

# 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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## TO OUR FATHERS

Written and read by Sr. Angela Wheaton on Fathers' Day on the Temple Lot in Independence.

I should like very much today to clasp the hand of the man, woman or child who began the commemoration of Fathers' Day. Without detracting one iota from the honor bestowed on mothers, I should like to pay equal honor and tribute to our fathers.

On Mothers' Day there has always been, without fail, a wrenching around the regions of my heart and a lump comes easily into my throat because the world does not bestow as much honor on fathers as on mothers. We can not praise and honor our mothers too much, yet too often the praise and honor of fathers is unsung.

On memory's walls, I have pictures of my own father coming home weary after a long day of heavy back-breaking work, to and from which he had to walk several miles. So weary was he that Mother taught us children to be very, very quiet, at least until he got a little rested. That among other things I consider a noble effort to provide food and raiment for a large family of growing children. Cherished in my memory are some of the words of wisdom that fell from his lips.

Also on memory's walls are hung most sacredly, pictures of my own children's father. Foremost among them is one in our very young married life of him telling me about his ideals regarding the duties and responsibilities of fatherhood. No mother-heart could ever have had higher ideals or nobler aspirations than were those, and side by side with me he has stood through the years.

It is not fair to those dear, noble toilers who have braved the storms of life with us, who have come home weary at night, and yet with a cheery word and smile have lightened the load on our shoulders; who have bravely taken their turn walking the floor at night or in other ways caring for the sick baby. It is not fair, I say, that the world has taken so little recognition of their heroism. I want no honor bestowed upon me that is not bestowed equally upon my husband. Without him I could not have carried on. I believe most of mothers will share my sentiments. If their experiences have been such that they can not, my very heart goes out to them in sympathy.

There is strength in the touch of a father's hand. There is a strength in the sound of a father's voice. There is a strength in a father's very presence that causes both courage and pride and inspiration to spring up in the soul of his wife and children.

True it is that the mother bears the suffering and pain of travail, but the father standing at her side suffers with her in his love and sympathy. That mingled expression in his beloved face, of pain and joy and sympathy and love

transmits added strength and courage to her and makes her lot easier to bear.

To be sure there are fathers who are a discredit to the very name of fatherhood. Can not the same be said of mothers? Has there not come under our observation at some time a mother who, because of smirch and stain she has brought upon the sacred name of motherhood, has made us blush with shame? Then shall we fail to reverence those who have kept the name of motherhood pure? No! A thousand times no! Nor should we fail to reverence those who have kept the name of fatherhood pure.

Indeed it seems to me, because the percentage of fathers who give little or no thought to their sacred responsibilities, that more abundant honor is due those fathers who have helped to hold the banner of fatherhood high.

Very often we hear sung the praises of a mother who, left alone with her little brood, successfully plays the part of both mother and father. But I have known fathers who, when left alone with their motherless children, have made a wonderful success, also teaching them to sew and cook as well as the deeper and weightier lessons of life. I have known fathers who, because the mother did not take to mothering as she might, have taken her place as best they could after a long day's work and taught the daughters to cook and keep house. I have known fathers who have taken a keener notice of the bumps and bruises and have comforted away the tears of babyhood more gently than the mothers. I consider they are worthy of having their praises sung from the house tops.

I am thankful for the men living today in a world of sin and wickedness, who have set for themselves a standard as high as is set for womanhood. Praise and honor are due them. Those are the men who make the kind of fathers who inspired the celebration of Father's Day.

Those are the men who will lift the world out of the depths into which it has sunk. Those are the men who inspire other men and youth to come up higher. Those are the men who, whether they realize it or not, are assisting Jesus Christ in redeeming mankind from the fall, bringing the human race back into the presence of God. May God continue to bless and inspire them and continue to increase their number until that great work is accomplished.

We like to think of womankind as something sweet, gentle, pure and holy, which is well, but I believe God intended that man and woman should walk side by side and hand in hand, an inspiration to each other, an inspiration to both babyhood and childhood, an inspiration to the youth growing up and a glory and honor to God the Creator of all life.

Christ had been directed to build.

How many times have we heard the cry, "Wait, wait, the time has not fully come", directly fulfilling Haggai 1:2, which says, "Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, This people say, the time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built."

Since 1929 we have seen depression, disaster, and troublous times spread their pall over the earth. The Book of Haggai tells us why, Chap. 1:9-11. "Ye looked for much, and lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of Hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man to his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drouth upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands." We have all seen this fulfilled, so it needs no comment other than to remember the reason for these conditions, which is because "the house of the Lord lays waste."

While these quotations doubtless applied at that time as much as they do at this time, the following quotation taken from the 2d chapter, verses 7-9, can apply only to our present day temple. "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts. The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts." At the time of Christ's first coming the Jewish nation was the only one looking for His coming. Today there are those in all nations who desire his second coming.

Malachi 3:1 tells us—"The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple—" We know His coming at that time did not fulfill this statement:

Another notable thing is that when Christ visited the Nephites, he taught them outside their temple, there is no record that He entered it. Also, He commanded them to write the prophecy of Malachi in their records, saying it was for a future time and people.

Returning to verse 9 in 2nd chapter of Haggai, we are informed that the glory of this latter house shall exceed the glory of former, and in it the Lord will give peace. We

know that Christ did not bring peace at His first coming because He himself said that He came not to bring peace but to bring a sword, even to the extent that a man's foes would be they of his own household.

The eighth chapter of Zechariah, 1st to the ninth verses, is a prophecy concerning the restoration of Jerusalem, which clearly dates the prophecy in this present time, because it is even now in process of fulfillment. Verses 9 and 10 dates definitely the time of the building of our latter day temple by the conditions which will prevail at the time. "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouths of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of Hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. For before these days there was not hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any place to him that went out or come in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbor."

The Lord has promised that He will do nothing except He revealeth it through His prophets, so we would naturally look for, and accept present day revelation directing us to do the work, before we would attempt it.

We all know of the Messenger, John the Baptist, coming to Bro. Fetting with directions to start the work. But some may not know that this means of directing the work is provided for in one of the prophecies of Zechariah. In the 6th chapter, verse 12, we found the following: "And speak unto him saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, behold the man whose name is The Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the Temple of the Lord."

Who is this man. The Branch? Luke 1:80, speaking of John the Baptist tells us, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing until Israel." Not the usual place for a child to grow up. Zech. 6:13. "Even he shall build the temple of the Lord: and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." In accord with this, is Bro. Fetting's vision of the Church of Christ gathered in the basement of the temple with Christ and John the Baptist presiding.

