

Zion's Advocate

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CHANGING PALESTINE

This was the caption of an article in the Geographic Magazine for April 1934. It was written by Major Edward Keith-Roach, district commissioner for Northern Palestine. We choose the subject because it well suits our purpose in this survey, and because we quote from the article in the first part of this summary.—Ed.

"The last decade has shown greater changes in Palestine than have occurred since the beginning of the Christian era"

"Beneath the cavern where King Saul sought the witch of Endor runs the pipe line which will carry the mineral oil of Iraq across desert and mountain, a distance of 627 miles, to the Mediterranean Shore. In Palestine today is to be seen modern tractors and high powered automobiles. The automobile is seen everywhere. There are speed boats on the Dead Sea and seaplanes on the Sea of Galilee. Galilee has become the meeting place of land and sea planes on the airway between Europe and Asia.

Passengers now travel in comfortable sleeping and restaurant railroad cars across the desert which Moses took 40 years to cross and make the trip between breakfast and tea time. London can be reached from Palestine in three days.

The land is covered with a network of telegraph and telephone wires. The movie has come to Palestine. There are newspapers and radio. "From Dead Sea to mountain top, from Dan to Beersheba," says the author, "there is communication of ideas unparalleled before." There are 300 elementary schools for the Arabs, controlled by the government; 200 for the Hebrews controlled by Jewish authorities, "aided by an annual grant from the government," besides many sectarian and missionary schools. There are agricultural and trade schools besides the Hebrew university at Jerusalem.

English, Arabic and Hebrew are the three official languages. Because of the different nationalities represented in Palestine, we are told, it is not uncommon to find a bank clerk "speaking English, French, German, Arabic, Hebrew, Yiddish and fifteenth century Spanish."

Palestine has always been a highway between Egypt, Syria, Asia Minor and the East, and in the past the danger of bandits was to be taken into account by the traveler. Today the roads are made safe by mounted constables and police.

"Palestine, hitherto solely an agricultural country, is beginning to stir with industrial life." Because coal and oil are not found in sufficient quantities for commercial requirements, the waters of the Jordan are harnessed to furnish power to run the wheels of industry. High tension transmission lines transmit power from the main plants to distant parts of the land.

The main towns have doubled their population in the last ten years. Tel Aviv is a modern, flourishing, all-Jewish city of 60,000 population.

The Dead Sea is a mine of mineral wealth and the envy of nations. It is said that the yearly output of potash, alone, will eventually reach 100,000 tons. This mineral is brought down to the Dead Sea by the river Jordan. It comes from the hot springs of Galilee—40,000 tons annually. For ages the process of evaporation has been going on for nine months of the year, leaving behind quantities of potash and bromine until the waters of the Sea are so impregnated that practically no form of life can exist therein. Bromine is used in the manufacture of chemical compounds and dyes and anti-knock gasoline. It was once thought that Europeans could not live at such a depth below the earth's surface as the Dead Sea is situated, but today there is a flourishing settlement of workers taking the mineral wealth from the Dead Sea.

Speaking of the industries of the Holy Land it is interesting to know that the manufacture of false teeth is a great industry there. The product is shipped to all parts of the world. As might be expected, from the quantities of olive oil they have in Palestine, soap manufacture is another large industry. Electric light, however, is taking the place of the old olive oil lamp.

Agriculture is keeping pace with other lines of progress. A wonderful picture in the Geographic Magazine shows the extent to which scientific forestry has developed. The export of the orange is the largest single source of wealth to the farmer or fruit grower.

Drainage schemes have about exterminated the mosquito, and overcome malaria. It is said that the swamps around Hule, the lake north of Galilee, remain almost the only large mosquito-breeding ground. In this sanitary work the Rockefeller Foundation has played a large part.

The writer speaks of the natural beauty of Palestine, of

the wonderful view from the heights of Carmel, but "Above all," he says, "is the chief glory of Palestine, its incomparable skies! I wonder whether anywhere else in the world there are clouds as radiant and as nearly perfect in color as these."

Sir Herbert Samuel, the first high commissioner for Palestine under the British mandate, was there in the years 1920-1925. After an absence of nine years he revisited the country and an interview with him was published last fall in the Kansas City Times (Sept. 3, 1934.) He is quoted as saying:

"I have never known any country at any time which has shown such marked signs of rapid material development."

"The banks of Palestine report twelve million pounds of accumulated deposits, and there are another two million pounds in the hands of cooperative institutions. The government, with large surpluses on its budgets, has accumulated in the last few years a reserve fund of three million pounds."

"There is practically no unemployment, but on the contrary, an acute shortage of labor in many trades."

"Since the persecution in Germany, 14,000 German Jewish immigrants have entered Palestine, practically all of whom have readily found occupation; they have brought with them much commercial experience and industrial skill." In answer to the anticipated question as to how this modernity might affect the religious emotions of those who come to seek the old Bible scenes Sir Herbert Samuel gives the interesting information that the old Jerusalem, "within the walls," remains unchanged. "There are no modern buildings there, no motor cars; the temple area remains as it has been for one thousand years; the new quarters of the city stretch, widely scattered, outside, and leave the old untouched. Bethlehem is unchanged, except that a newly constructed bypass road gives easier access to the great Byzantine Church of the Nativity without congesting the narrow lanes of the old town. Nazareth is unchanged, but with convents and hospitals more numerous than before."

Louis Lipsky, "one of the foremost leaders in the Zionist movement," was interviewed by a Star reporter and the interview was printed in the Kansas City Star for April 12, 1935. Mr. Lipsky said that when Palestine was ruled by the Turks before the war there were only 60,000 Jews in the land. Today there are about 400,000. Tel-a-Viv, "the only modern city in the east," numbers 125,000. To show how the Arabs are being benefitted by the gathering back of the Jews instead of hurt, as they at first feared, the city of Tel-a-Viv, "through its industries and trades," "supports at least 20,000 Arabs who raise produce in the surrounding territory."

Mr. Lipsky says, "Palestine is one country that has no deficit. The government is making money every year." "Palestine, under a mandate of the British government, has no income taxes, no personal property taxes or similar forms of assessments that harry business men in other nations. The government derives its money from land taxes, property transfer taxes and tariffs."

Mr. Lipsky said an impetus had been given the Zionist movement by the persecutions in Germany; that "about one-third of the 50,000 immigrants that arrive every year now are German Jews." He said there were half a million Jews in Germany, Poland and Rumania, who would go to Palestine tomorrow if they were able to do so.

When this Latter Day work was started a hundred years

ago Palestine was a desolate, barren land. It sounded like folly to the materialistic mind to say that the land would become fruitful again, that the rains would be restored, and that the Jews would gather back to their homeland. All this was taught by the messengers of the Restoration, and today those declarations, derived from the prophets, are in rapid process of fulfillment. Why should we ever yield to discouragement when there is abundant evidence on every hand that God's hand is moving, and his promises are being fulfilled?

