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GIFTS TO CHRIST By Hilda DePiero

Another Christmas is passed and we have given our gifts to one another. My mind now wanders to more spiritual gifts, such as the gift of Christ. One of our first gifts to Him should be our hearts. Faith in Him, meaning trust in His being, purpose, and words of God. Faith in Christ means belief combined with trust in Him. One cannot have faith without belief; yet one may believe and still be lacking in faith. It is by faith that miracles are wrought, and that angels appear unto men. It is by faith that we will be saved. No one can be saved unless he has faith in Christ. If we have faith we will do what the Lord commands. St. Paul wrote in Heb. 11th Chapt., 6th verse: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Next comes hope: But we cannot obtain faith unless we have hope. What is it we hope for? We hope that by Christ suffering we will have eternal life which He has promised. St. Paul wrote again in Romans 8th Chapt. 24th and 25th verses: "For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope; For what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Next comes charity: If we have faith and hope we must have charity. For if we have not charity we are worth nothing; therefore we must have charity. In the Bible is the book of Colosians 3rd Chapt. 14th verse it says: "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Also in first Peter fourth Chapt. eighth verse: "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." Moroni, speaks in Moroni 7th Chapt., 45th verse: "And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Charity is pure love, love for all mankind.

Faith, Hope and Charity is the

foundation of all righteousness. If we have faith, hope, and charity we will always abound in good works. In one of Moroni's teachings: he said that by their works you shall know them, for if their works be good, then they are good. If we are true followers of Jesus, we should possess all three of these gifts, faith, hope, and charity. When He appears let us pray that we will also be like Him.

In Moroni again, the 10th Chapt. 20th, 21st and 23rd verses: "Wherefore there must be faith, and if there must be faith there must also be hope; and if there must be hope there must also be charity. And except ye have charity yet can in no wise be saved in the kingdom of God; neither can ye be saved in the kingdom of God if ye have not faith; neither can ye if ye have no hope. And if ye have no hope ye must needs be in despair; and despair cometh because of iniquity." Possessing these gifts we will be sure to gain salvation. In first Corin. 13th Chapt. 13th verse: "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Possessing these gifts, we also are giving gifts to Christ. (very good Hilda.—W. H. C.)

A NEW YEAR

By Fred Scott Shepard

A new year! May it be
A happy, glad new year;
May right prevail o'er
And love transcend all fear;
May hate be cast aside,
And "peace on earth" abide!

A new year! May it be
That men therein may learn
To seek the ways of truth,
And evils concepts spurn;
Enthroned the Prince of Peace,
And senseless warfare cease!

God would make all things new,
Establish righteousness;
The bright of sin remove,
The weary nations bless;
Wait patiently until
He works His sovereign will!

REPENTANCE

By Charles Ashton

To those who possess a believing faith in the Lord, have another step to go to feel a slight touch of His Holiness.

It is Repentance. When a person

feels God's touch before entering His Service, its stirring effect makes one feel very small. Such persons have surgings within, and the big question with them is: Will I yield or forbear? The more pride they have, the harder the struggle. Their carnal nature is so much in opposition to the sacred spirit of the Lord, that they find themselves engaged in the hardest fight of their lives. However, the honest seeker for truth may willingly surrender.

Thousands connect themselves with religious organizations without the least sign of repentance, while others bring forth fruits; showing that a Godly influence has moved upon them, and has left them in the valley of decision, or, as the scripture says: to Choose this day who you will serve.

The big word with the early ministers of Christ was Repentance. Attention to the teaching of the Gospel will bring Repentance to the hungry soul. The Apostle Peter preached it at the opening, or birth of the Church.

And while he associates it with Baptism, yet Baptism is preceded by Repentance. Any man or woman who surrenders to the Lord repentantly, will be anxious to have the ordinance of baptism administered. To be baptized worthily, the true fruits of repentance must be manifested, otherwise, baptism will be of no avail. There are persons, however, that have little to repent of. Such persons, belong to the class which do much good in their lives. Cornelius was one of those kind. When he was directed in the right way, he yielded immediately.

The Saviour told a man, he was not far from the Kingdom of God. Yet, good people like these, will undoubtedly bewail the loss of many days or years they spent, without the true light. But those who neglect God all their lives, those who are much interested in the course of this vain world of sin, find themselves perplexed when the Lord moves upon them. The excellency of this first Divine touch upon one out of Christ, is too excellent to be endured long. Should we strive to run away from it, we may plunge ourselves in eternal danger, but if we bow in humble submission, we become filled with desire to keep the commandments of God. It was a painful experi-

ence for Peter when he denied his Master. Just one "brief look" from the penetrating eyes of the Saviour, pierced Peter to the heart. Immediately he left everyone, because his very soul was darkened, and he retired somewhere in the dark night alone. His denial brought remorse of conscience as he contacted the Divine.

The Scripture says: "He wept bitterly. He had grieved Him whom he loved. The Lord also loved him, and it is logical that Peter would have sacrificed his life rather than lose the Blessed Friendship between him and Jesus.

Truly, this was a bitter ordeal. This was repentance in the full sense of the word.

Now let us consider Paul briefly. There was no name so offensive to him as the name of Jesus. But when he was seized upon by the Power of God, and heard the voice of the Lord from Heaven, he asked who it was that spoke to him. The answer was: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Paul then asked what He would have him do. Paul was a religious man and honestly believed he was doing the will of God. But when he saw he was wrong in his pursuit, he sat for three days and did neither eat or drink. Surely he was grieved very painfully on account of his recent doings, disrupting homes, causing imprisonment and death among the Saints.

