

ZION'S ADVOCATE

"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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First Day.—Friday, April 6

The General Assembly was called to order at ten o'clock in the morning by Apostle H. E. Moler.

As is usual in the Church of Christ, the assembly was presided over by the apostles, in turn. This is done by the vote of the body, however.

C. L. Wheaton was chosen to act as secretary of the assembly, Sister Holcomb the chorister, and Sister Rosalie Hedrick Davis, the pianist.

C. L. Wheaton and E. E. Long were the press committee.

Brother Moler made a brief review of the work of the past year, and called on the following brethren for short talks: Apostles Anderson, Flint, Smith, Wheaton, Long; J. R. McClain, pastor of the local church; Bishop E. E. Richards of Malad, Idaho, and Bishop J. T. Ford, of Hamilton, Missouri.

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock

After the reading of reports from the ministry, a document was read from the church at Gilfach Goch, Wales, petitioning the General Assembly "to pass an enactment that no minister shall hold his license unless he preaches in harmony with the faith and practice of the Church of Christ." The assembly adopted the resolution by unanimous vote and ordered it sent out to all the church for referendum, as bill No. 1.

The Twelve were authorized by the body to arrange for the sessions of the assembly and appoint speakers, etc. They later announced that the order would be prayer meeting at 9.30 each morning, business at 10.30 a. m. and 2 p. m.; priesthood meetings at 6.30 p. m. and preaching at 8 o'clock. By motion and vote of the body Bishop E. E. Richards was requested to be the first evening speaker.

Second Day.—Saturday, April 7

The prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m. was in charge of T. B. Nerren and R. M. Maloney.

E. E. Long and A. M. Smith were in charge of the business session at 10.30.

An "open letter" to the Independence local church from the church at Bemidji brought out considerable discussion. The assembly voted against the reading of the letter on the ground that it was out of place in the assembly.

It was moved to table all matter pertaining to the September council.

Thomas E. Barton proposed certain changes in our church court procedure. His recommendations were received, ordered mimeographed for circulation, and made the special order of business for Monday morning.

Afternoon Session

By nomination and election T. E. Barton, Maynard Case, and A. M. Smith were chosen for the committee to mimeograph the Barton recommendations.

A communication was read from Sagle, Idaho, church. A recommendation asking for an open forum in the Advocate was referred to the Board of Publication.

Upon his request that another be chosen to act as secretary of the assembly because he did not have time to continue with the work, Brother Wheaton was released and Sister Louise Sheldon was asked to act in his place.

A report from the Twelve was read. It was moved to refer the same to a committee of three, with all matter pertaining to the subject. A substitute was offered that we approve the action of the majority of the Twelve in the September council. The substitute carried by a vote of twenty-five for and four against.

It was moved that a general conference court be provided for one year to hear all cases subject to the general body, the court to have the right to fill any vacancy occurring in its number.

A substitute was offered, that this body appoint a court of three to try Brother Wood. The substitute carried by a vote of twenty-two for and one against.

J. T. Ford, A. O. Frisbey, and E. E. Richards were chosen by nomination and election to act as the court.

The court was requested by action of the body to get in touch with Brother Wood at once, that the case might be tried before the Twelve scattered to their missions.

Bishop Ford was the speaker at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Third Day.—Sunday, April 8

The sacrament and social service from ten o'clock until noon was in charge of the pastor, J. R. McClain, Elder T. J. Jordan, and Apostle T. E. Barton. It was an active, spiritual meeting, well attended.

B. C. Flint was the speaker at 2.30 in the afternoon.

until noon. A quiet, peaceful spirit prevailed. Bro. Nerren made statements concerning what had been shown him, to the effect that Brethren Rathborn and Gates did not belong in the general bishopric, and that R. B. Trowbridge and E. E. Richards should take their places. Brother Rathborn was present and concurred in what was said concerning him; said it came in answer to his prayers, and he expressed his willingness to relinquish his position in the bishopric.