Later—We quote from the August Bulletin issued by the Biblical Research Society of Los Angeles, California.

"BUILDING BOOM IN BABYLONIA (IRAQ). Recent building activity includes the construction of 6,827 modern houses in Bagdad, 1491 in Mosul (Nineveh), and 338 in Basrah. Modern quarters are rapidly replacing slums. Costing over \$5,000,000, a barge will be built over the Tigris, and a canal, reaching almost to Ur of the Chaldees.

"HEBREW UNIVERSITY. In 1924 the University opened with three professors. Today there are ninety, including brilliant refugee scientists from Germany. The student body this season numbers four hundred and fifty. Its library of 300,000 volumes is reckoned the largest in the Near East. Its Cancer Institute is the only one in the Near East.

"JERUSALEM BEING BEAUTIFIED. Eleven new sites have been selected for public parks, promenades, and play grounds. Compared with Tel Aviv and Haifa, Jerusalem's growth is slow, having a population now of about 120,000.

"BUILDING THE 'OLD WASTES.' The drainage of twenty-eight swamps (thirteen completed) is now in progress in Galilee, Samaria, and Haifa districts. The largest of these is that at Lake Merom, north of Lake Galilee where 50,000 dunam of malarial marsh land has been purchased at a cost of \$1,000,000, drainage to cost \$2,500,000. It will be one of the most fertile areas in Palestine and will support an agricultural population of 30,000.

"JEWISH IMMIGRATION. 7,100 Jews entered Palestine during the month of March, the highest record since the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. On one single day 3,200 people landed in Haifa. Since the Hitler regime, 23,000 Jewish refugees from Germany have entered Palestine.

"THEIR SILVER AND THEIR GOLD WITH THEM.' In one year Jewish colonists brought \$50,000,000 into Palestine."

Efforts to Convert the Jews to Christ

As we see God's hand moving, his providences overruling and misfortune being made to minister to the fulfillment of prophecy to the end of pushing the Jews to Palestine, the land promised to their fathers, let us note the activity of forces for the spiritual redemption of these people, as well. Thousands of dollars are being spent annually, of late years, for the conversion of the Jew to Christ. In one year, one society alone, with headquarters in Los Angeles, received \$9,774.07 for the publishing of literature to be distributed among the Jews of every state in our land and in foreign lands. As an example of what is being done, we give the following from a late bulletin:

"A group has recently been organized in Tuscan, Arizona. This group together with the Phoenix group have undertaken to send literature to all the Jews of Arizona."

From a point in Iowa where there are but few Jews, "yet

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WHY ZION HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED

BY T J JORDAN

Continued from last month

Up to this time it had not been revealed where Zion was to be, nor the place for the building of the temple, but explicit instructions were contained in the foregoing citations made as to how they could qualify for that great event as to the revealing where, when and how the Zion, the city of refuge, the place of safety, the gathering of the saints, the building of the Temple, were to take place. I am most assuredly convinced that we must go back to those early instructions and begin all over again to construct our work according to the pattern given. If we do this, then shall the way be opened whereby we can proceed with that sacred trust, "Build mine house." We shall not succeed in any other way. Surely the failures of the past should be sufficient to stir us up in the way of remembrance and to a comprehensive knowledge that God does not change, that his words are eternal words and man must obey.

Lest there be some who do not take the foregoing as seriously as they should, we are going now to refer you to some matter contained in the Book of Mormon. Jacob, Ch. 2, verses 22-28, inclusive.

22. "Think of your brethren, like unto yourselves, and be familiar with all, and free with your substance, that they may be rich like unto you."

23. "But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God."

24. "And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ, ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them, for the intent to do good; to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted."

25. "And now my brethren, I have spoken unto you concerning pride; and those of you which have afflicted your neighbor, and persecuted him, because ye were proud in your hearts of the things which God hath given you, what say ye of it?"

26. "Do ye not suppose that such things are abominable unto Him who created all flesh?"

27. "And the one being is as precious in His sight as the other."

28. "And all flesh is of the dust; and for the self same end hath He created them, that they should keep His commandments, and glorify Him forever."

In doing as above instructed, they became a delightful people. God was with them in directing, protecting and prospering them. May we refer you now to a quotation found in the ninth chapter of Mosiah, verses 60-64, inclusive:

60. "And again, Alma commanded that the people of the church should impart of their substance, every one according to that which he had."

61. "If he have more abundantly, he should impart more abundantly; and he that had but little, but little should be required; and to him that had not should be given."

62. "And thus they should impart of their substance, of their own free will and good desires towards God, and

to those priests that stood in need, yea, and to every needy, naked soul."

63. "And this he said unto them, having been commanded of God."

64. "And they did walk uprightly before God, imparting to one another, both temporally and spiritually, according to their needs and their wants."

Once again, the people of God when complying with His instructions did not lack; each and all had in abundance. This shall be our happy lot if we obey and keep all the commandments of God, but we cannot succeed or prosper, neither in building, as our efforts are not in houses or lands; nor in our families, nor in the richness of the promises of God, if we do not keep all His commandments. What is our answer? If we follow our own inclinations and proceed as in the past, God here answers the question for us as found in the fifth chapter of Mosiah, verse 48. "For behold the Lord has said, I will not succor my people in the day of their transgression, but will hedge up their ways that they prosper not, and their doings shall be as a stumbling block before them." But if we retrace our steps and acknowledge our errors of the past, and begin from the beginning, observing all of God's commandments, keeping all His laws, and following precisely His instructions, we shall enjoy as He has said Mosiah the fifth chapter, verse 52—"But if ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart and put your trust in Him, and serve Him with all diligence of mind; if ye will do this, He will according to His own will and pleasure deliver you out of bondage." Nephi, the son of Lehi, speaking of our time, said: "And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth My Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost."

Nephi made some further comments: 1st Nephi, Ch. 5, verse 58: "And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled, and if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God, He doth nourish them and strengthen them and provide means whereby they can accomplish the things He hath commanded them." He further says in verses 78-79: "And I will prepare the way before you if so be that ye keep my commandments, wherefore inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall be led toward the promised land, and ye shall know that it is by me that ye are led."

Jackson County is our promised land. His commandments are life everlasting. They are a lamp to our feet and a guide to our pathway. Surely, saints, we must take an inventory of our present standing before God. Are we an asset to His work or are we a liability? Let us examine ourselves, lest in thinking we stand we may have fallen and have failed. In the words of one of the great men of past history "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Again, "to the law and to the testimony." Let us examine closely the mistakes and failures of the past, and ascertain why they occurred, as a wise master builder would the defects in our program and methods of building.

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AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT HEAVEN.

Who Has It, and How Shall We Know?

