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The Year 1950 Has Now Become History  
And The Year 1951 Now Is Here.

## "AN OLD HYMN"

This morning, in silence,  
I ponder and mourn,  
O'er scenes that have passed,  
Never more to return;  
How vast are the labors,  
The troubles and fears  
Of eight hundred millions  
Who've toiled through the year.

How many ten thousands  
Were slain by their foes,  
While widows and orphans  
Have mourned o'er their woes,  
While pestilence, famine,  
And earthquakes appear,  
And signs in the heavens,  
Throughout the past year!

But the day-star has dawned  
O'er the land of the blessed,  
The first beams of morning,  
The morning of rest:  
When cleansed from pollution  
The earth shall appear  
As the garden of Eden,  
And peace crown the year.

I praise and adore Thee,  
Eternal I AM;  
Hosannah, hosannah!  
To God and the Lamb,  
Who orders the seasons  
That guide o'er the sphere,  
And crown with such blessings,  
Each happy new year.

Editor: In the midst of all that  
has been: We must say that God  
is good.

## G.M.B.A. IN WINDSOR

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Windsor, Canada on Saturday, November 11th, 1950. A large crowd was present with delegates from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: Pres., Domenic Thomas; V. Pres., Joseph Calabrese; Chap., Alfred D'Amico; Corr. Sec., Ruth E. Akerman; Ass't Sec., Florence Di Battista; Fin. Sec., Rose Corrado; Treas., Gloria Ali; Lib., Alma Nolfi; Auditors, James Nero and Sylvia Curry. Louis Paravano and Charles Naro are the newly elected organizers.

The meetings for the coming year will be held as follows: the third Saturday of May, at Detroit

No. 3, second Saturday of November at Glassport, Penna.

After the business of this meeting was disposed of, the Windsor local gave an interesting program that was enjoyed by all.

Ruth Akerman  
Secretary

## CRAWLING ROCK SLIPS 14 INCHES TO BEAR OUT INDIAN'S PROPHECY

Aylmer, Que., Aug. 21 (CP)—Execution Rock, a 2,000-cubic-foot boulder four miles west of here, this year has moved fourteen inches toward fulfillment of a prophecy made by an Indian brave 300 years ago — at least, that's what local residents say.

They claim that in 100 years it has moved 100 feet toward a cliff washed by Lakes Deschenes. It now stands in a clearing a few yards from sloping ground that may heighten its velocity.

Legend says the rock once was used as an execution instrument by the Algonquins. Anyone found guilty of breaking tribal laws or or having deals with their enemies, the Iroquois, was dashed to death on the rock.

The story goes that once a young brave named Strong Oak was condemned to death on the rock. Before he died, he prophesied that the strength of his spirit would push the death rock to the river, and in so doing free the spirit of all those killed on the rock.—The Globe and Mail, Toronto, Ont.

## SOUTH GATE, CALIF.

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Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to The Gospel News, and to our brothers and sisters all over the land. It seems a long time since I made a visit back East, and still it is only a little over a year. We miss the fellowship of the General Church, but we are still connected with the main vine, of which Jesus said: "I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman."

We are still enjoying the good spirit of God in our meetings and the Lord is adding to the Church such as would be saved. Last Sunday we had two more that accepted Christ. One is 69, and the other is 68 years old. We hope their last days will be their best days. I went to visit them today and they seem

very happy in their new venture in the Gospel.

We still get a lot of visitors from different branches of the Church. Some come to stay and others just for a visit. Some like California and others don't. We are waiting right now for my daughter Anna and family from Jeannette, Pa.; they are coming here to live, so our home will be full again. Margaret and her husband are here also.

There is a great work to be done. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, and the few are tied up with trying to earn a livelihood for themselves and families. We often think of the time when God said to the prophet Isaiah, who shall I send and who will go? The prophet then said: I, here I am, send me. We have about four million people here in Los Angeles, and growing every day. What a work could be done if some one could spend all their time preaching and visiting these people. Sometimes I think God will hold us responsible, when someone stands before God, and says: no one told me. Paul says: how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall he preach unless he be sent? Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings and that publish peace. Nahum 1-15. We sing many times, "On Mountain Tops the Mount of God in Latter Day shall rise above the summit of the Hills, and draw their wandering eyes."

10-24-50: Our Church was filled last Sunday, and we baptized the old couple previously referred to. They seemed happy. Well, Bro. Cadman, we are all getting older, and the years seem to go faster the older we get. We miss the Conferences, but there is one consolation; we hope to meet in that great Conference at the morning of the first resurrection. Thank God there will be a resurrection. The dead in Christ shall rise first, then they which are alive in Christ shall be caught up to meet Him in the air. It is going to be a great conference. Our fathers and mothers will be there; Bros. Cherry, Federer, Anderson, Corrado, Neil, Grimes and a host of others too numerous to mention. What a grand meeting! No more sickness, no worries, no crying, no death, no pain; we will not need the sun nor the moon, for Christ shall be the light. There

will be a new heaven and a new earth. Old things will have passed away.

We ought to pray that God would establish Zion, and that the great gathering of the people of God shall gather from every corner of the Globe. We see the movement of the Jewish people gathering back to Jerusalem for that great event when He shall show unto them the prints of the nails in His hands and feet. Then they will say, where did you get those wounds? And He shall say: I received them in the house of my friends. Then shall they say: My Lord and my God.

