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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost"—1 Nephi 3:137,

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First Day, Monday, April 6

The general conference of the ministry was called to order at 10 A. M. by Apostle H. E. Moler. After the opening song, No. 141 in the Hymnal, prayer was offered by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

R. M. Maloney moved that the members of the Twelve preside over the conference. The motion prevailed unanimously.

Louise Sheldon and Leon Gould were chosen as secretaries of the conference.

C. L. Wheaton, Thos. E. Barton and A. M. Smith were selected for the Press committee.

C. A. Gurwell and B. Skinner were chosen to act as ushers.

Mrs. Wm. F. Anderson was selected for chorister, with power to choose an assistant and pianist.

The chair called for reading of greetings from the Twelve to the conference, after which tentative program and list of business furnished by the Twelve were read.

T. E. Barton moved that the tentative program be adopted with the change of 8 o'clock, instead of 7:30, for the evening services. The motion prevailed.

T. E. Barton further moved that Wednesday be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, as suggested by the Twelve. The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, the rules governing the taking of the Referendum vote provide that the ballot sheets shall be prepared and sent to all local churches, and to scattered individuals, and

Whereas, those rules were disregarded in the taking of the vote of 1935, no ballots being prepared and sent out, therefore

Resolved, that the late purported referendum vote be declared null and void.

E. E. Long, H. E. Moler.

This resolution was moved by H. E. Moler, and seconded by A. M. Smith.

Jas. E. Yates moved the following substitutes:

Whereas, the last general assembly (1935) voted that this 1936 conference be a Ministers' Conference, preliminary to the People's Conference, to be held in all local churches in June (See Par. 2 of Bill No. 1):

And whereas, said vote of the assembly was unanimous (See column 1 on the printed ballot), upon which the Referendum was subsequently taken;

And whereas, the official returns upon that ballot as voted by the people show the largest vote of approval of any Referendum vote, or any other vote ever taken by the Church of Christ (325 votes of approval);

And whereas, there were only 17 votes against the measure throughout the entire church in all the world;

And whereas, at the time of the adjournment of the 1935 Assembly Bro. E. E. Long moved, and Sr. Holcomb seconded, that when that conference adjourned, it do so to meet April 6, 1936, in Independence, Mo., **subject to the Referendum vote;**

And whereas the expressed voice of the people, both in the assembly and throughout the Church thus provides that the 1936 Conference in Independence shall be a Ministers' Conference;

And whereas, the regular official notice, properly printed in the Advocate, announces in accord with the action of the Church that a Ministers' Conference is to convene in Independence on April 6. (See March Advocate, page 27);

And whereas, there is no proper provision of any kind whatever for other than a Ministers' Conference here at this time,

Therefore, be it hereby declared that until the voice of the people shall provide otherwise, there is no authority or legality for other than a Ministers' Conference to be conducted during this general conference period beginning April 6, 1936, **and that this is a Ministers' Conference.**

Thos. E. Barton seconded this substitute. Brn. Yates and Long spoke to their respective motions, when Thos. S. Maley offered the amendment to the substitute to follow the word "Therefore" in the last paragraph of the substitute, making it read as follows:

Therefore, "Inasmuch as a dispute over the legality of the Referendum has made an apparent division,

And whereas, it is needful that this conference proceed about necessary business, I move as an amendment to the substitute that the matter of Referendum be resubmitted to this conference and the people, and that we proceed as a general assembly."

Winfield Gould seconded this amendment. C. L. Wheaton spoke to the substitute. Louise Sheldon was granted the floor, yielding it for noon adjournment, to continue when business was resumed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Adjourned with the singing of 145 in the Hymnal, and prayer by Wm. F. Anderson.

Afternoon Business Session, 2 O'Clock

H. E. Moler still in the chair, assisted by Wm. F. Anderson.

No. 1, in the Hymnal was sung.

Prayer by Brother Moler.

No. 158 was sung.

Minutes read and approved.

L. Sheldon resumes her remarks. Other speakers were C. L. Wheaton, A. M. Smith, T. E. Barton, E. E. Long and James E. Yates.

C. L. Wheaton moved that the vote be taken on the Referendum question under discussion. The motion prevailed. The amendment was first put to vote, resulting in 6 for it and 21 against it.

The substitute carried, 24 voting for it, and 10 against it.

Thos. E. Barton moved that the committee of three, provided for in article 20 of Bill No. 1, "The People's Conference," be now appointed. This carried. Nominations for the committee were Jas. E. Yates, Leon A. Gould and Thos. S. Maley. C. L. Wheaton moved that these three constitute the committee. The body approved.

Report of the office manager, J. R. McClain was read. T. E. Barton moved that it be referred to the Bishopric before action was taken by the body. Seconded and carried.

C. L. Wheaton moved that the ministry in attendance at this conference be requested to register with the Secretary as soon as possible. Motion prevailed.

James E. Yates moved that all members of the Church in attendance have the rights of the floor equal with the ministry except in voting. This motion was seconded by C. L. Wheaton and carried unanimously.

Moved to adjourn until next session. Doxology was sung and closing prayer by Bro. Anderson.

EVENING SESSION, 7:45.

Meeting in charge of Bro. Halverson, H. E. Moler being the speaker.

SECOND DAY, APRIL 7.

MORNING.

9:45. Prayer meeting, in charge of Leon A. Gould and B. A. Winegar.

11:00. The speaker of the hour was J. E. Bozarth. Wm. F. Anderson was in charge.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

W. F. Anderson and E. E. Long in charge.
No. 52 in Hymnal sung.

Opening prayer by Bro. Rathbone.

Minutes read and approved.

Chair requested secretary to read documents from Wales.

There was a letter from Apostle B. C. Flint, and a petition signed by five brethren, asking that the original Epitome of Faith, drafted by Joseph Smith, the Seer, be used "as the foundation of our faith", and "that the Articles of Faith and Practice must not be interpreted to conflict therewith." Also, copy of a letter from E. J. Trapp to Elder H. C. Snook was read. The matter was received, subject to call at any time.

Reports were read from Elder James Evans, of Wales; also from R. M. Maloney. Wm. F. Anderson, Herbert B. Johnson, J. E. Bozarth, J. A. Daer, C. A. Gurwell, F. J. Cruse and Thos. B. Nerron.

It was moved and carried to take up recommendation from the Twelve relative to vacancies and releases from the Quorum. The recommendation is contained in the following document:

There are now three settled vacancies in the Quorum of Twelve. These vacancies have been brought about by church court action in one case; resignation from office in another, and withdrawal from the church by the third.

We recommend to the church that Brother C. W. Morgan be officially released also. In asking the approval of the church upon the official release of Brother Morgan, we do so in full recognition of his qualities and capacity for good; but it is the opinion of the council that this brother would not desire more at this time than a release, without prejudice.

We recommend that in order that others may be properly called as the Spirit of the Lord may direct, we ask the church to approve this recommendation.

Approval of this recommendation was moved and carried.

C. L. Wheaton offered the following resolution:

Whereas, we have witnessed the fact that errors have and may be committed by committees appointed to handle referendum bills to be sent to the members of the church, due to inexperience, therefore,

Be it resolved that the committee appointed in harmony with Referendum Bill No. 1 of 1935 shall be a standing committee on Referendum matters. The members of this committee shall serve in the order in which they were nominated for one, two and three years, respectively.

An amendment was added specifying that after the first year every election should be for a term of three years. The vote on the amendment and the resolution as amended was unanimous.

Bro. Halverson moved to limit speeches the rest of the conference to ten minutes. Another motion would extend the time to fifteen minutes. This motion lost. The one establishing ten minutes as the limit carried.

R. M. Maloney and H. E. Moler spoke as a personal privilege.

Chair called for the reading of greetings from Detroit.

C. L. Wheaton moved that we proceed to appoint a commission of three to confer with other divisions of the Restoration as provided for in "Proposed Basis for Working Harmony," in the Majority Report, or Bill No. 4. The motion prevailed.

Nominations were entertained. The three receiving the highest number of votes were C. L. Wheaton, 15 votes; Jas. E. Yates, 15 votes; and T. E. Barton, 10 votes, hence these three will constitute the committee.

C. L. Wheaton and L. Sheldon spoke as a personal privilege.

The Sunday school officers petitioned for Thursday morning, from 10 o'clock until noon, for a meeting in the interests of Sunday school work. The request was moved and granted.

Bro. Wheaton said that a number would like to hold a round table from 6 o'clock until 7:30. Chair granted the privilege.

No. 223 was sung.

Benediction by Bro. Long.

BETWEEN SESSIONS.

6:00 to 7:30 P. M. An interesting session was held in charge of Brn. C. L. Wheaton and Leon A. Gould. Twenty-two were present. Topics pertaining to our economic welfare, along Zionic lines, were discussed. The wish was expressed for a continuation of these meetings when practicable.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45. Preaching by R. M. Maloney. Jas. E. Yates in charge.

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

This day was set apart for fasting and prayer for direction concerning the filling of vacancies in the Quorum of Twelve, work on the temple, as well as for God's favor on the work of the church, generally.

The morning session was held from 9:45 until noon. E. E. Long and Jas. E. Yates were in charge. Earnest prayers were offered, and a number spoke. Bro. Jas. E. Yates delivered the following:

I am directed by the Holy Spirit to present to you in a calm manner the names of those whom the Lord has chosen to fill the vacancies in the Quorum of the Twelve in the Church of Christ. These names are Elder T. J. Jordan, Elder Leon A. Gould, Elder J. E. Bozarth and Elder R. M. Maloney.

Thus saith the Spirit to you: You have come to me in mine own way to ask that I shall direct you. I am speaking my will to you concerning those who may occupy in this important place at this time. And if you will set these names before my people, and if my people shall approve them, I will bless these ministers in counsel to you in the grave matters that are lying before the Church, that with the wisdom of their accumulated years, they may by counseling together in the Quorum of my Twelve, help to carry forward my work to its final culmination.

I therefore present these names to you by the voice of the Spirit, and it is a divine call subject to the approval of the people. Thus saith the Spirit to you, even so. Amen.

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock, in charge of Jas. E. Yates and A. M. Smith. Conflicting spirits were manifested, but there were some good prayers and talks. A message was given by C. L. Wheaton.

I wish to make a statement. During the morning service I received the manifestation of the Lord:

"Verily thus saith the Spirit of the living God unto you my people: I have heard your prayers. I have seen your fastings. I know the desires of your hearts. I have witnessed the sacrifice which you have made in order that my house might be built, and that those things might be realized which you have looked forward to, and which I have promised you.

