

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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HOW TO BE HAPPY.

Synopsis Of A Sermon By Apostle James E. Yates
Delivered In The Church of Christ At
Phoenix, Arizona.
(Reported in part only)

Text:—"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help."—Psa. 146:5.

Finding the way to be happy is one of the important things to learn.

Physical comforts, as we all know, contribute to contentment and are necessary to the best interests of life here upon the earth. But true happiness is a condition of mind and of spirit which is dependent more upon things unseen by the natural eye, than upon material things. Many persons whose physical conditions and surroundings are almost ideal, are not happy. Standing back of all their ample supplies of wealth and of their abundance of material things that are desirable and which make for comfort, there is a mystic yet very certain pall, like some cloud through which true rays of happiness seldom, if ever, penetrate.

Upon the other hand, it is altogether possible that some who suffer from poverty, and who are in physical discomfort, and even in bodily distress, may still be in possession of that marvelously magic power which brings to them measures of real happiness not enjoyed by many who are in better circumstances. For real happiness is based more upon an inner consciousness of spiritual well-being and of right relationship of the soul with God than upon any mere physical condition. This fact may be demonstrated daily to any one who will take the pains to note the nature of their own feelings within the heart which come as a result of having acted in any important instance according to the highest concept of right that they know, or of having failed to do so. Consciousness of having acted in any matter contrary to one's best understanding of right is destructive of those finer and more delightful feelings of well-being known as happiness.

This is true up to the point where the conscience becomes seared or dulled by repeated wrong doing. The Apostle Paul mentions some "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." No sin will sear the conscience quicker than lying. They with conscience so seared and calloused may enjoy carnal pleasures, but not real happiness.

"Holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience."—1 Tim. 3:9. True happiness is a living plant which must have its roots settled in the soil of an undefiled conscience. When the conscience is knowingly defiled, the dove of happiness takes its flight. It returns only when by repentance the conscience is cleansed. "As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity."—Psa. 125:5. The ripened fruit of the works of iniquity always proves to be the very farthest thing from true happiness. "Happy is that people—whose God is the Lord."—Psa. 144:15.

In the book of Nehemiah, 8:10, we read: "Neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Now if being "sorry" is not a good condition of mind to enhance one's strength, it is a good plan to avoid doing things which must cause sorrow. Sin, when its real nature is revealed, and its natural fruit is matured, is always something for which to be sorry. Sin always increases weakness, and not strength. Right living increases joy; and the joy of the Lord in you, is your strength. Joy is; "Exhilaration of spirit."—"Gladness." When you lose your joy in the Lord, you lose your moral strength. That is a greater loss than the mere loss of physical strength. Many things that may seem small or insignificant impair joy, and reduce strength. Likewise all thoughts and deeds of right, whether small or great, increase joy, multiply strength, and thereby the delicious fruit of true happiness may be enjoyed in spirit within the souls of men.

This is God's way; and it is the only way that mankind may be really happy. The kingdom of God is Righteousness, Peace, Joy in the Holy Ghost.—Rom. 14:17. The fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, and happiness withal.

OUR BODIES TEMPLES OF THE HOLY GHOST.

We received a kind valedictory note for the Advocate from Brother Moler which should have gone in the last issue, but it came just a little too late. We regret that we have mislaid it, and can not present it now. We are happy to state, however, that Brother Moler's pen will not be laid upon the shelf. We have enjoyed his editorials, and we believe the readers have, also. We have asked Brother Moler to continue to be a contributor, and we are pleased to have an article from him for this issue.—L. P. S.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.—1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Brother Jordan's car was standing in front of the church, when he says he saw two pairs of bright little eyes and he heard, "Is this your car, Mister?" "Why, yes," Brother Jordan answered. "Why, boys?" "Say, Mister, will you speak for us over at our school?" pointing towards the Columbian school, which is not far from the Temple Lot. Brother Jordan, by a series of questions, obtained further information and went over to the school. He presented himself to the teacher, explained why he had come, told the church to which he belonged. He was assured that his church affiliation made no difference. The pupils had been studying about Canada; they are encouraged to get all the information they can about the subjects they take up in the class, so the boys simply improved their opportunity when they saw "Saskatchewan" on Brother Jordan's car. Brother Jordan likes boys, and when he told them he expected to come to Independence to live, and that when he did, he wanted them to come and see him, their eyes shined in appreciation. He gave them the information they wanted, and left with an invitation from the teacher to visit them again when he was in town.