In the first World War, God opened up a way for them when General Allenby walked into Palestine without firing a shot. God knows how to work and open ways and means when there is no way. It seems that God will have to raise up a man like Moses to bring about His work in these last days; that Christ can come to His Bride, and that She will have made Herself ready. There is to be a preparation in every dispensation for the great work that has to be done in these last days. I would like to write a few lines on this word "Great."

God said to Abraham, "I will make thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great, and I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee and Kings shall come out of thee." What wonderful words to come from God. And when God was going to destroy Sodom, the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham the thing that I shall do? Seeing that Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed by him, for he shall command his children and his household after him." Surely he has reference to Christ who would come of the seed of Abraham. Deut. 10-17.

The Lord our God is a great God. The Lord is great. He has changed the destiny of nations. Even time was changed when He was born, BC and AD. What other man ever was born in the world that changed time? All the nations of the earth have been blessed in Him. He changed our ways and desires. What other man was so great, to change the desires, habits, thoughts, lives of men? What other man was so great that men worshipped him before he was born? The Book of

Mormon says, "they baptized in His name," angels and men before Him fall and devils fear and fly. Men have laid down their lives for this great Man. Paul says they were stoned, sawed asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered in sheep skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, and of whom this world is not worthy. ALL FOR HIS GREAT NAME.

Let us look at His teachings. Every word was so Great that men and women began to say, "come see a man who told me all things!" The rich trembled, and the poor received Him gladly. Zacchaeus said, "If I have taken anything by false accusation, I will restore unto him fourfold." Others began to ask, "what shall we do?" Herod began to shake when he heard of Him. His name was so great that those men who were high priests began to wonder what manner of man was this. His name began to spread throughout Jerusalem and Samaria. People began to rejoice, because no man ever spake like this man. His miracles were so great, that Mary said, "If thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died." Another man said, "Speak the word and my servant will be made whole." This was a great man in the world, he had servants and soldiers under him, but he acknowledged the GREAT-EST, which is Christ. He died a great death that He might redeem a great world from sin. He arose with a great resurrection, and many of the saints could no longer remain in the tombs. What a great deliverance! The angel asked, why seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen."

So one life has been lived in answer to all measurements of greatness. If measured by the world, He would have failed. He held no earthly rank or office, wrote no book nor song, painted no pictures, built no monuments. Two thousand years have passed by. His influence has molded thousands of lives. He dwells in countless homes. Books on His life fill libraries. His gospel covers the earth. Song and music fill the heavens. Rich men, beggars, rulers, and slaves are all measured by His life. The names of Pharaohs, Emperors, and kings of all ages are going to be forgotten, but the influence of this Man's life surpasses all, and is the hope of millions to come. May God bless all our Brothers and Sisters, and these few lines. Write us a line, we cannot

answer every one, but we sure would like to hear from our brothers and sisters. Your brother in Christ. James Heaps.

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In Matthew 16, beginning with verse 13 Jesus asked His disciples saying: "Whom do men say that I the son of man am?" They answered him thus: "Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias; and other Jeremias, or one of the prophets." Then Jesus said unto them (His disciples), "But whom say ye that I am? It was no longer a question as to what others had said, but it was now a question for His disciples to answer; "and Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Peter's answer was very emphatic. It is obvious that his close association with Jesus had sunk deep into his soul and convinced him that this man Jesus was the Christ, their long looked for Messiah, for the Saviour says unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." As to how Peter receives the knowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the scripture does not say, other, than it was revealed unto him by the Father in heaven. Because of the statement "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," (aside from those who believe in a total apostacy of the Church) I believe most all Christian people believe that the Church was to abide for all time, and the Protestant thought is, that even though the Church had a long and serious struggle, still a few faithful were preserved throughout the ages, even until now. The Catholic view of this scripture is, that the Church was built upon a rock, meaning Peter in person, and the Church would never fail.

All professing people have a just right for their own beliefs, but they should not be overbearing or abusive towards those who may not see as they do, for we read that it is but a few that are really on the narrow way.

I take the position that the Church was not built upon Peter, but upon the principle or means

by which Peter learned that Jesus was the Christ, which was according to the words of Jesus, the revealed will of God unto Peter. And further, the revealed will of God to man in all ages has been firm as a rock. The great plan of redemption has been built upon the principle of God's revealed will. Aside from the revealed will of God we cannot know that Jesus is the Christ. Therefore my position is, that the gates of hell did prevail against the Church, but not against the principle of God revealing Himself to man; but the powers of evil have prevailed over weak mortal men, including Peter, until he was truly converted. The Lord said unto him, "When thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." The facts are that the Protestant claims, are not sustained by God's word, nor by history, that the Church which He purchased with His own blood would always remain on earth. Neither is the Catholic view sustained that the Church was built upon a weak man like Peter, for it was not. Neither did Christ say that gates of hell would not prevail against the Church, but when the context of the scripture in question is examined, it is evident that the rock is the principle of God's revealed will to Peter, that Jesus was the Christ, and upon which He built His Church. Proverbs 29-18 says "Where there is no vision the people perish." Thus far in my discourses, this being my fourth one, I have shown that there was a serious struggle against the Church, both from within and from without, external and internal. Let us all remember the words of Jesus, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11-12.