Verily I say unto you that this is my will with regard to the work which I have entrusted to you: That you should pay heed to the instruction which I gave wherein I told you that there should be three of your number set apart and blessed to receive the plans. This you have done.

The plans have been received, and with them I am well pleased. It is my will that the wise man who was chosen shall have the supervision of the construction and the building of my house. He is a wise man. And it is pleasing that this work should be done in harmony with the plans which I have given you through those whom ye have chosen.

Therefore go forward in harmony with these things. Fret not yourselves pertaining to the passing of time, for it is not given you to know all things at this time, but in mine own due time, and in mine own way, these things shall be made plain unto you pertaining to my work.

Thus saith the Spirit of the living God unto you. Amen.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45. E. E. Long was the speaker. Wm. F. Anderson in charge.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Thornton.

FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

MORNING.

From ten o'clock until noon was occupied by the Sunday school association in round table discussion and business. The same officers were continued—A. M. Smith, Supt., Thos. S. Maley, Vice Supt., Louise Sheldon, Secretary. An interesting, enjoyable meeting was reported.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

A. M. Smith and C. L. Wheaton in charge.

Opening song, 158 in Hymnal.

Prayer by C. L. Wheaton.

Song, No. 179.

Reading of minutes.

A recommendation from the Quorum of Twelve was read as follows:

Resolved, that in consideration of the petition from Wales, the apostles recommend the following Referendum: The Articles of Faith of the Church of Christ are in harmony with the early Epitome of Faith and Practice of the Church, as written by Joseph Smith concerning God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, his Son, and represent the faith and belief of the Church of Christ upon that important part of the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Submitted as the unanimous opinion of the Twelve.

By permission of the chair, Bro. Jas. E. Yates read the letter, copies of which the committee on "Working Harmony" will send to the various divisions of the Restoration:

Greetings sincerely, in the hope and in the faith of our gospel, through Christ:

For more than a year the Church of Christ ministry and people have given specific attention to the following important question:

By the will of God, what should be the right relationship between the sister church organizations of this latter day restoration of the Gospel?

Concerning this we have sought light from heaven by importuning God through fastings and prayer to Him in the sacred name of this Christ.

As a result we have arrived at the conclusion that when any of us as individuals, or as peoples, disregard the friendly and cooperative relationships which should be maintained between all the people of the Lord, we in that manner displease Him, and we thereby impair our own right relationship with the Master, Himself.

Perhaps at the present time we dare not hope to be able to adjust all our petty differences or major differences at once, but by the grace and Spirit of God we have come to hope and to believe that if we as peoples will respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit in these matters, a friendship and fellowship may be established between us all which can transcend all our differences.

In the hope of doing this, and that greater blessing from heaven may thereby be given to us all, the Church has enacted the document herewith attached (The document approved by Referendum on overtures for working agreement) and we, the undersigned, have been duly authorized as the committee in this matter for the Church of Christ.

Having no other motive than that you, with ourselves, and with all the people of the Lord may thus and by the approval of Heaven, obtain greater and richer blessings than we as peoples have hitherto enjoyed, we hereby invite your Church in the spirit of love and brotherly regard, to appoint a committee to meet with this committee, that we may take counsel together, and pray together for the spiritual and material welfare of Zion, which is our common cause.

Please let us hear from you.

C. L. Wheaton,
Jas. E. Yates,
Thos. E. Barton.

Report of the Building Committee was read. This report called out considerable discussion. C. L. Wheaton moved, J. R. McClain seconded, that this report be referred to the Twelve for examination and recommendation. Bro. Wheaton wished his motion amended to add that we express appreciation of the work of the committee as having been done in a conscientious manner, and so moved. L. Sheldon seconded. The motion as amended prevailed, 14 voting for, and only 2 against.

C. L. Wheaton presented resolutions relating to standing committees and committees that should be standing committees. It was moved and carried to refer the document to a committee to re-draft. The committee chosen by the body was T. E. Barton, C. L. Wheaton and J. E. Bozarth.

The privilege of the floor was granted to T. B. Nerren.

There was some discussion as to speeding up the business by holding a business session Friday morning, but not meeting with general approval, the regular order was announced.

The Doxology was sung, and Bro. Wheaton dismissed with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45. Thos. E. Barton was the speaker of the hour, Bro. Halverson in charge of the meeting.

FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

MORNING.

9:45. Prayer meeting in charge of Brn. Maley and Roland Sprague.

11:00. Preaching by Leon A. Gould, A. Warner in charge.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

C. L. Wheaton and T. E. Barton in charge.
No. 109 in Hymnal was sung.
Prayer by Bro. Barton.
No. 367 was sung.
Reading of minutes.

C. L. Wheaton, as Secretary of the Twelve, presented a letter from President F. M. Smith, in which the latter made courteous acknowledgment of the invitation he had received from the Twelve of the Church of Christ to speak on the Temple Lot April 5th, and stated that he wanted to do all he could to promote friendship and cordial relations between the two churches.

Bro. Yates moved that recommendation from the Twelve, read yesterday, relating to the petition from Wales regarding the Epitome of Faith, drafted by Joseph the Seer, and our present Articles of Faith, be adopted. The body approved unanimously.

Report from the committee on standing Committees was read, as follows:

We, your committee appointed to revise and bring a report on the resolution offered regarding standing committees, hereby wish to turn in this report as follows:

All standing committees or boards that have five members shall be nominated and elected as follows: the two receiving the highest vote to hold office for three years, the two receiving the second highest vote, to hold office for two years, and the fifth for a period of one year.

All standing committees or boards composed of three members shall be nominated or elected as follows: the one receiving the highest vote shall hold office for three years, the one receiving the second highest vote to hold office for two years, and the one receiving the third highest vote to hold office for a period of one year. All elections except those selected to fill unexpired terms, shall be for a term of three years thereafter.

J. E. Bozarth,
Thos. E. Barton,
C. L. Wheaton.

Bro. Yates moved adoption of this report. It carried by unanimous vote.

Report of ministerial labors of Bro. Ford was read.

Recommendation from the Twelve concerning the withdrawal of E. J. Trapp was read, as follows:

Whereas, it has been brought to our attention by letter to the Quorum from Apostle B. C. Flint that while Bro. E. J. Trapp has sent in his withdrawal from the church, that previous to the receipt of his withdrawal, which was received by the church secretary some time during the summer, there had been lodged with the General Assembly charges against Brother Trapp, which charges were a part of the work assigned to the missionary sent over to the British mission, and

Whereas, it has been the practice of the church in the past to refuse to acknowledge a withdrawal while the shadow of charges still rests over the member desiring to withdraw, as the process of law and order must continue until the charges are either sustained or the innocence of the individual is established, and

Whereas, Apostle Flint is seemingly asking for direction from the Quorum of Twelve, and

Whereas, we now believe that the conduct and investigation of the charges against Bro. Trapp, under the present conditions, is a very difficult task, both from an economical as well as from a physical standpoint, we

Therefore believe it is wisdom that he should be permitted to withdraw, but that all records should show that he is now under a cloud and does withdraw as one not in good standing, and that such memoranda as shall be attached, shall indicate that Brother John Jenkins, who filed these charges, is absolved from all responsibility relative thereto. This recommendation was unanimously approved.

The adoption of this report was moved by Jas. E. Yates and prevailed by unanimous vote.

Recommendation from the Twelve approved the suggestion and recommendation from Apostle Flint that when he should leave for America, Elder John G. Jenkins and Bishop Samuel Beacham should be left in charge of the British mission.

Apostle Yates moved the adoption of the recommendation, and it carried by unanimous vote.

Recommendation from the Twelve relative to making appointments from the floor of the conference was as follows:

That no appointments shall be made from the floor of the conference to missionary fields without first being submitted to the council of the Twelve, or other organized body of priesthood in the church.

The adoption of the recommendation was moved by A. M. Smith, and seconded.

R. M. Maloney moved to amend by striking out all after "Twelve", in the last sentence. L. Sheldon seconded. Amendment carried unanimously. The resolution as amended prevailed by unanimous vote.

A verbal report was made by C. L. Wheaton, secretary of the Quorum, saying that the Twelve were unable as yet to report on the report of the Building Committee, as they had not had time to get the architect and go into the matter.

Petition from Bellingham, Washington, asking for Sunday school lessons of our own, was read. It was finally moved to refer the matter to the officers of the Sunday school association, they to report back for Referendum. This carried by vote of 17 for and 1 against.

A petition from Detroit, Michigan, was as follows:

After careful study by this body of the Church of Christ of the question of children voting in the church, it appears that it is the opinion of the majority of the membership in this place that it is unwise and unprofitable to expect young children to exercise the mature judgment necessary to render intelligent decisions in matters of business and jurisprudence,

Therefore, we respectfully recommend that action be taken to restrict the right of franchise in the Church of Christ to prevent children under reasonably mature age from voting in the church.

After considerable discussion, it was finally decided to refer this matter to a committee of three, as had been moved by J. E. Yates.

The three receiving the highest number of votes for the committee were Wm. F. Anderson, 20 votes, J. E. Bozarth and Thos. E. Barton, 16 votes each.

Another petition came from Detroit, Michigan, as follows:

Being firmly convinced that the special work of the Church of Christ, according to the plainly expressed mind and will of God, is to GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE ALL OF GOD'S SHEEP WHO ARE SCATTERED UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH; and

Being further convinced that to attempt to discriminate as to the fitness of men and women who come to the Church of Christ from other Churches of the Restoration faith by examination of the priest-hood authority of those who have baptized them is to assume a judicial prerogative which is beyond the ability of any man or group of men to exercise without possibility of error, except in cases where there appears abundant and convincing evidence of personal iniquity or of having added to or taken from the pure principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the prosecution of their ministry:

We therefore, recommend to this body of ministers and to the Church in general, that men and women who apply for membership in the Church of Christ, bringing sufficient evidence that they have been inducted into the kingdom

and fold of God under the hands of men who have been ordained to that work in a legal manner according to the divine law; and who offer unequivocal and convincing testimony that they know themselves to have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, be admitted to full membership without further examination, other than the requirement that they manifest a determination to rid their minds of all doctrines and beliefs which are considered traditional and unsound by the Church of Christ.