So, those of today, who are pursuing in the wrong way, must come down in the valley of Repentance before they can experience that Blessed Peace which emanates from the Bosom of God. Your case may not be identical with the two apostles mentioned above. Nevertheless you have a case, and it is needful that it be settled, for the Lord has concluded all in sin, that He may have Mercy on all; and this Mercy comes through Repentance.

"Awake, O, Ye people, the Saviour is coming
He'll suddenly come to His temple we hear,
Repentance is needed of all that are living,
To gain them a lot of inheritance there."

INTERESTING TRAVELS

By T. S. Furnier

Editor Gospel News:

My wife and I left Michigan August 26th, with the expectation of visiting a number of the churches in the East, my sisters, and my wife's relatives, in Pennsylvania,

hoping to enjoy the fellowship of the Saints and to recuperate from two operations, knowing that I was still facing two more operations, some time in the future, unless hindered by divine intervention. We are perfectly satisfied with the efforts we made and our expectations were fully realized.

We attended a prayer service at Bitner, and a number of meetings at Vanderbilt, Pa. and vicinity. I wish to make particular mention of a prayer service that was held at the home of one of our brothers and sisters at Wyano, Pa. There were approximately thirty persons present, including a number of non members. I am duty bound to say, that it was the best prayer service that I have attended for years. Non members as well as brothers and sisters, taking some part in the meeting. The meeting was dismissed at a rather late hour. If a single soul left the place of meeting that night, without feeling the mercy and blessings of God, it is beyond me to explain why they did. The Vanderbilt Mission is covering a lot of territory, in their efforts to spread the Gospel, and are to be commended highly for their work, which should be given the full support of the church.

While in Allenport, Pa., where my eldest sister resides, and where I spent the early part of my life, I chanced to meet with Mr. Clinton Harper, the Sunady School superintendent of the Methodist church. He told me, if I would stay over until Sunday, that the Minister would be pleased to have me occupy the pulpit. I had made other plans, thanked him, and asked to be excused at this time. We also visited the Griffith family at Allenport, and spent an enjoyable evening, talking over old times. We encouraged him to do his duty. Dunlevy Branch: Please note, and try applying a little of the "Balm of Gilead."

We went to Schellsburg, Pa. to visit my other sister and family. Her husband is a minister of "The Church of Christ," a branch of the "Campbellites." He insisted that I take charge of the Sunday evening service, which was held in a small country church. I had fair liberty speaking in this meeting. My wife was called on to give her religious experiences, which was enjoyed by all present. We drove to Coal Valley, Pa. picked up brother and sister Charles Ashton. We visited the birthplace of the church at Greenock, Pa. (an account was given of this, by brother Ashton, in the October Gospel News.) We al-

so attended meetings at McKees Rocks, Glassport, Monongahela, Dunlevy and Little Redstone branches. We enjoyed all of the services, particularly were we overjoyed to meet with a number of old time Saints at Dunlevy and Little Redstone, with whom we had met with when we first obeyed the Gospel.

October 3rd, we then added to our number brother and sister Oran Thomas and headed for conference. We had a very enjoyable time attending services and visiting many of the homes of our brothers and sisters at McKees Rocks and surrounding towns, New Brunswick, Hopelawn, Stelton, Metuchen, N. J. and Brooklyn, N. Y. We returned to Pennsylvania Oct. 14th. After a few day's rest, brother Ashton and his wife accompanied us to Detroit. While I looked after a few temporal affairs at home, brother and sister Ashton spent some time among the Saints in Detroit. Sunday, Oct. 20th we attended service at Mt. Brydges, Ont., Can. Oct. 24, found us on our journey to Coleman, Mich. Brother Warren Nellis took us to the homes of a number of L. D. S. We appointed a meeting, which was held in a hall, the regular place of meeting, Friday evening. Brother Ashton gave a very favorable address. The weather was bad, and the attendance small. We found a number of honest people, seeking for more Restored Gospel Light, there being a lot of dissatisfaction, under the present conditions. Brother Nellis is in contact with many such people. There is a large field of labor open in that and other communities, which we hope some day, in the not too far distant future, to turn our attention to. Saturday, Oct. 26th, we headed for Grand River, Ontario, Canada, via Port Huron. We spent Saturday evening with brother Hill and family. Brother W. H. Cadman also arrived the same evening. Attended Sunday School and two other services on Sunday. Taking our leave Monday 28th, we arrived in Detroit the same day. Brother Cadman remained there and held several meetings during the week. Brother Ashton and his wife going home via train from Detroit. We covered a distance of 5300 miles in two months. Our brothers and sisters treated us so good and fed us so well every where, that my physical strength had improved wonderfully. My hopes were that I may escape being hospitalized again, but my hopes were soon shattered. The hernia on my left

side had broken through the lower ring, blood circulation had stopped in the hernia on the left side, this with another difficulty was giving me pain and trouble. I entered the hospital and had an operation for double hernia, Nov. 6, and again was operated on for what I hope will be the last, Nov. 19th.

At this writing I am home again. THANK GOD. My body is run down, blood pressure is low, and my physical strength just about exhausted. I had hopes of visiting the churches in Ohio and returning to Coleman, Mich., but apparently I will have to be satisfied to stay near home for a month or so. We hope to meet all of you in January conference at Glassport, and if its God's will get a fresh start.