In the scriptures we learn that the Church is always spoken of in the feminine order, the Church is referred to as a woman. Yea, the Bride of the Saviour, which, when she is made ready He will come to wed. No doubt you have taken notice that the Holy Ghost is referred to in the masculine order. He, the Holy Ghost is what you might call the controlling and executive power of the woman, the Church of Jesus Christ. And without its ruling power, she is not the Bride of the Saviour. Jesus in His teachings, taught much in the way of parables, using a natural thing or condition to convey to our minds an understanding of a matter that we are not familiar with.

In the 12th chapter of Revelations I wish to draw attention to what we may call an allegory. First verse of said chapter reads, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Any one with reason will admit that a literal woman could not be so clothed. But if anyone will take time to read thoughtfully the last chapter of Proverbs, a person must conclude that a virtuous woman is precious in the sight of God. And such was she who gave birth to the Lamb of God. The woman so gorgeously robed as seen by John in his experience on Patmos, must surely be emblematic of the Holy Church which the Bridegroom purchased with His own blood. First, she was a great wonder; Second, she was clothed with the sun, the brightest of all lights, conveying to us the righteousness of Jesus Christ. May I ask what can be brighter? Third, the moon under her feet, naturally the moon is a lesser light than the sun, yet what a wonderful orbit the moon is in the skies above us. What a gloomy world this would be if the glory of the moon would disappear. The moon and the stars are in the heavens to tide us over from the setting of the sun until the rising thereof, that the nights might not be too pitchy and dense for us to bear. Hence the law of Moses was added because of transgression. Galatians 3-19, and in verse 24 the law served as a schoolmaster to bring them unto Christ. I might say the sun had set because of unrighteousness, and the moon, or the lesser light, the law of Moses was to direct them through the long night of darkness until the sun would arise again even the Lamb of God. In due-time the schoolmaster, the Mosaic law, had served its purpose, the true light came, and the lesser light, the law, symbolized by the moon was put under the woman's feet. The sun with which she was robed, yea, the righteousness of Jesus Christ with which she was adorned, put the moon to shame, or under her feet. The light of Christ so outshined the law of Moses, it was no longer useful. It could not save the soul. While the moon was under her feet, there was a crown of twelve stars upon her head, undoubtedly representing the twelve apostles whom He had chosen.

In the second verse of Rev. 12, The woman was with child and cried, travailing in birth, and

pained to be delivered. In verses 3, 4, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." In verse 5, "the woman brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, and her child was caught up unto God and His throne." We notice that the dragon was ready to devour the child as soon as it was born. A red dragon was the emblem of the Roman Empire, and during its reign, the primitive Saints were persecuted and many of them put to death, and the Son of God was crucified. To my mind it was the power of evil using that great Empire as an instrument which caused the sayings of the prophets and of Christ Himself to be literally fulfilled. Yea, after the Church gave birth to the power of the Holy Ghost, as she did on the day of Pentecost, we see the powers of evil raging from without and eventually within. Yea, the violent power destroyed the very heads or pillars of the Church; the manchild, not the Christ, but the executive power of the Church was caught up unto God and His throne.

The power of violence was becoming victorious, and the woman who was so triumphant in her glory, now flees into the wilderness where she has a place prepared of God, yea, she flees to a place of obscurity where she was to remain for a period of time.

The devil not satisfied with the turmoil he had caused on the earth, he makes war in heaven, evidently he was determined to rule there too. According to the scripture, the struggle in heaven was fierce. But he is cast out and his angels with him. He must be a powerful being, yea, a terrible foe of the Lord God, for he succeeded in drawing out of heaven, one-third of the stars or angels. But he prevailed not in heaven, and was cast out, neither was their place found anymore in heaven.

From what I read, I conclude that the devil is a fallen angel, and I notice the great man Lehi came to the same conclusion in his day. Satan was victorious over many of his fellow angels, for I read in Jude, verse 6 "of the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation: He had re-

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## EDITORIAL

Having received an invitation from Bro. M. Randazzo to attend the opening of their new Church in Port Huron, Mich., on Nov. 26, 1950, and also having been invited to visit the Mission there as well, I left my home on the night of Nov. 23rd and arrived in Port Huron the next day. Thus having part of two days to visit before the opening services on Sunday.

Aside from attending meetings there once or twice, it was the first time I really had an opportunity to visit the Saints in that city. I made my stopping place at the home of Brother and Sister Summerville and was made welcome in their home.

I did not go with any expectation of taking any active part in the opening service, thinking there would be arrangements made for the conducting of the service, which I did not want my presence to interfere with. However, the weather turned out very bad, and it interfered with many that had intended to be there from Detroit. There were, I believe, only four cars of our folks arrivd there from Detroit, but with the small congregation there is in Port Huron which was very well represented, we had very nice services throughout the day. Brother Randazzo insisted that I take the lead which I did. I will also add that several of our Indian folks were present from the Indian Reserve at Sarnia, Ont., which is across the river from Port Huron.