We offer this recommendation after careful study of the subject, wherein we note that there seems never to have been any serious question concerning the authority of those men who officiated in the Church before the death of Joseph Smith, the martyr, although there is an abundance of evidence to be found to indicate that many of them advocated doctrines which the Church of Christ now believes to be heretical.

We note also that without doubt many of the priesthood now officiating in the Church of Christ did not receive baptism or ordination subsequent to that received under the hands of men who obtained their authority through the agency of men who believed and taught doctrines now considered false by the Church of Christ.

In addition to the above reasons we offer in justification of the foregoing advice, we cite with Brother Leon A. Gould, the counsel of the late Joseph Smith, given according to the Spirit, as found in Section 119, par. 4, of the Doctrine and Covenants, wherein the elders of the Church were cautioned against over carefulness concerning the return of those who were once of the faith: that there are doubtless some who are chosen vessels to do good who have been hindered by the snares which are in the world and who will in due time return unto the Lord if they are not hindered by the men of the Church.

We therefore offer this matter for your consideration because of a desire to assist and according to the result of our spiritual experiences.

Very Respectfully,
The Church of Christ, Detroit,
Vernon Peacock, Pastor.
May Frisbie, Clerk.

James E. Yates moved that since the petition from Detroit dealt with the same subject as the resolution offered by Leon A. Gould and published in the Advocate for March, that the two be considered at the same time. This was seconded by J. E. Bozarth. Bro. Yates spoke on the question, asking that the Gould resolution in the Advocate be read, waited for the reading, and resumed his speech afterwards.

H. E. Moler moved to adopt the Gould resolution. Bro. Yates seconded.

E. E. Long moved to lay it on the table. Receiving a second, the move was put to a vote and lost.

Wm. F. Anderson moved the two documents, the petition from Detroit and the Gould resolution, be referred to a committee of three. T. E. Barton seconded. 15 voted for, and 2 against.

Four were nominated for the committee. Brn. Anderson and Gould each received 21 votes, and Bro. Bozarth 18. These being the three highest, constituted the committee.

A document was presented relating to the Fetting messages. It was as follows:

WHEREAS, The so-called Messages presented to the Church of Christ by Otto Fetting from time to time, purporting to present instruction for the building of the Temple, and for the guidance of the Church, have proven false and unreliable, the time for the building of the Temple given by the purported Messenger having expired; Otto Fetting having apostatized from the Church of Christ and started another church, and his purported Messenger having gone with him, never again paying any attention to the Church of Christ, or to the Temple project.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED: That we hereby repudiate all of the so-called Fetting messages, and never again refer to them as a law or guide to this Church; and further be it RESOLVED: That the work on the

Temple project be continued as the means may come into our hands, according to the plans already adopted, the light already received, and the light that shall be received.

H. E. Moler.
A. M. Smith.

This document was moved and seconded by the signers.

A substitute was offered by Jas. E. Yates, as follows:

"Whereas, it is human to err, but a divine requirement to repent and turn from error; And Whereas, it is the position of the Church of Christ that 'purported revelations from God must stand on their own merits as they may be demonstrated by the arbitrations of time'; And Whereas, the passing of time and events have proven that the error contained in the messages given by the late Otto Fetting show them to be unreliable as being the word of the Lord; And Whereas, even the partial and qualified approval with reservations which the church gave to said purported revelations in the year 1930 has proven to be an impediment to righteousness in the church and not a blessing,

Therefore, and in the interest of spiritual progress for the church, be it hereby declared that we consider ourselves justly absolved from any supposed allegiance to those messages as being the word of God.

Our present temple plans are not based wholly upon said messages, and not at all except where they were not out of agreement with revelations concerning the temple as given through the prophet, Joseph Smith;

And our continued work of building the temple shall not conform to any specifications supposed to have been given by John the Baptist to Otto Fetting merely because said specifications might appear in some of those unreliable messages."

This substitute was seconded by C. L. Wheaton.

The discussion continued until time to adjourn, when Bro. Anderson had the floor.

Moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Closing song 217.

Benediction by Bro. Barton.

BETWEEN SESSIONS.

Another meeting for round table discussion of the temporal law as it affects the gathering, etc. was held at from 6 until 7:30 P. M. Decided to meet again Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45. Preaching by A. M. Smith. Bro. Anderson in charge.

SIXTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 11.

MORNING.

9:45. Prayer meeting, in charge of Brn. Ford and Wiseman.

11:00. Our Lamanite brother, Harry Loft, was the speaker, A. Warner being in charge of the meeting.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

C. L. Wheaton and Thos. E. Barton presided.

No. 1 in Hymnal was sung.

Prayer by Bro. Wheaton.

No. 12 was sung.

Reading of minutes.

Reading of ministerial reports from Elders S. J. Madden and A. Halverson.

The committee to whom the Detroit petition concerning the age limit of children reported.

The Sunday school officers, to whom the petition coming from Bellingham, Washington, was referred, reported.

The regular order was resumed, and debate on the motion and substitute relating to the Fetting messages was continued.

C. A. Gurwell moved an amendment to the Yates substitute to the effect that we reaffirm our former action in which it is declared that all purported revelations

from God must stand on their merits as they may be demonstrated by the "arbitrament of time."

A number spoke on the amendment, when Bro. Anderson moved the previous question and the vote was called.

The amendment lost. There were 11 votes for it, and 22 against it.

The substitute carried—23 voting for it, and 8 against it.

E. E. Long requested the floor as a personal privilege and offered his resignation, as follows:

Independence, Mo., April 10, 1936.

To the Church of Christ:

Inasmuch as you have adopted the resolution repudiating the messages pertaining to the building of the temple and other matters of Church policy, thereby vitiating my calling as an apostle, I hereby present my resignation as a representative of the Church of Christ.

E. E. Long.

A. Warner moved to accept the resignation, and it was seconded. Jas. E. Yates and E. E. Long spoke. H. E. Moler called the previous question, and the vote was called on the resignation. 20 voted for receiving it, 1 against doing so.

No. 134 was sung.

Closing prayer by Bro. Barton.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45. Preaching by Bro. Jess Cruse, the meeting in charge of T. B. Nerren.

SEVENTH DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 12.

MORNING.

8 o'clock. Prayer service in charge of Brn. Bozarth and Winegar.

9:45. Local Sunday school.

11:00. Preaching by Wm. F. Anderson, meeting in charge of Roland Sprague.

AFTERNOON.

2:30. The third session of the Round Table was held to consider colony settlements, etc. C. L. Wheaton presided, and read extracts from a treatise he had written, supplementing with remarks. Then the meeting was thrown open for general discussion. These subjects are always interesting to Latter Day Saints.

EVENING.

Instead of preaching, the usual time was occupied with an Easter program, under the management of Sr. Wm. F. Anderson. It was sacred in character, and we think was generally enjoyed.

Two infants were blessed on this occasion.

EIGHTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 13.

MORNING.

9:45. Prayer meeting, in charge of Brn. Bowman and Winegar.

11:00. Bro. Warner was the speaker of the hour, Bro. B. Skinner in charge.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

Meeting in charge of Thos. E. Barton and H. E. Moler. Opening song, No. 110 in Hymnal.

Prayer by Bro. Moler.

Song, No. 156.

Minutes read and approved.

Report from Apostle B. C. Flint, dated April 6, was read.

Bro. Long rose as a personal privilege to ask that his amendment to the Yates motion in the Assembly last spring for the purpose of inserting the word, "intentionally", be stricken out, as it was leading to misunderstanding

of the brother in his field, and he so moved. The motion was seconded and prevailed.

R. B. Trowbridge read some resolutions which, after some discussion, were laid on the table.

Bro. Yates suggested Referendum privilege for defeated measures.

Report from Elder J. G. Jenkins, of Wales, was read.

A communication from J. H. Camp was read. Jas. E. Yates moved that we acknowledge this friendly letter and authorize the Secretary of the conference to extend our invitation to him to return to the church by mailing to the brother a copy of this action. Motion prevailed.

The report from the Sunday school committee relating to the petition from Bellingham, Washington, which was read Saturday morning, but not acted upon, was called. Motion was made to approve, which prevailed. The report follows:

Whereas, the petition from Bellingham, Washington, as regards Quarterlies, has been referred to the general Sunday school officers as a committee for consideration and report we, the committee, wish to offer the following as our report:

Whereas, the matter of quarterlies was given consideration in the Sunday school forum, we advise the use of the Cook quarterlies, with the helps in the Advocate, until quarterlies of our own can be provided, which provision shall be made as soon as possible.

(Signed) A. M. Smith and Thos. S. Maley
for the committee.

The report of the committee to whom the Detroit petition was referred regarding the age when children may vote in business meetings, was called. It was moved and carried to amend by striking out the last paragraph. The report as amended carried by a vote of 15 for and 4 against. The report stands as follows:

We, your committee, to take under advisement the petition coming from the Detroit, Michigan, branch of the Church of Christ, wherein they recommend that action be taken to restrict the right of franchise in the Church of Christ to prevent children under reasonably mature age from voting in the church:

We therefore tender our report as follows:

Whereas, the Church of Christ is theocratic in government;

And Whereas, the doctrine of this church is that all who are old enough to hear and understand the great gospel of Jesus Christ and to obey the same are eligible for membership in the church;

And Whereas, there is a claimed revelation stating that children who have been properly taught should be baptized at the age of eight years,

Therefore, be it resolved that if we accept members into the Church, they shall have equal rights with all other members to a voice and vote, regardless of age.

Wm. F. Anderson,
J. E. Bozarth,
Thos. E. Barton.

Committee.

Bro. Yates moved a resolution to govern Referendum action as touching scattered members. Seconded. Bro. Wheaton moved that this resolution be referred to a committee of three who would report to our next business session. Seconded and carried.

The committee chosen were C. L. Wheaton, J. E. Yates and J. E. Bozarth.

Report of general secretary was read. H. E. Moler moved to refer the report to the Bishopric. The motion prevailed.

Bro. Bozarth spoke as a personal privilege.

J. E. Yates offered the following resolutions concerning procedure on temple work:

We recommend that whereas, persons unskilled in reading architectural plans might err in such readings,

Therefore, any building committee on construction of the temple is hereby directed to do their work in accord

with the readings and interpretations by the architect and according to the specifications in our blue print plans.

Bro. Wheaton said the architect should also be given supervision of the building work. Bro. Yates was willing that this suggestion should be added to his resolution. Bro. Wheaton then seconded the resolution with this amendment. The amendment, and the amended motion, carried.