We are admonished to always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us. The above are the strong reasons why I am converted to the work of building the temple.

## COFFEE AND TEA

Why I Quit Drinking Them

By Miriam Haldeman Mason

For years I had used tea and coffee, always thinking they did not hurt me. I told myself I was not a slave to them; that I could stop using either or both without missing them. However, I continued to drink coffee freely in summer. About a year ago I began suffering keenly from a pain in my back. I tried several home remedies I thought would relieve the pain, but it continued. Someone suggested perhaps it was the coffee and tea I was drinking which hurt me. I hardly thought so. Why would they begin to hurt me all of a sudden? At any rate I quit drinking iced tea as I had heard the tanning used in tea sometimes hurts one's kidneys. I continued to use coffee, but used lots of cream and sugar, thinking the cream would offset the coffee, telling myself, "I drink it chiefly for the cream and sugar."

About this time a friend handed me an article treating

on the harmfulness of coffee and tea to the human body. Several doctors are quoted as follows: Dr. D. H. Kress says that "Tea is worse than beer", Dr. Kenneth G. Haig in "Diet and health: "Tea drinking is just like taking a drug; in fact, and has just as terrible and fatal results". Another authority says: "In taking tea, man is taking pure poison and no nourishment whatever; and with the introduction of diffusion of tea and coffee through out the land there has come about a very great increase in all uric acid disease." But I thought, what is there so poisonous about tea and coffee? I read more; there it was: "Caffeine, one of the harmful substances contained in tea and coffee, is one hundred times as deadly a poison as alcohol. Caffeine is allied to cocaine, that is why a cup of tea will stop a headache. Coffee contains the same substance, caffeine, and is equally as bad as tea." Dr. Alexander Bryce in "Modern

Theories of Diet," says, "Tea, coffee and cocoa are nerve poisons and cerebral excitants." Another authority says: "Tea and coffee, by reason of their deadening effect upon the sensibilities, permit one to go beyond the limit of safe exertion. They give no strength, they simply make you unconscious of your fatigue. It is reasonable to believe that this obliviousness to consequences leads to doing things that one would not do when not under influence of these deceivers." According to records, "there is each year imported into this country in the form of tea and coffee six times as much poison as would be required to kill all the men, women and children on the face of the earth. A deadly dose of caffeine is contained in about thirteen cups of tea or coffee." So if I drink two cups of tea or coffee each meal, three times a day, no wonder my back hurts with my poor liver having to constantly protect me from such deadly poison.

Again, "A cup of tea contains twice as much caffeine as normal urine contains of uric acid, thus the use of tea and coffee give the kidneys an abnormal amount of these substances to rid the body of, which must tend prematurely to wear them out. Both tea and coffee are strong stimulants Dr. George F. Butler says in National Food Magazine: "The habit of stimulation is dangerous, it matters little which is the most dangerous—tea, coffee or morphine. There is only one safe rule regarding stimulants; and that is, don't use them." Dr. J. N. Hurty writes: "Caffeine in our coffee and tea injures heart, brain and kidneys, and so brings disease and its train of ills." "Caffeine in tea is so soluble that practically as much of this substance is extracted from the leaves by short steeping as by long steeping." There it was before me in black and white. I read and reread it. Would I drink beer? Would I drink alcohol in any form? Indeed I would not, and yet I was drinking more poisonous drinks. I quit at once, and have not tasted either since. I understand now why we are told in The Word of Wisdom, a revelation given to the church in an early day, that strong drinks are not good for man," and I firmly believe tea and coffee are strong drinks, even though they look weak. Some people say, "I don't drink it strong." I did not either, but they hurt me. Now I drink milk instead, and I add the cream which I would use in coffee to milk and my back has entirely stopped hurting me. Since I don't use caffeine, my mind is clearer and I sleep better and am gaining weight I would not think of trying to teach the word of God to a Sunday School Class while under the influence of alcohol, neither will I use caffeine and do so. I write this experience hoping it may help some one to overcome the use of this deadly poison.

#### EXPERIENCES OF ELDER S. J. MADDEN

In 1880 Brother Spencer and I went to the Far West district. I located at Black Wolf station, and Bro. Spencer located about two miles from me. I got acquainted with a sister of J. B. Scott's wife. Her name was Dailey. She had consumption and was nothing but skin and bones. I saw them drive the last cow away for doctor bills. I was working for a man by the name of Davis when she sent for me three times. Mr. Davis said, "Mr. Madden, if you can do that woman any good, go." So, I went, and I found her propped up in bed. She could not lie down without fainting. She could barely whisper. I asked her what she wanted, and she said she wanted to be administered to. I asked her if she would obey the gospel if the Lord should raise her up. She answered that she would. Mr. Dailey

had said that no elder could ever lay his hands on his wife's head, so I asked if he was willing that I should administer to his wife. He said, "I am perfectly willing." The doctor said, "I will give her up." I called the house to order, and administered. Immediately the woman rolled off the props and went to sleep. I told my wife who was there also, to make some chicken broth and have it ready when Mrs. Dailey woke up.

The next day when I went to see Mrs. Dailey, I found her sitting up. The day after she was in the rocking chair. Her husband said there was no God in it; it was just mesmerism. They had a little child about four years old. It had been very sick for some time. The spirit bade me to pray for it. I did so, but did not go near the child; did not put my hands on her. That showed Mr. Dailey it was no mesmerism in my hands that healed the child. In less than an hour she was playing.