The morning service was taken up in preaching, while the afternoon was spent by all taking part in bearing their testimony who wished to do so. Our folks in Port Huron have been much inconvenienced by not having a suitable place to meet in, and while the new structure has only the basement finished thus far, yet it does provide them with a very nice and comfortable place in which to worship, until they are able to finish the upper floor. My prayer is, that the Lord will bless and prosper our brothers and sisters in Port Huron. Brother and Sister Johnson

took me in their car to the Indian Reserve at Sarnia, Ont., on Sunday night to the home of Brother and Sister Maness, where we held a meeting, some of their friends were present and we had a very nice evening in the service of God. Brother and Sister Maness seem to be very happy in the Restored Gospel of Christ, and I am sure that we as Gentiles are glad to have them in among us. As we left their home rather late, we found ourselves in a blinding snow-storm, considerable snow had fallen while we were in the meeting. It did not look very encouraging to start back to the U.S. side of the border, but our driver, Sister Johnson, proved herself equal to the occasion and landed us back in Port Huron without any serious difficulty. Thank the Lord for Sister Johnson.

I continued to visit among the Saints in Port Huron until Tuesday evening, when I boarded a bus for Detroit and made my way to Bro. Fred D'Amico's home. I did some visiting and attended a meeting Branch No. 3 on Wednesday Eve. and the next day went to Windsor where I attended a meeting and did some visiting also. Returning to Detroit on Sunday Morn, with brother and sister Watson Sr., and spent the morning and afternoon at Branch No. 4. Brother and Sister Ciavino then took me in their car to Branch No. 2 where a nice sized congregation were awaiting us. I spent the evening in their pulpit and enjoyed good attention from the Saints there. By this time I realized that I had contracted a cold. On my way to the train I stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Brutz and had a lunch, after which rother Ciravino drove me to the depot where I boarded a midnight sleeper for Pittsburgh. Arrived home all right, except for a bad cold. P.S. I am writing this the last thing before going to print. I was promised a "write-up" of the Church opening at Port Huron, but for some reason I have not received it. Editor.

served in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day." Undoubtedly our Heavenly Father created us that we might have joy, but the fallen angel, that old devil, even as he made so much hell on the earth would also have turned heaven into a hell had he managed to get his own way. I do not have a good

word to say for the devil, he is an enemy to all good.

When he was cast out of heaven, there was rejoicing in the heavens, but WOE to the inhabitants of the earth, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth he hath but a short time, Yea, he persecutes the woman, the church, that brought forth the manchild. The old serpent seeks to destroy the woman, and the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, yes her few struggling children, the saints that were left after their mother the Church had been disrobed of her glory and splendor and took her flight into obscurity. Leaving the world void of the true Church of Jesus Christ.

W. H. Cadman

## THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

Experiences of a Certain Good Book during a Period of 8 Months

A Bible kept a Diary once from Jan. 15 until Sept. 13, and its experiences may be the same that have come to your Bible or mine.

The Diary reads as follows:

Jan. 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me, I guess.

Feb. 2—Cleaned up. I was dusted, with other things, and put back in my place.

Feb. 8—Owner used me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Went to Sunday School.

March 7—Cleaned up, dusted and in my own place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2—Busy day; owner led League meeting, and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding one, though it was right there in its place all the time.

May 5—In Grandma's lap all afternoon. She is here on a visit. She let a teardrop fall on Col. 2:5-7.

May 6—In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on 1 Cor. 13 and the last four verses of the 15th chapter.

May 7, 8, 9—In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me, and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10—Grandma gone. Back in my old place. She kissed me good-bye.

June 3—Had a couple of four-leaved clovers stuck in me today.

July 1—Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation, I guess.

July 7—Still in the trunk.

July 10—Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15—Home again, and in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not see why I went.

August 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Sept. 5—Cleaned up. Dusted and set right again.

Sept. 10—Used by Mary a few moments. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, and wanted an appropriate verse.

Sept. 30—Cleaned up again.

P.S. — Now, read your Bibles. Look up Joshua 1:8.

From the pen of Sister Gadd's husband, now deceased.

#### Letter from Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The following is part of a letter written by Marie Azzinaro McGuire to her mother, Sister Azzinaro of New Brunswick, N. J., but formerly of Bronx, N. Y. Marie became a mother on Sept. 27, 1950 and her baby has not gotten along very well since. So she writes to her mother as follows:

"Mom, I wrote you and asked you to please send me a little hankie blessed in the Church of Jesus Christ, and when I received it I put it to Michael's nose and throat and said a little prayer to God to please heal my baby from his illness, and I can thank our wonderful God that very same day his nose started to clear up and he stopped his coughing and sneezing. I pin the hankie to what ever he wears and never take it off of him.

Mom, you know I never was strong in the Church and never a good one at praying, but I can really say that God has answered my prayers to heal my son and I'm thankful to our blessed Lord for being so good to me. I was happy to have received the little undershirt you also had blessed in the Church for my baby.

