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AN OLD HYMN

Come let us anew,
Our journey pursue,
Roll 'round with the year
And never stand still
'Til the Master appears.

His adorable will
Let us gladly fulfill,
And our talents improve,
By the patience of hope
And the labor of love.

Our life is a dream,
Our time as a stream
Glides swiftly away,
And the fugitive moment
Refuses to stay.

O, that each in the day
Of His coming may say,
"I have fought my way through:
I have finished the work
Thou did'st give me to do."

O, that each from the Lord
May receive the glad word:
"Well and faithfully done
Enter into My joy,
And sit down on My throne."
—By Charles Wesley

THE PASSING OF 1951

The year of 1951 with all of its sorrows and sadness, wars and rumors of war along with its many blessings and joys has now passed on, and never more to return. The things that we may have left undone are now past history as well as the things we did, that we should not have done. We are now entering the year of 1952, what it has in store for us, time will prove. But might it not be well for all to take time to think of the past to the extent that we might not leave too much undone to mourn over when the year will have taken its flight one year hence. "The Gospel News" wishes you all a Happy, a Prosperous and a Blessed New Year. Let us all remember the words of the poet: Work for the night is coming. Work thru the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling; Work 'mid springing flowers; Work when the day grows brighter. Work in the glowing sun; Work for the night is coming. When man's work is done — May we give every flying minute something to keep in store: Yes. Work for the night is coming. When man works no more. Brother Cadman

THE MASTER IS COMING

They say: The Master is coming to honor the town today, And no one can tell at whose house or home the Master may choose to stay. And I thought as my heart beat wildly, what if He should come to mine; How would I strive to entertain or honor the guest Divine?

And I straight way turned to toiling, to make my house more neat, I swept, and polished, and garnished and decked it with blossoms sweet. I was troubled for fear the Master might come ere my task was done, and I hastened and worked the faster, and watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties, a woman came to my door. She had come to tell me her sorrow, and my comfort and aid implore. And I said I cannot listen or help you any today; I have greater things to attend to, and the pleader turned away.

And soon there came another—a cripple, thin, and gray — and said, Oh let me stop and rest a while in your home I pray; I have traveled far since morning, I am hungry, and faint, and weak. My heart is filled with misery and comfort and aid I seek.

And I said, I am grieved and sorry but I cannot help you today, I look for a great and noble guest, and the pleader turned away. The day wore on more swiftly and my task was nearly done, and a prayer was in my heart that the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to — greet Him and serve Him with utmost care; When a little child stood by me with a face so sweet and fair. Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops and his clothes were tattered and old, a finger was bruised and bleeding and his little bare feet were cold. I said I am sorry for you, you are surely in need of care, but I cannot stop to give it. You must hasten elsewhere. And at those words a shadow o'er his blue veined brow. Some one will feed and clothe you dear, but I am too busy now.

At last the day was ended, and my toil was over and done. My house was swept and garnished, and I watched in the dark alone. Watched, but no footfall sounded, no one paused at my gate, no one

entered my cottage door. I could only pray and wait. I waited till night had deepened and the Master did not come. He has entered some other door I cried, and gladdened some other home. My labor had been for nothing and I bowed my head and wept. And my heart was sore with longing, yet spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me, and His face was grave and fair; Three times today I came to your door and craved your pity and care. Three times you sent me onward, unhelped and uncomforted, and the blessing you might have had is lost, and your chance to save has fled.

"Oh Lord, Dear Lord forgive me. How could I know it was thee." My very soul was ashamed and bowed in the depth of humility. And He said, the sin is pardoned, but the blessing is lost to thee, for comforting not the least of mine you have failed to comfort me. Selected and contributed by Sister Virginia Loyalvo.

COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GIVEN IN VAIN

First Nephi 3:7 — "And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father; I will go and do the things which the Lord hath COMMANDED, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." We read that Nephi obeyed the Lord.

Second Nephi, 1:9—"Wherefore, I, Lehi, have obtained a promise, that inasmuch as those whom the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem shall keep His COMMANDMENTS, they shall prosper upon the face of this land; (now known as America) and they shall be kept from all other nations, that they may possess this land unto themselves. And if it so be that they shall keep his commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land, and there shall be none to molest them nor to take away the land of their inheritance; and they shall dwell safely forever." — One must conclude that Obedience is better than sacrifice.

Jacob 2:34—"And now behold,

my brethren, ye know that these **COMMANDMENTS** were given to our father, Lehi; wherefore, ye have known them before; and ye have come under **GREAT** condemnation; for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done. Verse 35, Behold, ye have done greater iniquity than the Lamanites, our brethren. Ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives, and lost the confidence of your children, because of your bad examples before them; and the sobbings of their hearts ascend up to God against you. And because of the **STRICTNESS** of the word of God, which cometh down against you, many hearts died, pierced with deep wounds." — Not only in ancient times, but in modern times as well, has faithful men and women died with broken hearts because of the unfaithfulness of their husbands and wives, and children's confidence been broken, and at the same time their fathers and mothers professing to keep the commandments of God. I read in God's word, First Peter 4:17— "For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: (The Church is it not?) and if it first begin at US, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? Verse 18, and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Verse 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." Surely it is not sufficient only to be baptized for the remission of our sins, but the commandments of God in all things must be obeyed.