PRE-MILLENIAL

(Continued from December Issue)

My last letter proved that the United States corresponds with the little horn, so far as described by Daniel 7c, 8v. Next we notice that the latter is spoken of as looking more stout than its fellows, (see 20th verse). There needs no argument to prove coincidence in this particular, and we are well aware that the United States is at this time a stronger nation than any one of the European nations; indeed Great Britain, which is by no means the most inconsiderate of them, has conceded that her very existence depends upon our broad productive domain. Why has England of late shown us so much consideration in submitting her differences with our nation to arbitration as in the case of Alabama claims, and San Juan boundary question? Simply because we have become a formidable power in the world. Her acute statesmen are less careful to maintain friendly relations with any other nation in the world than with our own. The little horn is become more stout than his fellows.

Again, it has to be diverse from the first (ten horns) see 24v. No one can possibly doubt that there is sufficient variation in our method of government from that practiced in Europe to warrant the application of this distinction to the United States. And further more it has to think to change times and laws. Now I believe that the Almighty, in portraying futurity with regard to these four Empires, allotted a distinct period or time for the existence of each, and when such time expired He provided the means of their over-

throw. This explains unto us the secret of the success of Cyrus, Alexander and others who have been engaged in making great changes amongst the nations in accordance with God's will. Now are you aware that parties who have considered themselves authorized to mould the faith of our nation have asserted and taught that the United States constitutes the stone kingdom or fifth empire, destined to have universal dominion? If not, I would refer you to the discourse of F. E. Pitts before the U. S. Congress in 1857, entitled "Defense of Armageddon." Where these principles were earnestly advocated before a vast concourse of venerable statesmen and learned divines, and, earnestly applauded by the aforementioned representatives of our nation. About two years ago I read extracts from a discourse delivered in Chicago by General Sherman upholding these ideas in full which gave me to understand that even the generals of our army are expounders of prophecy in this particular or have imbibed the principles taught by the aforementioned Mr. Pitts. Although I am an ardent admirer of our political institutions and consider that our independence was gained and our nation has grown to its present stature as far as concerns our dealings with other nations by perfectly honorable means, yet I must admit that our dealings with the poor aborigines (Indians) have been so far the very opposite and if continued will leave a blot upon our otherwise fair fame which eventually will sink us far beneath our present pretensions. The fifth kingdom has to be given to the saints. Webster defines saints as persons eminent for piety and virtue. The word is used by the prophet as contrasting one class of people from all others which of course are sinners, and I solemnly assert that the people of our nation (in that sense) cannot properly be termed saints, and the little stone or fifth kingdoms is to be cut out of the mountain (or brought into existence) without hands. This term of course signifies human agency. Now we know that our nation was brought into existence by a successful war precisely the same human means which has generally secured the independent conditions of all nations. But without investigating Mr. Pitt's ideas further in this letter, I assert that they are sadly at fault, and cannot prove our nation to be the stone kingdom but do prove when endorsed by what is called the intel-

ligence of our nation that we think to change times, or close the scene of one universal empire (the fourth kingdom) and introduce the fifth universal kingdom. But perhaps you will notice that I have treated upon the change of times separate from that of flaws whilst Daniel has them connected. We admit they should be connected because he undoubtedly refers to the laws of general government. And I remember remarks bearing further upon these matters in ex-President Grant's inaugural address. He congratulated the American people upon the rapid advancement of our republican institutions, showed how France and Spain were then imitating our example, also that our republicanism had invaded England, and that American influence was destined speedily to remodel the whole world, and obliterate the very name of monarchy and place the inhabitants of the whole earth upon the common level of fellow citizens of one grand republican confederation." Why, the London Times felt its dignity so far insulted that it passionately appealed to the British government, saying: "Will you continue diplomatic relations with a nation whose chief executive thus insults your sovereign?" I quote these sayings by recollection, but I know that they are correct in substance. When the General was entertained so elegantly by her Majesty at Buckingham Palace, I wondered whether that royal lady had forgotten the circumstances or whether the General explained to her that what he had said was merely politics and had no other meaning than the gratification of the American people who scorn to entertain any other than large ideas, or whether he entered into some arrangements with her more agreeable with her desires, at all events he was treated with great consideration; his son was addressed as prince, which with the addition of Mr. Pitt's theory would constitute Prince of the House of David, all of which indicates that the circumstance was either forgotten or satisfactorily explained, and in viewing these matters we cannot help concluding that they reflect plainly the disposition and ambition of our nation as indicated by the sayings of Daniel above mentioned.

We still invite your attention to Daniel 7c. 21-22 verses: "I beheld and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them; until the ancient of days came and judgement was given

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I insist on all contributors to this paper, when writing an Article to be published therein; when quoting SCRIPTURE, quote it as it is written. Further, do not write on both sides of your paper, and when you type an article (which I appreciate very much) be sure and have it double spaced, single spacing is too close.—Editor.