There is something I wish for you and the brothers and sisters in the Church to know. That is, I also want to be renewed in the Church of Jesus Christ again and to be a faithful latter-day-saint. I want to serve God the right way, because I know now and realize that a person cannot live right without serving God and doing as the Lord pleases. I ask each of you and my family and also all the brothers and sisters in general to please pray for me and my baby,

that he will please bless us both and also my husband, who is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, and that God will please send him back to me and my son safe and sound. I also wish to have my baby blessed in the Church of Jesus Christ as soon as I get a chance to come home, and mostly if it is the Lord's will. I'm not much of a letter writer or good at expressing my thanks to God, but I do know how little my prayer and thanks to God are, that the Lord hears me and answers my prayers to heal Michael Ray."

misfortune. Can we not further conclude that a genuine convert is always a God made convert? This then is the differential that I set out to expound. This is all important to every man today who goes preaching or testifying the word of God. Let every man examine his products, whether the results of their efforts have come about by enticing words and excellency of speech, commonly constituting the power of man, or whether they have come about by the power of God.

This is especially essential today for it was plainly prophecied for our day and time that men would "deny the power of God." II Timothy 3:5. Paul was the author of these words, and he was fully aware what it means to deny the power of God, without realizing it, for this was his lot until his great experience on the road to Damascus. Being then that there is a great denial of the power of God today, (without realization of this though, even as did Paul), can we have many God made converts? We read also in Paul's epistle to the Galatians, that he marvelled that they were so soon removed to another gospel. Yet he says it is not another, but it is the original, yet altered somewhat. The gravity of this is revealed in the words that follow, for he says of such an one that preaches an adulterated gospel "let him be accursed."

Plainly speaking, if we preach the pure gospel by faith and by love, God's power accompanies our efforts and God made converts are the results. On the other hand, if the things a man preaches today do not conform to the gospel of Paul's day he is preaching another gospel, and his converts are man made, and he likely would receive the same chiding as did the scribes and Pharisees in days of old. He certainly would be admonished strictly, even by Paul, were this apostle alive today. There are many gospels preached today, each one slightly different, each one then must have an alteration or alterations from the original, otherwise all would be similar. It is somewhat appalling that such a condition should exist, for we know that one of the prayers of Christ which was the great desire of His heart, was that his followers might become one, as He and God are one. But there is not too much wonder for it is not hard to realize that man made converts and God made converts have not the same things in common, the same ideals or the

#### WORD STUDY

PROSELYTE—The word for our consideration this month is one that is infrequently used, occurring only four times in the whole Bible. In modern usage it likewise is heard only occasionally. The word is synonymous to the word "convert," nevertheless there is a significant difference. Being that it is of such an important nature, it should arrest the attention of all who are endeavoring to bring the word of God to others. To best illustrate the difference I am attempting to bring to light let us use an explanation that appears in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary under the word convert. "Convert implies a hearty, usually genuine, embracing of a creed, opinion or doctrine previously rejected or, at least, not accepted. Proselyte is properly an adherent of one system (esp. religious) who has transferred himself, or been gained over, to another, often suggesting unworthy or ulterior motives." By the implication that is set forth it can be readily seen that there is a great difference between a convert and a proselyte. Jesus himself revealed to the religious leaders of his day, the folly of making a proselyte as he quoted in Matthew 23:15. "Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." What an awful rebuke and rating to receive for their efforts! How all important it is to be sincere in the service of God, without even the least bit of hypocrisy!

Let us here note the part of this verse which states "ye make him." Is it any wonder that he becomes a child of hell, for he is a man made convert, thus being singled out and spoken of as a proselyte? By acceding to the persuasions of hypocritical individuals he receives this

same way of living. Seeing then that these conditions existed and still persist how can we discern the one from the other. By close examination we can easily see which are God made converts, for they become as the Lord Jesus, meek and lowly, loving one another as he had commanded his followers, rejoicing not in iniquity, caring no more for the things of this world, being able to sing with the poet, "nothing worldly shall enthrall me, I would be like Jesus."

Leaving now this discussion let us touch somewhat upon other God made versus man made things. First of all there are many natural things that are made by the hand of man, such as flowers, statues and likenesses of various things. Much of which is seemingly admirable, but not to be compared with intricate designs we discover on close examination, on leaves and flower petals, etc. Leaving natural objects we go to something along different lines, as laws. For temporal laws man can be credited with enacting many needful ones, and we have been able to enjoy much because of their enactment and enforcement. Yet when it comes to something of a spiritual nature, man made laws cannot begin to come up to God's laws, in fact in this the Lord says there is only one law giver, meaning himself. He definitely dislikes commandments of men, in religion, and forbids them. But man continues in his folly with ulterior motives to try to beat the next man. He tries to better his neighbor not only by bringing in man made laws and ordinances, but also by bringing forth man made inventions, such as baptising infants and grownups by sprinkling, baptizing the dead, building of pools for baptising instead of using God made streams. Man made rituals and doctrines abound today, "all to perish with the using of them." Man made saints are another product of these last days, contrary to scripture, for we read that the potter has power over the clay, the Lord being that potter, and only He has the prerogative of admitting individuals into sainthood.