Bro. Yates presented another resolution as follows:

Moved, that with the exception of such work as may be necessary to protect that which has been done, the work on the temple shall be continued after the sum of at least five thousand dollars (\$5000) has been accumulated in the temple fund treasury.

It was moved to amend by making the sum twenty-five thousand dollars, but this lost. The original motion carried unanimously.

C. L. Wheaton moved that all previous action conflicting with this action be rescinded. Carried.

Moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock in the morning.
Song, and prayer by Bro. Moler.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45. Preaching by Wm. Postma, assisted by Bro. Bowman.

NINTH DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 14. MORNING.

8:30. Prayer meeting in charge of Brn. Postma and Bowman.

BUSINESS SESSION, 10 O'CLOCK.

H. E. Moler and Wm. F. Anderson in charge.

Opening song, No. 145 in Hymnal.

Prayer by Bro. Anderson.

No. 397 was sung.

Reading of minutes.

Bro. Yates wished to recall referendum suggestion of yesterday.

C. L. Wheaton moved reconsideration of Secretary's report. Seconded and carried.

The Secretary's report follows:

There are three things to which I wish to call attention because of their importance:

1st. We need an accurate, up to date record of our membership.

To obtain this, and to maintain an up to date record, we should have reports from all the branches or churches annually. In no other way can we have an adequate idea of our losses and gains.

It is absolutely essential that we know how many branches we have, where they are located, their membership, who the pastors and secretaries are, as well as information about our scattered membership, in sending out Referendum matters.

To obtain the above data a suitable report blank should be provided, asking for just what we want.

I find there is not a clear understanding as to whose duty it is to attend to this statistical work. I suggest that a committee consisting of the Secretary and the Recorder, a member of the Twelve and two members of the Bishopric; or, two members of the Twelve, and one from the Bishopric, making a committee of five, to take this matter under advisement and make recommendations.

To my mind this is a matter which no organization which expects to grow should neglect, and I think the matter should be given attention immediately.

The 2nd matter I wish to present is the need of compiling and publishing, in a form to themselves, our church enactments that are in force today, that they may be convenient for reference. As it is, our records are practically worthless for reference. To find anything is like looking for a needle in a hay stack. We really can not, on short notice, give a connected history of our progress as portrayed by our legislation, or answer questions that might arise, from our records.

The records should be gone over from the beginning, and all resolutions segregated. The results should be turned over to a committee of representative men of the church to examine and advise the body as to matter that is obsolete, resolutions that should be rescinded where there is conflict with subsequent action. Those resolutions or enactments that hold good today should be arranged according to date and printed in a pamphlet for convenient reference, and sold to any and all members who may desire them.

Third. We are going to need—we do now need a large safe or concrete vault in which to keep our papers and records separate from the safe in which the monies and books in charge of the Bishop or Office manager are kept, a safe or vault that will be accessible to the Secretary and Recorder at any time.

This safe or vault would be used for general church purposes, and would be provided for out of general church funds. Heretofore it has been considered by the local church of Independence I believe. Such a provision is needed as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Sheldon.

It was moved to consider the several propositions in the report separately. Carried.

Moved that a committee of five, as suggested in the report, consisting of the Secretary and the Recorder, two members of the Twelve, and one member of the Bishopric, be chosen.

Moved as a substitute to have a committee of three. The substitute lost. The original motion carried.

Bro. Yates moved that the committee be empowered to draft report blanks for immediate use. Carried.

Bro. Wheaton moved that the Secretary and the Recorder be re-elected. Prevailed.

Moved and carried that A. M. Smith and C. L. Wheaton represent the Twelve on the committee. J. R. McClain was chosen to represent the Bishopric.

Moved that these three, with the Secretary and the Recorder, constitute the committee.

C. L. Wheaton moved that the second proposition of the Secretary's report be referred to a committee of three, to report to the next general conference. Prevailed. The following committee was chosen: Louise Sheldon, H. E. Moler, A. M. Smith.

Moved that proposition No. 3 be referred to the Bishopric and that they be empowered to make provision for a vault or safe. Seconded and carried.

Moved that the Recorder have a key to the office. Carried.

The committee on Baptism and Transfer reported as follows:

We recommend that the action of 1917 be reaffirmed, but that the term, "court of elders", be changed to "two or more elders, one of whom shall be the missionary in charge", so that the resolution will read:

Therefore, be it resolved, that those who are desirous of uniting with us on their original baptism; that the matter shall be referred to two or more elders, one of whom shall be the missionary in charge of the Church of Christ, and if it is proven that they were baptized by those holding the priesthood, that we extend to them the right hand of fellowship; otherwise, they will have to be baptized by those of the Church of Christ who hold the priesthood authority.

Wm. F. Anderson,
Thos. E. Barton,
Leon A. Gould,

Committee.

It was moved and seconded to approve this report, and it carried.

J. R. McClain reported for the general bishops. The report was approved.

Report from the Canning committee of the Storehouse was read. (See Auditors' Report under Referendum Bill No. 20).

The body extended a vote of thanks to Sr. A. S. Wheaton for the use of her home and facilities by the Storehouse canners.

The report on Temple funds showed total receipts for the year, \$1015.93. Added to this, the bank balance of \$168.59, making the total \$1184.52. Total disbursements, \$1086.64.

The report on general funds showed tithing receipts for the year, \$2959.73. Offering, oblation and missionary receipts, \$70.10. Other receipts brought the total to \$3772.41. The total disbursements were \$3811.57.

(Complete report of the auditors will be found under Referendum Bill No. 21).

The Auditors' reports were approved by the body.

A. M. Smith was re-elected as general auditor with power to choose his assistants.

A vote of appreciation and thanks were given the Editor of the Advocate and the Business Manager.

Report from the Board of Publication was read as follows:

To the Conference, Greeting:

We have little to report because everything has been going so smoothly. The paper is always in the mail the first of every month. We have issued no tracts, and yet there is accumulating quite a collection through the activity of a number of the brethren for which they, only, are responsible.

The Business Manager has published a list of items put out by the Board of Publication in which he has included the works to which we refer, and some of the publications printed by the Herald Publishing House for which we have calls. He has also sent to subscribers helps he has designed for making it easier to keep track of subscriptions and make renewals when due.

The harmonious relations we have enjoyed still continue, with the personal interest and sense of responsibility each feels in our work.

We can hardly speak too enthusiastically of the convenience we experience in having the office that does our printing so handy to us, and sympathetic with our needs. It is really an investment assumed by Bro. Alva S. Wheaton and run for the church. He needs a linotype machine very much. It would make our joy in our printing establishment quite complete by removing the disadvantage of having our work done in the city. We are hoping and praying for a linotype machine, and will not turn down an offer for help.

For your information regarding the mailing of ballots with the Advocate. Our Business Manager has taken this matter up with the Post Office. It was found that no matter not relating to our church work could be mailed with the Advocate, but that any supplementary matter that we would not object to publishing in our paper could be mailed with the Advocate, one copy to each subscriber. The Referendum Bills were a part of our conference news or Church business, bound separately for convenience in voting, hence we are within postal regulations in mailing one copy to each subscriber with their Advocate.

We should like to offer the following suggestion, that when the Board for the ensuing year is elected, members be chosen who can get together without too much trouble because of being widely scattered.

Louise Sheldon,
J. R. McClain,
A. S. Wheaton.

(The other two members of the Board could not be reached in time).

It was moved to approve the report of the Board of Publication, and express appreciation of their work. Pre-vailed by unanimous vote.

Nominations for the Board were entertained.

The following names were chosen:

Louise Sheldon, 16 votes; A. S. Wheaton, 16 votes; J. R. McClain, 15 votes; Mrs. Wm. F. Anderson, 10 votes; A. A. Yates, 8 votes.

Louise Sheldon was re-elected editor of the Advocate for the ensuing year.

A. S. Wheaton was chosen for the Business Manager of the Advocate for the ensuing year.

Of those nominated for the Board of Trustees the three receiving the highest number of votes were C. L. Wheaton, 15 votes; A. S. Wheaton, 15 votes; A. O. Frisbey, 9 votes.

Four were nominated for the Plans Committee. The three receiving the highest number of votes were C. L. Wheaton, 17 votes; J. E. Yates, 15 votes; A. M. Smith, 13 votes.

C. L. Wheaton moved that a Building Committee be appointed. The body approved, and nominations were made. The three receiving the highest number of votes were J. E. Bozarth, 17 votes; I. C. Pierce, 16 votes; J. R. McClain, 15 votes.

It was moved to defer the selection of the other standing committees until the disposal of other business.

Recommendations from the Twelve were as follows:

We recommend that the matters pertaining to the filling of vacancies in the quorum of Twelve be taken up by the conference.

We recommend and appoint Brother W. F. Anderson to have the oversight of the Southern States Mission, which was vacated by the resignation of Brother Long. That the work of this mission be carried on in conjunction with that of the Eastern States Mission.

By joint action of the Twelve and Bishopric provision was made for Brother J. R. McClain to continue as manager of the General Church Office.

A document prepared by Apostle Yates relative to the appointment of missionaries to labor as circumstances would permit, was unanimously approved and recommended for the approval of the church. (Brother Yates will present this matter).

We recommend the appointment of Elder J. E. Bozarth to labor in the Southern States mission under the direction of the member of the Twelve in charge of that field.

We recommend the appointment of Elder R. M. Maloney to labor in the Southern States mission as circumstances will permit, under the direction of the member of the Twelve in charge of that field.

We recommend that the fields of the Twelve remain the same as they are, pending the results of the Referendum affecting filling of vacancies.

These recommendations were approved by the members of Twelve present.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence L. Wheaton,
Secretary.

Document prepared by Bro. Jas. E. Yates and referred to in the fourth paragraph of the foregoing recommendations from the Twelve.—Ed.

The Council of Apostles upon whom rests a great responsibility in the matter of missionary appointments, report to the Church as follows:

We realize the great need for an increased missionary force. The field is white to the harvest, but we can not ask men to devote their time to missionary work unless sufficient means is available to care for their families. However, we are sure that if our Seventies, Elders, and Priests, upon whom the Lord laid a sacred charge when they were called and ordained, will be active in their ministry as self-sustaining missionaries, laboring in their several localities, or traveling as circumstances will permit, a great harvest of souls will be garnered into the Church of Christ this year.

