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## TODAY

Has it ever occurred to you that today is actually the only day that you have to live? Today is the day that concerns you. It is the day at your disposal—the one day in which you can think and play and work.

It is surprising how many people live as if yesterday or tomorrow were the only time worthy of their attention. Those who turn to yesterday often live in remorse and regret for past actions; for words better left unspoken, for opportunities carelessly cast aside, and for other failures. People live in yesterday when they bemoan the passing of "the good old days" and when they believe that all good things were in the past. They live in emptiness of a dream. They have lost contact with the solid ground of reality.

There are also those who see tomorrow as their only day:—the day when they are to solve their own problems, perform their duties, make their varied improvements, attain their goals, and find their ultimate happiness and success. Those who live in yesterday live in the grave of the past, in a time that has gone never to return. Those who live in tomorrow live in a day not yet born. Today is our day! It is the only day worth living, the only day worthy of our attention. The rock of today stands firmly under our feet. It is within our grasp, moldable to our will. Today we can speak the kind word, do the good deed, accept every good opportunity, and live our best. Today we can forget the past and build our lives anew. The real good is in today. For each one of us the important time is today. Today's deeds and actions will fade into the past; today's influences will determine much of our future happiness.

In today lies our privilege to grasp the gifts of the gospel. Today is the time to build the house of the Lord. Many are waiting for tomorrow when God will raise up men to do His work. However, we have a work—a great work—to perform today:—a seed to sow. We must sow our seeds in order that we may be able to reap the harvest in God's tomorrow. All our future happiness depends on today's diligence, and on our faith and hope in the gospel. Summing all things up

in a few brief words: The past belongs to death and the grave. Tomorrow belongs to God. Today is ours - - - all ours.

—Brother Peter Capone.

## MOUNTAINS OF FAME

(Class of Ruth by Grace Landrey)

Mt. Ephraim—The burial place of Joshua. Joshua's name means Deliverer. He was the son of Nun of the tribe of Benjamin, leader of the Israelites after the death of Moses. The first mention of Joshua is in Exodus 24th chapter, where he is called Moses Minister, also when Moses was commanded to go up into the Mount and receive the tables of stone and a law and commandments which God had written. The next we read of Joshua he was speaking to Moses of hearing the shouting of the children of Israel who had influenced Aaron to make an idol while they were up on the Mount. At first he told Moses there was a voice of war in the camp, then as they drew nearer the camp they found the Israelites were worshiping a golden calf. Moses was so angry with them he threw the tables of stone down and broke them.

Joshua was one of the twelve spies that Moses sent out to see the land of Canaan. He and Caleb brought back a true report, also a large bunch of grapes that had to be carried on a staff by two men. They also brought figs and pomegranates and said: "Surely the land floweth with milk and honey. For their truthfulness and faithfulness, God told Moses and Aaron, Joshua and Caleb would be the only ones to go into the land of Canaan, all those who came out of Egypt over twenty years old would die in the wilderness. When Moses days were about ended, he asked God to set a man over the congregation of Israel, one who would lead them into the land of Canaan, he said: "Who may go out, may go out before them. Who may go in before them, Who may lead them out and who will lead them in, that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd." The Lord said: "Take Joshua the son of Nun a man in whom is the spirit and lay thine hand upon him, take him before the priest and all the congregation and give him a charge in their sight. Put some of thine honor upon him that the children of

Israel may be obedient." Moses tells him to: "be strong and of good courage for God had chosen him to go with His people to the land He had promised his forefathers, and he also promised Joshua God would go before him and said: "He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither will He forsake thee, fear not neither be dismayed."

I will just mention a few outstanding instances in the life of Joshua. It was him who sent out two spies to Jericho who lodged in Rahabs home, where she hid them on the roof of her house from their pursuers and let them down by a cord through a window, for her house was upon the town wall and she dwelt upon the wall. It was in Joshua's time when the Jordan river rolled back. Read Joshua 3rd chapter beginning at verse 7 to end of the chapter, 4th chapter first nine verses. When Joshua was by Jericho he was visited by an angel who said: "he was Captain of the Lord." Joshua was the leader when the walls of Jericho fell down. Another account tells of Joshua commanding the sun to stand still and the moon stayed until the people of Israel avenged their enemies, Joshua divided the land of Canaan among the children of Israel, and he became old and stricken in years and the Lord told him there still remaineth much land to be possessed. So Mt. Ephraim was the burial place of Joshua the servant of God.

