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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—1 Nephi 3:187.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

April 6, 1929! What a thrill this date has for all believers in the Latter Day Restoration! This is the date of the organization of The Church of Christ ninety-nine years ago. This has been a sacred date with us for many years, and is constantly looked forward to with great anticipations. It will soon be 100 years (May 15, 1929, it will be) since the bestowal of the Aaronic Priesthood by the Angel John the Baptist, on Joseph and Oliver.

On April 6th the General Conference of the Church of Christ will assemble. For years the little body known as the Church of Christ have been meeting on that date, but their numbers have been very few, and but little business was done. Their numbers are now increasing, and much more business is to be attended to. This General Conference will be a momentous one. Important business is to be transacted, chief of which will be measures for the beginning of the work of building of the Temple—the great event of the last days, long looked forward to by all believers in the Restoration. We are hoping for a representative gathering of our people who shall come in solemnity and faith, and with humility that shall commend us to the favor of God, and with no other desire but that God's will shall obtain.

An effort will be made to publish this issue earlier than usual. But with all that no doubt by the time this issue reaches many of our subscribers, the Conference will be under way. Let those who cannot, remember the General Conference in their daily prayers, that the Spirit of God may have complete control.

APOSTLE SAMUEL WOOD SAILS FOR AMERICA

From a personal letter from Brother Wood, there comes the information that he would sail on March 2, from Southampton, for the United States. His efforts in Wales have been very successful and highly gratifying. He reports having captured all of the Reorganization in Wales, with the exception of one mission, and a small portion of one branch, and there remains only two active Elders of the Reorganization in all Wales. Brother Wood planned to visit all of our Churches in

Wales prior to his departure, after a special effort to be made at Sheffield, England. We are not as yet informed of the results of the effort at Sheffield. No doubt we shall all be permitted to meet Brother Wood face to face at our next General Conference.

EDITORIAL ITEMS

Apostle T. J. Sheldon answered a call to come to Des Moines, Iowa, where we are informed he went to meet with a body of Utah brethren, who have become interested in the message and work of The Church of Christ, as well as some of the Reorganization. We understand the Presiding Elder of the Utah Church had a dream concerning the work of the Church of Christ which occasioned the present interest and inquiry. Brother Sheldon continued there for more than one week holding meetings every night, except Saturday night, and visiting and talking during the day time.

From Des Moines, he was called to go to Evansville, Wisconsin, to preach the funeral of a Sister of Apostle B. C. Flint, which funeral was to be held on Monday afternoon of February 25. We imagine our brother will visit the disciples at DeKalb, Illinois ere he returns.

From the **Branch Gleanings** of the Providence, R. I. Branch we learn that Apostle Elmer E. Long is with them, and that he is busy holding services every night. Apostle Long has a splendid short article in the February issue of **Gleanings**, entitled **Build the Temple**. The **Gleanings**, continues to be interesting and we congratulate our Brothers and Sisters of the Providence Branch on their enterprise. Their periodical is issued on a mimeograph, but is so interesting and instructive, that we are sure it will prove a benefit to the local congregation. May God bless their efforts.

Sister Hazel Bozarth, wife of Elder C. E. Bozarth, was suddenly called to the home of her parents in Dayton, Ohio, on account of the serious illness and death of her brother. To the bereaved ones we extend our sincerest sympathy. Sister Bozarth will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephenson, for a short visit while there.

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Suppose we illustrate—The writer on this question is a British subject, and furthermore a justice of the peace, with full authority to act as a magistrate, and notary public, holding full authority to sit as a judge in a court, impose fines, and recommit to further trial on serious criminal charges under the British Canadian flag. But I live now in the city of Los Angeles, in the state of California, under the government of the United States, and am not an American citizen.

Suppose now this case: (and it's a true story) Recently I witnessed on the streets here, a fight between two men. One, the aggressor, a burly roughneck beating up a policeman. As I looked on I felt within my soul, I'd like to step up and put that criminal under arrest and assist the officer in defending the peace and laws of this country. Would my authority as an officer under the British flag, give me the right to arrest that man?

Your answer would be "No, certainly not." And why? You would say: "Because you are not appointed by the laws governing this country." Suppose I should say, "Well, I feel I'd like to officiate at such times," and should I venture to assume authority, then what? Why, the authorities of this government would say: "Who are you? Where did you get your authority to act here?"

Should I say: "I felt I was called to officiate I would place myself liable to be called in question before their tribunal as a usurper. Is that not a fact?"

Well, then, let us use the same logic, and reason, touching the laws governing the Kingdom of God.

Do you think the laws of the land are more strict, correct, and binding, than the laws of God?

Are not the laws of the land, based on the laws of God?

Are the laws of man superior to the laws of God?

It is written in the laws of God: "He that keeps the laws of God, has no need to break the laws of the land.

Did not the Great "Law Giver" say: "Render unto Caesar, the things that are Caesar's, and render unto God, the things that are God's."

Is it not right and proper that we respect, and honor the laws of the country we live in?

Is it not just as right and proper that we respect and honor the laws of God governing His Church and Kingdom upon earth?

Touching the question of authority:

Then why pass over lightly the appointment to office in Christ's Church on earth and take it for granted that every Tom, Dick, and Harry, that "feels" like it, can officiate in the high and holy calling of an Apostle or any other office marked out in the law book of heaven, the Bible, and wink at the question as if God runs His kingdom in a kind of a haphazard way?

God's system of Church Government both in heaven and on earth, is **perfect**.

"For whatsoever God doeth, it shall be **forever**, nothing can be put to it, or anything taken from it." Why? Because He does His work **perfect**. He established a perfect system of church organization in Jerusalem.

Show me a kingdom, government, organization, corporation, manufacture, store, farm, or an individual, man or woman, that has no system, and I'll show you a failure.

When Christ said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," He was not talking at random. He said what He meant, and He meant what He said. He did not mean that His kingdom was some "will-o'-th-wisp" story, something that did not exist, He meant His Church and Kingdom on earth, and that kingdom was an organization, consisting of a king, officers, laws, subjects, and territory. These five essentials constitute His, and every other kingdom.

And when those taunting Pharisees came to Him, demanding of Him, when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them this way: "Neither shall they say lo here, or lo there, for **Behold the Kingdom of God is within you.**" Christ's spiritual Kingdom was **right in their midst** and **they could not discern it** because they were carnal, and filled with unbelief.

And when Nicodemus their chief ruler, came to Him asking Him the very same question, for Christ's answer to him verifies it for he said, "Except a man is born again, **he cannot see the Kingdom of God.**" John 3:5. No man, in his sinful state, can discern or "**see**" the Kingdom of God, for it is spiritually discerned. "For the natural man cannot discern the things of God, for they are spiritually discerned.

Christ's Kingdom is a spiritual Kingdom, and is conclusive proof He established that Kingdom. In one other place He said "if My Kingdom was of this world, then My disciples would fight."

Now then let us further illustrate: Suppose I wanted to become an officer, under the Stars and Stripes. What would be my first step towards that office? Why your answer would be, you first must become a citizen of this country. You must obey the laws of adoption. You must learn the laws governing your conduct, and be willing to

abide by the laws of this country; then being a legally appointed citizen, does not gain you the right to officiate as an officer, until you are properly appointed, **by those in authority** to induct you into an office. You need not suppose because you can read the laws and see how other men are appointed, that you can act upon other men's appointments. No, you must be appointed by those already holding authority, to authorize you.

Do you think the laws governing the appointment of officials in the United States is superior to the laws governing the authorities of the perfect Kingdom of God,—His Church?

One of the most important questions for a person desiring to be baptized, is for him to **know** that the minister officiating has been legally appointed by the Lord to do that work, for it's equally true, that in order for the candidate to become a citizen of the Kingdom of God, he must obey the laws of adoption, and not at the hands of a usurper who assumes this office, for that work must be done by a legally appointed servant of God, who has been called to do that work, according to the laws of God, laid down in the Bible.