MISSION APPOINTMENT OF THE TWELVE.

H. E. MOLER, General Missionary U. S. A. as permitted.

WM. F. ANDERSON, Eastern States Mission: New England States, Maritime Provinces of Canada, and Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

ELMER E. LONG, Texas, New Mexico, Montana, North and South Dakota, Montana and Western Canada.

JAMES E. YATES, California, Nevada and Arizona.

ARTHUR M. SMITH, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana and all States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.

B. C. FLINT, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and Province of Ontario.

E. J. TRAPP, British Isles Mission, including England and Wales.

CLARENCE L. WHEATON, Idaho, Utah, Washington and Oregon.

THOS. E. BARTON, Wyoming and Colorado.

Other appointments of Seventies and Elders to be made by members of the Twelve in charge of fields, during the year.

Elder Jas. R. McClain, of the Seventy, appointed to give his entire time to missionary work this year, to have charge of General Church Office, and to do missionary work in Independence, Missouri, vicinity under direction of member of Twelve in charge of that field.

The following appointments were made by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, to labor in his mission as circumstances will permit; Bishop E. E. Richards, Malad, Idaho; Elders V. A. Verhie, Sagle, Idaho; R. G. Newby, Prescott, Washington; Henry Newman Priest, Salt Lake City, Utah. Other appointments to follow.

Most respectfully,
CLARENCE L. WHEATON,
Secretary of Twelve, Sagle, Idaho.

WORD FROM SISTER YARBROUGH.

Sister M. C. Yarbrough, for whose daughter, Sister Cox, prayers were asked at the conference, writes that Sister Cox is able to sit up now, and is improving steadily, if slowly. Sister Yarbrough says she is sure God heard the prayers that were offered in behalf of her daughter, and rejoices in a God who hears and answers prayers.

The sister says further: "Oh, how I wish some elder would come and stay awhile and build up the branch. I get so hungry for church privileges and to have some one to administer to our sick. I do hope the Advocate will come regularly now."

Sister Yarbrough asks that the saints will still further remember her daughter in their prayers.

Sister Yarbrough's address is 815 Aurora Street, Houston, Texas.

A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER SMITH.

We are just in receipt of a letter from Brother Willard J. Smith. Those who were at Conference, and learned of his ill health when request was made that he be remembered in our prayers, will be glad to know that he is able to be up now, and while he is yet very weak, he feels that he is gaining. His brother David has moved to Port Huron, and they are intending to open services as soon as Brother Willard's health will permit. Brother Smith expresses his regret that he could not be at the assembly, but says, "I think there was some excellent work done at this last conference."

COLLINS, MISSOURI.

Dear Sister Sheldon: I want to let you know that since returning from conference I have new courage to help spread the gospel. As we have not had any meetings for some time, and the people were anxious for some one to come and preach, we got the promise of Brother C. L. Wheaton to come after conference. He made many friends here three years ago. He came the 19th of April and we gave out meetings for Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, also Monday evening. We had good crowds at every meeting and Sunday night, all that could get in the school house where the meetings were held, besides some who sat outside in cars. Believe we have quite an interest if some one can follow up the work. Every one seems in good spirits. We also organized a union Sunday school at the same school house this morning. I was elected teacher of the adult Bible class, and my daughter teacher of one of the smaller children's classes. There were forty in attendance today, and we expect to have an increase. It will mean a lot of studying for me, but my happiest days are those spent in trying to help advance God's cause. You may hear from us later in the summer, as we hope to have more meetings soon.

April 29, 1934.

MRS. JAMES H. MARTIN.

FROM APOSTLE THOMAS E. BARTON.

On the last Saturday of the Conference I was called to Mondamin, Iowa, to the funeral of Sister Mary Gamet, who used to live in Colorado Springs. After I left for conference she fell and broke her limb; other complications set in, and the end soon came. I was assisted in the service by Brother Jordan. Quite an interest was shown in the gospel message. I was asked by several to hold a series of meetings. The field is surely ripe for the harvest.

After I returned to Independence and thence to Denver, I found the folks there anxiously awaiting the news of the conference. At the prayer meeting we enjoyed the divine presence of the Holy Spirit in a marked degree. Many of the saints occupied twice in testimony.