The calling of men to the ministry is one of the most important provisions affecting the salvation of men. The Bible that has come down to us through the ages contains the law governing this, as well as all other points pertaining to our redemption. If we will not take the written word for our guide, but listen to every Tom, Dick and Harry, we are liable to be misled. Jesus commanded, "Search the scriptures;—they are they which testify of me." Paul counseled, "Study to shew thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth." God expects us to study his law, but if we are too lazy to do so, and let others do our thinking, Satan may blind us and keep us from seeing, hearing and knowing the truth.

Thousands of good people have been baptized and taken the sacrament without considering whether the one officiating had authority to represent heaven. It is our purpose to show that before any man assumes to represent God he must receive his appointment from God in accordance with the law plainly written in the scriptures. Before quoting chapter and verse, let me ask the reader this question? Before a foreigner can become an officer in the United States or in any other land he must become a citizen, first, must he not, and he must be legally appointed—Is that not correct? Is the kingdom of God of less importance than an earthly kingdom, when God sent his own Son to establish his church, and gave us a pattern just how to proceed in everything pertaining to his kingdom? It is so important that we are told to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" etc. Matt. 6: 33.

How do we become a citizen of the kingdom of God? Jesus made this point very plain when answering Nicodemus, "a ruler of the Jews." "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. In the 5th verse Jesus explained what this meant—"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." In other words, Jesus pointed out that a man would not be able to comprehend the kingdom of God unless he became a new man, cleansed from sin through repentance and baptism and the purifying power of the Spirit of God.

As one can not become a citizen of the kingdom of God without the new birth, he can not become an officer in the kingdom without a call from God. Is it not reasonable to suppose that the appointment of officers in this spiritual kingdom would be safeguarded as much as in earthly kingdoms? The Jews recognized this when on one occasion Jesus was teaching in the temple at Jerusalem and the chief priests inquired, "By what authority doest thou these things, and who gave thee this authority?" etc. Paul says "Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my son, today have I forgotten thee." Heb. 5:5. Also see Matt. 17:5. This is proof that even Jesus did not assume to act for Heaven until he was authorized by his Father to do so. It would follow then, as Paul further says: "And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." Heb. 5:4. Before Christ selected his apostles he fasted and prayed all night that he might be directed.

We have been warned of imposters. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, have itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4: 3, 4. Paul gives us to understand that men may appear as angels of light. (See 2 Cor. 11: 14, 15.) The fact that there are so many pretending to represent Christ who have never been called explains why there are so many creeds differing from one another, and yet all claiming to be divine. God is not the author of confusion.

Now the question arises, How shall we know the genuine, authorized servant of God? A tree is known by its fruit. The true servant of God will speak the words of God. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." 2 John 10. The true servant of God will come with a degree of the power that the servants of God in the past manifested. Paul says, "And I brethren, when I came unto you, came not—with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." 1 Cor. 1:4.

How are men called of God? By revelation from heaven through a prophet or one exercising the gift of tongues or prophecy. It may be in audible voice, or through the medium of an angel. This was the way God called men in Bible times, and he never changes. When we hear a man declaring that God does not do this way nowadays, he contradicts the scriptures, and we have a right to question his call.

The Church of Christ was re-established on April 6, 1830, through the instrumentality of heavenly messengers who appeared to Joseph Smith and ordained him to preach the gospel of Christ in its fullness in these last days. Fourteen years later the prophet was killed, as prophets in the past had been, but there remains today a remnant of the original church, functioning with headquarters at Independence, Missouri.

You are invited to read, listen and learn of how God speaks now as he did in the past and that the same gospel with the same promises and blessings is offered to men. I have done my best, in this short letter, to make this plain and when we meet at the judgment bar of God you will know this letter comes from an honest man.

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April 30, 1935.

SECOND LETTER

Bro. Maloney's first letter to an inquiring brother in the Utah Church appeared in July Advocate, pages 79, 80.—Ed.
My Dear Brother:

Your favor of June 5, 1935, is kindly received. I thank you much for your reply and appreciate your position on the various questions, though I may not see them all as you do. And for that reason I shall endeavor to give you my views and the reasons why.

First of all, we should admit the unchangeability of God, and of Gospel Principles. Then we should know the vacillating disposition of man, and also the fact of his proneness to follow human tradition. Human tradition, gathered in childhood, is the force and hindrance to the reception of Divine Truth—it has been so in all ages.

None of us can truthfully claim to be free from it. Therefore it is a reasonable question, how much human-false tradition do we carry in our mind and yet give it credit of being Divine Truth? I am not trying to discredit positive knowledge or well demonstrated facts. There is a vast difference between that, and religious sentiment and zeal founded on false tradition. I do not need to mention or name the various groups of Christian people who furnish sufficient evidence and proof of the above statement.

In referring to your letter, I hope I am correct in presuming that you retained a copy and have it now to refer to. On page one you say, "The Prophet Joseph and many of the early elders had a knowledge backed by personal contact with persons from the celestial regions." Yes! That is a splendid idea; a consideration worthy of all respect. But that does not furnish to you and me the same quality of information or evidence. We must also secure some similar contact or be compelled to rely on other people's word. Of course, there is the power of The Spirit to guide. But how many, oh how many, have followed a false spirit. With reference to John the Baptist visiting Otto Fetting, I am compelled to permit each one to answer that for themselves. I firmly believe in the building of the Temple at Independence, Mo., but I am not sure that it requires us to be in that Temple or in any other in order to receive divine direction, or divine endowment. I do not read in the New Testament or in the Book of Mormon where the servants of Christ had to get in some Temple to receive divine inspiration. Divine law, or divine plans do not change.

"When you transferred your membership, did they accept you on your Reorganized baptism?" Yes, very willingly. Also my official standing as an elder.

Referring now to the bottom of page one of your letter, you refer to your own case. "If I was a member in good standing in the Utah church, could I get a transfer from the Utah church to the Church of Christ?" etc. Well, I doubt if the Utah church would give you a transfer. If they should, that would open an entirely new door of church relationship never known before to my knowledge. As to accepting members into the Church of Christ from the Utah church by transfer, I do not think provision of that kind has been made. I am sure they could enter by baptism.

On page two of your letter: "If the Priesthood has a head and that head has authority to bind on earth and in heaven, then they would have authority to take from a person or a group of people their right and authority to officiate in the name of the Lord—" Your case or reference is not well stated. For I cannot believe that there is any "Priesthood head" on earth (and never was) who has the right, power or authority "to bind on earth and in Heaven," without the approval of God.

Then you add this line, "If there is any doctrine against this I wish you would sight me to it." Why, bless your life, I don't know of any doctrine in favor of such an idea. That same assumption and arrogance of power and authority, is what ruined and destroyed the primitive church. It was an easy matter for Satan to induce the ruling powers of Rome to fasten into the church the dominating power and authority of the times. "The man of sin" had little difficulty in "Sitteth in the

temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." Such an idea is worse than human tradition. It is a very happy and cheerful fact that God did and goes give to his ministry the power and authority to "bind on earth," and other things to be "loosed on earth." But what a calamity and outrage for men to suppose they can "bind" or "loose" only as their works shall be in harmony with his law of divine justice.