EDITORIAL

19th Verse: "For the Lord worketh not in secret combinations, neither doth He will that man should shed blood, but in all things hath forbidden it, from the beginning of man. (20) And now I, Moroni, do not write the manner of their caths and combinations, for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people, and they are had among the Lamanites. (21) And they have caused the destruction of this people (those who came to this land at the time of the confounding the languages) of whom I am now speaking, and also the destruction of the people of Nephi. (the forefathers of the American Indians). (22) And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto Him from the ground for vengeance upon them and He avenge them not. (23) Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be. (24) Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, be-

cause of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up. (25) For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, yea, even, that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning. (26) Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved. Turn to third Nephi 30-2: Turn all ye Gentiles from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and your deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcraft, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto Me, and be baptized in My name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel". The foregoing, is scripture from the Book of Mormon, the words in brackets are mine. Before closing this article, I want to advise this Gentile Nation of people that it is time you are awakening up. You have discarded the Book of Mormon as a thing of naught now, for over one hundred years. Wake up out of your sleep and read for yourselves, and learn of your destination as a nation of people, unless you repent and obey the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus hath said both in Bible and Book of Mormon, that a man cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, unless he is born of water and the spirit.

Please note the following as published in the "Herald of Holiness"

"A recent news release by the Associated Press tells of a teen-aged sextet of real "dead end kids", who call themselves Kid Crime, Inc., and whose three club-houses were well furnished with the \$10,000 proceeds from a string of daring robberies. The leader of the gang was

a 15 year-old boy who admitted the gang's guilt in twenty-five burglaries. Another news item tells of a \$40,000 lot which has been purchased in Las Vegas, Nevada, Where "Hell Incorporated" is to be built. It is to run night and day and will contain every kind of amusement and vice that exists. There is a \$5000 sign in the form of devil with an arrow for a pitchfork which constantly moves and points the way to "Hell." Along the road between Los Angeles and Las Vegas are large signs which say, "You're on the Road to Hell!" "This is the Way to Hell." "Hell is Fun!" P. S. "Americans!" what can we expect of any State or Nation that allows such work as that to go on within its boundaries. And then we have the spectacle of a R. C. Bishop publicly declaring that drinking and gambling within itself is not sinful. Well hath the prophet said: "Hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure." The Saviour, when on earth addressed evil men as follows: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

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to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." Now I suppose you will say at once that our government has always tolerated all religious people and consequently this cannot apply to the United States. But be careful and let us examine. For the first place let us notice that no country besides our own has produced a religious class of people in these late ages who have assumed the name of saints. Various religious systems were imported from foreign lands and we admit that none of them have been persecuted since this government was established. But a class of religious people arose here in our own country in 1830 which assumed the dignified name of saints. And it is a fact that they were previously persecuted; almost every species of cruelty imaginable was practiced towards them. For instance Joseph Smith the founder of that society and also his brother Hiram were shot dead in June 1844 at Carthage jail in the state of Illinois by a disguised mob of 200 men (or rather creatures that in some degree resembled men) after enduring trial and being honorably discharged. And this is only one case among a great number that might be mentioned and some of them of a much more revolting nature than what is already mentioned; and

we are ashamed to state that no effort was ever made to bring the perpetrators thereof to justice, although ample opportunity existed in some cases. All kinds of excuses were made, political and otherwise, for letting murders go free; even the United States Congress excuses its carelessness of these things behind the thin screen of state sovereignty. We are not preferring charges against our fellow citizens, but treating upon the history of our country forty or fifty years ago, and we fondly hope that our nation may never repeat such conduct. Daniel declares that the same horn will make war with the saints and prevail against them until the Ancient of Days comes, which will terminate its existence as you will observe by reference to Daniel 7 ch. 26 v. "But the judgement shall sit and they shall take away his dominion to consume and to destroy it unto the end." Thus I have shown you the rise, characteristics, progress and final dissolution of the Little Horn. Never was a prophecy more literally and minutely fulfilled, in my humble judgment, than that is by the United States of America, and we invite the most scrutinizing investigation.—By the late William Cadman.

(To be continued).

P. S. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that this article was written many years ago. I find only one date heading it and it was the year of 1879. There are yet, two more letters.—Editor.

NOAH'S FLOOD

(Copied from The Signs of The Times, Oshawa, Ont. By C. O. Smith)

Yes, speak to the earth, and it will tell you that a great catastrophe overtook it. The climate must have been changed from one of moderate, even temperature to one of extremes in many parts, as it is today. It is well known that tropical animals and plants once flourished in Britain, and other parts of the North Temperate zone. Interesting reports are coming from Greenland. "In one case," says Professor Harold W. Clark, "that has been reported from Greenland, three hundred species of plants are found which are now common in the United States. In one such bed were found 175 plants identical with forms growing in Europe, North America, and Asia. Among them were ferns, walnuts, magnolias, pines, oaks, breadfruit, figs, cinnamon, and scores of temperate and semi-tropical trees"—"Fossil Plants

Dispute Evolution." Signs of The Times, (American, August, 1943.

"Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee," says God. Yes, the great beasts that were upon the earth in Noah's day cry out and tell us that they were overtaken in the catastrophe. Not with audible voice do they cry, of course, but none the less emphatically. Great elephants, mammoths, mastodons, dinosaurs, and many other large creatures lived in large numbers on the tropical vegetation. Now they are extinct—all gone. Why? That is a hard question for those who do not accept the Bible story of the Flood.

In northern Siberia, where the ground is frozen all the year round, large numbers of giant elephants, or mammoths have been found. They have been preserved intact in this great natural refrigerator. Their flesh is eaten by animals, and, in some cases, by explorers. Some have been found with undigested food in their stomachs, and even grass in their mouths. So many of them are there that a regular trade in their tusks, or fossil ivory, as it is called, has been carried on. How was the climate so completely changed so suddenly, and what catastrophe overtook these droves of great beasts? The Flood gives the explanation.