I feel sure that the work will take on impetus before winter comes again. Our Master is truly concerned.

April 28, 1934, 316 N. 25th St., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

FROM BISHOP E. E. RICHARDS.

I am going to give you just a little outline of my visit to our late General Assembly. I will have to confess at the outset that when I began to consider the matter I quite reluctantly decided to go, but thank God that the power of right prevailed, and I went. Having had so many disappointments the last few years from a religious standpoint, I almost wondered whether God did, at the present time, have a people upon the earth who would do, as best they could, his bidding. I was happily surprised to find the little group on the Temple Lot humbly and earnestly trying to serve God in His way, and not their own, and as I could see it, was not trying to make a big show in the world, but was humbly seeking direction from the Master. God acting like Himself, was pleased to give us spiritual instruction which gave me, I believe, lasting strength to go on and do the work intrusted to me. But dear saints throughout the land, remember that we are weak creatures. I, with you, would be afraid to trust in my own strength; therefore, remember me before the throne of God when it goes well with you. Saints, while we, as financial arm of the church, are putting forth a strenuous effort along that line, we realize this: we must prepare ourselves spiritually if we are going to do our duty financially. May God bless you all to this end is my earnest and humble prayer.

Malad, Idaho.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP J. T. FORD.

ZION'S ADVOCATE—Dear Brothers and Sisters: I feel to say a few words in regard to this wonderful work into which we have been called. Through our obedience to this great plan we have become the children of God, and as children we are expected to grow. In order to grow we must have an appetite for spiritual food. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6). If we eat that spiritual food we will become partakers of the divine nature. The angel said the mission of Christ was peace on earth and good will towards men. Feasting on divine food we become like Him. See 1 John 3:2, and as we are partakers of His nature, we will be at peace with all men and will love one another. Then we will be men, and will cease to contend with one another. Let us pray for the day when we will be one, and God can be pleased with us.

Since conference I have been visiting the saints. Found some discouraged from reports that have gone out. I left a better feeling after telling that I was at conference and reporting the facts as they were. Now I feel if we could have our little paper come regularly each month, and on time, its pages filled with encouraging news from the locals in different places it would help so much. If we know of anything that has caused us to rejoice, tell the Advocate so that we all can rejoice. There has been some question as to whether the Advocate can continue its visits or not. Unless the saints come to its aid with their subscriptions I know there isn't but half enough to pay for the last issue. Let us all make an effort to pay up, and if we can afford it let us send the paper to our neighbors. We do not know the good it may do. Let us remember, also, that the Advocate is in debt, and as a party holds a note drawing interest, let us pay it off.

Some of us complain that we can not make money any more. Let us examine ourselves. Maybe, in our discouragement, we have forgotten our

tithes and are robbing God. If so, let us prove him by paying our tithing and see what a blessing He has for us. God HAS blessed us, and He will again. Let us trust Him, and be laborers together with Him.

FROM THE PASTOR IN ZION, J. R. McCLAIN.

By action of the general assembly I was chosen to have charge of the office and work in the Independence area. I find the opportunities are abundant for mission work on the Temple Lot. Almost daily there are callers who desire to learn of our work.

Last Sunday, in company with Brother S. J. Madden, Alva Wheaton and family, in Brother Wheaton's car, we motored to Norris, Kansas, where Brother Madden has opened a mission, and recently baptized six, four of them heads of families. There is a fine interest there. I spoke to a full house and had good attention. Was urged to make an appointment for next Sunday night, which I did. I look for others to be baptized.

Brother Madden is past eighty-seven years of age, an old time missionary, and is still anxious and zealous for the cause. He is rejoicing in the fulfillment of a promise of the Lord to him last summer when he was near death's door. In fact, there was no hope for his recovery when I was called at his bedside to administer to him. He was told by the Spirit that he should recover and that he would return to the Kansas mission and accomplish the work he desired to do.

Brother Madden accepts this as another testimony of the many he has had of the over-ruling and directing hand of God, and so do we. We hope for him many days in which to labor in the Lord's vineyard. Next Sunday night he is to preach at Stark Acres mission, while I am to speak at the Norris, Kansas mission, or should I say, at the Madden mission?

I should like to see other missions opened in the Independence area, and will appreciate the co-operation of all the local ministry to this end. Let us all pull together and make this a banner year for the Church of Christ.