**"IT IS WRITTEN"
SO SAITH THE SAVIOUR**

Jesus answered the enemy of all Souls by, "IT IS WRITTEN" — a very good maxim for all professed followers of Him to adopt as their guide; for while the promise is, "that the Spirit will lead and guide into all truth and show us things to come," yet it is also written that many spirits have gone into the world, and we are commanded to try them, for they are not all of God.

It has been the many spirits that have gone abroad which has caused so much division and strife relative to the plan of redemption of which Christ died for. It has been said by many Latter Day

Saints, (I mean believers in the Book of Mormon) that the Book of Mormon is a key to the understanding of the Bible, and in fact, the book teaches that many "plain and precious things have been taken from the Bible," and that one of the parts the former book has to play, is, in being one with the Bible, they will confound false doctrine and make plain the "way of salvation."

The coming forth of the Book of Mormon has often been spoken of as "later revelation from God." I readily admit that to be true, and I will add that I fail to find it in contradiction to what is already written in the Bible, yet the fact remains that believers in the Book of Mormon are becoming divided even as did the reformers who revolted against the mother church in their day.

In the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the restoration of the Gospel to earth again, it has made very prominent a very important principle, (along with others of course) yea, the principle by which God has dealt with His servants in all ages of time, and that is, Revealing His Will to Man. We are taught in both books that good comes from God, and that evil comes from that fallen one, known as the Devil. The Saviour refers to him as a "liar" from the beginning, and, it is his purpose to deceive the very elect if possible. Among the many spirits which have gone forth into the world, is the spirit of false-revelation which has certainly played havoc with many — they have allowed it to take them away from that which was already revealed to man — yea to God's servants, who spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Common sense should teach man, at least those who have some degree of intelligence, that the God of the universe — (Him who changes not, and Him who cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance) will not reveal in any way, that which would conflict with what He had already revealed unto His servants of old.

The Saviour says, "If Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then can his kingdom stand? May I ask, if God is the author of all the professed **REVELATION** among believers in the Book of Mormon, how can His kingdom stand? If then there is any **UNITY** in this world today, it should be found in the in-

stitution that bears the name of His Son Jesus Christ — Him, who in the crucial hour of temptation, silenced the enemy of His soul by answering: It Is Written.

May I ask: why do so many believers in the Bible and Book of Mormon lay aside the plainness of the word for that which they claim has been revealed to them? The doctrines of Baptizing for the dead, of plural marriage, and the divorce evil that is fast creeping in among believers in the Book of Mormon, is certainly not of God nor is it in accord with the words of Jesus, wherein He says: **IT IS WRITTEN.**

W.H.C.

WORD STUDY

BABYLON —As we study the scriptures it is interesting to note that many incidents that happened in the Old Testament have a striking parallel in the New Testament. Those of the New are definitely much greater. For instance we read that the world was destroyed by water and that in the days to come that it will be once again destroyed, this time by fire. We read further where Joseph saved his people from extermination by famine, he in a sense was a saviour, that is of their natural lives. Jesus the Son of God, later came as the Saviour of the world, not only for his own people, but for as many as would accept him. Joseph was betrayed for money as well as was Christ, Joseph for twenty, and Christ for thirty pieces of silver.

The deeds of Moses also typified a greater work which was effected by the coming of the Son of God. Moses in the hands of God was a liberator and leader of his people, leading them on to an earthly promised land. Christ later became the "greater" liberator and leader, saving and guiding to an eternal promised land. We read also that man suffered a death for disobedience, and a second death (in the hereafter) is again promised for disobedience. We also read that the light of the "law" is compared to the light of the moon which is the lesser light, while the light of the Gospel is accepted as that greater light, even as the sun above is that greater light.

There are yet other incidents that we could refer to that happened, both in the Old and New, but this much should suffice for our lesson. It is also interesting to note that each one of these

"firsts," pertained to the natural and the seconds refer to the spiritual. With this thought in mind let us examine something that is going on today spiritually that is also a definite parallel to an occurrence recorded in the Old Testament.

We read in the Old Testament that the great-grandson of Noah was king of the people that dwelt in the land Shinar. But while they became great and industrious, they were plagued with ideas which displeased God. "And this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to let us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of the earth; and they left off to build the city. Therefore the name of it is called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth;" We read further that in later years the Babylonians once again rose and became powerful, even to such a degree that they were able to take captive the children of Israel. However, in due time the Babylonians were destroyed, fulfilling the promise that God gave to his people that the time would come, the cry would go out that "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." (Isaiah 21:1). This was a natural or physical Babylon and it typifies a spiritual Babylon that exists today, whose end also is predicted, and the time will soon come when the cry "Babylon the great, is fallen, is fallen," will once again be heard. What is this spiritual latter day Babylon that must fall even as the first Babylon fell?