For the laws governing the Kingdom of God were given by the **King** of heaven himself, and His **first** move in the establishment of His Spiritual kingdom, **was to call**, and appoint to office **Twelve Apostles**. And through their authority, they were to appoint others to offices as they were directed by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, and He further vested in them, authority saying to them: "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained and whatsoever ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." In other words whosoever ye appoint to officiate in the Kingdom of God on earth, shall be acknowledged in heaven. And whosoever comes to you in humility of heart, and with a broken and contrite spirit, and repents of his sins, ye shall baptize them with water, **unto** repentance, and when you lay your hands upon them to invoke the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they shall receive it, which to them will be the evidence of cancelled sin, and their acceptance with God, and verify to you, and them, of the authority of God in the officer officiating, and there and then they become adopted into the Kingdom of God, and when their names are recorded, on the records of the Kingdom of God on earth, so shall their names be recorded in "The Lamb's Book of Life," never to be erased, for once a son, **always a son**. You may go prodigal, but you will always be a son of God by adoption. Then, and **not till then**, are they eligible to office, and thus the record of the laws governing the calling to office are also recorded in the Bible. For the laws governing the calling to office are as plainly marked out in the Bible as are the laws governing the adoption of citizens.

The calling of the ministry then, must come in God's own way, for it is written. "No man taketh this honor unto himself." Heb. 5:4.

"For Christ glorified not Himself, to be made a High Priest." Heb. 5:5.

You may ask, How are we to **know** when a minister has been called of God?

The answer is very simple, "For a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein."

"To the law and to the testimony."

Yes, this question can be answered, and if you follow closely, we promise to make it plain.

First, if we can learn how the Lord appointed his ministers in past ages, and He says He is unchangeable, and no respecter of persons, and has promised to verify His promises, **then**, we have found the key to this question. When the church was established at Jerusalem, Christ called Twelve men, **speaking direct to them**, calling them by name, to serve as **Apostles**. Before He left, He promised to send the Holy Ghost, as a medium, a teacher to direct in these things. He taught the officers of the church to "pray ye therefore, the Lord of the Harvest, to send forth laborers." Luk. 10:38.

He Himself fasted, and **prayed all night**, asking God to direct Him in the **selection of church officials**. Luk. 6:12.

The office work of the Holy Ghost was to take the things of the Father, and reveal them unto us." He told the Apostles to "tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye are endowed with power from on high." In other words, they were to wait till this spiritual Teacher came to them after He left. They did so, and on the great day of Pentecost, the promise was verified. The Holy Spirit descended upon them like a powerful burning zeal, a power that melted all ill will among them, so great was this overwhelming baptism of Fire, and the Holy Ghost, that men while under this influence, began to speak in unknown tongues. Men were called to the ministry through those who exercised these gifts. This was Christ's own promised rule fulfilled, for making known those whom God wished should officiate in His Kingdom. God spoke through His son, while he was here, and speaks through the medium of the Holy Ghost, using as His mouthpiece those whose hearts and minds are tuned to the inspiration that harmonizes with that powerful influence, hence God speaks through those who are **gifted with the gift of tongues or prophecy**, Mark 16:16.

In all ages of the past God has always honored his servants on earth, to use them as mediums through which the Holy Spirit operates, hence to honor and respect God's servants on earth, is equal to honoring the Great Supreme Father of us all. This has always been God's way. God has always insisted that people on earth must show respect and honor for those He appoints to represent Him.

For instance, did you ever notice how exact, careful and respectful He was of Paul's conversion.

The Bible tells the story about like this:

Paul was a bitter enemy against Christ, and His church, till one day he was on his way to the city of Damascus, with credentials in his pocket from the chief authorities of the seat of government, to arrest and imprison all defenders of the saints, and right at noon when the sun shone bright, he was struck stone blind by the presence of some personage in mid-air, so brilliant was the light that shone around this person that the light of the sun became invisible. Immediately Paul cried out: "**Lord what will You have me do?**" It was Christ who appeared to him and here is my point, **the Lord did not tell him directly what to do**, but He told him to go into the city of Damascus "**and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**" Paul had to be led into the city and was three days blind, till as he was directed, he went to one of God's authorized servants 'Ananias' and when Paul was led into this man's house, Ananias told him, how that the Lord had made it known to him that this great church persecutor was coming, he said to Paul, "And now why tarriest thou, "Arise and be baptized and **wash away thy sins.**" Paul did so, and received both his physical and spiritual sight. You see how God works. He always recognizes His authorities on earth. Later on Paul was spoken to, through a prophet at Antioch, and was made one of the Twelve Apostles.

Our Savior's farewell words to the apostles were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned, and these signs shall follow them that believe, in My name they shall cast out devils, they shall speak forth new tongues, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:15.

Summing up now: God spoke direct at times, He sent messages through angels, and spoke through the medium of the Holy Ghost, using men and women, through the gifts of unknown tongues and prophecy. Hence, any minister who ridicules the idea of God speaking in the above ways nowadays, and asserts he is called by "feeling" is no more an authority of the Kingdom of God, than the writer is an authority of the United States.

It is not a question of being a "good man." The question is **first** is he a citizen of the Kingdom of God by adoption. **Second**, has he been appointed to office in God's way as marked out in the Bible? You may be a "good man" living in the United States, and you may "feel" you are an officer here, but if you try to officiate when you have no credentials, the law will imprison usurpers. How about usurpers in His Kingdom. On one occasion, "seven Jews" in Paul's time, were poo-pooing the authority vested in Christ's servants, and they undertook to cast out devils, using the name of Christ. They said: "We adjure you by Jesus, whom Paul preacheth," and the evil spirits answered and said: "Paul we know, and Jesus we know, but **who are you?**" And the

man who was possessed with the evil spirit leaped on them and left them naked, and wounded." Acts 19: 13-16.

In this same chapter is recorded another case in point, in which Paul re-baptized twelve men, who had been baptized by a man who had no authority, and when they were baptized by Paul's authority, they received the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in tongues and prophesy.

Christ left on record a rule to test an authority, "He that is called of God, **will speak the words of God.**" "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." John 15:16. How true this is, for thousands choose to enter the ministry and don't wait for Christ to choose them but they "choose Christ," choose to be counted as His representatives, without a call from Him according to the law marked out in the law book the Bible, but of their own aspirations they assume the garments to preach the gospel, and what conglomerated mass of confusion they make of it. There are thousands of so-called representatives preaching all kinds of doctrines as if God was the author of all this confusion for "A house of confusion, contention and strife is never the place for salvation and life." God does not inspire, authorize and call one man to preach one thing and forty others to preach some other doctrine.

Christ has but **one** kingdom, **one** set of laws, **one** gospel, **one** plan of salvation, **one** church called by His name, **one** way of adopting citizens into His Kingdom, and **one** way of appointing his authorities. And this is by direct or present revelation.

Jesus further said, "Many shall come in My name" preaching that he is Christ and deceive many."

"Many will say unto Me in that day: 'Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name, done many mighty works?'" His reply is "Depart from me ye never **knew** Me. Mat. 7:22. A big disappointment is in store for thousands of usurpers who boast of "building great churches, to the Glory of Christ." When they will wake up to the fact, that "the house was built on sand." In other words, their authority came from some college or university and not from a "thus saith the Lord."

Paul was a well educated man before he knew Christ, but he learned from experience later on, that his education did not amount to a row of pins, when compared to the inspiration that comes from the university of Heaven, for he said of himself: "For I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or enticing words of man's wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the spirit, and of power. **That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.**" "For the natural man receiveth not the

things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." "For the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God." 1 Cor. 2. And when Paul was writing to Timothy on this very question of comparing scholarship with inspiration, he said "preach the word." For the time will come, they will not endure sound doctrine, but after this our lusts, they shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned into fables. Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away. For "they are ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 3-4.