In conclusion, let us be positive and sincere in our spiritual labors, having a full realization that we must work rightly, to be in accord with God's designs. We must learn also to work together in furthering the cause of righteousness even as Paul did with Appolos. Paul declared that he planted and Appolos watered, and then God gave

the increase. He further declares that neither is he anything that plants, nor he that waters. What a confession by the greatest apostle of all times, yet without a doubt an essential virtue for everyone claiming to be one of God's chosen. Realizing our nothingness and our unworthiness is the first step in being able to work together in the vineyard of the Lord. Though this be hard and especially so for modern man, it is a must with God. My hope and prayer is that we of the church might all yet be able to attain the fullness of this virtue, for in so doing I know that the windows of heaven will be opened up and blessings poured out that we will not be able to contain. And of our bringing the gospel to others that it might not be said that ye have made him twofold more a child of hell than yourselves, but rather that we might hear the Master say "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Martin Michalko

#### A LETTER FROM ITALY Received by the Editor

(Translated into English by  
Bro. Milano of Cleveland)

Dear Brother Cadman: In writing to you for the first time, I want you to know I am Bro. Giuseppe Azzinari, the Minister of the New Mission of Corone, Cosenza.

To date we have 57 members in all—and a good prospective of of many more coming in, in the near future. It will please you, I'm sure, to know that our brethren are very fervent in the Spirit and show a great deal of obedience.

We all enjoy good health. Hope all the Saints in America may be likewise enjoy a perfect health both Spiritual and temporal. Trust the day come when we all may unite under the shadow of the true peace of Christ. I must further inform you that the work of the Lord here is proceeding very well.

The Lord blesses us often and, due to His atonement, we feel much reassured for a better future. For once we were in darkness but now we are walking in the new path of light and the power of God is made manifest among us.

The Lord has entrusted us with the duty to preach His divine word in these parts of Italy, where the true and Genuine Gospel has never been heard before.

Dear Bro. the scope of writing this letter to you is that we may put ourselves in contact with the

General Church so we can be acquainted and informed of all things that take place at the divers Conferences that are held. Yes, all of the saints here are interested to know of the activities of the Mother Church, that by it we may receive inspiration and advices for we are still like babies in the Gospel. Hence we need the Spiritual Nourishment. Also I want you to know that we are in need of more Hymn Books. The ones we have now are the ones Brother Todaro left us, and are not enough for the number of Saints we now have here. If you are going to send some to us, we would like to have the same we are using now, because we are used to singing from this Hymnal.

We also are in need of some Mormon Books and Bibles—since there are many here who would like to read them. Yes, brother, many here thirst and hunger for the word of the Prophets. We have a great desire to labor in the vineyard of the Lord but, unfortunately, we lack the necessary means—As for ourselves, we ask but nothing except that we are endeavoring to bring forth the designs of the Lord.

I presume brother Antonio Diattista could read this letter to you. In closing this letter I must say that the Saints all extend their best regards to you and all the Saints of America. A Holy Kiss from your Bro. in Christ Jesus. Giuseppe Azzinari. S. Demetrio Corone, Provincia Di Cosenza, Italy.

#### "BE YE PERFECT"

#### IS THE COMMAND OF GOD

"Knowing this, that the law of God is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound-doctrine";—The foregoing is found in First Timothy 1-9, 10.—The writer has heard one portion of this scripture quoted many times, namely: "the law is not made for a righteous man." I wonder sometimes just what the person or persons who quote it have in mind. Surely, they do not consider that he who obeys the Gospel is immune from the precepts of the all-righteous God, do they??

Certainly the sinful being whose

sins may be as scarlet, or may be less crimson-like, are subjects for obeying the law of Jesus Christ, such as repentance and baptism for the remission of their sins, for such is the law of the gospel as taught by the Christ and His immediate followers.

But what about the rule of life as taught by the Saviour in so many ways which involves our daily life? When He taught: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye MAY be the children of your Father which is in heaven," etc.—Do we believe that in this instance Jesus is addressing the whoremongers, the murderers, and in general the lawless and disobedient? Or do we not rather think that He is addressing those who know His voice, and have denied themselves of all ungodly deeds, and those who cease to live ungodly because the law of God is written in their hearts, as well as written on paper or other material?

The law of God to His people then: is to love thy neighbor even as thyself, and the righteous dare not disobey this law, lest he find himself cast off from God. The Apostle John even goes so far as to warn the followers of Christ (the righteous) to "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" etc.—Surely the Apostle is not speaking to the murderers, whoremongers, etc. No, he is speaking to his brethren and sisters in Christ, making it plain that they cannot please God and at the same time disobey the LAW of LOVE, and set their affections on material things. The one who would be saved in the Kingdom of God is obliged to serve the Law of Righteousness, while others will be cast out into outer-darkness, because they obey the law of unrighteousness, or the law of sin.

The law of God to His people is, Be Ye Holy, and Jesus climaxes His teachings while on the Mount to those who would follow Him in these words: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." I will add that such is the law of heaven, or if you wish—the precept which will perfect the Kingdom of Christ on earth. Perfection cannot come to pass by those who disobey the laws of God, but by those who do. Therefore, let all beware, lest they that seek to excuse themselves when at variance with the law of

God, because of the saying that the "law is not made for the righteous, but for the unrighteous man."