Mrs. Dailey was healed, and the following Sunday I baptized her. She was the first of thirty-seven that came into the work in that locality. She lived for over thirty years after that, and got to weigh over 200 pounds. A good many others were healed in that locality. I left there and went down into Bear county, Missouri, and I met a family by the name of Miller. The old lady had a fall, and had been in bed for a long time. There was a doctor there by the name of Tignor. He said, "I want you to get acquainted with this family for I have been giving them tracts and the Book of Mormon to read." When we went into the house I found the old lady in bed. She hadn't walked a step for a long time. I said to her sister, "I have a warm feeling in my heart for you people; tomorrow I will stop as I come from the mill and do some preaching." Old Mrs. Miller who was in the seventies spoke up and said, "I want to be baptized." I said to the boys, "Go down and dam the spring up, and by the time you get it done she will be ready." Some of the family laughed at what I said, so I went down and helped the boys a little. Presently we looked up towards the house and here was coming the old lady to be baptized. She was the first, and I stood in the water until six were baptized, and I confirmed them—

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I united with the church in 1867 at Amboy, Illinois, Jacob Dome, high priest, baptized me. I was very earnest in the latter-day work and I desired some of the blessings that were given to others. Some would say they had seen an angel, and some told me they had seen Christ, so I thought I ought to have the same as anybody else. I sought the Lord with all my might that I might obtain these blessings. I was a railroad man at that time and I had a car all to myself at the end of the division. I was studying the Book of Mormon one day when all at once there was a curtain drawn across the car, and in one of the rooms was a round table with three glasses upon it. In those glasses was some strong element, such as liquor. One was stronger than the other. As I looked upon it, wondering what it meant, a personage who stood by the table took some of the strongest and turned it into the weakest and came and gave it to me to drink. Then the vision all passed from me and I sought the Lord to know what it meant. This is what was told me. "You have asked for things you are not able to bear at the present. You must receive line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and here a little, until you are able to receive the strongest of the blessings that God has promised unto his children." I got down on my knees and

commenced to pray. I didn't ask the Lord for angels or visions or to have the appearance of Christ as some had taught me. In the humility of my soul I asked God to give me such things as would be for my good and to his glory and honor. Since that time I have received line upon line and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, until I know that Jesus is the Christ. I have been blessed with the promises of the Holy Spirit, and I desire to continue to do all I can for the Church of Christ while I may remain. I feel, though, that my time is short. Like one of whom we read in the Book of Mormon, I feel that I shall soon go to the paradise of God. I am now in my 89th year. I feel to say farewell to my children and friends. I have faith and confidence in God, and praise him for all his blessings to me. I feel to say, "Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

S. J. Madden.

March, 1935.

## WHY ZION HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED

By T. J. Jordan

In considering the history of the Church and the work accomplished by the many believers in the Restoration of the gospel, with their many and varied ideas as to how it should be successfully carried on, we have often wondered just what was the cause or causes that led up to the many failures and disappointments in the accomplishing of what was seemingly God's intent and purpose, for we are reminded of the statement made in the early days of the Restoration movement; "There is even enough now and to spare to redeem Zion, but my people would not." So in our examination, we shall try to be fair and considerate, but face the facts as they are.

In Section 44 of the Book of Commandments as given to the Church in February, 1831, we find some very important direction and instruction for the future welfare and benefit of the saints in Zion and elsewhere, providing of course that they will obey the instructions and follow closely the directions given in every detail. I well remember on one occasion when I was quite a young man a certain contractor was given the contract to build quite a large building in the town in which I was then living. When the building was nearly completed a heavy windstorm came up, and it was blown to the ground and demolished. In the calamity that befell his undertaking, he then and there set out to try to ascertain the cause of the failure of his building to stand the storm, and after due consideration, he ascertained the defects in his program of building, and so publicly proclaimed, not alone to protect himself and his future activities, but to protect all others in similar undertakings. While this may have been embarrassing to an extent, yet I remember admiring the man and his frankness in admitting the mistakes that he had made. Would not this be a wise procedure on the part of all believers in the Restoration? I think it would.

The reason for the failures of the past is of vital importance to present day believers in the gospel. Surely we all know the effects, but can we index the cause? Our purpose in this article is to point out at least a few of the reasons. We say in the outset, had the members of the Church, and more especially those called to feed the flock, gone forward in strict compliance with instructions given, keeping closely all the commandments of God, a different page in history would have been written. Zion today could have been flourishing and her golden banner blazing to the

world. There would have been peace and plenty to the joy and satisfaction of her people, and the amazement of those standing afar off, looking on.

Examining Section 44 of the Book of Commandments. It starts out with these remarkable statements: "A revelation given to twelve elders assembled in Kirtland, Ohio, and also the law for the government of the Church." Its opening paragraph reads as follows: "Hearken Oh ye elders of my Church who have assembled yourselves together in my name, even Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, the Savior of the World." Again, "Inasmuch as they believe on my name and keep my commandments." I desire to emphasize the following verse: "Again I say unto you, hearken and hear and obey the law which I shall give unto you." Surely the foregoing quotations from this section are clear and of great import to the Saints in this last dispensation of time.

We wish now to continue our examination of this section and refer the reader to verse 9 of this same chapter: "And from this place ye shall go forth into the regions westward, and inasmuch as ye shall find them that will receive you ye shall build up my Church in every region until the time shall come when it shall be revealed unto you from on high where the City of the New Jerusalem shall be prepared, that ye may be gathered in one, that ye may be My people and I will be your God." Of a certainty the foregoing is plain, clear and to the point, and I cannot believe for a single moment that God would make a promise and then fail to keep it; but when men fail, and because of their failure, God's promises cannot be fulfilled, we may well ask where were the failures? But a very short time after the giving of the above section, very unwise procedure was followed, and the introduction into the organized form of the Church, many things for which there was no provision to be found in the early revelations, neither in the Bible nor the Book of Mormon. Men sought to introduce things that were foreign to the divine intent; men clamored for place, position and power, which was not and is not to be found in the economy of Jesus Christ, and because of this departure their minds became darkened and they failed to carry out the instructions which were so vitally important. The causes of failure then will produce failure today, if followed. Of a truth some are striving to proceed and build, but they are building upon flimsy and faulty foundations, and failure can and will be the only result. Let me suggest that we start all over again, beginning at the bottom and work up, following Oh so closely the instructions given and in harmony therewith, keeping all the commandments of God. Then are His promises sure and they shall not fail, and we shall yet see Zion flourish and shine forth in all her beauty and perfection.

Now let us consider some other matters contained in this same section. Note verses 26 to 29, inclusive:

26. "If thou lovest Me, thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments; and behold, thou shalt consecrate all thy properties, that which thou has unto me, with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken; and they shall be laid before the Bishop of my Church, and two of the elders, such as he shall appoint and set apart for that purpose."

27. "And it shall come to pass, that the bishop of my Church, after he has received the properties of my Church, that it can not be taken from the Church, he shall appoint every man a steward over his own property, or that which he has received inasmuch as is sufficient for himself and family."

28. "And the residue shall be kept to administer to

him who has not, that every man may receive according as he stands in need."

29. "And the residue shall be kept in my storehouse to administer to the poor and needy, as shall be appointed by the elders of the Church and the bishop; and for the purpose of purchasing lands, and the building up of the New Jerusalem, which is hereafter to be revealed; that my covenant people may be gathered in one, in the day that I shall come to my Temple."