When Christ was selecting twelve apostles to stand as His leading representatives on earth, He passed by the celebrated orators, and polished dignitaries of great scholarship, and selected the unlearned, humble fisherman, and why? Simply because he could better use them, they were not all built upon their own conceit, they were teachable. And when Christ was receiving instructions from His Father in heaven in answer to His prayers on the calling of men, He said: "I thank thee, Father of heaven and earth because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them unto babes." Mat. 11-25.

Paul had the same thought in mind, when he wrote these words, "For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, and not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty—that no flesh should glory in His presence." 1 Cor. 26-28.

Let me again repeat and emphasize the fact, that when Christ the Son of God, the greatest teacher of all time, felt the need of fasting and praying all night long, the night before He called the Twelve Apostles to make sure that His selection of men to officiate as God's authorities to represent His church was the mind and will of God, it shows the importance of such a high and holy calling, does it not? This article is getting rather lengthy for this little paper, hence we'll close by inviting you to examine the authority vested in "the Church of Christ" we are defending, and see if its officials are not called, and appointed in the way it is marked out in the Bible. For every minister who claims to represent heaven, as a God-appointed servant, must answer this question to God sooner or later.

For the man who "preaches Christ" to get an easy living, would be better to take his pick and shovel and mix some manual labor with his preaching, or as Brother Wood put it, "The best way to convert men at a threshing is with a pitch fork." Both Christ and Paul, worked and preached the gospel.

ANCIENT AND MODERN SANBALLATISM

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In days of old a remnant of Israel that had escaped the captivity, under the guidance of the prophet Nehemiah, conceived the idea of restoring the walls of Jerusalem and the Temple. Accordingly they presented the matter to Artaxerxes, and obtained of him consent and letters of authority to do this work. Being thus equipped with proper credentials they proceeded upon their mission which had the effect of provoking in Sanballat a spirit of derision and mirth, to the extent that Nehemiah said, "they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, what is this thing that ye do? Will ye rebel against the king?" Neh. 2:19. And the modern Sanballats and Tobiahs echo the same sentiment for the remnant that has escaped from the modern captivity of latter day saintism, who have received instruction from the Lord to build the Temple and make the preparation for the gathering to Zion out of every nation under heaven. Many of this remnant that were formerly associated with other factions of the Restoration that have found refuge with the little band of people commonly called Hedrickites, have been made the target of their former associates' spleen and derision. This little group for years has been the stone that has been rejected by latter day builders as of no worth, except to be "absorbed as a sponge absorbs a drop of water." They have been singled out among their fellows as being poor, uneducated persons without means or intelligence enough to accomplish so great a work. One high official called the Temple Lot, "the dumping ground of Mormonism," a missionary of the same organization at a recent discussion at Black River Falls, called us the "slop bucket of Mormonism," others say, "You have only got the scum and filth of our church." Attempts have been made to seduce, bribe and slander when a revelation was given by the Lord to the Church of Christ at Crow Creek, Illinois, in 1864, indicating that the way would be opened for them to return to Jackson County, Missouri, in 1867, immediately the opposition set out to hinder its accomplishment. For as in the days when Nehemiah made known his purpose, "When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah, the servant, Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel," Neh. 2: 10, so it was when the Lord chose Granville Hedrick to deliver the message that would start the gathering back to Missouri as above referred to, they said, "We would caution all our readers against going to that land before God commands His saints to go there, by His prophet Joseph. If any go before that time, they may expect that the judgments of God will come upon them." True Latter-Day Saints Herald, August 15, 1864. And in the words of Nehemiah, our reply to them was, "The God of Heaven will prosper us." Neh. 2:20. Accordingly the Church of Christ made the necessary preparation to return to Independence, Missouri at the appointed time,

and history records the fact that this little group held a conference of the church at that place March 1, 1867, the first such public or private meeting held by any of the factions since the expulsion of the church in November, 1833. And it is also a matter of record that in about two years members of other factions began to settle there in spite of the "caution" and warning that "the judgments" of God would come upon all that did not wait for a command "By, His prophet Joseph," which command never came.

Possession of the coveted Temple Lot was obtained by this group of people between the years 1869 and 1876. For this property the Church of Christ paid the sum of \$1,125 and obtained title through Deed of Trust and Warranty Deed, which title has been affirmed by the highest tribunal of the United States government. Failing to gain their purpose against us by false revelations to frighten us from our mission, and again by the famous Temple Lot law suit of the '90's, they changed their tactics and sought by fair words, bribes and promises to seduce us from our sacred trust. How well this coincides with the methods of Sanballat, as recorded in Nehemiah, 6th chapter, where he used craft, false rumors, and hired prophets to terrify Nehemiah.

In Volume 3, page 644 of the Reorganized church history, we find this further confession, "When they (the Church of Christ, CLW) removed to Independence, Missouri, they bought up as opportunity offered some of the lots belonging to the block originally dedicated for the building of the Temple, including the site for the Temple." And in spite of the persecution, bribes and scorn, that we suffered, our opponents are forced to make this further confession "As an organization they have held to the fundamental doctrines of the church and have been guilty of no moral lapse. In fact in the face of adroit efforts to bribe and seduce from their trust, they have kept themselves free from evil forces and designing men. Hence no charge of apostacy from the original faith could be supported were there any among us inclined at this time to make such a charge," Saints Herald, Vol. 65, No. 17, for April 24, 1918.

Failing to terrify us by false "rumors" of "the judgments of God," "craft," etc., we find them resorting today to the methods of Sanballat wherein, "He spake before his brethren and the armies of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish which are burned?" Neh. 4:2. And the modern Sanballats echo in this manner, "What do these feeble Hedrickites, their old men are passing away and their young men are few, will they protect themselves, for they have not enough intelligence nor financial means to carry out their purpose. Will they sacrifice for the accomplishment of this great task? Will they accomplish their task in the appointed time of seven years? Or can we hinder and obstruct until we shall be enabled

to take their place and finish it, and thwart them of their glory? Will they be able to "revive" or restore the truth out of the "heaps" of false doctrines and innovations that have crept into the church since the early thirties, sufficient to stem the apostate condition we are in?"

And as the ancient Tobiah chimed in with his flattery, and said, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." (Neh. 4:2.) So we hear them say to the modern Sanballat, "These Temple Lot people are weak in number, they have no means, they have no missionaries, they have no intelligence, they have no prestige, therefore we will hold them up to ridicule before the world, we will send our cunning ones in their midst to cause division in their ranks, (Neh. 5:1, 5), We will dare them to meet our men of learning, who are filled with the wisdom of the world, sophistry, and sharp tactics of speech learned in our college, and make them ridiculous in the eyes of the children of men who are investigating their claims, thus putting these despised Hedrickites to rout, and scattering their forces, and preventing them from exposing the "heaps of rubbish" that we are palming off on gullible thousands, from whom we are extracting the wealth to build up our great and spacious buildings for the glorification of our ourselves where we can have a great assembly place to gather large crowds to view our theatricals, that are prepared to satisfy the worldly pleasure seeking desires of those we have duped by our artifice and chicanery."

In spite of these ungodly efforts to hinder the Church of Christ in the accomplishment of the work entrusted to our hands, we find that we have prospered, that we have increased,—numerically, financially and in prestige with those who are interested in what we are striving to accomplish. And Why?—because the Lord has so willed it.