Another line from your letter: "Of course there is always the case of whether the action of the church is justified or not, but as far as this life is concerned, it would be official whether the action would be justified." Justified by whom? By God and divine law? Suppose it was not justified in the mind of God, would He approve it anyway, just because some men fixed the job? Would not that make God a party to a fraud? You say: "Take my own case as an illustration: It was a case of false statements—they were out of jurisdiction, they were not justified in the law." What law? God's law? "God does not walk in crooked paths," "does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance." "Sin is the violation of law." The church can have no power or authority to disfellowship a person or a group of persons, only in case of their sins and transgressions against divine law. History is replete with evidence where people were "cut off the church" by human prejudice and hatred.

I must refer to one more item in your letter about the middle of page two: "Your doctrine of elders or even one of the Twelve getting revelations for the church, seems awfully wrong to me; they can get them for themselves, but the church can only get the heavenly messages from one holding the keys to that authority."

That one might possibly be the head of the Twelve, but no other member of the Twelve could take his authority away from him." Well, that idea is so far afield from my understanding of the matter that I may not be able to meet it as I should.

I believe I mentioned in my other letter, that I have been an elder since 1893, spent about 20 years in missionary labor under General Conference appointment, and all during those years I questioned in my own mind the validity of that doctrine. Perhaps you know that the elders of the Restoration adopted a splendid policy at the beginning (1829 or 30) to defend the principles or doctrine by the written word found in the New Testament. The combined Christian world could not meet the argument of our claims, when it could be shown that our doctrine was in harmony with the New Testament. The New Testament does not furnish one single item of proof that any one man in the primitive church had the keys, or exclusive right to receive revelations from God for the church. It is an unfortunate condition that hundreds and thousands of people in all ages will follow their chosen leaders no matter whether they be right or wrong. But that is the way it is. It's the same old delusive fallacy. "The king can do no wrong." In the fore part of my letter I referred to "human tradition," and that is the best I can say for the idea of only one man getting revelations for the church.

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INDEPENDENCE ITEMS

After the hot spell during July and the first weeks of August we are enjoying the cooler weather. At this writing, August 22, we are needing rain very much, very little moisture having fallen since the hot weather set in.

The temple workers are about ready for the "first steel."

We were glad when the baptismal certificate of Bro. McFate, formerly of the Utah church, announced that he has cast his lot with the nucleus on the Temple lot, desiring to be one of the number who will help to prepare for the "feast of fat things," or the outpouring of the Spirit of God which we commonly speak of as the "endowment," that will qualify the servants of God "with power from on high" to take the gospel to the Jew and the remnant of Joseph, the Lamanites; and that will give the children of God the light and wisdom to build Zion, "beautiful Zion," sung of and longed for by every true saint of God in these latter days. When the temple in which God has designed to endow his servants with power like they had at Pentecost is reared, and Christ comes to set his church in order prior to his great and glorious second coming to live and reign on the earth, then we anticipate scattered Israel will be divided no longer into different factions, but that there will be a general coming together of the "honest in heart."

The next Advocate will contain an interesting letter from Bro. James E. Yates, too late for this number, giving further particulars about the coming of Bro. McFate, and telling of other accessions to the Church of Christ.

Good news comes from Bro. B. C. Flint also of the interest of certain ones who, he expects, will soon gather to the Temple Lot. This gathering of the saints to the Temple lot has to precede the building of the New Jerusalem, for the Lord has said, "Verily, this is the word of the Lord, that the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the saints beginning at this place, even the place of the temple." (Sec. 86:2, Doe. & Cov., Lamoni edition.)

Our Utah brethren and sisters stand loyally by the particular "spot" that was dedicated for the building of the temple. Each week visitors from the West come to see the marker stones and walk reverently over the ground, and many of them express their keen interest and desire in the house of the Lord that is to be erected upon the sacred spot. Very recently a professor from Brigham Young University and his wife surveyed the work being done in the excavations, eagerly sought all the information that could be given them, with the expressed wish to be visited by some of our ministry.

The editor has been away on a two weeks' visit with a sister in an adjoining state. She visited the Reorganized branch where her sister's family attend, was treated with kindly courtesy, and interest was shown when she spoke of the ideals and objectives of the Restoration work in Sunday school class and sacrament and testimony service. She came away impressed with the thought that the harvest is getting ripe, when we have better qualified ourselves the gathering to the Temple lot is going to hasten.

We are happy to have Brother and Sister Skinner back with us, this time to stay. They will ship the furniture they need, and take an apartment in the A. S. Wheaton house. They are workers.

Brother Wm. D. Bell of Monteno, Illinois, was a welcome visitor here lately. We were pleased to hear his voice in our mid-week prayer meeting last Wednesday evening (Aug. 20th), and were glad indeed when he expressed himself so pleased with the warmth and sociability he had found. We believe he is contemplating moving here as soon as he can make arrangements.

Bro. A. S. Wheaton took our pastor, J. R. McClain and some others to visit the saints in Collins and Hamilton, Missouri. Bro. McClain spoke at Collins, and twice at Hamilton, where all-day meetings were held, Bro. A. S. Wheaton speaking once. An excellent time at both places was reported by the party. Sr. Martin of Collins, will have a letter in the next Advocate, and we shall probably have one from Bro. Ford of Hamilton also.

Our items must include the shadow as well as the sunshine, and we are sad to announce the death of one of our young temple workers, Bro. Wallace N. Anderson. He was only seventeen, a strong, clever boy, who was on a visit to his home in Bemidji, Minnesota, where he was drowned August 9th. The news was a shock from which we have not recovered. It seems hard to realize that one so well and strong and young has departed this life; that he will not be back to resume his work on the temple ground and render this and that handy service. Brother Wallace, we shall miss you.

Yesterday, August 21st, Adolph Barton an unmarried man of forty-six, a brother of our Apostle Thos. E. Barton, was buried in Holden Missouri; Bro. H. E. Moler, who has known the family since your, preaching the sermon. Bro. Thos. E. Barton accompanied the body of his brother from Colorado. At Independence the party was joined by Bro. J. R. McClain, who accompanied them to Holden and attended the funeral services. Thank God that though "time is fleeting" as our poet Longfellow said, "the grave is not its goal," and there is a glorious resurrection and a great reunion to which to look forward. We are comforted with the assurance given us by Isaiah and the Apostle Paul that "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Isa. 64:4; 1 Cor. 2:9.

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FROM THE MAIL SACK

South Boardman, Michigan, July 18, 1935.