In the foregoing verses cited, direction and instruction as to the procedure are most emphatic and in verse 30, the Son of God says that putting into effect these matters as contained in the verses cited, was for a specific purpose.

"And this I do for the salvation of My people." If these things were necessary then for the salvation of the saints of God, surely they are as important today, but examine if you will, the efforts and accomplishments of some of the factions of Latter Day Saintism along this line, and where are they?

Again, quoting from verses 33 and 34, of this same section 44, which says, "And, again thou shalt not be proud in thy heart; let all thy garments be plain, and their beauty of the work of thine own hands, and let all things be done in cleanliness before Me. Thou shalt not be idle, for he that is idle, shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the laborer." And verse 36 continues by reminding us of this: "Thou shalt live together in love." Just how far we have advanced in following these instructions as above cited, I am going to leave the reader to answer for his or her own self.

Verses 40, 41 and 42: "Thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship; thou shalt not take thy brother's garment; thou shalt pay for that which thou shalt receive of thy brother, and if thou obtainest more than that which would be for thy support, thou shalt give it into my storehouse, that all things may be done according to that which I have spoken." Where, Oh where, do we find Latter Day Saints living under the conditions and in harmony with the records as above cited? But that is not all; the promise is attached that following these instructions as above cited, we are told in verses 46 and 47, "If thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation; knowledge upon knowledge, that thou mayest know the mysteries and the peaceable things of the kingdom; that which bringeth joy; that which bringeth life eternal. Thou shalt ask and it shall be revealed unto you in mine own due time, where the New Jerusalem shall be built."

Are these not marvelous promises? Are they not worth laboring most diligently for? I believe that we will all agree that they are.

Then why have we not received the promises made, and the only answer comes back, IT IS BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE AND OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.

*Continued Next Month*

And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 18-20.

By all means, God has commanded  
Us to sacrifice, that the temple may be built.  
If we adhere, wholeheartedly, to this  
Law and command, there is no  
Doubt but that we shall receive greater blessings.

The Spirit of God teaches us that  
He will not forsake us, if we are  
Earnest, ambitious and willing to sacrifice.

The time is near at hand when  
Escape to Zion will be necessary.  
May God help us to realize these  
Points of the law, and also learn to  
Lean upon Him who faithfully fulfills  
Every one of His promises.

MARY SMITH.

### INDEPENDENCE ITEMS

The weather is quite a change from the temperature we have been having, but corn needs it, and so we mop our faces and try to be reconciled.

Brother H. E. Moler was a welcome guest since we went to press last Sunday morning, June 23, he preached a very acceptable sermon, running through which was that quiet, serene faith in God which is characteristic of him. He exhorted to steadfastness, said there was nothing else to look to but Christ. He warned us to be on our guard against outward environment and build up "inward resistance." This could be done by regular attendance at church services, and by daily reading of the scriptures and prayer.

Sister Moler has asked an interest in the prayers of the church membership. Her health is very poor and she indeed needs our prayers. Let us remember her faithfully.

Sister C. L. Wheaton left for her home in Sagle, Idaho, Wednesday morning, July 10th. It has been years since she was here where she was born and reared, and we hope she will be benefited by her visit "back home."

Our busy business manager and his family have returned from a ten day vacation trip up in Minnesota. They report a fine time, and some fish.

The temple workers have cut and hauled 30 thousand feet of lumber and piled it on the temple ground, ready for use. They have cut a road from the street to the temple basement that material may be more conveniently brought upon the ground. A tool house has been built and other improvements made on the grounds. At present the workers are quarrying rock and hauling it upon the ground. All bills are paid and no indebtedness is being incurred. The work is proceeding quietly, as means come in. Each morning the day is begun with prayer. The day's schedule begins with "Breakfast at seven. Prayer service at 7:30."

FROM THE MAIL SACK

June 16, 1935.

To the Advocate:

I, Henry Charles Snook, formerly a priest in the Reorganized Church, have never regretted the day I transferred to the Church of Christ, Temple Lot. My eyes were opened to a work so long neglected until the tares had overgrown the wheat and were altogether in danger of being no good for anything but stubble which the farmer ploughs in to rot, in hopes that when there is another sowing mayhaps bring abundant harvest. We have a good illustration in the parable of the sower who went forth to sow the good seed; some fell by the wayside and fowls of the air came along and picked it up. Some fell on stony ground and the sun scorched it because it did not have proper roots. Some fell among thorns and thistles which choked it, the cares and trials of this life being too much for it to flourish. Some fell on good ground and brought forth, some thirty fold, some sixty fold and some one hundred fold, representing the people that are trying to produce the true fruit of the gospel, which must be taken to all nations of the earth and when the grain is fully ripe for harvesting the end will come. Then we will come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. They who have labored well will hear the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Of the little thou has received much grain has been gathered into the garner."

There is a power in the Truth. God has said, "My word is truth." Jesus Christ, God's mouthpiece, has said, "If ye continue in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Free from what? From sin and death. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth should not perish but have everlasting life." That life means knowing God.

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INTENDS TO PAY TITHING

I have been a member of the Church of Christ but a short time, only since May 10, 1935, and as any member of the church, I am learning something new, and getting a clearer view of right and proper things to do. On the eve of the above date I reached a turning point in my life. Following is how it happened.

All my life I have had what I used to call "tough breaks" in regard to my personal welfare and employment, always managing to live and furnish myself with comfortable clothing, but it seemed that when I gained a good job, it would last a year or perhaps a few months, then the pay off and lay off. With the passing of years I grew accustomed to being laid off. I decided it was expecting too much to try for steady employment; that no matter how much I might strive, a lay off was inevitable, and so I waited for my "luck" to change. I prayed to God, and made promises, but something was wrong. I studied my Bible, listened to sermons. I was certain I was leaving no stone unturned in my efforts to live a good christian life, but I still lacked something important,

somewhere. But God be praised, while talking to my aunt and her daughter, both members of the Church of Christ, the solution to my trouble was revealed to me in the following conversation. I was asked if I had tried paying tithing on any of my previous earnings. I answered no; that I had not thought of it. They informed me of the several and various blessings they had received and were receiving, attributing the blessings to the Lord's pleasure with them for paying their tithing, and they stated that if he blessed them he certainly would do the same for me.

