grand River stay will officially begin with an Outing at 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time) on the Saturday. An evening "Campfire Meeting" will follow. The Sunday morning service will be conducted by The General Church's Michigan-Ontario Mission Board.

A camping area will be available, and all persons interested in bringing their own equipment and setting up their own facilities may, of course, do so. There are also motels and hotels in the vicinity of the Reservation which can be utilized. The names and addresses of these locations appear in this month's issue of the **MBA BULLETIN**, the Association's internal publication, for the convenience of individuals who may want to write or phone ahead for accommodations. A map on how to reach the site is also included in the same issue.

The Grand River mission is located near Brantford, Ontario, Canada, and it is approximately 80 miles west of Niagara Falls. It is presently being serviced by the Michigan-Ontario Church District.

For Auditorium Construction

The fund-raising quota was set to help The General Church in the construction of the soon-to-be-erected Auditorium near Imperial, Pennsylvania. The meeting-place will be available in the future to all Church groups for Conferences and Gatherings. Resources of both the main body and the auxiliary units are being combined so that work may progress as quickly as possible. Besides establishing the quota and enlist-

ing the aid of all MBA units to reach the \$3,000 goal in six months, the Association voted to donate \$5,000 plus a small transfer cost from the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund for the acquisition of approximately eleven additional acres for the Auditorium site. Purchase of this added tract had been approved at that last General Church Conference in April.

First drafts on lessons have been completed for 175 of the 239 chapters in the **Book of Mormon** for grades 4-6, as reported by the Lesson-Plan Sub-Committee. Balance of the first drafts and the second and final products for the 175 chapters are now in process. Coloring pictures, illustrations and stories to be read to pre-school children are also being prepared. In addition, a series of lessons on Church history is being readied.

The Publicity Sub-Committee disclosed that a survey of Public Service (No-Charge) Time of radio and television stations in the vicinity of MBA Locals is being conducted and that there are numerous opportunities for this kind of publicity. The Conference directed this sub-group to further explore these possibilities, which would be in addition to other coverage through external newspaper releases and internal publication in both **The Gospel News** and the **MBA Bulletin**.

Combination of the Spiritual Encouragement and Membership units was effected because both are dependent upon each other to obtain their objectives and combined efforts would eliminate duplication. This means that the new group, designated the Membership Sub-Committee of the GMBA Activities Committee, will be involved in offering spiritual encouragement, as well as devising methods to improve attendance and membership.

Conference Motions

All Officers and Delegate reports were accepted by motion, and the Conference authorized donations to The General Church Missionary Fund and to the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund. In addition, the preparation of MBA By-Laws for African Locals was sanctioned. They will be patterned after the revised laws adopted in November 1964, but they will just contain the items which may apply to the African locations. It was also announced that the next GMBA Conference will be sponsored by the Pennsylvania MBA Area on November 12 somewhere in the Aliquippa-McKees Rocks-Imperial sector.

A vote of thanks was extended to the host Atlantic Coast MBA Area for its superlative hospitality. This MBA Region, which worked diligently to host, finance, and guarantee accommodations for the Conference, also presented a program on the Saturday evening. Entitled "To Be The People of God," the presentation included musical selections and narrative explanations of what kinds of objectives should be pursued by the people of God. Outstanding examples of scriptural and latter-day individuals who had attempted to reach these ideals were cited, and they added to the inspiring, stirring, and instructional program.

Sunday Services

The Sunday morning service was in the Franklin School, Metuchen, under the jurisdiction of that city's Branch. It was introduced by Joseph Milantoni, who used **Revelation 14: 6, 7** as his text. He was followed by Dominic Thomas, Frank Giovannone, John Manes, Joseph Calabrese, Dominic Moraco, Isaac Smith, Arthur Gehley, and Vincent Gibson.

The speakers all presented true and vivid experiences which have been received in The Church. Miracles and other signs were exemplified as being present in The Gospel. Also pointed out was the importance of being personally identified with The Church.

An Area meeting on the Sunday night, where GMBA Officers and other visitors reviewed the weekend's activities and participated in a fellowship service with members of east coast, was held in the New Brunswick, New Jersey Church Building. Talks were given by Brothers Milantoni, Calabrese, Chester Nolfi, and Salvatore Azzinaro. Their comments were directed toward expressing the purposes of the MBA as they relate to The Church, and they asked everyone's support in all Association endeavors. The meeting concluded a beneficial and edifying two-day period, with the hope that as many persons as possible from throughout The Church and the MBA will attempt to meet at the next GMBA endeavor, the field trip to Grand River.

A Visit To San Carlos

By Mary Ann Nicosia

I would like to share with you some of the blessings Sister Bertha Trujillo and I received while visiting our mission on the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona during Easter weekend. Brother Anthony and Sister Grace Brutz and son, and Brother Frank Ferrante were visiting there also.

I received many blessings visiting with the saints which gave me much strength. God's spirit abides with our Indian brethren. They are truly a sincere and humble people. We received wonderful blessings in the Sunday School class and in every one of their testimonies. With each one they sing a song of praise to God, expressing their love for Him. I was privileged to meet many saints, and I thank God for the love in my heart for these brothers and sisters. I thank God for every one He has called into this wonderful Gospel. Being with them even this short time convinced me that they are God's people.

There is much work to be done for these people as their needs are many. I thank God for the wonderful work Brother Dan Piccuto has done in bringing this Gospel to them. I know the Lord has blessed him and his family for their hard work and sacrifices. I also thank God for the good desires of our Brother Lloyd and Sister Margaret Henderson, who recently moved to San Carlos so that they might help Brother Dan in this work which we know must go forth. The Lord has blessed Brother Lloyd and his family

in many ways. I know God's blessings will continue to be with all of them. The beauty of this Reservation and the beauty of these people will stay in my heart forever! The peace I experienced while there cannot be expressed. I felt such a closeness to God as though I was walking with Him all the way.

There is much we can do to help in all our missions, both individually and collectively. I thank God He has opened my eyes and made me see the great need. I also thank God for Brother and Sister Perdue, for the wonderful work they have done in Mexico. They all need our support. Through my own experiences, I have received many blessings in doing whatever I can. In closing, I want to thank God for His many blessings during my visit in San Carlos. To all brothers and sisters who are in the missionary field, I say, from the bottom of my heart, "God bless you for your diligent work in the Gospel. Your dedication to God in this work shall reap great rewards for you. Continue your good work and let no obstacle deter your labors in God's vineyard!"

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he hath sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador and desireth condition of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. HE THAT HATH EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR."

NOTICE

Dear Editor:

We of the Cleveland West Side Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ would like to inform all brothers and sisters that our church building has been purchased by the Ohio Department of Highways. Therefore, we must vacate our present location by August 5, 1966.

We ask that you remember us in prayer that the Lord will guide us in finding another place of worship. May God bless you all.

Rosa Tripoli
Branch Editor

Readers Write . . .

Dear Editor:

I am sorry that I am late with my renewal. May God bless you in your work. One of your talents brings many wonderful spiritual moments unto us. Thank you and God be with you all.

Brother George Timms
Washington, D.C.

Dear Editor:

I am finally getting around to sending you my dues for The Gospel News. Surely time passes us by. I want to thank you for sending the issues even after my subscription expired. I am subscribing for our paper for one of our widows in need. She is a new convert to the Church and I know The Gospel News will help to strengthen her as it has done me in the course of many years. May God keep His blessing upon this wonderful paper.

Sister Mary Spata
Yucaipa, California

Dear Brother Neill:

Enclosed please find check to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. Thank you for being so patient with us. May God bless you and your staff in this wonderful work.

Brother and Sister Rosemeier
Imperial, Pennsylvania

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Gospel News:

I wish to express my thanks to you all for the hard work you have put into The Gospel News. I receive great strength from reading it each month even though I have not met my brothers and sisters in different branches. I feel a closeness to them and this has been brought to me through God and the wonderful Gospel News. May God bless you in your efforts.

Sister Pat Nelson
San Diego, California

Dear Brother:

Enclosed is check to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. We enjoy reading it very much; it keeps us in touch with our brothers and sisters. May God bless you all.

Sister Mary

Dear Brother Neill:

I am enclosing money order for my Gospel News. I enjoy the Gospel very much and feel very close to the brothers and sisters when I read The Gospel News. May God bless you.

Sister Josephine Tomasello
Glassport, Pennsylvania

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is \$2.00 for the renewal of The Gospel News. It is a joy to receive and a privilege to read this paper. God bless you for your good work.

Sister Theresa Berg
N. Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Brother Neill:

Enclosed is \$2.00 to renew my subscription to The Gospel News for another year. I really enjoy reading its contents. May God bless you and all the staff in the work you are doing.

Sister Anna Draskovich
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Neill and Gospel News Staff:

Once again it is time to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. I am enclosing check for \$4.00 for two more years of this wonderful little paper. It helps us keep in touch with the brothers and sisters whom we have known in the past. Keep up the wonderful work.

Sister Ruth Carr
Export, Pennsylvania

Dear Editor:

This is for our renewal to The Gospel News for another two years. Please use the excess for its publication purposes.

We pray the efforts put forth in printing this paper will be rewarded by knowing the restored Gospel is being sent to many distant lands. May God bless all of you and accompany your works with His Spirit that those who read this wonderful paper will receive it in like manner.

Sister Edith Genaro
Canoga Park, California

Dear Gospel News Staff:

We hope these few lines find you enjoying God's richest blessings in that part of the vineyard. Enclosed you will find \$2.00 for another year's subscription to The Gospel News, which we all enjoy immensely. It is so uplifting to read of the many experiences God grants our people, and how He works mysteriously with them. We also enjoy the different articles He inspires our people to write.

May God bless each of you who work earnestly to compile The Gospel News.

Brother Russel Martorana
Niles, Ohio

Dear Brother Neill:

Please find enclosed herewith a money order for \$4.00 to renew my subscription to The Gospel News. I find the Church paper very interesting and enlightening for which I take this opportunity to commend the entire staff on the splendid work they are doing.

May God bless you in your endeavors, is my prayer.

Brother Mario Milano
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Editor:

Enclosed is \$2.00 to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. This paper has been a great blessing to me. Often when I read the experiences and testimonies my faith is renewed in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you in your endeavors.

Sister Nancy Dimitroff
Glassport, Pennsylvania



UR WOMEN TODAY

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" Eccl. 9 : 10

BUSY HANDS

I will try to tell about some of our past projects as well as some we are involved in at present. We have had spaghetti dinners and miscellaneous sales where we sold items the sisters made. We have used the money from these projects to buy church supplies, and have helped buy food and clothing for Mexico. We are planning in the future to make slippers and quilts for Mexico; also to help at San Carlos, Arizona.

Moreover, we have had wonderful spiritual times in our Circle meetings, studying the Book of Mormon, testifying, praying, and singing together. We meet in homes of the members to sew or work on our projects. To be a help to our branch and this wonderful Church in general is our desire. We are grateful for the blessings of God in this part of the vineyard.

June Jones
San Fernando Valley
Circle Editor

Along with the above article I would like to add a part of a letter I received from Lydia Cavallero of the San Fernando Circle telling of one of their meetings. I quote: "I had the Ladies' Circle sewing class at my home recently working on our clothes for Mexico project. After sewing for a while we had refreshments, then all went to visit my mother-in-law, Sister Cavallero. The room was filled with sisters and teenage girls. Sister Grace Brutz started to sing Whispering Hope; it was beautiful. As we were singing everyone felt the blessing of God. Sylvia Curry then said, 'Let us pray,' and the spirit of prayer flowed from one to another. It was so refreshing.

ANOTHER REFRESHING MEETING FROM KINSMAN, OHIO

Just recently our Ladies' Circle held its first meeting after the long, hard winter and its accompanying illnesses had passed. Inasmuch as Mother's Day was the following Sunday, a little program was planned for our Circle service. At the opening of the meeting, each mother present was given a flower. Sister Rose Corrado pinned the flowers on them, and was given an experience as to how to pin the corsages; also what kind of a mother each one was.

After the meeting was over everyone noticed that the two deaconesses' corsages were pinned on just opposite from the rest of the mothers. Although this was not planned, we were thankful for what the Lord had shown us. The person most surprised was Sister Rose herself, because she intended pinning them all in the same position. Part of her experience was the realization

that the two deaconesses should be recognized first because they are as mothers in the Church and their work is very important. Then, in this order, they were named; Mother of the Circle, Mother of Faith, Assistant Mother to a deaconess, Youngest Mother, and a Visiting Mother.

Even though we are just a few, we have received many blessings in our Circle. There are several small children who attend our meetings regularly; our hope is that they will be able to take over in the future and be real Circle Mothers some day.

Anna Jackson

MODESTO LADIES' CIRCLE CELEBRATES 13TH ANNIVERSARY

The Modesto, California Circle was organized on May 16, 1953 in Manteca, California at the home of Sister Jenny Catalano. At that time Sister Sadie B. Cadman was visiting here along with her husband, Brother Will, and Brother and Sister J. Bittinger, so we were organized by her. She spoke of the good work performed by the Ladies' Circle and told how the first Circle was organized. Sister Mary Randy was our first president and Sister Josephine Catalano our first secretary.

On May 20, 1960 we celebrated our seventh anniversary, at which time Brother Joseph Lova-lo addressed the sisters. He spoke of the work they do in helping the Church, how like mothers they are as they help in many ways. He stated also how proud he was to have such sisters to work with, and that they never, as a Circle, have to be reproved because they abide within the laws of the Church. There were several hymns sung and many testimonies of God's goodness. Refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the service.

Our thirteenth anniversary was celebrated May 14, 1966. We find ourselves still fervently trying to do good. Every Thursday we meet in fasting and prayer for the sick, for the youth, and for our ministry. Our hands also are kept busy; we have had bake sales, rummage sales, and miscellaneous sales; we use the proceeds to help out in our branch.

The theme of our program was Love. There were several very inspiring poems read and hymns sung. Sister Catherine Poma wrote a special poem for this meeting for which a vote of thanks was extended to her for her part in making this such a memorable occasion. After the service we enjoyed a chicken dinner which was donated by the sisters.

Josephine Buffa

No man's life will continue except "if the Lord wills."

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The things too small to pray over may be great enough to sin over.

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A glance at the starry sky makes us think of Robert Browning who once said, "God is in His heaven, all's right with the world."

Six Nations News

A glorious day was enjoyed when we met together on April 24, 1966, at the Mission on the Six Nations Reservation. We were glad to have with us the following brothers and sisters: Sister Irene Rigby of Toronto, Sister Mabel McKay, Brother and Sister Douglas Ford from Meaford, Ontario, Brother Jerry Benyola, and Sister Mary Dichiera of Detroit, Michigan.

Before the morning service began, the Sunday School gave a wonderful Easter program on the death and resurrection of Christ, which was enjoyed by all present. Brother Ralph Leet opened the service with the subject of washing feet, taken from the 13th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. Brother Anthony Lovalvo followed. A beautiful lesson was taught on the spirit of humility, the love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and the splendid example He set before us. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him." "If ye knew these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (John 13:16-17)

During the course of the meeting, a marvelous spirit prevailed; the blessing of God was in our midst. Many sincere testimonies were given to the honor and glory of God and our hearts were made glad, filled with love and contentment.

Our feet-washing service overflowed with the Spirit of God which was poured down upon us in a manner that we were unable to contain. It was a joy and an honor to kneel down before our Lamanite brothers and sisters to wash their feet. We later had the privilege of seeing our Indian Sister Georgiana Isaac ordained a deaconess. While the brothers laid hands upon her, her countenance appeared to be that of an angel; a heavenly spirit was felt by all. At the close of the meeting, Brother Anthony Lovalvo requested that we all join hands and form a circle; prayer was offered by Brother Douglas Ford. Truly the blessing of God did flow from vessel to vessel, and our hearts were so filled that we could have said like the poet:

*"The Spirit of God like a fire is burning,
The latter day glory begins to come forth,
The visions and blessing of old are returning
The angels are coming to visit the earth."*

We are very proud to say that Brother and Sister Anthony Lovalvo and Brother Ralph Leet, who are in charge of the mission, and the brothers and sisters who assist them, are doing a fine job with the Indian people and are well loved by them. The efforts put forth by our brothers and sisters are not in vain, for we are highly rewarded. We never leave the mission without a special blessing, and the feeling of satisfaction, knowing it was good to be there!

Mary Dichiera
Detroit Branch No. 1

A man who won't let his religion interfere with his business frequently allows his business to interfere with his religion.

West Elizabeth News

Brothers James Heaps of California and Dan Piccuito of Arizona visited with us here at the West Elizabeth branch after conference to impart the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They preached on the scripture concerning Noah and the ark. Brother Piccuito exhorted all to come into the ark of safety, or in other words, the Church. He made a heartfelt plea unto the young people especially. Brother Heaps further expounded the same scripture; he also stated that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us. In his deliberation upon the Spirit of God he asked Brother Alma Cadman to quote the last five verses of Moroni from the Book of Mormon, which are beautiful to one's soul, and surely are the words of God. In closing Brother Harry Robinson brought forth another perspective on the raven and the dove which were sent forth from the ark.

In March Brother Rocco Biscotti and his wife from Cleveland, Ohio visited us, bringing a blessing to our little flock. We enjoyed hearing him relate how he came to the United States seeking a treasure. He did not expect this treasure to be the Lord Jesus Christ. He spoke from the Book of Mormon, comparing his prayerfulness and faith in God to that of Enos, and told how the joy of the saints penetrated his heart. As he spoke the gift of tongues was made manifest through him, and Sister Mae Robinson gave the interpretation. Praise God!

On April 17th Brother and Sister J. Bittinger were led to visit with us. Brother Bittinger brought us the message in which he compared the work of the Lord with the Children of Israel, individually and collectively, to his work with us today. He also spoke with much concern of the missionary work of the Church. He expressed a great desire to see missionaries sent to Africa, Italy, and the reservations to guide and watch over our brothers and sisters there. He told of seeing the faithful devotion of those who volunteer their services in aiding the natural man when he was in Africa. He questioned why the people of God cannot make more progress in the manner of missionary aid to the spiritual man. We thank God for all these wonderful visitors.

Madeline Robinson
Branch Editor

News From Metuchen Branch

On May 1, 1966 our two young candidates, Carlo Vinci and Carol Ann Vadasz (mentioned in our news item in the May issue) were baptized, along with a young man from Hopelawn Branch. It was a glorious day with the sun shining and the waters were calm as glass; many brothers and sisters from various branches attended. After returning to our Branch for the morning service, before the meeting opened we were singing "Ring The Bells Of Heaven." The spirit of repentance entered the heart of another young man and he asked for his baptism. The blessings of God

were really poured out upon those present and we all returned to the water's edge for another baptism. As we were about to confirm our young members, Brother August D'Orazio of the Edison Branch came in to tell us that Diane Lentkowski from the Bronx wished to be baptized and requested that Brother Joseph Perri perform the ordinance.

We returned to the water's edge for the third time, and while there we heard that three young people from Hopelawn had requested baptism which would be taken care of the next Sunday. We returned again to the Branch where the four young people were confirmed. They sang a hymn together and bore their testimonies, thanking God for calling them into this wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ. They asked that the brothers and sisters remember them in prayer that they may hold fast to the Gospel. We sang, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning"; how truly we witnessed this spirit on this glorious Sabbath day. We were also blessed with another baptism of a young girl on Sunday, May 8th. Aside from the two mentioned above, the names of the other two new converts are Philip Arcuri and Florence Vinci. May God bless our young members and keep them from the temptations of this world.

Anthony Vadasz
Branch Editor

News From Detroit West Side

Branch No. 2

On Mother's Day, May 8, 1966, we were honored by visiting brothers, Joseph Calabrese and Isaac Smith, along with their families. The meeting was opened by Brother Smith. He spoke on the 66th Chapter of Isaiah, Verse 1: "Thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me, and where is the place of my rest?"

Being Mother's Day, he referred to The Church of Jesus Christ as our spiritual mother, and spoke of the love and devotion we should have for her. Brother Calabrese followed Brother Smith on the same subject, bringing a great manifestation of the Spirit into each and every heart. The son of Brother Joseph Straccia was deeply touched and made known his desire to join the Church in the near future.

The ministry decided that our Wednesday night meeting would be dedicated to fasting and prayer in behalf of the children of the saints and all who are desirous to make a covenant with the Lord. May the love of God be instilled into each and every heart that is diligently seeking Him. Psalms, 125— "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be moved, but abideth forever."

We salute you all with God's love.

Anna Carlini
Branch Editor

Hidden Power

"Moses, what is in your hand"? "Oh, just a shepherd's staff, a frail stick. I use it to guide sheep." "But, Moses, look again; it's a living thing."

"David, what is in your hand"? Oh, just a little sling. I use it to cast small stones."

"Samson, what is in your hand"? Oh, just an old bleached bone. I found it out in the field."

But when Moses, David, and Samson dedicated what they had in their hand to God, it symbolized power. As Christians we need to consider what we have in our hand. It may be just a simple little gift, but dedicated to God, it might become a power. Moses was able to deliver the Hebrews from bondage in Egypt; David's little sling slew Goliath; and Samson, with his bleached bone, slew one thousand.

Young man, what is in your hand? A Bible? Then read it carefully that you may understand the message it gives, for it will guide you into a happier life.

Whatever we find in our hand, let us use it to the glory of God!

Editor

A TESTIMONY OF GRATITUDE

As I sat meditating how I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters for their prayers and contributions, this thought came to me — there is a way — through The Gospel News.

I want to relate a little experience I had. One day while meditating how good God has been to us and how wonderful the brothers and sisters were in coming to our aid, a still, small voice spoke, "I was a stranger and ye took me in." Words of the following hymn also came to me. "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead," and "There shall be seasons refreshing, This is the promise of God." Surely I did have showers of blessing and my soul was refreshed.

While attending a meeting at Edison Branch it was pointed out to me in a hymn we sang; "Rejoice in afflictions for your reward is sure." Somehow, in some way, the Lord always provides. I am so grateful when He acknowledges me as one of His. We can never repay you for all you have done, but we pray, that God will ever be your help in time of need.

Brother Charles is back to work now, after being sick for about eleven months. Thank God. Brother Charles and Sister Ilene Smith

FOR THOSE IN SORROW

*Lord, bless the ones who voice their grief
With tears like gentle rain
And, sharing sorrow with a friend,
Find easing of the pain.
And oh, give peace and comfort, Lord,
A deep serenity
To those who cannot tell their grief
To anyone but Thee.*

—Grace V. Watkins

TO THOSE I LOVE

*If I should ever leave you whom I love
To go along the Silent Way, grieve not,
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
Of me as if I were beside you, for
Who knows but that I shall be oftentimes?
I'd come, I'd come, could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?
And when you hear a song I used to sing
Or see a bird I loved . . . let not the thought
Of me be sad, for I am loving you
Just as I always have You were so good
To me . . . So many things I wanted still
To do . . . So many, many things to say to you . .
Remember that I did not fear . . . It was
Just leaving you I could not bear to face . . .
We cannot see Beyond . . . But this I know
I loved you so . . . 'twas Heaven here with you!*

Isla Richardson

OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. PARLOR

Robert L. Parlor, 70, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania died May 27, 1966 at Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late William J. and Sarah Ann Cadman Parlor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Dunseath Parlor; a sister, Sister Elizabeth Toye, and two brothers, Ralph and Clyde, of West Elizabeth.

Funeral services were in charge of Brother Meredith R. Griffith and Reverend W. Ralph Kier of the Round Hill Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH DECCOLA

Brother Joseph Deccola of the Cleveland West Side Branch passed away on March 28, 1966 after a long illness. He was born April 20, 1902, and was a faithful, dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ for about twenty-eight years. He held the office of Superintendent of the Sunday School and assistant teacher as well. He also served as deacon for many years.

Funeral services were in charge of Brother August Perlioni. May God richly bless and comfort his loving family.

ELENA MADURI

Sister Elena Maduri of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, passed away April 22, 1966. She was born December 11, 1905, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ March 8, 1936. She is survived by her husband, Anthony; one son, one daughter, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo.

FRANK PALERMO

Brother Frank Palermo was born April 24, 1879 and passed away on May 19, 1966. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1961, but due to the nature of his illness he was unable to attend many meetings. He is survived by his wife, Sister Josephine; a daughter, Ann; a son, Victor; and two brothers, Jerome of Detroit, Michigan (Detroit Branch No.4) and Vito, living in Italy.

Sister Josephine has been confined by Brother Frank's illness for the last several months, being com-

pelled to remain at his bedside. We pray that the Lord will be her strength and comfort, and give her rest.

VINCENZA BATALUCCO

Sister Vincenza Batalucco, age 92, dear mother of Bro. Joseph Batalucco, died April 5, 1966. She leaves to mourn three sons, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sister Vincenza was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1939. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Joseph Milantoni at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 2 in Allen Park, Michigan; She is sadly missed by all the brothers and sisters. She was very faithful to the end and was loved by all, both young and old. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved.

When The Rat Turns

By C. W. Holmes

I once saw several young soldiers chase a rat across the floor of their barracks. When the dashing rodent reached a wall it made a lightning turn and ferociously threatened to attack the oncoming giants. Gripped by fear and surprise, the men fell back, permitting the rat to escape. Instinctively the dumb animal had employed a tactic well known to military strategists: counterattack.

You soldiers in the army of our Lord, Jesus Christ, know that that rat, Satan, is master of every trick in the book, and one of his favorites is counterattack. Just when you have him on the run and think you have him licked, he'll surprise you with a counterassault at your weakest point. As a result, you find the tide of battle seesawing back and forth in your spiritual warfare.

During World War II the Allied forces triumphantly marching across Europe almost met a crushing defeat when the fleeing enemy reacted like a rat. That we were not pushed back into the sea was due not only to the selfless bravery of rallying troops, but also to the action of a few American field commanders who, not sharing the general air of optimism, had suspected something was up and ordered our fuel and supply drums moved to the rear. When the enemy pushed back our lines, they were disappointed to find they had not captured the vital oil supplies needed to carry on their mechanized counteroffensive as planned. Many military experts believe we won the Battle of Bulge only because, thanks to the inspired foresight of those few officers, we were not totally unprepared.

Why not take a lesson from this? The next time you have the devil on the run, keep in mind that he will probably try a counterattack. Be prepared for it by covering your weak spots with the whole armor of God, and give him a countersurprise by cutting him down with your double-edged sword. Try this, and, with the help of the Lord, perhaps you will see the last of that dirty rat.

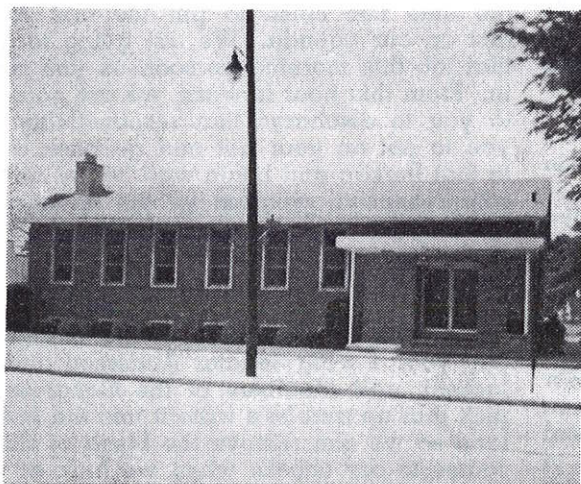
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

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A Brief History Of The Church Of Jesus Christ Detroit, Michigan

A history of Detroit Branch #1 is also a history of the beginning of The Church of Jesus Christ in what is now designated the Michigan-Ontario District. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20, 1921, in the home of Brother and Sister Frammolino. They resided at that time at 5321 French Road, which is located on the east side of the city of Detroit. At the time of this meeting neither Brother nor Sister Frammolino were members of the Church. It was held as a result of the opportunities presented through preaching the Restored Gospel in this city.

The chain of events started with a letter that Sister Frammolino wrote to Brother Tony DiBattista, who was then a member of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch. She requested an explanation of Revelations 14:6 which reads, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." While

reading the Bible one day this verse had come to her with great force and meaning. She was so impressed that she wrote to Brother DiBattista, earnestly desiring an interpretation of the scripture. She also requested the meaning and representation of the "woman" found in the 12th and 14th chapters of the book of Revelations.

Brother DiBattista answered her letter. He told her of the Restored Gospel and enclosed a Book of Mormon written in the English language. He suggested in his letter that perhaps she could have someone read passages from the Book of Mormon to her since she was unable at the time to read the English language. As she removed the Book of Mormon from its wrapping she was suddenly overcome with joy, and the blessing of God filled her heart. Tears filled her eyes and she began to praise God while embracing this book to her bosom. She was convinced by the spirit of God that the Book of Mormon was the word of God, and that the Gospel had been restored to earth by "the angel flying in the midst of heaven."

Shortly thereafter, Brother Patsy DiBattista, a brother of Tony and also a member of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch, came to Detroit to explain more of the Restored Gospel to Brother and Sister Frammolino. Brother Frammolino was skeptical of the words that were spoken by Brother Patsy however, and was told to ask God in fervent prayer for the truth. He followed the advice of Brother Patsy, and that night God revealed to him in a dream that this was the true Church of Jesus Christ. In the dream he was being led along a highway by a man. While walking along this road he was shown a group of people in confusion. He was told this group represented the first church that he had belonged to. Walking farther they approached a second group of people. Brother Frammolino was told this group represented the church where he, at that particular time, belonged. He finally was shown a very narrow way to the top of a mountain, a beautiful land, and was told the Church of Jesus Christ was to be started in Detroit beginning with the household of Brother Frammolino. (Refer to an experience of Brother Frammolino in April, 1921 on page 150 of A HISTORY OF THE

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A History Of Detroit Branch #1

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST by W. H. Cadman.)

As a result of these events, Brother and Sister Frammolino were converted to the Restored Gospel and requested baptism, expressing their desire to become members of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brothers Joseph Dulisse and Ishmael D'Amico came from Glassport, Pennsylvania to baptize the new converts and to hold meetings. On his first evening in Detroit Brother D'Amico received a vision from God regarding the mission work in this city. He was shown two men going from house to house. The men carried a dove which would enter each house and cry, "Peace." He then saw a beautiful room which had a large table prepared. At this table a bride and bridegroom were being honored by many people. (Refer to an experience on Page 148 of A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST by W. H. Cadman.)

Brother and Sister Frammolino invited friends and neighbors to the meetings that were held in their home, and on April 24, 1921 the first five baptisms were performed in the city of Detroit. They were Brother and Sister Frammolino, their daughter, Louise, and Brother and Sister Johnson. God blessed their small gatherings with many great signs, miracles, dreams, and visions. The trials and persecutions endured by the new converts were many. There were instances when certain individuals had set out to do physical harm to the saints. However, the messengers of God intercepted their travels, and they later bore testimony of the impenetrable protection that God placed around His children. Because of such trials their faith was increased daily. They grew in membership. Meetings were subsequently held in a rented store until 1924 when the first church building was erected at Hall and Divine Streets in Detroit. The new building was officially dedicated on December 28, 1924.