In the days of Nehemiah the Jews put their trust in God, and were rewarded with wisdom to thwart the "rumors" and "craft" of the "foxes" of his day. So likewise we have not been left without comfort in our struggle. In 1863 we were told to "let your labors in all your services as ministers in the things that I have appointed unto you be done in the spirit of meekness and condescension before the Lord. I, the Lord will make known your duty and preparation toward your brethren." Again in 1864 He said, "prepare yourselves and be ready against the appointed time which I have set and prepared for you that you may return in the year A. D. 1867." Following these instructions the Church of Christ has held her own throughout the years, eliminating the "heap of rubbish" that has attached itself to the restoration; holding fast to the "revived stones" of truth that have been salvaged from the "heaps" till today she has extended the borders of her influence until it includes members in every quarter of the United States, Canada and across the seas to foreign lands. As a result of our steadfast faith in God, in the face of overwhelming forces arrayed against us, the Lord con-

tinues to bless and direct us. In 1919 the word of the Lord came again into us: "Ye shall yet be the means of saving your brethren, and bringing them to a unity of purpose and action before me, for the time of building the Temple and the fulfilling of the prophets is at hand and this work must be accomplished speedily." Then we find the fulfillment of the prophets coming to pass, wherein the Lord said, "Elias must first come and restore all things," who in the person of John the Baptist appeared to Otto Fetting of the Twelve, and said, "You men (the twelve CLW) with others shall assist in the building of the Temple, the house of the Lord, which shall be started in 1929." And my how the modern Sanballats and Tobiahs rage. After spending thousands of dollars in the '90's to dispossess the Church of Christ of their sacred trust and resorting to crafty seductions, and attempted bribes, their "servants" are now saying the site for the Temple is not in the hands of the Church of Christ, which has resulted in these "servants" scattering "rumors" to that effect among the people to deceive them. And their "foxes" have come against the "walls" of "revived" truths in some two or three public discussions in the last year. The results? An organized group of energetic members who have forsaken the army of "Sanballat" in each place and have transferred to the Church of Christ. But these "servants" say, "You Hedrickites haven't hurt us, we won't miss those you have gained—which is far from the truth as testified to in their own reports.

Reviewing the statistical report of the Southern Wisconsin District of the Reorganized Church for the year ending November 1, 1928, we find some startling figures that contradict these "rumors." Let us bear in mind that during this period the Lancaster Debate between the writer and L. G. Holloway was held in this field, beginning November 6, 1927. This report includes 9 branches and is as follows:

Statistical Report

	No. Last Report	Gain Bap.	Loss Tr'ns.	Death Tr'ns.	Pres. Exp'd	No.
Soldiers Grove ...	145	..	1	1	1	144
Flora Fountain ...	59	..	3	1	4	57
Lancaster	69	..	..	1	7	14 47
Madison	94	..	5	..	2	2 95
Evansville	37	..	..	..	1	2 24
Janesville	16	..	..	..	..	..
Beloit	81	..	..	..	..	..
Milwaukee	61	..	..	..	..	..
Non-residents ...	73	..	..	..	..	73
Total.....	635	9	3	15	18	440
Loss.....	440					195

Thus we find that on November 1, 1927 the membership was 635
 Gain by baptism..... 000
 Net membership for year..... 635
 Loss by death and other causes..... 195
 Total membership November 1, 1928.... 440

To offset this approximate loss in the Southern Wisconsin District for the period named, some of the "servants" might say that it was occasioned by the transfer of members to other places, but this is offset by their own figures which shows that the loss in this way is only 6 as they gained 9 by the same means.

This report does not cover the Northern Wisconsin District especially in the vicinity of Black River Falls, where the Church of Christ has gained a number of converts as the result of discussion held there between the writer, and Elder Holloway who was assisted by Apostle J. F. Curtis, and Elders Bowen, Livingston and Wildermuth.

So it is a pleasure and privilege to defend a church where "foxes" meet their defeat against the impregnable "walls" of restored or "revived stones" of truth, salvaged from the 'heaps' of innovations that have been introduced into the latter day work. A very pleasant and profitable missionary trip was enjoyed by the writer and his wife through Evansville, Grant county and the vicinity of Black River Falls. At present we are in Eastern Canada, where we hope to accomplish the mission allotted to us last conference. Soon we will be in Toronto, where we purpose to have the Church of Christ registered that our ministry may be recognized and obtain reduced fare on railways and thus promote the interests of the church. Our efforts along this line may require a trip to Ottawa to appear before the Dominion Parliament before this work is consummated.

A DREAM

About four o'clock on the morning of Sunday, June 30, 1907, the following dream was given to me: I dreamed that I was occupying a position behind an embankment of earth, which was quite extensive both to the left and the right, and saw a long column of brethren, young and middle aged thinly drawn out in lines as far as the eye could see. Some I knew, but the faces of many were strange. We were clad in ordinary citizens' apparel, but equipped with arms consisting of repeating rifles, and light artillery. We were posing as soldiers in the front rank of a line of battle, our only object seeming to be to hold the position we occupied, while grape shot and shell our enemy hurled at us was shrieking above us, and pounding the earth about us. The thunder of cannon, and confusion of voices fell upon our ears some were pale, but many showed their colors.

I saw the forces of the enemy were divided into many companies, who would not hold one to another, while, he who was commander of them all, and wore secret emblems, and carried a sword in one hand. He whistled to attract attention, rattled with his sword, gave silent signals to rally and assemble, but they would not. They kept moving farther and farther away, while the noise of battle and confusion of voices gradually became less and less.

I noticed that it was becoming lighter and lighter about us, and before us, and I heard one inquiring the cause of the great light, which was increasing every minute, and our enemies all the time receding before us, whereupon I cast my eyes about me to discern, if possible, the cause of the increasing light, and as I did so, I beheld many lights, as it were, formed in a column, approaching side by side, forming a solid phalanx, with many iron tracks running straight before us, coming directly to the position occupied by the front ranks, then I answered, and said, "These are war-engines coming at our backs."

When I looked again a dense cloud of smoke filled the sky above the engines, and the light above them was so great that the solid and opaque bodies became as transparent as glass, and they came on until they were within a rod or two of the front column of men, and the empty space before us was whiter and fairer than a snow covered plain.

All the thunder and commotion of war was hushed. I turned about to look upon the splendid, and stately column of engines, which had approached so closely behind us, and Lo! to my astonishment **I was standing face to face with my brethren**, and receiving kindly greeting.

Courage, brethren, who stand in trying places! There is to support us, a world of glory, which cannot be broken, as well as a hope of an eternal crown.

G. S. Wightman.

Parkland, Washington, Nov. 22, 1907.

Copied from "The Saints Herald of Dec. 11, 1907.

The emphasis on certain words are mine.
E. A. S.

Lamoni, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1929.

H. E. Moler,
400 E. Fourth St., Holden, Mo.

Dear Brother Moler:

I have recopied this dream which I took from an old "Herald," about three years ago. I can see a different meaning in the interpretation of it now than what I did at that time.

Then the only battle I could see in progress in the Church, was that of the "Protestant Movement" against the "S. D. C." platform and other innovations, and I thought it might have referred to that; but on reading the dream again the other day, I was enabled to discern quite a different meaning.

The writer says: "Our only object seeming to be to hold the position we occupied." The Church of Christ claims to be the "Remnant of the church as organized on April 6, 1830, and that she has ever held her integrity, and faith, while other organizations have brought in innovations, changing the church from the Church of Christ, to churches of men. The Church of Christ has ever

held this position, and will maintain her stand "behind the embankment" that will be raised, when the excavation for the foundation of the "TEMPLE" is made.

The Lord has, time and time again, told the saints of the Reorganization, that unless they heeded more closely to his instructions, that he would choose another people. He did not have to go far to choose that other people, for those to whom he gave custody of the "TEMPLE LOT" were right at hand, and being a humble people, and full of love, he could work with them.

In 1832, the Prophet, Joseph, was told that a "Temple built unto the Lord should be erected in that generation." That time is nearing its close, yet the "Temple Lot" is not even owned by the Reorganization, neither has their prophet received any revelation that it should be built.

The call for the building of the Temple could not have come through an **apostate church**, no more than "THE ANGEL MESSAGE" could have come through the Catholic church, though she makes the claim that she is the "TRUE CHURCH IN SUCCESSION," so God has done like He always has done, chosen, "whom He would," to be his messenger, then an house shall be build unto Him, to which his faithful children might come and receive of the endowment promised.

The Temple is to be built, it will be built, and we firmly believe that all Latter Day Israel will turn about face, and begin to realize that God loveth all His saints alike, whether they follow this faction or that, so long as they live up to the best light that is in them, and if they will but trust in Him, and work together for the good of all, and seek to build up ZION, God will recognize their efforts, and nothing shall hinder the cause.

