

VERMILYA REUNION AT BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

The following from the Daily-Sentinel Tribune of Bowling Green, Ohio, will be of interest to the friends of the Vermilya family here:

Yesterday was a gala day at the Vermilya home on Haskins street of this place, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vermilya completed fifty years of married life last October, but being in Florida a family reunion was not possible at the time. Wednesday night the members and some near relatives of the family began to gather to join in a celebration of the anniversary and a reunion, and by noon Thursday the whole family with all grandchildren but one, were on the ground enjoying themselves as only a large and vigorous group can. At the noon hour a sumptuous feast was indulged in.

There are five sons and one daughter in the family, grouped two and two in three vocations, two are doc-

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tors, two in Christian work and two farmers. The following is a list of the children in the order of their ages:

Dr. O. C. Vermilya, wife Verna and daughter Gladys, Fremont, O.; H. A. Vermilya, wife Anna and children Leo, John, Bertha, Harold and Ryo of Haskins, O.; W. B. Vermilya, wife Bary and children Ruth, Clarence and Carl of Belmore, O.; Rev. C. E. Vermilya, wife Golda and children Harold, Margerie and Mildren of Valley City, North Dakota; Dr. E. L. Vermilya, wife and children Donald Catherine and Ruby of Fremont, O.; Miss Mary Vermilya, of Toledo, O.

Others in attendance were a sister Eliza Johnston of Athian, Ind., her daughter Mrs. Winnifred Randal of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Vermilya's sister, Mrs. Mary Gordon of West Salem, O.; Quincy Eicker and wife of Homerville, O.; Victor and John Garden of West Salem, O.; and Mrs. Leo Vermilya, Hastings, O.

The Vermilya family was one of the first to settle in New York, coming to America from Holland. Like most of their early countrymen they were associated with the Dutch Reformed church. As higher heights have been climbed in the family tree, the family name has been found to hang on an Italian twig. Peter Hartyr, a Catholic Priest in Italy, having the good sense to believe that it was not good for man to be alone, married a sister and accepted rejection by his church and with his chosen wife, like Abraham of old, journeyed to a far country. Thus we have in our midst, a family closely akin to the Holland Dutch by blood and traditions, but indebted to the courage and good sense of an Italian for its name.