God adds, "The fishes shall declare unto thee." Yes, even the fish talk about the Flood. They tell us that some great catastrophe overtook them. They, too, had a sudden burial. Their fossils are found in great abundance, all intact, with fins extended as if in swimming, or, as some think in fright. Scientists tell us that much of our petroleum comes from the buried bodies of fish and animals.

Truly the book of Nature agrees with the Bible in saying emphatically, "The Flood came."

It is interesting to note the impress this great event left upon the minds of the ancestors of all the great races of the earth as shown by the many traditions of the Flood. India, China, Babylon, Greece, ancient Britain, and other countries, besides the Indians of North and South America, all have the traditions of the Flood, which agree in many points with the story of Genesis. Because of its interest I shall quote a little of the Chinese tradition:

"And now the pillars of heaven were broken, the earth shook to its very foundations; the sun and the stars changed their motions; the earth fell to pieces, and the waters enclosed within its bosom burst

forth with violence, and overflowed. Man having rebelled against heaven, the system of the universe was totally disordered, and the grand harmony of nature destroyed. All of these evils arose from man's despising the supreme power of the universe."—Standard International Bible Encyclopedia, p. 822.

The Bible tells us the reason for the Flood. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5.

God said: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man" Verse 3. For 120 years Noah preached, and offered salvation in the ark he was preparing. But the proffers of mercy were despised. Man went gaily and ignorantly on to his doom. "They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, . . . and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away." Matthew 24:38,39.

And the Saviour added these solemn words: "So shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Now follow this important prophecy with a prediction for our own day. It is found in 2 Peter 3:3-7:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

Notice that God says that these scoffers are "willingly ignorant"—willingly ignorant that there was a world flood? What else can it be with all the evidence there is! And being ignorant of this great supernatural event of the past, they will reject the promise of the Lord's coming. The people before the Flood, the Saviour said, "knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away." But they might have known. God's Spirit was striving with them to lead them to repentance, but they would not hear, and "they knew not." Neither will there be any excuse for us if we do not know. We have abundant evidence that the world was destroyed by the Flood, and we have

prophecy after prophecy telling us of our Lord's soon coming. The Saviour warns: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

Friend, are you ready. Is Jesus your Saviour? Have you come into the ark of safety? If not, don't delay. There is no time to lose. "Be ye also ready." And may you and I, like Noah, be successful in saving our families.

Contributed From McKees Rocks

One of the very important things for the Saints of God to remember is honesty with himself, with others and with God. God is not mocked. He knows who cries unto Him day and night for the perfect and pure love that is a gift of God to be embedded in every heart.

He knows who prays for the ministers of the Gospel, that they be filled with courage and boldness to preach the truth that is in Christ Jesus.

He knows who prays that the hearts of the congregation be opened to receive the word not in criticism but as the word of God coming forth in this later day to enlighten not only the Saints but the whole world.

He knows who prays that wounds caused ignorantly or otherwise be healed and removed never to be opened again.

He knows who longs for contention and strife to cease never to be mentioned among the Saints but the peace of Jesus.

One Who Desires To Become a Saint in Deed.

News From Los Angeles, Calif.

Brother Editor: Just to inform you of our welfare, I write you these few lines. We are enjoying good health as part of the great blessings of God. In Him we have found comfort health, comfort and strength at times when conditions of life brought unto us much sorrow, and caused the present and future to look as though we were going through the "Valley and shadow of death," no shining sun to gladden our troubled hearts, all our efforts seemed futile, all hopes apparently lost. Then comes the Defender of men with all His promises of unchangeable love, making the sorrowing, glad, hearing that sweet voice saying: I never leave thee, nor forsake thee. The sound of these words seasoned with His Holy Spirit will turn the Valley of Death into a Paradise of joy and happiness. We can

truthfully say with the poet, The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake, 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, Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Through The Gospel News we have learned about the terrible tragedy that occurred at Farwell, Mich. It causes our hearts to sorrow in this sad hour that has befallen our Sister McCumber and family. We of the Los Angeles Mission share the sorrow with you dear ones in Farwell, Brother Cadman I am sure all the brothers and sisters will be glad to hear that on December 1st, I took sister Evelyn Kennedy to the waters of baptism and it was a glorious day for all of us.

Brother Cadman I desire to see your face again, won't you come and pay us a visit? It will be appreciated. The Mission sends you \$6.00 for the Indian children, it isn't very much but it may help some. Best regards to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. May the Lord assist us all in our great responsibilities. Your brother, Rocco Meo.

"The Word As It Is."

It is well known fact that when the plates were delivered to Joseph Smith, that only a part of them were translated (now known as the Book of Mormon) the other part of the plates were sealed and shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. See Second Nephi, 27-8. See Third Nephi 26 Ch. beginning with verse 7, "But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which He (Jesus) taught the people. And these things have I (Mormon) written, which are a lesser part of the things which He (Jesus) taught the people; and I (Mormon) have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, (seed of Joseph) from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken. And when they seed of Joseph) shall

have received this, the Book of Mormon) which is expedient that they should have first, to try their (seed, of Joseph's) faith, and if it so be that they shall believe these things (Book of Mormon) then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them, (the seed of Joseph). And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation. Be hold, I (Mormon) was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it saying: I will try the faith of my people." (the seed of Joseph). I have quoted the word as it is written. The words in brackets are mine in order to make more plain the writings of Mormon. According to this scripture: It is evident that the Gentiles who have embraced the Restored Gospel, must carry the work forward to the Lamani'e people, and according to the word of the Lord, they must accept it and their faith tried, before the greater things come to them. . . . To all who read these lines and to all The Church of Jesus Christ; I am not as young as I once was. It is now past fifty years since I was baptized into this church. My memory reverts back to the time when the church was built at Jefferson, now past sixty four years ago. I speak in the way of a warning voice to my Brethren and Sisters in Christ, that during my whole life spent in this church, my old brethren who have now gone to their reward, affirmed, time and time again, the fact, that carrying the gospel to Israel was our duty. I remember our late President Cherry many years ago, when this subject was before our people, declare that "now is the time"—President Cadman.