The Church continued to grow in number, and through the determined efforts and unity of the saints, a West Side Mission was started by Brother Dulisse on July 13, 1929. By 1932 elders from Detroit Branch had started missions in Rochester, New York and Sopris, Colorado. The mission at Sopris was originally of another faith, but was completely converted to The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Ishmael D'Amico also helped establish this mission.

By 1937 there were two more branches in Detroit, Branches 3 and 4; there were also Windsor and Muncy in Ontario, Canada. At the present time Detroit Branch #1 occupies their new building at 16241 Harper Avenue, which was officially dedicated on December 23, 1956. We sincerely hope and pray that in the years that lie ahead, God may continue to bless us with the success that the Church has experienced in the past; also that the precious name of God may be honored and glorified, and salvation may be found by the hungry and weary of heart.

Roland R. Palene

Light From The Watchman's Lamp

By Spencer G. Everett

"Son of man, I have made thee a Watchman unto the House of Israel; therefore, bear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me. (Ezek. 3:17)

"Go set a Watchman, Let him declare what he seeth." (Isa. 21:6b)

The following excerpt was taken from President Johnson's remarks at the swearing in of the new Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Commissioner Bennett. —

"Commissioner Bennett, your President thinks the time has come to put the first Americans first on our agenda. We are going to give you that job this morning as soon as you are sworn in. From this hour forward, we are going to look to you to discharge that responsibility. I want you to put on your hat and go back over there to that Bureau and begin work today on the most comprehensive program for the advancement of the Indians that the Government of the United States has ever considered. I want it to be sound, realistic, progressive, venturesome, and farsighted.

"I want the Secretary of the Interior to support you. I want Senator Anderson and Senator Jackson and Members of the Congress here to pick that up and let's write it into the laws of this land so we can remove the blush of shame that comes to our cheeks when we look at what we have done to the first Americans in this country.

"I want, during my Administration, the time that I am allotted, to put an end to substandard housing and to substandard programs. I am going to depend on you to tell me what needs to be done not only by your Bureau, but by other Departments and Agencies in this Government. I want to give you my pledge here this morning that if you fulfill this charge, you will have the full power of the institution of the Presidency of the United States behind you."

The "blush of shame" recalls to mind the prayer and confession offered by Ezra for the sins of the Children of Israel upon their return to Jerusalem from their captivity in Babylonia —

"O! my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens." (Ezra 9:6)

Jacob, speaking to his people (the seed of Joseph — American Indians) prophesied —

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, thus saith our God: I will afflict thy seed (the American Indian) by the hand of the Gentiles; nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles, that they shall be like unto a father to them; wherefore, the Gentiles shall be blessed and numbered among the house of Israel. Wherefore, I will consecrate this land (America) unto thy seed, and them who shall be numbered among thy seed,

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

Thus, when we stand before God at the end of our earthly existence we shall be shorn of the camouflage of earthly things. Only two legs will support us — namely, what we are and what we have done.

Years ago the saints used to sing a hymn called The Great Judgment Morning, and I quote the first verse: "I dreamed that the great Judgment morning had dawned, and the trumpet had blown; I dreamed that the nations had gathered to Judgment before the white throne. From the throne came a Bright Shining Angel and stood on the land and the sea: An swore, with his hands raised to heaven, that time was no longer to be."

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God: and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works," Rev. 20:12. Daniel says, "Ten thousand time ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." Malachi says, "A book of remembrance was written." These scriptures, as well as many others, raise the question in our minds: Is there really a library in heaven — a library of many books of record, and records seemingly without number? Do these books record the works and deeds of man — every word spoken, and every single thought conceived? Will these records be made public some day and man be rewarded according to his works? Whether we believe these to be literal books or otherwise makes no difference; the fact remains our whole life is recorded in Heaven.

Jesus himself said, "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed: neither hid that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear or whispered in the closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops," Luke 12:23. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of Judgment," Matt. 12:36. All of this seems to suggest that some day every person finally will face himself — his real self — and one of these days he will face God in his actual moral life. There he will stand bereft of any physical support, all earthly esteem; everything of that nature will be gone. The man of wealth will stand without the power his money gives him; the movie queen will stand without her beauty; the preacher will stand without his oratory. Thus, when we stand before God at the end of our earthly existence we shall be shorn of the camouflage of earthly things. Only two legs will support us — namely, what we are and what we have done.

Let us make certain the fact that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, for, if this is true, our bad deeds and past sins will have been cast into the sea of forgetfulness, never to be remembered against us anymore. On the other hand, if our name is not recorded on those pages, white and fair, our bad deeds and past sins will destroy us, for whosoever's name is not found written there shall be cast into the lake of fire.

*Lord, I care not for riches,
Neither silver nor gold;
I would make sure of heaven,
I would enter the fold.*

*In the Book of Thy kingdom,
With its pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Savior,
Is my name written there?*

Our Trip To Tijuana Mexico

By Floyd Hemp

About six years ago two missionaries of our Church stood on a bare mountain top and said, "This is the place." On Saturday, June 4, 1966 we visited La Iglesia de Jesu Cristo of Tijuana, Mexico to witness the baptisms of two women which brought the total membership of that mission to eighty-two.

We arrived at the mission at 10 A.M. and the candidates were waiting for us although they had to walk several miles to get there. Brother Perdue filled his truck with as many as it would hold; the rest went with Elders Ben and Sam Ciccati, who came to assist Brother Perdue. We started down the mountain for the ocean which is eighteen miles away. It was an experience to drive through the business section of Tijuana. This can only be done by continually blowing your horn and trying to avoid other drivers and the pedestrians who scramble all over the streets. This area has an untold number of rocks and stones of all sizes (and children too) and you can see many beautiful hand-made walls and fences of these stones. We passed one school which was named for our president, Abraham Lincoln. At one of many highway stands along the road we saw one-half of a pig hanging on a pole but we did not have time to stop and buy it. We passed a cardboard shack all by itself in a deserted area where a lonely boy of about ten years was sitting in the doorway just waiting for time to pass away.

Turning off the road we saw the Pacific Ocean. It is a beautiful body of blue water with the top of each wave kissed with a bit of white foam. There was a group of people riding along the shore on horses, and some stopped to watch as Brother Sam Ciccati took each candidate into the ocean. Due to the roar of the waves we could hardly hear as Brother Ciccati did the baptizing. The waves were three feet high and very powerful, nearly knocking the women off balance. Brother Ciccati did a wonderful job of baptizing as each wave hit him from a different angle, and he had to time them with his back to them. It was a very beautiful sight to behold. On arriving back at the mission both sisters were confirmed by the elders and we had a short meeting after which we adjourned.

Brother Perdue then took us for a tour around the area. Where six years ago there was nothing but a bare mountain top with a few hovels, the area is now crowded with one-room shacks, people, dogs, chickens, and a small school. All of this changed because one mission of The Church of Jesus Christ started on top of this mountain.

We passed two little boys carrying small jugs of water which is very valuable in this country since they must buy the water from water trucks or go thirsty. Those who are fortunate enough to get work here get only one or two dollars a day. The cartels who own the water supply

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forever, for the land of their inheritance; for it is a choice land, saith God unto me, above all other lands, wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon that they shall worship me, saith God." (2 Ne. 10:18, 19)

The Book of Mormon contains a warning to our nation —

"And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that you may know the decrees of God — that ye may repent and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written." (Ether 2:11, 12)

TOMORROW

The Preacher says (Proverbs 27:1), "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

James tells us (James 4:13, 14, 15), "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

The words of Christ (Matt. 6:30-34) exhort us, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you? Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Editor

TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW

*I have nothing to do with tomorrow.
Its sunlight I never may see.
So today with the plow in the furrow
In the vineyard I faithful would be.
Other workers may gather the harvest
And reap from the fields I have sown,
But if still I am faithful in sowing,
I shall hear from my Master, "Well done."
So I've nothing to do with tomorrow.
Its burdens then why should I bear?
Should He fill it with joy or with sorrow
He will help me with Him all to share.
I'll have nothing to do with tomorrow;
My Savior will make that His care.
Its grace and its strength I can't borrow,
So why should I borrow its care?*

— Selected



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

*"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
—Thou shalt not bow down thyself to serve them."
Exodus 20:4, 5.*

Dear Girls and Boys,

Our story today is about a wicked king named Ahaziah. He reigned over Israel only two years. He followed the ways of his father, King Ahab, and his mother, Jezebel. They worshipped the great idol, Baal.

The prophet in the days of Ahaziah, was Elijah. King Ahaziah would not worship the true God, Elijah's God. One day Ahaziah fell, plunging through the lattice-work of the upper chamber of the palace. He was seriously hurt. He sent his messengers to the heathen god of Ekron to ask if he would get well or if he would die. In the meantime an angel of the Lord came to Elijah and told him what had happened. Elijah was told, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king and say to them, 'Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron?'. Now therefore saith the Lord, 'Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shall surely die'." Elijah did as the Lord commanded. The messengers hurried back to the king. He asked why they had returned so quickly. They said they had met a man and he told them the king would die. The king inquired what kind of man had told them these things. They answered, "He was a hairy man and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins." Ahaziah knew by this the man was Elijah, the prophet.

The king sent a captain and fifty men out to find Elijah. They found the prophet on top of a hill. The captain called, "Thou man of God, the king hath said, 'Come down'." Elijah reported, "If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume thee and thy fifty." And fire came down from heaven! It burned the captain and his fifty men!

The king sent another captain and fifty more men to Elijah. The captain called just as the first had done. Elijah answered with the same words he had told the others. Again fire came down and burned them also. The king sent still another captain and his men to Elijah. The third captain fell on his knees before Elijah and said, "O man of God, I pray thee, let my life and the lives of these fifty servants be precious in thy sight. Behold there came fire down from heaven and burned up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties; therefore let my life be precious in thy sight." The angel came to Elijah and said, "Go down with him. Be not afraid of him." So Elijah went with the captain and his men to the king. Elijah told King Ahaziah that because he

sent to the priests of the heathen god, the Lord would cause that he should die. In a short time the king died, just as the word of the Lord had been spoken by the prophet, Elijah.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What kind of house did Ahaziah's father, Ahab, have? I Kings 22:39.
2. What did Ahab do to provoke God? I Kings 16:32, 33.
3. How did king Ahab die? I Kings 22:34.
4. What prophecy was given about his death? I Kings 21:19.
5. What happened to Ahaziah's mother, Queen Jezebel? II Kings 9:30, 37.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The ninth session of Vacation Bible School in Monongahela opened June 13th and continued for two weeks. Our largest attendance was 78 children, plus 21 teachers and helpers. We all felt a spirit of love and unity throughout the session. All our lessons and songs were written by Sister Mabel Bickerton who surely has been inspired of God in this work.

Our lesson theme was "King of Kings." We studied about the kings in the Old Testament and in the Book of Mormon, and finally the greatest King of all, Christ. Memory work each day was from Psalms 23 and 24. The children were reminded each day that they were in the Lord's House and were taught to be attentive in worship. The handwork each day was related to the lesson and was beautiful. We are thankful for those who have this talent for working with their hands. We all felt that we learned along with the children as we taught the gospel to them each day. On the last evening we had a program in which we reviewed the lessons of the two weeks. Many came to hear the children and see their handwork. The intermediate group had the most points for bringing their Bibles and Books of Mormon, and for perfect attendance. The collections were used to spread cheer to the sick, to comfort mourners, and for missionary work.

Sister Bickerton, who works very diligently to make this work of the Lord possible, had an experience one day when she was very tired. At the close of the day she was given the last verses of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Reading this, we can be positive this is God's will — that we take time to teach our children everything possible about The Church of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to the Bible School next year for it is our desire to be about our Father's business. We pray that some seed of God's love has been planted in each child's heart.

Virginia Milton

The devil always gets out an extra edition when some saint goes wrong.

M.B.A. Highlights

(The following article by Joseph Calabrese, General Church Auditorium Committee Chairman, is presented to explain the necessity for the progress toward erection of the future meeting-place—Editor's Note)

Auditorium Progress and MBA Contributions Noted

By Joseph Calabrese, General Church Auditorium Committee Chairman

As you probably know, the General Church and all the auxiliary units are at the present time working conscientiously to raise sufficient funds for an auditorium to be constructed near Imperial, Pennsylvania. Many questions have been asked in regards to the location, the utility, and the importance of this structure, so it seems appropriate to review the events which have taken place to date.

Over the years, the Church has had to rely upon public facilities in which to hold conferences and other gatherings. Many times these places were available, but at other times they were almost nonexistent in the particular localities where the meetings were to be held. Even when available the cost of renting suitable space has been exorbitant in some instances. Furthermore, renting involves other limitations, such as compliance with the owner's policies and curtailed hours of use. As a result, there have been many occasions when the Church was greatly handicapped in meeting together.

Land Purchasing Fund Started by MBA

Seeing the growing need for an auditorium which would belong exclusively to the Church, the Missionary Benevolent Association began a Land Purchasing Fund for such a building about seven years ago. The General Church sanctioned the creation of the fund with the view in mind that some day this money would be donated for the future auditorium site. The proceeds grew steadily until a sum of more than \$7,000 was collected for this purpose.

Meanwhile, the General Church, also being concerned about this matter, began to think in terms of finding the appropriate location for the auditorium. Numerous sites were proposed, and the General Church Auditorium Committee, which had been officially authorized to investigate all possibilities, visited each of these places. It was during the time of this study that the Imperial Branch offered to donate the land it had purchased for its own branch building as a site where the auditorium might be built.

The Imperial site had already been purchased, and there was no indebtedness. The General Church felt that this was a golden opportunity and an ideal locality. It is located about ten miles from Pittsburgh, about one mile from

important Interstate Highways, about 20 miles from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and within a few miles of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Also, it was realized that, by providing a separate part of the auditorium as a meeting place for the Imperial congregation, there would be a caretaker group at the site.

The setting is a restful and beautiful area among some of the most scenic Pennsylvania hills, and there is a feeling of majestic solitude which cannot help but bring people into closer communion with God. Along the perimeter of the land is a gently flowing brook which adds to the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

Additional land at the location was desired by the Church to provide for any necessary future expansion. Accordingly, the Auditorium Committee sought to obtain acreage across from the site. The owner, after giving the matter serious consideration, has sold us an additional eleven acres at approximately one-fourth the market price, or \$5,000. The General MBA Conference of last May donated the money to purchase this added tract of land. This now means that the Church will not only be able to have a modern, durable, and functional auditorium at its disposal, but it will also have adequate parking space and room for future expansion.

Assistance Being Given

Now that we have discussed the chosen site, let us talk about what will be required so that construction can be begun and finally completed. In addition to the \$5,000 donated, fund-raising drives are being held by many MBA units, and they are presently putting all their efforts together to reach the \$3,000, six-month goal which was established at the New Jersey GMBA Conference. Also, the Ladies' Circle is considering raising sufficient funds to pay for the costs of the kitchen facilities.

In the April 1966 Conference, the General Church authorized letters to be sent to all Presiding Elders, reviewing the progress made to date on this important project. They were also informed that some of us were selected to visit Branches and Missions to ask for donations for the auditorium. These individuals are Anthony Ensana, New York - New Jersey; Joseph Loyalvo and James Heaps, California; Alvin Swanson, Florida; Anthony Scolaro, Michigan - Ontario; Arthur Landrey, Pennsylvania; and Joseph Calabrese, Ohio. Our goal is approximately \$150,000 for the next three years.

These official visits have begun, and all the brothers and sisters have accorded us a wonderful and enthusiastic reception wherever we have gone. They have all indicated their interest in making this overall goal come true. They all realize, of course, that after the auditorium is built, all General Church Conferences and all the gatherings of the auxiliary units may be held there. With this thought in mind, if all goes well and the Lord permits us to have speedy success on this worthy project, we shall be looking forward to meeting with you at the site in about three years, where we can unitedly thank God for all His goodness and blessings in our own meeting-place.

The Uselessness Of Speed

By Santina M. Mercuri

As I think upon the subject of speed I wonder, why do people speed when driving a car? There may be many reasons, the most common one being the need to get somewhere quickly. Yet, no reason can really justify the need to speed, except perhaps a real emergency. Agreed? Strange as it may seem, some members of this church think nothing of speeding on the streets and highways; yet, they would not voluntarily break the commandments of God. Scripture tells us to "be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates" (Titus 3:1) and also to obey the laws of the land. Is not this also, then, a commandment of God? If, therefore, we break the laws of the land, in this case driving laws, are we the children of God?

Let us turn to the words of the Apostle Paul, I Cor. 10:23; "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me but all things edify not." Indeed, it is most certainly lawful to travel at a speed of 65 miles per hour on a highway or freeway, since the law permits this speed of travel. However, do I need to drive that fast? If I cut my speed down to 50 miles per hour, for instance, how much more time will it take to arrive at my destination? Ten minutes? Fifteen minutes? Perhaps a half hour? Is that so much more time?

How many times do we break the speed laws when we travel from one city to another? Before we leave our homes, we pray that God will protect us from dangers on the streets and highways; but when behind that wheel, are we off in a flash so that we belie the protection we have sought? I doubt very much that God is with us when we are guilty of speeding. If perchance we have been spared from tragedy, it is only because of God's mercy and long-suffering, not because we are deserving. But just how many times will God spare us if we continue to disregard His instructions? Are we any different from the world when we find ourselves speeding as high as 80, 90, and even 100 miles per hour? What profit is there in speeding? Is there a blessing in it when an officer stops us and writes out a citation? Do we feel ashamed to the core, or do we pass it off lightly? (Read Brother Ishmael D'Amico's "My Testimony", page 33, experience in 1933.)

We live in a day and time when the streets and highways are extremely dangerous, and the main reason for this, I believe, is deliberate disregard of our driving laws and inconsideration of the lives of others. Let us then, as the people of God, try to make the roads safer for other people, even as we would like others to do the same for us. Why jeopardize our lives and the lives of others by our negligence and disrespect for the laws, which are created primarily for our own protection? Let us give this some serious thought. After all, isn't every little thing we do in this life supposed to be in harmony with Jesus Christ, who was our great example?

While the proverbs of Solomon tell us that "God has more hope in a fool than a hasty man" (speaking of words), what hope does God have in a hasty driver? Is there really any difference? Hasty words or actions can, and will, lead us to utter destruction if we are not much more careful.

To quote only a few writers:

"Haste is of the devil."—Koran

"Wisely and slow; they stumble that run or drive fast."—Shakespeare

"Hurry is only good for catching flies."

—Russian proverb

Ladies' Uplift Circle General Meeting

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 11, 1966. Sisters were present from North Carolina, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota. We missed Sister Violet Sarver, one of our charter members, who was a patient in the Monongahela Hospital.

The Monongahela Circle conducted the morning devotions, reading the scripture from I Corinthians, ch. 2, and singing several selections. Sister Bickerton, our president, made a few remarks, stating that our work is to follow our Lord, receiving good words from Him, not from men. Some Circles are more active than others, but together we can accomplish much.

Reports of our Circles were read. A motion was made that a special effort be made in helping the Auditorium Fund during the next three months, starting with \$100.00 donation from the General Circle Fund. A number of beaded jewelry and quilts were on display which were made by our Indian sisters from San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. We had election of officers. Our next meeting will be held in Detroit, Michigan Branch #3 on September 10, 1966. The remainder of our meeting was spent in testimony and singing. We felt God's spirit with us throughout the day.

A vote of thanks was given to our Monongahela sisters for their hospitality.

Gospel News Reporter
Mary Tamburrino

*Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say He died for all.*

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Lord, lay some soul upon my heart
And love that soul through me;
And may I nobly do my part
To win that soul to Thee.



UR WOMEN TODAY

She Hath Done What She Could

THE SCHOOL OF LIFE or
THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN LOVE
A PROGRAM GIVEN BY THE
CALIFORNIA CIRCLES

At a gathering of all the California Circles (with San Diego as the Hostess Circle) recently the following program was presented. This musical program was written by Sister Catherine Poma for this occasion. The members of the Modesto, San Diego, and San Fernando Valley Circles, as well as Mexico, represented the students and teachers who explained how to receive a degree in LOVE. Parts of the very interesting program follow:

"Children, have you learned your word for our spelling lesson?", the little ones were asked. Their answer was in song, and together they spelled out, "LOVE, what a mystery!"

For Home Shop a girl poetically demonstrated how she was going to build her chariot of Love in order to get to heaven; for LOVE is the only mode of transportation on the road to heaven.

Three sisters sang the History lesson, "If it hadn't been for God's own Son changing all our History, we ourselves might have been a Judas, a Pharaoh, or a Cain."

In the study of Foreign Affairs, Sister Perdue, accompanied by a young singer, brought us this message: "we must help to feed the hungry world if we would our Savior please."

For Drivers Education a young singer sang of the pitiful and dreadful plight of the pedestrian who loses his way.

The lesson in Medicine revealed poetically that "Love heals the wounded heart, for its powers are divine."

On and on the lessons went, running the gamut from Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, down through the more advanced courses of Languages — beautifully portrayed by Italian, Russian, and Spanish speaking sisters, all explained in prose, song, or poetry. In short, much was said about Love and its effects upon our lives spiritually, physically, and mentally.

We also enjoyed the privilege of having representatives from various Circles from the east with us: Sister Mabel Bickerton of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania (President of the General Circle), who spoke to us of the good work the Circles have done for the Church. She also sang a song written in memory of her mother, Sister Sadie B. Cadman, founder and first president of the General Circle. Other representatives in attendance were Sister Ruth Akerman of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Circle (General Vice-President); Sister Bonnie Smith of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Circle; Sister Vickie Calabrese of the

Lorain, Ohio Circle; and Sister Mary Pastore of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Circle. We also had with us a group of sisters from Mexico.

I Had An Experience

Upon arriving home from the Post Office with The Gospel News one day, I had a great desire to read it for I felt there was a blessing in it. Truly there was, and I had an experience when I read some of the articles about hymns. I was given a hymn, "Jesus Set My Heart To Singing," which was very true.

I am so thankful to have learned that the angel has flown in the midst of heaven. I was blind but now I see. I am glad too that it was by the will of the Holy One that I was drawn to that little building at Jefferson near West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. I did not know what was going to take place that day, but as I stepped inside a wonderful feeling came over me. While walking to the pew where I sat I heard these words, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I will be also." When I went home I said, "I will never go back to the Methodist Church again." That was in February, 1951.

I attended regularly and prayed often to be called into The Church of Jesus Christ. July 1, 1951 was the happy day "when Jesus washed my sins away." I can truly say that no one talked to me about this Church or invited me to come; so you can see it was the will of the Holy One of Israel. I was discouraged with the Church I was attending and was considering going to two others, but before I was able to do so the Holy One of Israel called me into His Church.

My first experience happened on the night of my baptism. Before retiring I picked up the Bible, opened it to Isaiah, and fell asleep. I then saw written in large letters, "You are in the Church where the elders do not get paid." Then I awoke. From that time on my Lord has been blessing me.

Sister Elizabeth Briggs
West Elizabeth, Pa.

One Sunday Brother Bob Watson, Sr. visited our branch. He and another brother were asked to pass the sacrament. After blessing and passing the bread, the wine was blessed and passed to the brothers and sisters. My wife and I were the last to drink from the glass, and when Brother Bob handed the glass to me there was only enough left in it for one drink. My thought was to drain the glass as it was passed to me first, and then Brother Bob would get the other glass for my wife to drink from. After I drank from the glass and handed it back to Brother Bob I looked at the glass and there was still the same amount of wine in it as there was when he gave it to me. He then handed it to my wife and she too drank from it. As she handed the glass back to Brother Bob there was still some wine in it and he took it back to the table and set it down. I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me, but after the meeting I talked with Brother David Ciccatti who had been sitting behind me and had been served the wine just before me. He said

that he too noticed the glass was empty and was surprised when Brother Bob handed it to me.

Two Sundays after this had happened I gave my testimony in our afternoon meeting, telling what a blessing I had felt in this. During this meeting Brother Frank Genaro said that he too had witnessed what had taken place, and spoke of the time when Christ had turned the water into wine. I felt a wonderful blessing in this experience and am thankful to God for His blessings to our people.

Brother Peter Ferrante
Santa Susana, California

The Tools' Quarrel

"For we are laborers together with God." (1 Cor. 3:9).

The Carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer was in the chair. The meeting had informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But he said, "If I am to leave this carpenter shop, Brother Gimlet must go too. He is so insignificant and makes very little impression."

Little Brother Gimlet rose up and said, "All right, but Brother Screw must go also, you have to turn him around and around again and again to get him anywhere."

Brother Screw then said, "If you wish I will go; but Brother Plane must leave also. All his work is on the surface, there is no depth to it."

To this, Brother Plane replied, "Well Brother Rule will also have to withdraw if I do, for he is always measuring folks as though he were the only one who is right."

Brother Rule, then complained against Brother Sandpaper, and said, "What about him. He is rougher than he ought to be, and he is always rubbing people up the wrong way."

In the midst of the discussion the Carpenter walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on his apron, and went to the bench to make a pulpit, from which the Gospel would be preached to the poor. He employed the screw, the gimlet, the sandpaper, the saw, the hammer, the plane, and all the other tools.

After the day's work was over and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, "Brethren, I perceive that all of us are laborers together with God."

Oh! How many of us Christians are just like those tools, fussing at each other, because the other fellow doesn't do things just the way we think he should.

There was not an accusation against one of those tools that was not absolutely true; yet the Carpenter used every one of them. There was not a place where He used any one where any of the others would have done at all. Oh, how careful we should be in finding fault with one of GOD'S tools.

— R. T. Moore

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

"Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world. And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning. Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world." And I cried out with the multitude, "Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the most high God!" and fell down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship Him.

"Verily I say unto you, that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words, and desireth to be baptized in my name, on this wise shall ye baptize them — Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them. And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying; Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And then shall ye immerse them in the water, and come forth again out of the water. And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name; for behold, verily I say unto you, that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one; and I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one."

PRAYER ON THE Q. T.

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule,
For this great Nation, under God
Finds public mention of Him odd.
Any prayer a class recites
Now violates the Bill of Rights.
Any time my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.
Teach us of stars or pole and equator
But make no mention of their creator.
Tell of exports in Denmark and Sweden
But not one word of what Eve did in Eden.
The law is specific, the law is precise;
Praying out loud is no longer nice.
Praying aloud in a public hall
Upsets believers in nothing at all.
In silence alone can we meditate,
And if God should get the credit, great.
This rule, however, has a gimmick in it;
You've got to be finished in less than a minute.
So all I ask is a minute of quiet;
If I feel like praying, then maybe I'll try it.
If not, O Lord, this plea I make
Should I die in school, my soul you'll take.
Selected

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS

The month of June has been very busy and profitable in the work of the Lord here at San Carlos. We are happy to report that we have had four baptisms this month. On Sunday, June 12th, Brother Piccuito was very much inspired of God in speaking of the salvation of souls and our work as people of God to see that souls are saved in His Kingdom. He took his text from II Kings, ch. 5, verses 1-14. He spoke of the captive maid who told her mistress that if her lord, Naaman, Captain of the host of the King of Syria, would go to the prophet in Samaria, he would be healed. The lesson was that if a child can tell of one who can heal, how much more we adults who have received the gospel should be able and willing to tell others that there is a Saviour in Heaven who has come to heal and save men from their sins. He also spoke of the simplicity of the way by which Naaman could be healed and how Naaman rebelled at this simplicity. Such is the gospel to the eyes of men and women today. It is too simple for them to obey and that is its greatest requirement — obedience to the laws of God.

Brother Piccuito quoted an article in which General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, said, "Any so-called salvation which is unconcerned about the world's dying millions is no salvation at all, and no man has the right to hear the gospel twice until every other man has heard it once." Brother Dan was so filled with the spirit of God as he preached that at times he could hardly speak. At the close of the service, when he gave an invitation to anyone who would like to come to Jesus, a young married couple walked together hand-in-hand to the front of the church with tears streaming down their faces and asked to be baptized. It was a beautiful sight to behold. Their baptism was even more beautiful because the Spirit of God was so greatly manifested in them. After they were immersed, Brother Christopher came up out of the water and raised his hands heavenward, praising God. That night he and his wife, Marianna, came forward together to bear their testimonies and sing for the glory of God. When they had finished the Spirit of God covered us all. Brother Christopher saw a vision of a personage dressed in white and gold sitting beside Brother Dan and he sat there during the entire service. As Brother Christopher was leaving the Church after the meeting, he looked back and the personage was still there.

The following Sunday, after the service, another young man went to Brother Dan and, embracing him, made known that he too wanted to be baptized. The baptism was scheduled for the following Sunday, and during the morning service Sister Rosalind Phillips came forward with tears streaming down her face, asking to be baptized also. Both Brother Harold Victor and Sister Rosalind were baptized that morning. Brother Victor went into the service this month. We were sorry to see him leave, but thankful that he took the Lord with him. We had a farewell gathering for him — a wiener roast — and

there were 62 in attendance.

This past month we had our first evening of fellowship in our home with just the teenagers. We plan to do this quite regularly as everyone had an enjoyable time and it brings us closer together. There were 18 present.

We are so thankful to see our mission growing; also to have many visitors in every meeting. We are thankful too for the wonderful support we are receiving from brothers and sisters all over the Church, some of whom we have never met. We know their prayers are with us and that they are helping in every possible way to assist us materially as well. We know God will bless those concerned with the welfare of Joseph's seed; we also realize there is a woe pronounced upon those who are at ease in Zion (Amos, ch. 6). Remember us in your prayers that this work shall be accomplished for the glory of God and the salvation of His people.

Margaret Henderson

San Carlos Mission Editor

Rochester - Lockport Gathering

The semi-annual gathering of Lockport and Rochester branches took place June 5, 1966. After a welcoming address, Brother Ansel D'Amico, presiding elder of Rochester, turned over the meeting to the visiting brothers. Honoring us with their presence were Apostles Paul D'Amico and Rocco Biscotti (president of the Ohio District). Also we were happy to have Sister Biscotti and Brother Vincent Thomas from Cleveland, Ohio.

The meeting was opened by singing "On Mountain Tops." Brother Paul D'Amico offered prayer and then the hymn, "Brighten The Corner," was sung. The text chosen by Brother Paul was the 13th chapter of Ether, 1 to 15 verses. He read of the House of Israel and the Jerusalem from which Lehi came, which was later destroyed and rebuilt a holy city of the Lord, as prophesied by Ether. Also Ether prophesied of a New Jerusalem to be built on this land by the remnant of the seed of Joseph, with the assistance of the believing Gentiles. Brother D'Amico exhorted us to prepare ourselves for the latter day work which began with the restoration of the Gospel.

Brother Biscotti continued to speak on the same subject. He expressed his joy upon entering the Church and quoted the hymn, "The Spirit Of God Like a Fire is Burning." Urging the congregation to believe in a living God, he related an experience he had while on missionary work. A certain woman, having suffered a heart attack and being left speechless, asked for prayer. This was granted, and the next morning her daughter returned to Brother Biscotti saying her mother was healed and her speech had been restored. He urged us to make our bodies clean and strong temples of a living God.