We therefore, hereby appoint every ordained Seventy, Elder, and Priest holding such ministerial license in the Church of Christ in the United States and in foreign countries, both as local workers and as missionaries, to labor in this great gospel work, as their circumstances will permit.

In whatever place these brethren may be led of the Holy Spirit to labor, they should consult with the Apostle whom the Church has placed in charge of that field and do their work under his general supervision, in order that all our work may be coordinated and effective for the greatest good.

The Church depends also upon the Pastors, Teachers and Deacons to perform the work of their ministry faithfully, and we pray God's blessing upon each and every faithful worker.

We ask the Church to approve these appointments and instructions, if it may please the body to do so.

These recommendations were acted upon, one at a time. All of them were approved by the body.

James E. Yates moved to approve the selection of T. J. Jordan for the Quorum of Twelve, subject to the voice of the people in Referendum. A substitute was offered to refer to the Twelve to report upon one year hence. Discussion was interrupted by noon adjournment.

The second stanza of the "Consecration Song" was sung. Benediction by Bro. Anderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

H. E. Moler and Wm. F. Anderson in charge.

199 in Hymnal was sung.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The regular order of business was taken up.

Previous question was called on the name of T. J. Jordan.

The substitute lost by a vote of 3 for and 12 against. The original motion prevailed by a vote of 8 for and 3 against.

Moved and carried that if Bro. Jordan declined, his name should be withheld from referendum.

Moved that Leon A. Gould be accepted for ordination to the Twelve when the voice of the people could be had. Bro. Gould expressed himself as willing to act if the people chose him. He had received evidence of his call. 15 voted in favor, only 1 against.

J. E. Yates moved that J. E. Bozarth be accepted for ordination when the people approved. Bro. Bozarth was asked to express himself. He was willing for the people to decide, but would never accept were he not satisfied in his own mind. 17 voted approving. Motion prevailed.

J. E. Yates moved that R. M. Maloney be accepted for ordination when the people approved. Bro. Maloney stated that he was not prepared to give his decision, and it was moved and carried to give him a year in which to consider.

A. M. Smith moved that A. Warner be set apart for the office of a Seventy. C. L. Wheaton testified to having received evidence of Bro. Warner's call. Bro. Warner expressed himself as willing to accept. 17 voted in favor, none against.

It was moved that if the Referendum vote approved his selection, Bro. Warner's ordination be taken care of by the missionary in charge. Prevailed.

Report of the General Recorder was read, as follows:

Gain by baptism and transfer	93
Gain by reinstatement	1
Total gain	94
Loss by death	20
by withdrawal	2
by disfellowship	1
Total loss	23
Net gain	71
Enrollment 1935	1878
Total membership	1949
Children blessed	38
New Churches organized	2

Respectfully,

Nicholas F. Denham.

April 14, 1936.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of recommending amendment to Bill No. 1 of 1935, "The People's Conference", made the following report:

We, your committee appointed to draft amendment to the Referendum Bill No. 1, of 1935, wish to recommend the following for your consideration:

First:—That paragraph three (3) be amended to read as follows:

(3) The acts of the ministry of the Church of Christ shall be reported to the local churches in the May issue of the Advocate, and shall be so arranged in the Advocate as to provide a ballot on all measures adopted, or submitted by the conference of the ministry. (The words in black face type added or substituted).

Second:—That paragraph four (4) be amended to read as follows:

(4) The local churches shall submit any matter of interest to the general church, together with their recommendations, to the Quorum of Twelve, at Independence, Missouri, before the convening of the Conference of the Ministry on April 6th each year. (The words in black face type added).

Third:—That paragraph eleven (11) be amended to read as follows:

(11) Scattered members, in order to have their votes included, must send their vote upon the several measures to their local churches. **If the local church should become disorganized, or should fail to call a meeting to consider the referendum measures as this constitution provides; or if for any reason it is inconvenient for the scattered members to record their votes with their local church, said scattered members should send to the general church office for ballots and send their votes thereon to the general office of the church.** Votes of all scattered members must be in the hands of their church not later than July 1st. (The clauses in black face type added).

Fourth:—That paragraph twelve (12) be amended to read as follows:

(12) The final counting of the votes sent in to the General Office from **all scattered members and local churches shall be July thirty-first.** No vote received after that date shall be counted or considered. (Words in black face type added).

Fifth:—That the second clause of paragraph nineteen (19) shall be amended to read as follows:

(19) "Failure to publish a measure in full along with its ballot form, shall invalidate the measure until so published and approved by vote thereupon." (The word in black face type added).

Most Sincerely,

James E. Yates,

Clarence L. Wheaton,

J. E. Bozarth,

Committee.

April 14, 1936.

(So that it can be seen what the committee proposes to amend, we give the rules governing "The People's Conference", as approved by Referendum in 1935.—Editor).

THE PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE.

(1) The Legislative power of the Church of Christ shall be vested in the local churches.

(2) Each local church shall meet the first week in June, which shall be known as General Conference week, to consider all matters recommended to them from the conference of the ministry of the Church of Christ.

(3) The acts of the ministry of the Church of Christ shall be reported to the local churches in the May issue of the Advocate, and shall be so arranged in the Advocate as to provide ballot on all measures adopted, or subjected by the conference of the ministry.

(4) The local churches shall submit any matter of interest to the general church, together with their recommendations, to the quorum of Twelve, at Independence, Missouri, before the convening of the Conference of the ministry.

(5) Matters for the Conference of the ministry should be received one month before the convening of the said

Conference if possible.

(6) The quorum of Twelve shall meet two weeks before the convening of the Conference of the Ministry, and shall provide a tentative program for the Conference of the ministry.

(7) This conference shall be composed of all the ministry, and shall not be legislative. The acts of said Conference shall be recommendations to the local churches.

(8) All measures of church business adopted, or submitted from the Conference of the ministry, shall be put to referendum vote.

(9) All measures defeated in the Conference of the ministry shall go to the referendum vote, if twelve members of said Conference request it.

(10) No act of the Conference of the ministry shall be binding until ratified by the People's Conference composed of all local churches.

(11) Scattered members, in order to have their votes included, must send their vote upon the several measures, to their local churches. Votes of all scattered members must be in the hands of their church not later than July thirty-first.

(12) The final counting of the votes sent in to the General office from all local churches shall be July thirty-first. No vote received after that date shall be counted or considered.

(13) No argument of any kind for or against any measure to be voted upon shall be allowed in the particular Advocate wherein the measure prepared for balloting appears; and no supplemental arguments shall be mailed out with it.

(14) Fair discussion shall be permissible in other issues of the Advocate than the issue for balloting, subject to the discretion of the Editor and the Board of Publication.

(15) Examination and discussion of all measures by correspondence or otherwise, shall in no wise be restricted, and free discussion and action upon all measures must be had in all local churches.

(16) Measures sent out to referendum from the Conference of the ministry may not be altered or amended by local churches or any voters, unless re-drafted and sent back to the nominating Conference of the following year.

(17) Local churches and scattered members must vote a straight "Yes" or "No," upon any single Bill or Measure; for it would be impractical to divide a measure by voting for a certain part of it.

(18) Churches shall report the number of votes cast for and against each measure.

(19) Each measure sent out to referendum shall be published in full in connection with the ballot form. Failure to publish a measure full along with its ballot form, shall invalidate the measure until so published and approved by vote thereupon.

(20) A Committee of three, chosen by the Conference of the ministry shall receive all measures from the Conference of the ministry and shall see that they are prepared correctly for publication immediately following the Conference of the ministry.

(21) Said Committee of three, in conjunction with the general Recorder and the Editor of the Advocate, shall at the closing of the polls on July 31, check the count of all the votes cast, tabulate the vote according to the returns, as for or against the various measures and announce the result of the vote by attaching their signatures to the report and publish same in the next Advocate.

(22) This bill for the People's Conference, if approved, will repeal our present General Assembly rules. It will therefore require a two-thirds majority vote to carry it.

It was moved to approve the report of the Referendum Committee.

A. M. Smith moved to amend Paragraph 11 as follows:

That scattered members, not members of any local church, should register their names in the general church office.

This amendment was seconded and carried.

The report of the committee as amended was approved.

Instructions to committee on Working Harmony were read and moved, but lost because it was believed the points had been covered by previous legislation.

A. Warner and Wm. Postma were chosen to fill vacancies in the general conference court. Each will serve for 2 years.

Nominations were received for committee on Personal Charges and Complaints. The three receiving the highest vote were J. E. Bozarth, 15 votes; Louise Sheldon, 13 votes; Wm. Postma, 12 votes.

A resolution that both sides of a mooted question be treated alike was laid upon the table.

The following resolution was presented:

That all monies held by any individual or individuals of the church that had been collected for or contributed to the Temple fund should be turned over to the Bishop in charge of the general funds.

Moved by Wm. Postma. Seconded by J. E. Bozarth. Prevailed.

Moved that when Conference adjourns, it does so to meet in Independence, Mo., April 6, 1937. Carried.

The Dining committee reported that they had served 525 meals. About 325 meals had been free to the ministry and others who had helped with the work. They had paid for their groceries as they went along. They had charged only 20 cents a meal, and they lacked only \$1.81 of having made expenses, and had some supplies on hand.

A standing vote of thanks was given the committee for their splendid services.

It was moved and carried to approve of the officers chosen for the Sunday school association, as communicated in their report to the Conference.

Moved to have preaching in the evening at 7:45, by Thomas S. Maley, Roland Sprague assisting.

Moved to adjourn according to previous resolution.

Closing song, 214, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." There was a good feeling present as this song was sung, a feeling of lightness and lifting.

The closing prayer was by H. E. Moler.

EVENING.

7:45. A fitting climax to the nine day conference and association together was the sermon by our young Brother Maley. His subject was "Brotherhood." The sweetness, the optimism and the hopefulness of youth expressed itself, and the message came from the heart. "Where, in all the world," the speaker asked, "could you go where you would feel the drawing of the heart-strings you have felt here, and where you would feel so loath to part; would you feel it at the lodge, at the picture show, or anywhere else?" It was not theoretical brotherhood the Brother presented; it was the brotherhood that is felt.

Bro. Sprague, in private conversation with him, expressed himself in the same way. These two brethren were the youngest visiting members of the priesthood in attendance at the Conference.

A pleasing number of this evening session was the song by Bro. Warner, accompanied by our Lamanite Brother, Loft, on the violin.

Our Lamanite Brother Loft made the closing prayer in his own tongue, at some length.