Dear Sister Sheldon: The South Boardman two days meetings are now history. They are among the best meetings the state of Michigan Church of Christ has ever known. The crowds were not large, nor the weather the best, yet every one went away rejoicing because of a spiritual feast. The speakers for Saturday were Elders Roy Adams, R. D. Davis and L. E. Welch. Sunday's speakers were Elders W. Graves, L. G. Sager, R. D. Davis and E. M. Orton. Elder L. E. Welch stayed with us a week and received one transfer at Bear Lake—Bro. Hadley. Through the efforts of R. D. Davis, the Church of Christ will hold a 1 day meeting in Joyfield among Reorganized people. The work is moving forward as well as can be expected. Though the crowds are not large, the meetings are spiritual and uplifting. Bro. Chas. Sessions has been ordained to the office of a deacon. A letter was received from Elder Howard Van Wormer, of Alaska. We expect the Lord will use him for the spreading of the gospel in the Mataurska Valley. He and his wife are very satisfied with their lot there, and spoke most favorably of the work the government is doing in Alaska. There was born to them, a little girl whom they named Mata for their new home. She is the first child to be born in the Mataurska colony.

Bro. E. M. Orton is our pastor in the South Boardman local. We have a meeting house due to the generosity of Sister Hazel and Bro. E. M. Orton. Truly we are led to say that the Lord works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. We desire to work together that we may have the Spirit for our guide. We desire to see the Temple builded and Zion redeemed.

Edna Evers, Correspondent for South Boardman.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

Sister J. D. Howard writes Bro. McClain: "I think my subscription is almost at an end. I am renewing it. I get so much spiritual help from our Advocate. I would certainly miss it.

Our father doeth all things well. We should lighten our trials with faith. If we press on, doing all we can with all our might, we can look back over the deeds of our life and feel they have been stepping stones to light.

Bro. L. E. Welch, of Clare, Michigan, writing about his Advocate subscription confirms the report of our South Boardman correspondent about the recent two days meetings there. He says they were "very good."

In a letter from Bro. A. M. Smith, July 19th, he was conducting meetings at Sparta, Wisconsin, preaching in the home of Bro. and Sr. Marquette of that place. Attendance not large, but interest upon the part of those who came was good, and the preacher enjoyed good liberty in presenting "our message." It was expected to close the meetings Sunday, the 21st, and return to Minnesota for awhile, where meetings had been interrupted by the sad call to come to Wisconsin to preach Sr. Grasshoff's funeral sermon.

Bro. James E. Yates writes that he spent one day at the Southern Reunion of the Reorganized Church in July where he was cordially received, "except officially, of course," and met many former church associates.

Sr. Miriam Mason, of Grain Valley, Mo., says she wants to do all she can financially towards the building of the Temple. She adds that she enjoys the Sunday school department in the Advocate and believes that if the lesson outlines are studied carefully they will be very educational.

Elder J. A. Daer of Rockford, Illinois, says: "I feel sometimes that I would like to write an article for our valuable paper, the Advocate, which I think is improving very much of late," but adds that he is not gifted in writing. We are glad to have if only a few words from our faithful, aged brother.

Brother J. N. Cox, of DeKalb, Texas, writes that he is past seventy-eight years old and he greatly desires the building of the temple and the redemption of Zion. He thinks we must "get right with God" to do these things that we must be a consecrated people, shun worldly things and avoid the appearance of evil. He does not believe that Latter Day Saints should use tea and coffee because these beverages are not good for us.

Bro. Cox relates a few dreams he has had. In one he heard music so sweet that it seemed to him it must be like the music the righteous hear in heaven, and he longed that he might be permitted to hear music like that when he departs from this life.

Another time Bro. Cox had retired for the night, when the Savior, clothed in a long white robe, came in and stood for an instant at the foot of his bed.

As near as he can remember, it was the 5th of April, 1925, that this dream was given—"I saw a large engine standing two or three hundred feet up in mid air. It was one of those upright engines standing on end. About a five-eighth in. grass rope ran from it to the ground and engine was run by power that passed along that rope. It was automatic. No one was about. I understood that it all pertained to the church. I went to see where the rope went to the ground, and I saw there was a defect in it. There was a place where there was not more than four or five fibres holding the rope together. I took the rope in my hand and it broke. "It is done for," I thought, and did not intend saying anything about it, when I looked off about twenty or thirty yards and saw an old man who looked like the late Joseph Smith. I went and told him what had happened. He looked very sad. "We'll have to get it again," he said. I asked how. He repeated, "Yes, we'll have to get it again."

I awoke and told my wife there was going to be a split in the church and there was."

Bro. and Sr. Burns writes of the happy occasion when their daughter Lorraine was baptized August 4th in Lake Huron in the city of Port Huron, Michigan, by Bro. Wm. F.

Anderson, and was confirmed by Brn. Willard J. and David Smith, at a cottage prayer and sacrament meeting at Bro. and Sr. Willard J. Smith's home, at which thirteen were present, and a spiritual time was enjoyed.

They write in appreciation of the efforts of Brn. W. J. and David Smith, Wm. F. Anderson and Wm. Postma. Enjoyed reading the experience of Bro. Madden in the Advocate.

By invitation, Bro. and Sr. Flint were visitors again this year at the annual Indian celebration held by the Six Nations reservations of New York and Canada. The Niagara Falls Gazette for July 22 says that more than 1000 Indians were present. Bro. Flint was accorded the honor of offering the invocation by which the celebration was "officially opened." The Gazette has the following to say about Bro. Flint's address:

"In an address in which he recounted the ancestry of the Indian race, Mr. Flint declared that since the discovery of the Indian by Columbus, the study of the people had been the most outstanding thing of interest to students of every country. He stated that for years the past of the race seemed a closed incident, shrouded in mystery, but with the passing of time it developed that America was one of the oldest countries in the world. Mr. Flint pointed out that ruins all over the continent show that a high state of civilization once existed here.

"A study of prehistoric America and its development, he said, brings to light that there was a contact with the rest of the world and the history of the race as a whole. From the viewpoint of a minister our analysis is based upon the very plain story of the Bible. Genesis 17: 1-7 tells us that Abraham was to be the father of nations and that the covenant God made with him was to be forever. Hence, nations of today are as much a part of the program as was the brief period of Israelitish dominion in Palestine during the first centuries covered by Bible history."

ELDER SNOOK'S EXPERIENCE

"And your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."—Acts 2: 17.

The Lord knew me before ever I joined the Reorganized Church, June 19, 1905. South Wales, Aberdare valley was shown to me long before I put my foot into it. I came in the midst of a great ecclesiastical upheaval. I was shown in a dream that I was standing in the midst of a valley where there had been a heavy storm. The clouds were breaking when I got there. As the sun shone out in splendor I heard a voice speak from heaven saying "You are saved twice."

I was out of work when I came here. Work was my salvation, and I found it as soon as I came here.