We read of the first Babylon that previous to their great wrong they were of one speech, and because of displeasing God, they were confounded and scattered. A like matter happened spiritually for we read that in the beginning of the Church of Jesus Christ, the people were of one mind, and of one accord. They spoke the same language—figuratively, in spite of the fact that in it were men of many nations. They also as the first Babylonians became industrious and progressed. Being industrious and zealous was a virtue, and their first years were blessed for this, and their structure (church) arose year after year. However in the building of it they too became lofty with ideas that were foreign

to the doctrine of Christ. With displeasure God once again scattered abroad. This scattering occupied quite a lengthy period of time. We understand that it lasted for a period of 1260 years and is commonly referred to as the dark ages. With the scattering came a division, which was followed by confusion, and with the ushering in of the reformation the conditions worsened, in spite of the fact that an honest effort was made to correct conditions, that the world might have purity of doctrine, and if possible oneness of believers. But strange enough that instead of unifying, there came just the opposite with increased differences as time passed on, thereby increasing the confusion. It is very evident that the job was more than a mortal man's task, one for only God Almighty to tackle. The Lord did undertake this job, effecting a Restoration over a century ago. The Lord looked down and saw the plight of man and saw a need, and did do a work that was a marvelous work and a wonder. He saw a futile effort being made to rebuild his house, for even the Psalmist realized that "except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it." Psalm 127:1. But lo and behold even the Restoration did not bring a decrease to the confusion that existed, for many of the Restoration people are also guilty, for they, too, as time passed on gave to the world doctrines that are foreign to Christ's doctrine, in spite of the fact that the church and Gospel restored, was effected in purity and with explicit intent by God to bring about unity in this religiously confused world. Paul writes about the condemnation of those who in the name of truth, work unrighteously. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;" (Romans 1:18). There is no doubt in my mind that Paul realized that this condemnation would be upon every Christian professing man and woman, and too that the condemnation would be greater to those who have been more enlightened, and who have accepted the "whole truth" of our day and time, who work unrighteously.

As we talk and compare these various incidents, it is significant to note that, after the scattering of the Babylonians at the building of the tower, that they once again became a powerful people. What

may I ask does this typify today? It is indeed strange but true that as the former so the latter. After the first scattering, their posterity rose to power as we said. Today likewise after the second scattering, their posterity also will become that second Babylonian power, and not only they but all who will side and line up with them. It will no doubt soon come, for it has already started, and has many supporters. The supporters are all those that crave for lust and power, while at the same time they trample truth and principles. That such a condition exists and is on the increase is very evident, for today immorality is condoned by many, integrity is measured by the size of a man's bank account, profanity esteemed, etc. Gross darkness has covered the earth. Sad to say though that while these things are happening, many today—pathetically too many of these guilty ones believe all of these things to be all right, thus putting light for darkness, and darkness for light, even as occurred in Isaiah's time. (Isaiah 5:20).

The call has come to all mankind "come ye out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18:4). I can and do once again thank God that I heard that call, and was able to make the decision. Each and everyone of you my brothers and sisters no doubt can say the same, and can glorify the God of heaven, for this invitation, for it was a call out of darkness into light. Let us though, however, endeavor with all our strength to "stay out of her," and to do that altogether. Let us if we have accepted godliness, refrain from becoming even just a little worldly, or even to condone worldliness. In God's Word I read that "Friendship of this world is enmity with God," and "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." And while we remain out of the world, it is good to realize that we have not only been taken out of a place, but that we have also been placed into a place; yes, into the Church of the Blessed Lamb of God, which we realize is the Kingdom of God on earth. It is a kingdom of righteousness and peace, and like all other kingdoms it must be built, which building cannot be accomplished by hope and wishing alone, but rather by honest untiring efforts of every individual who enjoys its blessings.

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Editorial

Did the American people ever hear of so much corruption as there is in Government circles today? Conditions in Washington and Harrisburg are a disgrace, and of course it is not confined to these cities alone, for it seems that we have disgraceful happenings throughout this "fair land" in high places as well as low. We talk about education, yes and "higher education" — our schools are among the best in the world and it is generally supposed that the ones occupying official standing in our government, are those pretty well learned, yet how they do fall when tempted by the mighty dollar. From what we read in our daily papers, it appears that they are lying and contradicting one another. Yes, what a spectacle we have in Washington, and yet, our capital city does not have a monopoly on the corruptions that are.

It is time the American nation of people were awakening and learning of the prophetic utterances in the Book of Mormon, concerning the fate of this nation of people, unless they repent and turn back to God. Read the 8th chapter of Mormon and you will learn of our ultimate end, unless we do forsake our wicked and corrupt ways and learn to walk righteously. Moroni is made to exclaim: "Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing." And even as the prophet Isaiah in the 53rd Chapt. of his writings gave such a graphical account of the life and sufferings of the Christ, so has the prophet Moroni in the eighth chapter of Mormon given just as a graphical account of the wickedness of the Gentiles of today, and especially on this land of America. He further says: "O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon the name

of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies — because of the praise of the world?" In fact, in the last verse of the chapter the prophet Moroni goes on to say: "Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer."

The discoveries made upon this western hemisphere, prove the fact, that once a highly enlightened and civilized people inhabited this land of America — that, cannot be successfully contradicted. The prophet Moroni was among those people, he is one of the fore-fathers of what is now known to us as American Indians. Yea, what a foolish nation of people we have been thus far, in casting aside the Book of Mormon as a thing of naught. It is the key to our welfare as a nation of people. In compliance to its teachings, it will bring about peace to us, on the other hand, to continue to ignore it as a thing of naught, as we have done thus far, it will be our doom as a nation. The book abounds with warnings to us, "Such as WOE be unto us Gentiles." The capital city of our country better wake up, before it is everlastingly too late.

NOTICE to all readers of The Gospel News: I wish to acquaint you with the fact that the Subscription List to our paper has fallen very low. So many of our members are ignoring the expiration notice of which we stamp on the paper. It is possible that some articles printed may not have pleased you, but that is to be expected of any paper. I am endeavoring to be just and fair, and am spending much time for the success of the paper, but without your support, too much cannot be expected. Editor.