C. L. Wheaton bore testimony to the truthfulness of Brother Nerren's statements. He said it was the will of the Lord that the Quorum of Twelve should be released from the responsibility of administering in the temporal affairs of the church, and should give their time to the preaching of the word and the directing of the spiritual affairs of the church.

Thomas E. Barton spoke in a tongue. The interpretation was that bishops should be chosen and ordained to have charge of the temporal concerns of the church; the importance of the work of the Twelve was emphasized; promise was made that if the membership would sustain and uphold the Bishopric and the Twelve in righteousness great blessing would come to the church.

Afternoon Session

After the usual preliminaries and the reading of a ministerial report the following business on the table was read: Reports from the Board of Publication, the committee on the Flint, Michigan, petition; the committee on jurisprudence; the court on the Wood case; and a petition from Thomas E. Barton relative to James E. Yates.

The report of the committee on the Flint, Michigan, petition was taken up first. It was as follows:

"We, your committee, appointed to consider the matter coming from Flint, Michigan, local church, desire to report that we recommend that we look with favor upon the end sought to be attained by our brethren and sisters of Flint. Many others have expressed a desire for some sort of district or state organization for the purpose of solidifying the Saints in groups adjacent to each other, as is seemingly outlined by our brethren in Flint. In view of the above fact we recommend that the missionaries to the various fields be instructed by this assembly to interest themselves in the matter and bring to the next General Assembly the reaction that they find present in the entire field favorable or unfavorable to the idea.

Signed B. C. Flint, Jess F. Cruse, R. B. Trowbridge. The adoption of the report was moved and carried.

The report of the committee on jurisprudence was reread and referred to a committee of three: A. M. Smith, C. A. Gurwell, and Maynard Case.

The report of the court on the Wood case was reread and approved by the body. It was as follows:

"We, the elders appointed to try the case of Apostle Samuel Wood on charges as preferred by the Quorum of Twelve, as herewith set forth:

"1. Heresy, in the teaching both privately and pub-

licly the doctrine of the 'one person in the Godhead' theory, in which it is alleged that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one in person as well as one in purpose; this doctrine being contrary to the accepted belief of this church, which teaches that the Godhead consists of three persons, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are one in purpose, but not one in person.

"2. For open rebellion against the church, in that he refuses to submit himself to rules and regulations of the church as set forth in our court procedure and conference enactment governing the conduct of general church officials.

"3. For unchristian conduct in that he was guilty of abuse, insult, and assault during quorum session.

"We find that according to the evidence submitted, and his own personal statement, that he would not cease to teach in private or in public, the one person in the Godhead theory, as contained in charge number one. We therefore find him guilty of charge number one.

"On the evidence submitted, we find him guilty of charge number two.

"On the evidence submitted, we find him guilty of charge number three.

"Inasmuch as this court urged and plead that he cease to teach those things that were causing division and he positively refused to do so, we still hope and pray that he will yet see his way clear to set himself right with his quorum and work in unity, love, and peace with his brethren and become reconciled to them.

"Signed

"J. T. Ford.

"E. E. Richards.

"A. O. Frisbey."

A brother on the floor moved that if Brother Wood failed to make an appeal in the sixty days allowed him by the church law, his priesthood should become void. A substitute was offered that his place in the priesthood become vacant now, and if at the end of sixty days he had not taken an appeal or made restitution, he should be dropped from church fellowship. The substitute carried.

Sister Pauline Hancock requested that her name be dropped from the records of the church because she was not in harmony with the position of the church on the Godhead. It was moved that her request be granted. A substitute was moved that we recommend to the local church that her request be granted. The substitute carried.

The petition of Thomas E. Barton relative to James E. Yates was called. The action finally taken by the body was that a committee of three, of which Brother Barton should be one member, be appointed to get in communication with Brother Yates and ascertain more clearly just how he wished to be understood. C. L. Wheaton and T. J. Jordan were chosen to be associated with Brother Barton on the committee.

E. E. Long was the speaker for Thursday evening.

Eighth Day.—Friday, April 13.