The voice of the Lord came to me one Saturday evening while standing at the top of the main street (Canon street) Aberdare, in answer to a serious question that was in my mind at the time. I wanted to know who were the Lord's laborers in the vineyard. I was shown by open vision a very wide gulf between where I was standing and what I wanted to know. I was asked by the voice, did I know God? I found myself an empty vessel. After going down to the middle of the street I came across two men in conversation on religion. One belonged to the Westleyan Methodist church of which I was a member, and the other man was a complete stranger to me. I was invited by the stranger to a

service. The devil did his utmost, but failed. After many days, while alone praying by my bedside I received an outpouring of the Spirit of God as I was inquiring what was the meaning of "Give us this day our daily bread." After that I was shown myself standing upon the highway preaching with my arm extended towards heaven, being filled with God's Spirit. I saw some one else doing the same thing, but not under the same power. I was carried by the Spirit to an upper chamber of a house and it was there I received a command from a heavenly messenger to read three tablets which I found by interpretation were three books—Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and Inspired translation of the Holy Scriptures, the records of the laborers of the vineyard.

The following day, Sunday afternoon, service was held in a cottage. St. John's gospel, 14th chapter was read. In the midst of the service I had an open vision. I beheld a glass tumbler in my hand. The pastor was pouring a clear stream of water into it, until it began to run over. I stood on my feet and shouted "Yes, Yes," in the middle of the discourse. That evening when I retired the voice came again this time with the command, "Arise and be baptized." I was wondering for a long time what was the meaning of it and I was reminded of the vision, and its interpretation was to go and ask for baptism.

It was the greatest battle of my life to obey the command. I am now standing for the Temple Lot group to which I transferred January 13, 1929, because I know the Lord's command to build his house is correct. The purchase of the land was necessary, for the revelation was, if not by purchase we have no inheritance.

Elder H. C. Snook.

24 Craig Terrace, Aberewmboi, Aberdare, Souht Wales.

South Boardman, Michigan, Aug. 3, 1935.

Dear readers of the Advocate:

This is to let you know that this little local group is much interested in the gospel and is trying to live in harmony with its precepts notwithstanding the opposition of those of the Reorganization. Their attitude toward us is the same as the attitude of the other denominations was when we left them. They say "we are it"—"just us four and no more." At least that is the tenor of what was told me by a prominent elder last Sunday. Well, we are happy in the knowledge that God is our Father as well as theirs, and does recognize us as well as them. We had a fine spiritual two days' meeting on the 6th and 7th of July. We invited several of our former brethren of the Reorganization, but they were or seemed to be afraid to come for fear of contamination. We are so much pleased to read in the Advocate of the progress being made on the temple, and the system under which the work is being conducted.

We are enclosing herewith three dollars, making \$8, temple fund, for us since we came from the Reorganization on the 31st of March. Now we have comfortable rooms, books of our own, and a couple of dollars in the Sunday School treasury.

An elder, a priest and a deacon have been called and ordained since our local was organized, also a bishop's agent appointed. So we have a very good start for a new local, and hope by the assisting grace of God to hold steadfast to the end.

Chas. L. Sessions,
Bishop's Agent for South Boardman Local.

REPORT ON REFERENDUM BILLS

Sent Out by the General Assembly of 1935.

	Bill No. I		Bill No. II		Bill No. III		Bill No. IV		Bill No. V	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Arizona, Douglas	7	0	7	0	7	0	0	7	7	0
Arizona, Phoenix	22	1	23	0	0	22	22	0	23	0
California—										
Folsom City	12	0	12	0	0	5	2	0	12	0
California—										
Los Angeles	6	0	6	0	1	0	5	0	6	0
California—										
Los Angeles	9	0	9	0	0	9	9	0	9	0
California—										
Folsom City	5	0	6	0	0	6	6	0	6	0
California—										
Placerville	3	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	3	0
Colorado—										
Colorado, Denver	23	0	23	0	23	0	11	12	23	0
Colorado Springs	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
Idaho, Kooski	7	0	7	0	7	0	0	7	7	0
Illinois, Rockford	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
Iowa, Lamoni	10	0	9	0	0	10	10	0	10	0
Kansas, Fort Scott	4	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	4	0
Kansas, Silverdale	7	0	7	0	0	7	7	0	7	0
Michigan, Detroit	1	6	7	0	0	7	6	1	0	7
Michigan, Detroit	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	3	0
Michigan, Fremont	3	0	3	0	4	0	3	0	3	0
Michigan—										
Grand Rapids	11	0	11	0	11	0	11	0	11	0
Michigan, Muskegon	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0
Michigan, Pt. Huron	11	0	11	0	0	11	11	0	11	0
Michigan—										
So. Boardman	15	0	15	0	0	15	15	0	15	0
Minnesota, Bemedji	11	4	0	17	19	0	12	5	1	16
Missouri, Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0
Missouri, Ho.den	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Missouri—										
Independence	24	3	26	0	17	2	0	0	3	10
Missouri, Collins	5	0	5	0	6	0	6	0	0	6
Missouri—										
Kinderpost	11	0	0	11	0	11	11	0	11	0
New York—										
Syracuse	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0
Rhode Island—										
Cranston	9	0	9	0	9	0	0	9	3	6
Oklahoma—										
Oklahoma City	17	0	17	0	0	17	17	0	17	0
West Virginia—										
Morgantown	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	0	9
Wisconsin—										
De'ano	12	0	12	0	13	0	11	1	12	0
Wales, Gifach Goch	20	1	21	0	25	0	0	21	30	0
Wales—										
Alberaman Mission	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Arizona, Phoenix	3	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	3	0
Scattered members	16	1	17	0	11	3	13	1	17	1
TOTAL	318	17	308	28	187	144	225	68	279	56

Bill No. 1 is for the People's Conference.
 Bill No. 2, the Opinion of the Twelve.
 Bill No. 3, the Minority Report, by Bro. Long.
 Bill No. 4, the Majority Report, by Bro. Wheaton and Yates.
 Bill No. 5, the General Sunday School Association.

The above report is prepared August 1. The committee must now separate for a few weeks. Should reports be received after this date bearing postmark not later than July 31, an additional report will be made in October issue of the Advocate.

Louise Sheldon,
 Dorothy Denham,
 Nicholas F. Denham,
 Committee for tabulating the votes.

SECOND LETTER

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If that was to have been the policy and system for the Christian church I wonder why Jesus did not so instruct his first ministry. It would have come down to us as strong evidence in favor of the one-man-key position. But for some reason we don't have such report. Peter seemed to be quick always to speak and reply, but even in that I can't find any proof that he had more keys, or better keys of authority than any other member of the Twelve. As to receiving or writing revelations from God to the church, he does not seem to be in advance of several others. As to amount of writings, Luke is far ahead of Peter. John was given a goodly portion; so also was Mathew and Mark; and as to quantity and quality the Apostle Paul carried the banner of victory over all others. So who is the one man in the primitive church that had exclusive right to furnish revelations from God—has he vanished from the picture?