A hymn, "Standing On The Promises," was then sung. Brother Thomas, who had recently celebrated his 90th birthday, gave his testimony of the goodness of the Gospel. He was followed

by Brother Simone, who told of his experience concerning the road to Jerusalem. Brother Ansel D'Amico concluded the speaking by encouraging us to be faithful and prepared for the New Jerusalem.

The meeting was dismissed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," after which Brother Henry Berardi offered the closing prayer. A light lunch was served to conclude a day well spent.

Carmella D'Amico

NEWS FROM MONONGAHELA

The Monongahela Branch is enjoying the fellowship of our Brother Richard and Sister Lou Scaglione and family from Eagle Butte, South Dakota. They are home for the summer as Brother Rich is taking graduate work at California State College, California, Pennsylvania. He is at present employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a teacher in the Government School for Indian children at Eagle Butte. Also home for the summer are Brother John, Jr. and Sister Connie Ross and daughters. They are visiting with their parents at Aliquippa, Pa. Brother John is employed as a teacher at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian School under the BIA, and is taking graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Brother Dick and Sister Pat Christman, former members of the Monongahela branch, along with their family have gone to Pheonix, Arizona. Brother Dick is also a teacher in the Eagle Butte Government School and is studying at Arizona State University for his Master's degree in Indian Education.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Brother Lee Griffith who received his Doctorate of Dental Science recently at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. Lee is the son of Brother and Sister Meredith Griffith of Bentleyville, Pennsylvania. He is married to the former Anita Purvins and they have one child, Mara Renee.

We would also like to tell you of a blessing we experienced here this past week. Dolores Wooley, daughter of our Sister Elizabeth and the late Brother Dominic Wooley, has had a heart condition which required an operation. She was scheduled to enter a Pittsburgh hospital on Tuesday, June 22nd. Before going to the hospital, however, Dolores came to Church and asked the elders to anoint her. Upon entering the hospital in Pittsburgh last week she was told she is well and does not require an operation. How wonderful it is to know that we do not have to look back for our blessings in this Church; we are experiencing them even today!

On Friday evening, July 1st, some of our young people drove to Imperial, Pennsylvania to visit with them in their MBA meeting. Any who cared to do so were asked to take part. Two selections were sung very beautifully by the Monongahela girl's trio, Arty Landrey accompanying them on the piano. Incidentally, they had recently purchased a lovely new piano in Imperial.

Brother Jack Rosemeir requested Brother Alma

Cadman to give his testimony since he had never heard it before. He did so to the brother's satisfaction and also gave us a good discourse on scripture. Brother Bob Buffington, in commenting on his talk, quoted, "Of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," and marveled that there was such an abundance of the word of God in his heart.

The meeting was closed while it was still light and we drove to the plot of ground (five acres of land) presented by the Imperial Mission to the Church to be used for the erection of a conference building. While there refreshments were served by the sisters. While it was still light we made use of the time to walk over the ground, admiring all we saw. A creek (like a half-moon) encircles part of it, suitable for baptizing. When the new building becomes a reality the Imperial Mission will occupy a part of it for their meetings and be caretakers thereof.

After gathering back together again, we sang The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning, requested by Brother Richard Radich, and were dismissed with prayer.

Edith Terrill
Branch Editor

News From Detroit Branch #3

It is always a joyful time for us when brothers and sisters from other branches of our Church pay us a most welcome visit. Such a wonderful time was had by everyone when Brother James Heaps from Anaheim, California visited us a few weeks ago. Although the rough climate of Michigan made Brother Heaps' throat raw, he gave us a wonderful sermon about fulfilling our duties towards our Lord and our beloved Church.

Brother Dan Piccuito, who was with Brother Heaps, told us about his visit to the mission in Mexico. He spoke of the poverty of the brothers and sisters there, and their happiness in spite of their great need of material things. Brother Barry Mazzeo from Phoenix, Arizona played the piano for our singing. We surely were filled with blessings and the spirit of the Lord.

At the same time we had with us Sister Copp from La Mesa. She came by jet with her grandson, Gary Coppa, our man in the Navy, to spend a month with her son, Brother Silver Coppa and Sister Ilene. Gary was fullheartedly received by all and we hope his short vacation was a blessed one. May God bless everyone of us and cause us to grow stronger.

Herta Tiedki

OBITUARY

MRS. ANTONETTE ZEMA

Mrs. Antonette Zema was born July 27, 1885 in Salins, Italy and passed away May 15, 1966 at Yukon, Pennsylvania.

Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ, Van Nuys, California with Brother Robert A. Watson officiating.

OUR TRIP TO TIJUANA, MEXICO

(Continued from page 4)

won't allow anyone to dig a well. The land is so hard and dusty and the earth seems to cry out for water, but no one will hear its cry until God lifts His curse from these people.

These people live only for today, for tomorrow they may starve to death. Many are helped by Brother Perdue's meager supply of beans, but there will never be enough beans here until the land gets precious water. Woe to those who do not help the covenant people of God, for some day they will lick the dust of their feet (2nd Nephi, ch. 6, verse 13).

On our trip back home we had to go through Tijuana and passed a corner where a year ago a market had burned down completely; also some cars parked along the curb. All these ruins were still there, untouched by time and man. (Maybe manana) Then again the blowing horns, squealing tires, the people running about the street, vendors shoving souvenirs through the car windows and shouting, "For sale cheap," as we finally inch up to the border and go through customs into the promised land.

It takes a day to get the dust of Tijuana out of your nose and throat. Our trip made this impression on us — God's curse is still on the House of Israel, but how much longer do they have to suffer, Lord? Read hymn number 471 in our Saints Hymnal.

A SERVANT OF THE LORD

*I'm running for an office in a far and distant land—
My name is on a ballot God holds in His hand—
Where the buildings are of jasper and the city purest
gold;
Where the saints of God will gather with Jesus I am
told.
If elected to that office in that sacred home on high,
I'll serve the people faithful, where we'll never die.
There our troubles will be over and all our sorrows o'er;
I'll serve Jesus and His angels on Heaven's golden shore.
Now when I get to Heaven—to that mansion in the
sky,
We'll have a celebration—Jesus, the saints of God,
and I.
We'll celebrate the victory, for at last I'll know I've
won
An office in God's kingdom, in that land beyond the
sun.
Now this office that I'm seeking is one we can afford;
It's the office of a servant—a servant of the Lord.
There the pure will live forever, in that home beyond
the sky,
And walk and talk with Jesus, and never say goodbye.*
Elmer R. LaRue

Readers Write . . .

Dear Brother Neill:

I do enjoy The Gospel News, especially those articles which exhort us to draw closer to God and the testimonies of our brothers and sisters. Many times I come home desiring mail from the saints. I am very happy to see an issue of The Gospel News at times like these.

Sister Connie Mason Smith
Farrell, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Neill:

Enclosed please find \$2.00 for renewal of The Gospel News. We enjoy reading it very much as it is the only way we know what is happening to other members of our Church.

May God bless you in your efforts in publishing this paper. Our love to all the brothers and sisters.

Brother Jim and Sister Mildred Maffeo
Lake Worth, Florida

Dear Brother Neill:

The Gospel News truly is appreciated and every word digested. I was raised in the East—spent most of my youth there; was baptized in Detroit, Michigan 29 years ago.

Receiving The Gospel News and reading its contents is like a visit from someone special. The experiences related and the articles written are very encouraging; they give us that extra zeal we need in these trying days.

God bless you in your endeavors to compile and edit the paper; it's a fine paper.

Brother and Sister Chris Thomas
San Diego, California

Dear Brother Neill:

We wish to thank you for sending The Gospel News to us even though our subscription has run out. Enclosed is check to renew our subscription.

We enjoy reading it very much. May God bless you in this work is our prayer.

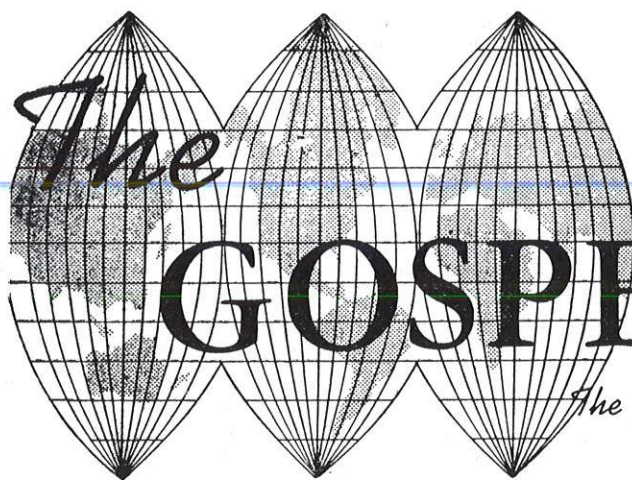
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Boynton Beach, Florida

Dear Gospel News Staff:

Surely sorry to be so low getting my Gospel News subscription renewed. I am enclosing check for \$5.00; please keep out what I owe for the index for 1965 and use the other for whatever you want.

We surely do enjoy The Gospel News. Please keep up the good work.

Sister Eva Delp
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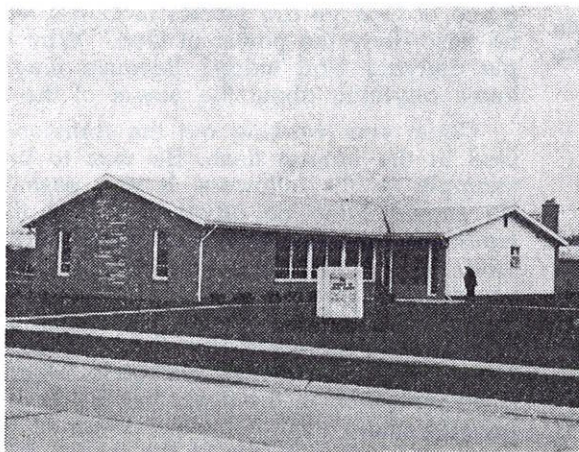


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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DETROIT WEST SIDE BRANCH NO. 2

On a beautiful Sabbath morning of November 25, 1928 I was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ through the conversion of my parents. About a year later I approached Brother Ishmael D'Amico, who was there in charge of this mission, and requested to have church services in my home. Later, Brother Joseph Dulisse, who had just returned from Pennsylvania, assisted Brother D'Amico in this glorious work. The doors were opened wide and every one was welcomed. After one year of services in my home, the first member, Fred Straccia, was baptized. One week later Brother Emil Carlini was baptized in Branch No. 1. After these two conversions, we decided to hold our services in a school building on the west side of Detroit. We began to prosper spiritually and increased in number. Later, when the West Side became an established mission, elders, teachers, deacons, and deaconesses were ordained.

The Detroit area then became a fertile mission field and the work of God began to wax strong

among His chosen people. In 1939 we decided to build a new church building. Brother Emil Carlini was appointed chairman in constructing the building located on the West Side of Detroit on South Electric Street. This building was dedicated in 1940.

Since that time we have been blessed in many ways with baptisms, weddings, blessing of children, and healings. The Holy Spirit was manifested in tongues, and visions. Testimonies told of God's goodness and mercies, and how the Saints were protected from harm and danger. The unselfishness of the saints in helping each other caused faith to grow stronger.

In 1960 we decided to sell our church building and prepared to build a new one to fit our new needs. The revelations received by the saints showed that Allen Park was the most suitable place to build the house of God. Brother Reno Bolonga assumed the leadership on the new construction and with the help of the members and friends alike, completed a most beautiful edifice to the glory of God. This building was dedicated to God on February 11, 1963.

Our desire is that the blessings of God will be manifested in our meetings as in the days of old, and many will come to the knowledge of the truth.

Anna Carlini, Branch Editor

General Priesthood Meets

The Priesthood met in the Youngstown, Ohio Church building on Saturday, August 6, as appointed by the last April Conference. The purpose of the meeting was to spend the day together away from the usual conference matters to discuss ways and means of more fully utilizing the resources of The Ministry to promulgate The Gospel. A good representation of Apostles, Evangelists, and Elders were present from the Districts of The Church.

The first session was spent in prayer. During the course of the meeting many supplications were made to The Lord, depicting the sincerity and willingness of the Brothers to continue to la-

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bor for the welfare of The Lord's Church. The Brothers asked The Lord to continue to assist them by granting them inspiration and power, in preaching The Word, and the continued revelation of His Will through the Holy Ghost.

In the afternoon meeting, a review of The Church's organizational structure, which is so important in carrying out the work of The Ministry, was discussed. This discussion centered on the roles which the Branches, the Districts, and The General Church play in relationship to one another in implementing the work of The Church.

In the evening session, Brother Gorie Ciarravino, General Church President, reviewed briefly the day's discussion.

Everyone was reminded of the need to put forth their energetic and dedicated efforts, combining all talents and spiritual resources in the work of The Gospel Restored.

The Holy Spirit In Christ

By James Heaps

"And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." Isaiah 11:2 That the prophet here is speaking of the earthly life of our Lord, there can scarcely be any question. The Bible abounds with evidence that during the life of Jesus here upon earth He was continually dependent upon the power of the spirit; and if He was dependent on the Holy Spirit, how much more must we depend upon it.

I hear so much about God being dead. If God is dead, then there is no more Holy Spirit to guide us. If God is dead, our hope is in vain and we are yet in our sins. Thanks be to God we know He is not dead, for He lives within our hearts. As truly as Christ was divine He was human. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost; He was baptized with the Holy Ghost and the Spirit of God in the form of a dove rested upon Him. He went into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil and came out in the power of the Spirit. He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me." We read that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. When Jesus was baptized God spoke from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." If Jesus was God, as some believe, who then was speaking from heaven? He was declared to be the Son of God. "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth. I have put my Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." When the divine Son of God condescended to become a man, He took upon Himself real humanity. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; for verily He took not on Him the nature of angels, but He took on Him the seed of Abraham." Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren; He became bone of our bone,

and flesh of our flesh. He became subject to temptation, and was actually tempted in all points, as we are. He was subject to suffering, sorrow, and death, and yet without sin. It was the humanity that was strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As a man He was dependent on the Holy Spirit for succor and strength. As any other man, in all His temptations and struggles with the enemy, He had to depend on the power of the Spirit. Therefore He was perfect through the power of the Holy Spirit; just so we cannot be perfect without the Holy Spirit. No, but Moroni says, "I exhort you to come unto Christ and be perfected in Him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your mind, might, and strength, then is His grace sufficient for you; that by His grace ye may be perfect in Christ. And if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God." Why are people denying God today? Because they do not know anything about the power of the Spirit.

Christ was working out the righteousness of God in the human flesh. He was to be a true example to His followers. It was essential that He should have no advantage over them. He would demonstrate that the power available to man, through the Spirit, is all-sufficient to bring complete deliverance to man from sin and glorious victory over all the power of the enemy. I hear it said by some that they sin every day. Then you are a sinner, my good friend. There is no perfection in the flesh, but the flesh can be brought under control by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are servants of the one to whom we yield ourselves in obedience, whether of sin unto death or righteousness unto God; it all depends on our yielding. If we yield to sin we are servants of sin, and the wages of sin is death. God did not merely lend His Son Jesus, but He made Him an absolute gift; He became a man. When He finished His earthly ministry, and ascended into heaven, He retained His human form. As a man He ascended; as a man He was seen by two men on the way to Emmaus. He went as a member of our race, as our elder brother; as an advocate for me He went, still bearing the marks of the crucifixion. Some day He will show to those who crucified Him the prints of the nails in his hands and feet; also the wound in His side. John said He was filled with the Spirit. God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him, it is measured unto us according to our faith, and our lives. Jesus had the fullness of the Spirit in order that He might be protected from the pitfalls of sin. We find Him praying. Why did Christ have to pray? Because of the weakness of the flesh. No wonder He spake as never man spake. The multitude hung on His words. He prayed as never man prayed. He was now fully vested with the office of the Messiah. Every gift was made manifest in Him.

Thy way is best, so lead me onward,
My all I give to Thy control;
Thy loving hand will truly guide me
And safe to glory bring my soul.

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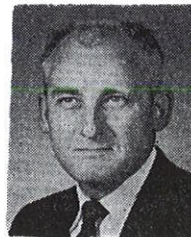
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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

Just six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany to the home of Simon the leper, and there they made Him a supper; Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus, Martha served, and Mary performed an act of adoration.

In Matthew, ch. 26, verses 6 and 7, we read of an incident which seemingly began as an ordinary gathering of close friends, but became the scene of an act which would never be forgotten.

In Bethany there lived a man known only as Simon the leper. A number of Simons are mentioned in the New Testament Scriptures, some of whom we read quite a bit about. But who is this Simon the leper? It would seem at the time about which we are writing that he was no longer a leper, for otherwise he could not have been living in his own home. Even in that day lepers were not permitted to mingle with society. Was this Simon the father of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? Could he have been healed by Jesus? Could this have been one of the reasons that there evidently existed such a tender affection for Jesus in this family? These ideas can be only conjectures for the Scripture tells very little about him.

In reading St. John's narrative of this event it would seem that Lazarus was as great an attraction as Jesus, for some had come to this supper for the very purpose of seeing this man who had been dead and in his grave four days. His sister had told the Master, "By this time he stinketh." What thoughts must have been in the minds of the people as they beheld Lazarus, this man who had come forth from the tomb, bound hand and foot with grave clothes. Seeing him alive and well convinced many, causing them to believe on Jesus. Therefore Lazarus, up to this point, was the center of attraction. He also became the attraction of the Chief Priests who consulted that they might put him to death.

The memorable importance of this supper was not concerned with the number of Jews who came either to witness it, to be in the presence of Jesus, or to gaze upon Lazarus, but with the incident which occurred during the course of it. As Mary sat in the presence of her rescued brother and her deeply worshipped Lord, she could not restrain her feelings. The longer she sat thinking as she gazed upon Jesus, the more she felt impelled to show her gratitude and adoration by some outward sign. Quietly she left the room; when she returned she brought with her an alabaster box of very precious and costly ointment. She approached Jesus, broke the box and poured its contents on His head; she also, as John says, anointed His feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the odor of the ointment. It would seem that words were not sufficient to show Mary's appreciation and love; nothing short of a costly act would express her feeling for Jesus. This act was a devoted sacrifice.

To the extremely poor present on that occasion who knew, as the Scripture says, that this ointment was very costly and precious, this was perhaps amazing that Mary would lavish it out in one brief moment. What a sacrifice! However, to one who was present, it wasn't a sacrifice nor an act of appreciation; it was wasteful. To him this act was repulsive; it filled him with disgust, and so he asked, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" Not that he cared for the poor; these words were only spoken as a veil to conceal his real thoughts "because he was a

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thief and had the bag and bore what was in it." It has been said that everytime someone does a grateful act there is a Judas nearby to sneer and find fault. Imagine how Mary must have felt to have someone murmur against her and ask, "To what purpose is this waste?" In her heart she felt, no doubt, that this action had not nearly expressed her love and appreciation. Nevertheless, Jesus would not permit her to be pained or troubled as a result of this noble act. He came to her rescue, speaking to Judas in a stern voice, and saying, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. She

is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying." I wonder just how much of this act of anointing Jesus Mary fully understood.

Finally Jesus made the statement, which to this day is memorably fulfilled; "Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." And so it is; the story of Mary's devotion to Christ, and the way she expressed it on this occasion, is known throughout the Christian world today. It is a beautiful reminder to us that we may ever show our gratitude for the many blessings He has brought us, the greatest of which was the sacrifice He made for each of us on Calvary's cross.

Is It Too Late?

By Eva Moore

Living on a farm for over twenty years has brought us many experiences as shepherd of the flock as well as planting, plowing, and reaping. Jesus spoke many parables, and in them He always compared the spiritual with the natural. Two special incidents come to my mind concerning animals in our flock. It is customary for us to look after cows that are due to have their little calves. If it is in winter we see that they are comfortable, with plenty of feed, water, and shelter. If this happens in summer it takes the same care except cattle range and have their young in the fields. One day we went out to the pasture to check the cattle and found an early-born calf lying in the hot sun, completely covered with flies. My first thought was that it was dead. I ran to the barn, got a burlap sack, and covered it gently, chasing the flies and rubbing it to stimulate circulation. Soon the calf's eyes opened, its ears stood up, and it began to move. I said, "It's alive." We lifted it on a cart and brought it into the barn. We nursed it with a bottle of milk and it was strengthened; it lived to become one of our finest animals.

Another time we had a group of calves in winter shelter. One day we went to see about them and found one had been pushed by the others into a feeding trough and was badly bruised. When we lifted it out of the trough it fell to the ground and could not walk. We helped it to the barn and put it into a warm stall. We carried water and feed to it every few hours. We turned it from side to side to exercise its legs and body, but after six days we thought it was hopeless. We were ready to give up but I said, "Let's try another day." On the seventh day the calf moved its legs and struggled to get up on its feet. It finally got up, but being wobbly, it stood for a minute and fell again. Each day, however, we helped it to stand on its feet. About the fourteenth day it walked by itself and lived to become one of our best cattle also. I have often felt that if we struggle so to help an animal, how much more should we endeavor to help a human being? When is it too late to recover a human being? This is a question I often ponder and pray about.

This spring we planned to have a real nice garden. We prepared the ground properly and sowed our seeds. When they sprung forth, we cultivated, weeded, and cared for our garden. Soon we saw the blade, the blossom, and the fruit of the vines appearing. Then the rains ceased and the scorching sun came day after day. We looked upon our garden and wondered, "Is everything lost after all our labor?" Day after day we would work and pray for the rains to come to water the plants. Finally, when we saw how everything was drying up, we wondered how we would fill our jars and freezer for the winter. Then one day the rains came, and suddenly everything looked alive and bright. In a few days we were harvesting that which we had planted. "What a man soweth he shall also reap."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Aliquippa, Pa. branch held its Vacation Bible School June 20 to July 1. We had a fine turnout of children with a few more in attendance than last year. In the evening of the last day the children put on a program; they also displayed the many projects they had accomplished. We wish to thank all who gave of their time and effort to this cause. We can surely see the fruits of our labor in the joy expressed by the children over their accomplishments.

Branch Editor
James Gibson

Vows Exchanged

MAVRICH - MOORE

On Saturday, May 28, 1966, Brother Anthony Mavrich, Jr. and Rose Mary Moore were joined in holy matrimony. The nuptials were performed in the Aliquippa branch of The Church of Jesus Christ with Elder Rocco Tassone of West Elizabeth officiating. Brother Anthony is a member of the Aliquippa branch and Rose Mary is from Washington, D. C. They will make their home at West Wade Street in Aliquippa, Pa. May God bless them in their lives together.

What we do for those in need, we do for Christ.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"He that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous man's reward." Matthew 10:41.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you an interesting story about a man named Amulek. He was a rich man. He gave up his silver, gold, friends and relations for the word of God. An angel visited him and told him to feed a prophet of the Lord, a holy man. This prophet was Alma. Alma, too, had received a message from the Lord. He had been fasting and preaching but the people would not listen to his warnings. One day Alma met Amulek and asked, "Will ye give to an humble servant of God something to eat?" Amulek replied, "I am a Nephite, and I know that thou art a holy prophet of God, for thou art the man whom an angel said in a vision: 'Thou shalt receive'. Therefore, go with me into my house and I will impart unto thee of my food and I know that thou wilt be a blessing unto me and my house."

When Alma and Amulek reached the house, Amulek gave the prophet bread and meat. Alma was refreshed. He gave thanks unto God, blessed Amulek and his house. He told him he was Alma, the high priest over the church of God throughout the land. He had been called to preach the word of God among all the people according to the spirit of revelation and prophecy. The people did not receive Alma and he was about to leave them forever when he was commanded to prophesy to them again. He said to Amulek, "And now, Amulek, because thou hast fed me and taken me in, thou art blessed, for I was an hungered, for I had fasted many days." Alma lived for some time in the home of Amulek before going to preach to the wicked people of the city of Ammonihah.

As Alma prepared to leave, the Lord revealed to Amulek he was to assist him. The two men went among the unbelieving people, preaching the gospel with great power. Amulek was a great help to Alma. He told the people how an angel had appeared to him telling him that Alma was a true prophet. When the lawyers of the city heard these things, they began to argue with God's missionaries. Alma and Amulek were able to resist them and embarrass them before the people. Of course this made the lawyers angry. They tried to prove Alma and Amulek had broken the law and should be put in prison.

There was a very clever lawyer among them whose name was Zeezrom. He was expert in the devices of the devil that he might destroy that which was good. He lied and tried to twist what Alma and Amulek said, so it didn't mean what was intended. Alma and Amulek were able with

God's power to confound the lawyers and many of the people. This made Zeezrom and the others angry. They seized the two men, bound them with strong cords, and took them before the chief judge of the land. Zeezrom listened to the false accusations against Alma and Amulek. He realized the words of these two were right and the people were lying. He was troubled about his own sins and knew he had caused the people to believe lies. He cried to the people, "I am guilty and these men are spotless before God." He defended Alma and Amulek; he pleaded for their lives but it was too late. The people asked if he too, were possessed with the devil. They spit upon Zeezrom and cast him out. Then they sent men to stone him to death. The wicked men were filled with rage against the people who believed the teachings of Alma and Amulek. They brought as many as they could find—men, women, and children—and cast them into a fire. They also burned their records which contained the holy scriptures. They made Alma and Amulek watch this terrible scene. Amulek was heartbroken and asked Alma, "How can we witness this? Let us stretch forth our hands and exercise the power of God and save them from the flames." But the Spirit revealed to Alma not to stretch forth their hands to stop this, for the Lord would receive these ones unto himself in glory.

Amulek thought the people would burn him and Alma but instead they were put in prison. Here they were questioned by the wicked judges but they remained silent. For this they were slapped and mocked. They were bound, given nothing to eat, no water to drink, and their clothes were taken from them. They taunted them with these words, "If ye have the power of God, deliver yourselves from these bands and then we will believe that the Lord will destroy this people according to your words."

At last great power came from heaven! Alma and Amulek arose to their feet and broke the cords which bound them. The judge and his companions were frightened and ran, but before they reached the door, an earthquake shook the prison, killing these wicked ones. When the walls of the prison fell, they made a great noise, which was heard by the people of the city. As they came near the ruins of the prison, they saw Alma and Amulek walking away unharmed. They were frightened and ran away.

The Lord commanded Alma and Amulek to leave the city and go to another land. There they found Zeezrom, who had repented and was very sick with a fever. He was healed as Alma prayed for him. Alma baptized him and he became a minister for the Lord. All this was a wonderful blessing for Amulek, who obeyed the voice of an angel and fed a prophet of the Lord.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What kind of a giver does God love? II Corinthians 9:7.
2. Will you ever find your bread again if you cast it upon the waters? Eccl. 11:1.

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M.B.A. Highlights

Second Annual Field Trip Success Stimulates Planning For Future Years

By Isaac Smith, GMBA Vice-President
and Field Trip Sub-Committee Chairman

For the second consecutive year, the General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip was successful, and there is mounting interest in this annual event throughout the MBA and The Church. As a result, the Field Trip Sub-Committee is presently looking into ways of making it possible for more individuals to take part in the future and for longer periods of time.

It was apparent that many people were anxious to meet at the Six Nations Reservation (Grand River) located between Brantford and Caledonia, Ontario, Canada, the 1966 site the weekend of July 23-24. Campers began to arrive even on the Friday night, and they set up quarters directly behind the Reservation's auditorium and dining-hall which offered visitors excellent kitchen facilities during the weekend. The picturesque camping area was situated on a mound from where the entire surrounding vicinity could be seen, and it was filled completely by Saturday afternoon.

Other travelers who were staying at nearby motels joined the group for an outing which officially started the event on Saturday afternoon. Besides the representatives from the various MBA Areas, many people from the Reservation gathered with the throng.

Early Evening Meeting

After a sociable time together, everyone attended an early evening meeting in the auditorium. Thomas Liberto of San Diego, California spoke, emphasizing the limitless opportunities which are available to serve God. He said that it was a comforting thought to know that this service can be rendered under many different circumstances, and he indicated that it really was not necessary for formal preparation when confronting God. His testimony also proved inspirational.

Later in the evening, a huge fire was built in the middle of the camping area. Corn was roasted, young people sang many wonderful hymns, and more casual moments were spent together.

The campfire setting provided a good preparation for the Sabbath service at which Louis Ciccati, also of San Diego; Frank Calabrese, of Lorain, Ohio; Paul D'Amico, of Lockport, New York; and Dominic Thomas, GMBA President from Dearborn, Michigan, spoke. The subject was the parable of Christ in which He taught not to put new wine into old bottles. Ways to apply this passage were explained, and modern examples were used to illustrate its meaning. Also, how both old and young of the MBA and The Church

should exercise their faith and work for The Gospel were presented.

At the end of this meeting, directed by the Michigan-Ontario District Mission Board which serves the Reservation's Church Mission, Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, told about an Indian tribe in South America which was reportedly attempting to make itself extinct. Brother Ciaravino pointed out that obvious connections about these kinds of situations can be found in the **Book of Mormon**.

An unusual treat was accorded the visitors when a male trio from the Six Nations Reservation sang parts of two hymns in both Mohawk and English. Soloists and other vocal groups also sang over the weekend.

A tour was made of Six Nations before the Sunday service. The six tribes at the site are the Mohawk, Cayuga, Seneca, Onieda, Onondaga, and Tuscarora. Last year's field trip, incidentally, was taken to another Ontario Indian Church Mission, located on the Muncey Indian Reservation.

Future Plans

The GMBA Activities Committee met on Saturday morning before the Gathering, and one of the major items discussed was a projected field trip schedule for the future. The enthusiasm and interest shown in the first two annual ventures were interpreted to mean that the Association should offer this yearly event in such a way as to allow more people to attend and to schedule the stay at the destinations for a longer period. Request for these kinds of arrangements have been received from people throughout The Church, especially from the west coast. To satisfy these desires, the Field Trip Sub-Committee has outlined a program which would include a visit to Kansas in 1967 and a trip to California in 1968.

The location in Kansas, about 30 miles east of St. John, is a spacious facility which could be used exclusively by The Church for an entire week. All conveniences are available and modern hotel rooms, cottages, dormitories, and camping requirements are on the grounds. In addition, a dining hall, a chapel, and other desirable features are present. This beautiful site in mid-America could possibly be used in either late July or early August.

The California excursion would probably be in conjunction with the July 4, 1968 weekend. The meeting-place could conceivably be where a Church Branch is situated, and the trip could possibly be arranged to include an MBA Conference. This would honor a long-standing wish of the California Association Area to host an official MBA meeting.

Plans for future field trips must be approved by the coming November 12 GMBA Conference in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, of course. As a preview, however, an announcement of the 1967 possibility was made at the Six Nations Reservation, and, from the wave of excitement and comments heard, it seemed almost everyone there were making mental plans of what they must do to participate if at all possible. This enthusiasm

was typical of the whole July 23-24 weekend and illustrated that field trips have become a vital part of the Missionary Benevolent Association.