Morning prayer meeting in charge of Brethren Frisbey and Barton.

The morning business session was entirely occupied with the consideration of the Barton resolutions concerning bishops and the general bishopric. There were discussion, motions, amendments, and a substitute, when time came to adjourn.

Afternoon Session

Business was resumed at 2 o'clock in the same good nature that prevailed in the morning. After time to think matters over it was deemed best to clear the table and get back to the original motion, and the following resolution was presented:

"Be it resolved that all amendments, substitutes and amendments to the original motion now before us be laid on the table, and that we now proceed to vote on the adoption of the original resolutions."

This carried.

Recommendation No. 1, that the seven bishops chosen to have charge of the finances of the church should be known as the General Bishopric, was voted upon and carried.

Recommendation No. 2, that those called to the office work of bishop who had not been ordained, be ordained, also carried upon being put to a vote.

It was next moved and carried to take up the personnel of the General Bishopric.

It was moved that the names presented in the prayer meeting Thursday morning constitute the General Bishopric. Brother Trowbridge made a statement regarding himself and read a document. Brother Bowerman wished time to consider. Brother Trowbridge's communication was referred to the priesthood.

While the priesthood were engaged downstairs, the members held a prayer meeting in the assembly room, in charge of Brother Daws. A good spirit prevailed in both meetings.

R. M. Maloney was the speaker for the evening at 8 o'clock.

Ninth Day.—Saturday, April 14

The prayer service convened an hour earlier, at 8.30 o'clock.

The assembly was called to order for business at 9.30 a. m., immediately following the prayer meeting.

The priesthood, to whom Brother Trowbridge's communication was referred, reported through a committee. The report of the committee was adopted. The Twelve, wishing to leave the body entirely free to sustain, or not to sustain whom they saw fit, one by one placed their resignations on the table. Brethren Ford, Frisbey, and Maloney were chosen to preside for the rest of the session. It was moved that the endorsement of the Twelve be made the special order of business for 2 o'clock. The motion carried and adjournment was taken until the afternoon session.

Afternoon Session

It was moved and carried that Brethren Ford, Fris-

bey, and Maloney continue to preside until other provision might be made. Different brethren spoke by way of counsel and admonition. It was moved and carried that action be taken on the names of the Twelve individually, beginning with the eldest, and proceeding in the order of their respective ages. Brother Moler's name was first. It was moved "that we do not accept his resignation, and that we sustain him in the Twelve." Carried.

It was now moved that Brother Moler take the chair and preside. The body so ordered, and Brother Moler took the chair.

Brother Anderson's was the second name. He did not think it was consistent to sustain the Twelve when the body had moved to adopt the report they had passed upon in the morning. It was moved and carried to lay upon the table the document upon which report had been made to the morning session. The business proceeded and Brother Anderson was sustained in the Twelve.

Brother Long's name was the third. "Moved that we do not accept his resignation, and that we sustain him in the Twelve." Carried.

The name of James E. Yates was the fourth in order. His telegram to the committee appointed to get in communication with him was read, as was also the report of the committee, recommending that Bro. Yates be restored to his place in his quorum. A member on the floor moved to sustain Brother Yates. A substitute was offered "That we accept the apology of Brother Yates; that we approve the recommendations of the committee, and that we sustain our brother in the Quorum of the Twelve in all righteousness." The substitute was seconded and carried unanimously, and everybody felt happy.

It was moved and ordered that the secretary be instructed to communicate our action to Brother Yates.

The names of B. C. Flint, Thomas E. Barton, and C. L. Wheaton were acted upon individually, that resignations of each be not accepted, and that he be sustained in the Twelve.

C. W. Morgan. Moved that we do not sustain him.

E. J. Trapp. Moved to sustain him.

Norris Headding. Moved that we do not sustain him.

Samuel Wood. Moved that we do not sustain him.

It was moved to adjourn until 6 o'clock in the evening, when the personnel of the Bishopric would be made the special order of business.