Let us all remember the saying of the Apostle James wherein he says: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." The beloved physician Luke informs us thus: "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." And Paul is made to exclaim: "Let God be true, but every man a liar." May God bless us all, and may we all keep in mind that the written word of God has in the past, served as a sign-board on earth to heaven. Surely if we follow His word today, it will lead us safely on the way. Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman.

#### THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

Jealousy causes millions of casualties, not only to actual lives but to all that is dear to the human heart. It is the worm that eats at the root of things. It is a dreadnought pursuing the little lifeboats sailing life's sea. It is the underground passage to innocent hearts. "Jealousy is cruel as the grave" (S. of Sol. 8:6).

Jealousy has brought nations to ruins. It has ruined families, broken hearts, slain peace, taken lives. It starts a fire that burns for ages, eats at the vitals of the soul until an open grave is impatient for its victims. It fills its victim and then, not being able to retain itself any longer, bursts out and blasts a dozen lives. For instance, here is a beautiful family. Husband and wife are one. Everything is lovely. Each understands the other. Each lives for the other. Both work together. Both plan together. The children have full confidence in both.

But almost unawares the green-eyed monster suddenly appears, and the whole atmosphere in the home is changed. Disappointment is immediately followed by distrust, and the fire begins to burn until jealousy has its full satisfaction. This monster has no mercy. Murder is its purpose and pursuit until at last its hopeless victim falls into the grave of despair and death.

As Satan determinedly brandishes his poisoned sword before us we see demonstrated the truth of this verse: "Jealousy is cruel as the grave."

Some people, both old and young, are lovely characters, except for

one thing — jealousy. When they have the floor they are sweet, pleasant, eloquent in their manners and most accommodating. If they may minister to a favorite friend they are unselfish. On the surface one cannot detect that they are entertaining in their hearts the murderous monster—until someone else gets the attention they desire. Then woe to us, if we are standing in the way! From that time on we may be their target mark, with their sword pointing toward us.

From the time Satan knew Jesus Christ was to be the Ruler of the universe, he was jealous of Him. That chaotic age between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 may have been Satan's first revolt against Christ. We do know that from the time God promised to send His Son into the world to be its Redeemer Satan tried to prevent His coming.

Abel, the second person born into the world, was the first victim of jealousy. Through him was to come the Redeemer, whom Satan hated and envied. Everyone in that royal line was haunted and hunted by Satan. When Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the most humble way, Satan set aim at Him. The slaughter of the innocents was the result of that attack.

We should not be surprised at anything a person filled with jealousy does, for we know its source. We should rather beware when we see the monster rising to charge, and commit the keeping of our souls to our faithful Creator (I Peter 4:19). Rather if one member of Christ's Body rejoices let us rejoice with it (I Cor. 12:26).

—Young People's Delight

#### "RICHIE" SKILLEN PASSES ON

Miss Richmond F. Skillen, 81, of Elizabeth, Pa., died this morning (Dec. 2nd) in a Pittsburgh hospital. She was born in Monongahela on Aug. 19, 1869, the daughter of the late William and Jane Skillen. Services were conducted in the Cox Funeral Home in Elizabeth, Pa., Brother Lawrence Dias in charge of the services who was assisted by Bro. A. B. Cadman.

Sister Skillen is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Annie McQuown, and Miss Hannah Skillen both of Elizabeth, Pa. Interment took place in the Monongahela Cemetery. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ when quite a young woman.

### WILLIAM RABE PASSES ON

William Rabe, 72, died yesterday (Dec. 4th) at his home in Hazelkirk near Monongahela. He had been ill for the past three months. He was born January 3, 1878, and had lived all his life in this community. Surviving is his wife, Jessie Rabe.

He was baptized into the Church many years ago, but had not attended Church for a long time. Services were conducted in the L. M. Frye Funeral Home in Monongahela by Bro. A. B. Cadman. Interment took place in the Monongahela Cemetery.

### THOMAS DIXON PASSES ON

Thomas Dixon died at his home in Richeyville, Pa., on Dec. 5th just about three months after his wife, Gertrude, passed on. He was born in England in the month of April 1866, came to this country when quite young, and later was united in marriage to Gertrude Leonard. They leave no children. In the year of 1897 they both were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, and they were wonderfully blessed in the Church. During the Spanish-American War, he was foreman in the projectile department of the Firth Sterling Steel Company at McKeesport, Pa.

He was ordained an Apostle in the Church in 1904, and from that Conference was one of several brethren sent to Oklahoma on Missionary work among the Indian people.

He sometime later severed his connections with Firth Sterling Co., and moved to St. John, Kansas but in a few years returned east, and later associated himself along with his wife with the Church here in Monongahela, but they were living at Richeyville when their end came. He was laid away to rest on Dec. 7th from the Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home in Monongahela, Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge of the service. Among those who mourn his departure are his brother William Dixon of Luray, Va., and his sister Bella Bartle of St. John, Kansas, and other distant relatives.

### MEMORY

In memory of our dear Mother, Bessie Bloom whom God called home five years ago on Dec. 9, 1945.

The years may wipe out many things,

But this they'll wipe out never  
The memory of those happy days,  
When we were all together.

We think of her in silence  
Her name we oft recall,  
But there's nothing left to answer,

But her picture on the wall.

Just when her life was brightest,

Just when her hopes were best  
God called her from among us,  
To His home of eternal rest.