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Untiring efforts, and righteous living will doubtlessly be rewarded in various ways. You and I, brothers and sisters, and all God fearing men today can be delivered from famine and destruction, as of old, and we, too, may be privileged to see the day when the cry will once again go out, that "Babylon is fallen, is fallen."

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November 22, 1951

Dear Brother Cadman and Brothers and Sisters throughout the entire Church:

In this season of Thanksgiving, my thoughts turned to that which is dearest to my heart. My mother, Louise DiBattista, and my husband, George Staczko, and I are grateful and thankful with the profundity of our hearts that we are in the Church of Jesus Christ, and are in a family of saints who have given us much consideration both naturally and spiritually.

It is one year since my father, Patsy DiBattista, passed away and our hearts have grieved not only because of his death, but of the excruciating pains he endured the last year of his life. However, we are happy for the testimony he left. He was faithful unto the very end. Even in his declining days he blessed the Lord and praised Him for the marvelous and glorious Gospel. My father hoped that he could have visited each branch of the Church, and commune with the beloved saints once more. He voiced his thanks unto God for the love that the saints displayed, and we the family also gave much thanks.

Now we wish to express our sincere gratitude to God, above all, and then to the saints everywhere for all of the prayers and kindness on our behalf. We hope the Lord will open the windows of heaven and bless each of you.

We ask again an interest in your prayers because there is still much affliction in our home. As you know, my husband was in the hospital for tuberculosis, and now there is a possibility that he will have to return for treatment. Our hearts are heavy, and we know that only God can help in this matter. Therefore, remember us so that we may be strengthened above all in faith, and then to have strength restored to the body.

Our desire and hope is always in the Church of Jesus Christ. It is our complete life; and we hope, through God's help, to remain faithful unto the end of our days.

Again we thank you and pray that God will bless you all.

Receive our love in Christ from Sister Louise DiBattista, Brother George Staczko, my son, George Pat, and from your Sister in Christ.

Jeannette Staczko

San Demetrio Coroone,
Italy

Dear Brother Cadman: Prompted by the Holy Spirit and with love in my heart I come to you with these few lines hoping they may find you and all the Saints well. As for me and the fold of God, which has been entrusted to my care in these parts of Italy in these the last and most perilous days of all times upon the face of the earth, I can assure you we are all well.

True, my beloved bro., I write in Italian to you, since for me to write in English is quite difficult, but I know Brother Milano will translate my letter, as he did with my previous ones, and I trust the Eternal God may cause this letter to bring to your kind heart, a deep-felt joy. Amen.

Dear Bro., I inform you that, with the help of God, I have concluded my missionary trip to the Island of Ponza. I have also visited the Saints in Prov. of Salerno. I will say: My visit, especially to Ponza, was necessary to help put things in order there. So, with the help of God, I have returned back to my home safe and sound. I had to travel a distance of over 400 miles and, in this trip, too, the Lord has been my company. I do thank Him with all my heart, because while I was on the train, going from Cosenza to Naples, about midnight, a terrible storm arose and it suddenly became so violent that it sounded like a hurricane. In fact three of the cars were sent off the rails. Consequently, when the train stopped, we found ourselves over a bridge at least 200 feet high, but the Mighty hand of God did not permit his servant to suffer harm.

However, brother, the Missions in Italy are steadily increasing in number. True: Just yesterday I had a baptism. Indeed, here I have much work to do for the Lord, and many souls desire to come to obedience. The reason they stay away now is because we are not permanently located. Now, Brother, please bear with me patiently. First of all, I hope you have taken the necessary steps to help us with our work here in Italy because, as I have stated herein, many want to obey the Gospel, but they won't for the simple reason we don't have a good place to meet in. I was thinking, if each would contribute one dollar, I would go right ahead and buy the land, because as for the

labor and material we might be able to manage it ourselves. I'm sure that if this would be done, hundreds would be saved from sin and death, and we would be recompensed when we appear before the bar of God. That's four years now I've been preaching the Gospel and most of the people tell me: As soon as you build the Church, we are going to render ourselves obedient to the Gospel. I've been in Rome to confer with the President of the Department of Worship and he told me to go ahead because no one would stop us from preaching the Gospel since it has become constitutional to have freedom of worship. So none can hinder the work of the Lord. Amen.

All send their best to you.

I am sincerely yours,
G. Azzinari

LETTER & TESTIMONY FROM NEW YORK CITY

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am writing a few lines to express my love and gratitude to you and all the brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ and our Lord who so meekly bore our sins in His own body. Oh how my heart is lifted up since the last gathering in New Jersey; everyone was so well pleased with that service. May God ever bless you all and keep you in good health to finish the work you are doing in my prayer. I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1893. The following is an account of my entry to The Church of Jesus Christ.

After many Missionary trips and suffering in "Church of God in Christ" and seeing so many different Spirits on this earth, it brought me back to the time when I was nine years old, when I prayed to Jesus to ask Him where was His Church. So as the time went by after so many ups and downs, I went to Brooklyn, N. Y. There for sometime I was forced by poverty to live in a room in a cellar at 356 Clifton Place, where the water from rains settled in the front and back yards, which made it very damp, and the rooms were on the bare ground, which gave me a very bad cold and sorrowful spirit. So one day I was very sick, only a few more moments, as the Doctor said I had a heart murmur, and I felt unusually funny. I even tried to pray but it seemed my prayers were earth bound and did not penetrate to God's throne.