And thus another conference on the Temple Lot passed into history.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 1936-37 Conference Year.

Of the Council of Twelve Apostles:

H. E. Moler, Holden, Missouri; States of Missouri and Kansas.

William F. Anderson, Independence, Missouri; Eastern and Southern States Missions.

B. C. Flint and wife, Madison, Wisconsin, British Isles Mission.

James E. Yates, Phoenix, Arizona; States of California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

Arthur M. Smith, Ava, Missouri; States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Province of Ontario.

Clarence L. Wheaton, Sagle, Idaho; States of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and British Columbia.

Thomas E. Barton, Colorado Springs, Colorado; States of Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, North and South Dakota and Western Canada (not including British Columbia).

Of the General Bishopric:

J. R. McClain, Independence, Missouri; General Office Manager.

*Thomas J. Jordan, Regina, Saskatchewan; Western Canada (missionary).

*E. E. Richards, Malad, Idaho; Western States (missionary).

*John T. Ford, Hamilton, Missouri; Central States (missionary).

*A. O. Frisbey, Pleasant Hill, Missouri; Central States (missionary).

*A. S. Wheaton, Independence, Missouri; Central States (missionary).

*Samuel Beacham, Tonyrefail, Glam, Wales; Joint-charge British Isles Mission.

Of the Quorum of Seventies and Elders:

John E. Bozarth, Warrensburg, Missouri; Southern States Mission.

*John G. Jenkins, Tonyrefail, Glam, Wales; Joint-charge of British Isles Mission.

*Alex. Warner, Niagara Falls, New York; Province of Ontario.

*John A. Daer, Rockford, Illinois; Illinois and Wisconsin.

*R. Gordon Newby, Spokane, Washington; Washington and Idaho.

*Robert G. Newby, Kooskia, Idaho; Central Idaho.

*Richard M. Maloney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Southern States Mission.

*Charles A. White, Bellingham, Washington; Washington, (Pacific Coast).

*Silas Madden, Independence, Missouri; Missouri and Kansas.

Of the Priests:

Roland S. Sprague, Rockford, Illinois; Illinois and Wisconsin.

Note:—Those appointees with () before their names to labor as circumstances will permit.

Other appointments to be made during the year by members of the council of Twelve in their various fields of supervision. Those of the ministry of the Church of Christ, who have the time and the desire to labor in the vineyard of the Lord as circumstances will permit, will please communicate with your missionary in charge.
Clarence L. Wheaton,
Secretary of the Twelve.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GENERAL OFFICE

From March 15th, 1935 to March 15th, 1936

GENERAL OFFICE RECEIPTS

Anderson, Wallace (tem).....	\$1.83
Anderson, Matthew and Wallace (tem).....	.36
Anderson, Mette (tem)	17.40
" " (ti)	19.85
" " (Mission)	5.00
Anderson, Eva L. (ti)	32.05
" " (tem)	5.00
" " (Mission)	5.00
Anders, Martha (ti)	2.75
" " (tem)	1.25
A Sister (ti)	2.00
" (tem)	10.00

Allbright, Theodore W. (tem)	1.00
Atkinson, Ina Mae (ti)	10.00
" " (pledge)	12.00
Adams, Mrs. R. M. (tem)	5.00
A Sister (ti)	12.00
A Brother (tem)	12.00
Bennett, J. C., M. D. (ti)	4.00
" " and Mother (tem)	17.00
Badgero and Wife (tem)	5.00
Behrends, Mildred (Mission) .....	.60
" " (ti)	19.20
" " (pledge)	10.00
" " (tem)	2.00
" " (con) .....	.20
Bender, O. A. (ti)	5.00
" " (tem)	22.50
" " (con)	7.50
" " (sub)	2.00
" " (tr)	1.00
Burnes, Vernon and Wife (ti).....	96.57
" " " (sub)	1.00
Bishop, May (ti)	36.25
" " (tem)	15.65
" " (Mission)	3.00
Black River Falls S. S., F. L. Knapp, Sec'y.....	18.50
Boxwell, H. (ti)	9.00
Brown, Mrs. R. R. (sub).....	3.00
Brokenshire, Norman (tem)	10.00
Burlingame, H. F. and Wife (ti)	57.00
Brown, Stella M. (ti).....	2.00
" " (con)	1.00
" " (pledge)	12.00
Burnes, Loriane (ti) .....	.11
Bohall, Ella M. (ti)	2.00
Bogle, Mrs. Cora (ti)	12.00
Brockman, August (con).....	5.00
" " (off)	4.00
" " (tem)	1.00
Bowman, Benj. and Wife (ti).....	9.70
Bowman, Russell (ti)	3.00
" " (tem)	3.60
Chowning, Mrs. C. (tem)	2.00
Collins, G. R. (ti)	115.00
Converse, M. V. (tem).....	6.00
" " (sub)	1.00
Clark, E. J. (tr)	1.00
" " (sub)	1.00
Coulter, Mrs. Reg (ti)	3.70
Collin, Mrs. M. C. (ti)	2.50
" " (sub)	2.50
Coleman, S. S. (tem)	7.32
Cox, Loraine (ti)	25.00
Cole, Rodger (ti)	2.64
Closson, W. O. (Mission)	5.00
Denham, Nicholas and Wife (ti)	70.70
Danforth, F. C. and Wife (ti)	232.00
Detrick, J. L. and Wife (ti)	5.00
" " (tem)	5.00
Deller, August (tem)	14.00
" " (sub)	1.00
Dew, A. M. (ti)	2.00
" " (tem)	3.00
" " (sub)	1.00
Derry, Ora (ti) .....	.15
Dingle, John and Wife (ti)	42.00
" " (tem)	20.00
Davis, Estella (ti)	3.00
" " (pledge)	12.00
" " (tem)	8.00
Detroit, Local S. S.	4.47

Ely, Sybil (ti)	3.00	Lucas, Albert A. (ti)	19.95
Ely, Margie (ti)	.35	" " (Mission)	3.00
Ely, Marvin (ti)	2.85	Lusha, H. V. (ti)	32.45
" " (tem)	2.00	" " (tem)	1.00
Ely, Robert (ti)	1.30	" " (sub)	1.00
Erickson, Gustave (pledge)	12.00	Loomis, Lina J. (pledge)	1.00
" " (tem)	10.00	Lockling, Mrs. A. M. (Mission)	.50
" " (ti)	4.00	Lake, A. C. (ti)	13.75
" " (sub)	1.00	Long, Miss Margaret (ti)	9.00
Ennis, Mrs. Ella C. (ti)	12.00	Long, Mrs. Esther (ti)	10.00
Enslie, Mrs. D. A. (ti)	14.00	" " (temp)	4.00
" " (tem)	1.00	" " (Mission)	3.00
Ely, T. R. and Wife (ti)	2.55	Long, Mrs. Sophia (ti)	6.00
" " (tem)	2.00	" " (tem)	1.00
" " (Mission)	1.00	Lake, Mrs. E. (ti)	5.00
Edwards, D. and Wife (ti)	3.75	" " (pledge)	3.75
" " (tem)	2.50	" " (con)	1.25
" " (Mission)	1.25	Lusha, Grace (ti)	9.55
Ekstrom family (ti)	10.00	" " (tem)	.50
" " (tem)	12.00	McLaughlin, Ida Mae (ti)	10.00
" " (pledge)	3.00	McGeorge, Mrs. T. L. (tem)	1.00
Fender, Mrs. America (ti)	6.00	" " (sub)	2.00
" " (sub)	1.00	McBain, Mrs. Minnie (ti)	1.50
Goode, Rachel (tem)	5.00	" " (Mission)	2.00
Gould Leona	1.00	McNaughton, Glen (Mission)	2.00
Gould, Lovita (tem)	2.91	Mason, Mrs. Miriam (tem)	2.00
Gould, Lovita and Darleen (tem)	4.83	" " (sub)	1.00
Gould, Winfield and Lovita (tem)	2.12	Marquette, P. E. (tem)	5.00
Gibbons, D. and Wife (tem)	15.21	" " (pledge)	12.00
" " (ti)	13.00	" " (ti)	49.10
Grand Rapids Local (tem)	5.00	Martin, Myrtle (pledge)	12.00
Gurwell, C. A. (ti)	24.00	" " (ti)	5.00
" " (off)	1.00	" " (tr)	1.00
A Sister (ti)	10.00	" " (Mission)	2.00
" (tem)	1.00	Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. (ti)	9.00
" (Mission)	1.00	Martin, James W. (ti)	1.00
Holcomb, Ethel (ti)	11.70	Minneapolis Young Peoples Club (ti)	8.48
" " (Mission)	1.00	" " (tem)	5.19
Hedrick, James A. and Wife (t)	14.15	Moler, Mrs. James (ti)	1.00
Haskell, H. C. (tem)	2.22	" " (sub)	2.00
" " (con)	2.00	Moore, G. M. (pledge)	12.00
Harper, Emma (Mission)	1.00	Mitchel, W. P. (ti)	5.00
Heath, Cleo and Wife (ti)	4.50	Morrison, E. (sub)	2.50
" " (tem)	.50	Morrison, E. (sub)	2.50
Howard, Mrs. J. W. (ti)	1.00	Mueller, Holdine (ti)	9.50
Hughes, Margaret A. (ti)	19.36	" " (sub)	1.00
Johnson, Nalmer and Wife (ti)	49.00	Martin, W. G. and Wife (ti)	2.00
" " (tem)	21.00	Myres, Mrs. L. W. (tem)	2.02
Independence Local (ob)	4.36	Morrison, Mrs. Mollie (ti)	3.00
" " S. S. (tem)	27.43	Morison, Bernice (ti)	2.00
" " (tem)	3.80	Myres, Mrs. A. (ti)	50.00
Johnson, Nalmer and Wife (Mission)	8.00	Miller, Geo. and Wife (ti)	3.00
Jensen, Henry (pledge)	11.00	Namer, Norman (ti)	.30
Johnson, Eva (tem)	.75	Newby, R. G. (Mission)	2.00
" " (sub)	1.25	New, R. G. and family (tem)	1.00
Johnson, Mrs. Boyd (tem)	.75	Page, Minnie (ti)	500.00
" " (ti)	11.00	" " (pledge)	100.00
" " (sub)	1.25	" " (Advocate)	25.00
Jordan, T. J. (subs)	15.00	Pierce, Bertha (tem)	4.77
Johnson, Oscar H. (ti)	30.00	Parish, A. J. and Ida M. (Mission)	3.50
" " (Advocate)	5.00	" " (tr)	1.00
Jacobs, Owen (ti)	13.80	Paschall, T. W. and Wife (pledge)	6.00
Keeney, Mrs. Annie (ti)	1.50	Partian, Mrs. J. M. (ti)	4.00
Kirby, Joseph (ti)	58.00	Parkinson, W. J. (ti)	4.00
" " (pledge)	12.00	Poulson, Mrs. Neils (ti)	4.00
" " (tem)	69.00	" " (sub)	1.00
" " (sub)	1.00	Reasor, Clara D. (ti)	5.00
Kimball, Mrs. R. M. (pledge)	12.00	" " (tem)	3.00
Kell, Mrs. Fred (ti)	3.00	Richison, Mrs. H. (ti)	6.50
Leeder, N. E. (Advocate)	5.00	" " (Mission)	5.00
		" " (sub)	2.00