FROM APOSTLE C. L. WHEATON.

Dear Sister Sheldon:

Received your note through Brother Richards on this afternoon's mail, and inasmuch as I expect to leave for points in Washington on a late train tonight will now take the time to address a few lines to you in regard to my trip thus far to the west, also of my feelings concerning the recent General Assembly.

In the first place, I wish to say that I have never felt more greatly encouraged with the prospects of the Church of Christ for real genuine service for the Master, in recent years, than I do at the present time. From my observation, I am persuaded that we have reached the "turn of the road," and that if the church shall go forward in harmony with the program as outlined in our recent sessions, we will go a long way toward establishing peace and unity in the church. As you know, from my conversation with you while there, I came to that conference with considerable misgivings, and a rather "blue" outlook, but by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit many clouds were pushed away, and clearer vision has been given.

When we can see problems, which it seemed impossible for us to become reconciled upon, being made a subject of fasting and prayer, such as was done on that memorable morning, on the Bishopric question, and then the resultant answer to those

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earnest prayers in the way of tongues, interpretations and revelation, God using as instruments those who were holding views contrary to what they spoke under inspiration, we have no need to fear the future. It is a glorious feeling to know that you have been one of those on the "opposite" side, whom the Lord could virtually lift out of his seat and use him as I was used. To me that was revelation.

Now with regard to my trip thus far, and experiences since the adjournment of the Assembly, I will briefly review the same. Immediately after the assembly, I made a trip, by request, to the home of Brother and Sister Martin at Collins, Missouri, where meetings were announced prior to my arrival. I preached four sermons from Saturday night to Monday night. These services were marked for their unusually fine attendance and intense interest shown by the audiences. The first two services, the school house was filled with listeners. The last two, the house was crowded to capacity and overflowing out on the steps and in cars parked close to the building. During the time I was there I was called on to administer three times to the sick with pleasing results. Members of the church in this vicinity expressed an encouraged spirit about the results of the conference, and for the outlook for the future. Subsequent advice from Brother Arthur M. Smith is that my effort at this new opening will be followed immediately by a series of meetings.

After returning to Independence from this trip, I was able to arrange with Brother Walter Gates, Office manager for the church last year, to go over his books for a general audit. This was accomplished in a short time, and with the correction of a few errors of entry, found by the auditing committee, we were pleased to be able to report to the church that his books were in balance and in accord with the balances at the bank. That night following the audit, after prayer service, I left Independence for Plevna, Kansas, where I called on the family and mother of Brother Charles N. Denham, members of the church. After an all day's visit there, and one night's rest, I left for Denver, Colorado, where I arrived the following Saturday afternoon. My trip on the train after so much loss of sleep during recent days, made me rather sick, and I found myself at the depot in rather a nauseated condition. I was about to appeal to depot nurse for aid, when Elder Clarence Wiseman, acting pastor in Denver, found me, and took me to his home. The fresh air and kindly

ministrations of this brother and his good wife restored me to better health, and soon we were ready for the usual grind. Made a call on other members of the local church and at a late hour off to bed. Next day, Sunday, I preached twice in their church to fairly good attendance, and was very well received. During the time I was there I called on Brother Herbert Bartlett and wife, formerly members of the church, and had a pleasant visit with them. Also on the family of Brother Halversen, recently returned to Church of Christ from the Fettingites. It is reported that only six active members of the Fetting Group remain in Denver now. Left Denver the following Monday morning, leaving the folks there much encouraged over the results of the recent assembly, though like the rest of us, somewhat sad to realize that some of the Twelve were not sustained this year.

Monday night I arrived in Palisade, Colorado, about 10:20 p. m., 432 miles from Denver. Here we have a nucleus of members who have been held together by the faithful efforts of Brother and Sister T. R. Ely, who have been with the church since about 1928, when I made my first trip through the west. These folks were glad to see the writer, and were glad to get news of the conference. They were glad to know that Apostle Yates had decided to resume his ministry, and also felt pleased with the outcome of conference. I held a service there on Tuesday evening, at which time I reviewed the activities of the assembly, and explained the three referendum bills that are to be submitted to the churches. These folks expressed a determination to work in harmony with the church. On Wednesday morning I took the train over to Grand Junction, Colorado, where a meeting was arranged at the home of Sister Lucy Bishop that night. The Palisade members drove over later that evening, in spite of a heavy downpour of rain, where we all joined together in another meeting. Included in this meeting was Misses Virginia, Jesse and Artence McManaway, whom I baptized last summer at Palisade, and their father, who though not a member at present, showed a very fine interest in all that was said and done. We hope that he will soon be with us, as he is a man of integrity, who would be a valuable member to us in that locality. Later that night I caught the Scenic Limited for Salt Lake City, leaving the folks on the Western slope of Colorado in better spirits.