New MBA Area Officers

The following new officers were elected at the annual MBA Area Conferences in July. All other officials were reelected.

California: Joseph Smith, Editor.

Michigan-Ontario: Silver Coppa, Vice-President; John Griffith, Treasurer.

Ohio: Raymond Cosetti, Chaplain; Anthony Santilli, Treasurer; Evelyn Willforth, Auditor; and Mary Cosetti, Editor.

Pennsylvania: Arthur Gehley, Chaplain; James Gibson, Editor.

GIVE! GIVE! GIVE!

By Joseph Calabrese

At our recent M.B.A. Area conference at Bell, California these pearls and jewels of words come from the lips of Brother Meredith Griffith as he was led by the spirit to introduce the conference. He used for his text St. Luke, ch. 6, 27-38 verses. He emphasized three points necessary to good Christian giving — (1) Give materially, (2) Give of your time, (3) Give of yourselves. Brother Griffith covered each phase of the subject very well and everyone felt the humble spirit in which God directed our brother to speak. Several speakers followed with a good spirit guiding each on the same subject.

When we returned home from our trip to the West Coast, this meeting still kept ringing in our minds. This is the reason I feel at this time to give vent to some thoughts that are in my heart. Several years ago, I wrote an article entitled "Food for Thought." (See Gospel News — Sept. 1961, page 7) In it I tried to emphasize the importance of putting God first and working to build His kingdom. When this is done, all other things will be added. I can say from personal experience that this has been a reality for me and my house. Today, I wonder if we are willing to prove to ourselves that Jesus meant every word he said in the 38th verse of the 6th chapter of Luke — "Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured unto you again."

Many times people have said "If God would give to me, then I would give to God." It is not the will of God that we should not have our needs supplied, not pay our bills, nor have the nice things in this life. It is not a sin to have a nice automobile, a nice home, furniture, and groceries. It is the will of God for us to prosper,

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Light From The Watchman's Lamp

By Spencer G. Everett

(Isa. 21: 6 b)

"Go set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

WHY SAINTS SUFFER

1. God uses the experiences of His children to silence Satan, the enemy of the word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Job 2: 3-6; 1:21; 13:15)

2. For the "Glory of God," that His name might be honored and glorified. "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God." (John 11:4, 41, 42)

3. To accomplish the ultimate purpose for which He has called and chosen us; to make that Brother or Sister more like the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. (Rom. 8:29, Phil. 3:10, Job. 23:10)

"He has broken every fetter, that my soul may serve Him better" (Hymn # 218 - Saints Hymnal)

4. To make us more appreciative of the blessings which God bestows upon us. (Rom. 8:28)

5. That we may learn to depend upon the Lord and not rely upon our own strength. (Exod. 14:13, Zech. 4:6)

6. To teach us patience. Patience can be learned only by enduring. (Rom. 5:3-5)

7. To make us sympathetic. (2 Cor. 1:3-6, Heb. 2:10, 18) "Teach me not to judge another man until I have walked for two weeks in his moccasins" — a Sioux Prayer.

8. To keep us humble. God hates pride. For example — The Apostle Paul's "thorn in the flesh." (2 Cor. 12:7-10)

9. To teach us to pray. (James 5:13)

"When sore trials came upon you, did you think to pray?

When your soul was full of sorrow, Balm of Gilead did you borrow

At the gates of day?

Oh how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day;

So when life seems dark and dreary, don't forget to pray." (Hymn # 188 — Saints Hymnal)

10. To bring Rewards. (2 Tim. 2:12, 1 Pet. 4:12, 13)

Remember please

Only one life, 'twill soon be past

Only what's done for Christ will last!

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

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3. Read what the Saviour said about giving, in St. Luke 6:38.

4. Should you give secretly or boast about it? St. Matthew 6:1, 4.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

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but He said that in order for us to prosper, we must give and it shall be given unto us. This brings me to the thought of helping build the kingdom. Today the General Church has given us the responsibility, with other brethren, to oversee the work of the eventual erection of the General Church Auditorium. This has been more than an experience for me. It has been a revelation. What do I mean by this? I will try to explain. Since the moment that we were given this task, we have constantly prayed God for guidance. We have traveled much, visiting many branches and missions throughout the Church. Many have heard how God has led us. Some have not responded; this is to be expected. Over all, the revelation that I speak of is that **as a whole the response has been very encouraging.** Many have said "Don't worry, Brother Joe," not only in word but with sizeable donations. Many of them are retired pensioners and widows. Some have said, "I can buy any other things I want for my personal need, I will borrow the money for the Auditorium." Another said, "Brother Joe, I didn't know why I started a Christmas fund last fall, but now I know why." Some nonmembers have given as well as children who have been giving through their groups. Yes, these same givers are enjoying the blessings of God naturally and spiritually. **The building of the auditorium is not building the Kingdom and it is not the City of the New Jerusalem; but it is a dire present need to help us to build for the future.** Tomorrow there will be other needs. We must remember that we started from just one man back in 1852, namely Brother William Bickerton. It has been a hard, hard climb, but God has always provided. Why? Because men with vision and open hearts have given pressed down and running over. Again there are others who ask, "why build now? It's the sign of the times." It may be the sign of the times, but it is not the end of the world. We firmly believe that God has made it possible for our people to be financially more independent now than ever before. Will a man rob God? Read Malachi 3 chapter, 8 verse. Yes, this kingdom will be built on earth as it is in Heaven by individuals who can fulfill their responsibility naturally and spiritually, for one complements the other.

Just a closing comment for some who may not understand or have been misinformed in regard to the amount to give to the Auditorium Fund. The committee decided to recommend to the Church to ask for \$150.00 per member, not by command but rather by free will or from the heart. The way we arrived at this figure was this. We took the membership of the Church in America which is a little over 2,000 members. A survey indicated that about 50% or half of the members give to the Church. We simply took the total approximate amount needed (\$150,000), divided it by 1,000 and obtained the amount

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I Had An Experience

I would like to relate an experience I had on May 24, 1966. I had a lump on my first rib under my collar bone. It had been painning me some so I went to a bone specialist to see about it; this was about May 12th. The doctor took X-rays which showed something growing over the bone, a condition which was not normal. He thought it best for me to enter the hospital and have it removed, then to be checked by a pathologist. He made arrangements for me to do so on May 25th. In the two weeks prior to entering the hospital I became very worried and troubled, fearing it would turn out badly. I went to Church and was anointed, knowing God can heal us if we have faith in Him. However, I still worried so that I couldn't eat or sleep; I lost five pounds in one week.

One day, as I was very troubled, I was thinking how I would love to talk to my mother, Sister Angella Intrieri, who lives in Glassport, Pennsylvania, because I felt she could give me much comfort. As I was thinking of her the phone rang and I heard her voice. I rejoiced in being able to talk with her. I commenced to tell her everything and how worried I was, — so much that I couldn't even take care of my home and family. In fact, I thought I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. She told me that since I had been anointed I should put all my trust and faith in God and I would feel better. I told her how much I had been praying and that I knew God could heal me, but Mom said I wouldn't be worrying if I had enough faith. Even after talking to her I still felt troubled, however. I called Sister Catherine Henshaw, who lives near me in Hollywood, Florida, and asked her to tell me something I could read in the Bible that would comfort me. She did so but it didn't seem to help. On May 24th I decided to call Sister Viola Swanson in Miami to tell her I was going into the hospital the next day. While talking with her I began telling her how worried and afraid I was. She told me the same thing my mother had said — to put all my faith and trust in God, and since I had been anointed she was sure God wouldn't let it be anything serious. She felt God had a reason for letting me go through the operation. Sister Swanson also said I should think upon God while in the hospital and He would be there, holding my hand. She told me to kneel down and pray when we hung up, and she would do the same thing. After our conversation I got out the vacuum sweeper and was going to use it when it came to me I was supposed to pray. Immediately I got down on my knees, and while praying I could feel the Spirit of God upon me. As I got up from my knees, still filled with God's Spirit, I started to run the sweeper again. I was singing the chorus to the hymn, "God's Way is The Best Way." All of a sudden it came to me that I was singing. I didn't know the words to the verses so I got my hymn book and began to sing the complete hymn. I rejoiced for these words seemed to be the comfort I was

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UR WOMEN TODAY

She Hath Done What She Could

From the South —

Several years ago there were only a few sisters here, having moved in from New York and New Jersey. We had been approached about organizing a Ladies' Uplift Circle, but had put it off as we spent just about every night visiting and telling all who would hear of this glorious gospel. In time we were joined by others who moved here, as well as by some who received the testimonies of the saints and were called into the Gospel. Finally on Oct. 13, 1964, the sisters united and formed our Ladies' Circle. Through the Circle, we have become closer and a greater love and understanding toward each other has grown. We have learned much in our Circle where we feel free to discuss the scripture. Not only have we been helped spiritually, but by taking part in the meetings and handling responsibilities, we have gained the confidence required to help us work better with people. At times it has been difficult to attend every meeting, but we have found that when we take one step for the Lord, He will take two for us.

There is much that can be said in behalf of the Ladies' Circle. We think of many sayings that have been handed down—such as, "United we will stand" or "Behind every good man is a woman." These are sayings that can well be applied to the Circle. Behind every brother who goes out into the mission field, the Circle can be thought of as the woman behind him. We can support these missionary efforts not only with finances, but with a spiritual boost of kind, encouraging words; and with much prayer and fasting. If we are united, working together for the same purpose — the work of the Lord — God cannot help but hear our cries and our prayers. The desire of each of us is to see this Gospel go forth that ALL might know the love, peace, and joy that comes from serving God.

We read of many women in the scripture and our desire is to be like them — to live a life that is pure and right and good, and to be greatly blessed of God; so that when our days are over and our race has been run, we will be worthy of that crown of everlasting life.

Juanita Rogolino

Pres. Fort Pierce, Fla. Circle

Activity for the West Coast

San Diego Circle's latest endeavor has been to establish a "Tijuana Medical Aid Fund" to be used expressly as the name implies, although this project is not as grandiose as it sounds. Tijuana, Mexico, has innumerable sick and dying and we cannot even attempt to reach any great number of the afflicted. However, if we may in some small way assist those who valiantly labor in the missionary field, perhaps by

alleviating a bit of suffering here and there, we will feel that we have caused a smile to illuminate the sorrowing face of Jesus.

In order to establish this Medical Fund, the San Diego Circle hosted a "catered dinner." We were honored with a full house of brothers, sisters, and friends, along with their families. The delectable dinner was given in honor of Mother's Day with the prevailing thought that we must be as "nursing fathers and mothers" to the seed of Joseph.

In addition to the tickets sold, several brethren gave generous contributions, thus swelling our budding fund. We thank God and everyone!

Recently it has been our good fortune to come in contact with an organization that calls itself "The Flying Samaritans." This is a medical group composed of doctors and surgeons, who dedicate much of their time to free medical assistance to the needy of Tijuana. They have pledged us their services should the need arise among our people there. One child of ten years has already received an intensive examination. Through these newly found friends, much bread has been donated to us by a bakery. These people have no time for distribution of merchandise, so have turned the baked goods over to us. In turn, the Circle sisters as well as other sisters have assisted the "Flying Samaritans" in their fund raising campaigns by donating our own home-baked goodies to them from time to time. Thus, hand in hand, we labor together towards the same end — promulgating love.

Our younger circle members are zealous in their attendance, and are an inspiration to us. Their concerted efforts in the recent sale of greeting cards enabled us to get under-way in our flower arrangement project.

Our Bible Study Class is lively and inspirational, and our members, old and young, are vitally interested in searching out God's hidden word. This again proves true the promise that where two or three are gathered in His name, there will He be also.

Catherine Poma

San Diego, California

Letter of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Ladies' Circles everywhere for the wonderful baby clothes they sent to us for use in Tijuana. For the first time in years we have a fairly nice supply. I trust the Lord will richly reward you for your labor of love and that you may continue your good work. My heart rejoices when I can give these clothes to a mother for her newborn child who would otherwise not have any.

Five more persons have recently made a covenant with God for which we are very happy.

Best regards from all of us to our brothers and sisters everywhere. Continue to pray for us.

Evelyn Perdue

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Ps. 92-1

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seeking. I knew this was an experience from God telling me to put all my trust and faith in Him; that He knoweth the best. Even the words Sister Swanson told me about God holding my hand were in the song also.

I was so very happy I wanted to tell my mother of my wonderful experience. As I was thinking of her my sister, Sister Rosemarie Ali of Glassport, Pa., called me on the phone so I told her what had happened. I had been wishing I could tell my mother and now she was able to tell her. My sister was so happy that she was overcome with tears. I then decided to call Sister Swanson and tell her about it also, which made her very happy too. All that day I sang the hymn "God's Way" and was a different person. When I entered the hospital the next day all the fear had left me and I knew God never forsakes us. I had the operation and everything went well; when I went back to the doctor's office he told me the report from the Pathologist was negative. I feel this experience was given me to strengthen me and it has brought me closer to God. I want to thank all the brothers and sisters who prayed for me and for all the cards that I received.

Sister Vi Catone

NEWS FROM MONONGAHELA, PA.

We are happy to report we have had five baptisms in the last few weeks. Two of our new converts are Olive Bush and Diane Seighman. Sister Olive has been in our midst for the last four years and we have long since come to regard her as one of us. She is a very close friend of Sister Grace Landrey, and we are all very glad to receive her as a true sister in the Gospel. Diane is a daughter-in-law of Brother and Sister Herbert Seighman, Sr. She married their son, George, in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, and through this marriage she has found that which she had been earnestly seeking; this is her testimony.

Three of our young people were baptized in Lorain, Ohio on Sunday, August 7th, along with a young sister from there. Our group of young people had gone to spend the weekend with the saints at Lorain and they testify that the Spirit of God was prevalent in their meeting. Those baptized were David Majoros, son of Brother John and Freda Majoros; Malcolm Bright, son of George and Sister Elizabeth Bright; and Bonnie Hemmings, son of Brother and Sister Herbert Hemmings.

It is surely encouraging to see our young people embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church needs them for the great work that is to be done; in fact, it appears we are now on the very threshold of this work, and the responsibility will rest upon the Church of tomorrow—our young people. It is also very gratifying to see those who have not been acquainted with this Church until later in life make their covenant with God. May God bless them that they may

find a wonderful new way of life in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sarah Neill
Branch Editor (A'sst.)

Hopelawn, New Jersey News**ONE PLUS THREE**

The heading of this article will probably arouse your curiosity. We interpret it as follows: Recently, we had the opportunity to witness four baptisms in our branch; Brother Nicholas Davella, who has been attending our services regularly; David Benyola, Phillip Benyola, and David Purkall, who were baptized the following Sunday. It was wonderful to hear these young men make known their desires to serve God.

Brother Anthony Corrado, who visited our branch recently, preached on the subject "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." These words are very true and we have experienced this many times in our lives. These young men sought the true way to serve God, and seeking they have found the path to the Kingdom of Heaven.

I would like to add that while in the process of writing this article we have had another young woman make her covenant to serve God; Angie Mercurio, daughter of Sister Antoinette Mercurio. This makes a total of five young people who have promised to serve God in the past few months. May God bless these converts.

Dorothy Benyola
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM ALIQUIPPA, PA.

The Men's Bible Class of Aliquippa sponsored a trip for our young people to Hill Cumorah. The group, comprised of 39 individuals, left on Saturday morning, July 30th, and returned Sunday evening, the 31st. For some this was their first trip to Cumorah; this was also the first time for some to witness the Pageant on The Book of Mormon which is an annual event there, put on by the LDS Church of Utah.

Sunday morning the group visited the Rochester, New York Branch. All enjoyed themselves meeting with the saints there.

On Friday evening, July 29th, the Monongahela MBA visited us in our MBA meeting. Brother Herbert Hemmings, who was with the group, told us about his life in the Church and what it has done for him and his family. The young people also bore testimony of God's blessings in each of their lives. One of the sisters had just been baptized a few weeks prior to this visit. We trust God will bless them all in their desires to serve Him and keep them faithful. After the meeting a lunch was served in the basement of the church. We are glad to see the interest of the young people in the Church as well as those who are older.

Branch Editor
James Gibson

OBITUARY

JOSEPH KOWALCZYK

Brother Joseph Kowalczyk, of the Hopelawn Branch, passed away August 4, 1966 at the age of 81. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on September 9, 1934. He held the ordained office of deacon in our Church, and was a dedicated and faithful member. In his testimony he exclaimed how important it is never to be ashamed of being a part of God's wonderful love.

The members of the Hopelawn Branch, along with his family, will surely miss Brother Joe. As we all believe, however, if we prove faithful we shall someday be united in God's Kingdom.

Funeral services were held at the Hopelawn Church with Brothers James and Paul Benyola officiating. May God bless and comfort the family of our departed brother.

NOTICE

The Ladies' Circle will hold its General Meeting September 10, 1966 at 10 a.m. in our church building at Detroit Branch #3 located on Seven Mile Road. All are welcome.

"Poetically Speaking"

HE

*Help of the helpless, is He,
Healer of the sick, is He,
Saviour of sinners, such as I,
Because of us He had to die.
Loving and kind, our gracious Lord,
Our humble prayers you have heard.
Sick, lonely, weary and lost,
You have taught us to count the cost.
The ways of the Lord, are precious indeed,
You have granted our every need.
No more worries, cares of the world,
How wonderful, His blessed word.
Hope for the hopeless, is He,
Food for the hungry, is He.
He gives us so very much,
Dear Lord, grant that all may feel your touch.*

Margaret Abbott

KIND WORDS

*A few kind words can mean so much
To someone who is sad;
They act as precious, healing oil
To cheer and make him glad.
They act like sunbeams after rain;
They make the world so bright,
And kindly words will linger on
When you have gone from sight.*

Ethel Hansen

JOSEPH, A FRUITFUL BOUGH

*From out of the mouth of Jacob,
God spoke to Joseph, thus
"A fruitful bough, Joseph, art thou,
Whose branches shall fall beyond the wall;
But, archers shall surely grieve thee,
And hate thee, and try thee sore,
But, strength in thy bow God's arm shall allow,
His blessings on thee shall pour!
"His arm shall be ever with thee,
Altho' thou be sick at heart,
Upon thy head blessings are laid,
From utmost hill to e'erlasting hill!"
And, surely, those fruitful branches
Of Joseph at last are found,
Beyond walls of sea, on this land so free . . .
. . . Tho' Joseph, himself, is bound!
But, soon we shall build up zion,
In these, the latter days,
And freed from sin, bring Joseph in,
From "the utmost bounds," to God's Holy grounds,
For, God will recall His promise
To Jacob, of olden days,
And Joseph will sing, and Freedom shall ring
While Christ's kingdom we shall raise!*

By Catherine Vultaggio Poma
San Diego, California

WORKERS

*"Go, preach My word," said God to man;
"Not only here, but in every land.
Men cursed My name, then and now,
And are afraid to take the plow.
Tell the story as then it was told;
Repetition or length, it ne'er grows old.
Tell it to white and Redman the same;
Add no word nor make a change."
Men were dead, and now they live
Because they've heard of His power to forgive.
Now they're journeying through the narrow gate;
Men through the ages all did debate,
Which path shall I take, right or left?
Take neither, for it will mean only death.
Don't think for a moment Satan will let you win,
But will, through lies and pride, tempt you to sin.
Keep firm to the promise which you have made;
You will in time a firm foundation have laid.
Though I am old with a wrinkled face,
Tell me, young people, who will take my place?
What you do now will only tell
That your reward is either Heaven or Hell.
Take up the rod and run quickly now,
Go set your hand upon the plow.
The word is pure; the time is right;
Put on the armor, prepare to fight.
God will be there and Satan too;
Our job will be to pray for you.
Courage, my brother, fight to the end,
And you'll a crown of victory win.*

By Daniel Ciccati

GIVE! GIVE! GIVE!

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\$150. Now as I mentioned, this is not by command but rather freewill. We hope that no report will come to us that anyone has been criticized for not giving, or that any may discourage others who want to give; God knows and understands. We pray that when you give it will be from the heart, because God loves a cheerful giver. While an approximate amount has been mentioned, please remember it is not the desire of the Church to force anyone. Just give what you can. Whether it be one cent or \$1,000 or more—give only from your heart for it is thus that you will be blessed. Any questions or suggestions concerning the future Auditorium will be cheerfully acknowledged.

ABOU BEN ADHEM

*Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the Presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou?" The Vision raised its head
And, with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still, and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again, with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed—
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest!*

by Leigh Hunt

FAITH

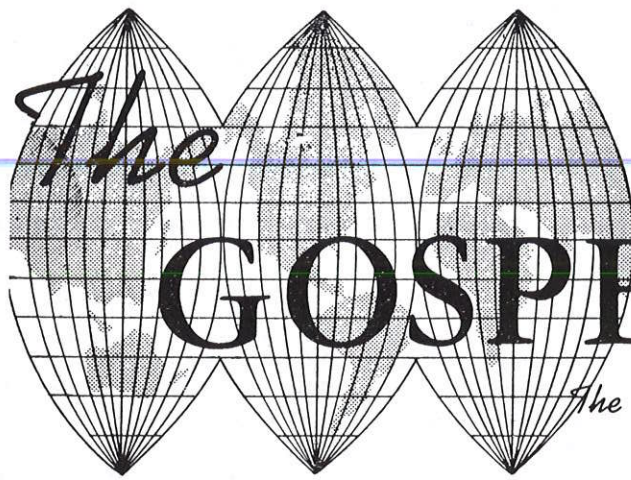
*O Word of Life, come speak to us,
Speak of Faith and what we trust.
Is it blind as men do say,
Or does Faith lie another way?
Is Faith so vague, so shadowy, so unseen,
Or was Faith first made sharp and keen?
Just what is Faith and what does it mean?
Rolling down to us through timely green.
Is it a part of that accursed tree?
Hid up to befuddle all to see?
Is it of God, or is it of me?
Speak, O Word, of what Faith be.
O Man, O Man, I see you do inquire
Of inward things, of heart's desire;
Of portions great, of portions small,
Of spiritual things given to all.
For Faith is truly of things unseen,*

*Created to aid the soul made lean.
Made to pierce the unfathomable dark,
Made to go forth and find its mark.
Look, Oh look, O Man, to Thee,
Of Faith laid up in yonder tree;
Of knowledge of Him who was to come;
Of God's only begotten Son.
So Faith rests on today's belief
That on tomorrow comes relief
Of future's hope, of future's plan,
Of God's grace in redeeming man.
Knowledge is here, but knowledge is vague;
For it rests with that eternal sage.
It keeps in man his hope alive;
It points him forward to move, to strive.
It causes the world to advance,
But with God it's only a moment's glance.
Faith buries ages, corruptions past,
And points man to the end at last.
Faith is the progenitor of some,
For Faith causes the future to come.
Faith is curiosity's twisting path,
Its imaginary numbers in a complicated math.
Faith is a baby's cry,
A mother's sigh,
A father's try,
A Godly tie.
Faith is hope to see,
A receding sea,
A budding tree;
A world to be.
O Man, O Man, Faith is no imitation;
For Faith is Man's true imagination.
Look, O Man, to the generation of Cain,
And how they made the imagination vain.
For they looked not to the future to come,
Nor held out to the Father's Son.
No, they turned their hopes on that day,
And, like all creatures, went back to decay.
So, O Man, what Faith have you today?
Are you also trusting in the clay?
Or are you looking for what's to come?
Are you waiting on the expected Son?
English Webb*

AT THE CROSS ROAD

*There is a way that's broad;
It is the street of sin;
It leads forever downward
And millions walk therein.
But just around the corner
Is a street that is called Strait,
And the few that walk upon it
Will reach the Golden Gate.
You are at the crossroad, Friend,
Which pathway will you take?
There is no middle way —
The decision you must make.*

By C. B. McCaull



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Have You Counted The Cost?

By James Heaps

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it; lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish." Luke 14:28-32

Jesus asked two of His disciples, "Are ye able to drink of this cup?" They said, "We are." Jesus tells us, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." It seems that in all generations someone has had to lay down his life for the truth, even at this age in a civilized world. Joseph and Hiram Smith gave their lives for the truth of the Gospel. There came a time in the public life of Jesus when even His best friends turned against Him. The temptations, the contradictions of sinners, the insults of the Pharisees, the attempts on His life, the dullness of His disciples at times, the Jews' rejection of Him, the apparent failure of His cause, even Gethsemane and Calvary — these were the more marked shades of darkness which blackened the whole path of the Man of sorrows.

We are confronted here, however, with an episode in His life which is not connected with any of these; an episode which had bitterness all its own, and has fallen the lot of only a few. It was not the way the world treated Him; it was not the Pharisees; it was not something which came from His enemies; it was something His friends did. When He left the carpenter's shop and went out into a wider life they watched Him. They probably remarked to certain strangers in this manner; He had always been strange among His brothers, but now this was growing on Him. He has said many strange things of late, made many strange plans; gone away on curious errands to strange places. What did it all mean? Where was it to end? Was the family to be responsible for all this eccentricity? One sad day it culminated; it became quite clear to them. He was not responsible for what He was doing. Alas, it was His mind that had become affected. He was beside Himself; in plain English, He was

mad! We can just imagine their thoughts concerning Christ for they didn't understand. There should have been one spot for Him to lay His head, but He told them, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air their nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." Had He counted the cost? Yes, indeed He had. He knew what the cost would be, and He paid it. He had to endure the glancing eyes of His family, His friends, whispering to one another and watching Him. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. Surely He was, as the prophet had said, "A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." The cruel suspicion, the laying hands on Him — hands that were once kind; and finally the verdict of His own family — He is beside Himself! Observe the world's standpoint: The charge is true; it is useless to denounce it; there was no alternative. Either He was Christ, the Son of the living God, or He was beside Himself. Either He was a big fake or He was the Son of God. I have sometimes said about Joseph Smith that either he was the biggest fake in the world, or he was a prophet of God who lived in these last days.

What is it to be beside oneself? It is having a different center from other people. When Jesus came into this world He found them nearly all revolving in one circle; man's chief end was to glorify himself, to enjoy himself forever with personal ease and pleasure. But Christ humbled Himself and became a servant. Every man that lives like Christ produces the same reaction upon the world. Of course, if we go along with the world they will not be able to see the difference; they will say that we are good mixers. They said of the disciples on the day of Pentecost, "These men are drunk." The whole spiritual life is foolishness to the natural man. To the Jews it is a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness. They did not claim the disciples to be mad this time, but full of new wine.

Time passed and Paul told of the charge they brought against him. He told them of his conversion, of the grace and mercy of God in forgiving him for his sins, and as he spoke of the goodness of God, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, thou art beside thyself. Much learning

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HAVE YOU COUNTED THE COST?

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hath made thee mad." The road is narrow and the gate is straight and few there be that find it. Do you want to be popular? Then travel the broad way; many go therein. Christ said, "I did not come to bring peace but a sword." Jesus did not come to bestow, but to fulfill. The fanatic comes to destroy, not to do God's will. Christ took the world as He found it, He left it as it was. He supported the government when He told the people, "Render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and to God the things that belong to God." Anyone can become fanatic and take part in demonstrations as the world is doing.

"He was beside Himself." What an awful thing to say when it is true, a more awful thing to say when it is not, and even more so when it comes from our best friends and our families. Young people, sit down and count the cost. Who knows what may be said about you!

Communists Print More Literature Than All Other Organizations Combined

Communist literature can be found around the world

THREE MILLION A WEEK

The amazing effectiveness of the printed page as a weapon for revolution can be largely attributed to increased literacy. Dr. Oswald Smith reminds us that every week, three million more people learn to read. Most literacy campaigns are the direct result of missionary work. Many of them are based on the pioneer efforts of Dr. Frank Laubach. Sadly, however, most of the new literates have not been furnished with vital Christian literature. Communism often steps in to reap a harvest from the missionary effort. We are reminded of the grim fact that almost all of Red China's top leaders were trained in Christian mission schools. Mahatma Ghandi's nephew recently observed, "The missionaries have taught us to read, but the Communists are giving us the literature to read!"

TIDE OF RED LITERATURE

Today, Communists print more literature than all other organizations combined. Gigantic Communist presses are releasing a cascade of print that reaches every man, woman, and child in the world with three pieces of literature annually. Harold Street, of the Christian Literature Crusade, reveals the startling fact that for every dollar Christians spend on literature, Communists spend \$40. For their literature crusade, they are willing to invest \$1,300,000 a day, and their yearly outlay for propaganda is \$3.8 billion dollars. Dick Hillis points out that the tide of Soviet literature flowing into New York City in a single day would fill three huge warehouses. That these tactics have paid off for the Communists is revealed by the following statistics:

In India, an estimated 70% of the literature

available comes directly from Communist sources. It was recently said that the book most often translated into the most new languages is not the Bible, but the writing of Karl Marx.

Dr. Don Falkenberg, of the Bible Meditation League, states that "At least 95% of the Communists have been trained through the printed page."

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I believe it was Benjamin Franklin who once said, "Give me 26 lead soldiers, and I will conquer the world." He was, of course, referring to the power of the printed page.

We do have the necessary soldiers — the alphabet — if we will only use them to win the battle for truth and righteousness. Just recently I spent a little time browsing through a number of newstands. I found dozens and dozens of pocket-size books of different titles. Some were the writings of Karl Marx; a large number were published by the Roman Catholic Church. I suppose there are thousands of these inexpensive, condensed, easy-to-read books being read every day. This type of reading must pay off; else why is it done on such a large scale? I believe as a Church we should consider more seriously the power of the printed page. Why not put together this army of lead soldiers and attempt to "conquer the world."

After Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, as the scriptures say, and told the Jews that they had rendered themselves unworthy of everlasting life, they then declared, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles." When the Gentiles heard this they were glad and glorified the Lord. The scriptures tell us the Gentiles published the word throughout all the region. What makes the printed page so potent? It can be studied in secret; it gets undivided attention; it leaps language barriers; it goes where the missionary would never think to go; it lives on after words have been spoken. Someone once said, "A drop of ink can make a million think."

Lead soldiers! Let us use these — all 26 of them — to carry forth the Lord's great commission and to propagate the Gospel of Christ.

Editor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We want to thank each of you for your prayers and concern for our son, Mark, who recently fell and suffered a fractured skull. Although Mark fell about 25 feet from a window to the driveway below, God has answered our prayers and spared his life. It is comforting to know that in time of need our united prayers are answered by our kind and loving God. We feel that God has been very kind and merciful to Mark and to us. From an experience a sister had, we know that it was the prayers that were offered for him that brought about this miracle. Thank you again and may God bless all of our brothers and sisters.

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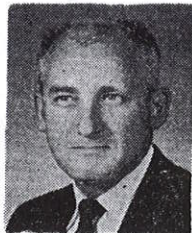
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Editorial Viewpoint

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George A. Neill

Distinction is "a mark of difference"; condition of being different; a difference; so says my dictionary.