The answer to my problem came to me in a flash. I had never given a penny to tithing. Looking back I find that ten per cent of my earnings up until now, the Lord's share, would represent a sizeable fortune, and that I have committed a great sin, and how long suffering the Lord has been with me. It nearly breaks my heart to think how blind I have been. I write this hoping that somewhere some brother or sister may read what I say and be benefited by what I have learned. I thank God that my eyes have been opened, and I will surely adjust my life in future according to the new light that has come to me. Giving praise to our allwise Heavenly Father,

I am your brother in Christ,

Roy Raymond.

Rockford, Ill., July 2, 1935.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I have just been reading the July Advocate. I read of the brother who is not even a member of the Church of Christ but is giving what he can for the building of the temple. I hope his example will awaken a strong desire in all of us to do more for this great and wonderful work of the Lord. I know it has in me. I am not at this time able to give, but it will be my goal from now on, I hope, the rest of my life. Dear Brothers and Sisters, when we pray, and let us pray often, let us pray for one another, that we may not wander from God. I need your prayers; please pray for me, and for the building of Zion.

Roland Sprague

Later, under date of July 14, Bro. Sprague writes:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I am writing to tell you of the fine time we have been having here in Rockford in the gospel work. We have had Bro. Anderson with us since last Saturday, and have held meetings nearly every night since he came. Then, last night, Bro. and Sr. Flint came to town, and we had them at our meeting tonight. Bro. Flint was in charge. Bro. Dare, the elder here, opens the meetings every night. The Spirit has been strong, and a good interest has been shown. I believe some will join before long. We plan tomorrow night to organize a branch here, if the Lord wills.

Once before, in a letter to the saints, I asked for your prayers that we, in this town, might grow and again I ask the same of all the saints everywhere.

Bro. Flint is badly needed in Europe, so dear brothers and sisters, let us unite our efforts and make it possible for him to go. Evil is at work that should be stopped,

or the church will suffer loss, and we as members of the Church are able to help by sending our money in. Let us not put it off any longer, and let us pray for one another, and see the work of the Lord go forward. We are all human, and because we are, we make mistakes, but let us not stop trying to do the will of God.

Your brother in Christ,

Roland Sprague.

3345 Boyd St., Omaha, Nebraska, 7/5/35

Dear Sister Sheldon: Received the July Advocate this morning, and have read it from front to back. I surely enjoyed it. The Advocate is about all the enjoyment I get out of life, for I am the only member of the Church of Christ here in Omaha, and I get very lonesome. I especially enjoyed the article, "Why Discouragement?" It sure did me a world of good, for I do get terribly discouraged at times—no church, no prayer meetings or Sunday school to go to, not even a brother or sister to talk to. It is just like being out in the desert all alone. I hope to go back to the Ozarks if work opens up so that I can, for I really enjoyed the Spirit of God down there. May the saints all remember me in their prayers, that I may hold fast to the rod of iron and be able to finish the work God has for me to do is my earnest desire.

Your brother in Christ,

Geo. A. Derry.

Hamilton, Mo., July 15, 1935.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I feel glad to notify you that after all the bad weather, fog, mud and bad roads during a good part of the winter and the late, backward spring, we are just getting started again in our church services. On the 7th of July we had nearly all our members out, and all with a testimony, every member taking part. We all rejoiced to have Sr. Winslow with us and to hear her testimony, which was in fulfillment of the promise given over her head just a few days before Christmas when, after the doctor said she had only two or three days to live, through administration she was healed and told that her voice would again be heard in bearing testimony to the divinity of this great work.

Bro. and Sr. Bryant, living thirty miles southeast of us, have been with us several times of late. He has preached for us twice. They have been in the church but a few years, but they are alive in the work, and his little wife is a real help-mate. They have two fine little boys. We all wish they lived nearer to the church. We need help here, especially in the Sunday school. We need a few families with children. Should there be any looking for locations, either farm or town property, we have several near here for sale at reasonable prices. We have a nice little church. Any wanting to buy homes, let us hear from you.

I must not forget to mention Bro. and Sr. J. A. Sweem. They are among our regular attendants. They live near, and drive to Cameron to bring his father and mother to church occasionally, who sure rejoice with us when they come.

In closing I wish to say to the saints everywhere, let us be faithful and try to assist one another by meeting together often, speaking words of cheer and encouragement to each other. This is God's work. Let us be laborers together with him. I still report myself in the faith.

Your brother,

J. T. Ford.

Oklahoma City, June 27, 1935.

Dear Sister Sheldon: The membership of the fold in this city are in fairly good health and so far as I can discover are at peace with one another. I have been trying to control my Irish disposition so as to avoid any local disturbance. People at a distance—well, if they want an argument and keen to "start something" I am willing to join in the celebration.

From a letter from Elder R. M. Maloney.

Word comes from Denver, Colorado, that twenty-seven people have been baptized, lately. Nineteen at Pine, Colorado, and four at Denver, were baptized by Brother Jess Cruse. Four more at Denver were baptized by Brother Halvorson. Brother Cruse and Brother Nerren have been holding meetings at Denver and at Pine.

Detroit, Michigan, July 18, 1935.

Dear Advocate Readers: As we are always glad to read your letters, we feel you will be glad to hear of the Detroit local. We all regret the passing of our pastor, Elder Ray D. Bennett, caused by the auto accident when we were on our way to conference. Although our loss is hard to bear we trust in God and feel that our brother is enjoying the love and peace to which we are all looking forward.

Our pastor now is Elder Vernon Peacock, who is indeed trying to teach us God's divine love and keep us in the narrow way.

I could not close without telling of God's blessings to us. Although few in number we have enjoyed spiritual feasts at some of our sacrament and prayer meetings. Words fail to express the love that flows from heart to heart and the thankfulness we feel that we are privileged to enjoy such blessings. Our only sadness is that all are not with us to partake of God's Holy Spirit. We feel it is indeed good to be in the house of our Lord.

I wish to thank the saints for their prayers in our behalf. God indeed heard and answered your prayers. What would we do without the gospel? What would we do without each other? How much we have to be thankful for. Indeed, what manner of men and women ought we be.

Hoping with you that we may arise and worship our Lord in spirit and in truth. I am your sister in gospel bonds.

May Frisbie,  
Secretary of the Detroit Local.

FROM APOSTLE JAS. E. YATES.