Sister Neill Passes On

Mrs. Ida May Neill, widow of the late Brother George Neill of 403 West Main street, Monongahela, Pa., died at 12:50 p. m. on December 4, 1946 in the 64th year of her life. She was born in Webster, Pa., but had spent the major part of her life in this community. She leaves one son and three daughters, three grand children, one brother and one sister to mourn her loss. Her husband passed away in December of 1924. Sister Neill was baptized into the Church in February of 1905 and her companion followed her one week later. She had not been well for several years and was

stricken severely a few months ago, and died in the hospital on the aforementioned date. Her sufferings are now over and she has gone to reap the reward laid up for her. May the Lord comfort all her children who are named as follows: George, Laverna, Ethel and Louise. The services were attended to by brothers Charles Ashton and William H. Cadman.

William Fry Passes On

In a letter received recently from one of our old neighbors in St. John, Kansas, we were informed that brother Fry had died. We have not as yet received any particulars of his death, but we do know that he had been poorly for several years. Brother Fry obeyed the gospel in McKeesport along about the year of 1902, both him and his wife. They moved to St. John, I believe in the year of 1906 and have resided there ever since. He would be at the time of his death about 80 years old. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife (sister Fry) and a large family of children. Sister Fry is now well up in years. May the Lord comfort her. Sincerely Brother Cadman.

Sister Sarah Ann Cherry Passes On

Sarah Ann Cherry of 619 Sheridan Street, Monongahela, died at the Memorial Hospital on December 21st at 9:30 p. m., after undergoing an operation a few days previous. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cratty and was born in Monongahela on September 2nd, 1879. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, brother John Cherry, three sons: Arthur Griffith, of Monongahela; Leonel Griffith of Charle-roi, and Charles Griffith of River Hill. Five daughters: Mrs. Gladys Lorber and Mrs. Ruth Scalion of River Hill; Mrs. Amy Martin of Steubenville, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Crouch of near Butler, Pa., and Mrs. Laverna Lostlen of Los Angeles, Calif. There are 26 grand children and 3 great grand children and one brother, William Cratty of West Elizabeth; besides many other relatives and friends. Sister Cherry was baptized into the Church along about the year of 1905, she has been faithful and has borne a good testimony of the gospel of Christ. Death has relieved her of her suffering, and she has now gone to reap her reward. Services were attended to here in the Church at Monongahela on De-

ember 24th at 2:00 p. m. Brothers Charles Ashton and W. H. Cadman officiating. Also the Rev. Andree of the Nazarene Church this city, taking a part.

NOTES FROM LETTERS

A letter from brother Ansel D'Amico and his wife informs me that they are enjoying themselves in the service of God up in New York s'tate, had services on Thanksgiving morning in Rochester. (Good way to spend the time) He also informs me that while he and his wife were on their way to Palatine Bridge, N. Y. to hold a service, a distance of about 200 miles, they met with a very serious accident, though they escaped any serious injury. There was snow and ice on the roads and they struck a post in some way and the car rolled over. They were very fortunate indeed.

A letter received from brother Sirangelo now of Florida, formerly of New Jersey, informs me that all are well and apparently satisfied with their new home. He says they are holding meetings at the home of brother Ernest Schultz every other Sunday for the present and are enjoying themselves.

A letter from brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, informing us that they are holding meetings every Sunday afternoon at Albion, Pa. and are having much interest. They had a baptism there on December 11th. He says they are also holding a meeting at the home of brother Russell Cadman every other Thursday evening near Fredonia, Pa.

A car load of us from Monongahela, went to Uniontown, Pa. on the evening of December 11th and attended a meeting at the County Home at that place. The Vanderbilt Branch have been holding meetings there for sometime, and have baptized eight of the inmates. On this particular evening there was from 75 to 100 of the inmates of the home in the Chapel and possibly 50 or 60 of our members present. Our folks had given those poor people a big Christmas treat and also presented them with a large framed portrait of the Saviour, to be placed on the wall of the institution accompanied with a name plate of The Church of Jesus Christ. In this home are people of all kinds of afflictions. The lame, the halt, the feeble minded, are there. I consider our brethren and sisters in that com-

munity are doing a good work. You remember the Saviour told some to go and tell John, that the poor have the Gospel preached to them. What greater work is there to do than to preach the gospel?

A letter from Muncey, Ont., Canada, written by Sister Seth, (one of our Lamanite sisters) informs us that a new boy has been born to Brother and Sister Cotellesse on a Sunday in the Bethesda Salvation Hospital, in London, Ont. Evidently the child was born on December 1st. Both mother and the 9½ lbs. boy are doing fine. Their family is growing for they have now four boys and one girl. This letter was written on December 2nd, and sister Seth says they are having meetings in the various homes on the Reservation, and the Lord mee's with them. There is snow on the ground and she is taking care of the children until mother and babe returns home from the hospital.