At Salt Lake City, I met with my worst disappointment thus far on the trip west. Some very good folks of the L. D. S. church there, who were favorably inclined to the church, have suffered a relapse, due to the circulation of certain propaganda in that field through the TORCH which from its very nature, repelled them and caused them to feel that they could not support this church further. Results, tithes, offerings and temple funds from that source are now dried up. They have returned to their old faith. These circumstances are dis-

couraging, and are good indication that we should keep our quarrels privately, at home. However, I found one bright side to this picture, by finding our faithful Brother Henry Newman still at his post of duty with his usual broad smile of welcome. He says, "I never felt stronger in the Church of Christ in my life, than now. I believe it offers the best of any church to us." May the Lord bless Henry. He has been the mainstay of the work in Salt Lake City since 1928, when I was permitted to lead him into the waters of baptism. He has his personal troubles that few know, but he is still able to meet them with a smile. Would that all "Israel" could learn a lesson of Endurance from him.

While in Salt Lake City, I had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with my old friend from Independence, Missouri, former President S. G. Bennion, whom you know. He has recently received high honors from his church. He has been appointed to edit and manage the Deseret News. He was called by his church as the President of Seventies, of whom he says there are over 14,000. A large order for a big man. Big because of his genial, hospitable nature that befriends him to all. He did me the honor of introducing me to all of the general officers of the church there, that were to be found around the church offices. Also to take me to lunch with him to the exclusive church dining hall in the Lion's House. This was my first trip to this historic place, which in the old days was the home of Brigham Young and his wives. I was taken through this building, where I was permitted to inspect the seven odd sitting rooms and twenty bed rooms of this large and spacious home. Many of the furnishings, and much of the original finish of wood work are still preserved. As a whole this building is a masterpiece of architectural work and is in a fine state of preservation. However much we may disagree with these folks about some of their tenets of faith, we must admire their genius and artistic abilities.

During my stay at Salt Lake City I had the pleasure of about two hours discussion with Miss Beth Harland, young sister of the Fetting Group, who is a friend of most of the Denver members of the church, who urged me to call on her. To my surprise and interest I find that a new schism has been introduced among that unfortunate group of people. The promoter of this new order, Charles H. Wilson, has come to these parts posing as the recipient of the Messenger's favor. He alleges that he was ordained an apostle. In turn he has ordained John DeGroot, and a man by the name of Stewart, both of Ogden, as apostles also. They advocate that Peoce River is the new "land of safety" for the Canadian people, and the land west of the 90th meridian in the United States as the gathering place for the people in this country. This movement leaves only a very few isolated members of the original Fetting group in those two places. Since coming to Malad, I have written Miss Harland a review of scripture and latter day revelation which indicate "one place of safety" in these last days, with Independence as the "center place."

At Ogden, I had a very pleasant stay with Dr. George A. Cole, eminent chiropractor and chranio-pathic of this part of the west. He is very successful in his practice, reporting some 47 successful treatments of heart cases, and other infirmities. While at Ogden, I was his house guest at the Hotel Utah. I attempted to see the DeGroot family, but aside from a brief telephone conversation, the effort was not very beneficial. Other members of the church have moved since I was last in Ogden, so in spite of the fact that I walked the streets till nine o'clock last Friday evening I did not locate any of them. I must report that things were not so encouraging there as one might wish.