In looking over your letter and my reply thus far, I see I have not referred to your mention of the Bloomington branch in Illinois. Referring to authority you say: "If the church has that authority did they exercise it against the Bloomington branch in Illinois, or the officials controlling the branch?" My answer to that is, that it would be of little value, unless it can be shown by good evidence that the Bloomington branch, together with the officials, were out of harmony and in conflict with divine law. Priesthood authority by men can be made effectual only as it functions and operates in harmony with God. Any other view, in my opinion, would be absurd and would implicate God as a party to fraud.

In writing these lines I have desired to be prompted only by loyalty to the truth. All men are strangers to me. I love the admonition of Paul; "Follow me only as I also follow Christ." No man can reasonably and justly expect a following as he follows Christ. Anything else is dangerous and a fatal loss. But the world of humanity has fallen desperately in love with men they follow, and the world is in confusion.

I am very much devoted to the Restored Gospel, it is true and divine. I love good men and they should be trusted; but volumes of evidence prove that good men have drifted away, fallen from grace. Our love for humanity should not blind our eyes that we see not the truth.

I shall do my best in every friendly way to furnish all encouragement and light possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

LESSON 5.

BAPTISM IN WATER

A Door of entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. Mark 1:1-51; John 3:5; John 10:1-9; Matt. 3:13-17.

It is for the remission of sins to the one who has truly believed and repented. Mark 1:4; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.

It is the means whereby we apply the blood of Christ. 1 John 1:7; Matt. 3:15; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:4.

It ALWAYS follows the preaching of Christ. It is one of the things that means "preaching Christ." Can I preach Christ and not preach baptism?

Acts 8:5; Acts 8:35; Acts 2:38; Mark 1:4; Acts 16:14-15; Acts 16:30-35; Acts 19:4-5; Gal. 3:27.

It is a birth. John 3:5; Rom. 6:5.

It is a burial. Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12.

It is a witness. 1 John 5:3-8.

How is baptism to be administered? What does the Bible say?

Water? Yes. Mark 1:5; Acts 8:36.

Much water? Yes. John 3:23.

Does it mean going down into the water? Yes. Acts 8:38.

Must we be buried in baptism? Yes. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

Raised in the likeness of Christ's resurrection? Yes. Rom. 6:4-5; Acts 8:39; Matt. 3:16.

Applying the above measure to sprinkling.

Does it take water? Yes.

Does it take "much water"?—

Does it mean to go "down into the water"?—

Are we "buried in baptism"?—

Are we "raised again"?—

Are any but believers subjects for baptism? Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37.

Are we saved by baptism? 1 Peter 3:21.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

(PART 1.)

Read:

Matthew 3: 1, 2, 5, 6. What did John the Baptist come crying unto the people to do? (See verse 2.)

What did John do when the people came to him confessing their sins?

Read Matthew 3: 13-17. Who came to John from Galilee?

What did John say to Jesus?

What did Jesus answer?

What happened when Jesus was baptized? (See verses 16, 17.)

Read St. John 10: 1-9. What did Jesus call those who try to get into the sheepfold by some other than the door, the right way? What did Jesus say the door was? (See verse 7.) What do you understand by this?

Teacher: See that the pupils understand that Jesus is the door because he made salvation possible, because belief in Him, and Him only, is essential and because we must follow

His example in all things and do the things he did. Let the climax of the lesson be, that if it was necessary for Jesus to be baptized to please his Heavenly Father, we can not expect to please God unless we are baptized.

Have Bibles in your classes, and require the pupils to turn to the texts given, and answer your questions from the texts.

(PART 2.)

Mark 1:4. Why are we required to be baptized—What is baptism for?

Acts 22: 16. What does Paul here command the people to do? What do you understand by "wash away thy sins?"

Romans 6: 4. When we go down into the waters of baptism, what does that represent? Ans. Jesus, who died and was buried for us.

When we are raised from the water to newness of life, what does that represent? Ans. Jesus, who triumphed over death and rose from the grave.

Gal. 3: 27. When we are baptized, whom are we supposed to put on? What does this mean?

Do you read of any minister for Christ in the New Testament who did not preach baptism?

Teacher: If there is time, discuss baptism as a birth, a burial, and a witness as suggested in the lesson outline.

LESSON 6.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS.

It is one of the principles of the gospel being enumerated as one of the six fundamental principles of the doctrine of Christ. Heb. 6: 1-6.

Tertullian, who wrote in the latter part of the second century, says that:

"After baptism, succeeds the laying on of hands with prayer, calling for the Holy Ghost."

Cyprian a writer of the third century, says:

"Our practice is, that those who have been baptized in the church should be presented, * * * that by prayer and the imposition of hands they may receive the Holy Ghost."

These historians furnish us with the evidence that up until the third century, at least, this practice was still in operation. It later seems to have been lost, because none of the sectarian churches of the present time practice it. Hence, it would naturally occupy a prominent place in the Restoration. Most churches, however, still employ it in the ordination of their ministry.

In the New Testament church, it was employed for four separate ordinances, viz: The Bestowal of the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:14-21; 19:1-7; Acts 15:8.

(2) Blessing of Children. Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15.

(3) Ordaining to the Ministry. Acts. 13:1-4; Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6-14.

(5) Administering to the Sick. Mark. 6:5; Luke 4:40; 13:11-13; Mark 16:16-18; James 5:14-15.

The above indicates that it was the eldership who were thus authorized to lay on hands, and not those of the so-called lesser or Aaronic priesthood. It is also included in the "oversight" enjoined upon the eldership. Acts 20:28-31; 1 Pet. 5:2.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

(PART 1.)

Acts 2: 38. What gift is promised to those who are baptized for the remission of their sins?

Acts 8: 14-17. What did the apostles Peter and John do that their converts who had been baptized might receive the Holy Ghost? (See verses 15 and 17.)

Acts 19: 6. What happened to these disciples when Paul had laid his hands on them? What were the converts able to do when the Holy Ghost came upon them?

Teacher: See that the pupils understand what the Holy Ghost is. Call attention to Acts 15:8, where the Holy Ghost is spoken of as a witness. Remind the class of the witness God gave when his Son, Jesus, was baptized. It would be profitable to discuss how the Spirit of God will guide us all our lives as we live for it and seek it in prayer.

(PART 2.)

Read to the class what the early Christian writers, Tertullian and Cyprian, said about the laying on of hands. Have the pupils memorize these names.

For what other purpose is the laying on of hands?

Teacher: Enumerate (2), (3), (5) in lesson text, and have the pupils turn to the texts cited as you call for them.

It is important that the pupils understand who may lay on hands. Review the previous lessons on authority to show that only duly called and ordained ministers may perform this sacred ordinance as representatives for Christ unto his children.

CHANGING PALESTINE

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the pastor wants to start an interdenominational prayer band for Israel and purposes to have his people help in the progress."