## INTEGRITY

He who has integrity is a man of great wealth. I speak not of material possessions which one may acquire in this natural life, but of a possession of much greater value. A strong and noble character is a gem of much worth. Let us take one man which we all know, Abraham Lincoln, and analyze his mind and character. Honesty was never found lacking in this noble man. He was honest and sincere with his fellow man, both friend and foe alike. His sincerity came from the depths of his heart, and could be denied by no man. Virtue never stood still in his laboring mind, for he was always willing to help the needy and suffering. He was a man of simplicity who sought never to convey truth with flowery phrases. Indeed, he needed only to speak and

write the truth to others in a plain and simple manner, for what comes from within the heart of a man readily has its effect upon others and needs no acquisition from without. He was sound of mind and judgment, and was tolerable at all times. Above all he had a profound love for his country and friends. He stood always humbly before others, and never sought to put himself above those about him. These things collectively moulded his character, and were the composition of his integrity. I think that you will all agree that because of his high degree of integrity, he was indeed a man of great wealth.

By Brother Donald Curry

The Second Coming of Christ  
Editor Reflector:

I am going to write a few things about the second coming of Christ. The impression prevails to some extent, that he, who teaches that Christ is coming soon, is acting the role of an alarmist. If this is so, it is certain that the great Teacher has placed Himself at the head of this class. No one has spoken more positively on this point than He. He said, "In my Fathers house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also," see John 14-23. That language so plain that a child can understand it means that Jesus will come again, in the 24th chapter of Matthew, the Saviour takes up the subject specifically, and not only affirms the fact of His coming, but also foretells, in explicit language, the events which He would have us recognize as signs of the near approach of His coming and the end of the world.

But Christ's second coming is not sensational in its character. It is a solemn practical truth. It is full of warning and admonition to sinners and worldly professors, and full of comfort to the faithful followers of Christ. When speaking of His second coming, the Saviour said; "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." see Matthew 24-25. To disbelieve in His coming, would be to doubt one of the two great features of the gospel plan. What the harvest is to seed time Christ's second coming will be to His first. To doubt that He ever came to

earth would be to subvert the gospel. To disbelieve His second coming would nullify in the mind His first coming, and rob the sacrifice of its glorious reward.

The Apostle Paul speaks of the second advent as "That blessed hope Titus 2-13." Jesus says: "and when these things (the signs of His coming) begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." The prophet Isaiah anticipated the feelings of God's people, who will witness the event, and expresses them in the following manner: "And it shall be said in that day; lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25-9.

At His coming, the dead in Christ will be raised to everlasting life, and the righteous who are living, will be changed to immortality. The hand of our Saviour will wipe away all tears. There will be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.

Before visiting with judgements, God always sends warnings sufficient to enable the believing to escape from His wrath and to condemn those who do not believe. This was the case before the flood. The wickedness of the world at that time had become very great. All their thoughts and deeds were evil. It would seem as if they had forfeited all claims for commiseration, violence and corruption filling the earth. The only way for God to eradicate that evil was to destroy it with its workers. But before doing so, the world must be warned of the impending doom, and there was found one man who engaged in the work. Noah had faith in God and preached the message of warning and salvation. His works also testified with his words at a later period. When the nation had again become sunk in idolatry and crime and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was determined, the Lord said: "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great nation and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him," Genesis 18-17, 18. Also notice was given to righteous Lot, who, with his daughters, was preserved at a subsequent time. The sins of Ninevah rose to heaven and Jonah was sent to bear to that proud capital this message: "Yet

forty days and Ninevah shall be destroyed." The consciousness of those sinners told them the message was true, and from the least to the greatest, they humbled themselves and the judgement was averted. Before Christ commenced His earthly mission John the Baptist was sent as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Many things have been written of His coming, but none are so plain as the 24th chapter of Matthew.

Our Saviour, in His time, saw the destruction of Jerusalem just in the future of that generation, and faithfully warned the people, telling them of signs by which it might be known when the destruction thereof was nigh. Luke 21-12.

Such is the testimony of inspiration regarding the dealings of God with His people in past ages, and the simple fact that He mentions signs of His second advent, is the best proof possible that His people were not to remain ignorant of the event, and He tells them to be awake and watching. Paul also, says that unto them that look for Him, shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9-28. Again that a crown of righteousness will be given unto all them who love His appearing. 2nd Tim. 4-8. There are a great many other passages of scripture that are very plain on this subject and we are glad that God has not withheld His spirit from us and left us in the dark. He has told us that if we obey Him He would send us the spirit of truth which would teach us all things and show us things to come. The duties of those whom God calls to speak in His great name are clearly expressed by the sacred writers. I will quote from three of them, Isaiah 58-1 says: "Cry aloud; spare not lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins." Joel, 2-1 says: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Second Timothy, 4-12 says: "I charge thee therefore, before, God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." "Sister Jeanette Morgan, (copied from The Gospel Reflector of February 1908.)