In this dream, the **forces** of the ENEMY were divided into many companies, who would not hold one to the other, but, rather, seeming to move farther and farther away from their **Leader**, and **COMMANDER**.

Is this not the exact position of the Protestant movement? Are they not divided into a number of groups, yet they say they have not left their Mother Church, that they are only branches of that church, and that they have only changed their name by **one word** as a matter of convenience, in a business way.

But if there is to be any dependance placed in this dream at all,—"The noise of battle, and confusion of voices will, gradually, become less and less, when greater and greater will the light become, which will enable all to see, as it were, eye to eye, and be united in one great family.

The "ROD OR TWO" between the Reorganization, and the Church of Christ, Temple Lot people, or "FRONT COLUMN OF MEN," will be "Whiter and fairer than the snow covered plain." "All the thunder and commotion of war will be hushed," and Lo! we will all come to an under-

standing that we are **one great BROTHERHOOD** striving for the **ONE GREAT CAUSE**, — The **FATHERHOOD OF GOD** and the **BROTHERHOOD OF MEN**.

E. A. S.

THE SEVEN TIMES PUNISHMENT UPON ISRAEL

May I express a few thoughts upon the Seven Times Punishment upon Israel as mentioned in the 26th chapter of Leviticus, and the 18th verse, as follows: "And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins."

There is much written by various writers on the above; but there are many wrong calculations of time concerning the commencement of the above mentioned punishment. Pastor Russell of the International Bible Students' Association in his book on the fullness of the Times of the Gentiles says: "The year when Israel lost the kingdom by the King Nebuchadnezzar was the year 606 B. C." and so that is the reason he makes the end of the period of seven times to expire in the year 1914.

Seven times is reckoned at a day for a year to be 2,520 years, 30 days to a Lunar month, and 12 months making a year of 360 days. This 360 multiplied by seven makes the 2,520 years; but I cannot accept the above quotation of time because we believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God; and the Book of Mormon gives us knowledge different from that quoted by Pastor Russell. We have the statement in the Book of Mormon, (1st Nephi, Chapter 1: verse 3), that it was in the first year of the reign of King Zedekiah that Lehi was warning the Jews, and in the 26th verse we see that Lehi was commanded to leave Jerusalem. And we see by the third chapter of 1st Nephi and the 4th verse that it was 600 years before the birth of Christ when Lehi left Jerusalem.

So that if, according to this, it was 600 B. C. when King Zedekiah was in the first year of his reign, then the statement in the 15th Chapter of the 2nd Kings, 2nd verse, that Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city unto the eleventh year of the reign of King Zedekiah would make it ten more years later from Lehi leaving Jerusalem when the Jews lost the kingdom. This would be 590 years before Christ, and it would take 1930 years added to 590 to make up the Seven Times punishment upon Israel or 2,520 years.

Now this seems very remarkable that the year 1930 would just be 100 years from 1830 when the church was established among the Gentiles to commence the generation in which the Times of the Gentiles should be fulfilled, as you will see by the 45th Section of Doctrine and Covenants, the 4th verse. But what may we expect to occur at about this time when the Times of the Gentiles are fulfilled? Paul says in the Eleventh of Romans, 25th and 26th verses, that "When the times of the Gentiles is come in that they, (Is-

rael), will be delivered from their blindness and all Israel shall be saved." But there is one part of Israel that God has promised should be used in his hands for to bring about this salvation to Israel, and we find it recorded in the Inspired Translation of the Bible, (Genesis, 48: 8-11), as follows; Jacob says: "Therefore, O, my son he hath blessed me in raising thee up to be a servant unto me in saving my house from death. In delivering my people thy brethren from famine which was sore in the land. Therefore the God of thy fathers shall bless thee and the fruit of thy loins that they shall be blessed above thy brethren and thy father's house. For thou hast prevailed and thy father's house has bowed down unto thee as it was shown unto thee before thou was sold into Egypt by the hands of thy brethren; wherefore thy brethren shall bow down unto thee from generation unto generation unto the fruit of thy loins forever for thou shalt be a light unto my people to deliver them in the days of their captivity from bondage and to bring salvation unto them when they are altogether bowed down under sin."

Now after Jacob had given this blessing to Joseph, we read in the last chapter of Genesis beginning at the middle of the 24th verse how that God appeared unto Joseph and confirmed the words of Jacob concerning the blessing of Joseph's seed, telling him that a branch should be broken off and carried into a far country, but to be remembered in the Latter Days when the Messiah cometh, for he shall be manifest unto them in the Latter Days in the spirit of power and shall bring them out of darkness into light; out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom. Verse 25. Then Joseph continues in verse 26 to tell them in what manner this shall be done, saying: "A Seer shall the Lord my God raise up who shall be a choice Seer unto the fruit of thy loins." Then in the 28th verse he says: "This Seer shall bring them to the knowledge of the covenants which God has made with his fathers;" and verse 29 says: "God will make him great in his eyes like unto Moses;" and in the 30th verse he says this Seer who shall be raised up out of the fruit of his loins shall have power to bring forth God's word unto the fruit of his loins and not only power to bring it forth unto them but to the convincing them of the word which shall have already gone forth among them in the last days. So that this promised Seer shall be the one who shall have the power of convincing them that the Book of Mormon which had already gone forth among them was the word of God. Then the 31st verse says:

"When this Seer brings forth the record of the Jews and also the record of the Nephites, (the record of the Jews referred to is the Brass plates that Lehi was commanded to send his sons for to the house of Laban saying Laban hath the record of the Jews), then these records will grow together unto the confounding of false doctrine and the laying down of contention, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to a knowledge of their Fathers, and also

to a knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord. And out of weakness he shall be made strong in the day when my work shall go forth among all my people which shall restore them who are of the house of Israel in the last days; and that Seer will I bless, and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded."

This is the blessing that Lehi had in mind when he blessed his son Joseph, telling him that it should be from his seed that there should raise up one among them who should do much good in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God with exceeding faith to work mighty wonders and do that which is great in the sight of God unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel and unto the seed of thy brethren; and now blessed art thou, Joseph, behold thou art little, wherefore hearken unto the words of thy brother Nephi, and it shall be done unto thee even according to the words which I have spoken. Remember the words of thy dying Father. Amen."

Many have thought this Seer to be Joseph Smith. But this Seer cannot come till the set time arrives for him to come, that is when the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. And this Seer, the Lord will not allow them that seek to destroy him to accomplish it, because he says they shall be confounded. And again: this Seer must come on the line of Lehi, and Lehi was on the line of Manassah, and not Ephraim, as is recorded in Alma, 8th chapter, verse 3, as follows: "And Aminadi was a descendant of Nephi, who was the son of Lehi, who came out of the land of Jerusalem, who was a descendant of Manassah who was the son of Joseph. Joseph Smith was not on the line of Manassah. Surely this is the time when great things shall be accomplished.

Listen to what the Lord says in 2nd Nephi, 5: 29. "Nevertheless the Lord will be merciful unto them, that when they shall come unto the knowledge of their Redeemer, they shall be gathered together again to the lands of their inheritance. And blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written, for behold, if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church, they shall be saved; for the Lord God will fulfill His covenants which he has made unto his children: and for this cause the prophet has written these things. Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord, shall lick up the dust of their feet; and the people of the Lord shall not be ashamed; for the people of the Lord are they who wait for him, for they shall wait for the coming of the Messiah, and behold, according to the words of the Prophet, the Messiah will set himself again the second time to recover them. Wherefore he will manifest himself unto them in power and great glory unto the destruction of their enemies when that day cometh when they shall believe in him. And none will He destroy that believe in Him; and they that believe not in Him shall be destroyed both by fire,

and by tempest, and by earthquakes, and by blood-shed, and by pestilence and by famine. And they shall know that the Lord is God, the Holy One of Israel.