I was frantic, so I cried much.

My husband would come in and go out, making fires for the building, so he came in and said to me, there is an old Italian man sitting out there on the steps of The Church of Jesus Christ and he said, "why don't you come into The Church of Jesus Christ. If you like, you stay, and if you no like, you go ahead." So this amused me and I said: Church of Jesus Christ. As my reason opened up I could see this was the place for me. So on Sunday I went to the Church, everybody welcomed me to come in with a different welcome than I had received, and the first experience I saw that day in the ministry, on their heads where lights around them, and as they would move this light was steadfast on their heads and a voice said to me, "this is my church, not the church of man." The brother who asked us to come in was our late John Brunetti who was faithful to give me encouragement. I came to the Church the next Sunday and asked to be baptized on March 29, 1942 at Hopelawn, N. J., in the Atlantic Ocean. That day was one long to be remembered, because something unusual happened. It was a day with a sleet and ice and snow, and the Ocean with it's fierce waves rolling and very cold. One of our brothers walked up and down on the sandy shore, praying as he went, and I noticed the waves were silenced also the snow and wind. May the Lord ever bless him whomsoever he was. The brothers and sisters then sang that song, "According To Thy Precious Word," page three in our hymn book. Oh sisters and brothers we have something to thank God for. I have lots of experiences I will tell in another writing, seeing visions and hearing the brothers talking to me from the other side.

I needed everything to confirm His word in me as a Seer of the Lord. I am waiting on that Joseph, the one who is to come and have that great power given him from our Lord to bring all Nations to the Lord. Pray for me. Your Sister in Christ, Ida Hazel Gidas. 62 E. 101 St., New York 29, N. Y.

News From South Greensburg

By Nina D'Angelo

Dear Brother Editor:

It isn't very often that we here in South Greensburg send anything to you to be printed in the "Gospel News," but there are times when God pours down His blessings upon us and we cannot

keep it to ourselves. This past Sunday was one of those times.

We had some visitors from Glassport and Monongahela, among whom were Brother Samuel Kirschner and Brother Anthony D'Battista.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting with the Saints during the morning service, but when I got there for the afternoon service, I was told that there had been a baptism. We were happy enough to see the faces of our visiting Brothers and Sisters, but our hearts were overjoyed when we heard of our young Brother, Daniel Todaro, being baptized. We stop and think of how wonderful God is to call the young into the Church. I can look back just 6 short years ago when I first obeyed the Gospel at the age of 14, and at that time we had no young people in our branch; today we thank God for He has called quite a few. It's wonderful to see the young forsake the things of the world and take up the banner of Christ and follow Him. Life is short and it behooves us all, both young and old, to observe and obey the humble commandments of Christ.

To our elder Brothers and Sisters whom we love dearly, and whom we could not get along without; I ask you to pray for the young people in the Church that God might lift them up spiritually and do a great and glorious work among them.

May God Bless us all.

News From Rochester, N. Y.

On Sunday, October 28, 1951, we of Rochester entertained a large number of out-of-town brothers and sisters and friends. They were members of the Church from Lockport, N. Y., Bros. Biscotti and Ranari from Cleveland and Bro. Buffa and his son John and family from Detroit.

Bro. Biscotti opened Sunday Morning meeting. He gave an inspiring talk on verses from the book of Job and from the book of Micah. Bros. Buffa and Paul D'Amico continued the service, speaking in Italian in order to satisfy the many visitors present.

A hot lunch was served to all in the Hall of our church. This allows more time for each one to intermingle with one another.

During the afternoon service, a former member of the Church in Rochester was reinstated in the Church by baptism. Bro. Chris.

Trovato performed the baptism in Lake Ontario. We enjoyed the fellowship of the brothers, sisters and friends.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti.

THOMAS GALANTE PASSES ON Detroit, Mich.

Brother Thomas Galante died in the Central Hospital, Thursday noon of October 4, 1951, after a very brief illness. He was born on September 8, 1899. He was baptized on February 16, 1950 and after eight months of faithful service in the Church of Jesus Christ, God chose to take him to his reward. The services were in charge of Bro. James Loyalvo.

MRS. VERDIE GIBSON KOVICH PASSES ON

Sister Verdie Kovich of Brownsville, Pa., departed this life on October 20, 1951 in the Brownsville Hospital. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in August of 1914 and for years has been a member of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church. The funeral services were held in the Flatwoods Church by her pastor Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt being assisted by Bro. Charles Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa. It was a very large funeral, Sister Kovich being well known in that community. Interment was in the Flatwoods Cemetery.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and four sons, and several grandchildren. Three sisters, Mrs. T. S. Furnier of Detroit, Mrs. Della Lowther of California, and Mrs. Gladys Hillen of Smock, Pa. Two brothers, Wade Rigger of Detroit, and Winfield of California. Sister Kovich had always borne a bright testimony in the church. She has now gone to reap her reward. May the Lord bless the bereaved family.