Arrived at Malad Saturday, about noon, where I received the usual hospitable welcome from the family of Bishop E. E. Richards. Regretted that our good sister Laura Jenkins was not in town. The afternoon was spent with Brother Richards in going over the affairs of the last Assembly. As you know he was not present for the last few sessions, so there was much to talk about. We talked till we were all sleepy and glad to go to bed for a good night's rest. But old mother nature had a surprise in store for us. About 1:15 this morning, we were rudely awakened by having our beds dancing up and down on the floor, and hearing the walls creaking and the paper popping. An earthquake was in progress, my first experience of the kind. It left me feeling sick at the stomach. While the shock was severe, yet we have not heard of any damage. The mornings paper reported that the shock was felt as far south as Ogden, which is 73 miles from Malad. Brother Richards tells me that these shocks have occurred about every two weeks since the fore part of March. Evidently some great subterranean disturbance in locality of the Great Salt Lake. There is in my judgement a strong possibility of a major shock in the near future, which may awaken many in this valley to the necessity of "fleeing to Zion for safety." Today, Sunday, has been a very busy day, in spite of loss of sleep, while old mother earth was being so restless. Miss Luella Richards' typewriter has just about run a hot box today. I have about kept it busy in one way or another a good part of the day. I believe that we are to realize a benefit from the fact that Brother Richards was with us at the Assembly. He is much encouraged with what was done, and shows a fine spirit of enthusiasm to put over his part of the work. Well Sister, I will have to stop. My back is about to the breaking point hovering over this machine using the "hunt and peck" system of typing. Then too, I will have to catch a buss and make connections for points west in about another hour. Am averaging about two night's sleep out of three, so far, so you can imagine that my nerves are about "shot." But after the next two stops I will be home again. Then a good rest.

Malad, Idaho, Map 6, 1934.

INDEPENDENCE.

Sunday, May 20, was a pleasant day in the little white church on the temple lot. Outside, all nature gave an ideal setting. The sky was blue, trees and grass looked fresh and green after the rain, the trees cast their leafy shadows across the emerald carpet on the temple lot, the birds sang, and the air was warm and fragrant. Inside, a large bouquet that some thoughtful, devoted member had brought, lent a spring-like touch to the room. Brother T. B. Nerren was the morning speaker. He enjoyed unusual liberty and preached a splendid, stimulating sermon. A sister, not a member of the Church of Christ, who visited us, told some of her friends that as soon as she stepped her foot inside the room that morning she felt the Spirit of God.

In the evening of the same day Dr. Curtis, of the Fetting group, delivered an earnest exhortation. The six o'clock prayer service, preceding the evening preaching, was a good meeting. When the lights were turned off that night we felt that it was "the end of a perfect day."

A pleasant feature of the prayer meeting Wednesday night, May 23rd, was when one of our young men testified of God's blessing upon him and his young wife in their efforts to serve the Lord. We might add that these young people are hardly ever absent from a church service.

We shall miss another young couple whom we value highly—Brother Nicholas and Sister Dorothy Denham. They go to Warrensburg for the summer where Brother Nicholas will take the summer work for teachers.

We were glad to see in the congregation Sunday morning our aged Brother Madden, who, despite his eighty-seven years, has been preaching in Kansas, and has baptized six people there. He expects to raise up a branch. Other particulars will be given elsewhere by our pastor, Brother McClain.

On Monday evening, April 30, a special meeting of fasting and prayer was held for our sick ones. We were especially concerned about young Brother Robert Case, who, in playing with other boys, received an injury in one of his eyes, that threatened the sight of both. The morning after our special meeting, he was able to distinguish print with one of his eyes. The other eye had to be taken out. The little fellow has made fine progress, and was out to Sunday school Sunday morning, May 27th.

Brother Alva Wheaton, who is in charge of the Stark Acres mission, pushes his work out there with his customary zeal. He gathers up our song books, our preachers and our people. If we miss anything, we just take it for granted it has gone up to the mission. Brother Alva believes in making things go. He has faithful assistance in Brother Nickolas Denham, who is in charge of the Sunday school. It is good training for these young men, and they are devoting themselves to the work.

Brother R. B. Trowbridge is locating, for the present, at least, near Kinderpost, Missouri. He has built a cabin among the pines down there. We shall miss him, but we hope he will find peace amid the scenes of nature which he loves so much, and that he will be able to help the little group of the Church of Christ members there. One of our sisters remarked the other day that she loved poetry. We hope Brother Trowbridge will take notice, for he has written some beautiful spiritual verses.

We heard two splendid sermons Sunday, May 27th. Brother J. E. Bozarth, of Warrensburg, spoke in the morning, and Brother E. E. Long was the speaker in the evening.

F. F. Wipper, one time member and apostle in the Church of Christ, was in the congregation in the morning. We were glad to see him.