Regina Local (con)	15.00	Alaxander Warner, Agent, 1555 Willow Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.	
" " (tem)	5.00		
Reed, Chas. and Wife (ti)	7.60	Warner, A. and Wife (ti)	\$27.00
Raymond, Roy	33.00	" " (subs)	3.00
Richard, Earl F. (ti)	2.23	Long, Mrs. L. (ti)	2.00
Ryarson, Eva (ti)	2.00	" " (subs)	1.25
Radecke, Mrs. Geo. (tem)	2.00	Adams, Peter (ti) .....	.50
Salter, C. M. and Wife (pledge)	12.00		
Stivers, Mrs. K. (tem)	50.00	Total	\$33.75
" " (Mission)	10.00		
" " (ti)	2.50		
Spargo, James and Wife	45.50	C. L. Wheaton, Agent, Sagle, Idaho.	
Spargo, Elinor (ti) .....	.50	Wheaton, LeRoy (ti)	\$4.57
Spargo, Agnes (ti)	1.00	White, Chas. (sub)	1.00
Spooner, Geo. and Wife (ti)	18.00	Schuyler (sub)	1.00
" " (tem)	15.50	Bushnell, Mrs. C. E. (sub)	2.00
" " (pledge)	4.00		
" " (con)	2.00	Total	\$8.57
Spargo, George and Wife (ti)	10.00		
" " (tem)	7.50	J. A. Daer, 1532 Benton Street, Rockford, Ill.	
" " (con)	2.50	Daer, J. A. (E. Mission)	\$10.00
Smith, David and Wife (pledge)	12.00	" " (ti)	120.17
" " (tem)	7.00	" " (tem)	15.00
Skinner, M. B. and Wife (ti)	4.30	" " (con stone)	4.00
" " (tem)	6.25	" " (off)	17.91
" " (off) .....	.20	" " (subs)	7.50
Snook, H. C. (ti)	2.44	Thomas, E. (ti)	12.25
Stafford, Lillie May (ti)	13.00	" " (tem) .....	.25
Smith, Willard J. and Wife (ti)	13.00	Sprague, Roland (ti)	42.52
" " (tem)	3.00		
Sessions, Chas. (tem)	3.00	Total	\$229.60
Sheldon, L. P. (ti)	5.00		
Smith, Arthur Jr. (ti) .....	.20	J. T. Ford, Agent, Hamilton, Mo.	
Thompson, E. E. (tem)	1.00	Bryant, D. Ray and Wife (ti)	\$15.00
" " (Advocate)	1.00	" " (sub)	1.00
" " (con)	1.00	Ford, J. T. (ti)	20.00
Talant, Program (ti)	3.57	" " (subs)	3.00
Tucker, Henrietta (tem)	4.50	" " (Mission)	2.00
" " (off) .....	.50	Ford, Margaret (ti)	20.00
Twihause, Frank (ti)	34.00	" " (Mission)	1.00
" " (pledge)	12.00	Local S. S. (temple)	2.70
" " (tem)	5.00	Sachet, Arthur and Eula (ti)	5.00
" " (Mission)	5.00	Thompson, E. E. (con)	1.00
Tucker, Samuel (tem)	1.00		
Wentworth, Byron and Philip (tem)	1.97	Total	70.70
Welch, L. E. (tem)	2.88		
Wheaton, A. S. and family (tem)	5.47	A. M. Smith, Agent, Ava, Mo.	
Walker, Anna M. (ti)	2.00	Black River Falls, Ladies' Aid (B-Mission)	\$8.94
" " (tem)	2.00	" " (con)	16.36
" " (off) .....	.50	" " S. S. (tem)	5.56
Wheaton, Le Roy (ti)	4.57	Smith, A. M. Family (tem)	1.71
Warner, Aler (ti)	13.00	Smith, Arthur G. (ti)	1.35
" " (pledge)	12.00	Tucker, Mrs. Nels and family (tem)	2.45
" " (tem)	5.00		
" " (tr) .....	.50	Total	\$36.37
Wagbo, Martin (tem)	2.50		
" " (ti)	8.50	Robert Housh, Agent, 2025 Omira St., Detroit, Mich.	
Wiseman, C. M. (tem)	5.00	Morgan, Richard (ti)	\$15.00
Williams, Mina (tem)	3.00	Temple Workers (tem)	1.00
Wightman, Mary (ti)	10.00		
York, Mrs. W. T. (ti)	9.50	Total	\$16.00
" " (pledge)	12.00		

AGENTS REPORTS

F. W. Hastings, Agent, Freemont, Mich.			
Heath, Donna (ti)	\$1.65		
Heath, Anna (ti) .....	.90		
Heath, Vivian (ti)	4.00		
Hastings, F. W. and Wife (ti)	9.37	H. B. Johnson, Agent, 69 Hemlock Ave. S., Auburn, Cranston, Rhode Island.	
Richmond, Earl F. (ti)	2.25	Burlingame, H. F. and Rose (ti)	\$104.25
		Smith, Evelyn (ti)	28.00
Total	\$18.15		
		Total	\$28.21

Samson, Evelyn (ti)	7.35
McDonald, Fannie (ti)	60.40
Smith, Mary E. (ti)	25.55
Smith, Charles (ti) .....	.15
Smith, Eddie (ti) .....	.10
Kohler, Sr. H. (ti)	19.20
Cranston S. S. class No. 1 (ti)	13.00
" " Class No. 2 (ti)	17.00
" " Class No. 3 (ti)	8.69
" Local church (ti)	4.95
" Local S. S. (ti)	2.74
Total	\$291.38

C. R. Ballantyne, Agent, Lamoni, Iowa.	
Ballantyne, J. C. (ti)	\$40.59
" C. R. (ti)	16.95
Midgorden, Silas (ti)	2.00
Stanley, Wanda (tem) .....	.15
Total	\$59.69

E. E. Long, Agent.	
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John (tem)	\$5.65
" " (ti)	1.00
Total	\$6.65

T. B. Nerren, Agent, Denver, Colorado.	
Bennett, Dr. J. C. and Mother (tem)	\$27.00
Albright, Theodore (tem)	2.50
" " (ti)	2.50
Anderson, Metta (ti)	1.00
Wiseman, C. M. (tem)	16.75
Total	\$49.75

Jason C. Pinder, Agent, 417 Carpenter Road, Flint, Mich.	
Lula Hall (ti)	\$5.00
" " (tem)	17.00
" " (Mission)	3.00
Total	\$25.00

A. R. Richardson, Agent, 2052 E. Genessee St., Syracuse, New York.	
Richardson, Arthur and Wife (ti)	\$51.97
" " (tem)	4.00
" " (tr) .....	.55
" " (pledge)	3.00
Loomis, Lina (tem) (tem)	3.00
Total	\$62.52

K. J. Smith, Agent, 2107 Fifth Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn.	
Darby, Horace and Wife (ti)	\$8.25
Boxwell, H. (ti)	8.00
Hatcher, Perry and Wife (ti)	4.25
" " (con) .....	.25
" " (mis) .....	.50
Sharp, Elizabeth (ti)	2.00
Spargo, George and Wife (ti)	7.40
Maley, T. S. (ti)	4.25
Total	\$34.90

Charles L. Sessions, Agent, South Boardman, Mich.	
Evans, Elmer (ti)	\$1.00
Boardman Local (ti)	8.00
" " (tem)	5.08

" " (tr) .....	.30
Total	\$14.38

ELDERS EXPENSE

C. L. Wheaton	35.50
A. M. Smith	38.69
Wm. F. Anderson	69.33
J. R. McClain	79.00
J. E. Yates	6.00
J. E. Bozarth	48.34
E. E. Long	42.50
B. C. Flint	13.50
" " (British Mission)	400.00
T. B. Nerren	7.00
T. E. Barton	10.00
A. S. Wheaton	3.00
H. E. Moler	3.00
S. J. Madden	1.50
Total	\$757.36

FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Mrs. C. L. Wheaton	\$312.64
Mrs. A. M. Smith	283.50
Mrs. Wm. F. Anderson	215.34
Mrs. J. R. McClain	245.00
Mrs. Jas. E. Yates	160.00
Mrs. J. E. Bozarth	125.00
Mrs. E. E. Long	135.00
Mrs. R. M. Maloney	112.50
Mrs. B. C. Flint	158.25
Total	\$1747.23

BABIES BLESSED.

Marilynn Rae Flint was three years old April 10, 1936. She was blessed by Elder Wm. D. Bell the last week in December, 1935.

The infant son of Mr. Leonard A. and Mrs. Alberta M. Hubbard-Yates, was born February 28, 1936, at Independence, Missouri. He was blessed Sunday evening, April 12th, 1936, by his uncle, James E. Yates, and Clarence L. Wheaton, and given the name, Leonard Arthur Yates.

The infant son of Charles Alison and Sister Gracia Vionee Willian-Chapman was born January 2, 1936, at Independence, Missouri. He was blessed Sunday evening, April 12th, by Clarence L. Wheaton and Jas. E. Yates, and given the name, John William Chapman.

LESSONS FOR MAY.

Lesson 5	May 3
Forgiveness, Humility, and Gratitude.	
Luke 17:1-19.	
Lesson 6	May 10
Effectual Prayer.	
Luke 18:1-14.	
Lesson 7	May 17
Jesus Inspires Honesty.	
Luke 19:1-10	
Lesson 8	May 24
Building For The Future.	
Luke 20:45-47; Luke 21:1-9, 34-36	
Lesson 9	May 31
The Last Supper.	
Luke 22:7-23	

MISSIONARY NOTES

Apostles Jas. E. Yates and C. L. Wheaton left Saturday morning, April 25th, for Collins and Dunnegan, in the southern part of Missouri, where they will hold a series of meetings in each place.