Brother Moler made a few closing remarks, stating that he would have to leave immediately after the adjournment of the session.

Saturday Evening

Brother Bowerman offered his resignation from the committee of seven.

A. M. Smith and C. A. Gurwell resigned from the auditing committee, and it was moved that Brother Trowbridge be released from the committee. Brethren C. L. Wheaton, Richardson, and Daws were chosen to be the auditing committee for the year.

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Those chosen to constitute the Board of Publication were J. R. McClain, E. E. Long, Alva Wheaton, Louise Sheldon, and Sister James Hedrick.

E. E. Long was chosen to act as editor and business manager of the Advocate. Later in the evening he resigned, and Louise Sheldon was selected for the place of editor, and Alva Wheaton for business manager.

It was moved and carried that in the report of the assembly to the Advocate the principal items of business, as the resolutions that were passed, and propositions for referendum, be sufficient, omitting routine items.

The special order for the evening being called for, Brethren Ford, Frisbey, and Jordan were sustained, one by one, as members of the General Bishopric of seven. It was moved and carried that the ordination of Brother Jordan be now provided for.

E. E. Richards and Samuel Beacham were each sustained as members of the Bishopric.

It was moved to defer action on the names of Brethren Trowbridge and Bowerman for one year.

The three receiving the highest number of votes for the Board of Trustees were A. O. Frisbey, C. L. Wheaton, and Alva Wheaton.

R. M. Maloney reported as a member on the Heading case that he had done nothing because the court had been unable to obtain the information they needed. It was moved to receive his report and discharge the court.

J. R. McClain was chosen to have charge of the work in the office and to labor as a missionary in the Independence area.

Sister Dorothy Denham was chosen to act as general secretary.

Nickolas Denham was selected for general recorder.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee on rules of representation be made the special order of business for Monday, at 9 o'clock.

T. J. Jordan was ordained to the office of bishop under the hands of E. E. Long and C. L. Wheaton, and the meeting adjourned.

Tenth Day.—Sunday, April 15

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m. in charge of Brethren McClain and Ford.

The speakers of the day were T. B. Nerren at 11:00 a. m., W. F. Anderson in the afternoon, and C. L. Wheaton in the evening.

The usual prayer service was held at 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

Eleventh Day.—Monday, April 18

The dining room committee reported that they had bought and paid for a stove or range to cook upon, had met all expenses, and had \$6.75 on hand.

The special order of business on rules of representation was taken up. A. M. Smith offered the following amendment:

1. That no member of the priesthood shall act as a delegate.
2. That any matter may be referred to a referendum vote of the whole church by a majority vote of the conference.
3. That upon the request of five members a ye and nay vote may be called.

The amendment carried, and the motion as amended carried. It was then ordered by the assembly that the action be sent out for referendum as Bill No. 2.

The assembly adopted the report of the committee on jurisprudence, or church court procedure. It was ordered that the report be submitted to the entire church for referendum as Bill No. 3.

A written resolution signed by M. M. Case and Fred Cleveland was reread. A. M. Smith offered the following substitute, which carried: "That this body shall authorize the church recorder to notify all parties that do ask for the removal of their names from the records of the church, that they present their petition to the local church of which they are members. If they be listed among the scattered members, a written request, stating reasons, shall be all that is necessary for the general recorder to remove the name and notify the party of such action. In the afternoon session of the assembly further action was taken on this matter. W. F. Anderson moved that the church recorder shall not remove the name of any scattered member from the record of the church without recommendation from the missionary in charge. This carried by vote of the assembly.

Afternoon Session

The last business session convened at two o'clock. E. E. Long resigned from the Board of Publication and C. A. Gurwell was chosen to take his place.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended the sisters of the dining arrangements.

It was ordered by the assembly that the bishops' books be closed by the 15th of March, to be ready for the auditing committee.

It was moved and carried that when this assembly adjourns it does so to meet April 6, 1935, at Independence, Missouri.

Moved that from now on the Plans' Committee and the Building Committee be separate committees. Carried.