Sadly missed by her children. Her daughter Mrs. Reda.

### QUESTION BOX

Q.—While Christ is reigning on the earth with His people during the thousand years, what becomes of the rest of the world, (dead)?

A.—It is our understanding, at the coming of Jesus Christ the wicked perish. They, the wicked, live not again until the thousand years are finished, and then come forth in the second resurrection. Rev. 20-5.

### THE ADMONITION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Galatians 5-16 to the end.—This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.—For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.—But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.—Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, — Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,—Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revilings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, — Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.—And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.—If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

### ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think oft-times as the night draws nigh

Of an old house on the hill,  
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred

Where the children played at will,  
And when the night at last came down,

Hushing the merry din,  
Mother would look around and ask,

"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,

And the old house on the hill  
No longer echoes to childish feet,  
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all, as the shadows creep,

And though many the years have been

Since then, I can hear mother ask,

"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall

On the last short, earthly day,  
When we say good-bye to the world outside,

All tired with our childish play,  
When we step out into that Other Land

Where mother so long has been,  
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,

"Are all the children in?"

"One of the Children"

### In Memory of Our Dear Son Jared Lane Robinson

Our Son meant so much that is dear,

But Our Lord Chose not to leave him here.

But in the gift of having felt his dearness

We learned the Lord's Nature, and felt His nearness.

Oh let me never doubt His Will  
Oh rather let my heart be still,  
And learn to walk as He first came  
And forever bless and love His Holy Name.

In memory of my son, his mother  
Louise Robinson, Larned, Kansas

P. S. In a few lines that Sister Robinson wrote me, I learn that Brother Robinson has baptized two converts since they located in Larned, and others are interested in the Gospel. May the Lord continue to bless his efforts. Brother Cadman.





# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Let me always remember  
The day that we met,  
And the joy that came into my heart;  
Spark anew Faith's small ember  
So I won't forget  
That I promised Thee never to part.  
There are fears that assail me  
And doubts that draw nigh,  
There are whispers that slyly beguile.  
Jesus Lord, do not fail me  
And send from on high  
Hosts of Angels to smooth every mile.

### Chorus

Turn Thy face so my eyes mirror Thine.  
Send the rays of Thy love, so divine.  
Take the evil away that besets me,  
Let the radiance of Faith ever shine!

Let me always endeavor  
Thy will to respect,  
Tho' it sometimes conflict with my own.  
And may I never, never  
Have cause to reflect  
That you've left me to struggle alone.  
Tho' my mind is in turmoil,  
My heart beats Thy name,  
Blessed Jesus, remember me still;  
Like the virgin who had oil  
To burn, I've one aim. . . .  
To be lastingly bound to Thy will!

Catherine Poma

## A MODERN MIRACLE

I sat alone beside life's highway  
begging  
My heart was dark, the light I  
could not see;  
I clutched pride's rags and shivered  
in life's bleakness.  
A Saviour came and brought the  
light to me.  
I had no home and evil spirits  
haunted  
My soul until I dwelt in misery;  
I tried to change, but demon  
powers possessed me,  
Until He came and set the cap-  
tive free.

"There is no hope," I often cried  
in torment,

And those who cared, in help-  
lessness stood near;  
Sin o'er me reigned and habit  
gripped its victim,  
Until His Love cast out my  
awful fear.

For everything I find my Saviour  
able,  
I could not conquer passion, lust  
and pride;  
Hypocrisy had kept me sad and  
lonely,  
But I've come home to stay and  
self must die.

Since Jesus came, the tempter's  
power is broken;  
He gave me peace and wiped my  
tears away.  
He took the gloom and fills my  
life with glory,  
For all is changed, since Jesus  
came to stay.  
Eva Bair's version of "Then Je-  
sus Came." Larned, Kansas.

## THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25-1, 13 inclusive: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came... and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

According to this parable, only one-half of those who once had their lamps brightly burning, were

ready to meet the bridegroom when He came. Can such be possible? Let us notice what the bridegroom says in another place: Luke 18-8, "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Take note, it is the Saviour that asks that question. In Matthew 24-37, 38, 39 inclusive: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

In the pruning of the vineyard for the last time as recorded in the Book of Mormon, Jacob 5th chapter: I read in verse 75 that the fruit was all good, the vineyard was no more corrupted. In verse 76 it says: "For a long time will I lay up of the fruit of my vineyard unto mine own self against the season, which speedily cometh." It is evident that thus far the Kingdom of Christ on earth has become perfected, apparently the "will of God" is being done on earth as in heaven. A condition existing as was with the Nephite people as recorded in Fourth Nephi, but the evil one made inroads and marred their peace even though it had been Heaven on Earth for them.

Back to the pruning of the vineyard again as recorded by Jacob, Verse 77 records that the evil fruit again appears in the vineyard. "And when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into my vineyard, then I will cause the good and the bad to be gathered; and the good will I preserve unto myself, and the bad will I cast away into its place. And then cometh the season and the end; and my vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire."

It is evident from this scripture, that after the vineyard is cleansed for the last time (no more corruption in it) that the devil makes an inroad and mars the peace of that Kingdom. He not only mars its peace, but the conditions become such: that the Lord is obliged to separate the good from