Brethren and sisters, surely this is the time of God's wrath, when they that kearken not to the voice of the Lord shall be cut off from among the people. I will quote the 43rd and 44th verses of the above chapter, as follows: "For thus saith the Lord, I will contend with them that contend with thee. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh, and they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine. Will not this be the time of Armageddon?"

May the Lord keep all his children on the watch tower, is the prayer of your Brother in Christ,
William Memmott,
58 Gregory, R. 1, Heeley,
Sheffield, England.

OBITUARY

ADAMS. John F. Adams was born September 15, 1842. Baptized into the Latter Day Work in 1862. Ordained an Elder September 7, 1862. 1862. Was an active minister in the Church for over 40 years. On September 4, 1866 he was married to Bessie Strong. To this union there were born thirteen children. His wife and four children have preceded him in death. He is survived by three sons and six daughters, also two brothers, one sister and seven grandchildren. He died of a paralytic stroke on February 23, 1929. The funeral was held in Brown funeral home in charge of Elder Lemuel Dyke, assisted by Elder Robert Alexander of the Church of Christ. The body was taken to Aledo, Illinois, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Norris.

MORGAN. Sister J. W. Morgan, widow of Elder J. W. Morgan, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sutherland, near Kingsville, Missouri. The funeral was held at Independence, Missouri, in charge of Elder Roy Kelekler, of the Reorganization. We have not the items of our sister's birth nor of her family. We understand she was firm in the faith of the Church of Christ, up to the time of her attack of a stroke of paralysis which rendered her speechless. After that the Reorganization seemed to take charge Mrs. Sutherland being a member of that organization. They could not hold her while she was alive and in health. We have no doubt of all being well with her.

925 Princee St., East Las Vegas, N. M.,
January 22nd, 1929.

Elder H. E. Moler,
Editor Advocate, Holden, Mo.

Dear Brother:

I noticed an error in the article written by Brother Gurwell in connection with the two editions of the Book of Mormon. He states, "The authorized version was prepared and revised from

the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon. This is wrong as I understand it. The manuscript in the possession of the Reorganized Church is not the original manuscript but is supposed to be a printer's copy used in the publishing of the 1830 edition. The original copy was destroyed when the Nauvoo temple burned.

Also the authorized edition was not prepared from this manuscript but the older edition was revised to agree with the manuscript. As I remember but few changes were made but it was gotten up in more readable type and the paragraphing was changed. I have seen and handled this manuscript myself.

This is quite an important matter of history and I think should be corrected. You can verify what I say by writing Brother A. M. Smith who I am quite sure is familiar with the facts.

Yours truly, and in bonds,

W. R. Dexter.

P.S. I agree with Bro. Gurwell in regard to preferring the authorized edition.

1158 Emerson Ave.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Editor:

December issue has a wonderful collection of good letters, etc. I should like to say a few words regarding Brother Anderson's and Frazer's contributions. Firstly, Brother Anderson brings forth that heart of the message, "Do not be harsh with your brethren, etc."

I commenced some time ago writing an article on the same line.

May we not all be of one mind in presenting our message "in love" to our brethren, both to the Utah church of L. D. S. and to the Reorganized church of L. D. S. Individually I am not acquainted with the pain and suffering my brothers and sisters have had to pass through, especially those who were right in touch with the troubles which caused such a secession of members in the Reorganized church.

Now, our Lord went through great sufferings even to the extent he was left alone to bear His burden.

I do not want to minimize what my brothers and sisters have had to pass through, but for them to forgive and forget. May we who have not had the experience to pass through, have patience with them, when in their weakness they may express some times hard words especially to the leaders of the Reorganized church of L. D. S. I believe our God knows best, when he says to us, "Go in love to brethren who do not believe as you." I pray we may all catch that spirit, "Go in love." How can it be done? Firstly, let them see in us a patient, forbearing spirit; let us cease to find fault with them, either in our writings or speeches. If called upon to defend our position, as the Church of Christ, let us do it in

the spirit of Him who said "Learn of Me for I am meek and lowly in heart," in true humility, striving not to wound another's feeling. Go in love. May we show it by obeying the message.

God's way is best. He knows which is best for His cause. We are His servants. Let us go in love, not forgetting our mission, preach repentance, tell of the love of God toward mankind. Show mankind their need of a Savior; point them to the Lamb of God, who died for them. If we do this the Church of Christ will grow.

In conclusion, dear brothers and sisters, if we have been wronged, let us forgive and forget.

Your brother in the cause of Christ,

George Cummins.

THE HUMAN HEART

The human heart, ah, who can tell
What powers within its portals dwell,
How much of good or ill is found
Within these mortal vessels bound.

How far above the earth may soar
Thoughts and desires more and more
Until they mount the heavens bright
And fit us for that home of light.

How sweetly pure and purer still
Grows that warm heart whose only will
Is to increase the store of good
And stand where honor ever stood.

What noble aims may fill the breast
And grandly rise with strong unrest
To do, to be, to give, to gain
Whate'er true worth may here attain.

What strength, what power, what courage grand
May rest behind a human hand,
How much of heaven and earth unite
Within a heart set to do right!

There weakness, sickness, sorrow, pain,
May in the best a foothold gain,
And strong depression lay her hand
To still its yearnings for the grand.

There passions strong may surge and swell
And dark temptation's awful spell
Be cast, where holy pure desires
Are seeking strength to quench their fires.

There battles great are fought and won
As e'er were fought beneath the sun—
Nay, all great battles there are fought
For thus is all true courage bought.

The human heart? To it is given
The power to draw both earth and heaven
Within its wake to meet its claims
And bring to pass its noble aims.

Margaret MacGregor.

THE NEW FIELD I SAW IN A DREAM IS OPENED

Dear Brother Moler:

This is my first attempt to write a few lines to THE ADVOCATE, or to any other publication.

About eighteen months ago, Brethren Thomas Barton and C. L. Wheaton came from Colorado Springs to Trinidad Colorado, to hold services here, I being the only member of the Church of Christ in this location at that time. On their arrival I felt that God had directed them here. They held service on Monday night at a brother's house who was a member of the Reorganization. That was the only service I could attend, for my labor was out of town some distance away. That night I had a dream that two men and I were building a road into a good field. The building of the road was no labor, as it seemed that the rocks and the ground was laid aside as we walked along for some distance, but all of a sudden we came to a river which needed a bridge. As we stopped a moment wondering where we could get the timbers, at that moment there came floating down the river the needed timber, which stopped right in front of us. We each went to work and soon had the timber arranged, and the bridge was built. We looked on the other side, and saw the good field. Then I awoke, and it was 4 o'clock in the morning.

As I lay there wondering who the two men working with me could be, as it seemed in my dream, the Spirit of God rested upon me, and it was made known to me that the two men in one of my cabins in the camp that night, were the ones. And that was Brethren Barton and Wheaton.

Yesterday, January 22, when my wife and two of our neighbors were baptized by Brother Barton I realized that we had crossed the bridge, and that the new field was opened up. And this morning, others have said they wanted to be baptized, and a number are interested. We are looking forward to having a branch of the church here soon.

Lloyd Merritt, Trinidad, Colorado.

A MANIFESTATION

While Brother Nerrin and Brother Gates were holding their season of prayer in order to receive testimony regarding the Temple we at our home were praying also for them, at the time of our evening devotions, when I seemed to sense the throne of God, I did not see it, but sensed it in the heavens. While on earth, directly beneath it was a low altar on which were the prayers of a few of the saints striving to reach the throne. They arose from the altar in a very small column, weak and apparently at first it was only about three or four feet high, when there came a small animal and leaped upon the column and tried to suppress it or to keep it from rising at all.

While this animal was small it was very strong and agile, and it tried hard to tear down and de-

stroy the column, but it gradually grew a little larger and higher, then it seemed that more prayers were added, and in spite of the attempt of the animal the column grew to perhaps twelve or fifteen feet, when the animal climbed rapidly to the very top, and tried to push it back with all its force, but the column seemed by this time to have gained considerable strength and grew more rapidly both in height and diameter.