United States Army
December 16, 1951

Dear Brother Cadman,

I'm writing this letter to tell what is in my heart. First: my Lord and Saviour and His Church, The Church of Jesus Christ and all the brothers and sisters and their children. Bro. Cadman, tell all the brothers and sisters to pray, not for me only but all of us, don't forget the saints children who are in the service. It makes it hard for us to be away from the Church, and away from home. If the brothers and sisters have a brother of their Branch who is in the service, write to him,

wherever or whoever he might be. He will surely appreciate mail from them. I mean words of encouragement, words of life, etc., that it might keep us nearer to the Church.

Brother Cadman, I'm writing for all the brothers who are in the service, for I know they feel the same as I do. I'm sending this letter hoping that all of you will pray or us, for we are always praying for you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Pvt. Joseph Faragasso, US 51147038
Btry. B, 84th F.A. BN. U.S.A.H.
Post Ward 7, Fort Dix, N.J.

NEWS FROM IDAHO

Sister Sarver has received a letter dated Dec. 13 from Sister Converse in Idaho. She is not very well herself, and is mourning the death of her sister of somewhere in Canada, whom she has not seen for 25 years or more. She also says that Bro. Newby has to go to the hospital. He is 84 years old and we hope all will go well with him. She asks that we might not forget them out there in our prayers. May the Lord bless and comfort them all.

DO YOU BUY BIBLES?

If so, I have been selling Bibles for better than ten years for a prominent Bible Co. The discount they allowed me, was very good up until now. I have placed the discount in the General Missionary Fund of The Ladies Uplift Circle, and it has amounted to several hundred dollars, and, I have not made any great effort to sell.

Due to the changes that are rapidly taking place these days, they have cut the discount allowed me about one half in two.

Therefore in behalf of the Church, I have taken the matter up with one of the oldest Bible Companies in existence, and if our people will get behind me in this matter, the money we are now placing in the hands of retail dealers, will go into the church in one channel or another. I am offered one half more in the way of discount than the aforementioned company is giving me.

I can furnish you French Morocco Bound Bibles with Concordance, Center Column references and other Bible helps, for as low as eight and nine dollars plus \$1.00 for thumb index if you want it. Of course I can furnish Bibles at a

higher or lower cost. Postage will be prepaid. All Bibles are to be sold at the list price; to not do so the penalty is forfeiture of agency.

All churches have their own Book Stores, and it is a profitable business for them, or they would not operate them. Why not us? Get behind our own agency and have this discount go into our treasury, instead of in someone else's treasury.

If the Ladies Circles in the different Branches of the Church can get orders for, say four or five Bibles, I will forward them the discount allowed me, if they wish it; providing it is used for the Church in some way. I can furnish Oxford or Scofield Bibles.

Sincerely,

W. H. Cadman,
519 Finley St, Monongahela.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA

By Bro. James Heaps

Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to the Gospel News, the paper that is close to our hearts and which keeps us in contact with one another. Hope you are all well. My thought is that I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation. First, it is from God and anything that is from God is good. It involves our moral status as well as our spiritual status. It brings us from the beginning of creation to the end of time. It has solved the problem of immortality not by argument but by demonstration and has guaranteed to us a like immortality not only of the soul but of the whole man, spirit, soul and body, for even these bodies of ours shall be changed in a twinkling of an eye.

There is nothing in the gospel that causes us to blush or drop our heads in the face of man. We don't have to apologize for believing the gospel of Christ. Paul takes his pen and writes to a few Jews who lived in Rome telling them he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ and was going to visit them. In Rome, the center of the world's political power, was the throne of the Caesars. Paul who never wanted to build on another man's foundation, how could he hope to tell the people of the gospel, the world seat of empire, religion and learning. What hope had he preaching a crucified Christ which still held the masses in the shackles of superstition. Under the very throne from whose authori-

ty went forth the sentence of death against Christ himself, branding Him an imposter and a traitor. No doubt these things ran through Paul's mind for once he himself branded Him an imposter and a traitor. We as ministers and lay members know how He was branded as an imposter, and called a winebibber; that He ate with publicans and sinners but Jesus said the gospel was built on a rock, one foundation. The Brahma will tell us that for four thousand years they have worshiped and his ancestors have worshipped on the banks of the Ganges. Claims have been made that go back millions of years to their ancestors, but thank God we trace our beginning approximately 6,000 years ago when God spoke the word and the word had power to create and bring forth and Christ joined himself to the race by a clean descent from Adam so that the gospel was in the beginning. "Let us make man" said God, in the beginning. Paul said the gospel was preached the same to them as to us. They did eat that spiritual meat. They drank of the rock that followed them and that rock was Christ. Abraham believed in Christ and rejoiced to see His day.

We read that no sooner did man fall than there was a redeemer to redeem him even though it had to come through a sacrifice. The Book of Mormon says they worshipped Jesus and baptized in his name before He took upon himself flesh. Confucius, and Mohammed were only teachers but Jesus was a saviour. No other could say, "I am the way, the truth and the life." No other philosopher or teacher down through the ages could give life. No one could heal the broken heart. No other man could say, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." No other man could say, "Lazarus, come forth." Therefore, I am not ashamed of this kind of a gospel, and men before Christ, as the prophets looked forward to the time of His coming to earth.