E. E. Long moved that it be the opinion of this body

that members of the Quorum of the Twelve shall divest themselves of all church duties of a temporal nature. Carried.

The following were selected as the Building Committee: A. O. Frisbey, J. T. Ford, R. M. Maloney, Jess Cruse, Alva Wheaton.

By nomination and election the following were chosen for Plans' Committee: C. L. Wheaton, A. M. Smith, Thomas B. Nerren.

Because the auditing committee could not be ready to report to the assembly they asked to be permitted to give their report for publication in the Advocate.

A motion asking that we invite the other factions to appoint two members, each, as an advisory committee to act in conjunction with our Building Committee was laid upon the table, not because the spirit and intent were not appreciated, but because it was thought to be premature.

The minutes were read and approved. There was a motion to adjourn. A. M. Smith made a few closing remarks. One verse of No. 217 was feelingly sung, and the closing prayer was offered by B. C. Flint.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

March 20, 1933, to March 31, 1934.

Receipts

Tithes and Offerings	\$1,428.81
Storehouse Fund	31.05
Forward from 1933	65.46
Total	\$1,525.32

Expenditures

Family Allowances	\$ 975.75
Elders' Expense	71.40
Care of Grounds	9.15
General Office Expense	320.23
Aid Extended	70.00
Total	\$1,437.38

Book Balance	\$ 87.94
Checks Outstanding	50.00
Net Balance	\$ 37.94

Family Allowances

William F. Anderson	\$ 125.00
C. W. Morgan	50.00
C. L. Wheaton	230.00
J. E. Yates	62.50
A. M. Smith	225.00
B. C. Flint	107.50
W. L. Gates	120.75
Samuel Wood	55.00
Total	\$ 975.75

The above is audited report and found correct with bank balance.

C. L. WHEATON,
W. W. DAWES,
Auditing Committee.

Temple Fund Report

From March 20, 1933, to March 31, 1934.

Forward from 1933	\$ 700.91
Receipts	305.81
Total	\$1,006.72
Expenditures	\$ 804.85
Balance	\$ 201.87
Savings Bond Surrendered	\$ 100.00
Bank Balance	\$ 101.87
Due from General	\$ 50.00
Total Fund	\$ 151.87

Zion's Advocate

Receipts	\$ 729.60
Expended	756.28
Deficit Paid from General	\$ 26.68
Note Payable	\$ 350.00

The above is audited report and found to be correct with bank balance.

C. L. WHEATON,
W. W. DAWES,
Auditing Committee.

Church Recorder's Report

Gain by baptism and transfer	98
By reinstatement	7
Total gain	105
Loss by death	10
By withdrawal	9
Total loss	19
Net gain	84
Enrollment 1933	1,741
Total membership	1,825
Children blessed	17
New churches organized	3

W. L. GATES.

The ministry reporting to the General Assembly from a distance were E. J. Trapp and James W. H. Simons, of England; John Jenkins, of Wales; James E. Yates, Arizona; John A. Dare, Illinois; Herbert B. Johnson, Rhode Island; Robert Gordon Newby, Idaho; Lewis E. Welsh, Michigan. A verbal message was sent from our aged brother W. J. Smith, who is ill at his home in Port Huron.

lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." We know that none of us can do our best when our hearts are bowed down. We know, too, that there is always the silver lining that the eye of faith sees. We earnestly pray that the Advocate may indeed advocate the things Paul advises us to be thinking about and talking about. We are always cheerful, hopeful, and buoyant when we have the Spirit of the Lord. It is only when we do not have it that we are fearful and doubting and "grouchy."