Brother Nerren has been in Collins, Missouri, where Brother Wheaton went for a few days after conference. Brother Nerren comes back with as much enthusiasm as Brother Wheaton did. He could stay only a few days, but he says there is a fine interest there.

Our brethren of the Fetting group will hold their conference in the Kansas street church, beginning June 3rd.

HOPE

This is our hope for the future
That we may be rich without forgetting to be righteous, that we may have leisure without license; that we may be powerful without being offensively proud; and finally, that we may live in a world of fact without surrendering our faith.

Board of Publication

THE CHANGING CHURCH.

The above is the caption given an interview with the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes of the Episcopal Church, published in the *Kansas City Star* for May 22, 1934. We give the following extracts from the interview:

"A large part of the church has been inquiring seriously of late as to whether Christian principles are being applied to today's economic situation. Our house of bishops is in the lead in this moral awakening, as it should be. It has championed a more equal distribution of wealth, and old age and unemployment pensions."

"Episcopalians are asking: Can the principles of the New Testament be applied to society today?"

Rev. Barnes is speaking for his own church, only. There is an awakening in other churches, also. Men, both in and out of the church, are beginning to think and to question the present social order. It should encourage us to see that others, outside the Restoration movement, are interpreting the teachings of Christ to have application to the social and economic relations of men, as the Lord has plainly said they have in the revelations to the church in these last days. Encouraging, we say, because it is vindicating the inspiration of those messages to the people of the Restoration, and because it shows that a portion of mankind is being prepared to accept the divine plan for a new social order that shall be a brotherhood of man. The mission of Christ is going forward. His teachings are being understood as never before. We are on the threshold of a new era in which Zion will furnish a concrete example and Christ will be recognized as the pattern.

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"If leaders see life wholly in terms of the dispiriting and depressing things, the dangers and the storms, they are sure to cast a shadow of hopelessness over their co-workers.

Leaders need in such times as these to place more and more value upon that inner poise, that self-assurance coupled with humility, that confidence of faith, that reality of experience, which enables them to rise above worries, fretting, and care. To bring assurance to those who follow, leaders must think and live creatively in periods of stress and strain. An atmosphere of fear and defeat is a very easy one to create when conditions are as they have been, and every leader must not fight it for himself but for the sake of those co-operators who may so easily fall into it.

Leaders who have faith in God and in the Christian religion, who can see visions when the clouds hang low, by the very force of their courageous attitude and their magnetic personality, lift the level of life for all those who look to them for guidance."

—Ida Reed-Smith, in "The New Century Leader."

E. Stanley Jones, missionary of the Methodist Church to India, in one of his recent books says:

"Increase the ornateness of the rituals of the church if you will, improve the quality and the quantity of its religious education as you may, raise the standards of qualifications of the ministry as high as you can, pour money without stint into the coffers of the church, give it everything except the one thing that Pentecost gives, and you are merely ornamenting the dead."

SECRETARIES, TAKE NOTICE.

By action of the late general assembly, members wishing to withdraw their names from the records of the Church shall present their petition to the local church of which he or she is a member.

The general church recorder shall not remove the name of any scattered member from the record of the church without recommendation from the missionary in charge.

Moved that this body shall authorize the church recorder to notify all parties that do ask for the removal of their names from the record of the Church that they present their petition to the local church of which they are a member.

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.

AN APPEAL FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

We wish to appeal to every member of the Church of Christ to make a special donation of fifty cents each for the purpose of paying the Advocate debt, which has been reduced to two hundred and ninety dollars. We estimate that if the members can and will make this extra effort it will take care of the debt. Those whose subscriptions are due, please send in your renewals promptly.

If the members will come to our assistance as we have requested above, we shall be enabled to issue the Advocate regularly. If help does not come promptly present conditions compel us to announce that the size of our paper will have to be reduced still more and may have to be discontinued altogether. We feel sure that no one wishes this done. The church has no other missionary agency of so great usefulness as the Advocate. Let the pastors and local officers bring this matter to the attention of the membership now, and send in your renewals, new subscriptions, and donations to the printing debt, or else the next issue will be still smaller than this.

Your Board of Publication desires to make the Advocate a real missionary in the future in administering to the spiritual needs of the membership and in bringing souls to Christ; in helping to spread the angel's message and warning men of the calamity and destruction that await the wicked. Will you help us?