Let us compare the Bible and Book of Mormon to other books. Where is the man who can improve on the sermon on the mount. All our moral laws come from the Bible. They tell us of man's mistakes and sins but they tell us how to improve ourselves and live godly lives. They do not justify us in our sins but show us a

way to work out our own salvation. Some are ashamed of the gospel of Christ because men sinned, especially under the restoration when men went into polygamy, but neither the Book of Mormon nor the Bible uphold men in sin. The Book of Mormon says that a man shall have one wife and concubines he shall have none. Who can improve on that teaching? Before Jesus came into the world the Old Testament proclaimed Him a Jehovah God. In the beginning, He, God, proclaimed Himself as God of love, holiness, mercy, righteousness, truth and mercy. When God gave the law to Moses, He descended in a cloud and gave the law to the people. What man or teacher has been able to improve on them until Jesus Himself elaborated on them and said "The law says a man shall not commit adultery but I say unto you he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery in his heart. The law says, an eye for an eye but I say unto you if they shall smite thee on one cheek turn to him the other." The law was only a schoolmaster to lead us unto Christ but when the great teacher and saviour came He set all things in order as far as law and obedience was concerned. Nineteen hundred years of study have only served to increase His glory and teachings so that even Napoleon declared, "I search in vain to find one equal to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the gospel; neither history nor humanity nor the ages nor nature afford me anything with which I am able to compare or by which to explain it."

These are not the testimonies of his disciples but testimonies of those who rejected Him so the moral basis of the gospel is found in the law, in the ten commandments. In keeping these ten commandments, there was life. In disobeying them it was death. These ten commandments still stand unrivaled. In the law we see the trunk of a tree but in the gospel the tree of life. The sermon on the Mount dug up its very roots and exposed the hidden life to view. The law deals with action; The Sermon on the Mount with character. Who has ever assumed to revise the Sermon on the Mount in order to eliminate that which is not good. We are not ashamed of the doctrines of salvation. The

gospel is the power of God, atonement, regeneration and resurrection. The gospel is a history, a doctrine and life; history back of its doctrine; doctrine growing out of its history, and life springing from both. All natural religions show us man seeking after God if happily they may find him, but in the gospel we see God seeking after man. Illustration: There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold but one was out on the hill away far off from the Shepherd's care; He left the ninety and nine to go and seek the one that was lost. The religion of the world never cared for the leper. Even the Jew had no dealing with the Samaritan but Jesus said "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." What a difference! Who could be ashamed of the gospel. Jesus is just and yet the justifier of the ungodly in forgiving sin. He establishes and magnifies the law. This is the very heart of the gospel. There is no doctrine of vengeance but the doctrine of love; to win and bring back the prodigal son who has by sin come under just condemnation, for we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. By the gospel, man, a wanderer and alien from God becomes a son filled with the mind of Christ, living and walking in fellowship with Christ, by the holy spirit. The doctrine of the resurrection from the dead has solved the problem of immortality not by argument but by demonstration and we shall have a body fashioned like unto His glorious body. By these great doctrines of the gospel we have a true knowledge of God.

Paul's great speech on Mars Hill to the people of Athens, seeing the inscription to the Unknown God stirred his heart to proclaim unto them a God who made the heavens and the earth, the fountains of water, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as though he needeth anything but giveth to all men life, breath and all things and has made of one blood all nations and hath determined the times appointed and the bounds of their habitation for in Him we live and move and have our being. There was a time when God winked at their ignorance but now commands all men every where to repent. While it thus equalizes all men, there are positions where man is placed and

must be content therewith. The master must remember that the servant is also a free man in Christ and the servant must remember to give due honor to his master. The wife is obedient to her husband and the husband must reverence and love his wife as his own body. Children must obey their parents in the Lord and parents see that they provoke not their children to anger. The poor must discharge their services to the rich patiently giving due and honest labor for wages and the rich must not keep back the laborer's hire nor grind their faces to the ground for God is the avenger and will exact it of them. In conclusion, let me say again, that I am not ashamed of this kind of gospel.

9320 San Carlos
South Gate, California

Things Work For Good

Dear Brother Editor:

While reading the following scripture, I felt to meditate somewhat upon it. And through my meditation I thought I might write a few words for the Gospel News, hoping my thoughts might be of some encouragement to the readers of our little paper.

Paul, in his writings to the Romans, says: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to his purpose."

We feel that Paul had a perfect right to make this statement. For did not Paul know that the Lord had called him for a purpose? Yea, a great purpose! Let us look at some of Paul's words. He says: "A servant of Jesus Christ called to be an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of Christ, and again called to be an Apostle (not of men, neither by men but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead). Surely Paul could verify these words and we know all things work together for good to them that love God. Did he not suffer many things in proclaiming God's blessed truths that he might win Christ?"

Let us examine this scripture further in order that we might verify these words. Let us look at the young man, Joseph, a mere youth who was taken by his brothers and sold into a strange land—there to be misrepresented in the house of Pharaoh and cast into prison. Can we realize, dear read-

er, just what great anxiety and grief Joseph was passing through—far away from his loved ones—not knowing whether he would see them again! But God had not forgotten. God knew that Joseph loved Him. Had he not given Joseph many dreams and an understanding heart? We see God working out a way for him that he would be a great man in Egypt; and we read how many years elapsed from the time of his being sold into Egypt, yet all for a purpose; that his people might be provided for. Truly, all things worked out for good because he loved God.