A note from Brother Leon A. Gould closes with these words: "We are entering the conference year with revived hopes and new courage."

We are just in receipt of a letter from the missionary Flints. They are anxious, of course, to get the conference news, which they will have by the time our readers peruse these lines. Brother and Sister Dingle, of Cornwall, England, were with them at the time of writing, and, we were sorry to learn, Sister Dingle had succumbed to the unkind weather, and was down with bronchitis. She was improving, however, and they hoped to be able to return to their home in a few days. The Flints expected "to be leaving for Neath and points west," the same week, and "expect to cover all of that part of the mission." They are handicapped for want of means to pay traveling expenses. There are calls waiting for them. Let us do all we can to help these faithful missionaries.

They had an interesting meeting at Treslaw, where Brother and Sister Flint were asked to tell of their work among the Indians. The room was full and a fine group of people they were. Brother Dingle was present, also. During the winter Bro. Flint has lectured, by invitation, before various clubs, and one place looks "like a real potential opening." After the lectures, the people are ready for more about the Restoration, and there is opportunity to distribute tracts.

If any wish to make a special offering to the British mission, be the amount great or small, they may be assured that Bishop McClain, of the general church office, will be glad to see that it reaches our missionaries promptly.

Missionary J. E. Bozarth has lost no time getting into action. April 21st he writes:

I made a trip to Houston, Missouri, and preached both morning and evening, Sunday, to a full house, with good interest. After the morning service, some of the members of the Church of Christ took their baskets, well filled with good things to eat, and went down to surprise Brother and Sister Postma. After dinner the time was spent in visiting. Elder R. E. Bozarth spoke in Elaska, and all seemed to enjoy the time spent together.

I am to preach in Hamilton, Missouri, the first Sunday in May, morning and evening. I want to keep busy. The Bishop hasn't the money at hand to pay me expense to my field just yet, and I have to be in Independence in June, anyway, so I may not get to go to my field in the south until after that time. But you know the gate of opportunity will never open for the man who is too lazy to lift the latch, and those who fail to surrender all will never be saints. So I must keep busy if I expect to be like Jesus. And to live like Him we must have Him within us, but he will never come in until after the world goes out. The harvest is great and the laborers are few, so we should be out in active service. May I plead with all who may read this letter to help to take the message of salvation to a dying world by sending in your tithes and offerings to the Bishop. May God bless and prosper you in all that you do for good.

J. E. Bozarth.

705 South Maguire St., Warrensburg, Missouri.

At the home of her parents, on March 27, 1936, Miss Gladice Bowman was married to Mr. J. Raymond Kenedy, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The ceremony was performed by Brother Benjamin Bowman, the bride's father. Quite a number of relatives and friends were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

On March 28, 1936, another wedding was celebrated in

Grand Rapids, Michigan, also Church of Christ members. The contracting parties were Miss Marion Van Duine to Mr. Lester Wolthorn. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Benjamin Bowman, and the wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. Refreshments were served to the guests. For their honeymoon trip the young couple went to Lansing, Michigan. They will make their home at Wayland, Michigan.

Midland, Michigan, April 16, 1936.

Dear Saints and Friends:

Since our last letter a number have written us wishing to know about the news we spoke of at that time. But first, let us tell you of a pleasant week-end visit we had with Bro. and Sr. Ed. Welch, of Loomis, Michigan. Of course the gospel was paramount in our conversation, and we gained much spiritual strength listening to their many experiences on the gospel work. We drove to Clare Saturday evening and enjoyed ourselves shopping. It was snowing hard and seemed more like Christmas than the 4th of April.

As our close friends have been aware for some time, Ernie and I have been planning on a trip to England and nearby countries. This year we had hoped our plans would materialize and had made arrangements for the trip, but so many have cautioned and warned us to postpone our trip for a few months, that we have about decided to do so. Word reaches us from England that war clouds hang heavy over Europe. How true are the prophecies that there will be wars and rumors of wars. We are surely living in the last days, and must all band together. The question is not What are we going to do? but, What are we doing **now**? Many opportunities present themselves that are not improved because of jealousy and many unconsciously handicap themselves. Love is the greatest foundation for us to build upon. How pathetic to hear a person pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," and yet down in their hearts they hold a grudge against a brother or sister. Oh, dear friends, the time is so short and we simply must unite our forces.

I must conclude now, or I fancy I see our editor frowning on this long letter for a small, but oh, such an important paper. We shall be glad to hear from any who wish to write us, and will try to answer each one as soon as possible. Just address your letters to us at Midland, Michigan.

Our prayers are for the progress of the work God has entrusted to us.

Sincerely,
Bert Cooper and Ernie Premoe.

Midland, Michigan, April 5, 1936.

Dear Readers: In February, Apostle James E. Yates visited us in Midland. He was here for two days, and then he and I went to see Bro. Welsh, at Clair, Mich. He had arranged for a meeting Sunday. Bro. Yates stayed with us, and we had a wonderful meeting. Bro. Yates gave us good advice which we will never forget.

In March I was down to Flint, Mich. We had a good meeting, and I enjoyed conversing with old time friends in the gospel.

Bro. Welsh and I took a little missionary trip together, he furnishing the car, and I, the gas and oil. We reached Grand Rapids in safety and were welcomed at the home of Bro. Holly. He announced us for the speakers the next day, Sunday. We had an all day meeting, the folks of Muskegan and Freemont meeting with us. Bro. Holly has a big building all fixed up where the meeting was held. All had a good time. A pot-luck dinner was served at Bro. Holly's. Monday, Bro. Welsh and I started for our homes. When five miles out of Grand Rapids we burnt out two rods of our car. I took my brief case and hitch-hiked the rest of the way home, a distance of 130 miles, which I made in three hours and five minutes. Bro. Welsh went back to get his car fixed, then decided to sell it, and he hitch-hiked his way home in good time. Notwithstanding our mishap, we were strengthened in the gospel, and Bro. Welsh and I feel that God was with us in our meetings, and gave us strength to get back home and to our work. I am yours for the right and Truth.

Elder T. J. Parkinson.

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JESUS CHRIST IS A NATIONAL QUESTION

(The following is an excerpt from an editorial in The Messenger of the Covenant for April, 1934, under the above caption. Editor.)

"Jesus Christ is the Redeemer. Men are willing to be saved, but they do not want to be redeemed. Anyone who will halt and neutralize the evil consequences of our course, is very welcome; we will exalt him to the highest honor within our gift. But to redeem us, to lift us out of that evil course into a righteous one, not only rescue us but also regenerate us—no, we don't want that. We need a physician, that we admit, but we do not wish him to change our course, we want him to patch us up so that we can return to our revels. If we may pray to Jesus, and if he will graciously counteract the effects of our mistakes, that will be very pleasant; but if he insists on taking our old nature and making us over anew so that we shall not desire the things that now comprise our life—no, we will not have that. In this, the greatest of his offices, our rejection of him is more absolute than any other. For it matters little that Jesus may be as Prophet, Philosopher, law-giver—if we will not have him as a Redeemer, we will not have him at all.

"It was never Christ's intention that we should live His type of life in this present world; it was his intention that by living His type of life we should introduce a new world in which His type of life will be natural. Christ's life cannot be lived in harmony with this world, but it can be lived so that this world will give way to one we have been praying for whenever we use the prayer Jesus taught us. We pray 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth'—for it is on earth the new world is to come. Christ's world is to shove this present world off the earth and occupy its place. Yet we reject the new world; we prefer this jungle world, this dog-eat-dog world, this every-man-for-himself world of poverty and crime and utter confusion.

"The total rejection of Jesus Christ nationally is one of the most terrible facts of our times. It is not that we omit to say 'Lord, Lord'; but we omit to do the things He says. And we shall continue to do that nationally until we cease to do it individually. When Jesus saw himself rejected nationally he turned to individuals and said, 'Come you to me; be seedlings of the Kingdom,' and such as received him he endued with life; because He had redeemed them, He regenerated them and saw in them the beginnings of His kingdom."

ANGELS—AND ANGELS.

To my mother, written February 2, 1935.

When I was small, before I knew
The things that I do now,
I listened with enraptured ears
Of angels bright, and how
They sometimes came to earth to bring
A message, or bestow
Upon some worthy, honored one
A blessing here below.

They always wore a long white robe
And a halo was their crown;
Wings they had with which to fly
And never make a sound;
About them was a radiance
Beyond all earthly things,
And the music that they uttered
Was more beautiful than sings
The nightingale at evening, when
His mate is on her nest,
And all the sleepy world has gone
With weariness, to rest.

All that is very wonderful—
But then I didn't know
That God had given me an angel
To live with here below;
A very different angel, for
She hasn't any wings—
But, ah, she has two feet and hands
And the sweetest voice that sings!
And she isn't just a vision
That is pleasing to the eye,
Inspiring, but intangible,
To be treasured and put by.
No, my angel is a mortal,
And a very real one too,
Who in this cold, old world, is just
The kind for me or you.
Someone who always is right there
To take your troubles to;
And never slights, in fact invites
An extra load or two.

Now don't mistake me, understand
I have no fault to find,
Nor any reason to complain
Of the radiant Bible kind
Of angels. But this much I know,
Since I have come to be
"Grown-up"—I'd rather have the kind
MY MOTHER is to me!

Marion Denham.

PASSED ON.

Simeon Stanley, 75 years of age, passed away Monday evening, March 16, 1936, following an operation Friday evening, March 13, at the Decatur County hospital, Leon, Iowa for appendicitis. Bro. Stanley was born in Worchester, England, November 16, 1860, and with his parents came to America a few years later. He is survived by his wife and three sons. He accepted the Restored gospel in 1911, being baptized March 25th of that year. He remained faithful to that covenant to the end. Another one of earth's honorable men has gone to his reward.

The funeral service was held at White's Funeral Home, Lamoni, Iowa, March 19th. The service was in charge of F. O. DeLong, assisted by Elder J. C. Ballantyne. Burial was at Andover, Missouri.

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Paul tells us that Christ the Son of God, learned obedience by the things which he suffered, and being made perfect, (Through suffering) He became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him. Heb. 5:8, 9. May it not require some suffering on our part also to perfect us? The Poet says "Trials make us pure."