I believe most people like to be distinctive in some way — to stand out from the crowd; and I don't see anything wrong about this if the right spirit is present. Let me say many of the members of our Church want to be distinctive, and I don't feel too many, if any, will have a crow to pick with me (so to speak) as a result of this statement. It seems to me members of our Church have taken great pains to point out to others that their distinctiveness lies in the fact that they belong to a unique and remarkable organization. At this point let us examine ourselves and see if we are similar to the mass of people about us. Let us consider if we are very distinctive; do we bear a mark of difference?

I think one of the greatest dangers facing our Church today is that of losing our distinctiveness as we grow in membership, expand our relationship, enlarge our program, and extend our influence. This is all very much appreciated, but with it all come gross issues which we must face in the light of our position as a Restored Church.

The general trend of thinking in the church world today is more and more in ecumenical terms (the whole Christian Church). The thought that is fast becoming prevalent today is that denominations are part of a world-wide church, and that the church militant is composed of all believers; also that there should exist unity. This surely presents a lot of food for thought. I have said many times that, as a church, we are looked upon — at least by a good many people — as just another denomination in the world-wide brotherhood of believers. It is probably true, in a sense, that we are like other churches, but in a deeper sense we are unlike them. We are not ashamed of our message, the message of Restoration, and let us each realize we have a distinct mission to the world as well as to this world-wide body. Let us realize too that the effect of our contribution rests in maintaining our distinctiveness. It is so easy to become like those around us, and this is true regardless of whatever phase of life we want to consider. We must guard against becoming victims of drifting along with others. Should we become like all other denominations to the fullest extent we will then have no right to a separate existence.

Our distinctiveness consists of Restoration principles which the Christian world is slow to accept, and may not accept for a few years. Nevertheless these principles are having an effect on the religious world. More and more people are becoming interested in such beliefs. They are causing a lot of heart-searching, and men of integrity are seeking for the truth. Our distinctiveness consists also of a mighty heart experience, an earnest concern for people and the teachings of God, a spiritual earnestness and enthusiasm for the truth revealed through Restoration, and a dynamic life born of the Spirit of God. We, as a Church, are ever seeking the salvation of others, and in doing so we must enlighten those who are wrong by being intelligent in pointing out their errors, backing up our declarations with scriptural reasons. However, we should be very careful not to "give off a lot of thunder without much light"; and never to oppose without giving instruction. Since we as individuals do not have the faultless character of Christ we are not in a position to use His method of denouncing the Pharisees. We realize that nothing requires greater wisdom and prayer than the proper presentation of the principles of the Church.

Since space will not permit us to give details of the Church's beliefs, faith, and doctrines, we suggest all those interested write us for this information.

The views expressed in this article do not commit The Gospel News, its Editors, nor the Church, but stand on their own merit.

Editor

THE GOSPEL SHIP

By Ishmael Humphrey

Some years ago the Lord showed me that the ship Nephi was to build was a type and shadow of the Gospel Ship that was to be built upon the promised land, America. Some years later I heard the same thing preached in a sermon by Brother Alma Nolfi. Thus, God proves His revelations in the mouth of two witnesses.

When Nephi went upon the mountain in the Land Bountiful, the Lord told him He would instruct him how to build a ship that would carry them to the promised land. No doubt Nephi had seen ships before that were constructed by man, but the Lord said (1 Nephi 17:8), "Thou shalt construct a ship after the manner which I shall show thee, that I may carry thy people across these waters." When Nephi began to build the ship he said, "Now I, Nephi, did not work the timbers after the manner which was learned by men, neither did I build the ship after the manner of men; but I did build it after the manner which the Lord had shown unto me; wherefore it was not after the manner of men (1 Nephi 18:2).

The purpose of the ship was to bring the people of Lehi to the promised land of America where they would be blessed and the Lord would be their King. While these things transpired some six hundred years before Christ, they were a type of things that would transpire upon the land of America in the time of the Gentiles. In the year 1820 the Lord revealed Himself to Joseph Smith in the woods near Palmyra, New York. Joseph's mind had been troubled about the different factions of churches claiming, "Lo, Christ is here; Lo, Christ is there." Not knowing which church to join, Joseph Smith went to his Bible and read the Epistle of James, ch. 1, verse 5, which reads: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Joseph Smith said, "Never did any passage of Scripture come with more power to the heart of man than this did at this time to mine. It seemed to enter with great force into every feeling of my heart. I reflected on it again and again, knowing that if any person needed the wisdom from God, I did; for how to act I did not know, and unless I could get more wisdom than I then had, I would never know; for the teachers of religion of the different sects understood the same passage of scripture so differently as to destroy all confidence in settling the question by the appeal to the Bible.

"At length I came to the conclusion that I must either remain in darkness and confusion or else I must do as James directs; that is, ask God. I at length came to the determination to ask God, concluding that if He gave wisdom to them that lacked wisdom, and would give liberally

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Light From The Watchman's Lamp

By Spencer G. Everett

(Isa. 21: 6 b)

"Go set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Have you taken a trip to one of this world's airports recently? If you have the opportunity to do so, please notice the increase in air traffic. People are on the move as never before in the history of the human family. Communications by air mail, radio, and more recently by television, have brought distant friends and relatives within minutes and hours of your home. The nation's expressway and freeway systems for automobile travel have made trips that used to take weeks, only hours away.

The world has shrunk many times in our generation. First came steam, then electricity; first came the train, then the diesels, the automobile, fast ships, the airplane, and recently jet planes and rockets.

I am not very old but I can remember when travel was limited. I used to travel by horse and buggy when automobiles were scarce, few, and far between. A journey of a few miles took a half a day. Today people travel almost anywhere at will.

Trains travel a hundred miles an hour, autos the same. Fast ships cross the ocean in a few days; planes make the trip to Europe in a few hours. Modern rockets can now circle the earth in a few hours. Our highways are jammed, airplane reservations are sold out, men are running to and fro on every hand.

This, says the word of God, indicates the time of the end of the present age. In the latter days Daniel says — "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (Daniel 12:4)

What about the airplane, the radio, and other means of communication? Look at Eccl. 10:20 — "for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter."

Speaking of the Gentile nations Habakkuk says — "Their horses (methods of transportation) also are swifter than the leopards and are more fierce than the evening wolves (their destructive power)." also, "they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat."

While traveling to work the other morning on one of our many crowded expressways, I witnessed an accident involving about a dozen or more automobiles. Some were damaged in the front, some both front and rear, while others had been hit in the side. I had actually witnessed God's prophesy being fulfilled right before my very eyes.

The prophet Nahum foretold this very thing when he said — "The chariots (vehicles) shall rage (race recklessly) in the streets, they shall jostle (run against and shove about) one against

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Enter ye in at the strait gate." St. Matthew 7:13.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you about the Broad and Narrow Ways. Jesus told the people, in the Sermon on the Mount, that there are two ways through life. There is the Broad Way, which is the easier way and most people follow it. There is also the Narrow Way. It is a hard way and those who follow it must be very determined. It admits only one at a time. It is the true way of life and Jesus said, "Few there be that find it." Jesus urged his disciples to "strive to enter in at the narrow gate." Strive means to work with all your might.

Is it then so very hard to follow Jesus? Must we give up so very much? Jesus never once promised an easy road. He promised strength for the day. His words were "If any man would follow Me, let him take up his cross daily." He said only those who obeyed God would enter into the kingdom of heaven. He likened those who came to Him and heard His words and obeyed, to a wise man who built his house, with a foundation deep and firm, on a rock. When the storms and floods came and beat upon that house, it could not be shaken. This man surely entered in by the Narrow Way.

Jesus likened those who heard His words, but did not obey, to a foolish man who built his house on the sand and when the storms and floods came and beat upon that house, it fell. These people had found the Broad Way of life. Jesus taught, "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

In the Book of Mormon, Nephi also writes about the Straight and Narrow Way. He tells of the baptism of Jesus by water and the Holy Ghost, as the way to show the children of men the straightness of the path and the narrowness of the gate. He set the example and all must enter this way. Then He said, "Follow thou Me." Nephi asks the question, "Can we follow Jesus save we shall be willing to keep the commandments of the Father?" If you would like to read more of Nephi's explanation of the Narrow Way, read II Nephi 31.

It is never easy to secure the highest and best in life. If we want the best, we must work hard for it. In our school work, we must study and put forth our best effort to receive good grades. If in sports, one must train very hard. Likewise we must strive to follow Jesus in this Narrow Way. Paul the Apostle told the Corinthians to run the spiritual race, run to obtain the prize, a crown, which each may have. In Hebrews he said to run this race with patience. There may be things we must give up in our

training to run this race, because Jesus demands everything, our all; but then, He gave His all for us. Let us follow Him; let Him be our guide and companion on this Narrow Way; and as we go, we will learn "His Way" is the best way of all.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. The "Golden Rule" is found in the Sermon on the Mount — St. Matthew 7:12. What a lovely thing it would be if we all tried to carry it out.
2. What did Jesus say about fathers giving gifts to their children? How does this compare to our Heavenly Father's gifts to us? Matt. 7:7, 11.
3. What was the best gift God gave us? What verse proves this? St. John 3:16.

PEN PALS,

Karen Vancik of 511 Finley Street, zip 15063 Monongahela, Pa. would like a pen pal. Karen is 12 years old and in the seventh grade.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

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another in the broad ways (highways, expressways, or freeways);" (Nahum 2:4).

Are you afraid of prophesy? Most people are. They know that if they should ever examine fulfilled prophesy they would have the PROOF of the divine inspiration of the word of God. Prophesy is the one proof upon which Scripture stands or falls! Thus saith the Lord — "Set forth your case, says the Lord; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob . . . And tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come" (Isa. 41:21, 22). Let mankind predict what he will and see if his predictions come true.

Thus saith the Lord — "I am God, and there is none like me, DECLARING the END FROM the BEGINNING, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. . . . Yes, I have spoken it, and I WILL also BRING IT TO PASS; I HAVE PURPOSED IT AND I WILL ALSO DO IT". (Isa 46: 9-11)

In Appreciation

Brother Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio wishes to extend his heartfelt appreciation for the prayers offered up by his brothers and sisters during his recent operation and confinement to the hospital. He is also grateful for the many cards he received.

Sister Elizabeth Toye of the West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania branch extends her thanks and appreciation for the prayers of the saints as well as the many cards received during her recent illness.

M.B.A. Highlights

GENERAL CHURCH PRESIDENT EXPRESSES VIEWS ON MBA

Following are some answers by Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, to questions about the Missionary Benevolent Association asked during a recent interview. As past President of the MBA, among the many Church offices he has held, Brother Ciaravino speaks from a wide range of experience.

QUESTION: "What in your opinion, Brother Ciaravino, has the MBA accomplished over the years?"

ANSWER: "I feel that, as an auxiliary unit, the Missionary Benevolent Association has played its role adequately within The General Church. Through the many years since its inception, it has fulfilled its missions or objectives in aiding or assisting The General Church in whatever ways it has attempted to do so.

"The MBA has helped financially toward our total missionary efforts, and it has helped to build character in the lives of individuals who eventually became members of The Church. The Association has acted as a doorway to Church membership in many instances, and it has helped to train and teach its members the Scriptures, both *Bible* and *Book of Mormon*, and Church History. Also, it has assisted in teaching about events dealing with the Restoration of The Gospel.

"In addition, the Association has offered wholesome social outlets for its members by allowing them to participate in General MBA gatherings, area meetings, and local social activities. Most recently, the two GMBA field trips in 1965 and 1966 afforded travelers to the Church's missions on the Muncey Indian Reservation and Six Nations Reservation (Grand River), both in Ontario, Canada, excellent opportunities to see what kinds of locations they are helping to support, besides enjoying the spiritual and social benefits at the sites. Because future trips are being planned on a more elaborate basis, additional individuals, both older and younger, should be in a position to get together for these events. Trips, such as the ones being proposed for Kansas in 1967 and California in 1968, are examples of how many people from various parts of the Church can gather to enjoy each other's company."

QUESTION: "Because the MBA is dedicated to promoting '... the spiritual welfare of the youth in our midst', what advice would you like to give young people of the Church?"

ANSWER: "To our new young Church members, I feel that, by entering the Gospel of Jesus Christ through baptism, your lives may become somewhat troubled with trials and temptations. This is a pattern which has befallen just about every

one who has rendered himself to Christ. The pattern started with our first parents who fell through disobedience brought on by cunning temptations and the power of evil, and it has not changed throughout the centuries. The same condition exists today because Satan wants to discourage new converts from achieving their ultimate goals. In effect, he does not want you to fulfill your promises made at the water's edge to remain faithful all the days of your lives, so you must be on guard against his cunning devices.

"To our young people who have not yet been baptized, I would like to say that I hope you will continue to use the facilities of the MBA, as well as other parts of the Church, to stay in close contact with God. It is not difficult to understand that the same evil force which attempts to destroy Church members will also be present in your lives, as you strive to stay close to God. Nothing troubles Satan more than observing people who are trying their best to follow the examples of Christ. As a result, he will attempt to place obstacles in your paths, so that you will stray from righteous pursuits. It is to avoid these barriers that we urge you to strive to become better people in the sight of God."

QUESTION: "What would you like to see the MBA accomplish in the future?"

ANSWER: "There are actually two things which would be highly beneficial for The Church if the MBA could implement them. The first is to have an Association Local in every Branch and Mission, and the second is to help everyone to become even more knowledgeable about the Scriptures and the Church. To accomplish these may require some hard work, but I am sure it would be worth the effort.

"In learning more, of course, it will be necessary to have a more systematic way to become more fully aware of the teachings in the *Bible* and the *Book of Mormon*, the analyses presented in Church literature, and the facts explained in the Church's faith. The MBA lesson plans, still in the stage of development, undoubtedly will deal with some of these particulars.

"Brother Alexander Cherry's thinking in asking that the MBA be organized was that it would be a 'schoolroom' for the Church. We learn more by studying together many times, because there is a chance to gain from transfer of thoughts among individuals. This setting stimulates more profound and beneficial thinking by all concerned. The main thing, however, is that, by having an overall plan by which to teach and learn, more information can be studied and absorbed."

QUESTION: "What final additional observations would you like to make, Brother Ciaravino?"

ANSWER: "I know that the General Church is proud of the many accomplishments which the auxiliary units, the Sunday School and Ladies' Circle as well as the MBA, have attained. It should be the desire of all persons to work for the betterment of the Church, and it is certain that all members of these groups are desirous of advancing the cause of the Restored Gospel. So long as everyone strives for this common good,

I am sure we shall continue to be blessed. There are many wonderful benefits we shall receive in the future if we keep this united purpose in mind.

"The MBA Fund-Raising Drive for the General Church Auditorium is an illustration of how all Association units are working together on one particular endeavor. Individually, locals are also laboring to further the Gospel. One of these groups, for example, has been going door-to-door in its community, passing Church literature and inviting people to visit its Branch. This home missionary campaign is just one way by which the Church can be publicized, and it points out that all our efforts should be directed toward bringing as many souls as possible to the Lord through the Restored Gospel."

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and not upbraid, I might venture."

Joseph Smith went into the woods, got down on his knees, and began to petition God concerning the matter. Joseph began to offer up the desire of his heart to God. He had scarcely done so when he was seized upon by some power which entirely overcame him and had such astonishing influence over him as to bind his tongue so that he could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around him, and it seemed to him for a time as if he was doomed to sudden destruction. He exerted all his powers to call upon God to deliver him out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon him. At that very moment when he was ready to sink into despair and abandon himself to destruction — not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world who had such marvelous power as he had never before felt in any being — just at this moment of great alarm he saw overhead a pillar of light above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon him. It no sooner appeared than he found himself delivered from the enemy which had held him bound.

When the light rested upon him he saw two personages whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above him in the air. One of them spoke unto him, calling him by name, and pointing to the other, said, "This is My beloved Son, hear Him!" Thus Joseph Smith asked the Lord in the vision which church he should join. The Lord said, "Join none of them," for they were all wrong and their creeds were an abomination in His sight. They teach for doctrine the commandments of men, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof. The Lord again forbade Joseph to join any of them.

Later Joseph Smith was visited by the angel, Moroni, who gave him charge of the plates of the Book of Mormon. After the book was interpreted from the plates by the power of God it was published in the year 1830, the plates having been given to Joseph by the angel Moroni in 1827. After the Book of Mormon was published to the world in 1830, Joseph Smith still did not have the authority from God to set up the Church. However, when he went to God in prayer over this matter, God sent an angel down

to confirm the priesthood upon him, this angel having the authority from God. Thus we see the priesthood established again upon the earth.

Joseph Smith still did not know how to set up the Church. He could not proceed after the order of man, for it would be man's church. So Joseph petitioned God and the Lord revealed to him how to set up the order of The Church of Jesus Christ, or the Gospel Ship; you will find it was not built after the order of men, but after the order of God. Now this Gospel Ship is to carry the saints who obey and do the will of God to Zion which is the establishing of the new Jerusalem upon the land of America in the last days.

Let us now go back to the Bible. We will see that the ark was upon the waters for 150 days. Translate this time into spiritual years and we get 150 years. Add 150 years to the year 1820 and this brings us down to the year 1970, the beginning of the peaceful reign. After 150 days the ark of Noah rested upon Mount Ararat, but the flood waters were still upon the earth. This Gospel Ship would be upon the waters in the land of America from 1820 until the year 1970. Thus we see the order and authority of The Church of Jesus Christ are of God and can be likened to the ark of Noah and the ship of Nephi, as well as the Gospel Ship in the last days.

Is this the Ark of the Covenant? It surely is. When we go to the water's edge we make our covenant with God, and we are admitted to The Church of Jesus Christ through repentance, baptism, and the laying on of hands by the authority of the priesthood for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Thus we are in the ark or the Gospel Ship, whose destination is Zion, the new Jerusalem to be built in the last days upon the land of America (the promised land) where the Lord shall be our King.

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Brother Heaps Plans To Visit England

Brother James Heaps of Anaheim, California plans to visit England following October, 1966 conference. Brother Heaps writes that he has had a great desire to visit his native land for a long time. He came to the United States as a boy, I believe, with his parents and his brother, George. As far as I know he has never been back to visit; as he says, "When I was working and raising a family I did not have the opportunity. When I retired I was sick for so many years. Now at the golden age of 73 I am free to go. I have no place to go; if there are any distant relatives, I do not know anything about them. I am going by faith, trusting that God through the prayers of the saints will open some door for me."

In other words Brother Jim says he has the feeling to answer the Macedonian call to preach the Gospel to those in England who have never heard it. Let us remember our brother in our prayers that God will bless him with health and strength to enjoy this trip.

Editor

General Church Auditorium Announcement

Recently, I have received contributions to the Auditorium Fund from some non-members. Their donations have been graciously received and we want to thank each one through the medium of The Gospel News, the official paper of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Let me say to the members of the church; be encouraged to ask your children, their fellow workers or professionals, such as doctors, businessmen, or any others to contribute to this very worthy cause. It will do two things for them: (1) The feeling of having helped in a good cause, and (2) An income tax deduction. Should any one want a letter identifying this project, please let me know. The committee is planning to send letters to large institutions of giving. We pray that the Lord will open the hearts of many. "God loveth a cheerful giver." — II Corinthians 9:7.

Brother Joseph Calabrese
Chairman Auditorium Committee

OCTOBER HUMILITY

By Norman C. Schlichter

*Now all corn cut, or standing,
Is in its fullest ear,
The only gift it has to give
To the God of the harvest year.*

*Its best it gives! What perfect praise
Every year in October days!*

*And leaves by multiplied millions
Present their best to Him—
Their sunniest gold or richest red,
True praise from limb to limb.*

*But who of us with spirits blessed
Can truly say we give our best*

*At each year's golden ending?
In prayer and service true?
In all-out zeal for God and right
His whole year through?*

FOR THOSE IN SORROW

*Lord, bless the ones who voice their grief
With tears like gentle rain
And, sharing sorrow with a friend,
Find easing of the pain.*

*And oh, give peace and comfort, Lord,
A deep serenity
To those who cannot tell their grief
To anyone but Thee.*

—Grace V. Watkins

Devotion to duty is a fire that warms us, but
worldly ambition is a fire that consumes us.

A religion that makes you feel like fighting
your brother never came from your Father.

NOTICE

We wish to thank those who have made financial gifts to The Gospel News. You may be assured the money will be used in improving and furthering the work of our Church through our little paper.

An Experience In Prayer

By Samuel J. Kirschner

In January, 1966 my youngest son, J. C., became violently sick and was taken to the Monongahela hospital, where he continued to worsen every day until all hope for his life was gone. Many who came to see him felt that he had a very poor chance for recovery. I was at his bedside about twenty hours out of twenty-four for a week. I was becoming very weary and heart-sick as I watched his life ebbing away.

One morning about 3 o'clock I was standing by his bed with a nurse on the other side, watching him. Suddenly I received inspiration through a revelation to me of the incident where the disciples of Jesus were crossing a lake in a boat when a storm arose, becoming very severe. The winds made the water very rough, and as the waves were about to engulf their boat, they remembered Jesus, who was asleep in the hinder part. They awakened Him and said, "Carest Thou not that we perish?" Jesus said to them, "Where is your faith? Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Peace, be still!" At this instance I began to pray. I felt the storm raging in my son, and raising my hand I said, "O Lord Jesus, Master of heaven and earth, carest Thou not that we perish?" With my hand still raised I rebuked the wind and the waves, saying, "Peace, be still. And unto you, my son, peace; peace be unto you. Peace, be still. Amen." The wind and the waves calmed, and I too felt my stormy heart and troubled spirit become very peaceful. My Lord heard my prayer, and in just a few days we had our son back home again.

'Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless His holy name. Let all the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Amen."

HUMILITY

*The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart:
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.*

—Rudyard Kipling



UR WOMEN TODAY

"She Hath Done What She Could"

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

The Ladies' Circle at McKees Rocks, Pa. extends greetings to the saints everywhere. Our membership is small, and we meet every other Sunday night.

As many of you have heard, Mark Lawson, son of Brother Dick and Sister Erme, had an accident; he fell thirty feet from a second story window, fracturing his skull. As word of the accident spread, saints everywhere fasted and prayed. Our Ladies' Circle meeting of August 14 was turned into a special prayer meeting for Mark. We can truly say that the spirit of God was felt as each sister poured her heart out to God in behalf of the child. Today we can say God answers prayer, because the accident occurred on Thursday morning, August 11 and Mark came home on Saturday, August 20. There are no outward signs of any injury.

Several experiences were given concerning the welfare of Mark. One was had by Rose Maverich, of Aliquippa, in our Sunday afternoon service. She heard a voice say, "All will be well with Mark's mind and spirit." This was repeated three times. Another was experienced by a sister in Greensburg. She had a dream to the effect that Mark was well and alive, but that he should have been dead. Also, Sister Ann Ciotti of McKees Rocks, after praying, saw Mark's face with a beautiful smile on it. By this we know that all the prayers which were offered have caused the mighty hand of God to move in mercy and compassion toward this child.

We are thankful for the Ladies' Circle and the opportunity it affords us, as sisters, to do our part in helping others by prayer. May we always be ready to do our "little bit."

Theodora Laird

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."
James 5:15

SOUTH GREENSBURG, PA. LADIES' CIRCLE HISTORY

In the year 1961 two sisters from Glassport, Pa. visited our Branch and invited us to attend the General Ladies' Circle Conference to be held there. A few of us attended the meeting and were amazed at the wonderful blessings of God we felt at this gathering.

We, being young in the church, questioned the fact as to why our branch in South Greensburg had no Ladies' Circle, and soon discovered that only a few sisters were even aware of this organization. The rest of them knew little or nothing about the blessings to be found in the Circle. It seemed that everyone had the mistaken idea that a large group of sisters had to be interested

in order to start a Circle in a branch.

However, Sister Mabel Bickerton assured us that all that is necessary is sisters with a sincere desire to have a Ladies' Circle. It brought to our minds the scripture "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I also."

God must have been very pleased with our desires for shortly afterwards, on May 2, 1961, the Rock Run Circle, along with Sis. Mabel Bickerton, came to our branch and organized our Circle. Our prayers to interest the sisters of our Branch were answered beyond our expectations. Almost every sister attended at first, and although attendance has dropped, we have a membership of 15 who meet faithfully every Tuesday evening to read and study the scriptures and learn of God. We also have the privilege of having several non-members of our Church attending our Ladies' Circle meetings faithfully. We have endeavored to interest others by having a "Bring a Friend to Circle" night followed with a social, and have found this very rewarding.

The Spirit of God and His blessing have been in our midst many times. He has led us to read experiences from the Church History, as well as to testify of our own personal experiences. What a privilege indeed to attend a meeting with oneness of mind and heart! Our tongues could never begin to tell of the goodness of our Heavenly Father to us when we put forth the least effort to attend our Ladies' Circle Meetings.

We enjoy reading the Word of God and have gained much knowledge from the Scriptures. I feel the sisters in our Branch have put forth a great deal of effort to make our Circle successful. The sisters have sponsored quite a few projects such as sending articles of clothing to Africa and the Indian Reservations; bake sales, spaghetti dinners, and making articles to sell. We also try to do our duty by visiting the sick in a group and cheering them with singing and with prayer; we have tried to bring comfort to those in mourning.

Many special prayers requested by individuals in our Ladies' Circle have been answered. How rewarding and uplifting this has been to our spiritual lives! We thank God for permitting us this means of doing our part as sisters to help our Church. Our desire is to use our talents to the utmost for the Lord. Not only has the Ladies' Circle knit us closer together; it has made us aware of the needs of others and created a desire within us to help in whatever way we can. We hope, along with all our sisters, to continue in our small efforts to serve God, looking forward to the day that we might be as jewels in the crown that the Lord has bestowed upon The Church of Jesus Christ.

Along with our history, I have such a desire to tell you of Sister Wilma and Brother George Mayfield, who are now in Germany where Bro. George is serving in the Armed Forces. When Sister Wilma was at home in South Greensburg, she was a very active member of our Circle. We know, through her letters, how she misses the Circle and how much she and her husband miss the Church. Their presence is missed very much

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NEWS FROM ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

On July 31, 1966 six carloads of young people from Aliquippa, Pa., two carloads from Detroit, Michigan, and one car from New Jersey attended the Mormon Pageant at Hill Cumorah; on Sunday they fellowshipped with the saints in Rochester.

Brother Anthony Palmieri introduced the service with the hymn, "Once More, My Soul," and prayer; followed with the hymn, "In The Sweet By and By." Brother Palmieri read from the 8th chapter of Romans, "If God be for us, who can be against us." He related many wonderful experiences, telling how God blessed him when he first met with the Gospel. Brother Patsy Marinetti followed, speaking on the love of God. He told how God used Christopher Columbus to discover America, opening the way for all nations to find a haven for religious freedom.

The Aliquippa choir sang a hymn, "The Love of God." The Detroit and New Jersey group sang "Longing For the Gathering."

The hymn, "When the Angel Moroni Came to Joseph," was sung and Brother Ansel D'Amico, our presiding elder, made a few remarks concerning the love of God, quoting "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, or sitteth in the seat of the scornful. His delight is in the law of the Lord." We were dismissed by singing "God Be With You." A good time was had by all.

Carmella D'Amico

Detroit Branch #3 Vacation Bible School

Jesus loves the little children of the world and blesses them, including those from this part of His vineyard. We are very happy to have had our first successful Vacation Bible School this summer. The Lord surely blessed our patient sisters and helpful mothers who endeavored to teach the children ranging from two to fourteen years of age.

The theme of the two-week period was "God's Beautiful World." How beautiful it was to see approximately fifty children come to learn, construct, and sing about the things of God! The program put on at the end of the session showed the parents how enthusiastic their children are for Christ. This was truly a great reward for the teachers.

We hope and pray that we may strive, in God's Beautiful World, to always please Him in whatever we do.

Donna Taormina

WARREN, OHIO NEWS

On August 14th God was in our midst for we felt the wonderful showers of blessing. We were honored to have Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, Anthony Scolaro, Nick Pietrangelo, and Spencer Everett as our guest speakers. They spoke many wonderful words, encouraging our young people

to pray and ask God to show them the right way. They also stated that our young people of today will be our church of tomorrow. We had representatives from Glassport, Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan; Lockport, New York; Perry and Niles, Ohio. A wonderful spirit was felt in our testimony meeting, and many experiences were heard.

A twenty-fifth anniversary was also celebrated this past week for nine brothers and sisters who entered into the fold of God in August, 1941. Six were in our midst. God was surely with us on this occasion for we felt His presence and love. May the Lord bless the saints is our prayer.

Rose Giovannone

A Joyful Meeting At Niles, Ohio

The saints of Niles wish to extend their greetings to all the readers of The Gospel News. By the grace of God we are enjoying His blessings. We thank God that He inspires the hearts of our brothers and sisters to assemble together in other parts of the vineyard from time to time.

Sunday, August 7th, was an enjoyable day. We were honored to have with us Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Nick Pietrangelo from Detroit, Michigan. Their inspiring exhortation went out to the young ones in our midst, stressing the fact that they must make a choice in life, giving the strength of their youth to the Lord and partaking of the fruits of the wonderful tree of life. They gave us much food for thought.

This month marks a 25th anniversary for four sisters and five brothers, all of whom were baptized on the same day in Warren, Ohio. Brother Ciaravino had baptized the sisters and Brother John Dulisse the brethren. They are still holding on to the rod of iron striving to do God's will, with the exception of one whom the Lord saw fit to call home. We were privileged to have six of them in our midst. In the testimony meeting they each gave their testimonies of their calling into the Gospel, and how they have been blessed throughout the years. He has been a wonderful Saviour to each of them.

Our church building was filled to capacity. The Warren and Niles branches met together, and we were also privileged to have brothers and sisters from Glassport, Sharon, and McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania as well as Detroit, Michigan. It was a lovely day which made us feel closer to God, having His presence throughout the day. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Carmel Genaro

NEWS FROM DETROIT BRANCH #2

Sunday, July 14, 1966, we were honored with visiting brothers and sisters from Cleveland, Ohio, namely Brother and Sister Milano, Brother and Sister Bartuccio, Sister Ada and husband, and brother Emidio Milano, who is here on a tourist pass from Italy.

Our guest speaker was Brother Emidio Mi-

Iano. Brother Mario Milano served as interpreter since Brother Emidio's English is limited. A good spirit prevailed throughout the service and was enjoyed by all present. Brother Emidio was very much impressed by the freedom of religion we enjoy in our country. He made us realize the wealth, liberty and privileges we enjoy in the land of America.

After the service the brothers and sisters gathered in the home of Brother Emil and Sister Anna Carlini. There was much discussion about our Church here and in Italy.

We thank God for this promised land where we can serve God with great liberty. Our prayers are that some day this freedom will be granted to our brothers and sisters across the sea.

Brother Emidio will return to Italy in September to resume his career in teaching. May the Lord bless him in his endeavors and accompany him on his return abroad. We, the Detroit West Side Branch No. 2, salute you all throughout the Church with God's love.