The animal became desperate and exerted all his cunning and power to prevent the prayers rising. But at last the column grew very strong and was reaching well into the heavens, when he seemed to lose his hold and slid rapidly to the ground.

This of course represents his satanic majesty, he is powerful, active and cunning. May God help us that we do not be asleep.

Mrs. J. G. Pointer.

Dear Saint:

The hope of all believers in the restoration of Latter Days, has been the building of the temple, on the sacred spot dedicated, and set apart by direction of God, and the establishment of a Zion of equality, without man domination.

The Church of Christ comes to you with a message of deliverance and peace, offering to you the unchangeable gospel as delivered through the restoration.

The Church of Christ is a branch of the original church, organized in the days of Joseph the martyr coming down through the years without a break, uniting with none of the various factions of a broken church. Directed by the Lord they moved to Independence, Missouri, in 1867 and on the first day of March of that year held a conference in Independence.

The Lord through revelation directed them to purchase the temple lot, and in 1869 they purchased for the sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars that parcel of land so well known to all believers of the restoration as the place on which the temple was to be built. They did not squat on it as is generally supposed.

On three different occasions the Reorganized Church sought to wrest the temple lot from the Church of Christ, and each time was unsuccessful. These are facts easily verified.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to come and worship with us, and in the language of Moses say, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

We have no new message to offer, we come to you with the gospel as restored in 1830 without additions or subtractions.

The temple will be built, the Lord has so directed, on the spot consecrated in 1831 by Joseph Smith and others. Do you wish to have part in its erection?

"Let no man deceive you." No other plot of ground has ever been dedicated for the building

of the temple, "Let God be true though every man be a liar."

"COME AND LET US REASON TOGETHER."

MEETINGS EACH SUNDAY MORNING, SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TEN, PREACHING AT ELEVEN, IN THE GOLDEN WEST HALL, PACIFIC BUILDING, 16th AND JEFFERSON STREETS, OAKLAND.

William F. Anderson, Pastor.

THE LIGHT THAT IS IN THEE

(Feature Points from Sermon by Apostle James E. Yates)

Scripture Lesson: St. John 1: 1-17. **Emphasis:** "The light that lighteneth every man that cometh into the world."

Text: "Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord."—Isaiah 2: 5.

"If the light that is in thee become darkness, behold how great is that darkness."—Mat. 6: 23.

Is any one immune from that danger?

Is there any light in existence that does not need refueling? Some one may say the light of a diamond does not but the light of a diamond is like that of the moon, it is only a borrowed or reflected light.

The light of the Lord should both reflect upon and from us, and become primary within us.

A soul once lit with spiritual light becomes darker than before if that light dies.

The light of the Lord will illuminate any subject for us upon which it is focused rightly.

Do you need light daily upon what to do and what not to do? The light of the Lord will give it.

Get the focus right.

Many people do not get more light than they have because they think they have enough.

God's light may illumine all, but we are capable only of concentrated vision, to see well; and we see that only with any degree of thoroughness, upon which we center our vision.

To see well, we must see one thing at a time. We may see many things in general, but nothing in particular, till we center our attention upon one particular thing.

If we look at any one thing too long, to the exclusion of other proper subjects, we become hobbyists. Those who ride Hobby Horses may make quite a spectacle as they ride, but they never travel far.

The Home

Nations need the light of the Lord upon the right organization of the home remembering, "They **TWAIN** shall be one flesh."

Every husband needs the light of the Lord upon how to treat his wife. If they never focus the vision upon that they never see it.

The Spiritual light of the Lord is as practical for every day life, and as necessary, as is the light of the sun.

Some elders can preach a good sermon on Faith, Repentance, and Baptism, but have never learned to be kind and considerate in their own home as they should be.

Sometimes a wife can be gentle and courteous to most everyone except her husband. She needs the light of the Lord within, upon that subject.

Parents need this specific light of the Lord in dealing with their children daily.

Church Members

Members of the church must have that light in order to bear, and forbear with one another.

Fellowship and Friendship

For right fellowship, we must have that light from within. Friends need it always. Without it true friendship could not endure. Where that light is reciprocal between two, or more, there true friendship is.

Enemies

Every one needs the light of the Lord when thinking of their enemies. "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that spitefully use you and persecute you," can not be done without the light of the Lord.

As every day needs the light of the sun, so is this Spiritual light of the utmost necessity to:

Youth, Age, in Sickness, in Health, Life, Death, Time, Eternity.

"The light that is in thee" from God and through the gospel of our Lord must include all these things in general and be focused upon each particular thing in its time, if we are to see well and do the work of our lives well.

In the vastness of God's creation there is no detail omitted to give place for any generality. In like manner, our lives when adjusted to Divine law will not omit detail. The simplicity and detail of daily prayer is quite as important upon the whole as that we do not steal an automobile or rob a bank.

The Light That is in Thee

Regardless of the light that may flood the world, the power to see is in the individual.

All can not be seen at once, but best vision is specific revelation.

Right and Wrong

Who has ever looked at the comparative values of right and wrong and not been able to see that right pays the highest dividends on all life's investments.

Have we looked with consideration at the results of following the leading of the spirit which enticeth to do evil? Then our whole purpose will be to avoid it.

Are not the results of following the guidance of the Spirit which prompteth to do good most wholesome?

If the light that is within us becomes darkness, we can not see these things. If we walk in the light and the light be in us, we will see them.

The Doctrine

In matters of Doctrine, for example, let us focus the light of the word of the Lord:

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

Without That Baptism and Subsequent Consistent Living Men Can Not See

“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and the Spirit he can not see the kingdom.”—Jesus.

’Tis a glorious thing to **BE** in the light.

It is more glorious to **WALK** in the light, because that signifies getting somewhere, and it is thrice glorious if the light **that is in thee** does not become darkness.

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A NEW TEMPLE SONG

Come builders, and build ye a temple for God, Unitedly build it on the Temple Lot.
Be everyone ready, be faithful and true

Oh, Savior, we're building a temple for you.
We first bend our knees, we need to be blessed,
Forgive all the sins we have done in the past;
We will exercise faith and pray all the day long,
O, God, lend Thy power till the temple is done.

Come brothers and sisters all, let us be true,
And let us be careful and watch what we do
For somebody always is watching for you,
So be prayerful always and generous, too.
Perhaps you may think you're the only one there
And feel you are weak when you offer your prayer
But just thank God that you are able and true,
And the dear Lord will bless whatever you do.

Be strong and courageous and fear not the foe,
Though they point wicked fingers at me and at you.

Be calm in your soul, and live worthy the birth
Of the Spirit of God, which is of greatest worth.
Can you make a downtrodden and weak brother strong?

Will you pray for his welfare and suffer him long?
Of your own worthy deeds have nothing to say
But modestly hide them in silence away.

May we help with the spirit as well as the tongue
And advertise little the good we have done
Our cash and our cheque is in heaven recorded
From whence our good deeds will all be rewarded.
Then let us be joyful and let us forget
The faults of each other in forgiveness yet,
Then up to the task with high and true aim
And build the fair temple to Jesus' blessed name.

Lord Jesus, come quickly to earth and begin
To build up the city, New Jerusalem.
Begin, as you said, at the blest Temple Lot
Where Thy prophets long since consecrated the spot.

Oh, yes, we will build as God gives command
A temple to Thee and on this sacred land;
And we'll sing to Jehovah the joy that we feel
Until Jesus to us his face shall reveal.

Now this let's consider, one family are we,
In gladness or sadness how helpful we'll be;
We'll labor in love till our task is complete
In building God's house, a holy retreat,
Then from that blessed temple God's servants will go

Endowed with the Spirit the good seed to sow
And gather to Zion the rich and the poor,
To dwell there in peace in the world's closing hour.

Sister DeGroot, Ogden, Utah.