We want to hear from all of you. We can not get together in general gatherings often, and then not all of us can come. Let us make our little paper a sort of reunion ground, where we can hear from one another, hear one another's testimonies, hopes, and desires; where we can read the news from the different churches, Sunday schools, study classes, and other activities. The Advocate wants to keep the members in touch one with another, so send in your news items, bright, crisp letters, pointed testimonies, for we want room for as many as possible to be heard. We ask the local ministry, and the traveling missionaries, to pass every good thing on to the Advocate for its readers. Don't forget that it takes money to pay the printer, and don't forget that our good Sister Page, of Oklahoma City, came to our rescue and loaned the money to pay the publishers the debt we owed them. She must be repaid, and it should be done as speedily as possible, for she needs the money. Everybody can help, help as individuals, branches, and Sunday schools. Let us see how many nickels and dimes and quarters we can save. Some can give more. If we all try we can pay the debt in a short time, for it is only a few hundred dollars, three hundred and fifty, to be exact, we believe. The call is for our faith, our prayers, and our united efforts. May God bless us, one and all, may we be worthy of it.

Since conference we received the news of the passing of Mr. Matthews, only thirty-five years of age. He leaves a young wife and two little sons. In 1931 Mr. Matthews underwent an operation. From that time, he was hardly ever well, spending much time at the Wisconsin Memorial Hospital. The large funeral was held in the Methodist church at Livingston, Wisconsin. Apostle B. C. Flint, who was an old friend of Mr. Matthews, preached the sermon. He had performed the wedding ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews. Assisting Brother Flint at the funeral was Rev. Davis, the pastor of the church, who offered a beautiful prayer. Interment was in the Buckwheat Ridge Cemetery, near Ellenboro. Mr. Matthews was not a member of any church, but believed in the faith of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), the church to which his mother and sisters belonged. He was esteemed in the community in which he lived, as was attested by the host of friends who attended the funeral.

The Advocate extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, the mother, sisters, and other relatives of Mr. Matthews. May the peace that only God can give come to them, and may they find consolation and comfort in the service of the Lord while it is yet today.

SAINTS, TAKE NOTICE

Having been recommended by the committee of seven bishops and appointed by the assembly to take charge of all moneys coming to the office of the Church of Christ for the year ending April 6, 1935; and as Brother J. R. McClain has been placed in charge of the office, I have arranged with him, and he has kindly consented to take charge of the books. He will sign my name to all checks or money orders payable to me, with his signature attached. This is with the consent of the Quorum of the Twelve. We ask the Saints everywhere to send their tithes and offerings, also their offerings to the Temple Fund, to J. T. Ford, Box 232, Independence, Missouri.

Do not forget the Advocate debt. This is God's work. Let us each resolve to pay our tithes, and indeed be laborers together with Him.

May His blessings be yours to enjoy is my prayer.
J. T. Ford.

PASTORAL

To All Members of the Church of Christ; In Idaho, Utah, Washington, and Oregon; also British Columbia; Greeting:

Whereas, the church, through action of the General Assembly of April 6 to 17, 1934, has appointed me to have the general supervision of missionary work and church activities in the above-named States, for the coming conference year,

I hereby request that members and local churches in this field shall communicate with me at an early date, in order to outline and provide for missionary activities in this field.

I will appreciate very much your cooperation and assistance in helping to make this the best year of missionary effort thus far enjoyed in recent years. It is desirable that new openings shall be effected and the work carried afield as much as possible.

If there are any of the ministry who have not been active, who wish to engage at least a part of their time this year in the Lord's service, communicate with me at once, for arrangements and an appointment of a field of labor.

To all, we say in conclusion, the work of the Lord is onward. The time for preparation for the gathering is near; the Lord's house is in the building; the endowment of His power is to be given and the Coming of the Lord approaches. Let us arise and to the task the Lord has called us to, and be indeed, "laborers together with Christ."

We solicit the earnest, effectual prayers of the membership throughout this field, for a happy and fruitful ministry in the Lord's vineyard.

Sagle, Idaho. Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Prayer service at 6.30 in the evening was in charge of Brethren Bozarth and Rathborn.

C. L. Wheaton preached at eight o'clock in the evening.

Fourth Day.—Monday, April 9

Morning prayer service in charge of W. F. Anderson and T. B. Nerren.

Business session called to order at 10.30.

Ministerial reports were read.