WHERE TO SEND YOUR MONEY.

Send all tithing, offerings, contributions to the temple fund, donations to the Advocate debt, to Bishop J. T. Ford, Box 232, Independence, Missouri.

Send all subscriptions to the Advocate, new or in renewal, to the Business Manager, Alva Wheaton, Box 232, Independence, Missouri.

Men, in the beginning, were created in the likeness and image of God, and were, indeed, sons of God by creation. Through transgression man fell from that high and holy position, thus losing the light and intimate knowledge he had of God, and was left to grope his way in darkness. But God's love for His children did not cease with the fall of man, but that great love prevailed until there was an atonement made, and the privilege given all who would of returning to the presence of his Creator. Paul was reminding the saints of this blessed relationship whereby God by His Spirit comes and dwells with His children, and this is in accord with the teaching of Jesus in St. John 14:22, 23:

"Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus saith unto him, If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him."

The condition on which God promises to come and make His abode with His children is that they love Him and manifest that love by keeping His words. If we do not love Him we will not keep His words. or if we fail to keep His words it is because we do not love Him.

Man is susceptible to spirit influence, either good or bad. We have the determining whether it shall be good or bad by the choice that we personally and individually make. For as Paul says in Rom. 6:16:

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or obedience unto righteousness?"

We are deciding, choosing, all the time to whom we are servants. We get the Spirit of God by obedience; we may lose it by disobedience. What a wonderful thought that though we have inherited the fallen nature of our father Adam, yet in this mortal life there may come to us the assurance through the Holy Spirit that we are sons of God, and that this assurance will constantly abide with us long as we are worthy of the indwelling of the Spirit of God. But if we are disobedient, treat lightly the things which we have received, we will lose the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, and be left in darkness. This losing of the Holy Spirit is very dangerous to our eternal happiness. When it leaves us, we are in darkness indeed, and as Jesus has said:

"If therefore the light that is in thee be darkened, how great is that darkness!"—Matt. 6:23.

It is a fearful and terrible thing to treat lightly or carelessly the wonderful light of the Holy Spirit which God has given us through obedience to His divine law. The darkness in which one so doing finds himself is so great that he seldom returns therefrom.

We are not our own for we are bought with a price, and at what a price? The price with which we have been purchased was the gift of God's everlasting Son; his lowly life of humble meekness; his great love for us, pouring out his soul unto death, enduring shame and suffering for us. Oh, can we not see at what great price our salvation has been purchased for us? The consideration of the great price paid for us should cause us to set a high valuation on our relationship with God, and make us more determined to do all in our power to continue in this blessed relationship with God. Therefore let us glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are God's.

The way to retain the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is to always heed its promptings, follow its leadings, and never grieve it by doing that which is vile, sinful, or unclean. Thus by heeding the gentle promptings of the Spirit, it will continue to dwell with us, filling us with a supreme love of God, and all men, and we shall be found growing in the grace of God and in the knowledge of the truth, constantly advancing, until finally we shall be worthy to enter into a fullness of the glory and knowledge of God.

H. E. MOLER.

ECHOES FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Somehow, the name of Apostle A. M. Smith did not appear in the assembly report in the last issue of the Advocate. Whether there was an omission in copying, or how it happened we do not know, but the minutes show that Bro. Smith's name was read in its turn, and the assembly moved to sustain him in the Quorum of Twelve.

We thought the reporters looked pretty interested in our assembly business meeting, and after one of the session one of the young men came up to us and said, "You have some mighty good speakers over here."

Our assembly prayer meetings were nearly always good. Visiting saints not members of the Church of Christ expressed to us their enjoyment of the meetings.

A brother from Canada attending the General Assembly told us that an official of another and a prominent faction of the Resoration told him, "We are watching you people on the Temple Lot." He invited our brother to speak for them in their local church.

A brother, an outstanding missionary of days gone by, whose hair is white now in the service of another faction of the church, visited us during conference. He expressed his appreciation of our effort to keep the faith untarnished and not compromise the beliefs of the church. "Hew to the line," he said; "stick to principle, and leave the consequences with God."

The attendance at conference was not large we could not expect it under the circumstances of financial depression from which we have not emerged yet, but it was a representative attendance. We were especially pleased to see our Bishop E. E. Richards, of Malad, Idaho, whom we had never met before.