We are pleased to report progress in the missionary work. After the April conference, and on the way to my mission field, I stopped for a few meetings in Oklahoma City. The pastor of the Reorganized branch there is very conservative in his liberality, and fearful of permitting elders of the Church of Christ to preach in his church. He seems to have forgotten how the early missionaries of the Restoration had the sectarian churches closed against them in a similar manner by ministers who feared the truth, and how that the churches of Latter Day Saints have been built up upon the slogan, "A free pulpit and an open Bible." We are glad to report that in recent months we have found most of the Reorganized Church ministers where we have been more broad minded, and exhibiting more of the free spirit of liberality and Christian tolerance which has marked the activities of the Church of the Restoration from the beginning.

At Oklahoma City Bro. Maloney has done considerable preaching in a little chapel where services are conducted by an undenominational minister by the name of Newman. He kindly let us have the chapel for our meetings. I left for the West before the meetings were finished, leaving Bro. Maloney to continue. But before leaving, a good woman who is a sister of Bro. Newman, gave us her name for baptism. I officiated in the baptismal service, and with Bro. Maloney, in the confirmation service.

In my first meeting upon arriving in Phoenix, Arizona, I preached from the text, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." While the opening hymn was being sung I was meditating upon the words, "Led by the Spirit," when my attention was particularly drawn to a lady in the audience whom I had not met until that day. The Spirit bade me step down and speak with her while the singing was in progress. I obeyed, and spoke to her concerning baptism. Indeed, what power there is in Christ's last great commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

I found this lady to whom I was thus directed to speak to have been reared a Roman Catholic, was a life long adherent of that faith. I found her heart open to this message of spiritual life which we bear, and I saw the tears of spiritual feeling come to her eyes as she requested baptism. All this during the short time of the singing of the opening hymn. Imagine how the Holy Spirit thrilled the heart of the speaker in the sermon that followed and swept the souls of the audience waiting to be fed upon the bread of life, and all because there had been a faithful response to the leading of the Holy Spirit as gently directed. We conducted the baptismal service yesterday. I think there will be others about next Sunday. When the present work in hand here in Phoenix is done, I expect to respond to calls for preaching at points in California, but for the present can only give my Phoenix address. Those desiring to correspond with me, and we love to hear from you personally, please address me at 1225 East Portland St., Phoenix, Arizona.

Let us all continually bear in mind that the Holy Spirit is sent of the Lord to lead his people individually, and we may each and all be blest in taking care to follow that leadership. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Sincerely your brother,

James E. Yates.

FROM APOSTLE A. M. SMITH

Dear Readers:

It has been a long time since I wrote to the Advocate, but this morning, up here in Minneapolis, having a little time, I thought I would like to talk to you just a bit. We are holding meetings here. The weather is not in our favor; last night the faithful were out, and a good spirit was ours to enjoy. Bro. Flint has been carrying the meetings before I came, but now he has gone to Madison, Wisconsin, to obtain some papers necessary to obtain his passport to England. Brother and Sister Flint are now all ready to go, and feel that since it is a duty placed upon them by the late Assembly, they should be ready to go at the earliest possible moment. Now they are ready, but the money has not come for the trip.

This is one of the most important missions provided for by the Assembly, and never since the British mission was

first established has there been a more urgent need for a missionary to go to these people. The evil effects of falsehood and misrepresentation are now endangering the whole structure of the church in this mission, and unless prompt action is taken we must suffer loss, so we should all hasten to send our money at once. Brother Flint is waiting for you.

It is pleasing to meet the saints of Minneapolis where we once lived, and where we did much work in the Church of Christ a few years ago. I feel sure our work up in this northern field will be pleasant. We have labored to some extent in different places, still it is a new field for me, and we surely desire and must have the co-operation of all the saints, and especially the local ministry, if the greatest good to the cause shall come from the year's labors.

We were reluctant to leave the southern mission, for we had become acquainted with some fine saints in Kentucky and Tennessee, and had planned an extended missionary campaign within these states where we had made openings and felt that good would follow our return this summer. But the powers that be willed otherwise, and we yielded to the voice and counsel of our brethren, and the Assembly. This change has necessitated new plans, and we hope the saints in the Great Lakes Mission will get in touch with me as soon as possible. This part of the vineyard has been well cared for in the past, and we know the saints will miss Brother and Sister Flint, so we shall all have to work to maintain the high standard established throughout this field.

The outlook for this year seems to be brighter in many ways. I think we see indications of better times and especially is this true when we look back at the Assembly of April last, for while none of us were pleased with all that was done, we believe it was one of the best Assemblies we ever held, and the forward movements springing from this Assembly carry with them the possibilities of a very successful year for the Church provided we all do our part. The spirit with which the Assembly was carried on, if it shall continue throughout the year, will carry all the potentialities of great achievement.

The movement towards establishing a General Sunday School Association is one that will carry us far forward in our efforts to unify our forces, for the great object of such an organization is to establish uniform teaching in our Sunday schools, provide the best possible quarterlies or lesson sheets in which the peculiar beliefs and doctrines of the Church can be set forth in a way that our children will grow up with a full and complete knowledge of the teachings of Christ as set forth in the Bible, Book of Mormon, History of the Church, and all subjects pertaining to our Church work, whether they live in Texas or Maine, or whatever state. Such an organization will bring forth the very best talent we have within our Church, and secure for our church schools the product of years of experience and study of the very best minds within the church; will place in the hands of those who teach material hard for some, yes, impossible for some to obtain, and best of all, it will bring about uniform belief, and thus we may hope that some day we may find we are united, for it has been said, "unless ye are one, ye are not mine." We hope the Referendum Bill pertaining to the Sunday school will be accepted by the Church, for we have long ago discovered that the Sunday school was the greatest feeder the general Church had, and a united effort is always more effective. The



statement, made by one of the founders of our government, "United, we stand; divided, we fall," holds good with us in church work, and thus the organization of this association will unite those engaged in Sunday school work, which in reality directs and moulds the future members of the Church, who soon must take our place on the battle front and carry on with the light they have, and thus our responsibility is made manifest each time we enter the Sunday school. As surely as our public schools mould the minds of our future citizens just so our Church schools determine the thinking minds of our ministry.

Now dear saints, let us awake. How fast the time flies, and how great is the work to be done. How plainly we can now see the signs that herald the event of all

times, the second coming of our Lord and Master, and how poorly we are prepared to meet him. Surely he can use us as we prepare and qualify for his service, and since he has urged us to go on to perfection, let us try to provide the best possible methods of doing so, in a united effort.