Oh God, the Father, now I pray,
Keep Thou, my family, while I'm away;
Guard my children on the way to school,
Help them to keep the golden rule,
Oh, keep them, Lord, while in their youth
Unfold to them Thy wondrous truth.
May their souls be kept from sin
That Thy sweet spirit may dwell within.
Oh, that their songs some day may fill

My darling wife has done her part,
 Helping them to cleanse their hearts.
 I now present them, Lord, to Thee,
 As before Thy throne, I bow the knee.
 Oh, keep them 'till this life is o'er,
 Till they have crossed to Zion's shore,
 There to mingle with the blest;
 There to enjoy Thy perfect rest.

H. W. Linnen, Toronto, Ont.

ENFORCE THE LAW

"Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Is. 8: 20.

"We believe that ministry and membership * * * * should not affiliate with any society which administers oaths or covenants in conflict with the law of God, * * * * Articles of Faith and Practice, of the Church of Christ.

Since coming into this Church of Christ, in April, 1928, I have observed a tendency to admit members on transfers from the Reorganized church, on "original baptism," and also **with original memberships in secret societies**, notwithstanding the plain statement above, quoted from our foundation of belief,—The Articles of Faith and Practice.

Brother Fetting stated at the last conference that the Messenger commanded him specifically and positively, that "The Articles" must not be changed."

Laws and creeds are for guidance, and not to be ignored; then if no provision is to be "changed," **all are to be enforced.**

My personal testimony from several years of **experience**, as well as observation, supports "the law." For a time, I made my living working as an organizer in one such "oath-bound" society;" but when I sought eternal life, I "forsook all and followed Christ." And I boldly make the statement, there are no easier terms for any person. God is not partial. His church is composed of **those who keep His commandments**, and not merely those who profess His name. A close study of the Bible, Book of Mormon, and of modern revelation compels me to believe that God will reject a church which ignores His commandments, as quickly as He will an individual.

Lack of space forbids more than a mere reference to the examples, proving that God's law is positively inexorable; as inflexible as adamant, an absolutely straight line. He says, "I can not walk in crooked paths."

The Bible

Note these things "written for our instruction": "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die;" and we all are witnesses to its truth. "In "the wilderness," a man was stoned to death for picking up sticks on the Sabbath.

Nadab and Abihu were burned to death in the tabernacle for the first transgression; Achan and his whole household, with his animals and property, were stoned to death, and then burned because he took "the accursed thing" at the fall of Jericho.

In new testament times we find the same thing: Ananias and Saphira died instantly when they lied. That all liars do not now fall down dead, does not argue the "slackness" of God, but His clemency, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet. 3: 9. (When a person who has been regenerated, **deliberately lies**, he dies, spiritually, as surely as did those two at Jerusalem.)

Book of Mormon

In Book of Mormon times, Amon was restrained from saving the saints from death by fire, that the "judgments of God" might be justified. B. of M. p. 353.

True conversion turns men from sin and iniquity to righteousness and to keeping the commandments of God. Acts 19:19, tells of those converted at Ephesus, burning their evil books worth 50,000 pieces of silver. They turned from iniquity.

Modern Revelation

Listen to His word in these latter days, from the mouth of those whom God surely recognized as His servants: **Joseph Luff, 1906**; "Altars have been dedicated unto Me and have been shared with other gods. * * * * Some have declared themselves separated unto Me, and I have chosen them out of the world and made them to be agents unto me; but they have sought out other shrines and made covenant in secret places in which I have no delight.

Behold, and consider: If my weapons are not sufficient for your faith shall these things give them increase? Or shall ye add that which is carnal to make effective the work for which My Spirit hath been given? Shall I be content while this evil doth pollute My estate? Behold, the brick that is not burned and the mortar which is not tempered; yea, and the material which I have not selected, shall not find permanent place with that of my choosing; for my fires shall consume and my floods shall overwhelm, and men within and without My church shall yet learn that but one pattern hath been given by which ye shall build, if I accept your labor; and but one line hath been given by which to measure; and whosoever shall not gauge himself thereby and crucify himself to the world, shall yet be gauged thereby and shall lose his all." I have quoted only a portion.

In 1915, **I. N. White**, for long time an apostle, had a vision in which secret societies were condemned. Speaking of elders who had joined them he says: "I asked the Presence, what would be the effect upon such elders in receiving the endowment and He said, "They can not receive the endowment."

(To be continued)

Sometimes we come in contact with members of other factions of the Latter Day work, who express themselves as being dissatisfied with existing conditions in the faction of which they are members, and then our people often repeat these statements to others with whom they may be in an argument. And then it sometimes happens that the individual who made the confession to you is accosted by some of his brethren, and then there comes a temptation to deny what he has been reported to have said. We advise against a promiscuous repetition of confessions thus made by those who are dissatisfied, for no doubt they are given to us in confidence, and we should not embarrass them by telling of their statements to those who will harrass them by reminding them of their utterances. Let us use discretion.

OUR TRIP TO THE HOME OF EDGAR ALLEN POE

It is not easy for us to associate Edgar Allen Poe with New York, perhaps we are thinking of the New York of our day rather than of his. While we had read a great deal of the poverty of this American writer we were not prepared for the humble little home we saw. In front of the home was a large park called Poe and we were told it at one time belonged to the Poe home. At the rear is the cottage, where he lived from 1846 to 1849. The outside of the house is of white shingles but they are much heavier than shingles of our day. The windows are very small with the old fashioned shutter. The upstairs windows are about an by twenty inches. The floors were of heavy planks. There were but three rooms down stairs. Only these were the tourists permitted to see. There were one or two rooms upstairs. We saw the tiny little bedroom where his young wife died from the lack of proper nourishment. In it was an oak bed, a small chest and a chair, there was room for nothing more. The living room was of fair size but destitute looking, no carpet on the floor, a few pieces of uncomfortable looking furniture and some of his childhood furniture. The kitchen was very small. It and the living room had a fireplace. Some friend of his once wrote that the little kitchen with the small table, a chair and Poe always filled the room and with the presence of Poe it was always cheery. We saw the window sill on which the raven stood that inspired him to write his best known poem.

What a contrast this humble home was to the mansions of Washington and Roosevelt. There was a pathos about the place that was in keeping with the tragic life of the owner. He gave the world so much and yet the world gave him so little in return. Not until in recent years is it being recognized that he contributed to American literature something new—the short story. Somewhere I have read that no short story writer ever surpassed him. As we lingered in the little room we could not think but how true it is that poverty can not keep a man from becoming great any more than the muck of a pond can keep a water

lily from becoming beautiful. I always liked Poe's strange type of literature but after visiting his home I shall have a dearer feeling for this strange man. We were told that when Poe lived there it was a farm—a long way out to New York. We agreed with Kenneth when he said, "Well, this is one man to whom fame and progress has beaten a path to his door" for now he is right in the heart of New York.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

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THE TEMPLE LOT

It's only an old piece of turf
 Triangular, sodded and high
 But God hath decreed it sacred
 And He who hath spake cannot lie.
 'Tis only of commonplace soil
 From whence human bodies have come;
 But there shall the Temple of God
 Arise shining forth as the sun.

It's only an acreage small
 In the midst of America, North
 But Prophets unerringly say
 That Zion shall here have its birth.
 The fury of conflict hath raged
 Around this rare gem of the world
 Unscrupulous foes in defeat
 To trenches of shame have been hurled.

And now that the day of the Lord
 Is dawning to bless all the earth
 We'll turn to that blessed Temple Lot
 From whence an Endowment goes forth.
 United, enlightened, empowered,
 God's servants to Israel shall turn,
 Oh, then shall the Lamanite bands
 Rejoice, and our hearts within burn.

By Daniel MacGregor.

AUTHORITY

By The Village Blacksmith

There is no question of greater importance touching our salvation than the question of authority to administer in the ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; such as baptising, administering the sacrament, the laying on of hands for the healing of the sick, and the authority to confer the gifts of the Holy Ghost, as well as the preaching of the word.

Usually it is taken for granted, when any minister asserts he is a representative of Christ his authority is scarcely ever called in question. Generally speaking if the question is raised as to his authority from God, the answer comes back, "I feel that the Lord has called me to work for Him."