Psalms 34-3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together,

Anna Carlini
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Vacation Bible School was held again in Lorain, Ohio this year during the first week of August. The teachers decided to start with the three-year-old youngsters and marvelled at what they were able to do and learn. We feel that all the children did very well and proved this by condensing two weeks work into one week. On Friday evening they presented their program and showed the results of their labors. The teachers are to be commended for giving of their time and patience to work with the children and seeing that each day's lesson was accomplished.

On Saturday evening we held our M.B.A. with a good representation from Monongahela, Pa., Detroit, Mich. and San Diego, Calif. present. The climax to our wonderful weekend came on Sunday when we had with us the following Brothers and their families: Tom Liberto, Lou Ciccatti, Dominic Thomas, Dominic Moraco, Isaac Smith, and James Velardi; also Sister Veo Thomas, and the group from Monongahela, Pa. Instead of having our regular Sunday School lessons, the superintendent called on different ones to sing solos, trios, and in groups. Brother Tom Liberto from San Diego, Calif., introduced the morning worship service using for his text First Corinthians, 9th chapter, commencing with the 24th verse, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?" So it is in the Gospel; at the end of our race, we either receive a corruptible crown or an incorruptible one, depending on how we have run the race. Brother Liberto read Hymn #375 (A Crown for the Righteous) and spoke of many things we could do to win this crown. When running in a natural race only a few can qualify, but Christ made it possible for everyone to qualify in the spiritual race. We must keep ourselves spiritually fit as God does not dwell in

unclean temples. Some of the qualifications are love, trust, obedience, endurance of trials and temptations, and steadfastness in serving God. Jesus did not ask us to do anything He did not himself do first.

Brother Moraco followed, stating that the prize or reward acts as a stimulant or something to work for. Our spiritual prize is to spend eternity with God if we have run the race well. He also related how he began running his race in the Gospel and told of a dream Sister Moraco had a few years ago concerning a man seeking food and shelter. At this juncture, Brother Dominic Thomas felt inspired to offer prayer. The Lorain girls' trio sang "Wasted Years," and Carrie Calabrese rose and asked for her baptism. A wonderful spirit prevailed in the prayer, the hymn, and the words the brothers brought forth. Brother Thomas then related his experiences in becoming acquainted with the Church and the events that led to his conversion. He asked the question, "Are you satisfied with the way you are running the race?" We must make widespread the effects of the Gospel and must be militant in our fight against sin. After the close of the service three young people from Monongahela, Pa., asked for their baptism.

An evening meeting was held to confirm Sister Carrie, while the other three converts returned to Monongahela for the evening service and their confirmation. Those who participated in the singing of special selections were; the girls' trio from Monongahela, Pa., Sister Mabel Bickerton, Brother Tom Liberto, Sister Adeline Ciccatti, and some from the Lorain Branch. We also had lunch together with all the visitors and spent a few moments socializing with them. It was a wonderful weekend and we felt there is no better place to be than in the house of the Lord in fellowship with the saints.

Editor Betty Alessio

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in our branch and many prayers go forth in their behalf. I am sending their address for anyone desiring to write them. Wilma and George will surely welcome your letters.

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Janice Brown

Vows Exchanged

SAELI - SPISAK

The Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe, Pennsylvania, was the setting for the marriage of Alice Jean Spisak, daughter of Sister Betty Spisak and the late Brother Andrew Spisak, to Joseph A. Saeli, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Saeli of California, Pennsylvania. The wedding was solemnized on Saturday, July 23rd at 2:00 P.M. with Brother George Johnson officiating.

The couple will make their home in Monroeville, Pennsylvania where they are both on the faculty of the Gateway Union School District. May God bless them in their life together.

A Visit To New York

When my son, Frank, and I attended the Ohio District conference in Lockport, New York, Brother August Giansanti invited me to stay the following week. I inquired if it were possible to hold services throughout the week, which was granted. Services were held in Lockport on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings; at Rochester, New York on Tuesday. I enjoyed speaking both in the English and Italian tongues. The spirit of God was made manifest and a great love was displayed.

I spoke to some who were nonmembers, six of whom attended services; five of these had never attended before. Although I was invited to stay another week, I felt the desire to return home. Brother Giansanti and his wife drove me back; about 45 miles from Warren the front wheel of his car locked and went out of control, but by the mercy of God he was able to regain control. I phoned home and my son Jerry came for us. When he arrived he informed me that our barn caught fire and was destroyed. We praise and bless God as it could have been much worse. Blessed be the name of the most high God.

Dominico Giovanone

OBITUARIES

Anna Galante

Sister Anna Galante passed away on July 18, 1966 at the age of 64 years. She was born in Italy on December 26, 1901. Sister Galante was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in Brooklyn, New York on April 21, 1946. She was ordained a Deaconess in 1949 and faithfully fulfilled her duties in this office.

She leaves behind to mourn her passing, her husband, Brother John Galante, two children, Josephine and Joseph; two brothers, and five grandchildren.

Services were held in the Bath Avenue Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Gorie Ciaravino officiated, assisted by brother Dominick Rose.

The Lord revealed to our dear sister, in a vision, the place and crown prepared for her in Paradise. In this we find consolation for our loss.

Micheline Frammolino

Sister Micheline Frammolino passed away on June 29, 1966. She was a faithful member of Branch #1, Detroit, Michigan. Her passing brought grief to the many friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters in the Church whom she left behind.

Services were conducted by Brother Spencer G. Everett at Branch #1.

Readers Write

Dear Brother Editor:

Enclosed you will find \$2.00 for the renewal of The Gospel News. I have enjoyed reading this paper since 1949, and I have every one since 1950; I am putting them together in book form. Many times I read back in the old issues, and as I was blessed at that time reading the articles I still am blessed in reading them again. I don't want to miss a copy as this book I am compiling of The Gospel News will some day be a blessing to my sons and their children.

God bless all of you who partake in this way of making many of us happy in this "Words of Life" paper.

Sister Sadie Nicosia
Anaheim, California

Dear Brother George:

I am sending you money order for \$4.00 to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. I wish to thank you and your assistants for sending me the copies after my expiration date.

The Gospel News, in my opinion, is a wonderful little paper and deserves the support of every church member. I believe the Church is deeply indebted to those of you who are devoting your time and effort to making it the success that it is. Please keep up the good work. May God's richest blessings be poured out upon you and the others working so faithfully to publish The Gospel News!

Brother Robert Watson, Jr.
Northridge, California

Dear Brother Editor:

We don't want to miss one issue of our paper so we are sending check for \$6.00 to renew our subscription for two years; also for one subscription to be sent to the enclosed address.

May God bless you that you may continue your fine job of getting our paper together.

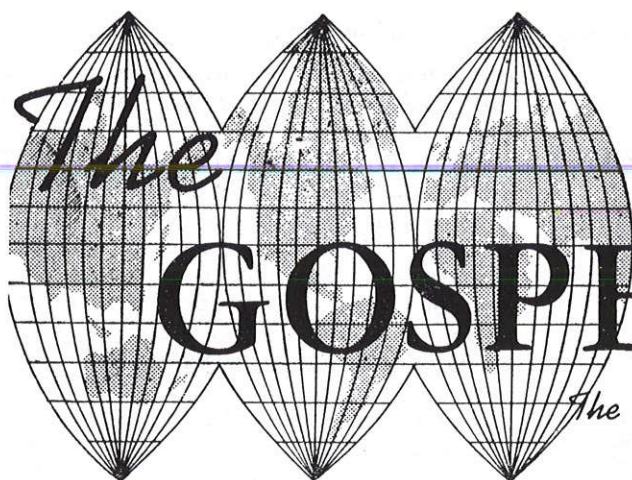
Brother and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo
Lake Worth, Florida

Dear Brother Neill:

Enclosed is \$10.00 to pay for my subscription for another year. I wish to donate the balance for subscriptions for others who aren't able to buy them. I always enjoy the paper so much that I want to help someone else enjoy it too.

My prayer is that the Lord will bless you in this work and will provide the necessary funds to keep things going.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson Keller
Smock, Pa.



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Blessings of Thanksgiving Day

By Roland R. Paleno

Soon, the nationally celebrated day of Thanksgiving will be observed. This day is set apart for the purpose of giving thanks and expressing our sincere gratitude for all of the divine goodness and mercies of God.

According to history, this day was celebrated in 1621, when Governor Bradford of the New England Colonies proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer to be observed at the end of the harvesting of the crops. The harvest that year exceeded their expectations, and it was felt that God should be recognized in a day that would be set apart for this purpose.

Since that first Thanksgiving day, God has steadily increased the abundance of this great country. These blessings have increased until today we are told that we enjoy the greatest degree of material wealth and learning that God has ever placed upon any nation.

In view of the increased benevolence of God, Thanksgiving Day should not only be a day that we commemorate annually, but rather one which we should honour every day of our lives. We should be thankful enough that we would spend a portion of each day in recounting the many material and spiritual riches that God has given to us and our families upon this blessed land of America.

An excerpt from one of our hymns reads "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." As human beings, we need these "surprises" daily to keep us in remembrance of the blessings we receive from our Maker. Without these daily "surprises" we gradually may become unaware of the things that our hearts should be thankful for.

We should also pause to remember to pray for the relief of suffering and misery that exist in the world today; for the sick, those with heavy crosses to bear, and the orphans, widows and the less fortunate.

GMBA Conference In Pennsylvania

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference will convene at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, in the Hopewell High School, Longvue Avenue, Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania, just outside Aliquippa.

There will be three meetings during the one-day Gathering, which will be officially sponsored by the Pennsylvania MBA Area through the Aliquippa, McKees Rocks, and Imperial Locals. Officer and activity reports, election of General officials, and other Association matters will be on the agenda for the first two sessions. In the evening, the three MBA host groups will present a program.

The next day's service will be held in the Stowe Rocks Junior High School on Wayne Road in McKees Rocks, starting at 10:30 a.m.

If this becomes a daily practice in our lives, we will attain a deeper sense of gratefulness and humbleness before God. We will also become more aware of the fact that all we have received and shall receive is due to the goodness and grace of God. Our hearts and spirits are then humbled and we possess the proper attitude that God wants us always to possess. We are also in the attitude of prayer in praising and glorifying the name of God. The Psalmist says, "Be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." (Psalm 100: 4, 5). Alma says "Always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive. And see that ye have faith, hope and charity and then ye will always abound in good works." (Alma 7: 23, 24).

In return for all the measureless love that God has blessed us with, He wants to be thanked, worshipped, and honoured above everything in life. We must obey all His commandments that

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BLESSING OF THANKSGIVING

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our lives may always abound with charitable works and deeds.

May God help each of us in attaining a greater understanding of the spirit of Thanksgiving; that we may be more thankful for our homes of comfort, abundance of food, love for our families, occupations, and the blessed privilege to live in a land of freedom. May we also grow in appreciation for the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ and for the great love that God has for His creation. His love was so great that He sent His only begotten Son to be made a sacrifice for our sins, that through this sacrifice on Calvary we may someday receive the greatest gift of all gifts, Eternal Life.

The Gospel Ship

By Ishmael Humphrey

(Second Issue)

Let us review the history of the Mormon Church after it went into the practice of false revelations. After the death of Joseph Smith God began to work with Sidney Rigdon, the First Counselor of the Church. Sidney Rigdon did not follow with the Church, but continued to preach the gospel, standing apart from the Utah people.

In the year 1845 William Bickerton came into contact with the Gospel and was baptized. He continued with Sidney Rigdon until the breakup of the Church. During this time Rigdon went to Friendship, New York, and later died there. Little by little his followers became scattered. William Bickerton reached a place in his life where he could not return to his former church for they did not have the true authority. According to the Church history, Bickerton had been ordained an elder under Rigdon's organization, and the power of God came down and confirmed that office upon him.

Now knowing what course to pursue, Bickerton was associated with the Utah people for about ten months in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania in 1851 and 1852. Since he could not return to his former faith he felt the next best was the Utah Church. Some might question his association with the Utah organization, but the Lord showed me this is just what He wanted Brother Bickerton to do, that He might show forth His power of the Gospel in him. So, according to William Bickerton's testimony, he went to a meeting held by the Utah people on the North Side of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A decree had been sent out from Utah to the effect that all who would accept the revelation of polygamy would receive the divine approval of God, but any who would reject it would incur the displeasure and damnation of God. But God prompted William Bickerton to arise to his feet and make a declaration that if the approval of God were to come to Him by

accepting the doctrine of polygamy, he preferred the displeasure of God. He then walked out of the meeting.

Thus William Bickerton stood alone. This was where God wanted him to be. Imagine his feelings at this moment — knowing he had stood up for the truth, yet finding himself outside the Church; an elder chosen to preach the Gospel, yet not having a congregation or organization of people to preach to. No doubt Bickerton felt that he had done the right thing, but it had placed him in an unpredictable position. Doubtless he went home discouraged and broken-hearted about the whole affair. He probably remembered the time when he was called to be an elder, and the power of God had confirmed this calling upon him. But his feeling of rejection and sorrow were soon to be forgotten with the joy of things to come.

One night while Bickerton was asleep the spirit of the Lord came upon him and took him to a high mountain, the highest mountain upon the earth; He told him that if he, William Bickerton, did not preach this Gospel he would fall into that dreadful chasm below. He moved with fear, having the Holy Spirit with him. He then went forth preaching the Restored Gospel. The blessings and power he received could not be compared with the experience he went through when he found himself alone.

According to history the Church was established again by God working through William Bickerton; it was likened to the Church of Philadelphia. According to the pamphlet, "Ensign," the saints were assembled in meeting at a conference in January, 1863 when the Word of the Lord came unto them saying, "Thus saith the Lord, Ye are my servants. Go ye forth and proclaim my Gospel. Hold forth the Book of Mormon with the Bible and I will bless you and multiply you if you do this; and if not, you will fall back and I will place others in your place. Thus saith the Lord your God. And again, keep back nothing. Declare my whole counsel and truth against the false systems of the children of men. Smooth not your tongues, for they are an abomination in my sight, saith the Lord."

It was also felt to be the will of God that His servant, William Bickerton, should be called a seer, a translator, a prophet, an apostle of Jesus Christ, and an elder of the Church through the will of God and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Also it was felt to be the will of God that his two counsellors, Charles Brown and George Barnes, should have the same calling laid upon them. They were set apart, and the spirit and power of God came down and sealed that high and holy calling upon them insomuch that the glory of God filled the house. They had to exclaim, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but what He revealeth unto His servants, the prophets." It also brings to pass the saying of the prophet Isaiah: "I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the bebeginning." Yea, and I wish to say, Brethren, that

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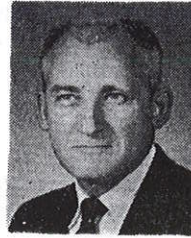
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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

The religious significance of Thanksgiving is the expression of gratitude to God for His innumerable blessings which He has bestowed upon us a nation.

Thanksgiving Day, celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, is truly a distinctive American holiday. It does not commemorate any victory in battle or honor any great person. It was established by our Pilgrim forefathers who, fleeing religious persecution, fled to America in search of freedom, landing on these unhospitable shores on December 21, 1620. Before spring had come one-half of their company had died from sickness and exposure, among them their beloved Governor, John Carver, and his son. Even so, they did not despair; neither did their courage falter. Two of the greatest sentiments of their hearts sustained them — religious zeal and love of liberty. The summer of 1621 brought a bumper crop, and in November a three-day feast of thanksgiving was proclaimed. Today, of course, everyone is reminded of the democratic ideals. The religious significance of Thanksgiving is the expression of gratitude to God for His innumerable blessings which He has bestowed upon us as a nation. Let us at this Thanksgiving time give thanks for the faithfulness of God who, day after day and year after year, continues to bestow His bounties upon us. Sunshine and rain that ripen the harvest of golden grain and fertilize the soil are blessings from the hand of God. This is America, blessed with lush farm lands, fertile fields, hillsides dotted with various kinds of fruit trees, cattle on a thousand hills; "the precious things of heaven, and the precious things of earth." May I add here as a reminder that on the other side of the world almost half the people go to bed hungry every night! It is high time that the people of America recognize all that God in His goodness has bestowed upon us.

We surely need to bring all these things to remembrance. Let us consider what the Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8; "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Let us use Thanksgiving time to look back in retrospect upon all the personal and universal gifts bestowed upon us by our Creator, for all the comforts we enjoy are gifts. Our prosperity is a gift; our freedom is a gift; our liberty to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience is a gift. Let us not deceive ourselves by thinking that the Lord simply has to bless us because we are such a good people here in America. Sometimes, when I consider this nation, I feel that we don't deserve anything from God because we are unprofitable servants. Some of Paul McElroy's words in his MOMENTS OF MEDITATION, on "What of America?" seem to my way of thinking very fitting. I quote: "People have estimated that a normal lifetime for the world's great nations has been about two hundred years. The pattern of these civilizations or nations runs something like this: from bondage to spiritual faith, from such faith to courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, and

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from dependency back again into bondage. This sequence may seem pessimistic, but there seems to be enough truth in the fact that nations do rise and fall and that prosperity seems to carry within it the seeds of selfishness, that we should ask ourselves, what of America? What can be done by us to turn the tide is a question, but to see the problem is itself half the battle." If seeing the problem is half the battle, the other half that will turn the tide is "America back to God."

You and I who are members of this Church are well aware of the impending destruction awaiting this nation, according to the scriptures, if it insists on its downward road. When Jesus visited this western hemisphere following His resurrection, He sounded a warning note to the Gentiles. He pointed to the day that is now here when the people of America would reject His Gospel and be lifted up in pride higher than any nation upon the face of the earth. He warned that they would indulge in lying, deceit, mischief, all manner of hypocrisy and murder, priestcraft, whoredoms, secret combinations, and all manner of abominations. He then warned, "Wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent." It is time the peoples of the "Promised Land" quit their sinning. There is no better time to repent and acknowledge or confess with gladness the benefits and mercies which God bestows upon us than at Thanksgiving time.

Is God Dead?

By James Heaps

What a thought! To even think that God is dead makes me shiver with fright. I awakened this morning about 2:00 A.M. I tried to go back to sleep again but could not. I was sick at heart after listening to an hour-long program on television of five of the leading religious organizations. The topic was, "Is God dead?" First, let me say that their language was such that I remarked to my wife, "Do you understand what they are talking about?" What a display of words! God help us when men will display their education to put on a show that the common people cannot understand them. Jesus said that the poor heard Him gladly. The thought was something like this: God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, and when Jesus died upon the cross God was then dead. What a ridiculous doctrine! Let us consider the Lord's prayer. Jesus told His disciples, "When you pray, say 'Our Father who art in Heaven!'" If God was in heaven at that time, how could He be on earth? Jesus was on earth; God was in heaven, and if God was Jesus and died on the cross, where is our hope and faith in a resurrection? "In the wisdom of men we had long been entangled; And forms without

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Light From The Watchman's Lamp

By Spencer G. Everett

(Isa. 21:6b)

"Go set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

GOD'S FRUIT TREES

"He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then he said to the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well; and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." (St. Luke 13:6-9)

Jesus is telling of a man who had a fruit tree planted. He sought fruit upon it. Having found none he ordered it cut down. Here, Jesus shows how God wants every fruit tree to bear fruit, and how offensive it is to God for men who are given space in God's vineyard not to bear fruit for God. It is true that a tree without fruit is an abomination to God.

Who are God's fruit trees today? Let's ask God to tell us through His word.

Thus saith the Lord — "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30)

Isn't that strange? The fruit of the righteous is a tree . . . A tree is to bring forth fruit. In the fruit are contained the seeds that will produce more trees. So every Saint is to sow the blessed seed that will produce other Saints.

Who are God's fruit trees today? They are soul-winners.

In Deuteronomy 20:19, 20, the children of Israel were commanded as follows: "When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is a man's life) to employ them in the siege: Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee until it be subdued."

When the Jews besieged a city they could cut any tree such as elm, maple, oak, etc., but the trees bearing fruit or nuts were not to be touched. For the sake of the fruit these trees were not to be touched.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world (age) are come" (1 Cor. 10:11)

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"When thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God." Alma 37:37.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story from the Book of Mormon. It is about the people of Jared. There was a man named Jared; and his brother, their families, and friends came to America many, many years ago. God had commanded them to come here. The Lord had made a promise to Jared's brother saying, "There will I bless thee and thy seed, and raise up unto me of thy seed, upon the face of the earth. And thus will I do unto thee because this long time ye have cried unto me."

Before they started on their journey, there was work to be done. They gathered all their flocks together, set traps to catch different kinds of birds, and caught swarms of bees which they called "deseret". They also caught fish and put them in little vessels of water. They collected seeds of all kinds to take to America.

When they were ready, the brother of Jared led them to a valley which was called Nimrod after a mighty hunter. Here the Lord came down and met them, just as He had promised. The Lord was in a cloud and the brother of Jared could not see him. The Lord gave him directions for their journey. They were told to travel much further in the wilderness where no men had ever lived. They came to the seashore and here they began to build barges or boats. They built eight of them to carry the people, animals, seeds, and other things across the water. They stayed here four years. The Lord spoke to them often, preparing them for their new home. He told them this new land was a Promised Land, a land of freedom to the righteous; but if the people became wicked he would destroy them. If people would serve him, they would never be brought into bondage.

The people forgot the Lord during the four years they lived in the wilderness by the seashore. The brother of Jared forgot also and did not pray as he once did. The Lord was not pleased with this. He came down in a cloud and talked with the brother of Jared for three hours because he had forgotten to pray. The brother of Jared was very, very sorry and asked the Lord to forgive him and help and guide him. He and the people were forgiven.

The Lord then gave directions to build the barges so they could continue on their journey. The boats were to be small and light upon the water, tight as a dish, both top and bottom, so if the waves beat upon them, they would not

leak. They were long as a tree and pointed at the ends.

After the barges were finished and the doors were closed, the brother of Jared found the inside so dark no one could see. He didn't know how they could cross the sea in such darkness. He went to the Lord in prayer, "O Lord, I have performed the work which thou hast commanded me and have made the barges according as thou hast directed me. And behold, O Lord, in them there is no light: whither shall we steer? Also we shall perish, for in them we cannot breathe." The Lord told him to make holes in each boat to let fresh air in and if the water came up, then stop the hole. He said they would be as a whale in the sea and when the great waves would dash upon them, he would bring them up out of the depth of the sea. But still they had no light for the barges. Again the brother of Jared prayed. He knew they couldn't have windows, for they would break and they couldn't have fire. The brother of Jared went to a high mountain named Shelem, to pray. He asked the Lord not to be angry with him but the people needed help for their journey. Again he said they didn't want to travel in darkness. He cut sixteen small, clear, white stones out of the mountain and asked the Lord to touch them so they would shine in the darkness. He knew the Lord was able to do this. Then a wonderful thing happened! The Lord stretched forth his hand and touched the stones one by one with his finger. To his great surprise, the brother of Jared saw the finger of the Lord. It was like the finger of a man, like flesh and blood. When he saw this, a great fear came over him and he fell to the earth. The Lord said, "Arise. Why hast thou fallen?" His reply was, "I saw the finger of the Lord and I feared lest he should smite me, for I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood." The Lord then revealed wonderful things to the brother of Jared about Jesus Christ, who was to come.

The brother of Jared took the stones down from the mountain and put two of them in every boat, one at each end. Now the people had light. They loaded the barges. The Lord caused a strong wind to blow across the water. Off they started across the great sea, trusting in the Lord to bring them safely to the Land of Promise, America.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What did the brother of Jared have, that made it possible to see the finger of God? Ether 2:9.
2. Did he see more than the Lord's finger? Ether 2:10, 13.
3. Did anyone else see the Lord? Ether 2:15.
4. How did Jesus show himself to the brother of Jared? Ether 2:17.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

M.B.A. Highlights

Lesson-Plan Contents And Format Discussed

By Carl J. Frammolin

Among the reports to be presented to the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania locality on November 12 will be the one dealing with MBA Lesson-Plans. While all presentations will be significant and important for the Association, the subject matter being assembled, along with helpful supplementary data and instructional suggestions, will probably prove the most far-reaching, as it will concern all MBA units for over a long period of time and must be considered accordingly.

Each lesson is being prepared to offer a complete account of a particular event, scriptural passage, or a series of passages found in sequence or which bear a direct connection with each other. In addition, a "Word Study," a "Quiz," and activity suggestions are included in each package. An example of a typical lesson, taken from the 4-6 grade school series, may help to illustrate the final end products which will be available to Locals.

The First Lesson

"Missionary Benevolent Association Lesson No. 1" is based on the contents in I Nephi, Chapter 1 of the **Book of Mormon**. Described in the narrative are the conditions in Jerusalem at the time of Lehi, the unwillingness of the people to listen to the Prophets, Lehi's first experiences, and the rejection of Lehi's warnings by the people in Jerusalem. These particulars may appear to be clear on first observation, but a comparatively young student in this grade span may require more explanations so he can associate historical and geographical knowledge acquired in formal education with the scriptural contents. As a result, the location and period of time are included in the account.

The inquiring mind of a young person will also want to know why God chose to give Lehi the experiences. In addition, he would probably ask, "Was it easy for Lehi to heed God's commands?" Also, "Why would the people of the city not listen to the warnings they were being given?" Of course, it was difficult for the writer of the lesson to anticipate all the questions which may occur to the young reader, but he attempted to answer many of them by telling what happened after considering the student's point of view.

In presenting the desired facts, the author attempted to write for the comprehension level of the young people. Obviously, words used must

not be too difficult or out of the range of their understanding; and not only the length but the caliber of the words must be considered. Because a word does not have many letters does not necessarily mean it will be easy to understand. Common usage or use in The Church dictates its value in regards to both the lesson and in familiarizing learners with desired words. A "Word Study" follows every account, and the students are to use the dictionary if it is evident they do not know the meanings or have not learned them from the story. The words reviewed from the first lesson are **sacred, pleading, rejection, meditated, numberless, brilliant, and exceed**.

Quiz

The basic way to check whether a presentation has been properly absorbed is to ask questions, so some will be in every package. They will serve to also emphasize the important points and to further stimulate thinking about the things of God. Following are the inquiries from this lesson.

1. Lehi lived before Christ in the city of
2. List all the members of Lehi's family.
3. Why do you suppose the Prophets of The Lord pleaded for the people of Jerusalem to repent? Give two reasons.
4. What was the first experience Lehi had?
5. Describe the vision Lehi had.
6. In your opinion, Who was the personage that radiated as the sun? Who were the twelve others following Him?
7. God revealed to Lehi that would soon invade the holy city.
8. Did the experiences prompt the people to repent of their sins?

The activity portion then follows the questions. Tracing journeys on a world map may be the most practical, but others, such as reports, skits, and songs, may emphasize the main points of the learning experience. The "Lesson No. 1" suggestion is: "Sketches may be drawn to show the location of Jerusalem and Babylon. They will allow the students to become more familiar with the actual events and create greater interest for the following lessons."

As can be noted by the brief outline presented, there is a considerable amount of work, thought, and deliberation which must go into each lesson. Consequently, the entire program is time-consuming and requires great concentration and dedication. Besides the 4-6 grade levels, plans include development of lessons for an "Activity Book" for younger children. This book will include illustrations and coloring pictures, as well as stories for the youngsters, familiarizing them with vital information and names. In addition to **Book of Mormon** coverage, instruction on Church history will also be prepared.

It must be remembered that most of the people on this program are involved in other Church projects, so they must divide their volunteer time

accordingly. A projection, nevertheless, is being readied for this Conference, and it will be disclosed the same as will be all other Association activities and matters on November 12.

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this Church was not set up after the order of man, but after the order of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Speaking again of Lehi and his family, they were traveling through the wilderness when the Lord gave them a ball or director to guide them. As long as they exercised their faith in God the ball pointed the way they were to go, and from time to time writings or revelations would appear upon the ball and director. But when they would begin to lose faith and gamble or complain against the Lord, the ball or director would not work.

The Lord revealed to me that this ball and director was likened unto the Holy Ghost that was to lead and guide The Church of Jesus Christ in the latter days. He further showed me that if we did not depend upon the revelation and Holy Spirit we would be lost in this wilderness of sin. We cannot fool God in the least. He knows when we are trusting in Him and when we are not. It is written that the Holy Ghost is given to lead and guide us into all truth. If we brethren grieve the Holy Spirit it will cease to abide with us; we will then be as salt that has lost its savor.

How do I know this is the Lord who speaks to Me? I know by His spirit, for I know His voice; and it is given to the saints to know the Spirit of God. For I have seen the Lord face to face, and also have seen His body, so I know; and the spirit and power of the Holy Ghost has shown this to me.

Are we to believe the revelations to The Church of Jesus Christ when they are given by the power of God? I say unto you it shall not be well with us brothers and sisters if we do not believe the revelations that have been given to the early Church. They were from God to guide His people with knowledge, for revelation from God is the foundation stone of this Church of Jesus Christ. It is the same rock which Christ told Peter the Church was built upon. It has been confirmed to me by the Holy Ghost that this order of the Church is of God and not of man, neither after man's ways, but God's. Yea, blessed be His holy name forever and ever, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yea, who is like unto the Lord God of Israel that has loved us and called us into this Gospel? Yea Lord, I love Thee. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me. Amen!

Yea, Brethren, love the order of this Church and be obedient to God, for the greatest aspiration in the Gospel is for us to love the Lord God with all our mind, heart, and soul. Then the greater things shall be added unto us.

Upon finishing this article these words were given to me: "Hear what God the Lord has spoken, Oh my people, faint and few; comfortless, afflicted, broken—fair abodes I build for you." Amen.

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power encircled us round. But now we rejoice in the hope of salvation, And peace to the faithful doth ever abound." Let me say right here, religion and salvation are two different things. The world is full of religion, but there is very little salvation.

One of the speakers on this program said since God is dead he felt relieved, because he did not have to pray anymore. He also stated that God had never answered any of his prayers anyways. The commentator then said, "If God is dead, what are you going to base your religion on?" They now have a little religion, but if God is dead they neither have religion nor salvation. We sing a hymn as follows: "He lives, He lives, He lives within my heart." If we are to believe such doctrine, there is then no more revelation; there is no more hope and we are yet in our sins. This doctrine is a lie and we are living in dangerous times. We can understand the atheist's idea that there is no god now nor was there ever one; but we cannot understand religious men declaring that God is dead. What do they have to preach to the people if God is dead?

The Bible does not say that Jesus was born of God but of the Holy Ghost. After the angel told Mary that she was going to have a son, he declared, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest or the Son of God"; and while she was pondering these things she said, "How can these things be seeing I know not a man?" The angel answered her and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest (which is God) shall overshadow thee. Therefore, that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God"; not God incarnate. We do not believe in such a thing. We believe in God, the Father; Jesus Christ His Son; and the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the mind of God. Our minds are the controlling power of our bodies. That is the reason Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was in Jesus Christ," and Jesus said, "I do always those things which please my Heavenly Father." It is a sure thing that the world is entangled by the wisdom of men. God help us to depend on Him—not upon the wisdom of men. They can use words that I know nothing about, but I know something about God and the Holy Ghost.

The prophets saw our day. Isaiah said. "His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant; they are all dumb dogs; they cannot bark sleeping and loving to slumber." He said they are greedy dogs which can never have enough; they are

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shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain; Isaiah, ch. 56, 10-11-12. "Come ye, they say, and fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink, and tomorrow shall be as this day and much more abundant;" Isaiah 23, 2-3. "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my sheep, Ye have scattered my flock and have driven them away. My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have caused them to go astray. Ye have scattered my flock and driven them away." This kind of shepherd says that God is dead. How can they protect their sheep? Is it any wonder there are demonstrations all over the world? Jesus warned us when He called them hirelings, and so they are. They are hired to lead the flock astray. But Jesus also tells us, "My sheep know My voice, and a stranger they will not follow." They are robbers trying to get into the fold some other way. Jesus said, "I am the door to the sheepfold, and if anyone tries to get in any other way, he is a thief and a robber."

Incarnation means to be clothed in human form, or to clothe with flesh; embody in flesh. Now they claim that God left His throne, came here to earth, clothed Himself in human flesh, lived here thirty-three years, and died upon the cross; therefore, God is dead. When I was ill and confined in the hospital, I said to one of the nurses, "If something should happen to me here I would come forth in the first resurrection." She said, "What are you talking about? We never hear about a resurrection in our church." This again proves that the ministers are not preaching of a hope hereafter. Easter is just another holiday. Paul says that Jesus endured the cross, despised the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. May God help us to understand the scriptures!

Vows Exchanged

Yahr - PIZZAIA

Mr. and Mrs. (Sister) T. Pizzaia of Edison, New Jersey wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Jeanne, to Mr. Stephen Yahr. The wedding was solemnized on September 3, 1966 in The Church of Jesus Christ at Hopelawn. Brother August D'Orazio officiated in the ceremony. A reception followed with 130 guests present.

Stephen and Jeanne will reside in South Plainfield, New Jersey. May God bless them continually.

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If you have a change of address, please send a card giving both your old and new address. Each old or incorrect address cost us 10¢ of the Lord's money.

LIGHT FROM THE WATCHMAN'S LAMP

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When Jesus went up to Jerusalem from Bethany, we are told that He came upon a fig tree with no figs. In Matt. 21: 18, 19, we read —

"Now in the morning as He returned into the city, He hungered. And when He saw a fig tree in the way, He came to it, and found nothing there-on, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away."

Now the Lord must be grieved at Saints who do not do the one thing most near and dear to the heart of Jesus! that is, the winning of souls.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus came into the world to save sinners" — (1 Tim. 1: 15)

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost". (Luke 19: 10)

"Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father" (John 14: 12)

Jesus came to win souls. He had preached and loved and taught in the power of God, to provide salvation to sinners, and so his disciples (followers) must so preach and teach in God's power that souls will be saved.

Jesus Christ never looked upon a man or a woman to see their costly apparel, their beautiful countenances, their bulging purses; nor did he ask if they had a college education or to which political party they belonged. He saw only one thing in everyone, a soul to be saved in the Kingdom of God, a wandering lamb away from the fold. He told his disciples, "The fields are white already to harvest".

I would pray to God that we would take God's promise to us literally — "They that sow in tears, shall, reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless (without a doubt, for sure) come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him". (Psalm 126: 5, 6)

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of Life: he that winneth souls is wise"

The Master is seeking a harvest

In lives He's redeemed by His blood;

He seeks for the fruit of the Spirit,

And works that will glorify God.

He looks for His likeness reflected

In lives that are yielded and true;

He's looking for zeal in the winning

Of souls He's entrusted to you.

He's yearning for someone to carry

The life-giving Word far and near;

He's waiting for hearts that are willing,

For ears that are open to hear.

Nothing but leaves for the Master,

Oh! how His loving heart grieves,

When instead of the fruit He is seeking,

We offer Him nothing but leaves.

(Mrs. H. S. Lehman)



UR WOMEN TODAY

— "She Hath Done What She Could"

In observance of the 7th anniversary of our Founder's death.

A DAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE

When Irene Soles and Enoch Mains were married in McKeesport, Pa., they moved into a new little brick house far out in the east end on Fifth Avenue. Here Enoch, a Civil War veteran, set up his business as a butcher; and Irene became a housewife and eventually the mother of six children. The children enjoyed a carefree childhood, happily unaware of the tragedy that would soon befall them. After seventeen years of marriage, Irene sickened and died, leaving Enoch to rear his motherless children. The oldest girl, Della took over her mother's duties and became foster mother to her three younger sisters and two brothers. Enoch did his best to be both mother and father to them.

Sadie, the third girl, was only eight years old when her mother died. As she grew older she had a few precious memories of her mother, but she was loved and reared by her older sister and her father. As a child she was often lonely for her mother and with her pet lamb, Charlie, would walk in the woods where she had many sober thoughts about life and death. Her father had taught her to be honest and sincere, and that if she was a good girl she would someday meet her mother again. He was not a church-going man, although he had been reared a Quaker, but he was a great Bible student and taught his children to observe the Sabbath Day with great strictness. Thus Sadie became a serious minded girl and began to use her excursions into the woods as occasions for prayer, always asking that she might be a good girl.

Eventually the time came when she wanted to join the local United Brethren Church which she had been attending. When she spoke to her father about it, he gave permission, but warned that she must never be a hypocrite. He had had business dealings with so many so-called Christians that he had become disillusioned about their sincerity and honesty.

Sadie became a member of her chosen church, being taken into membership by sprinkling. Later she testified that she had not felt a new birth at that time, but she was completely sincere, and from that time she devoted her life to her church work. Her fondest dream was that she might go to Africa to convert the heathen there and she enrolled in several study classes that would prepare her for that task.

However, this was not the divine plan for her. The Lord had better things in store. About

this time she met the man she was to marry. William Cadman of West Elizabeth had come to McKeesport to work, and boarded at a home near the Mains' house. They soon became friends and shared each other's ambitions. Thus, for the first time, Sadie heard of the Restored Gospel and The Church of Jesus Christ. Her family approved of William, but didn't like his religion. He persuaded her to attend a Conference in Monongahela in 1900. This was a completely new experience for Sadie, and upon her return home she told her family she had heard only Scripture from beginning to ending of the day.

The relationship soon became greater than friendship, and Sadie and William were married in June, 1901. They were married in Della's home which her husband had built for her beside the little brick homestead. William Cadman, Sr. officiated at his son's wedding.

They went to housekeeping in McKeesport and became the parents of two girls. Sadie had learned more about her husband's beliefs, and after several personal experiences, she was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. This time she was immersed as commanded in the Scripture, and many times testified of her feeling of conviction when the officiating Elder spoke of his authority to perform the ordinance. She became a staunch member and a great helpmate to her husband as he progressed in the Church.

After a few years the little family moved to Washington D.C. where William was employed. While living there, Sadie had a bad fall which caused her to be lame for the remainder of her life. Her general health became so poor that a change of environment seemed advisable, so they moved again. This time they went to St. John, Kansas. Two more girls were born in Kansas. In 1918 when the Church needed William in the East, the Cadman family returned to their first home and continued to live in the Monongahela valley.

They were wonderful parents. The lives of both were examples of integrity to their girls, their grandchildren, and to all who knew them. Although Mother was handicapped, all her life was devoted to her family and her Church. She was a happy person, full of faith and understanding. Although she did not fulfill her desire to go to Africa, she did a great deal for her African sisters by letters of love and advice. All who knew her loved her and valued her counsel.

After a long, useful life, Mother went to rest. When we girls had the painful task of disposing of her things, we placed her small possessions on her bed that each might take what she wished. There were only a few little trinkets—pins, beads, a watch, her wedding and engagement rings—probably not of any great value if measured in money. But they were of great value to us. As I looked at them lying there on the coverlet, I thought of the immeasurably greater heritage

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OUR WOMEN TODAY

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Mother had left us—a store of beautiful memories, wise teachings, wonderful examples—a heritage far more precious than diamonds or rubies, silver or gold.

It is seven years since Mother has gone, but she lives on in our memories of her, the beautiful hymns she composed, and the wise example of her life—these are lasting treasures.

Ruth Mountain

SAN DIEGO NEWS

The past few weeks have been packed with happenings and activities—some glad and some sad. On the “glad” side of the ledger, we have been privileged to have many visitors from various branches of the nation, the latest being Brother George Ondrasik and family from McKees Rocks, Pa. and Mary Coney and son, Alfred, from Detroit, Mich. Visitors always gladden our hearts and inject a festive note into our lives.

Speaking of festivity — what is it about a coming conference that fills us with a wonderful expectancy of good things to come? An impending wedding has somewhat the same effect upon us. Two hearts will be joined together by the ties of love. Eagerly we await the day and its promised sanctity and beauty. Our conferences are similarly awaited with the same anticipation and with prayer that souls may be joined to Christ. Often times our prayers are answered as they were at this September Conference.

Saturday, September 3 was given solely to conference business. Then Sunday morning dawned, and with it a promise of blessing — that intangible ‘something’ that we must receive from time to time if we are to reach our heavenly destination.

The San Diego Choir gave us lovely renditions of three hymns, one of which was entitled “Until Then.” Diane Brutz Surdock and Donna Lotgering Ciccati moved us deeply with their exquisite blending of voices in a hymn “He’s Only a Prayer Away.” “He’ll come to you if you ask Him to, He’s only a prayer away.” Then Brother Tony Brutz, who has been blessed with a fine voice, sang about the “Peaceful Reign.” “Every heartache will disappear, No more heartbreak and no more fear.” What emotions are created in the hearts of listeners by a combination of lovely hymns and beautiful voices. The singers set the mood for our Elder brothers.

Brother George Heaps spoke forcefully, likening our bodies to the temple that Solomon built. He exhorted us to perfection, saying we must overcome every obstacle that lies in the path of our service to God. Brother Leonard Lovalvo spoke on preparing ourselves for the Kingdom of Heaven. Brother V. J. Lovalvo followed by calling Hymn #205, “Speak My Lord,” and spoke on obedience to God’s calling.

During all of this the hearts of the congregation must have been turned to God in prayer for those who were not yet in God’s service. God, who answers prayer called two young men that morning: Ronald Mazzeo of Phoenix, Ariz. and Michael Mansour of Cleveland, Ohio who is in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. So the battle between God and Satan continues on. He does not easily relinquish his hold on man. Another young man, tired and weary of his present existence brokenly called out, “Oh God, help me, help me,” yet could not break the chains that bound him. We humbly ask our readers to pray for this soul that he may free himself for God’s service. . . . It was a good conference.

On the sad side of the ledger of happenings we note that Brother Lou, Sister Adeline Ciccati and family left our fair city for awhile. To these whom we

have learned to love as our very own we will not say goodbye, instead we say “arrivederci!”

Another sad note is the passing of our dear Brother Alfonso Turibio of Tijuana, Mexico. This is a great loss to our missionaries, Brother Edward and Sister Evelyn Perdue, for Brother Turibio was an elder of great valor and was a tremendous help to them. The ways of God are indeed mysterious.

We are further saddened by the demise of our dear friend, John R. Saczko, husband of our Sister Anna Saczko. His courage and fortitude in the face of suffering and imminent death are to be emulated. Truly God gives strength to those who seek it.

Catherine Vultaggio Poma
Editor, San Diego, California

An Expression Of Gratitude

Dear Brother Editor:

I am taking this means of letting my brothers and sisters know how very grateful my husband and I are to our Savior. On June 4, 1966 we were involved in an accident in which my car was demolished; both of us were hurt badly. My legs were cut and my toe was broken; my husband’s head was cut and required 27 stitches. We wish to thank all our brothers and sisters for the prayers offered in our behalf, and for the many cards which brought us much joy.

On June 19th I sent a handkerchief to be anointed because I couldn’t rest at night for the pain in my legs. I want all to know that when I received it I had a good night’s rest. During this night I had a dream. It seemed I was in the hospital where two doctors were examining my leg. One of them said there was a possibility of having part of my leg cut to which I answered, “Oh, no.” I was put on the cart to be taken to surgery. I prayed to the Lord to send one of His servants because I then knew that I would be better. As I was going down the hall I saw Brother Travis Perry dressed in a white coat, and beside him was a nurse who was Sister Mary Santilli. When I realized who they were I knew the Lord was going to help me. I told Brother Travis what was going to take place, but he told me not to worry, that my leg would not be cut. When I went to church on the following Sunday I asked to be anointed; I also asked to have some blessed oil put on my leg. Brother Travis was the elder who prayed for me and I received such a great blessing and a healing on my leg as I had an infection there. I then related my dream because I had no doubt, and was happy that Brother Travis had prayed for me.

I am so thankful that I am so much better and that my husband is doing well also. We serve a wonderful Savior, and I am very happy to be in this wonderful Gospel. With great love and a prayer for God’s blessings upon all my brothers and sisters, I am

Minnie DePiero

NEWS FROM WARREN, OHIO

On Sunday September 4, in Warren, Ohio we had as our guest speakers Brothers August Perlione from Cleveland, Ohio, and Frank Zoher from Brooklyn, N.Y. The sermons by these brethren were enjoyed by all.

Also visiting our branch were the following brothers and sisters: Henry King from Lorain, O., Gus Giansanti and his wife from Lockport, N.Y., Francis Milburn from Aliquippa, Pa., Rose and Carrie Palermo from West Cleveland, O., and Nick and Pauline Ritz from Youngstown, O. The testimonies were enjoyed and we can truly say that we find joy and pleasure in serving the Lord. May God bless each of us with a desire to press forward that we may see the Gospel flourish in the hearts of men and women.

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Ladies' Uplift Circle General Meeting

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday September 10, 1966. Sisters were present from Canada, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

The Detroit Circles conducted the morning devotions, reading the scripture from Psalm 121, and singing several selections. Sister Miller read a poem she composed. Sister Bickerton, our president, made a few remarks, stating that the love of God has lifted us and that it is very important we work together and love one another to further this gospel.

Reports of our Circles were read. Correspondence was read from Africa, Mexico, North Carolina, and San Carlos, all thanking the Circles for the help they have received. Our next meeting will be held in Glassport, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1966.

Brother Joseph Calabrese gave us a report of the progress of the Auditorium project and urged us to support this fund. While he was telling us of the task we have before us, we heard the gift of tongues. The interpretation was "Be still and know that I am God." The remainder of our meeting was spent in testimony and singing. Words cannot express how the Lord blessed us this day. Brother Calabrese left us with this thought — the more active we become in the church the more we will be blessed.

A vote of thanks was given to the Detroit sisters for their hospitality.

Gospel News Reporter
Mary Tamburrino

A Letter From Brother Heaps

Dear Brother Editor:

I want to take this medium of writing to all the brothers and sisters as it is impossible to write to them individually, even to those who asked me. I left New York Monday at 9:00 P.M., arriving in London at 8:15 A.M. Tuesday morning. What a wonderful plane! It was built by Great Britain, carried 160 passengers, traveled 35,000 feet in the sky at 600 miles an hour. I boarded a bus at the airport and arrived at Sister Cole's home about noon, where I was given a wonderful welcome and made to feel at home. Sister Cole is going to speak to her friends today to see if they will permit me to speak in their church. I hope I will be able to introduce this Restored Gospel to these people; they surely need a gospel of love here. Very few go to church. People seem to have lost all interest in God because of conditions in the church.

The traffic in London reminded me of California, bumper to bumper. There is a mixture of nationalities now in England. They are about to freeze wages and prices today.

The weather has been cold and wet. I hope I will be able to take it for a while. I don't know how long I am going to stay; that will depend on whether any of these people will obey the truth. If not I know where my home and family are. My love to all the saints, and pray for me that God will open some doors. I am so thankful that Mr. & Mrs. Cole opened their door to me.

Your Brother in Christ
James Heaps

Obituaries

OLIVA AUSILIO

Sister Oliva Ausilio, wife of the late Brother Vito Ausilio, passed away August 7, 1966. She was born July 25, 1899 and was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ for many years.

She is survived by eight children; John, Anthony, David, Daniel, Sister Lena Pontillo, Sister Frances Capone, Sister Almerinda Kaczmarek, and Sister Olivia Parravano; and thirteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Dominic Moraco at the Detroit Branch #3. We pray that God will comfort the family in their bereavement.

JOHNETTA CALDWELL GUBA

Sister Johnetta Caldwell Guba was born November 5, 1909 at Monongahela, Pennsylvania and died September 21, 1966 at her home in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her husband, Michael; one daughter, a son, and five grandchildren. Sister Guba was baptized October 25, 1941 into The Church of Jesus Christ and has remained faithful to the Gospel. The last day she attended church she was anointed and participated in feet-washing. She left us that day in a happy spirit.

Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, Pennsylvania with Brother Alma Nolfi officiating; he was assisted by Brother Anthony DiBattista. May God bless and comfort her family.

ALFONSO TURIBIO

Our beloved brother, Alfonso Turibio, passed away on September 7, 1966 after a lingering painful illness. He was born in Jalesco, Mexico on August 14, 1906. He became acquainted with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the latter part of 1959, and was baptized August 14, 1960. He was an ordained minister and was a great help with the work in Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, five daughters, and a son. He will be sadly missed by his family as well as his brothers and sisters in the Church. Funeral services were conducted by Brother E. Perdue.

JOHN ROMAN SACZKO

Mr. John Roman Saczko was a native of Holstove, Poland. His death occurred after much suffering and confinement in a hospital. Mr. Saczko had endeared himself to many, and especially to those in The Church of Jesus Christ. Although he was not a member of our Church, his love for our people was evident.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Anna; three sons, Raymond, John, and George; a daughter, Lydia; two brothers; one sister; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ben Ciccati. May God comfort the bereaved.

BLESSINGS AT MONONGAHELA

During our afternoon service, October 2, 1966, Brother Isaac Smith asked the young people to come forward and sing "Just as I Am" after which several of them bore their testimonies. While they were singing "Shall We Gather at the River" Jack (John) Grimes, son of Brother Don and Sister Grace Curry, asked for his baptism. Confirmation took place in our evening service at which time Brother Dan Piccuito of San Carlos, Arizona was our guest speaker.

Brother Jack will enter the Air Force in November. May God bless him and take care of him.

Joseph Griffith
Branch Editor

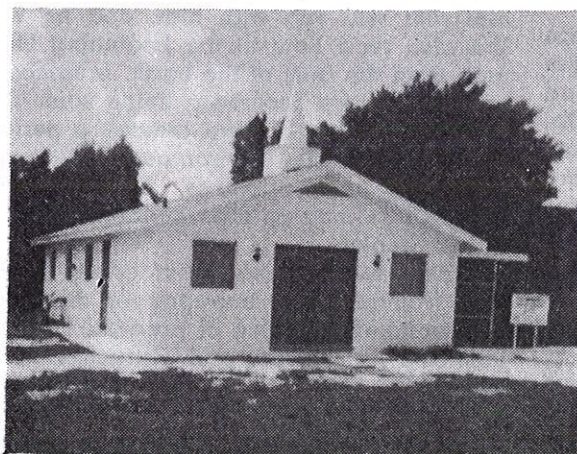
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA BRANCH

Brother Frank Sirangelo arrived in Florida in May, 1946. In September they began holding services in the home of Brother Ernest Schultz, meeting every two weeks, with five members attending. In August, 1947 Brother Sirangelo's home was completed and meetings were held there for the next 17½ years. Later, services were held in Miami at the home of Brother and Sister Masucci, now deceased. The brothers also traveled to Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Lakeland.

In the meantime a building fund was founded. We bought property, but residents in that area would not allow us to build. We sold the ground and bought a home which was remodeled to provide us with our present church building. We are thankful to God that He has provided us with a place to worship after a long struggle. There are now three set places where services are held in Florida: a branch here in Lake Worth, a mission in Fort Pierce, and a mission in Miami. We pray that many more will join us in the service of God here.

Dedication services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ in Lake Worth on June 26, 1966. We enjoyed having two visiting brothers from Edison, New Jersey; Anthony Ensano and August O'Orazio, Jr. Brother D'Orazio opened the service and gave us a nice inspiring talk. This meeting was also our Florida gathering and we had with us brothers and sisters from various places. We enjoyed the singing of many hymns and hearing many testimonies from our brothers and sisters. An expression of thanks and appreciation was given by the Lake Worth Branch to everyone who helped in any way to complete this building.

The afternoon service was a combined meeting of our three MBA locals in Florida, each bringing forth a program which was enjoyed by all. We also enjoyed the presence of Brother and Sister Carl Frammolino from Detroit, Michigan. Brother Carl encouraged and exhorted us in the work of the MBA. We had a very nice day.

Gabriel Mazzeo, Sr.
Presiding Elder

Come With Me As I Journey On The Sabbath

By Sylvia Curry

San Fernando Valley Branch

The alarm rings, telling me it is time to awake to the good things ahead. It is time to arise.

After I have taken care of my family, we begin our journey. While on our way we encounter many cars and I wonder if all we pass are going to Church to serve the Lord. Oh, how wonderful to be in a free land, to be able to travel, and go to the church of our choice. Thank God for all of this.

The mountains we view are so beautiful, created by the hand of God. The beauty of God tells me many things. It tells me of God's love, His goodness, and how near He really is. It prepares my heart for the coming hours and I begin

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COME WITH ME AS I JOURNEY ON THE SABBATH

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to pray. "Oh God, bless us this day." The time is swiftly passing by and we are nearing the House of God.

I see there are some who have already arrived and they too are waiting on the Lord. It is time for Sunday School to begin and many little children have come to hear the Word of God. Sunday School is the beginning of the blessings we are to receive, for here we learn of God and the people He dealt with in the past. We learn He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Soon Sunday School is over and our prayers are that God will lead us through this coming meeting.

We sing many hymns unto the Lord and once again we prepare our minds and hearts for the Lord to enter in. Now a man of God arises and with the spirit of God he will feed our soul. Oh, how wonderful to know that he has been chosen of God to feed His sheep. His words touch my heart and they are strong and powerful with the spirit of God. This wonderful God has not failed me for I am blessed. I see many shedding tears, and I know that God is here. Thank God for all of this.

Soon this meeting is over too; the minutes seemed to fly. We grasp our sisters and brothers with a handshake and the sisters greet the sisters and the brothers greet the brothers with a holy kiss.

Now we must eat of the natural too so we have our lunch. God has been so good to provide all these natural foods for us. It is time now to return to the spiritual things so our meeting begins with a hymn and prayer unto the Lord. In this meeting God gives us a chance to thank Him for all that He has done for us. We are free to ask for His help with anointing and to ask His forgiveness of our sins. Here we get to know and understand our brothers and sisters for we are all the same in God's eyes. Young and old praise His name.

It is now time for the Lord's Supper which consists of bread and wine, the bread representing His body and the wine representing His blood. We are free again to make a choice. Are we worthy or unworthy to partake of the Lord's Supper?

As the meeting continues, I see that someone has been touched by the spirit of God. Why, it is young Larry Watson. Yes, he is arising to ask for his baptism. Oh how wonderful! Thank God for all of this.

Now we journey to the water to view this wonderful rebirth of the soul. Here I remember the promise I too made to God. Larry is now taken into the waters where his natural father will call on the great Father above to baptize his son in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We sing, "I Surrender All" and all has been surrendered to God. What a beautiful sight

to behold a brother coming out of the waters. We now return to Church where Larry will be confirmed.

This Sabbath day has been quite a journey. The evening is near at hand, so we must all return to our homes remembering to be faithful unto the Lord each day and looking forward to the next Sabbath.

So until we meet again in the House of God may God bless all of you.

Are We Listening?

By Benjamin T. Cherry

We read in the Scriptures, Rev. 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me." We also read how in the beginning God made man from the dust of the earth, breathed into his nostrils, and he became a living soul. God gave unto man whom He had created a perfect place or habitation. His environment was a place of tranquility and happiness. All was perfect contentment as long as man hearkened to the voice of his Creator.

There was no reason or cause for the man and woman to be unhappy or discontented in this wonderful garden of paradise, for their Creator God was talking and instructing them in the knowledge of that heavenly home which He had created for His children; that eternal abode for all who would listen and obey the voice of the Creator God. So let us review what has happened to man to bring about his present condition of anxiety and mistrust in this present world in which we live.

We see the nations of the world today forming treaties with one another for fear of what might happen. They are putting their trust in the arm of flesh for their protection. Has not this condition been brought about because they failed to listen to the voice of God, and hearkened unto the leaders of men? Yes, we must admit we have failed to listen to the Creator God. When God spoke to Adam, our first parent, He told him the trees of the garden and the various fruits were to be used for sustenance with but one exception — the tree of knowledge, which was forbidden. Man failed to hearken to God and was made to suffer the consequences.

We see the first great change which disobedience brought about because man failed to listen. It brought about all this unhappiness and turmoil which the world today is witnessing. But God through His great mercy and loving kindness is crying out to His children, pleading for them to come home to that beloved paradise and to the eternal City of God.

After Adam and Eve were driven out of the beautiful garden of paradise, a great change took place in their lives. No longer were they able to converse with God face to face, but they were

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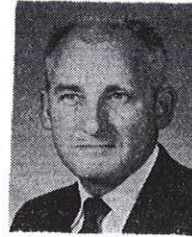
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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

The actuality of Christ's advent is that He was born of woman, and His divinity is affirmed because He was conceived of the Holy Ghost.

The advent of Christ into the world was the only one of its kind. All eras preceding the event helped prepare the way, for man's moral condition made the advent of Christ necessary. Paul tells us that before the foundation of the world God chose us in Him "That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Man's depravities alienated him from God. Man needed to know God, and Christ came to show man what God was like. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." Moreover man needed a redeemer. Without atonement there could be no salvation from God nor reconciliation with God, and of course without the advent of Christ there could be no atonement. This, therefore, makes clear why the advent of Christ was necessary. The actuality of Christ's advent is that He was born of woman, and His divinity is affirmed because He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. As a Church, we show great respect for His mother, Mary, for she was highly favored of God, but we do not reverence and worship her.

The advent of Christ was predicted to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. When the serpent beguiled Eve God said, "Because thou hast done this thou art cursed and upon thy belly shalt thou go. I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." We interpret this to mean Christ, who was the seed of woman; He would have power to bruise the serpent's (or Satan's) head. Thus, for the first time, the Bible reveals the first messianic hope, but this certainly is not the only prediction; all down through the stream of time we find promise after promise of Christ's advent. The Old Testament continually points to that glorious day. God purposed to enlighten the patriarchs and prophets, ever unfolding unto them the atonement. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were each told of God; "In their seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," referring to Christ who was of the seed of Abraham. Moses looked beyond the law of types and shadows and visualized the coming of a redeemer. Isaiah had a clear vision of the coming of the Messiah. Many of the prophets heralded forth messages of hope centered only in the coming of an emancipator, Jesus Christ. Paul, in his letters to the Hebrews, names many not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off; those promises which were only to have their fulfillment in the great Advocate, Christ the Lord.

Even the prophets of the ancient inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere were swallowed up in the joy of Christ's coming. Nephi says, "We talk of Christ, and we write that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins." The Brother of Jared, because of his exceeding faith in God, could not be kept from within the veil. Therefore Christ showed Himself to Jared some 2000 years before His coming. Surely the prophets, and also many others, lived their lives with a consciousness of God's redemptive plan. It was Job who said, "I know that my redeemer

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liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Because of the impulse of Jesus in their lives they saw Him afar off and were motivated to record their insights for their children and their children's children. Truly they spoke of Him, looked for Him; indeed He was the heart of their messages. They undoubtedly thought it would be an antichrist action to reject His appearance in the flesh. And so, as always, time vindicates the prophet. Paul wrote, "When the fullness of time was come God sent forth His Son made of woman," to redeem man.

It was the most glorious day in the history of time when the angel of God announced to the shepherds that night, saying, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." A new day had dawned. Jesus (the lifegiver) had stepped into time, and since the time of the advent, "The thoughts of many hearts have been revealed," as was prophesied by Simeon as He held the Babe in his arms in the temple. Jesus is now here and we have to deal with Him. That keynote sounded by John the Baptist still echoes down through the corridors of time. **Hear ye Him!**

May we as members of His Church at this season of the year "Put Christ into Christmas." Let us further heed his admonition; let us stand together in brotherly love and unity of spirit. Since it is the motto of the adversary to **divide and conquer**, it is imperative that we, as members of one body, close the ranks and hold out our hands to each other in the spirit of Christ. Jesus, as you may recall, prayed fervently for the unity of His followers. Surely, then, if there is any disunity among us it grieves His heart.

JESUS MET THEM

By Sister Ethel Cole

*Jesus, Master, meet and bless us
As the unknown path we tread;
We are children; hold us, lead us;
Put to flight the ills we dread.
May we through the untried way
Prove thy power from day to day.
Meet us in the darkened chamber
Hushed in death, or beds of pain.
Lay thy healing hands upon us;
Bid us minister again.
To the weary ones we meet,
Life restored in Thee complete.*

BLUEPRINT FOR TRUTH

Look over the whole record of history and you will find that the men who have been of real worth to their fellows are not critics who pointed out and exaggerated the evil in their neighbors, but the men of strong sympathies, who recognized what was good. Look for the good; support the good; and trust the good to root out the evil.

Light From The
Watchman's Lamp

"Go set a watchman, let him declare what
he seeth."
(Isa. 21. 6b)

HOW TO CALM A STORM

Is there a storm in your life? Do you fear the outcome? Have you become frightened and afraid? What are you doing about it? Have you learned how to calm a storm?

THUS SAITH THE LORD

Nephi was instructed to build a ship to reach the land of America (1 Nephi 17:8). The Lord said, "I will prepare the way before you, if it so be that ye shall keep my commandments; wherefore, inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall be led towards the promised land; and ye shall know that it is by me that ye are led." (Verse 13)

Nephi strove to keep the Lord's commandments and to build a ship according to His instructions. Because of this he was called a fool and his own brothers began to murmur and plot against him. Their hearts were full of unbelief.

I wonder if it was because they feared for their own lives and the lives of their wives and children? Perhaps they feared the loss of their possessions, the comforts of home, or the loss of their former friends and old companions.

Many, if not all of us, have experienced fear as a result of circumstances we suddenly find thrust upon us. Why do we fear? Why are we afraid?

God says, "They began to fear because of their iniquity and their unbelief." (3 Nephi 1:18)

Nephi's brothers were unable to understand the Word of God because of **unbelief**. Because they were without hope they became frightened and afraid in the midst of a terrible storm.

The Nephites in King Benjamin's day were in a similar state for we read, "And now because of their **unbelief** they could not understand the Word of God; and their hearts were hardened." (Mosiah 26:3)

How does God feel about unbelief?

Jesus said, speaking of the Comforter to come, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Of **sin** because they **believe not on me**." (John 16:8, 9) Of **SIN** because they "believe not." That is **unbelief**. Jesus said unbelief is a sin.

"There is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10). "For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

This is true. Therefore, we are not a conregation of righteous Saints but we are a family of repentant sinners, who, by the Grace of God, have been called out of the world to serve our

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"His name shall be called the Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9: 6.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Long, long ago in the Holy Land, lived a young lady named Mary. She was a virgin. She must have been very good and kind for our Heavenly Father chose her from among all the women to be the mother of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord had promised this baby for a long time. The prophets had foretold his birth. We have accounts of their prophecies in the Bible and Book of Mormon. The Heavenly Father always keeps His promises and does it at the best time.

In a little town of Nazareth lived a good man named Joseph. He loved Mary and wanted to marry her. An angel appeared to him and told him about the baby. He was told this baby was to be named Jesus. The angel also said, "He shall save his people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophets.

One day an angel named Gabriel, came to Mary. As he appeared he said, "Hail thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." Mary did not understand what the angel was trying to tell her. As he continued speaking, he told her about baby Jesus and that she had been chosen by God to be the mother of this precious little boy. Mary was very, very happy. She said, "Be it unto me according to thy word."

After the angel left, Mary hurried to the city of Juda to visit her cousin Elizabeth. What rejoicing there was when Mary told Elizabeth the news! Elizabeth said, "Blessed art thou among women", (the same words the angel had spoken to Mary). Mary rejoiced in a song of praise, "My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Mary stayed with Elizabeth and Zacharias three months before returning home.

Later when Mary and Joseph were married, the ruler of the country, sent word throughout the land that they should go to Bethlehem to be taxed. In those days the people traveled by camels and donkeys, so we know this would be a long, slow journey. When they arrived in Bethlehem, they tried to find a place to sleep. They were very tired. There was no room in the inn for them. They found shelter in a stable. During the night a wonderful thing happened! It was the greatest event the world has ever known. The Heavenly Father kept His promise. He sent baby Jesus to Mary and Joseph to love and care for. Mary

wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. The manger was his little bed.

This same night, out on the hillsides, shepherds were watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord came and the glory of the Lord shown around them. They were frightened. The angel said, "Fear not, I bring good tidings of great joy . . . unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Suddenly there was a host of angels, singing praises to God. After the angels were gone back to heaven, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Mary, Joseph and the baby just as the angel had said. Then they went everywhere to share the wonderful news with others. All they who heard it wondered at those things. All these glorious events fulfilled the prophecies of old.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

By what other names was this Prince of Peace called? Can you find at least fifteen? Have a happy holiday, but don't forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

ROOM IN OUR HEARTS?

*Oh, years and years and years have
passed since that first Christmas night
When shepherds heard that lovely
song and watched the thrilling sight;
Then Wise Men brought their valued
gifts and traveled from afar
To find the Babe of Bethlehem, the
first-time Christmas star.
Could we now hear the angels sing
and see His star on high,
What would it mean to us today — to
folks like you and I?
Would we have room within our lives,
and would we humbly pray,
"Oh, Christ, Thou Babe of Bethlehem,
be born in us today?"*

William A. Bixler

CHRISTMAS BELLS

by Dan H. Reese

*Tonight the bells ring out—the Christmas bells.
How sweet their chime! How glad they make the soul
Whose trust rests in the tale their music tells,
Whose faith is set above time's changing scroll!
'Tis Christmas Eve, and though the time between
Has crowded full with sorrow, pain, and tears,
Tonight the star of hope and faith is seen
Far down the winding pathway of the years!
Then ring, sweet bells, o'er desert, hill, and fen;
Renew the faith of those who faint and fall;
Bring Bethlehem into the soul again,
And upward turn the burdened hearts of all!*

M.B.A. Highlights

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MBA

by Dominic R. Thomas

This year, the Missionary Benevolent Association is sixty-two years old. For people, it is the age when serious consideration is given to retiring from many years of work. For the MBA, however, it is an age when the Association's goals are being vigorously pursued.

A brief review of the MBA's development helps to clarify the functions which the MBA performs in serving its youth, in assisting The Church's missionaries, and in other endeavors.

Prior to World War II, many General MBA Conferences were held in the state of Pennsylvania where the Association originated in 1904. Membership attendance from other states was small because travel facilities were limited; and, during the war, they were almost non-existent. With the return of our young men from the armed forces, a greater need for Church-sponsored activities became apparent.

The GMBA Conferences helped satisfy this increased need, and they became an important source of spiritual experiences for many of the young people. MBA Locals suddenly began asking for the opportunity of sponsoring General Association Conferences. Consequently, during the last 20 years, Gatherings have been held in many Branches of The Church, offering our youth opportunities to travel extensively. Young and old alike have shared in the responsibilities of housing guests, preparing and serving meals, and arranging and presenting programs for the Saturday evening sessions, the time usually turned over to the sponsoring Locals.

Concurrent with the growth of GMBA Conferences, the Association saw the need to share in The Church's efforts to prepare young people for Church membership and to encourage them to work for The Church after they became members. Spiritual guidance thus emerged as a major objective of the MBA. As time went on, many young persons obeyed The Gospel, and now a rather large proportion of them are serving The Church in various capacities. The results of endeavors along these lines have proven rewarding indeed for the MBA.

Activities Committees Formed

During the intervening years, the Association has become increasingly aware of the necessity for expanding spiritual and social activities for the young. To help fulfill these requirements, the MBA By-Laws were revised to provide the needed authority for the formation of Activities Committees at both the Area and General levels.

The GMBA Activities Committee quickly went to work to lay the foundation for expanding projects throughout the Association. For example,

the MBA staged a Field Trip to the Muncey Indian Reservation in 1965. It was very successful and was followed by a second trip to the Six Nations Indian Reservation this past summer. These trips have been valuable experiences, and it is hoped that the knowledge gained from them can be applied to future journeys so that they may prove even more beneficial for all, and especially for our young people.

Donations to The Church's missionary work have been a tradition with the MBA. Over the years, the Association has donated thousands of dollars to The General Church to help maintain its Missions. Financial support of this nature will continue in the future.

The GMBA Conferences have also helped make us aware of the need for a Church-owned meeting-place. As a result, the GMBA, with Church authorization, created a Land-Purchasing Fund. This past summer, over \$5,000 were donated to The Church for the purchase of additional land needed for the auditorium site. Currently, collections for The Auditorium Fund are being requested to help defray construction costs of the building. Incidentally, the recent MBA-wide drive for this purpose far surpassed the \$3,000 goal established by the Association.

Another important need recognized by the MBA was that of providing appropriate lesson material for our children and other youths attending its classes. The Activities Committee asked the question, "Why not create lessons of our own?" At first, the prospects of accomplishing this task seemed rather remote; however, upon further reflection, it was discovered that there was much unused talent within The Church. It was proposed that these people be given the opportunity to use their abilities. A committee was formed to recruit writers, artists and other needed persons to develop such lesson plans. Through the efforts of these committee members, the Association will be presenting these lessons for Church approval as suitable materials.

One of the fundamental objectives of the MBA and The Church has always been to help those in need. To carry out this benevolent principle, the Association has through the various Locals, as well as the General MBA, assisted those confronted with rather severe problems. Offering this aid has allowed us individually and collectively to follow Christ's teachings to help one another as may be necessary.

MBA Assists General Church

In summary then, it can be said that the MBA has over the past decades been assisting The Church in providing our young people with spiritual and social guidance; has been exposing them to the teachings of The Church and the scriptures; has been raising funds for all Church needs, especially for missionary endeavors; has been supplying Association classes with valuable and worthwhile literature and is currently developing valuable lesson material; and has been providing assistance to indigent persons.

As recent past President of the GMBA, I want to gratefully acknowledge all those who have worked on behalf of the Association; and this includes all General, Area, and Local Officers, as well as all MBA members. Without them this auxiliary unit could not have accomplished any of the results described above. In addition, these persons offered me the encouragement, inspiration, and cooperation necessary to perform my duties. Also, the examples of my predecessors have been invaluable guides with which to discharge my responsibilities.

In closing, it is my hope and prayer that all of our youth will unite with their older counterparts in the MBA's efforts to further the work of The Church. Today, all institutions are competing for the nation's young people who are prepared and willing to give their time and talents for their organizations' successes. The MBA is likewise earnestly recruiting willing and able young workers; but it is doing so for the greatest organization existing in the world today, The Church of Jesus Christ. If you, the young people, join in and work conscientiously for its advancement, God will richly bless you, as you labor to help build up His Kingdom.

LIGHT FROM THE WATCHMAN'S LAMP

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fellowmen. For in serving our fellowmen we are in the service of our God. (Mosiah 2:17)

Nephi, his family, and all those with him went into the ship and were driven forth before the wind toward the promised land.

There are some men and women of today, who have known the Word and Power of God, but even now are unable to let go of the pleasures and possessions of the world. The brothers of Nephi, likewise, reverted to the old pleasures and forgot about God.

Paul said, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12)

The daughters of Ishmael, after their father's death, were desirous to return again to Jerusalem. (Nephi 16:36) Like many a backsliding Saint whom the Devil has deceived, they were anxious to return to the old way of life.

The unbelief of Nephi's brothers resulted in open rebellion as they took Nephi and bound him. The compass ceased to work and they lost their sense of direction.

The reason God had destroyed Jerusalem was because — "they hardened their hearts." (2 Nephi 25:10)

The result of unbelief is a hard heart. A hard heart results in open rebellion.

God had to destroy Jerusalem for this very reason and now Nephi feared lest they be destroyed for the same reason (unbelief) on the part of his brethren.

However, we see that God has a way of softening a hard heart. When the Power of God

threatened them with physical destruction their hearts were softened. The Power of God brings conviction. Conviction caused repentance and Nephi was released. Where there is no conviction there is no repentance.

Unbelief is one of the causes for the storms in our lives, whether they be physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual.

Even though Nephi was released from his bonds, the storm still raged. Their lives were still in danger. To get rid of the effects of a storm does not get rid of the storm. There is no peace, no calm, until the storm is over.

How can we calm the storm?

Nephi gives us the answer. Listen to what he says — "And it came to pass that I **prayed** unto the Lord; and after I **had prayed** the winds did cease, and the storm did cease, and there was a great calm." (1 Nephi 19:23)

BLESS GOD, here is the answer. Here is God's answer, His remedy for calming a storm — PRAYER. Do you want to calm a storm in your life? Prayer will cause it to cease. The result will be a great calm; peace that only God can give.

Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

Let's read it again, "And after I had PRAYED, the winds did cease, and the storm did cease, and there WAS A GREAT CALM." Praise God!

O! what peace we often forfeit,
O! what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in PRAYER.

If you are having a storm in your life, take it to God in prayer. You will soon be able to say — "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 5:14)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

*It is just the same sweet story
That we've often heard before,
But as Christmas time is nearing,
We would love to hear it more.
'Tis the story of the shepherds
As they watched their flocks that night
When they heard the angels singing
And beheld the heavenly light.
'Tis the message of those angels
As they sang of peace on earth,
Telling out the wondrous story
Of the blessed Savior's birth.
'Tis the story of the Wise Men
Who were guided on their way
By the star that went before them
To the place where Jesus lay.
Oh, the blessed Christmas story
Never shall to us grow old,
For it is the sweetest story
That has ever yet been told!*

Effie Taylor Parker

ARE WE LISTENING?

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thrust out of His presence to earn their livelihood by the sweat of their brow. Instead of this beautiful garden of tranquility and peace, they were now to suffer for their disobedience and not listening. Instead of the precious fruit and beautiful flowers, they now had thorns and thistles. So has been the story of man down through the ages of time; all because man has failed to listen.

Let us look at the record of the children of men and see if God's Word does not sustain that fact. After man was left to himself he realized the need of this God, and he again began to call upon Him and plead that he once again would find favor and enjoy that sweet fellowship which he formerly had with his Creator. So he offered sacrifice unto the Lord, which the Lord acknowledged because He had such a great love for His children. But with every good that man endeavored to accomplish, that same evil power presented itself to discourage the heart of man. We see the evil power when the sons of Adam presented their sacrifices once more using the tool of jealousy which Satan uses so much today. So we see human nature, or the instinct of man, has never changed.

Let us now look at the time of Noah and the great flood which destroyed the people in his day. Because of their disobedience, God had sent a warning to the people through his servant, Noah. He, being a righteous man, had found favor with God and endeavored to warn them of the great destruction that would befall them if they did not repent. After the earth was made desolate and cleansed, there were but eight souls left. When we think of the many men, women, and children who were taken out of this world at that time, men should take heed to the voice of God and hearken. I have heard it said many times that history repeats itself, so let us of the latter days beware lest we too do not listen.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS

by Ruth Ladd Gruesbeck

*The world adores the story
Of the Babe of Bethlehem,
The carols of the shepherds,
And the glory on the plain.
Full many sing His praises,
While the misty teardrops start,
Who do not want the risen Christ
To rule within their heart.
He could not want to always be
The Baby in the stall;
He could not stay upon the tree
To be adored by all.
To stay in Joseph's graven tomb
Is not His chosen part;
He wants to be the risen Christ
And live within your heart.*

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the Goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

A Request For Prayer

Dear Brother Neill:

I am writing concerning a family who live in San Jose, California — the family of Brother and Sister Artellan. They need our prayers, especially their daughter, Sister Judy Artellan, who will undergo an operation in December on her kidneys. This young girl was also in an automobile accident a few weeks ago when a piece of broken glass entered her eye which was pressing on the optic nerve and would have required an operation. After Brother Bologna prayed for her the glass moved and the doctor was able to remove it. Her mother writes, however, that if Judy still cannot see when they remove the bandage they will have to operate to restore her sight. Her daughter, Sherry, is also undergoing medical tests and Sister Artellan herself needs medical attention.

Please ask our brothers and sisters everywhere, through the medium of The Gospel News, to pray for this family that God may shower His blessings upon them, temporally and spiritually. If anyone cares to write Judy, her address is:

Miss Judy Artellan
859 Curtner Avenue
San Jose, California 95125

Sincerely,

Sophie Van Bree
Metuchen, New Jersey



UR WOMEN TODAY

— "She Hath Done What She Could"

In behalf of "Our Women Today" I would like to extend the heartiest of Holiday Greetings to all. May the spirit of "Peace" and "Love" dwell in your hearts as you re-live the birth of the Christ-Child, and give you renewed strength and hope in which to start another year.

Rose Corrado

"We Build With Love"

One must build with wisdom and courage this precious temple where love must shine. Where love is, God is, for God is love. John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Love is life. Love has no limits; love shared is love multiplied; love is success; love is happiness. If you would be happy, lose yourself in loving service. Moreover, service rendered to others is often rich in return of affection and gratitude. In giving the world your very best, its best will return to you. As we have received love, may we give love — without distinction, without calculation, without procrastination. Our joys and blessings in the Gospel of Jesus Christ should teach us the value of sharing, not as a matter of duty, but as a privilege so others may be helped and blessed. 1st John 4:11 — "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

We can make our love count by devoting our lives to worthwhile actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections, and enduring undertakings.

No matter how small the contribution of each of us may seem, it is important and needed to restore the warmth of loving service to a world that soon grows cold without it. Love seeks to enrich the lives of others. Love finds the elements of good and builds on it. It does not magnify defects. Our works are evidence of our progress in being reflectors of His Love. God's love is equal to every occasion, ready for every emergency — whatever the fears may be.

May our lives (as well as our lips) tell Thee of our love, our earnestness as we lift our hearts in praise for Thy loving kindness inspiring us to be of service to thee and our fellow men.

Muriel Miller

A Desire Fulfilled —

The Youngstown, Ohio, Ladies Circle fulfilled a long-awaited desire on the evening of Oct. 4, 1966. Our hope was to share a regular meeting with the Warren Circle — and they in turn invited the Kinsman Circle. It was a wonderful spiritual

experience.

Their little church at Warren was filled; and everyone, including several visitors, enjoyed the lesson which pertained to the children of Israel and how God supplied their needs.

Just as God sent manna from heaven to sustain the Israelites, so does he come to our rescue in time of need.

We ended our evening with a social hour and a variety of musical selections. To the sisters of Warren, we are especially grateful for their gracious hospitality; and we thank God for planting a desire in our hearts to learn more of the goodness of his Holy Word which truly is manna for our souls today.

It was uplifting to meet together, to study and search the scripture, to sing hymns of praise, to pray, and to exchange experiences . . . these are our source of strength in the Gospel.

Our combined desires are to be a help to the Church.

Amy Cook

An Experience —

On May 12, 1966, the Ladies Circle of Detroit #1 had a fast and prayer meeting on behalf of the young people of the church; for the baptized ones, that the Lord would bless them more abundantly, and for the unbaptized, that He would call them into His Church. We were greatly blessed in this effort.

For several days after this meeting, everytime I prayed I felt very strongly to continue in my supplication for this cause. On the morning of May 15, which was Sunday. I dreamed I was in the Circle where my sisters were diligently praying. In my dream I returned home where an Elder brother came and told me he had a message for me. He said, "Tell your son, Alma, to read the genealogy and life of Abraham." There was more, but I cannot remember the rest. I asked him to please write this so I could give the message to my son. It seemed to me that my son was asleep in the next room. The brother wrote the message for me and I awoke.

When I awoke, I understood the dream meant that the Lord heard our prayers and will visit our children who have not yet obeyed the gospel and He will call our children if we will not tire of praying in their behalf.

When later I related this in our meeting, I was happy to hear that the young sisters' class (and we have recently had several new members in that class) was studying about Abraham in the Book of Genesis.

Nicoletta Lombardo

"The greatest thing," says someone, "A man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children."

I wonder why it is that we are not all kinder than we are?

Letters

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to take this opportunity of writing you through the medium of The Gospel News. So many of you gave me your addresses to write you; however, if I had written to every one that asked me I would be writing for a month.

Three carloads of saints from New Jersey went with me to the Kennedy Airport on Monday night following conference in October where I boarded a BOAC carrying 160 passengers on which every seat was filled. Another plane had just left for England and still another one was to follow. I left at 9:30 P. M. and arrived in London on Tuesday morning at 8:30 A. M. I caught a bus to Victoria Station, and then another to Aylesbury Bucks where Sister Cole lives.

I was greeted with great affection by Sister Cole and her husband. At the first meal she served we had Yorkshire Pudding and did I enjoy it! I stayed one week with the Cole family and had the opportunity to talk to some of her neighbors about the restored gospel. They were much interested and invited me back; I spent another pleasant evening with them. They belonged to the Church of Christ. I asked them if I might speak to them in their church on Sunday morning. They came and picked up Sister Cole and myself and took us to church but, to our disappointment, other members of the board had made an appointment with another minister to occupy their pulpit that day since their regular minister was in the United States.

The next week I started for Yorkshire. It took me as long to travel that 150 miles as it did to go from the United States to London. I left at 7:00 A. M. and arrived at Leeds at 4:30 P. M. I was so tired of traveling that distance that I did not know what to do. I finally arrived at the home of Sister Ivy Fisher's cousin and was greeted with pleasure. I talked to them about the Church, staying at their home overnight. The next day they took me to see some of my nephews and nieces. We began to compare names to make sure we were related, but there was no mistaking who they were. I spent two days with them and learned that the Church of England is their faith. They had no particular love for the church though. I said to my niece, "Do you go to Church?" "Yes," she said; "on Wednesday nights." I asked her what they did on Wednesday nights and she said they have a cup of tea and play cards. I asked her why she didn't go on Sunday? She answered that she would not go and listen to that hypocrite. To make a long story short, everyone there is blaming the church for their condition.

While in Leeds I learned that my brother's son lived in the same town as Sister Cole. He was retired from the police force after thirty years service and is now a Security Officer for the Rothchild's Manor where they have over twenty million dollars worth of furnishings and 2,000 acres

of land. After returning to Sister Cole's home I called him up and he came and took me to his apartment at Rothchild's Manor. We talked a while about my brother, John who was his father. He told me he worked in the coal mine from the age of 10 to the age of 80. He was the only man in England that had worked 70 years in a coal mine, and he didn't want to quit then. We talked about the Church also; he told me he thought he was a good Christian, but after I talked with him he wasn't so sure. "How do you get this love of God?" he said. I was then given the opportunity to tell him of the born-again experience I had. The next day when he and his dear wife, along with Sister Cole, took me to the London Airport, he said, "Uncle Jim, you have given me a lot to think about."

I believe there can be a lot of good done in England, but it will take a young man and his wife to go there and stay. I feel sorry for Sister Cole all alone there. She says, however, there is no other Church and I encouraged her to hang on and perhaps some day we would have a missionary in England. May God bless her; she was very kind to me.

Your brother in Christ
James Heaps

Aylesbury Bucks, England
12 Northern Road

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This is Sister Cole from England. I feel I must write and tell you what a wonderful blessing it has been to me and my family to have Brother Heaps from California visit us in our home. I feel it was the goodness of the Lord to have sent him. It really has been a spiritual revival in my heart. How I miss the Church and the fellowship of all the dear brothers and sisters in Windsor, Canada. It has revealed to me more than ever that we are the true church on this earth. Nowhere else can we find the spirit of love and fellowship.

May I add that Brother Heaps and I attended another church here in England which more than ever convinced me we are the saints here on this earth. How wonderful it is that God has chosen us to spread His Gospel. It is my desire to love and serve Him and to let my light shine for Him in this corner of His vineyard.

Brothers and Sisters, pray for me and my family that I may be faithful all my days. May God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ,
Ethel Cole

A Letter Of Thanks

I wish to extend many thanks for the prayers that were offered by my brothers and sisters from different branches and missions during my recent serious operation and confinement in the hospital. Also thanks for the many beautiful cards and gifts that I received. I thank my precious Lord

from the bottom of my heart that I am getting along very well now. My doctor is amazed at the way I have progressed in such a short time, as others who have had the same operation have needed one year to improve the way I have in only four months.

I went for my check-up last week and the doctor just kept staring at me; he was so amazed at my good condition. I told him that God hears and answers prayers and that I had put all my trust and faith in Him when entering the operating room. When I told him that God was with him, also, he agreed with me and kept repeating, "I know, I know." I said that I'll never get tired thanking God, I want to thank Him over and over again. He said I must be a good church goer and he wanted to know what church I attend. I felt so proud to say The Church of Jesus Christ.

I invited the doctor to come to a good Italian dinner at our house when I can prepare it all by myself. He was very glad to accept the invitation and is looking forward to the visit as soon as I am able. I hope when this time comes our conversation will be "Our Church." Again I thank my God for all He did for me. May God bless you all.

Jennie Ciarrochi

BELL, CALIFORNIA NEWS

Sunday, October 2nd, we were pleasantly surprised by the visit of Brother Frank Vitto from Windsor, Canada. Truly our hearts were made to rejoice just to see him again. He opened our morning meeting by reading from the Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi, 27th chapter, 1-11 verses. The story deals with the disputations among the people as to what name should be placed upon the church. Christ says (verse 7), "Therefore, whatsoever ye shall do, ye shall do it in my name; therefore ye shall call the church in my name, and ye shall call upon the Father in my name that He will bless the church for my sake." He also says in verse 10, "And if it so be that the church is built upon my Gospel then will the Father show forth His own works in it." Brother Frank was filled with the spirit, and spoke with great power and authority, assuring us that we were built upon the Gospel of Christ and that we do belong to the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He also emphasized the importance of young people observing the teachings of their parents concerning the Church. In closing we sang Our Church and Brother Louis Biscotti dismissed us with prayer.

In the afternoon meeting a duet, Until Then, was sung by Brother Rudy Meo and Sister Dorothy Henderson; also a solo by Brother Frank Vitto entitled Walking Along Life's Road One Day. There were many wonderful testimonies given, all of which made this day a day well spent with the Lord.

On October 9th we were happy to have with us Brother Allen Henderson from Windsor, Can-

ada also, who opened our meeting by speaking on the 5th chapter of Exodus concerning Israel in bondage. The theme of his exhortation was "let my people go." Many wonderful words were uttered by our Brother. He spoke of the destruction which is upon the Gentiles and how we must prepare ourselves or be destroyed along with them.

Our afternoon meeting was spent in testimony and beautiful singing. We can surely say that on the last two Sundays our souls have been resting in heavenly places.

We would also at this time like to welcome Sister Pearl Burkett to our branch. Sister Pearl was a faithful member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania branch for thirty years. Since the death of her husband she is making her home here in Bell with her niece, Sister Goldie Jones. May God bless her in her new life here.

Ken Jones
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM NILES, OHIO

Sunday, October 9th, was a day of rejoicing. Brother John Manes, visiting with us from McKees Rocks, opened the morning service with the beautiful hymn, Without Him. The theme for the day was how to be of service to God and our fellowmen. Mosiah 2:16 - 18 was read and Brother Manes gave a very inspiring sermon. He was followed by Brother Joseph Genaro who added that we must open the door.

In our afternoon service we had visitors from Warren, Youngstown, Lorain, and Cleveland, Ohio. We also had Brother Lou Cicatti from California with us. Apostles Rocco Biscotti, A. A. Corrado, and William Genaro were present, along with Brothers Travis Perry, Frank Giovannone, Rocco Berardino, Sam Costarella; and Brother Thomas of Cleveland, Ohio. Two brothers, Russell Martorana and Joseph Manes, were ordained to the Ministry. Several beautiful hymns were sung and Brother Biscotti gave a brief talk on the qualities of a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; also what is expected of their wives. We also enjoyed hearing Brother Lou Cicatti speak for a few minutes. He spoke briefly but his words were truly from the heart and they touched all who were present. We enjoyed too hearing old Brother Thomas from Cleveland tell of some of his experiences. This was a joyful day in the service of the Lord; in the words of the Apostle Peter, "It was good to be here." We thank God for all His wonderful blessings and pray that He will bless all our brothers and sisters throughout the Church. May the Lord's work flourish over all the earth. To all branches and missions throughout the Church we of Niles, Ohio wish you "showers of blessing."

Louis Pandone
Branch Editor

OBITUARIES

ELEANOR CELANO MELIDONA

Sister Eleanor C. Melidona passed away October 2, 1966 at the age of 89 years. She was born in Italy February 3, 1877 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ at Youngstown, Ohio in September, 1920. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ralph Berardino.

JOSEPH DeNIRO

Brother DeNiro passed away September 25, 1966 after a brief illness. He was born August 16, 1918 and was a son of Sister Josephine Melico. Besides his wife, Delores, and his mother, he is survived by three sons and a daughter, four brothers and two sisters. Brother DeNiro was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1964.

Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ at Youngstown, Ohio with Brothers A. A. Corrado and William Gennaro officiating. May the Lord comfort his family.

PASQUALE DiBERNARDO

Pasquale DiBernardo of Lockport, New York passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 1966 at the age of 65. He was the husband of Sister Candida DiBernardo of Lockport Branch.

Mr. DiBernardo was born April 14, 1901 in Italy and had lived in Lockport since 1931. Funeral services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ with Brother Paul D'Amico officiating, assisted by Brother Peter Ranieri from Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Ranieri was a life-long friend of the deceased from the time they had lived in Italy.

All the saints here in Lockport feel our sister's loss, for we are one body in Christ, fitly joined together by His spirit. We pray our sister will find Christ to be a comforter to cushion her grief as He has for many of us in the past.

ELIZABETH PARLOR TOYE

Sister Elizabeth Toye of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, wife of the late Brother John H. Toye, died Monday, November 7, in McKeesport Hospital at the age of 81 years. Sister Toye had been a member of The Church of Jesus Christ since 1905. She was the daughter of the late William J. and Sister Sarah Ann Cadman Parlor. She was born in Jefferson Borough November 14, 1894 and had resided in that community and in Monongahela almost her entire lifetime.

She is survived by three children: Sister Sarah Neill of Finleyville, Pa.; James, of Northridge, California; and William, of Clairton, Pa.; also three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the church building at Monongahela with Brothers Meredith Griffith and Rocco Tassone officiating.

JOSEPH RANDAZZO

Joseph Randazzo of Modesto, California was killed in action in Viet Nam at the age of 19. He was the son of Brother and Sister Anthony Randazzo. In his last letter he told his younger brother to be faithful to his father and mother.

His body was shipped home to Modesto for burial where a full military funeral was held with Brother Leonard Lovalvo officiating.

SAMUEL RANDAZZO

Brother Sam Randazzo passed away September 24, 1966 in Modesto, California at the age of 87. He obeyed the Gospel in 1933 and was faithful all his days. In the way he lived his life he set such an example which was largely responsible for all of his five children

obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Randazzo will be long remembered by those who knew him. We shall see him again in the resurrection of the just.

Funeral services were officiated by Brothers Anthony Picciuto and Louis Parravano.

KATIE MOSAKO THOMAS

Sister Katie M. Thomas, wife of Brother Oran Thomas, of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania passed away on Sunday, October 9, 1966. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ for 57 years, and worked along with her husband, to establish four branches. She worked diligently for the Lord and for all her loved ones as well.

She is survived by her husband, Oran; three daughters, Mrs. Gordon Lowe of Deltona, Florida; Mrs. Paul Prescott of Rockville, Maryland; and Mrs. Raymond Lint of Palm Bay, Florida; two sons, John and Samuel, both of Vanderbilt; 18 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Ida Jane Thomas and Margaret Thomas Strickler.

It was Sister Thomas' desire to be taken to the Bitner church at 11:00 A. M. the morning of the funeral where her body rested until time for the services which were in charge of Brothers George Johnson and George Neill. May the Lord bless and comfort all her loved ones.

MAE KELLER MARSH

Sister Mae Keller Marsh, wife of George D. Marsh of Smock, Pennsylvania, passed away on Monday, October 17, 1966. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Bitner, Pennsylvania for many years. Sister Marsh was the daughter of the late Brother and Sister Charles and Jennie Keller of Smock. She is survived by a large family of children and grandchildren.

Services were held at the Bitner Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ with Brothers Oran Thomas and George Neill officiating. We sincerely pray that the Lord will comfort and direct her loved ones.

ROBERT TUCKER

Brother Robert Tucker of Weston, West Virginia died Tuesday, October 25, 1966. He was born in England November 30, 1881, and was a former resident of Monongahela, Pennsylvania but had lived in West Virginia for more than 30 years. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ.

He is survived by four brothers; Joseph and Harry of Monongahela, James of New Eagle, and Charles of East Monongahela; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Cherry and Elsie Tucker of East Monongahela; Mrs. Harriet Neidermeyer, Mrs. Margaret Griffith, and Mrs. Alma Rouse, all of Monongahela.

Funeral services were in charge of Brothers George Neill and John Olexa.

Vows Exchanged

ELZBY - COPPA

On October 15, 1966 at three o'clock the marriage of Sister Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Brother Mario and Sister Mary Coppa of St. Clair Shores, Michigan and Brother Richard Elzby, son of Mr. Joseph and Sister Olive Elzby of Windsor, Ontario, Canada was solemnized. The service was held in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch #3, Detroit, Michigan with Brother Silverio Coppa officiating. A reception followed.

The couple will make their home in Windsor. May God bless them in their life together.