Cleveland Note

Brother Editor: Just a few lines along with sending you our contribution for the work at Muncey. At the present time everyone is fine here thank God and we hope the same throughout the church. We had quite a nice meeting this past Sunday. The Lord really blessed us. We pray for more meetings as such. Enclosed you will find check for ——— hoping our little contribution helps to keep the Gospel wheel rolling. Love to all — Brother William Di Franco.

P. S. I am also in receipt of a very nice offering from St. John, Kansas branch of the Church for the work at Muncey, Ont., too. May the Lord bless you all.

Stelton News By Ivy Fisher

Stelton, N. J.—Brother Editor: Recently Brother R. Ensano, accompanied by his son Tony and Sister Elsie Miller, held a meeting up on the Hudson River in New York State. They had a number of non-members present and enjoyed much liberty in preaching the gospel. . . . Brother Ishmael D'Amico visited the Stelton Mission last Sunday (Dec. 8th) and gave us a very encouraging talk from Second Kings, fourth chapter. We were all glad to see him. On Sunday afternoon, Brother D'Amico, Sister Miller and myself visited the saints in Metuchen and had a very enjoyable time in

their meeting. . . In the evening we attended the M. B. A. meeting in New Brunswick. We all had a lovely day in the service of the King.

Grateful To God
By Sister Minnie Griffith

Dear brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ, I thought these few lines would be of interest to you. The more I think of this the more I want to tell you. I arrived at the hospital on Sunday morning October 6th for an operation for goitre. On Monday morning I was perfectly contented, not a worry nor a care. I awakened on this same morning singing hymns. At seven thirty they took me to the operating room. I got up on the table and relaxed as I had never before or since experienced. It was truly something different. I can't explain this to you like I experienced it. I know some prayed for me, and I also know that some ones prayers were answered.

I thank God for this and also thank you for praying for me. This experience has proved to me, that no matter how great our trouble may be, God is there.

"In Memory"

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Bessie Bloom, who passed away a year ago on December 9, 1945.
We have lost our darling mother,
She has bid us all adieu;
She has gone to live in heaven,
And her form is lost to view,
Oh that dear one, how we loved her,
Oh, how hard to give her up!
But an angel came down for her
And removed her from our midst.
Sadly missed by her family.

Hear What God Has Spoken

First Kings 6-11, 12-13. "And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying: Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father; and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." . . . Second Nephi, 1st chapt. part of the 9th verse: "And if it so be that they shall keep my commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land, (America) and there shall be none to

molest them or take away the land of their inheritance; and they shall dwell safely forever." . . . Mark 16-17. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." etc. . . . In Matthew 28-20. "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."

I have written a few quotations of scripture from the Bible and the Book of Mormon to substantiate the fact, that in the various ages of time, God has predicated and determined that if mankind would enjoy His favor, they must of their own free-will, exercise their own free-agency and serve Him. Otherwise God's creature bring about their own miseries through disobedience. This is plainly set forth in the Garden of Eden. As far as God was concerned, our first parents would have lived forever, had they not eaten of the forbidden fruit. It was disobedience that brought death. In the days of Solomon, God tells him in sense, that He would dwell among Israel forever if they kept His commands. Israel wandered away from God, the results were inevitable. In regards to the seed of Joseph on this land of promise, (America) as far as God was concerned they would have been blessed here forever had they served Him faithfully, but they chose rather to partake of the forbidden fruit. The results were inevitable. And let the reader bear in mind that the decree of God is still in force, matterless of what people inhabit this land of promise. They can choose to serve God if they will.

Jesus said as I have quoted, that "These signs shall follow them that believe." I beg leave to say, that as far as God is concerned, that applies to all His creatures, matterless of who they are, where they are, or when they lived upon the earth. Unbelief brings to pass the inevitable results. If, then, as in Matthew 28-20, It is equal to saying: that if you do not observe or keep my commandments in all things; I will not be with you unto the end of the world. Let all men give ear to this fact: that it is easy to see the short-comings of past ages, and close our eyes to our present day and doings. If God has withdrawn His favor in any way from the sons of men today, it is because they are not walking worthily before Him. It is written that God is the same and changes

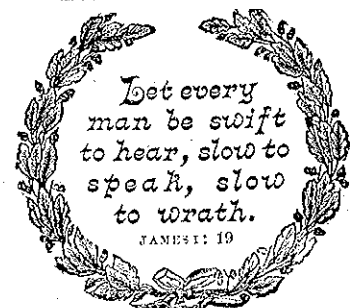
not. The people of God are commanded to keep themselves unspotted from this sinful world. They have their free-agency today even as they of other ages. I read that God does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. He changes not and is a non-respecter of persons. The prophet Isaiah 8-20 says: To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this, it is because there is no light in them." This will apply to all men. Again, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; (not only a part of them) for this is the whole duty of man." Ecc. 12-13.

May all people remember that they are their own free-agents to serve God, or yield themselves to the devil if they will. It is written: To whom ye yield yourselves to, his servants ye are. (W.H.C.)

**Cemetery in Navajo Country,
New Mexico, Discovered.**
(Newspaper Clipping Dated 1920)

New York, December 15— (Associated Press)— Discovery of the ruins of a prehistoric village and cemetery, in which were many relics of great value, in the Navajo country in New Mexico, was announced today by the American Museum of Natural History. The discovery was made by an exploration party, headed by Earl H. Morris, which has been conducting excavations in the Pueblo community dwelling at Aztec, N. M.