There are many men whom we read of in God's holy writ that we could mention to verify Paul's words. Let us consider the life of Moses: the law-giver; the man whom the Lord spoke to out of the burning bush; when he appeared unto him and made known to him the great purpose of delivering his people out of bondage. Can we imagine what we would have done had you or I been confronted with this great task? Let us look at Moses's position. He had been raised in Pharaoh's house from childhood: he had seen the mistreatment of his brethren; and had been caused to flee for his life. No doubt it took much courage to go back and tell Pharaoh he must let God's people go or else the Lord would smite the Egyptians with His mighty wonders. So we see how God caused His purpose to be brought about through His servant, Moses, a man called according to God's purpose; a man who surely loved God.

Then again, when we think upon God's servant, John, who was taken from those he loved to be placed upon a lone isle. We wonder what good there was to come from that. Did not God permit John to look down through the ages and see the great wonders that was to come to pass in the last days? Surely John could say, along with Paul and many others that we could mention, "truly all things work together for good to them that love God."

In conclusion, I would say with the poet:

"His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour.

The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flower."

Benjamin T. Cherry

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WORDS BY SISTER
LOUISE ROBINSON,
LARNED, KANSAS.

My Lord was born so meek and lowly, His place of rest here first on earth; Nor did pride or vanity herald His birth. — He lived as a child a humble sign, That all His life might be A light as the Star that men could not design, And nations from darkness flee. — That no heart could be in blindness, Grope in agony and perish in despair, And cry in bitterness and hardness, 'Twas a Saviour for me, could not care? — Oh joy to my heart now and forever, He grieved as I and tenderness knew, And leave His love, Oh could I never But even desire to seek and renew! Christmas 1951.

DON'T READ ONLY, BUT RESPOND FREELY

Our folks in San Diego, Calif. are building a Church, and on the date of the letter received by me, which was Jan. 4th, they had the foundation already completed. They have been very much inconvenienced for a place to meet in for sometime, and it is necessary that they have a place of their own to worship in. Thus far, they have not been idle in making preparations for a building. They have exerted themselves in various ways, and have succeeded in purchasing and paying for a site to build upon, beside accumulating much towards the erection of the building. In these days of high prices, they are in need of help from you all, even though they are doing all the work themselves that they possibly can do. Our people bought themselves a Church in Los Angeles, and I believe have gotten along very well with your help. Now let us all go down in our pockets and help our brethren and sisters in San Diego. If every member in this church will spare them one dollar, that is not very much, but what a wonderful help that will be towards OUR, I say OUR building in that city. But of course, I do not mean for you to stop at one dollar, make it five or ten if possible. Presiding Elders throughout the Church, urge my request along, and do not forget that I may make a similar request to help the saints in Italy before long. Send your offering to

our sister, Lena Liberto, 7076 Amherst St., San Diego 15, Calif.
Brother W. H. Cadman

A LETTER FROM SPAIN

A few years ago a George Ventura of Barcelona, Spain in some way obtained my address and wrote me a letter. I answered him and sent him some of our Church literature, and later on gave one of his letters to Bro. Fernandez of Glassport, Pa., who wrote to him and received the following letter which might interest our readers.

Barcelona, Spain, Oct. 22, 1951
Mr. Valentin Fernandez
Box 208
Glassport, Pa.

Dear Brother:

I appreciate very much your last letter and I wish to thank you for your testimony which has served to strengthen my own faith. It is very beautiful to know how the Lord brings the soul to himself and guide them to the right path of life.

Your life, my dear brother, is truly interesting, but I believe that the most interesting moment of all was when you believeth in the Lord and enter His service. You will agree with me that nowhere can you find the peace, love, and blessings that you will find in doing these services.

I also want to tell you something special that happens to me when I read your little newspaper. (Gospel News) I get a feeling of peace and contentment like, I believe, those did feel that were able to hear the divine words of the Lord Jesus by the seashore of Galilee. I believe that among you exist the pure simple faith of the people that truly love God. You told me in your letter that in one of your reunions you felt as if He were in your presence.

I am pretty sure that it was that way, as I believe the holy spirit keeps us together regardless of the distance even if our belief might differ a little. I wish some day I may be able to visit you and Brother Cadman, but unfortunately it might not be possible.

It penetrates me very much what you say about that sister that glorified God for using her to

open the door of salvation. In truth all the credit should go to our solicial Father as the scriptures says. One says in another place that God is the one that gives growth. That is all for the present. Please give my regards to the brothers and especially to your wife and Cadman.

George Ventura

IT IS WRITTEN

And I will add, allow no man to deceive you. — How often do we hear the words, "Ye must be born again" emphasized, Yea, and it is well to emphasize them; from what IS WRITTEN they are the words of Jesus. Yes, they are words of life. And He has also said, "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." And it is further WRITTEN, Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God. — That which is written in the word of God, should impress all God-fearing and conscientious souls not excepting any one.

Th scriptures thus far quoted, are very simple sayings of the Redeemer of the world, and they are emphasized, especially by all believers in the Restored Gospel, and, right that they should be. But may I ask: is it becoming to the professed followers of Christ to stress some of His sayings and treat other sayings of His lightly? For we must remember, that IT IS WRITTEN, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the WILL of my Father which is in heaven." — It cannot be denied that as far as it is written, it is the will of God that ALL MEN should live righteous and holy lives, for again IT IS WRITTEN: His Spirit will not dwell in an unholy temple. The foregoing are all sayings from our Bible and are commonly quoted among the followers of Christ.

I wish now to quote from Moroni 10-33 that which was written by faithful Moroni. "And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission