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## BROTHERS READY TO LEAVE FOR AFRICA

"Plans for trip proceeding despite poor financial response"—W.H.C.

Monongahela, Pa.—"My plea for financial aid to support the forthcoming missionary trip to Africa has produced very little response," said Brother Cadman. "However, to insure our missionary responsibility in Nigeria, Brother Bittinger will make the final plans and leave for Africa soon as possible."

Departure time for Brother Bittinger and his assistant has been temporarily delayed for procuring of final papers. The slight difficulty will soon be overcome and they shall be on their way sometime this month.

The saints in Africa have already expressed joy at the anticipated visit and it is hoped the church can make the visit an extensive one. Such hopes can be fulfilled only if funds are available without deleting the General Church treasury.

Brother Bittinger is optimistic of staying in Nigeria for as long as six months. Such an extended stay, with traveling expenses, will require thousands of dollars. This money must come from individual saints; each must contribute as much as is humanly possible. Everyone is urgently requested to support the endeavor to their utmost.

This is the greatest evangelical effort of the Church in recent times. Let us all do all we can to guarantee its success.

(Send donations direct to William H. Cadman, 519 Finley St., Monongahela, Pa.)

### "Backward Turn Backward, O, Time In Your Flight" (The Years Are Fast Rolling On)

The time is far spent—  
there is little remaining  
To publish glad tidings,  
by sea and by land;  
Then hasten, ye heralds!  
go forward proclaiming,  
Repent, for the kingdom  
of Heaven's at hand.

#### SOME DAY

Some day I shall see Him,  
On that coming glorious day.  
He'll be so bright with glory,  
I'll have to look away.  
He'll speak, and I'll obey Him.  
There at His feet I'll be.  
He alone shall be my master,  
Throughout eternity.

Sister Teresa Pandone

#### A NEW YEAR —

##### — A NEW OPPORTUNITY

Each new year effects the mind with deeper impressions relative to the precious value of time. Time, which is life's most valuable gift, and which is calculated by man; is made of that intangible substance that becomes the sum-total of our life. Time is broken up into various segments; such as years, months, days, hours, etc. Every individual span of life is different. Some live longer lives than others, and quite often lives are very brief,—coming to an abrupt and early conclusion. The all-important question in life is: How do I use the time which is allotted me? If we have learned that today, and each day granted is extremely vital, and we use it wisely, then we have grasped life's most important realistic fact. Wm. B. Rose writes: "Time is the coin of our lives, let us spend it wisely. It is the substance of which life is made of."

The only segment of time that each of us can do anything with is **TODAY**. The past is behind us, it cannot be recalled nor altered. The past will become exactly what we will make of it today. The future is uncertain, undeveloped, and may be beyond our reach. We may never have the opportunity to do anything with the actual time-substance which belongs to the future. Nevertheless, that which we do today will affect

the outcome of the future; as it interweaves with the expected tomorrow. Therefore, if we are but granted the privilege of the use of additional tomorrows; we can convert them into tangible and active today's. Each new day is another opportunity as well as a new challenge. One must be at work **TODAY** with all his physical, mental, and spiritual energies and faculties; if he is to construct a productive life.

What yardstick or standard can we use to gauge what our objective or purpose in life should be? We must establish a proper sense of direction to motivate the actions of our lives. Jesus set the most perfect standard before all men. "To love God with all your strength, all your heart and all your mind. Also to love your neighbor as yourself." This constitutes all the commandments in condensed form. If we conscientiously apply this standard in our daily lives, we shall come to discover that our interests in life move out of the small orbit of preoccupation of self, and to our deepest satisfaction, we shall find productive activity in the largest orbit of all—the wide open arena of human service. Illuminated by the philosophy of Jesus' words, the individual now has a fuller concept of the value of time, and the opportunities or responsibilities available to render service with this time.

The Christian life in its fullest meaning is a life dedicated to service. The entire mission of Christ was a life of service.

Therefore, by taking a personal part in a balanced plan of active service, we can help to contribute meaning to life, and value to time, as we share commonly with others. We must learn to live for, and with, and because of, the others of our kind; just as they

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live with and for us. As Apostle Paul implies, "Is this not our reasonable service? Also, are we not our brother's keeper?"

In conclusion, the following words of Waldo Emerson are worthwhile thinking about:

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day can be the last day. Make use of time therefore, if you value eternity."

Brother Patsy Marinetti

### A TRIP TO WAKPALA, S. D.

Monday, 14th of October the following brothers and sisters: Herbert Hemming, Richard Christman, James Moore and wife Eva, Thurman S. Furnier and wife Birdie M., left Monongahela, Pa. for Wakpala, S. D. in Brother Hemming's G. M. C. truck, or station wagon. It was necessary to go to Painsville, O. where we picked up some supplies. Leaving there at 4:30 p. m., we took the Ohio Turnpike near Cleveland, O., stopping overnight at Toledo, O., a distance of 328 miles. The next morning we continued on the Ohio T. P. to the Indiana T. P., thence to several routes, traveling northwest, stopping overnight at Westby, Wis. (560 Mi.) The following evening we stopped at Ipswitch, S. D. (547 Mi.) The next morning we were up bright and early, leaving Ipswitch 5:00 a. m., arriving at Wakpala at 7:30 a. m. (92 Mi.) Total distance 1527 Mi. The brothers and sisters lost no time, we had our breakfast in our recently purchased building at Wakpala. After breakfast we bent our way to Moberg, S. D. for a supply of food and roofing material. The brothers soon had the old shingles removed and were putting on the new roofing material, which they completed in two and one half days. After making a few minor repairs to the building, we set out to do the more important affairs, visiting our Indian (Lamanite) brothers and sisters and friends. We made a trip to Brothers Isaac and Albert Ufulheart's, On the trees, near Green Grass, then to Brother and Sister Edward LeBlanc's Eagle Butte, thence to Cherry Creek, S. D., where we visited with Mrs. Margaret Mewhirter and her daughter, (her daughter having been baptised recently.) Mrs. Mewhirter's sister, (haven't her name at present) whom had been baptised

at the same time, lived near by, but the weather turned bad and our car began to do tricks on the gumbo where we had to travel in order to reach the highway, so we did not get to visit with her. Sorry. Please accept our apology. We would liked to have seen you. We held three services on Sunday and several during the other evenings we spent in Wakpala. All services were well attended. Many of our Indian (Lamanite) friends came to visit us from time to time. We enjoyed their visits and had much conversation with them about the gospel, and the promises of God to them.

Sister Lillian Swimmer was in Rapid City, S. D., and Darlene LeBlanc was in Aberdeen, S. D., therefore we did not get to see them. Brother and Sister DeMarrias have built or remodeled an old building, and have made themselves a very comfortable home in Wakpala. We are thankful to God that this has been provided for them. Many of the Indian (Lamanite) people have sold their land to the U. S. Gov't. on account of the flood control program, and their old places where they lived will be covered with water. We understand the water will not interfere with the village of Wakpala, the water will be approximately one half mile from there. The Cheyenne Agency, S. D. will be relocated at Eagle Butte, S. D. We had all prayed sincerely for nice weather in order to complete our mission, (it was rather late in the season to attempt putting on a roof in S. D., for the wind is usually very strong, but the Good Lord provided the way.) There were only two part days of rain, and the temperatures were seasonable enough that there was no interference in travel or otherwise. How good and wonderful is our God. We have proven HIM from time to time, when we sincerely ask, seek and knock, for we have received, found, and the way has been opened. Praise HIS High and Holy name. "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim! Hail Him! Hail Him! highest arch-angles in glory; Strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children, In his arms He carries them all day long: Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!"

We left Wakpala, S. D. on the trek homeward, Wed. Oct. 23rd. Covering 511 Mi. 1st. day, 441

Mi. 2nd day and 692 Mi. 3rd. day, a total of 1644 Mi., arriving at the home of Brother and Sister Moore Friday evening about 9:00 p.m., where all of us were given a nice night's rest. We stopped off at Nauvoo, and Carthage, Ill. There is always a time of sorrow when visiting these historical places on account of the persecution the Saints suffered there by mob violence, which resulted in their expulsion from the state, and the treacherous deed which took the lives of Brothers Joseph and Hyrum Smith. A sad event indeed. One which the prophet Daniel recorded in his writings: Dan. 7th Ch., wherein the United States is symbolized as a Little Horn. Vs. 21 "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the Saints, and prevailed against them;" For further comments on this subject read the pamphlet "Daniel's Little Horn" by Brother Wm. Cadman, 1834-1905.

Thurman S. Furnier

### FACTS WORTH KNOWING

It is written in the 'sixth article' of the Constitution of the United States that "no religion shall ever be required, as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

In moving around here and there, I hear statements made concerning the Constitution and upon examination I find they are not correct. Oftimes it is quoted relative to our religious liberties. It is very loosely quoted, and far from correctly.

The first ten amendments to the Constitution, are what is known and commonly referred to as the 'Bill of Rights'. Article 1 reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Therefore, it is easily seen that there is no law in the Constitution of our country that interferes with your religion but if you worship God or a god whether it be Confucius, or the religion of Mohammed, you only make yourself liable when you transgress the law of the land.

God, known as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, nor any other god is known in the Constitution of the United States.

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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING . . .

William H. Cadman



W. H. Cadman

In following up my previous Editorial in which I speak of "Consistency as a Jewel", I wish to draw your attention further on this subject.

We hear much about women cutting their hair, and scripture in First Cor. 11th Chapter, is generally quoted. Personally, I like to see a nice head of hair. Our custom has been for women to wear long hair, while we men have worn short hair. I do not know of any command in the word of God that such should be.

I was born in a day when we men wore short hair. The custom is so bred into us, that we would feel ashamed to be seen with hair hanging down on our shoulders. In the same day or time, it is the custom for women to have long hair, and likewise it takes courage on the part of some women to be seen with their hair cut. Custom is responsible for this, not the word of God.

Let us take some note of what is recorded in the afore-mentioned scripture. In verse 4, 'A man praying with his head covered', to my understanding does not refer to his hair, but to a hat or other covering. We would not think of sitting in church worshipping with a hat on our heads, would we? Our custom of today teaches us different. Would it be sinful if our custom was the other way? Sin is the transgression of the law of God. And the same order or custom is applied to women.

Then in verse 6 Paul says: If it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. Paul does not say: IT IS A SHAME—but, 'if' it is. In verse 7, a man ought not cover his head for he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of the man. In verse 12, I read that the woman is of the man, even so is man by the woman: but all things of God. In verse 14, even nature teaches a man that to have long hair it is a shame—is it a sin for a man to have long hair? If so where has God commanded men not to cut their hair? In the following verse, long hair is a glory to her, it is given her for a covering. And I will add that when long hair was in full sway, any woman was timid in cutting her hair, and it is still the same today with many. Then in verse 16, But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. Evidently contention had arisen as to whether a person could wear long or short hair, either men or women, but from what Paul says, they had no such custom. I fail to see where the Saviour ever taught against the matter, and I

cannot recall where any of His servants ever taught or contended against such. In the creation of these bodies the Lord God caused hair to grow on our faces, and now barbers have a paying profession keeping it shaved off. What about it?

I wish to draw your attention to the fact, that Paul uses the word "if" quite often in this scripture—in verse 15 he says: "But 'IF' a woman have long hair"—that certainly implies that all women did not have long hair in his day. They were certainly in a spirit of contention, for Paul tells them in verse 17, "That ye come together NOT for the better, but for the worse."

Let us consider the saying of Paul, "That long hair is a glory to her." The word 'GLORY' is the significant part of his expression. He is not quoting the Lord in the matter that I can see. I leave myself open to be corrected if it can be shown me that he is quoting the Lord. I have previously said that I admire a nice head of hair, and while it is no doubt a glory to a woman, long hair is also a burden to many women, just as much so, as a mustach or a beard is a burden to some men.

There are very few souls but what glory in something, and it is not necessarily a sin to do so. The farmer may glory in his well kept farm, he may glory in his fine herd of cattle. The mechanic may glory in his ability to machine a nice job. A woman may glory in her power of ability to raise a nice family of children, she may glory in her husband and especially if he is a good husband to her. There is no end to this thing of what we might glory in, and it is not necessarily sinful to do so. There is also such a thing as 'vain glory'. When a person can find glory in power to take advantage of another because of his shrewdness in a business deal, or can find glory in telling filthy stories, or in committing crime and getting 'by' with it, they may glory in it—but it is certainly vain to glory in such things.

I have always had much admiration for the Apostle Paul, his ability to use the learning of his past life and his reasoning with men, for their soul's welfare, after his experience on the way to Damascus. He warns his brethren in Philippians 3, verses 2-4, to beware of dogs (not four legged ones) but evil workers, beware of the concision (a division, a schism). He says: We are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Jesus Christ, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust (glory) in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews: as touching the law, a Pharisee. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church: touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what these things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Paul had much room to GLORY. But when I turn the pages over to Galatians 6:14, I read of him as follows: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." In the following verse the only thing worth while is a NEW CREATURE. Rather than glory in what he may have accomplished, He says we GLORY in tribulation. Yea through obedience to the heavenly vision—the gospel of Christ—had wrought a change in his inward parts—the law of God was not only written on paper, but it was written in his soul, and might I say in his body? He taught that our bodies should be a living sacrifice (not a dead one) Holy and acceptable to God. The Christ in his soul, taught him

what was right and what was wrong. Yea, I might say that he was a partaker of the new covenant that the prophet said would be made with Israel, and I will add: If we are serving God under the same covenant as did Paul, our lives should be like

unto his. Above all we should be like unto our Master the Christ of Calvary's Cross. Well has it been said: "Consistency! Consistency! Thou Art A Jewel."

Editor

### SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS

On the Sabbath following his return to Capernaum Jesus went with his disciples to the services of the synagogue, and according to his custom, expounded the Holy Scriptures. There seems to be great simplicity in His mode of treating all subjects. He spoke on the most profound and important subjects, not as one discussing them, showing what can be said on both sides, nor as one striving merely to stimulate the intellects of his hearers, nor as a learned man reporting the results of the researches of the best minds, but decisively with authority. This man speaks as one having authority, declaring truths which were not to be questioned. With authority from which there was no appeal and with a spirit that made men tremble.

On this particular Sabbath there came into the synagogue a person described by Mark (1:23) as a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out saying, "Let us alone. What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth. Art thou come to destroy us. I know thee who thou art, the Holy one of God." And Jesus rebuked him saying, hold thy peace, and come out of him. And they were all amazed, and said what is this. What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

His last commission to the church was to heal the sick and cast out devils or unclean spirits. Sin and the devil has to be rebuked. Paul says to rebuke the devil and he will flee from you, but if we cater to him he will hang around. The hogs could not stand what man can stand so they ran into the sea and drowned themselves. But they did not drown the devil. And the only way we can get rid of him is by our righteousness, or when he is bound in the bottomless pit, with a chain about his neck, or rebuke him in the name of Jesus. Yes, he will try to kill you before he leaves. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst he came out of him. (Luke 4:35)

James (2:19) Thou believest that there is one God. Thou doest well. The devils believe and tremble. So many of the saints are

possessed with a spirit of fear and that is an evil spirit. Perfect love casteth out fear. You better have authority to cast them out or they might turn on you. (Acts 19:13) Then certain of the vagabond Jews, Exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits in the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure by Jesus, whom Paul preacheth, and the evil spirit answered, Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are ye. And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaped on them and overcame them and prevailed against them so they fled out of the house naked and wounded. The writers of the New Testament observe a distinction between those who were diseased and those who were possessed. They brought unto Him all that were diseased and them that were possessed with devils (Luke 5:17-18) In Matt. (10:8) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils.

Mark and Luke speak of the man of Gadara that he was possessed with a legion. We know that witchcraft and practising Black Art is an evil spirit and under the law of Moses they were put to death. Jesus bidding the demon to depart was no greater an act than bidding the fever to leave Peter's mother-in-law, or to say thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say to the sick of the palsy, be thou healed.

We now return to the man in the synagogue of Capernaum. His symptoms were such as we now see in persons who are insane. His insanity was by his countrymen traced to the agency of a demon, crying out as soon as he saw Jesus. In all ages 'till Jesus came, these people were put out of society. But Jesus had pity on them and cast those spirits out. Paul says the Lord has not given us the spirit of fear, but of a sound mind. Let this mind be in you which was in Christ. There are no weak minds when the spirit of the Lord has possession. It takes a good strong man to serve the Lord in mind, spirit and body. Brother James Heaps

and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. PURE religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. (We cannot live the Gospel and ignore James' teachings too.) And the Apostle Paul teaches us: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As I said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (The gospel as taught by Paul forbids husband or wife to divorce each other and remarry before death separates and breaks the marriage covenant.) And James says, or likens the man that only hears and doeth not, to him that looketh in a glass and then forgets what manner of man he is. I read that God changeth not.

Editor

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With great appreciation I wish to thank those who have contributed generously towards the maintenance of The Gospel News' Linotype machine. A vote of thanks goes to:

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G. L. F.

### THE WORDS OF JAMES

Chapter 1, Verse 22, and on  
But be ye doers of the word,

*Signs of the Times . . .*

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
Edison Branch

Is man building a modern Tower of Babel? Like many others, in the Church and out, I have watched the advance of rocketry and the advent of space travel with some concern. It all gives rise to one unanswerable question: Where is man going; what is his aim? With no man or group of men qualified to solve the query, mankind as a whole is proceeding to a precarious and possibly disastrous end.

With Russia surging ahead in the rocket and missile race, intense interest has been focused on the developments and plans of the United States. No one in this country is more in a position to explain our success and aims in space endeavors than Wernher Von Braun. This German scientist was a top man in the Hitler regime that developed the V-2 rocket in W. W. II. He was brought to this country to continue rocket work and is now head of our program here.

Life magazine recently published several pages devoted to the views and conclusions of Mr. Von Braun. The whole of this article is of no interest to this column, but one remark quoted of Von Braun is. When asked about space travel he remarked: "It will free man from his remaining chains, the chains of gravity which still tie him to this planet. **It will open to him the gates of heaven.**"

That remark shows that despite technological and scientific advances, mankind has made no progress in thirty centuries. Three thousand years ago man said, "...Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;..." (Genesis 11:4) God was merciful then in thwarting man's plans to enter His domain. A simple confounding of languages was sufficient; today he might be more pronounced—and devastating.

If man is to 'think big' about satellites and space travel, he must also expect immense supernatural retaliation if God is displeased. It would do science well to consider the effect on all humanity and the world if any, or all, of the following should occur: (a) an all-out nuclear war; (b) a sudden shower of cosmic dust from outer space spraying the earth with lethal rays; (c) a

'brush' with the earth by an invading planet or moon.

I think that man-made object whirling in orbit around the earth is a visible Sign of the Times, Mr. Von Braun. What do you call it?

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The informal 'down to earth' preaching of Billy Graham is up for attack again. This time it is a famed protestant theologian that makes the denouncement.

In one of his talks Mr. Graham asserted the bible to be capable of solving all man's problems, filling all his needs. Richard Neibur took exception to this, claiming life today much too complex to be controlled by the simple idioms of the Scriptures. Mr. Neibur, master of polemic theology and a dean at Union Seminary, New York, rebuffed Graham for his over simplified application of the Holy Word.

Of course modern theology would have us believe that the bible is unfathomable wisdom that can be applied to a secular, contemporary society **only** by a college-bred scientist. Only when such an attitude exists among the people can hirelings dressed in the garb of wisdom and piety demand annual pay scales of \$5,000, plus.

People who believe in the basic, simple truisms of the bible do not have the 'complex problems' Mr. Neibur speaks of. The people of God—that is, those who love God, fear God, serve God—do not encounter delinquency, incompatibility, hyper-tension, alcoholism, and a dozen other long sounding words that are only excuses for not adhering to the laws of God and the teachings of Christ.

Mr. Graham is certainly right on this point. Perhaps Mr. Neibur can produce problems not easily dispersed with scripture but to counter we will quote that portion Mr. Graham probably had in mind when he made his initial statement. It is found in I John 4:16, and reads: "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him."

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Once again the Christmas Season has come and gone. To some it was merry because of the spirit found in a bottle or can. One brewery spent \$7 million in advertising in less than two months

to sell their wares; another spent \$5 million. That is a lot of money to spend to remove the Christ from Christmas and substitute Miss Reingold or the slogan 'Beer Belongs.'

But modern clerics see no sin in moderate drinking. A recent interview with a rabbi, priest and minister produced the combined opinion that liquor must be good because God made it. How ridiculous can they be? God also made arsenic but it would be satanic foolishness to eat it!

It is the 'moderate drinker' who becomes an alcoholic, commits crimes, becomes a debt to society and an outcast of God. It is the moderate who endangers lives on airliners during cocktail hour; who drives an automobile when he can hardly see; who staggers down the street offending women and youngsters. This is the ilk that the booze companies would increase with outlandish sums for world-wide advertising. This is the sin they would sell as the spirit of Christmas. No matter how they garnish it with pretty words, it still sums up to one end: bottled death—natural, spiritual, and eternal.

#### SCRIPTURAL TEACHING ON THE MARRIAGE STATE

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?—For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.—So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an **ADULTERESS**: but if her husband be dead, she is **FREE** from the law: so that she is **NO** adulteress, though she be married to another man. (Romans 7)

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And unto the married I command, yet not I, **BUT THE LORD**, let not the wife depart from her husband:—But and if she depart, let her **REMAIN UNMARRIED**, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. (First Cor. 7:10-11)

P. S. As for me, I do not read of any exception made by the Saviour as to whether one person happens to be married and the other one is an unmarried person. Both become adulterers. Virtue is required of a man as much as it is required of a woman. Are we not treading on dangerous grounds?

## REPORT:

### BROTHER DOMENICO TODARO IN ITALY

from The Sunday Express

#### TROUBLE (and pastor Todaro) HITS THE LITTLE WORLD OF DON ANTONIO

Turmoil has come to the little world of Don Antonio, the priest in this mountain village of Villa San Guiseppe. For hundreds of the villagers are threatening to turn Protestant.

The man responsible for the conversions is an American evangelist, Pastor Domenico Todaro. He gave up his job as a baker in New York's Bronx area to come to Italy on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ—an American religious sect.

And soon he was at work in this little village in the toe of Italy.

One day Don Antonio the priest walked among his flock as they tended their orange and lemon trees on Mount Aspro. He looked down and saw some of the villagers in the sea far below.

They were being baptised as Protestants by Pastor Todaro. And many more said they would do the same.

A few days after this incident Pastor Todaro found that he was in trouble with the police.

He was called to the local court to explain why he did not fill in an immigration form on a previous visit to Italy—eight years ago. He was fined 9s. 4d.

Now he has been given a police warning: "If a single inhabitant of San Giuseppe catches cold at your next ceremony in the sea, get ready to be arrested. For causing injury to the public health!"

#### Statue trouble

Troubled indeed is the little world of Don Antonio. And it all began with a row over the statue of St. Joseph. A row that became a riot.

The statue is 4ft. 6in. high. Six men are needed to lift it from its place above the altar in the village church.

Each year, for as long as can be remembered, San Giuseppe—2,200 souls, 28 donkeys, and 116 dogs as near as anyone can count—has had the statue carried in a two-day procession round Mount Aspro, on which the village is built.



Brother Domenico Todaro

But this year their bishop said: "Four hours will suffice for your celebration."

And his secretary added: "It is time you realised your statue is a piece of wood. Nothing else. To worship it the way you do is like saying you love your mother because you look at her photograph every day."

That was when trouble was really let loose.

The police came in truck loads. They put a truck across the road down which the villagers insisted they would still take the statue. They drew batons to wrest the statue from them.

Sixteen people were hurt. Ten are to face charges in court.

#### Coincidence?

In the words of Don Antonio: "Such trouble has never come before to San Giuseppe. It could be that it is purely coincidence we have had this frightful clash now Pastor Todaro is here."

In the words of Pastor Todaro: "I saw a vision on the mountain-side. I saw a long road, a hard road. Then a message came to me, 'You can take the people of San Giuseppe down that road to the promised land.'"

"I didn't know we were going to meet the cops on the way.

"But don't think that will frighten me," the pastor went on. "In the last town where I took the gospel the priest led 500 peo-

To get a broader picture of what has developed in Italy into the 'Todaro Incident', we reprint this article from THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England.

ple to my house one night.

"They were all yelling outside. The priest came inside and said, 'You are preaching blasphemies, Todaro. We'll talk together and settle this for good. Have you got a Bible?'"

"But I went out on the doorstep and gave them the word.

"I told them about America, the land of milk and honey. I told them about President Eisenhower.

"They asked: 'Can you get us to America, Todaro?' And I told them: 'You come to my church first. Then, if it is the will of God, he will find a way to open the door for you.'"

#### A threat

Before the clash over the statue Pastor Todaro preached the protestant word to San Giuseppe in private houses. His biggest audience was 12. A day or so after the clash he preached in the open air to 200.

It was then that the story went round that IF anyone in the village who turned Protestant lost his job he MIGHT find it hard to get another one.

Said Pastor Todaro: "I'm not saying Don Antonio started that one.

"No more would it be him who started that story about me being ready to pay 50 dollars to anyone who will join my church."

Said Don Antonio: "I'm not saying anything about Todaro giving people money. I just notice there are a lot of people round this village who suddenly seem to have new suits."

It was just after the villagers started helping Pastor Todaro to build a Protestant church—and sent a deputation to tell the bishop that San Giuseppe was turning from Catholicism—that the police served their passport summons on Pastor Todaro.

#### 'Ignorant'

Said Pastor Todaro: "I would be the last person to suggest the bishop or Don Antonio had asked for court action. They wouldn't do that. They're far too clever. They'd get someone else to do it!"

LAST WORD from Don Antonio: "I'm not really interested in

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Today. It is true this village is in a state of some disorder. It is

true Todaro is gaining converts. "But what sort of people are they? Ignorant!"

**LAST WORD** from Pastor Todaro: "We shall see. There is plenty of time. My mission here

was for two years. But if the Lord wills it, I shall stay here four years.

"My passport says I can stay for five."

## WORLD PEACE

by Brother Donald J. Curry

The Soviet Union has recently made the boast that it will hold its 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution on the moon. Prior to this they threatened that if the United States would not support the acceptance of Red China into the United Nations, she (Russia) would monopolize upon ownership and colonization of the moon. These high-sounding boasts and threats were, of course, prompted by Russia's recent revolutionary catapult into scientific world leadership, which she gained by the launching of man-made space satellites, first "Sputnik" and then "Mutnik." The world's first reaction was a startled wonder and awe at this first conquest of outer space, but along with this was felt a growing pall of apprehension and fear at what such instruments in the hands of Soviet Russia could mean to the free world.

To every realistic thinking person there is no doubt about the intentions of Soviet Communism. Djilas, a former Communist leader in Yugoslavia, now imprisoned there for his anti-communistic writings, expresses very clearly in a recent book the nature of Communism. He states that the basic doctrine of Russian Communism is total and complete ownership. This is how such a government or group gets its power—by owning everything and everybody—by having everything and everybody under its complete control and at its complete disposal. This is a fearful concept, and its ultimate outcome is even more fearful, that is, that such a government is naturally at odds with everything that it does not own, and that it is a foregone con-

clusion that in order to maintain its power it must gain control of that which it does not control until it ultimately owns everything. It is obvious that with recent developments Russia is nearing the possibility of attaining such a goal and that she not only wants to own the world but the universe as well.

It is no wonder that fear has been struck into the heart of every freedom-loving individual. There have been many would-be world conquerors, but none so formidable and dreadful as this.

Where do we of The Church of Jesus Christ stand in this troubled world? The late president Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Above all we must not allow our thinking to become irrational through fear. We might coin our phrase and say, "We have nothing to fear but our own lack of faith." We may live in troubled times, but to us the world's unrest should be the herald of a new age.

What will calm the world's fears and bring peace? Will it come by conquest or by reason? Will the world be made better by science or by religion? Wars have served their purpose in liberating men from tyranny; science utilized for good has been a boon to modern civilization; but it is only through improving of human relationships that men will ever find peace. The sword, science, and the professing religions of the day have all failed to change the hearts of men to good. There is only one thing that will help men to conquer self, to lay down their weapons of war, and to learn to live in peace with one another.

Peace can only be brought about by "holding fast to the tenets of faith, hope, and love."

Men have known about this thing for almost 2000 years, yet this knowledge has done them little good. The hope of world peace is Jesus Christ and the doctrine that He taught, but the world has not been able to follow the doctrine of Christ without His spirit and authority upon them. We have both His spirit and the power to bring peace through the principles that He advanced. "Those who live by the sword," He said, "shall perish by the sword"—and perhaps His most priceless words are, "The meek shall inherit the earth." The dominion of the earth is not to those who wield hydrogen bombs, inter-continental ballistic missiles, and space satellites. These will never produce peace. We need not fear these things, because we have the assurance that no man-made power can foil the plan of God. Christ did not preach His doctrine of peace in vain, for His ideals will and must someday become a living reality. Truth and love are the greatest weapons in the battle for peace. They will conquer all—they will conquer the hearts of men. We hold Christ's ideals in embryo, and it is up to us to nourish and propagate His kingdom until it blossoms in all its splendor.

Fear? Fear is for those who have no security, for those who have lost their ideals and hopes, for those who have lost their faith. Let Russia and the world of tyranny perpetrate its worst—our hope is in God, and our security is in Christ. We will hold fast to the tenets of faith, hope, and love until through them we conquer all and Zion travails to bring peace upon the earth.

## OUR LEGACY

by Brother Bud Martin

### "OUR LEGACY THROUGH HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT"

Over nineteen hundred years ago there lived a man who was born of a virgin in Bethlehem of

Judea. He was a man of great love and obedience to His Father who was king of kings, and through His obedience, His Father made Him heir to the greatest

Our inheritance of the kingdom is certain by Christ's will, but we must first comply with obedience.

and wealthiest kingdom ever attained through time and eternity, who's wealth is impossible to describe because of its greatness and wonders. This heir to this glori-

ous kingdom of the Father left a strange last will and testament for his children, who became His children, not being born of the flesh but by being born of His spirit they became heirs to this great kingdom if they would follow the stipulations and commandments of this strange will.

In Hebrews 9:16-17 is written these words. "For where a testament is there also must be the death of the testator, for a testator, for a testament is of force after men are dead, otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." So it was the son of the heavenly Father died so that His last will and testament would be in force, but as I said before this was a very strange will.

When a man of wealth makes a will today he states the terms of the will that must be followed or the heirs are cut out of the testament, and many times there are many stipulations in the will that are very hard to follow. Only those that keep all of the terms of the will, do inherit the wealth of the testator, and after the will is drawn up and witnessed

the testator chooses a executor. The executor sees that his will is obeyed to the letter before his heirs receive their inheritance. But this great testator whose name is Jesus Christ, unlike the wealthy man of today though He died so that His last will and testament would be in force, he did not choose an executor of His will but He overcame death and became the executor of His own will.

Wherefore it became impossible for man to deceive Him and do only part of the stipulations of His will and inherit the kingdom, for He will be the judge and will not be deceived. Some of the terms of His will are as follows:

**You must be born of the water, by being baptised.**

**You must be born of the spirit, by the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost.**

**You must bear testimony to His goodness.**

**You must partake of the bread and wine so that you may have His life within you.**

**You must wash one anothers feet as He washed the disciples**

feet.

**You must love one another.**

**You must walk in the light, that you may be an example to the world.**

There are many others and we cannot record them all but as the great testator still lives, if you follow these first commandments of His last will and testament, He will make the rest of His commandments known unto you, and because of the great wealth of this kingdom, He caused His servant James to write, "Whosoever keepeth the whole law yet offend in one point, He is guilty of all." When we wait around His throne waiting for His will to be read let us be sure we have kept every stipulation of His will because as the law is written, if we have not kept everyone we will be guilty of all—and all will be lost. As one of His children and one of His heirs I hope and pray that each of us will be found faithful and obedient when at that last day we hear His last will and testament read before us and hear Him say well done my good and faithful servant, enter into my kingdom.

#### EDISON UPLIFT CIRCLE

The Edison Uplift Circle commemorated their 22nd anniversary on October 28, 1957 at the home of our president, Sister Elsie Enzana. The surrounding locals were invited, with a very good representation from Metuchen and Hopelawn.

Hopelawn has been organized for about 6 months, and the Metuchen sisters expressed that they would like a circle in their branch now. A wonderful spirit was felt by all present.

The Edison sisters gave a program, after which refreshments were served. We felt the Lord had blessed us in all our endeavors.

We were pleased to have Sister A. Carlini from Detroit in our midst, which certainly was an added asset. All in all, we thank God for our Ladies Circle and hope as the years roll it will continue to grow, and that His blessings will be with us.

Sister Betty D'Orazio

#### AGAIN

Spurgeon once said: "The question is not, 'Will he heathen be lost if they do not hear the gospel? but, shall we be saved if we do not take it to them?'" Something to think about.—Brother Cadman

#### THE ROAD TO BLISS

Matthew 7th Chapter, 13th and 14th verses: enter ye in at the straight Gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. On this, my 34th birthday, (Oct. 28th, 1957) in the Church, I do surely rejoice, that through the help of our Heavenly Father, I was able to obey His command, which has stood me in good stead, all these years, and really grows sweeter, as the years go by, and I would not exchange it, God helping me, for all the splendors of the world. On the 1st week-end of this month, Brother Fred Damico, his companion and son, Brother Silver Coppa, my wife and I, took off for Conference. We stopped overnight in Monaca, Pa., with the Rossies, (Brother Fred's sister and family.) where we received a great welcome, and left the next day for my brother's home in Monclair, New Jersey, receiving similar good treatment. My brother took us down to the School Building in New Market, New Jersey, where we had a very wonderful conference. Attending this conference, along with the rest of us, was Brother and Sister

(Jennie) Galante, of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Mich. They were so happy in conference, no one would ever anticipate such a sudden change. They returned to Detroit on Tuesday night, and when our brother arose on Wednesday morning, she had passed away. Let us all join in praying for our brother that our dear Heavenly Father will comfort him.

On our way home, we stopped in Rochester, New York, and were delighted to see Brother and Sister Ishmael Damico, with the family, also other brothers and sisters from Rochester and Lockport. Our brother and sister were quite pleased to see us, and are looking very well indeed. We returned to Detroit on Monday. The second week-end we accompanied Brothers Burgess, Domico Cotellesse, and Sister Loretta Garlow, to the Grand River Reservation. On our way there, we stopped in London, and had lunch with Sister Gadd, our elderly sister, was in fairly good health, on this occasion, but has since been extremely ill, and is now resting in St. Joseph's Hospital in London. We request the prayers of all saints, on her behalf.

In Grand River, we spent a very enjoyable time. Sister Loretta's class of young people, have requested a meeting on Saturday



nights, in the Church Building, so they could meet and study the History, of their forefathers, the Ancient Inhabitants of this land. I felt this to be quite a forward step, in the right direction, and do hope, and pray that God will abundantly bless them, and grant that a great future will be in store for them from this simple beginning. On Tuesday night October 8th the sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle, along with Sisters Maness, Jackson, and Bird, from Sarnia, met in the basement of Branch No. 1, to honor Sister Buffa, of California, with a going away party. Some of the words of Sister Buffa, after she was presented with a gift. She said that this was a complete surprise to her, and that as long as she lives, she shall never forget the honor that was bestowed upon her by the Circle. There was a great blessing, accompanying this affair, and all were wonderfully blessed. We spent the last Sunday of the month, between Port Huron and Sarnia. We found the saints in Port Huron enjoying themselves in the peace and love of God. In Sarnia, the work is progressing, thank God, we had a grand day of blessings. Brother Maness was anointed for illness, had washing of feet, and came back rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ has set us free. This day, Nov. 3rd, Brother and Sister Burgess, Sister Loretta Garlow, from Windsor, visited Branch No. 3. Brother Burgess gave us quite a talk on a Good Name, which was enjoyed by all. Brother Sam. Randazza, in his testimony, brought out a wonderful experience, that when the Priesthood and the members, of our Church, become one, God will abundantly bless us. There was a very good feeling accompanying this experience. Brother Joe Colison of Windsor, is quite ill, and requests the prayers of all, also Sister Antionette Leopoldo, of our Branch. In Branch No. 1 there was a young sister baptised on Sunday. Best to all.

Brother Matthew T. Miller

#### JAMES FERRARO HONORED BY HIS FAMILY

Brother Ferraro was pleasantly surprised on Sunday Nov. 17th by his children and grand children on the occasion of their honoring him on his 77th birthday. A turkey dinner was served at the home of his son Patsy here in Monongahela.

Among those present were his

sons, Patsy and Harry, with their families, his daughter, Mrs. Basil Sarver, her husband and family. His daughter Elizabeth Wooley of Youngstown, Ohio was unable to be present. Relatives from Cresson and Lilly, Pa. were also present. A happy occasion for the family!

Brother Ferraro is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, and at the age of 77 is still very active in attending Church. His good wife—Sister Ferraro passed on to her reward a couple of years ago. May the Lord bless Brother 'Jim' with health and strength the rest of his days on the earth

#### - W E D D I N G S -

##### Loffredo - Laney

In a double ring ceremony Sat. July 20, 1957 at The Church of Jesus Christ Branch No. 3 Detroit, Miss Elizabeth P. Laney the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Laney became the bride of Mr. Richard Loffredo.

Brother Paul Vitto officiated.

The bride's father gave his daughter in marriage. The bride wore a white satin and chantilly lace gown, with a finger tip veil

The bride's maid was Mrs. Naomi Ruth Homes, sister of the bride; the Maid of Honor was Miss Dixie Humphrey.

The predominating flowers of the wedding were mums and glads.

Mr. Robert Loffredo was the best man and Mr. Joe Campagna an usher.

The happy couple took a short trip and are now residing with the mother of the groom who is Sister Caroline Loffredo.

We extend our best wishes to the young couple.

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##### Kirschner - Olexa

On October 12, 1957, at 7:30 p. m., Charlotte Kirschner, daughter of Brother and Sister Samuel Kirschner, and J. Frederick Olexa, son of Brother and Sister John Olexa were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela. Elder John Olexa officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

Sister Mabel Brickerton sang, while Sister Sara Vancik played the organ. The bride was given away by her father. Best man was Kenneth Olexa and Maid of Honor was Sister Patricia Seigh-

man. Bridesmaids were Sisters Carolee Olexa and Martha Sue Cowan. William M. Kirschner and Brother Richard Scaglione served as ushers. Karen Evans, cousin of the groom, was flower girl, and David Kirschner, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Ginger Hill Grange with about 200 present. After a short wedding trip, the couple are now at home in their newly furnished apartment in Charleroi, Penna. Both Charlotte and Fred are members of the Church and we all extend our most sincere congratulations to them.

#### ENTERTAINED WONDERFULLY

Sunday morning meeting Nov. 10th in Monongahela was a Big Meeting for us. Quite a number of people that attended the young people's convention in the Rostraver Junior High School near here, attended our Sunday morning service. There were folks here from Canada, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio and from various places in Pennsylvania. Our church was overcrowded. Instead of observing our regular order in our Sunday School, the time was spent in giving many of our visiting young folks an opportunity of bearing their testimony to the Gospel.

The preaching service began at 11:00 a. m. and continued until about 12:30. The meeting was led by Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y. His theme was Obedience to the Word of God, using the scripture giving an account of King Saul disobeying the Lord, relative to saving some sheep for sacrifices. In the meantime, God had revealed to Samuel the transgression of Saul. It was the beginning of his downfall, and it brought about the displeasure of God upon the king and he lost his throne in the kingdom of Israel. Brother Marinetti handled the subject well indeed. He was followed by Brother Fred D'amico of Detroit who also gave us a very enlightening discourse well seasoned with God's Holy Spirit. Brother Cotellesse of Detroit was our next speaker and I thought he expressed himself very intelligently, the good spirit still prevailing. He brought to our attention the work on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, and of Brother Burgess' untiring efforts among the Indian people. Our last speaker, but not the least, was Brother Otto Henderson of