Fragments of polished pottery glistening in the sun, led the party "by mere chance" to the new discovery. Mr. Morris wrote to headquarters here. Hundreds of pottery vessels of artistic design and scores of ancient tombs, which revealed many interesting habits of living, were unearthed, he said. "There were more than 20 dwellings in the village," he wrote, "varying in size from four to as many as 50 rooms."



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Conference at Glassport

The Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met in quarterly session on January 4th in the auditorium of the Glassport High School building at Glassport, Pa. President W. H. Cadman and his Counsellors, Charles Ashton, and Joseph Dulisse along with many other officers and members were present. Some from New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Ontario, Canada, and from various places here in Pennsylvania. Representations by letters, were from Kansas, and California. All told there was quite a large gathering. As is usual, Saturday was devoted to the business affairs of the Church, such as reading the reports from the various Branches, and Missions which are located at various places, the election of Presiding Elders, and hearing the reports of Missionary efforts of various brethren engaged in such work.

Three long sessions were held throughout the day. Lunch was served to all by the Glassport Saints in the dining room of the school building. We have met in Conference in this same building a number of times now. It is equipped to date, and is very convenient for our purpose.

To the honorable body which compose the School Board, I assure you that the privilege you have given us to hold our Conference in your magnificent structure of Education, is much appreciated by The Church of Jesus Christ, whose Headquarters are at Monongahela, Pa., and I am sure that our church people in Glassport feels very grateful to you. Sincerely W. H. Cadman.

Our business sessions closed about 9:30 p. m. to reconvene in Detroit, Mich., the first Saturday in April 1947.

Sunday Meetings: On Sunday morning there was a very large crowd assembled for the service. The large auditorium was pretty well filled, people gathered together from far and near to hear the word of God, that their souls might be fed with that Bread that comes down from above. Brother R. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio lead the service by reading a portion of scripture found in St. John, 8th chapt. part of it was "The truth

will make you free" also reading a few verses from third Nephi. Both brother Biscotti and brother A. B. Cadman occupied the time until about 12:20, bringing forth many good thoughts for the listeners. Brother W. H. Cadman, before closing the meeting occupied the time until 12:45, during this time, brother Furnier was raised from his chair and sang in the spirit of God. Brother Kirschner also arose to his feet and told of an experience he had, part of which was as follows: "When you are ready, I am ready." The singing in the service was very inspiring, and was led by brother Burgess of Windsor, Ont., and sister Mabel Bickerton at the piano. A quartet of young brethren from Monongahela sang one selection "We shall shine as the stars." At the close of this meeting, I believe all was rejoicing and felt that it was good to be there. It was close to one o'clock when the meeting was closed. Lunch was served and every body had opportunity to visit with one another until the afternoon services were opened at 2:30 p. m. when the chairs on the rostrum were filled up mostly with other brethren than were seated there in the morning service, with First Counsellor Dulisse in charge. Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Michigan opened the meeting and read from St. Matthew 16th chapt., his text being: "If any man wil come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Well, I must say to you all: brother Nellis gave us a wonderful discourse. It was good for us all that were present, and certainly would have been good for all the Saints to have heard. His text was the words of Jesus. The rest of the time was spent in bearing testimony by the various brethren on the rostrum. There was to be a meeting in the little stone church on Michigan Ave., Glassport in the evening. I had intended to stay for it but the weather got so stormy, most everybody made for home. I came to Monongahela in brother Kirschner's car, and the snow storm made it very bad for driving, but we arrived home all right, though we were obliged to stop and put the chains on. May the peace of God abide with you all.—Brother Cadman.

(Copied From The Washington Observer Washington, Pa., January 18, 1947)

LETTER BOX

Mormon's Viewpoint

Editor of The Observer, Sir:

In the issue of your paper of December 28, 1946, there is an article written by Dr. W. L. Dodd of Amity, Pa., relative to the old story, confusing the Book of Mormon with the "Manuscript Found" written by Solomon Spaulding of Amity, Pa., deceased in 1816.

I beg leave to inform Mr. Dodd that I have been at the Oberlin College at Oberlin, O., have handled with my hands the "Manuscript Found" and have a copy of it in my house. It is not written in Biblical styles as alleged, neither are the names Nephi, Lehi, Moroni and Mormon, the Nephites and Lamanites found therein. Nowhere in it do I find any reference to the Lost Tribes of Israel, nor do I find the name "Israel" mentioned therein. As to Sidney Rigdon being implicated in the matter, it is a fact that cannot be successfully contradicted, that Mr. Rigdon never met Joseph Smith until the early part of the winter of 1830. The Book of Mormon was then in print and in circulation.

The following information was given out by the Oberlin College after the Manuscript was found: "The Manuscript was presented by Mr. Rice to the Library of Oberlin College, and in January, 1836, President Fairchild gave a more extended account of it and of its bearing upon the supposed origin of the Book of Mormon. Meanwhile the Mormons (of Utah) sent to Oberlin and had a copy made, from which they have re-published the Manuscript to prove that the Book of Mormon neither had any connection with this nor any romance which such writer could have produced. With this conclusion of the Mormons, President Fairchild fully agrees, and so it would seem must everyone who gives the matter careful attention." We are told in said article, that Mr. Spaulding was a retired Minister. It seems very strange, that as such, he would resort to the "tavern business." Washington County History, page 89, says that Rev. Spaulding was a graduate of Dartmouth College and settled in