Word comes from Texas that the "Abilene group is going to reach a number of towns." The aim is to reach every Jew in Texas.

These are just a few examples of how only one society is organizing to take the message of Christ to the Jews. The American Bible Society is distributing thousands—it would not be amiss to say millions of copies of the New Testament among the Jews in Palestine. Many organizations are working, formed of people of any or all of the churches.

In 1931 an article appeared in the Jewish Missionary Magazine, published in New York City, called "spiritual Awakening in Palestine," in which the author, Rev. S. B. Rohold makes the statement that the year 1929 began with a spiritual awakening amongst Israel in many quarters." At the same time, the author says, "Never in history were there more pamphlets and articles written in the Hebrew language," etc. "Since that time the interest has grown greatly and many new agencies have been stimulated into being for Christian evangelizing of the Jews."

Since writing the foregoing we are in receipt of the February Bulletin of the Biblical Research Society of Los

Angeles, in which they report 103 centers established by this society, alone, for the distribution of literature to the Jews in the United States and Canada. Besides these, there are cooperating missions in Argentine, Buenos Aires and Chile, South America; Guatemala, Central America, New Zealand, Australia, East Africa, China, Persia, Palestine and Iraq; Germany, Poland, Denmark, England and Greece.

"In the last four and a half years the society has published for the Jews 416,000 books and booklets, 96,000 of which were published in six different languages and are being distributed to the Jews in Europe and other countries, and 95,000 tracts. To date approximately 300,000 books and 50,000 tracts have been distributed through organized groups and individuals. 115,000 booklets have been distributed to Christian believers showing the necessity of "giving the gospel to Israel."

Dr. Cooper is very anxious to publish his new book entitled "Messiah: His First Coming Scheduled." It will show the Jew, he says, that according to his own scriptures the Messiah was scheduled to come and to be executed at the very time that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified.

Dr. Cooper gives his reasons for being so anxious to hasten the publication of his book. He says: "Present indications are that the Tribulation is very rapidly approaching. History shows that the Jewish people have in the past, whenever a crisis came upon them, sought consolation in the Messianic hope." Dr. Cooper says "The present is primarily a sowing time; the harvest will be gathered later."

Dear readers, you who believe in the latter day work that was begun a hundred years ago to bring about the restoration of Israel; that started with the Gentiles, to gather out Ephraim and then was to go to the Jews—can you not see that a preparation is being made for the task we have to perform, the taking of the fullness of the gospel to the Jews? Surely the unfolding of God's purpose can be discerned in the trend of events today.

L. P. S.

WHY ZION HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED

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To me the issue is vital. There is a crisis before us. What is our reply? If God be with us and we are in His favor because of right procedure in humility and faith, though all hell is against us we shall succeed. But if we because of our wrong motives and procedure we merit His disapproval, we shall fail. I must sound the warning.

May God help us then to come to a full realization of what we are, and where we are, as to the final outcome of His work intrusted to our care.

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Mrs. Alvina Grasshoff Passes

To the many saints who know Sister B. C. Flint, the news of the passing of her mother will bring sorrow, for while we knew her quiet life, it was one that brought only words of respect and commendation from those who knew her best, assuring us of the welcome she will receive on the other side. Our hearts go out in sympathy to those who knew her as mother and grandmother.

Sister Grasshoff was born in Berklinger, Germany, May 25, 1872. Her name before her marriage was Alvina Hermina Heinemann. She was married to Brother Grasshoff July 18, 1890 and came to America in 1902, settling near Sparta, Wisconsin, moving to Evansville in 1912, where she died July 9, 1935. Four children were born to Bro. and Sister Grasshoff; Richard C., Freda A., Orna O. and Albert F. Her husband, Bro. Frederick Grasshoff preceded her to the better land February 7, 1923; also one daughter, Sr. Erna O. Fink, who died February 22, 1929. There is left to mourn her three children, four grandchildren and one great grand child, in America, and one brother Albert Heineman, and two nephews, in Germany.

Sister Grasshoff was baptized in 1910 by Elder J. O. Dutton of the Reorganized Church and transferred to the Church of Christ in 1926. She died very suddenly of heart trouble at her home, 39 Church street, Evansville, Wisconsin. Her departure came as a great surprise to Brother and Sr. Flint, who were conducting a series of meetings at Sparta, Wisconsin, when the message came to them. She was strong in the faith and to talk of the church and the gospel was her greatest pleasure. She led a quiet, Christian life. The presence of her old time friends at her funeral bore tribute to the respect in which she was held. Thus ends the last chapter of another life, and yet she will live on in the memory of her children. The church loses another staunch member while the Church Triumphant gains another to swell the number that will return with all the hosts of heaven.

The funeral sermon was preached by Apostle A. M. Smith, who came from Blackduch, Minnesota, to be present and the evening of July 11th saw only another mound in the city of the dead at Evansville covered with flowers and ferns, the last token of love and respect to one who had fought a

good fight and had finished the race. Of such it can be well said:

"Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

A. M. Smith.

IN MEMORIUM.

After a life of loving service to others and devoted work in the gospel of Jesus Christ, my father, Elder John Harris, of National City, California, has been called to lay down the trials and cares of this earth life for the joy that comes to all those who can hear his Savior say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into rest." He has been active to the last, and his writing and works shall follow him to help in the cause of the Gospel here.

He leaves behind him to mourn his loss five daughters, Mrs. Irene Frishkorn, Mrs. Lloyd Lang, Mrs. Bert Crawford, Mrs. John Sugrue and Mrs. Will Johnson, besides grandchildren and great grandchildren and many friends.

I will especially miss his tender care, as he has been my stay and comforter for sixteen years, since the death of my husband, Ernest Frishkorn. The following are my verses in tribute to his memory.

In loving memory of
Elder John Harris.
Born Dec. 31, 1851.
Died March 13, 1935.

Tenderly, tenderly, lay him to rest,
Far from all trials and earthly distress.
Jesus his Savior in love called him home,
No more in sorrow life's pathway to roam.

Years of devotion in serving his Lord,
Peacefully now passed on to reward:
Leaving behind him sweet memories of worth,
Lifting the burdens of others on earth.

Soon will the morn of eternity dawn;
Death will be vanquished—his scepter be gone,
Joyfully then we will greet him once more,
Where pain and sorrow of partings are o'er.

His loving Daughter,
Mrs. Sarah Irene Frishkorn,
13343 Commercial Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Hegewisch Station.

OBITUARY

Brother A. Wiley Bohall was born February 8, 1863, in Eureka, Humboldt County California. He and his wife united with the Church of Christ about 1926 in Chico, California. His death occurred June 29, 1935. Sister Bohall survives to mourn her loss. Brother Bohall's life and conduct were above reproach. His honorable, upright example is worthy of all emulation. In the paradise of God he awaits the first resurrection.

(Reported by his brother-in-law, Bro. E. R. Williams and sent to the Advocate by J. E. Y.)