## MY TESTIMONY

I want to tell the whole wide world  
 How I came to know and love my Lord;  
 For I have not always done His will  
 Nor fed upon His Word,  
 Once I thought 'twas smart to smoke and dance  
 And attend cheap shows, it is true;  
 But oh, how I've changed, which just proves  
 What the power of Christ can do.

He knew that deep within my heart  
 I was so unhappy, so weary of sin;  
 He knew it would not be long till I  
 Should turn in tears to Him.  
 For a still, small voice came to me one night  
 As I wept for sinful, wasted years;  
 "Thou couldst be cleansed in My shed Blood  
 And thine own repentant tears."

"What must I do to be saved, Lord?" I cried.  
 In bitter anguish I writhed, and then  
 It seemed the answer came, true and clear  
 "Ye must be born again."  
 "Ye must become a new creature, child,  
 Put all thy former sins away;  
 Believe on Me, take up thy cross,  
 And follow me each day."

"Then the pleasures of a sin-mad world  
 Cannot get their cruel clutch on thee;  
 I'll keep thee within My Everlasting Arms  
 And set thy spirit free."  
 I have taken the steps; at last I am His.  
 For which I shall humbly give thanks  
 Until I have crossed that swelling tide  
 And am safe on Eternal Banks.

I've still much to do, there's so much to learn;  
 I oft grope about in the dark,  
 Although I have not apprehended, yet  
 I reach toward the mark.  
 Patience and courage, compassion and love—  
 I earnestly strive for all these;  
 I've backslidden, too, but God's Infinite Grace  
 Has brought me again to my knees.

No, it's not easy a true Christian to be,  
 The scoffers' cruel taunts oft

make me blue;  
 But I gladly forgive — wilt Thou also, Lord?  
 They know not what they do.  
 The worldly ones seek for some new thrill,  
 The joys I know seem foolish to most;  
 But they've never been so thrilled as I, when filled  
 With the blessed Holy Ghost!

It once seemed I alone ever shed sad tears  
 In the night as the world calmly slept,  
 Till I recalled that sad, shortest verse in the Book  
 Which is simply "Jesus Wept."  
 Though I, like Paul, must suffer a thorn,  
 When I ask God's help to patient be  
 My strength, through weakness, is perfect made  
 His Grace sufficient for me.

Lord, direct my feet to the higher ground,  
 Not the worldly paths they once have trod;  
 Help me build on Everlasting Rock, and wear  
 The whole armor of my God!  
 Then shall my cares shed their fangs and fade!  
 No more worried or fearful I'll be;  
 For Thou, Lord, wilt keep in perfect peace  
 Whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Father, may I have the faith and grace?  
 To help my friends and loved ones see:  
 Thou gavest Thy Son that they might have life  
 And have it more abundantly.  
 Yes, I would share this wondrous gift,  
 I've more precious joy than I alone can hold.  
 Lord, help me be meek when I should be meek,  
 But in Thy works be bold.

May I never be ashamed to claim my Lord!  
 In all my life may He hold full sway.  
 Then for me there shall be no fear of death  
 "Twill be simply "moving day."  
 Nor care I where my eternal abode,  
 Whether the new earth, or in the new Heaven;  
 I know I'll be happy, for I'll be with my God  
 With all my sins forgiven!

If these lines, Father, should prove worthwhile

—And (if Thou wilt) please let them be—  
 I'll not take the credit, Lord, for I  
 Can do nothing without Thee.  
 Dear God, may these verses touch some heart,  
 May they turn even one lost soul to Thee!  
 Oh! that Thou couldst be to every one in the world  
 All that Thou meanest to me!  
 Velda Barclay,  
 Mt. Brydges, Ont.

Nov. 26, 1945

Dear Brother Cadman:

It is my pleasure to write you these few lines. First of all I want to inform the Church, that the number of brothers and sisters in Los Angeles has increased, so that my home seems to be getting too small for the congregation. We have a good number of young people which appears to be our future joy in the gospel, some of them have displayed much affection and respect for The Church of Jesus Christ. We feel much encouraged, seeing that the Lord is planting groups of the saints in various places of the land. There must be a purpose in God in this move, for many have left their home state, sold their possessions and came out to California, and are now making their homes here.

The brethren and sisters of Detroit Branch No. 3 may remember that some years ago, I predicted in their midst that the day was coming when many of us were going to be scattered throughout the land of America for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. I say, this must be the beginning of that time, even though we have not acquired any new converts, but the church is here and the doors are open to the public. We have had some visitors and still have, but we can see that the real merchants have not come to recognize the Pearl of Great Price; real thirst has not yet apprehended the sons of men to urge them to seek the waters of Life.

In reading The Gospel News, I could not help but to admire the article titled Flowers and Thorns. It is a fact that no mortal can equal the qualities of Christ, but all mortals can follow His example by learning of His perfect love and allowing the sound of His words to be instilled within our hearts, as you would others do to you, so do ye likewise, love thy neighbor as thy self. Great were His undying

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## EDITORIAL

Sometime ago it was announced in these columns that brother Harry Lorber (blind from birth) was publishing a book of poems, titled "A Pocket Full of Cheer," and would be sold for one dollar per copy, or one dollar and ten cents post paid. To all that like poetry, I believe you will find much in this little volume that will be pleasing to you. It is made up very neat and contains a very nice photo of the Author. Any one wishing to purchase one of these books, may do so by addressing: Harry Lorber Jr. R. D. 1 Monongahela, Pa. If you like poetry, I believe you will enjoy the writings of our young brother. These books are just off the Press.

Prophecy of Nephi: "And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed." (Lamanites). I Brother Cadman appeal to all that may read these words of Nephi of old, let us go down into our pockets, deep down and help to further along the work we have started among the oppressed of Israel. Remember, that the true people of God should be as fathers and mothers to Israel. W. H. Cadman.

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words while in the agony of death. He said forgive them Father for they know not what they do. There is no revenge where perfect love abides. Truly my brethren! I can see no thorns while my garden is blooming flowers, therefore, let us each cultivate our own garden so that thorns may never appear and the flowers ever blooming, filling the air with the essence of sweet smell that will allure the sons of men to a higher principal of a perfect love. He that loves the Lord seeketh other peoples happiness. Our love to all. Brother Rocco

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## GOD'S WORD

## To His People

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall bless in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. "!! Israel's God is the God we adore. A faithful unchangeable friend, Whose love is as

large as His power, And knows no beginning nor end.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken Me. The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until He has consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. And the heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emeralds, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart; And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee. Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her; thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

Thine ox shall be slain before

thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee; thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them. Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand. The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always; So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, wit a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of my head. The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee. Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit. Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him; he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. . . . It is written: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and statutes which he commanded thee; And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. Because thou servest not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abund-

ance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and He shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until He have destroyed thee. The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favor to the young; And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed; which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine or flocks of sheep, until he have destroyed thee. And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee. And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave; So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat; because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter. And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover He will

bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they will cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God. And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind; And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have non assurance of thy life; In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondman and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you. — This is the third successive article in this paper, titled: GODS WORD To His People. You will find this scripture in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy.

History tells us about one million and a half of people died in the besiege of Jerusalem in the year of 70, and that women ate their own children. The words of Christ was literally fulfilled: Not one stone was left upon another. Those people have been scattered the world over and have suffered at the hands of most all nations. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. But how terrible is God when He lets His wrath fall upon the unbelieving and upon those who

transgress His laws. Past history reveals unto us the character of the Mighty God, love, mercy, vengeance and I read that He is a jealous God. I do not read of Him excusing sin in any degree, but He does forgive penitent souls that come to Him. Paul was made to exclaim: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men." He means of course, that he persuaded them to obedience. He is in another place: "But though or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." The writings of the Apostle reveals the kind of a gospel he preached unto the children of men. Amen.

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NICARAGUA

Esther L. Crain

It was with a rapid pulse, and yet not with fear that I walked down the ramp at the airport in New Orleans and boarded the waiting "Clipper." This was to be my first plane ride, and I wasn't at all sure that I would enjoy it. Once inside the plane, and with my seat-belt fastened, I peered out my little window into the midnight darkness and wondered what it was going to feel like to leave the ground and relax in mid-air. I soon found out, the take-off being so smooth I didn't even notice it, and the next thing I knew we were in the air, the lights of the airport below us reminding me of rows of soldiers on parade. By the time we had landed and taken off from four different places I felt like a veteran flier, and I really enjoyed the bouncing around we received when we hit some air pockets.

Within twelve hours I found myself set down in the midst of a new country, where I was to become acquainted with strange people, hear a comparatively new language, see different customs, and experience varied changes of climate. However, I realized that all this was merely a part of becoming oriented in my freshman year of experience as a missionary, and as such was to be taken in stride. Some of the first customs that I noticed were in direct opposition to the way in which things are done at home. When passing on the street, the greeting is "Adios," or "Goodbye." In the same manner, to wave goodbye, one uses a beckoning motion as you at home would do

to indicate "come here." However, who knows but what the customs here originated first, and that we North Americans are the backward ones?

Even though everything here is new to me, I hesitate to speak of Nicaragua as a "foreign" land. To denote something as foreign is to make it seem distant or remote from that which is familiar to us. Too often that is the case in speaking of Foreign Missions, but there are no "foreign" missions in God's sight. Christ died on the cross to save the soul of every Nicaraguan Indian, as much as He did for you and for me who already know Him. Therefore we, your missionaries here in Nicaragua, are here to point these needy people to Christ while you at home have the same purpose no matter what your location. We are your representatives here, and as you pray for us, you have a part in everything that we do. Please pray for Nicaragua, and for those of us who labor in this portion of the Master's vineyard.

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### NEWS ITEM

A letter from Bro. Cotellesse of Muncey, dated Nov. 23/45 says: there is ice on the ponds but they are enjoying the fresh air. The letter was very encouraging indeed. When on my last trip there, we held a meeting on the Oneida Reserve on the opposite side of the river in one of the Indian homes. Since then they have baptized convert from there. Brother and Sister Cotellesse, my prayer is that the Lord will bless your efforts abundantly. It might interest our readers to learn that we sold our first crop of lambs off the farm. There were 21 in the flock and they brought very good prices on the market too. I learned from Brother Burgess of Windsor lately that they had another convert on the Six Nations (Grand River) Reserve. Everybody should pray for the success of the labors of our brethren and sisters on these reservations, also not to forget to help the work financially.

A letter from brother Sam D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y., informs us that his father, Bro. Ishmael is at Lockport, N. Y. helping to repair the church building lately purchased by the saints in that city. It seems as

though brother D'Amico is always very busy in the vineyard of the Master. May the Lord bless him and the folks in Lockport in their efforts to do good in their community. Brother Sam also tells me that they are having very good meetings at Palatine Bridge, N. Y. The state of New York is very big and it seems that our folks are not satisfied in that big city of Rochester, but they are determined to spread around. Well brethren and sisters, keep working while it is TODAY, don't wait until TOMORROW.

A short letter is at hand from Sister Elsie Miller of the Stelton Mission, in which she sends a contribution for the work at Muncey, Ont. Thank you. She also states that they had a very nice M.B.A. service on Thanksgiving night in the New Brunswick church. It would seem that a very nice program appropriate for the occasion, was rendered.

A few lines from brother John R. Benyola of Hopelawn, N. J., informs us that all are getting along fine out his way. I am sure that we are all glad to know that all is going well. The offering which you have sent for the work in Muncey I am sure is very much appreciated I have received a short note from Brother Arcuri of the Metuchen Mission, with an offering towards the work among the Indian people. I want you all to know that these contributions are very much appreciated. May the Lord bless you all.

### A Wedding

Mr. Wm. Crall of Monongahela, Pa. and Helen Bobula of Donora, Pa. were united in marriage on November 6, 1945 in a parsonage of one of the Methodist churches in Cleveland, Ohio. The groom is a son of sister Elizabeth Crall of Monongahela and was recently discharged from the U. S. Army after spending two or three years overseas. The bride's home is in Donora Pa. but she has been making her home with her sister in Cleveland, where she is working. The bride's mother, also the groom's mother and brother, James Crall attended the wedding. The groom is employed in Cleveland. The young couple have gone to housekeeping in furnished rooms at 1967-E. 84th St. in sure that all of "Billys" friends will wish him and his Bride all the happiness in the world.

**Mrs. Frank Bloom Passes On**

Sister Bessie Chester Wergin Bloom, the wife of brother Frank Bloom of the Redstone Branch of the Church, died at her home at Lowber Mine near Fayette City, Pa. early on Sunday morning, December 9, 1945 in the 61st year of her life. She had retired the evening before apparently in her usual health, but her husband noticing something just not right, turned on the light and found that his wife had slept away.

Sister Bloom obeyed the gospel in Monongahela about 38 years ago. Her first husband (brother Charles Wergin) passed on about thirty years ago and left a family of six children, to her second marriage there are four children, who along with her husband are left to mourn her loss. She also leaves two sisters and one brother, Vernon Chester of Lorain, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted in the Redstone Methodist church on Dec. 13th by Brother W. H. Cadman and was led in prayer by Brother Clyde Gibson. Her remains were laid to rest in the church yard where so many of our brethren and sisters in Christ are at rest. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

**Christ And His Laws**

Christ And His Laws As They Are in The Restoration: Matthew 7th chapt. 24 and 26th verses: Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine and doeth them; I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a Rock, and them that doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man.

Note, Romans 2-13: "Not the hearers of the law, but the doers of the law are justified." The Gospel Laws, Christ's laws restored to earth after 1260 years, were not restored by man's power nor man's wisdom. This we know, for the plates were written on in a language the people of that time could not understand, and God gave Brother Smith the power to use the Interpreters, The Urim and Thummim. All was in God's power, So we know nothing but pure truths we received. In a Revelation October 1830 we were informed this was the fullness of Christ's Gospel, and to keep all commandments and covenants by Him given. By which we are bound. Some information from the Records Restored. Brother T. Dixon.

**Holy Greetings in Jesus Name:** are received from sister Gidas of the Brooklyn Mission. She is highly elated with The Gospel News and says it enlightens her soul. Sister Gidas speaks in praise of the various brethren who visit their Mission and preach unto them the full Gospel of Christ. An offering was also enclosed in the letter, which I have applied to help along the work among the Indian people. May the Lord bless both Sister and Brother Gidas. (I will add that Brother Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick is in charge of the work in Brooklyn. It is nice indeed when members can write a few lines of encouraging words about the labors of their brethren.)

**A QUICK TRIP**

I was called to Detroit to attend a meeting at Branch No. 4 on the evening of December 8th. I had Brother Isaac Smith to go also; arriving there I found Brother Ashton already in Detroit. We attended the meeting and as Brother Joseph Lovalvo was going to Mt. Brydges, Ont. on Sunday morning, brother Smith and I went along with him. It was cool but the sun was shining bright and the drive of 100 miles to our destination was enjoyed by us all. We arrived at Mt. Brydges about 11 a.m. at the home of Brother Van Bree where a number had gathered together. We had a very nice service, it being led by Brother Smith. During the service a lady present requested to be baptized.

At the conclusion of the service three car-loads of us drove on to Muncey and we arrived at our church there about the middle of the afternoon. As we walked into the meeting, Brother Nicholas, our Lamanite brother was in the pulpit and read some scripture relative to the birth of the Saviour and gave a very nice talk on the subject. At the conclusion of his talk, we all retired to the Thames river shore where brother Lovalvo baptized sister Barclay from Mt. Brydges, making seven members at that place now. The labors of our brethren are bringing forth fruit. We returned to the church again and confirmed our new convert and administered the Lords Supper. Brother Cotellesse gave us a brief talk of their work on the Reservations which we were glad to hear. They are holding meetings in the homes of our Indian people which is

very commendable indeed. It is also very pleasing to learn that some of our members from Mt. Brydges are attending these meetings.

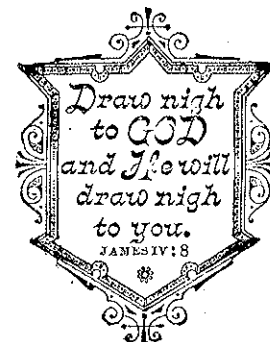
It was about dark when we all got loaded up in our cars and headed back to the farm home of Brother Van Bree where a big table was spread and awaiting us. We had not sat down at a table since we ate our breakfast rather early in Detroit before starting on the trip and I for one certainly enjoyed the meal prepared for us by Sister Van Bree. We started on the return trip to Detroit about 7 p.m. arriving at the home of Brother Joseph Lovalvo about 10:30. Before retiring we turned on the radio and listened to a short talk given by Bro. M. Randazzo and Brother V. James Lovalvo. We called at the home of brother Randazzo for a few minutes. He has fitted up a little chapel in his home and is holding meetings therein. He feels encouraged with the attendance thus far. May the Lord bless his efforts.

We came back to our homes here in Pennsylvania on Monday feeling that the little time we had, was well spent. On arriving home I learned that Sister Bloom had died very suddenly.

Sincerely,  
Brother Cadman.

**FURNIERS TRAVELING**

A card dated Dec. 12/45 has been received from Brother and Sister Furnier, mailed at Phoenix, Arizona stating that they had arrived there safely, but were going on to California for a month and then return to Arizona again. We are hoping that this trip will do brother Furnier much good after the severe operation he has recently undergone.



**A Visit To Cleveland**

On November 8th, the Lorain Branch chartered a bus in order to unite in the service of God with the Cleveland saints, and the



blessings of God prevailed throughout the whole day and it seemed that the minds of many were prompted towards the restoration of the gospel. So instead of the usual Sabbath School lesson, Brother Biscotti announced that the morning would be taken up by asking and answering questions on the Restoration and our minds was inspired by the hymn, "The Spirit of God Like A Fire Is Burning," which we have sung in days gone by. Brother Alfred Dominico opened the morning service and was followed by Brother V. Chester. Brothers Joseph Al'omere and Rocco Biscotti gave very interesting talks and the spirit of God was manifested during the whole meeting, in so much that this event will never be forgotten. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Frye.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Chester with hymn "Follow Me" and prayer. A goodly number testified to the goodness of God and the spirit of God flowed as oil from vessel to vessel and a glorious time was enjoyed by all. Brother Frank Altomere spoke in the power of God, verifying what was said regarding the restoration of the gospel. Several hymns were sung by the young members of Lorain, accompanied by Brother Joseph Calabrese and Brother James Alessio who was discharged from the Army recently. There were also with us, brother and sister John Romano and daughter from Detroit, Mich. The blessings were felt in so much that the 23rd Psalm was mentioned several times "My cup runneth over." The meeting closed with singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Prayer by Brother Calabrese.

Sister Carolyn L. Chester.

**WELCOME HOME**

Welcome home dear son of mine,  
With arms that are open with joy,  
With a heart of joy for my son  
So fine  
And thanksgiving to our God,  
for being so kind.

Our God has watched over you,  
so dearly,  
So loving, so kindly and true;  
Whether your days were lone-  
some, or dreary,  
He has carried you safely through.

I thank my God for answering my  
prayers,  
That before His feet were told,  
He gathered my sighs and my  
tears  
To be together after said years.

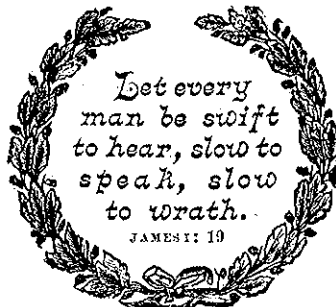
Although days have been lone-  
some and blue  
Being left behind without you;  
Many thoughts, came my way  
Thinking how you were day by  
day.

Wondering, if you were hungry  
or tired  
And if you had a place to sleep;  
Thinking of when your eyes would  
weep  
Or at any time, bullets could be  
fired.

But now my dear son, my heart  
rejoice  
To see your presence, to hear  
your voice  
That you have reached the prom-  
ised land;  
He has guided you with His  
hand.

My wish to you my dear son,  
That God will bless all your days  
With joy, happiness and love;  
That love which comes from our  
Father above.

By Marretta Ruzzi



To you who are readers of "Gos-  
pel News"  
Who haven't as yet been baptized,  
May you find that its words of  
truth shall prove  
Enlight'ning and by God advised.

We people are poor in the things  
of the earth,  
But rich in the things of the  
Lord;

Our burdens are lightened our  
paths are made straight,  
Our treasure in heaven is stored.

For God is our keeper—He cares  
for our soul,  
He loves us and we all love him;  
He teaches us things that the  
world cannot know  
Because of corruption and sin.

Our treasure is not of tradition  
and time  
Whose worth is of lesser degree,  
But comes to us forth from the  
kingdom divine;  
It is life from eternity.

I beseech you, my friend, to call  
upon him  
Who waits at the head of the way,  
You, too, then shall yearn for  
others to turn,  
To fall on their knees and to  
pray.

By Bro. Charles Smith

I am in receipt of a letter from  
brother Paul Love of Freedomia,  
Pa. in which he informs me that  
his son DeLos is home again, hav-  
ing been discharged from the Army.  
If I understand the letter right,  
DeLos has been in the service for  
22 months and about all that time  
was spent in school, which has  
given him Pilot training. DeLos is  
a bro'her in the gospel and along  
with his parents all will be glad to  
know that he has returned home  
safe and well.

**DON'T TELL ME**

(Copied from Christian Beacon)  
Don't tell me what you will do  
When you have time to spare;  
Tell me what you did today  
To ease a load of care.  
Don't tell me what you will give,  
When your ship comes in from  
sea;  
Tell me what you gave today  
A fettered soul to free.  
Don't tell me the dream you have  
Of conquest still afar;  
Don't say what you hope to be,  
But tell me what you are.

By Greenville Kleiser

**Reassign Power Saws**

Denison, Tex. (U.P.)—Saws man-  
ufactured here during the war for  
use in clearing southwest Pacific  
jungles, now are going to South  
American countries. Most of a back-  
log of 1,500 orders at a power saw  
company are scheduled for the  
governments of Chile, Colombia,  
Panama and Mexico.

**He Who Hesitates**

Boston (UP)—In the 37-year  
history of the Christian Science  
Monitor, no one ever has smoked  
in the paper's newsroom.

When Col. Evans Carlson, leader  
of the famed Carlson's Raiders, vis-  
ited the newspaper on the invita-  
tion of a Monitor Pacific war cor-  
respondent, he pulled out a cigar-  
ette and struck a match. Then he  
hesitated.

"Say," he asked one of the edi-  
tors, "it's all right if I smoke in  
here, isn't it?"

"Oh, certainly," came the affable  
reply. Then the editor added with a  
smile: "Of course, no one ever has."



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## CONFERENCE AT ROCHESTER Conference at Rochester, N. Y.

Our Conference convened at Rochester, N. Y. in the Auditorium at Exposition Park on January fifth and sixth, 1946. The attendance was not so large as usual, but for the season of the year there was a very nice gathering. Our business was carried on in the ordinary way throughout the whole day. Some interesting reports were made from different places on missionary work.

The Sabbath morning preaching services were introduced by Bro. Marco Randazzo who read for his text the words of the Saviour wherein he says: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." A very nice discourse was delivered by our brother. First Counsellor Ashton was the next speaker and was followed by brother V. James Loyalvo of Detroit, and suffice it to say, the seasoning grace of God was in our midst. President Cadman, after a few remarks, closed the meeting. The afternoon session was opened by Bro. A. DiBattisti of Glassport, Pa. and then he turned the meeting over for testimony by the various ones that were present. Our evening session was held in our church building at 416 Wilder St. This session was opened and led by brothers Risola and Benyola from New Jersey, two young brothers of the church, who brought to the front much good thought relative to worship of God. The Saints of Rochester are to be commended for the attention paid to the visiting brethren and sisters. It was evident they did all that was in their power to care for us. Our folks are to be commended, too for the neat appearance of the church building in Rochester. They are also very busy helping the folks in Lockport to repair and remodel the building lately purchased in that city. Our next Conference will convene in Youngstown, Ohio the first Saturday in April. I, Brother Cadman wish to add that at this Conference I missed Bro. Paul Brown. For a number of years past in visiting the Rochester Branch of the church, I have always seen brother Brown in our meetings. Missing him this time, I inquired and learned that he is not so well anymore. He is now

getting well up in years. May the Lord bless you Bro. Brown.

Loda, Illinois, February 15, 1874  
Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Plano, Illinois.  
Dear Sir:

"Accept my sincere thanks for the favors that came to hand today, by mail, namely, a copy of the Book of Mormon and a copy of Parley P. Pratt's Voice of Warning, as well as your very welcome letter with your photograph enclosed; the same now occupies a place in my daughter's album and is highly appreciated.

"Next in order comes many familiar names that you enumerate as co-workers in advancing the cause of gospel truth. While reading them over I was carried back some thirty odd years, and many incidents of, or about that period were made vivid in my memory; scenes which occurred when you were quite a little boy and I was in the prime of manhood. One particular circumstance I will mention, as it appears to me to be incontrovertable evidence of the fact that your father was no false pretender, but that he was a true prophet of the living God. I was practicing my profession in Kingston, Illinois, in the year 1837, and boarded with a Benjamin S. Wilber, a member of the Latter Day Saints Church! his wife was also a member, and a most excellent little lady and very intelligent. In the fall of this year the prophet Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, Judge Elias Higbee, and Porter Rockwell came to this house on their way to the city of Washington, in accordance with a revelation given to the church at Commerce (afterwards Nauvoo) through Joseph Smith, the Prophet, to lay their grievances before the President of the United States, (Martin Van Buren) for the sufferings they had underwent in Missouri, from which state the church had been driven by mob law, after many of them had been inhumanly murdered, and others driven from the lands they had purchased from the United States Government in that state. On the arrival of this company at Mr. Wilber's place, I was told by Joseph Smith, the prophet, that if I was willing to obey the will of God, and be obedient to his com-

mandments, I must quit my practice and start the next day with them to the city of Washington.

"I have many incidents, dottings and jottings taken during our journey, one which I will mention. After we got to Dayton, Ohio, we left our horses in care of a brother of the church, and proceeded by stage; part of us; and the same coach that conveyed us over the Allegheny Mountains also had on board as passengers, Senator Aaron of Missouri, and a Mr. Ingersol, a member of Congress, either from New Jersey or Pennsylvania, I forgot which, and at the top of the mountain called Cumberland Ridge, the driver left the stage and his four horses drinking at a trough in the road, while he went into the tavern to take, what is common to stage drivers, a glass of spirits. While he was gone the horses took fright and ran away with the coach and passengers. There was also in the coach a lady with a small child, who was terribly frightened. Some of the passengers leaped from the coach, but in doing so none escaped more or less injury, as the horses were running at a fearful speed, and it was down the side of a very steep mountain. The woman was about to throw out the child, and said she intended to jump herself, as she felt sure all would be dashed to pieces that remained, as there was quite a curve in the road, and on one side the mountain loomed up hundreds of feet above the horses, and the other side was deep chasm or ravine, and the road only a very narrow cut in the side of the mountain, about midway between the highest and lowest parts.

"At the time the lady was going to throw out the child, Joseph Smith, your father, caught the woman and very imperiously told her to sit down, and that not a hair of her head or anyone else on the coach should be hurt. He did this in such a confident manner that all on board seemed spellbound; and after admonishing and encouraging the passengers he pushed open one of the doors, caught the railing around the driver's seat with one hand, and with a spring and a bound he was in the seat of the driver. The lines were still coiled around the rail above, to hold them from falling while the driver was away;