A financial report from J. T. Ford was read, and spread upon the minutes.

The financial report of the office manager, W. L. Gates, was read and referred to the auditing committee, who should be chosen.

R. B. Trowbridge, C. A. Gurwell, and A. M. Smith were selected by nomination and election to be the auditing committee, which committee should hold for one year.

Ministerial reports from J. T. Ford and John Jenkins, of Tonyrefail, Wales, were read. J. E. Bozarth made a verbal report.

Afternoon Session

Some thought it would be well to change the order to a prayer meeting. The motion lost because there was no time for it, and business was resumed.

A petition was read from the church at Flint, Michigan, asking for state organization. Midland, Michigan, reported in favor of the petition. Detroit, Michigan, thought the ends sought could be reached by reunions at set times.

A document was read from Thomas E. Barton, recommending that the seven chosen to have charge of the finances of the church be known as the General Bishopric.

The regular order of business set for Monday, regarding proposed changes in articles of jurisprudence, was called. After extended discussion, it was finally decided by a vote of the body to refer the entire matter of jurisprudence to a committee of five for revision, recommendation, and report to this body. The committee chosen by nomination and election were R. B. Trowbridge, Thomas E. Barton, C. L. Wheaton, A. O. Frisbey, and J. T. Ford.

The petition from Flint, Michigan, was called, and much interest manifested by the discussion that followed. It was finally decided to refer the petition to a committee of three. Brethren Trowbridge, Flint, and Cruse were nominated and elected to be the committee.

T. J. Jordan was the speaker at eight o'clock in the evening, assisted by Brother Bowerman, both from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Fifth Day.—Tuesday, April 10

The usual prayer service at 9.30 in the morning.

Business at 10.30.

A report from E. E. Long regarding the Advocate debt was read, approved, and referred to the Board of Publication.

Resolutions offered by James E. Yates, as published

in the Torch of Truth were read, and moved and seconded to receive. Upon request a report from Sagle, Idaho, bearing on the resolutions, was read.

Moved that the resolutions be referred to a committee of five to analyze and report upon to the assembly.

Moved as a substitute that the assembly place its voice of disapproval upon the document, both as to its contents and the manner in which it came into the assembly.

A motion to lay the whole matter on the table lost. The substitute carried.

The communication from Thomas E. Barton concerning bishops was called for and reread. It was moved that proposition No. 1 be adopted. Moved as a substitute that the matter of the entire document be made a subject of special prayer for Thursday morning at 8.30. The substitute carried.

Afternoon Session

After the usual reading of the minutes of the previous session a few additional ministerial reports were heard. The secretary informed the chair that a communication from C. E. Irwin was on the table. Chair inquired as to the wishes of the assembly. Objection was made to the reading. A motion that the document be read, lost.

A petition signed by A. M. Smith and W. L. Gates, of which due notice had been given in the Advocate, was read. The petition provides for delegate conferences in the future. It was moved that the matter be referred to a committee of five. By nomination and election the committee chosen were as follows: E. E. Long, R. M. Maloney, A. M. Smith, Thomas E. Barton, and J. T. Ford.

It was moved that this committee report to the body not later than Thursday.

Moved that Thursday, at 4 o'clock, be set as the time limit for new business.

Because so many would have to attend the court in the morning it was moved to have the usual prayer service at 9.30, and preaching at eleven o'clock instead of business. Should the court not be through, the members could make their own arrangements for the afternoon.

Preaching Thursday evening was by A. M. Smith.

Sixth Day.—Wednesday, April 11

Prayer meeting in charge of Brethren Nerren and Cruse.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by T. B. Nerren.

Preaching at 2 p. m. by Brother Rathborn, after which there was a round table in charge of Brethren Fred Cleveland and Rathborn.

Brother Bozarth was the speaker in the evening at eight o'clock.

Seventh Day.—Thursday, April 12

The prayer meeting this Thursday morning was called for the special purpose of seeking light concerning bishops to have charge of the financial concerns of the church. The meeting lasted from 9.30