Again let me urge you to remember the needs of the British mission, and send in your contributions that the missionaries appointed may be sent. Brother Flint is ready and waiting. Help us meet the demands now placed upon the Church quickly, and may God's blessing rest upon all those who serve him in singleness of heart.

Your servant in the gospel,

A. M. Smith.

## Missionaries Appointed to Great Britain

### OUR FOREIGN MISSION

Dear Saints:

As you no doubt are aware, the late General Conference endorsed the appointment made by the Council of The Twelve whereby Apostle B. C. Flint and Sister Flint were to go to Great Britain and Europe on a mission. We are badly in need of friends to send these self sacrificing church representatives on their way at the earliest possible moment. Can you help us? The cost will be five hundred dollars. Please come to our assistance. Send all money to Bishop



Apostle and Mrs. B. C. Flint

The Welsh saints are very anxious to have Brother Flint with them at their reunion in September.

J. R. McClain, Box 472, Independence, Missouri, where you will be properly and promptly received. The needs of the hour are important. We are just entering on a great work. The year 1935 is the turning point, in our achievements. Therefore let us not be weary or discouraged in well doing, but arise to the occasion, taking new heart. With the right spirit success will finally crown our efforts.

Very sincerely,

T. J. Jordan,  
of the General Bishopric.

## The Sunday School Association

Up to the present time, the Church of Christ has made little, if any effort in the line of a general Sunday school organization. That such an organization is needful is apparent on the face of the matter.

Those of us who are older have been perhaps a little better equipped by the experience of the past ten years to face the problems which arise. Examination has been forced upon us. We have sought the old paths. We feel that we have had greater light. Those who follow after will need knowledge of these paths; they must not be made to retread our way. Their work it must be to build where we have left off. The basic truths and principles we have found should be a good foundation for those of tomorrow. Their task it shall be to bring the work to a climax. To teach them these things is not only our privilege, but our duty. We shall be held accountable for our acts; also our failure to act. The Sunday school is the acceptable and approved instrument for this work.

Today it is not bright and ready. Its efficiency, if such it may be said to have, is sadly impaired. Teachers need and are asking for help and material. There is experience and talent in the Church to take care of this need. It is the purpose of the General Sunday School Association to make this talent more widely available, and provide the results of experience to those who today are forced to work without them.

The General Sunday School Association should be established by this referendum! We are very tardy in the action. Let's not be missing entirely.

Elder Thos. S. Maley.

Our readers will be glad to know that in a card received from Brother Willard J. Smith today (July 20th), he says that he is gradually improving in health in the warm sunshine of these summer days. Ed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

LESSON 3  
FAITH

"NO UNBELIEF"

There is no unbelief; Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod,  
And waits to see it push away the clod, He trusts in God.  
Whoever says when clouds are in the sky, "Be patient, heart,  
Light breaketh by and by, "Trusts the Most High.

Whoever sees 'neath winter's field of snow, the silent harvest  
Of the future grow, God's power MUST know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep, content to lock  
Each sense in slumber deep, Knows God will keep.

Whoever says: "Tomorrow," "The Unknown," "The Future,"  
Trusts unto that power alone, he dares disown.

The heart that looks on when the eyelids close, and dares to live  
When life has only woes, God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief; and still by day and night unconsciously,  
The heart lives by the faith the lips decry; God knoweth why.

Lizzie York Case.

Question: What is Faith?

Answer: Heb. 11:1; Rom. 1:17-20.

Question: Each give an example that you think illustrates this:

Answer:

Question: Why is faith the first principle of the gospel?

Answer: Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:8.

Question: What are some of the things that have been accomplished by faith?

Answer: Heb. 11. (Entire Chapter.)

Question: Why is faith an essential as a gospel principle?

Answer: Rom. 14:23; Rom. 10:8-10; John 3:14-15.

Question: Where must faith begin as a principle of the gospel?

Answer: Mark 11:22-27.

Question: Has faith more than one significance?

Answer: All previous examples, and as a special gift of the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 12:9.

INTERMEDIATE QUESTIONS  
(PART 1)

Some one read the poem, "Unbelief."

What is the difference between faith and knowledge?

Will you do anything in life without faith?

What is it when you feel strongly that a thing will be?

Read what Paul says in Heb. 11: 1.

How do you get this faith of which Paul speaks?

Do you think faith is something that can be cultivated?

How do you go about it?

(PART 2)

Why is faith a principle of the gospel?

Why does it come first?

As a gospel principle, in what should we have faith?

What does Paul say about faith in 1 Cor. 12: 9? Did you ever know any one who had this gift of faith?

Why is faith a desirable gift to have?

Can we grow in faith if we are always looking on the dark side?

What virtue needs to be closely associated with faith? Ans. Hope.

LESSON 4  
REPENTANCE

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 2 Cor. 7:10.

IF

If I should tell the truth to you  
In words of soberness and true,  
And if the message I declare  
Does with God's holy word compare;  
And if you learn by what I say  
That you have left the narrow way:  
That by mistake you stepped aside  
And now in error you abide:  
And if the old, old path you find  
Where those who walk are good and kind:  
And though your friends may scoff and chide,  
And your integrity deride—  
Would you retrace your steps with me,  
And walk where Christ has made you free?  
E. E. Long.

Question: What is Repentance?

Answer: A Godly sorrow for sin. A forsaking of sin. A desire to do well. Isa. 55:7; Luke 15:18-20; 2 Cor. 7:9-12; Ezek. 33:12-19; Luke 19:1-9.

Question: Why is repentance the second principle of the gospel?

Answer: Mark 1:14-15; Acts 2:38; Luke 3:3; Acts 13:24; Luke 24:47.

Other texts for study and discussion:

Luke 13:3; Matt. 9:12-13; Acts 26:19-20; Luke 15:7; Ecc. 12:13-14.

INTERMEDIATE QUESTIONS  
(PART 1)

Turn in your Bibles to Isaiah 55: 7. What are the wicked told to forsake?

What are the unrighteous to correct?

To whom are the disobedient to turn?

What promise is made concerning God?

Read the parable in Luke 15:11-20. When this young man woke up to a realization of his folly, what did he decide to do?

What acknowledgement would he make? (See verses 18, 19.)

When his father saw him coming, how did he receive his wayward son?

What is this example intended to teach?

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In a letter dated July 17, Bro. Jas. E. Yates says that he spent one day in attendance at the Southern California reunion of the Reorganized Church where he was cordially received, "except officially, of course," and met many former church associates.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15.

OBITUARY

Bro. James E. Yates reports the death of Mrs. Hemingway, wife of Elder Levi Hemingway, pastor of the Church of Christ congregation in East Los Angeles, California. Sr. Hemingway was not a member of the church, but worshipped with us. The funeral was conducted by Elder W. F. Yates and James E. Yates at El Monte, California, July 11th. The influence of the Spirit of God was felt through the service to the comfort of those who mourned the departure of this good sister. Bro. Ivan Inslee sang "The City Four-Square" with beauty and grace.

Isabelle Hemingway was born December 31, 1869. Was married to Levi Hemingway June 24, 1892. Death came on July 6, 1935. Age 65 years, 6 months and 6 days.

We shall be comforted in time,
Though now the heavy shares are drawn
And solemnly the church bells chime,
From darkness we shall come to dawn.

Death is the bitterest blow that falls,
Yet all who live are born to die.
Somewhere the solemn courier calls
With every hour that passes by.

Yet are we brave and are we true,
And would we try to please our dead.
We must not mourn the long days through,
But by our faith be comforted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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(PART 2)

Read 2 Corinthians 7: 9, 10. Why does Paul express pleasure in the 9th verse?

In the 10th verse, what does "godly sorrow" do?

If a person is really sorry for a wrong, what will he do about it?

Is it enough to ask God to forgive you? What should we do if we have injured a person, or hurt his feelings?

Is a person very sorry who will not try to undo the wrong he has done?

Read Luke 19: 1-9. Who was Zacchaeus?

What did he do when he heard that Jesus was going to pass by?

What did Jesus say when he saw Zacchaeus?

How did Zacchaeus feel when Jesus told him he was going home with him?

In the 8th verse, how did Zacchaeus show true repentance?

In the 9th verse, what promise did Jesus make to Zacchaeus?

What does this represent?

Are we fit to be called a child of God until we have cleansed our hearts by repenting and ceasing to do evil?

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24: 47.

## TEMPLE HELPERS

By Ora B. Derry,  
For the Temple Helpers program, at the late  
General Assembly.

As far back in my life as I can remember such things, I have been taught that a Temple would some day be built on the sacred spot that was pointed out by the finger of God. Years have gone by since that day and still the longing is in our heart to see the Temple built. Thousands, yes, tens of thousands of people all over this broad land of ours, and in the lands across the seas, have been looking toward this one place where the house of the Lord was to be built, looking and longing for the fulfillment of the prophecies given so long ago, that a Temple should be built, a place where all the scattered, soul sick children of God could meet and receive the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Many have longed to help in this great work, so we of the Temple Helpers are indeed thankful that we have some little part to do. We may be only a few in numbers, but as the work grows, we hope to grow as well. Webster tells us, "a helper is one who gives assistance—to aid." To aid in all the ways we can and whenever we are able. True Helpers are what we wish to be, ready at all times to lend aid and assistance to the best of our ability in the great work that is dear to the hearts of all.

There are many ways for us to help and what work we do we hope it will be of assistance to others who are also doing their part to help. As an illustration—many housewives, when company comes for dinner, hurry about preparing the meal, when the visitor comes out and offers to help. In her desire to do something, she just gets in the way. Instead of that person being of any help to you, she is only a hindrance. Now we do not want to hinder, but to help the work along.

This little group was started under the leadership of Sr. Meta Anderson a few months ago. In the beginning they helped with the mending of the clothes of those who were engaged in the Temple work, and as new clothes and shoes were needed they have bought them, also some things for the Temple Home. We also paid \$5.00 on the church truck. Each member that is able, pays into the treasury 7 cents a week or a penny a day. During the past we have held a Bake sale—a Luncheon and a Bazaar. At the present time we have quilts, aprons, and a few other things on display in the dining room. Any one who takes home some of these things will be helping the work along. One of the quilts was pieced by an old blind sister, and another top was sent by a sister in Collins, Missouri. The

Temple Helpers have quilted them. We were delighted a few days ago to receive a box of fancy work from two of our isolated sisters in Arizona, and they said if we were able to dispose of our quilts they too, would send us a quilt top. Another sister has promised to piece one for us next fall. So even though these sisters are not able to meet with us here their hearts are in the work, and they are desirous of helping. During the past few weeks there have been sisters come and help with the quilting who belong to other factions of the Restoration. All working together in love and good will. Many times different ones have mentioned how they have enjoyed the work and looked forward to Temple Helper's day.

We do not feel discouraged with the work we have accomplished, but rather encouraged, for we feel we have been able to help a little in this great cause.

My mind goes back to the time when Moses was leading the children of Israel out of bondage towards the promise land. God gave a command for a place of worship to be made. Among the instructions given were some that I am sure were for the women of the camp. What were they? To make the beautiful curtains that hung in the tabernacle. Works of art all of them, from the description given us in the Bible. So as I look into the future I can see another band of helpers, embroidering and sewing, making beautiful things that will be used in the Temple when it is completed. I feel there are many things that willing hands can find to do, if they look around them.

Work, watch and pray, the passing hour improving,  
Life's ebbing sand perchance will soon be run,—  
Work, watch and pray, and may each golden moment  
Tell of some good our willing hands have done.

Work, watch and pray, and let our zeal be fervent;  
We may not know the bliss for us in store.  
Then labor on, while yet the sunshine lingers,  
Night comes apace when we can work no more.

Work, watch and pray, and never be discouraged;  
Tho' for awhile our toil may seem in vain,  
Yet we shall see the little cloud arising;  
God in His love will send the promised rain.

Work, watch and pray, the Lord Himself commandeth—  
Look unto Him from whom all blessings flow,  
And if we fail in wisdom, grace or knowledge,  
Still look to Him who doth our weakness know.

## BIBLE PROOFS

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Having been fortunate and blessed of the Lord, I was born and raised in the Restoration. Naturally I was taught to believe that the Temple of the Lord would be built, sometime, on the spot of land which was pointed out by the Lord in 1831.

After the Messenger came to Bro. Fetting, bringing directions for the work of the building, and the work was started, I heard some people make the statement that present day revelation was all we have to substantiate the building of a temple, at this time. In the summer of

1933 the young people's class of the Bemidji Local took up the study of the Temple from a Bible standpoint. At that time I learned the difference between believing because I had been taught to believe, and of being converted through the study of what we found in the Bible.

We first studied the Book of Haggai and found it an interesting historical and prophetic account of the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. But a close study of Haggai convinced us that it also is being fulfilled in the Temple that the Church of